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**THE FIRST  
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in  
1874.

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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH  
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, which was  
also the First United Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist  
Church, the United Methodist Free Churches, and the Bible  
Christian Church in New Zealand, was held in 1897.

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**THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand was  
held in 1903.

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**THE FIRST CONFERENCE**

of the Methodist Church of New Zealand was held in 1913,  
separation from the General Conference of Australasia having  
become operative on January 1st of that year by declaration  
of the President of the General Conference.

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**THE FIRST CONFERENCE**

of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (United) was held  
in 1913,

Union between the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the  
Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand having taken  
effect on February 6th, 1913.

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The Eleventh Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Trinity Church, Dunedin, on Thursday, 22nd February, 1923, and concluded on March 6th, 1923.

The Session was opened by the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., Retiring President, after which the President-elect, the Rev. B. F. Rothwell, was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr Henry Field was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office.

The Secretary-elect, the Rev. A. Ashcroft, was introduced, and took up his duties.

**QUESTION 1.—Who are the Members of this Conference?**

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**QUESTION II.—Who now are admitted as Ministers in Full Connexion with the Conference?**

Alfred M. Costain.  
William B. Cuming.  
Herbert Ford.  
William Gatman.  
Alfred E. Jefferson.

Who have travelled four years.

**QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?**

1. Victor S. Mercer,  
William B. Pickering.  
Who have travelled three years.
2. Henry Benny.  
Allan H. Cropp.  
Who have travelled two years.
3. J. Harry Allen.  
Leslie A. G. Brooks.  
Thomas H. Burton.  
John F. Jack.  
Samuel S. Green.  
Who have travelled one year.

**QUESTION IV.—What Preachers are now Received on Probation.**

1. Eric W. Hames, B.A.  
Who has completed three years at the Theological College.
2. Albert Blakemore.  
Hector C. Orchard.  
Herbert Spencer.

**QUESTION V.—What Students are to continue to have Theological Training?**

1. John Bailey.  
E. Hugh Brooker.  
Hubert Granville Brown.  
Herbert Leslie Fiebig.  
Who have completed two years at the Theological College.
2. Gordon R. H. Peterson.  
Who has completed one year at the Theological College.

**QUESTION VI.—What Candidates are now received for Theological Training?**

Frederick Gardner Brown.  
James Henry Hall.  
Gordon Raymond Harris.  
Cecil Richard Taylor.  
Arthur Harry Voyce.

**QUESTION VII.—Who now are admitted as Native Ministers?**  
Walter Fraser.**QUESTION VIII.—Who Remain as Native Preachers on Probation?**

1. Matarae Tauroa.  
Who has travelled three years.  
Hakaraia Te Uawiri.  
Who has travelled two years.
2. E. Oliver Haddon.  
Who has travelled one year.

**QUESTION IX.—Who now are received as Native Preachers on Probation**

None.

**QUESTION X.—Who now are received as Native Students for the Ministry?**

None.

**QUESTION XI.—What Home Missionary Probationers are there, and have they passed their examinations in their respective years?**

H. W. M. Payne

J. Thomas

R. McGregor

Have passed in their first year.

N.B.—John Thomas and Robert McGregor passed with honours in their first year's examination. R. McGregor also took, and passed in, the second year's written examination. A. L. Witheford has completed his probation.

**QUESTION XII.—What Ministers or Probationers have died since last Conference.**

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1. William C. Oliver.

William H. Beck.

Lewis Hudson.

2. J. C. Yorke, Home Missionary.

William C. Oliver.—The Rev. W. C. Oliver came to New Zealand in 1860, he then being 18 years old. He was won for Christ and the Methodist Church through the influence of Mr Ferens, one of the early Otago Lay Preachers, after a sermon by the Rev. Isaac Harding. He went over to Tasmania, and was educated at our Horton College, in preparation for his life-work. In 1867 he was received into the Ministry, and for the long period of 55 years rendered most valuable and effective service. He worked hard, but every now and again, with rod or rifle, he went into the wilds and came back refreshed. As a man he was genial, brotherly, and, above all, unassuming. He never sought high place, but his great ability, his devotion to duty, his winsomeness and general charm of character marked him out for distinction. During the years of his active ministry he was Superintendent of many of our most important Circuits. For 17 years he occupied the position of Chairman of District, and in 1887 was elected President of Conference. All through the long years he was a diligent reader and student, with the result that his preaching was always interesting and instructive. As a Pastor he excelled, and the sick and aged were always his special care. Patient in suffering, uncomplaining in adversity, rejoicing in hope, his life was a manifestation of the power of divine grace, and his death on Good Friday, April 14, 1922, was in keeping with his life.

The Rev. W. H. Beck died at Blenheim on Saturday, November 18, 1922. He was born in Sussex, England, came to New Zealand as a youth, and was converted under the ministry of the Rev. J. Aldred in Dunedin, from which city Quarterly Meeting he was sent forward as a candidate for the Ministry. He began his work at Kaiapoi, and has exercised his gifts in all the Districts of the Dominion. Amiable and sympathetic in disposition, he gained many friends in all his Circuits. He was a painstaking preacher, a diligent pastor, and left a memory which is still fragrant. The Church recognised his abilities by electing him to the offices of

Secretary of the Nelson and Canterbury Districts and Chairman of the Taranaki District. He suffered much during the last few years of his life, and was sustained by that religion that for 44 years he was privileged to preach. He rests from his labours, and his works do follow him.

Lewis Hudson was one of three young men who, as Candidates for the Ministry, were recommended by English District Synods, and who afterwards were selected by the late James Buller to come to this country in the latter part of 1878. At the Conference which followed they were received into the ranks of the New Zealand Ministry, and Mr Hudson's first appointment was to the New Plymouth Circuit. That was the beginning of a fruitful and successful ministry, and for 38 years he continued to witness a good confession in the active work. During that period he filled many important appointments, but not without cost to himself. More than once during the process of the years the condition of his health caused grave concern to many outside his own family, and at one period he had to seek a time of complete rest. It was, however, only for a season, and at the end of a year he again resumed his suspended activities. His personality was very attractive, especially to the young people of the Church, and these gathered round him everywhere in glad response. As a preacher he won a good degree, and in the whole of his Circuits revealed that he possessed very distinct evangelistic gifts. He wielded a facile pen, and for a period rendered brilliant service as the Editor of the "Methodist Times." After a successful pastorate in the Cambridge Circuit, at the call of the General Conference for interconfederal exchanges, he volunteered for service in Queensland. There he spent seven strenuous years, completing his term in that State in the city of Brisbane. On his return to this country he was appointed successively to Oamaru, Christchurch South, Timaru, and Avondale, and it was within the bounds of the last-named Circuit that he made his home till the call came. He was a loyal friend, a devoted Minister, and an ardent enthusiast in everything that made for the betterment of humanity.

**QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernmeraries?**

1. John Dumbell.
- John Smith.
- William Lee.
- David McNicoll.
- John J. Lewis.
- Charles E. Ward.
- William J. Williams.
- George Bond.
- Thomas G. Carr.
- Henry R. Dewsbury.
- James Thomas.
- Josiah Ward.
- Thomas G. Hammond
- John D. Jory.
- James Guy.
- Daniel J. Murray.
- John Nixon.
- Charles H. Standage.
- William Baumber.

- Cornelius Griffin.  
 Peter W. Jones.  
 William S. Potter.  
 Thomas Fee.  
 Alfred Peters.  
 Christopher Abernethy.  
 Thomas N. Griffin.  
 James T. Pinfold, D.D.  
 Samuel Griffith.  
 T. Francis Jones.  
 George T. Marshall.  
 Joseph Blight.  
 Thomas W. Newbold.  
 Semese Nau, (with permission to reside in Tonga)
2. James R. Clark (for another year).

**QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?**  
 (Min. Con., 1920, p. 121.)

1. Joseph H. Simmonds.  
 George Clement.  
 Thomas A. Joughin.  
 James G. Chapman.  
 James Cocker.
2. Arthur Harding.  
 T. Arthur Pybus.  
 William A. Watson (for one year).

**J. H. SIMMONDS.**

The Rev. J. H. Simmonds, who joins the ranks of Supernumerary Ministers this year, commenced his Ministry as far back as 1869, and for 54 years has served the Church with faithfulness, ability, and distinction. For a short period he engaged in Missionary work in Fiji. For 21 years he laboured in several important Circuits in various parts of the Dominion, and his scholarly presentation of the Evangel appealed specially to the more thoughtful members of his congregations. For 15 years he filled the office of Principal of the Theological College. His most important work, however, has been in connection with the Wesley Training College, of which he has been Principal for 28 years. By his careful management of the Trust Property, his devotion to the work of the College, his wise foresight and persistent effort, he prepared the way for the establishment of the new College at Paerata, opened this year. The College buildings will stand as a monument, through many years, of the life and work of our brother who now retires from the active work of the Ministry. The Conference desires for him many years of life in which he may still use his gifts in promoting the interests of the Kingdom of God.

**GEORGE CLEMENT.**

George Clement was born at Pownton, Yorkshire, in 1860. At the age of 17, under the preaching of Rev. W. Gelly, he surrendered heart and life to the Lord Jesus. For five years he rendered useful Christian service as Sunday School teacher, and then as Local Preacher, and later was accepted as a Candidate for the Primitive Methodist

Ministry. The English Conference of 1887 appointed him to New Zealand. He commenced his Ministry at Bluff, and has since superintended with marked zeal and good success, eleven other Circuits. The years have shown him to be a good financier, a wise Church-builder, a tactful administrator, a careful organiser, a diligent and sympathetic pastor, a bright evangelical preacher—in a word, a good Minister of Jesus Christ. He enjoyed the confidence of his brethren in the Ministry, and in 1903 was unanimously elected President of the P.M. Conference, held at Ashburton. From 1905 to 1908 he served as Home Mission Secretary, and at the time of the consummation of Union in 1912 he was Chairman of the Canterbury District. We deeply regret that failing health necessitates his retirement from the active work, and tender to him our sympathy. We wish for him restored health and the continuance of that blessing of the Lord which has so truly been his inspiration and strength. In recommending that he be made a Supernumerary, we would express the hope that he may be able, although on the Supernumerary List, still to render useful service as opportunity offers.

#### THOMAS A. JOUGHIN.

By the superannuation of Bro. Joughin the whole Church is conscious of a great loss. He has rendered conspicuous service. Beginning his Ministry at Hokianga in 1887, he acquired a strong and sure grasp of our Native work. Sixteen successful years were thus employed. Since that time he has ministered to the Upper Thames, Roxburgh, Rangiora, Waimate, Leeston, Timaru, and Papanui Circuits. In every place he has won sincere respect and esteem. His Connexional record includes the Presidency, to which he was elected in 1918. As District Chairman he has also served with great faithfulness and care. His vocal gifts were early utilised by the Conference, and as its Precentor he contributed largely to the profit of our annual gathering. His gracious personality and instinctive courtesy have won for him an abiding place in our hearts. The cause of his retirement, involving vocal incapacity, is a great grief to us. In wishing him complete renewal of health we would assure him of our true sympathy and brotherly regard.

#### JAMES G. CHAPMAN.

It is with keenest regret that the Conference, on medical grounds, is compelled to make James G. Chapman a permanent Supernumerary, after three annual appointments as such. Born in the City of London, converted at an early age, coming to New Zealand as a young man, he received a direct and imperative call to the Christian Ministry. A clear and graceful speaker, with a mind enriched by constant study of the great masters in English literature, he has ably filled our chief city pulpits. Always maintaining the evangelistic note, with a fearless statement of the truth in its application to modern problems of thought and life, he has exercised an attractive Ministry, compelling numbers of young men, and men in life's noontide to the Lordship of Jesus. Happy among the young people, kindly in disposition, a messenger of cheer to the sick, and of consolation to the bereaved, the ranks of our active Ministry will be immensely poorer by his withdrawal. Retiring after only 34 years in the Ministry, we pray that many years of occasional service, in which his unique pulpit gifts may enrich our Evangel, may remain to our brother.

## JAMES COCKER.

James Cocker was born at Calver, Derbyshire, on June 4th, 1862, his grandfather having established the Primitive Methodist Church in the village forty years before. Early allying himself with the Church of his fathers, he became a local preacher, exercising a fruitful ministry for five years. After a term as City Missioner he entered college to prepare for the Ministry. Coming to New Zealand in 1890, he was stationed at Ashburton, staying five years in the Circuit. Subsequently Feilding, Wanganui, Wellington, and Auckland enjoyed his fruitful Ministry. Since Methodist Union our brother has laboured at Christchurch Central Mission, Cambridge Terrace, and Masterton. Two terms of five years, one of four, one of six, with four of three years each covered a strenuous and successful Ministry. Possessing the pen of a ready writer, he was Editor of the "N.Z. Primitive Methodist" for eight years, and Associate Editor of the "Methodist Times" for four years. When the Rev. W. J. Williams retired from the Editorship of "The Vanguard" Mr Cocker was appointed, and occupied the position for one year. He has always been an ardent and aggressive Prohibitionist. He occupied the Presidential Chair of the Primitive Methodist Conference in 1900. A good preacher, a godly man, an energetic and enthusiastic pastor, James Cocker has left his mark on the Church, and our prayers go out for him that he may be sustained and comforted during the years of his retirement.

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

None.

**QUESTION XVI.—What Ministers or Probationers have Permission to Rest during the year?**

1. Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.  
Henry L. Blamires.  
Herbert Ford.

With permission to visit England.

2. George B. Hinton.

Has permission to rest for another year.

3. William Ready.

Has permission to visit England in 1924, provided that suitable arrangements are made by his Circuit.

William A. Sinclair.

Has permission to visit England in 1924. The Board of Foreign Missions to make arrangements for supply.

Alfred M. Costain.

Has also permission to visit England in 1924.

**QUESTION XVII.—What Ministers are Left Without Pastoral Charge?**

None.

**QUESTION XVIII.—Is any Minister or Probationer Designated for Foreign Missions?**

No.

**QUESTION XIX.—What Ministers or Probationers is it agreed to Transfer to or Receive from any other Conference?**

None.

**QUESTION XX.—Are there any Objections to any Minister, Probationer, or Home Missionary?**

No.

**QUESTION XXI.—What Persons who were in Full Connexion now Cease to be recognised as Ministers of this Conference?**

1. Frederick W. Boys, who has voluntarily retired.
2. Paraire R. Paikea, who has voluntarily retired.

**QUESTION XXII.—What are the Arrangements for the Annual Examination of Probationers, Students, and Candidates for the Ministry and Home Missionaries?**

#### I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Secretary and Convener	...	Rev. J. H. Haslam.
Principal, Theological College	...	Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.
Honorary Members	... ..	Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, G. T. Marshall, T. G. Brooke, H. E. Bellhouse, A. C. Lawry, T. A. Joughin, and J. Cocker.

#### (A) Examiners for Probationers.

Hebrew (1st and 2nd years) and Elementary		
Hebrew	... ..	Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D.
Hebrew (3rd and 4th years)	... ..	Rev. H. Ranston, M.A.
		Litt.D.
Greek (1st and 2nd years)	... ..	Rev. W. Laycock.
Greek (3rd and 4th years)	... ..	Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.
Elementary Greek	... ..	Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.
Latin	... ..	Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
English Bible (Old Testament) 1st and 2nd years	... ..	Rev. T. J. Wallis.
English Bible (Old Testament) 3rd and 4th years	... ..	Rev. J. Wrigley.
English Bible (New Testament) 1st and 2nd years	... ..	Rev. W. J. Elliott.
English Bible (New Testament) 3rd and 4th years	... ..	Rev. P. J. Cossum.

Beet's Manual of Theology ... ..	Rev. W. A. Hay.
Wesley's Sermons ... ..	Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.
Church History (1st and 2nd years) ... ..	Rev. J. A. Lochore.
Church History (3rd and 4th years) ... ..	Rev. F. T. Read.
The Person of Christ (Mackintosh) ... ..	Rev. E. Drake.
Psychology (Mellone and Drummond) ..	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
Psychology of Industry (Drever) ... ..	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
An Outline of Theology (Clarke) ... ..	Rev. E. P. Blamires.
The Church and the Ministry (Lindsay) ...	Rev. C. C. Harrison.
Ethics (Mackenzie) ... ..	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett) ... ..	Rev. W. J. Elliott.
Jesus Christ and the Social Question (Pea- body) ... ..	Rev. T. R. Richards.
Hinduism (Haigh) and Mohammedanism (Margoliouth) ... ..	Rev. W. A. Hay.
Ancient Heresies in Modern Dress (Radford)	Rev. W. J. Elliott.
The Christian Preacher (Garvie) ... ..	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.

**(B) Examiners for Students.**

Theology ... ..	Rev. W. A. Sinclair.
Exegesis ... ..	Rev. C. Roberts.
Homiletics ... ..	Rev. J. Wrigley.
English ... ..	Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A.
Latin ... ..	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A.
Greek ... ..	Rev. G. Frost.
Hebrew ... ..	Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D.
Mathematics ... ..	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
Social Economics ... ..	Rev. E. O. Blamires.
Mental and Moral Philosophy ... ..	Rev. J. H. Haslam.

**(C) Examiners for Candidates.**

Section A ... ..	Rev. A. Ashcroft.
Section B ... ..	Revs. C. B. Jordan, M.A., and J. H. Haslam (Science).
Section C ... ..	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.

**(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.**

English ... ..	Rev. F. Copeland.
Theology ... ..	Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall
Bible Knowledge ... ..	Rev. W. Beckett.
Church History ... ..	Rev. E. D. Patchett.
Homiletics ... ..	Rev. W. Greenslade.

**(E) Examiners for Maoris.**

Bible, Old and New Testaments ... ..	} Rev. B. F. Rothwell. Rev. A. J. Seamer.
Wesley's Sermons ... ..	
Clapperton's Manual ... ..	
Theology ... ..	
Church History (Cowan) ... ..	
Tongue of Fire (Arthur) ... ..	
Wesley and His Century (Fitchett) ... ..	

## II.—EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

1. The Examination Committee shall consist of the President, President-elect, and the Secretary of the Conference, the Chairman of Districts, such Members of the Board of Examiners as may be attending Conference, and ten other Ministers, who shall be chosen by the President from those attending Conference.

2. The Committee shall sit on the day prior to the meeting of the Conference.

3. The Committee shall receive all reports, including all individual reports from Examiners, concerning Probationers, Students, and Candidates, conduct the oral examinations, and make recommendations to the Conference in each case.

4. The Conference shall appoint a small Committee in the town in which the following Conference is to meet, such Committee to make arrangements for the hearing of Candidates' trial sermons. Each Committee appointed to hear a trial sermon shall include at least one member of the Examination Committee, who shall present the report to the Examination Committee.

5. The duties of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall be as follow:—(a) To direct the studies of the Students on the President's List of Reserve, and arrange for suitable examination therein. (b) To collate the reports on the Probationers', Students', Candidates', and Home Missionaries' examinations; to assess all book lists and the Candidates' written sermons; to receive all communications from Probationers and Home Missionaries with regard to their examinations; to receive all papers from examiners, arrange for their typing and forwarding to the Chairmen of Districts, and to prepare a general report on the examinations for the Examination Committee. To supply Probationers, Candidates, and Home Missionaries with a code word to be used instead of their names in their answers to questions; to receive from Supervisors papers taken by the Examinees, with the Examinees' answers thereon, and transmit them to the individual Examiners. (c) To act as Convener of the Examination Committee, keep a record of its proceedings, and present its findings to the Conference. (d) To act generally as executive officer of the Board of Examiners during the year, with the members of the Board located in the same town as a consultative committee.

6. The Committee shall keep a careful record of its proceedings, which shall be confirmed at the close thereof, and signed by the President. The Committee shall have power to advise and admonish Probationers as to their studies and Circuit work, but should any serious case arise they shall report it to the Committee of Complaints and Appeals, which Committee shall have the right to call for the records of the Examination Committee, should they be needed in any inquiry upon which they may be engaged.

7. The Ministers of the City Circuits, where Conference is to be held, shall be the Committee to make arrangements for the hearing of Candidates' trial sermons.

## III.—EXAMINATIONS.

1. The time allowed for each examination paper shall be three hours in all cases, except that in the Examination of Candidates for the Ministry the time for papers in Geography, History, and Science shall be two hours each.

2. The questions for Probationers shall be so arranged as to require a knowledge of all the work prescribed in the syllabus in any given subject, and in no case shall any special parts be notified.

3. All Examination Papers, with the exception of Hebrew, shall be type written.

4. The Examination of Probationers shall be taken in two sections, the first section in the last week in July, and the second section in the second week in December (see Regulation 8, as to order of subjects).

5. Probationers must themselves communicate with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners not later than April 30th, for the first section, and September 30th for the second section, stating the subjects allocated to each section in which they are preparing to be examined. The Secretary shall report to the Board the names of all Probationers who fail to comply with this regulation. The regulation does not apply to Students who are called out after May 31st, so far as the first section examination is concerned.

6. Where a Probationer fails from any cause to take a subject which he has notified the Secretary of the Board it was his intention to take, he shall, as soon as possible, notify the Secretary of the fact.

7. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall be held in the third week in September, and the results reported to the Synods concerned, and the Examination of Students on the President's List of Reserve and of Home Missionaries shall be held in the second week of December.

8. The subjects for examination in the case of Probationers shall be taken in the order of each section as prescribed by the regulations, and in all other cases in the order in which they appear in the Minutes of Conference. Examinees are in no case to put their names on their answers to questions, but to use the code word supplied by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners prior to the examination.

9. Examiners shall send to the Secretary of the Board, in closed envelopes, copies of Probationers' and Candidates' Examination Papers, as notified by the Secretary of the Board. (See under Examination Committee, 5 (b).)

10. Each Chairman is required to make arrangements for securing the strict supervision, according to instructions supplied by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, of all examinations to be held in the District, the Supervisors to be, if possible, Ministers of our own Church, who shall certify that the papers have been duly supervised, and transmit the answers to questions to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, who shall forward them to the individual Examiners. The Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall provide a list of instructions and forward them through the Chairman to Supervisors for their guidance.

11. Each Examiner shall, without delay, after receipt of the papers to be examined by him, notify the Secretary of the Board the marks awarded for such papers, and shall, not later than October 21st, in the case of the Probationers' first section examination and the Candidates' examination, and January 15th in all other cases, send to the Secretary of the Board a written report of such papers; such written report, in the case of Candidates only, to be sent to the Conference for reference.

12. The Secretary shall communicate to the Synods concerned the results of the Candidates' Examination and first section of the Probationers' Examination, and shall prepare a General Report for the ensuing Conference, which shall include, in the case of the Fourth Year Probationers, a summary of the results obtained in the four yearly examinations.

13. 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 in the Conference Journal.

N.B.—The first section of the Probationers' Examination shall, this year, commence on Tuesday, July 24th, and the second section on Tuesday, December 4th. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry and Home Missionary Probationers shall commence on Tuesday, December 4th.

## IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS.

## FIRST YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Genesis, Chapters i-iv.
2. New Testament (Greek): St. John, Chapters i-v, Cambridge Greek Text, and Moulton's Introduction to the Study of New Testament Greek.
3. Old Testament (English): Genesis, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Mark and Acts, with Century Bible.
5. Beet's Manual, pp. 1-228.
6. Wesley's Sermons, Nos. 1-20, 40, 43-45.
7. Fisher's Church History, pp. 1-143.
8. Radford's Ancient Heresies in Modern Dress.

## SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Psalms xl-xlix.
2. New Testament (Greek): St. Mark, Chapters xi-xvi; Cambridge Greek Text, and Moulton's Introduction.
3. Old Testament (English): Job, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): John, with Clark's Handbooks for Bible Classes (2 vols.).
5. Beet's Manual, pp. 231-437.
6. Lidgett's "The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement."
7. Fisher's Church History, pp. 144-286.
8. Mellone and Drummond's Elements of Psychology (for non-collegiates), or Drever's Psychology of Industry (for collegiates).

## THIRD YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Nahum and Habakkuk.
2. New Testament (Greek): I and II Thessalonians, with Cambridge Greek Text.
3. Old Testament (English): Isaiah, with Cambridge Bible (Skinner).
4. New Testament (English): Romans, with Century Bible.
5. Clark's Outline of Theology.
6. Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," first half.
7. Fisher's "Church History," pp. 287-483.
8. Lindsay's "The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries."
9. Mackenzie's Manual of Ethics.

## FOURTH YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Song of Songs.
2. New Testament (Greek): Romans vii-xi, with Sanday and Headlam's Commentary.
3. Old Testament (English): Minor Prophets, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Hebrews and Revelation, with Century Bible.
5. Peabody's "Jesus Christ and the Social Question."
6. Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," second half.
7. Fisher's "Church History," pp. 484 to 664.
8. Garvie's "The Christian Preacher."

N.B.—Probationers taking Hebrew are recommended to consult the following commentaries:—For the 1st and 2nd years, International Critical Commentary; for the 3rd year, Century Bible; and for 4th year, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.

## REGULATIONS.

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

2. 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 the Conference as having passed with Honours, PROVIDED HE PASS IN GREEK.

3. Except as hereinafter provided, Probationers of the first year shall be examined in at least five subjects, and pass in not less than four. Probationers of the three following years shall be examined in at least six subjects, and pass in not less than five. Probationers who sit for English subjects only must take 3, 4, 5, 6, and one other, for the first year, and 3, 4, 5, 6, and two others, for each subsequent year. Probationers sitting for Hebrew and Greek must take and pass in Nos. 5 and 6 in addition. Probationers sitting for Greek, and not Hebrew, must take and pass in Old Testament English and Nos. 5 and 6. Probationers sitting for neither Greek nor Hebrew must take and pass in Old Testament English and New Testament English.

4. The subjects for the July examination shall be Nos. 1, 3, 5, and 6, and for the December examination Nos. 2, 4, 7, 8, and 9. Of these subjects three only shall be taken in the July examination, and the remainder required to comply with Regulation 3 in the December examination; providing that a Probationer failing in ONE subject, in the July examination, may present, in the December examination, that subject in which he has failed.

5. The Conference requires every Probationer who is acquainted with Greek or Hebrew to take the Greek or Hebrew papers specified in the list of subjects for his year.

6. Probationers are reminded that the Greek Testament is a compulsory subject through the whole course for those who have passed through College and that they must secure a pass therein. The examination papers in Greek shall be divided into two parts: Section A to deal with Greek Text, Grammar, and Composition (maximum marks 70); Section B to deal with Exegesis and General Knowledge of the book (maximum marks 30). Those who have not passed through College shall take, in their first year, Nunn's Elements of New Testament Greek, pp. 1 to 64; in their second year, p. 64 to the end; in their third year, a review of the whole book; and in their fourth year the Greek Testament as prescribed. This elementary Greek does not exempt from taking the New Testament in English, but it will count as one of the subjects required to be taken.

7. Probationers who have not been in the College are urged to study Hebrew, for which purpose a special curriculum has been provided as follows:—First year, Green's Handbook, pp. 1 to 91; second year, Green's Handbook, pp. 91 to 146.

8. When a Probationer desires to secure exemption from some of his subjects of examination in order to take University work, such exemption shall not be granted in the fourth year, nor for more than two years altogether. Exemptions shall be made by the Board of Examiners, through the Secretary.

9. In all cases where "University work" is being done in lieu of regular subjects, Probationers are required to sit for the University and College examinations involved, and a statement of subjects taken, work done, and success gained shall be obtained by them from their tutors or some University authority, and sent on by them to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

10. In the case of a Probationer who may desire to sit for the 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. 5 only.

**LATIN.**

In addition to the subjects required as above 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. This subject, it is to be noted, is an additional one, and must not be taken in place of one of the subjects set in the Course of Study. The books set for 1922 are as follows:—

First year: *Cæsar, De Bello Gallico*, Book V.

Second year: *Virgil, Æneid*, Book II.

Third year: *Cicero, De Amicitia*.

Fourth year: *Horace, Odes*, Book I.

**V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR MAORI PROBATIONERS.****FIRST YEAR.**

1. Bible—St. Mark (Guild T. Books).
2. Hunter's "Notes on the Catechism."
3. McLeod's "Church, Ministry, and Sacrament (first half).
4. Outlines of Early Church History (B.C. Primers).

**SECOND YEAR.**

1. Bible—St. Luke (Guild T. Books).
2. McLeod's "Church, Ministry, and Sacrament" (second half).
3. Telford's "Short History of Methodism."
4. Protestant Missions (Bible Class Primers).

**THIRD YEAR.**

1. Bible—Acts of the Apostles (Guild Text Books).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 1 to 20 (inclusive).
3. McClymont's "New Testament and Its Writers."
4. Lilly's "The Principles of Protestantism."
5. Trumbell's "Individual Work for Individuals."

**FOURTH YEAR.**

1. Bible—St. Paul's Teaching (Guild Text Books).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 21 to 52 (inclusive).
3. Healing's "Old Testament and Its Writers."
4. Fitchett's "What Methodism Stands For."
5. Stalker's "Life of Christ."

**VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS.****1.—CURRICULUM.**

Subjects.	Hours per Week.
1. Theology (Systematic) ... ..	2 hours
(Biblical) ... ..	1 "
2. Bible Introduction and Exegesis ... ..	2 "
3. Homiletics ... ..	1 "
4. New Testament—Greek ... ..	2 "
5. Hebrew (if taken) ... ..	2 "
6. Latin ... ..	2 "
7. English Language and Literature ... ..	2 "
8. Mathematics ... ..	2 "
9. Mental and Moral Philosophy (3 years' course) ... ..	1 "
(Including Child Psychology and Principles of Pedagogy.)	
10. Social Economics (2 years' course) ... ..	1 "
11. Elocution and Voice Production—Instruction by a Professional Teacher.	
12. In the third year a brief Course of Lectures will be given in Circuit and Sunday School Organisation, Pastoral Efficiency, and Methodist Law as related thereto.	

## 2.—REGULATIONS.

1. The College terms shall coincide with the terms of the Auckland University College, except that the first term shall commence on the third Monday in March. Students are expected to enter during the week previous.

2. Students shall go out of residence at the College during the vacations.

3. The Curriculum shall be arranged on a basis of a Three Years' Course of training, and only in the case of the most extreme necessity shall a student be called out for Circuit work before the expiration of this term.

4. During Conference no Student who has not completed his three years' course shall be removed from the College for employment in Circuit work except by a two-thirds vote of the Stationing Committee and Conference, and no President shall remove a Student during the year, without the recommendation of the Principal of the College. In every case where a Student is called out during the year, the President shall present, in writing, to the following Conference, a full statement of reasons for his action.

5. There shall be an examination in each subject at the end of each term, conducted by the Lecturers or Tutors and, in addition, an examination in the last week of November on the whole year's work, conducted by Examiners appointed by Conference, other than the Lecturers or Tutors. The marks from both series of examination shall be reported to Conference, and shall count for all prizes, etc.

6. There shall be a Board of Studies, consisting of the Chairman of the District, the Principal of the College, the Tutor in Languages, the Ministerial Lecturers, and two other persons appointed by such Board. This Board shall decide all adjustments in the Course of Study in accordance with the Regulations of Conference.

7. No Student shall enter upon a University Course without the consent of the Board of Studies, nor shall any Student prepare for Matriculation without such consent and without satisfying the Board that he has a reasonable prospect of success within at least two years.

8. In the case of a Student pursuing a Pass or Honours Course at the University College, the Board of Studies may make modification in the College Curriculum, but no Student shall be relieved from taking the full Course in Theology, Bible Exegesis, Homiletics and Greek, unless he is taking the last-named subject at the University Pass or Honours standard.

9. All Students who attend University lectures shall sit for the University or University College Examinations in such subjects, and the result shall be reported to Conference.

10. The Board of Studies shall determine what Students are to take Hebrew.

11. Any Student proposing to offer himself for the Maori work may substitute Maori for one of the subjects set out in the Curriculum. The Board of Studies must first approve of the arrangement, and decide what subject shall be omitted.

12. Students on the List of Reserve for admission to the College shall pursue their studies under the direction of the Board of Studies, who shall report thereupon to Conference.

13. The Principal shall, after laying the results before the Board of Studies, furnish the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, at the earliest possible date, with the complete results of the Student's Examination conducted by the Conference Examiners and the College Lecturers and Tutors.

14. Each Student shall preach a trial sermon before one or more of the Ministers of the Auckland City or Suburban Circuits, a written report of which, marked according to the scale appointed by Conference, shall be presented to the Auckland District Ministerial Committee and forwarded to Conference. The Board of Studies shall arrange for these trial sermons.

### VII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS ON PRESIDENT'S LIST OF RESERVE.

1. The Students on the President's List of Reserve are required to pursue their studies under the direction of the Board of Studies, who shall arrange for suitable papers, and report thereon to the Board.
2. The Students on the President's List of Reserve shall be subject to the regulations governing the preaching of Trial Sermons and presenting Book Lists in the cases of Probationers and Candidates. (See under separate headings.)

### VIII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

#### SECTION A.

#### BIBLE KNOWLEDGE, THEOLOGY, AND CHURCH HISTORY.

1. General Bible Knowledge and Church History—Old and New Testaments, and "Landmarks of Church History" (Cowan). The marks for the two subjects shall be shown separately, 70 being the maximum for Bible Knowledge and 30 for Church History.
2. Systematic Theology—Second Catechism and Banks's "Manual of Christian Doctrine."

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

#### SECTION B.

#### LANGUAGES, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, AND SCIENCE.

1. English—(a) Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar and Composition. (b) An Essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner.
2. Latin—Walters and Conway's Limen, Part I, Sections 1-138.
3. Greek—Clapperton's First Steps in New Testament Greek.
4. Geography—Longman's Geographical Series, Book II. The World. (a) Mathematical and Physical Geography; (b) Sections on the British Empire and Current Events.
5. History and Current Events.—History of England from 1714 to 1921 (Warner and Martin, part iii); and a knowledge of current events, questions on which to comprise one-fourth of the paper.
6. Science.—Any one of the following subjects:—(a) Geology, (b) Zoology, (c) Botany (Neve), (d) Human Physiology, (e) Inorganic Chemistry, (f) Heat, Sound, and Light.

#### SECTION C.

#### MATHEMATICS.

1. Arithmetic—Simple and Compound Rules, Vulgar and Decimal Fractions, Practice, Ratio and Proportion, Unitary Method, Measurements of Surfaces, Interest and Discount, Square Root (J. B. Lock, C. Pendlebury, or Workman).

2. Geometry—Lines, Angles, Rectilinear Figures and Area of Rectilinear Figures. (Geometry, Parts I and II. Baker and Bourne.)
3. Algebra—Easy Examples and Problems, to Simple Equations. (Hall and Knight, chapters i to xxii.)

## REGULATIONS.

1. There shall be three Examiners, one for each section of the subjects of A, B, and C.
2. Examination Papers shall be set as follows:—
  - (a) General Bible Knowledge and Church History.
  - (b) Systematic Theology.
  - (c) English Grammar and Composition.
  - (d) Latin.
  - (e) Greek.
  - (f) Hebrew.
  - (g) (1) Geography, (2) History, and (3) Science.
  - (h) Arithmetic.
  - (i) Geometry.
  - (j) Algebra.
3. The results for each subject shall be classed in the following manner:—
  - 85 to 100 per cent. of marks: First Class.
  - 70 to 84 per cent. of marks: Second Class.
  - 50 to 69 per cent. of marks: Third Class.
  - Below 50 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. Candidates for the Ministry are required to prepare for the Matriculation Examination of the New Zealand University in the literary and mathematical subjects (Greek excepted), and in the event of their sitting, the report of their marks shall be obtained by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and reported to the Examination Committee, and they shall be exempted from sitting for the Conference Examination, except in the subjects of Section A.
5. The Hebrew text-book shall be Sibag's Hebrew Primer and Reading Book, pp. 1-42.
7. Immediately after the September Quarterly Meetings, each Superintendent shall report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners the names and scholastic status of all Candidates recommended in his Circuit.
8. The Syllabus and Regulations for Candidates, as above, shall be printed from year to year in the Minutes of Conference.

N.B.—(1) It is the duty of each Superintendent Minister to draw the attention of all intending Candidates in his Circuit to the fact that they are required to apply to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners at the earliest possible moment for information and guidance respecting the Course of Study for Candidates. 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 intending presentation at the Synod. In presenting a Candidate to Synod, his Superintendent shall certify that he has undergone reasonable preparation for taking the Candidates' examinations. Copies of previous years' papers for Candidates may be had on application to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

(2) Each Superintendent Minister is required to notify the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, not later than September 1st, of any Candidate he intends to nominate for the ministry at the September Quarterly Meeting, in order that arrangements may be made for the written examination of any such Candidate.

### **Senior Home Missionaries and Their Reception as Candidates for the Ministry.**

1. That save in exceptional circumstances the age limit for Home Missionaries who desire to present themselves as candidates for the Ministry shall be forty years.

2. That no Home Missionary shall be received into the Ministry of the Church on the ground of seniority only.

3. That sympathetic consideration be given to the application of a Senior Home Missionary to enter the Ministry, but satisfactory proof shall be required of—

- (a) Educational fitness and capacity to study;
- (b) Ability to preach;
- (c) Aptitude in the conduct of Church affairs.

4. That the present examinations for candidates for the Ministry provide such an educational test, but in the case of a Home Missionary who has completed 12 years of service as a Home Missionary of our Church, or whose case on other grounds is considered worthy of exceptional treatment, the following subjects now compulsory for non-matriculated candidates, be made optional:—Geography, History, Science, and Arithmetic. This leaves Bible Knowledge, Theology, Church History, and English as compulsory subjects. In all other respects such a Home Missionary coming forward as a candidate must comply with the present regulations.

5. That Senior Home Missionaries thus accepted on probation for the Ministry shall be required to pass the usual probationary tests of the Church, except that for the first year of probation they take in the annual examination only Old Testament (English), New Testament (English), and Theology; and for the three following years these three subjects, together with one other to be chosen by them from the Course of Study; and also that Greek be made an optional subject throughout the four years.

(N.B.—The Conference has power in exceptional cases to grant exemption, in whole or in part, from these examinations.)

## **IX.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR MAORI CANDIDATES.**

### **SECTION A.**

1. General Bible Knowledge (Maori).
2. Second Catechism (English).

### **SECTION B.**

1. English Language—(a) Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar"; (b) Correction of Common Errors; (c) Essay on some easy subject of importance to the Young Maori Movement (subject to be chosen by the Examiner).
2. Geography—"Southern Cross Imperial Geography," for Standards V and VI, Parts I and II only.
3. History—Warner and Martin's "Groundwork of English History," part iii.
4. Arithmetic—"New Southern Cross," for Standard V.

**X.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.****FIRST YEAR.**

English—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar" (pp. 1 to 80).  
 Theology—Second Catechism.  
 Bible Knowledge—Dod's Genesis (Bible Class Handbooks), Chapter 12 to end.

**SECOND YEAR.**

English—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar" (p. 81 to end).  
 Church History—Cowan's "Landmarks of Church History."  
 Theology—Banks' "Manual of Christian Doctrine" (to page 133).  
 Bible Knowledge—Anderson's Gospel according to St. Matthew (Clark's Bible Class Handbooks).

**THIRD YEAR.**

English—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar" (whole book).  
 Theology—Banks' "Manual of Christian Doctrine" (p. 133 to end).  
 Homiletics—Clapperton's Manual for Local Preachers.  
 Bible Knowledge—Ross's Teaching of Jesus. (Clark's Bible Class Handbooks).

**REGULATIONS.**

1. That all persons accepted for employment in the Home Mission work shall, unless the Conference or the Home Mission Executive at the time of their employment otherwise determine, be regarded as Probationers for the position of Home Missionary, and shall be called Home Missionary Probationers.

2. That such Probationers shall continue for three years, during which time they shall annually preach a trial sermon, present a Book List, and take the examination prescribed by the Conference. A report of their work on the Station shall also be presented.

3. That a list of those passing in each year be recorded in the Minutes, honours being awarded to those gaining an average of 75 per cent.

4. Home Missionary Probationers shall not administer the Sacraments, nor perform the Marriage Ceremony without the special permission of the President of the Conference given on the recommendation of the Chairman of the District.

5. That Home Missionary Probationers who have satisfactorily passed the required tests for the three years shall be formally set apart as Home Missionaries at a service to be arranged and conducted by the Chairman of the District or his Deputy, and shall receive at such service a Certificate of Reception as a Home Missionary of our Church, duly signed by the President of the Conference. A suitably inscribed Bible shall also be presented. They shall then have power to administer the Sacraments, and to perform the Marriage Ceremony.

6. That any Home Missionary now in work who is 35 years of age, or who has served the Church as a Home Missionary for 10 years, shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of those who have passed their probationary years.

7. That each duly admitted Home Missionary shall be a member of the District Synod of the District to which he belongs, but Home Missionary Probationers shall not be eligible for membership in the Synod, but may attend, if invited by the Chairman of the District.

N.B.—For Regulations regarding Trial Sermons and Book Lists see under respective headings.

## XI.—TRIAL SERMONS.

1. The persons appointed to hear Probationers', Students', Home Missionary Probationers' and Candidates' Trial Sermons shall affix marks to their reports before submitting them to the Synod, using the numerals 1 to 10, 10 to represent the maximum. Reports are to be according to the following directions:—(a) The text and main divisions of the sermon; (b) the judgment of its appointed hearers as to its character in respect of grammar and literary style, soundness of composition, correctness of exegesis, skill in illustration, logical arrangement, evangelical and spiritual purpose, force and earnestness, effect on the congregation, and as to the gifts of the Candidate in respect of voice, manner, and general appearance; (c) the marks to be awarded for the sermon and service conjointly.

2. 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, Home Missionary Probationer or Candidate examined in his District.

3. The Students on the President's List of Reserve shall preach Trial Sermons before sub-committees of the Ministerial Committees of the Districts with which they are connected, for report to the Conference as in the cases of Probationers, Students, and Candidates.

4. The District Ministerial Committees shall appoint sub-committees to report on written Sermons.

5. Maori Candidates and Probationers shall be subject to all the ordinary rules as to Synod and Conference trial sermons. In exceptional cases the sermons may be in the Maori language.

## XII.—BOOK LISTS.

1. 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. The Chairman or a Minister of the District whom he shall appoint shall conduct an oral examination thereon in the District Ministerial Committee.

2. Each Probationer is required to study carefully the Methodist Book of Laws, and to include it in his book list during the first or second years of his probation. The Chairman, or a Minister of the District whom he shall appoint, shall conduct an oral examination thereon in the District Ministerial Committee. The following text-books when not taken for examination are required to be read by Probationers in their respective years:—Radford's "Ancient Heresies in Modern Dress," Mellone and Drummond's "Elements of Psychology," Mackenzie's "Manual of Ethics," Garvie's "The Christian Preacher," and Margoliouth's "Mohammedanism." Probationers are also required to read during their probation Macdougall's "Social Psychology," Garvie's "Apologetics" (Duckworth), Peake's "Critical Introduction to the New Testament."

3. The Students on the President's List of Reserve shall present book lists to the Ministerial Committees with which they are connected, the Committees reporting to the Conference as in the cases of Probationers, Students, and Candidates.

4. Candidates for the Ministry are required to submit through the District Ministerial Committee a Book List covering their reading during the two years preceding the Synod.

5. Home Missionary Probationers are required to present Book Lists to their District Ministerial Committee, and to be examined thereon.

6. The Chairman of the District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners all Book Lists submitted to the District Ministerial Committee.

7. The Secretary of the Board shall assess and mark all Book Lists, using the numerals 1 to 10, 10 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.

8. The District Ministerial Committee shall appoint a sub-committee to report on all Book Lists.

9. The Secretary to the Board of Examiners shall, at the beginning of the year, confer with each Probationer as to the course of reading he proposes to pursue during the year, and shall tender him suitable counsel concerning the same.

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### ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

Theology—The Second Catechism.  
 Church History—History of Methodism. Telford's Annotated Edition.  
 Old Testament—Maclear's Primer.  
 New Testament—Maclear's Primer.  
 English—Standard VI, Essay on Selected Subject.

### STUDENTS.

#### FIRST YEAR.

Theology—Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine. Lectures.  
 Church History—"What Methodism Stands For" (Fitchett). Lectures.  
 Old Testament—"Genesis" (Dod's B.C. Handbooks). Lectures.  
 New Testament—"St. Paul" (Stalker; B.C. Handbooks). Lectures.  
 English—"Manual of English Grammar" (Nesfield). Lectures.  
 Elocution—Lectures.

#### SECOND YEAR.

Theology—Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine." Lectures.  
 Church History—"Landmarks of Church History." Lectures.  
 Old Testament—"Job." Century Bible. Lectures.  
 New Testament—"The Teaching of Jesus. B.C. Handbooks. Lectures.  
 English Literature—  
 "Simple History of English Literature" (A. L. Stronach). Lectures.  
 "Readings in Literature" (R. F. Savage).  
 Elocution—Lectures.

## LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS.

A list of books is subjoined, with a view to guiding the reading of Probationers during their four years' course of study. Probationers are especially urged to read the works marked with an asterisk in the various sections.

### I. THEOLOGY:

- (A) Biblical—  
 Bennett and Adeney's Biblical Introduction.  
 Clarke's Sixty Years with the Bible.  
 Charles' Between the Testaments.

- Davison's Old Testament Prophecy.  
 \*Davison's Old Testament Theology.  
 Davison's Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.  
 Deissmann's Light from the Ancient East.  
 Deissmann's St. Paul.  
 Dods' The Bible: Its Origin and Nature.  
 Findlay's Books of the Prophets.  
 Glover's Jesus of History.  
 Glover's Jesus in the Experience of Men.  
 G. B. Gray's Critical Introduction to the Old Testament.  
 Hogg's Christ's Message of the Kingdom.  
 Moulton's History of the English Bible.  
 \*Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.  
 Orr's Problem of the Old Testament.  
 \*Paterson's Rule of Faith.  
 Peake's Critical Introduction to the New Testament.  
 Peake's The Bible: Its Origin, Nature, and Significance.  
 Ramsay's Church in the Roman Empire.  
 Ramsay's St. Paul, Traveller and Citizen.  
 \*Ramsay's Teaching of St. Paul in Terms of the Present Day.  
 Robertson's The Spiritual Pilgrimage of Jesus.  
 Ryle's Canon of the Old Testament.  
 Shaw's Pauline Epistles.  
 Souter's Text and Canon of the New Testament.  
 Smith's Isaiah.  
 Smith's Book of the Twelve Prophets.  
 Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.  
 Wade's Old Testament History.  
 Warschauer's What Is the Bible?  
 Westcott's Bible in the Church.
- (B) Philosophical and Apologetic—  
 Ballard's Haeckel's Monism False.  
 \*Ballard's Miracles of Unbelief.  
 Ballard's The True God.  
 Bowne's Studies in Theism.  
 Bowne's The Immanence of God.  
 \*Brown's The Christian Hope.  
 \*Caird's Fundamental Ideas of Christianity.  
 Clifford's Ultimate Problems of Christianity.  
 Concerning Prayer (Symposium by Anglican writers).  
 Davison's The Indwelling Spirit.  
 Denney's Christian Doctrine of Reconciliation.  
 Denney's Death of Christ.  
 Denney's Jesus and the Gospel.  
 Denney's Studies in Theology.  
 \*Fairbairn's Philosophy of the Christian Religion.  
 Fitchett's Beliefs of Unbelief.  
 Fitchett's Unrealised Logic of Religion.  
 \*Grubb's Christ in Christian Thought.  
 \*Griffith-Jones' The Ascent Through Christ.  
 Griffith-Jones' Faith and Immortality.  
 Hugel's Eternal Life.  
 Humphrey's The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience.  
 Illingworth's Divine Immanence.  
 Illingworth's Doctrine of the Trinity.  
 Illingworth's Personality, Human and Divine.  
 Illingworth's Reason and Revelation.  
 \*Inge's Christian Mysticism.

- Inge's Faith and Its Psychology.  
 Iverach's Christianity and Evolution.  
 A. G. James' Personal Immortality.  
 \*Kidd's Science of Power.  
 Leckie's The World to Come and Final Destiny.  
 Lidgett's Fatherhood of God.  
 Lofthouse's Altar, Cross and Community.  
 Mosley's The Doctrine of the Atonement.  
 Orr's Christian View of God and the World.  
 Peabody's Jesus Christ and the Christian Character.  
 \*Peabody's Jesus Christ and the Social Question.  
 Rashdall's Philosophy and Religion.  
 \*Rauschenbusch's Christianity and the Social Crisis.  
 Romane's Thoughts on Religion.  
 \*Salmond's Christian Doctrine and Immortality.  
 Schmid's The Scientific Creed of a Theologian.  
 Simpson's Spiritual Interpretation of Nature.  
 Strachan's The Individuality of St. Paul.  
 Walker's Christian Theism.  
 Warschauer's Problems of Immanence.

## (c) Pastoral—

- Arthur's Tongue of Fire.  
 Ballard's Does Faith Need Reasons?  
 Beecher's Lectures.  
 Coe's Education in Religion and Morals.  
 Coe's The Religion of a Mature Mind.  
 Coe's The Spiritual Life.  
 \*Dale's Lectures on Preaching.  
 Dyke's The Christian Minister.  
 Garvie's Guide to Preachers.  
 Gladden's Christian Pastor.  
 Haslett's Pedagogical Bible School.  
 Henson's Liberty of Prophesying.  
 Horne's The Romance of Preaching.  
 Jackson's The Fact of Conversion.  
 Jackson's The Preacher and the Modern Mind.  
 \*James' Varieties of Religious Experience.  
 \*Jowett's The Preacher: His Life and Work.  
 Lamoreaux's The Unfolding Life.  
 Lawrence's How to Conduct a Sunday School.  
 \*Phillips Brooks' Lectures on Preaching.  
 Principles of Religious Education (Symposium edited by Bishop Potter).  
 Stalker's Preacher and His Models.  
 Starbuck's Psychology of Religion.  
 Wesley's Address to the Clergy.

## II. CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY:

- Dennis' Social Progress and Christian Missions.  
 Findlay's Century of Methodist Missions.  
 Fisher's History of Christian Doctrine.  
 \*Fitchett's Wesley and His Century.  
 Gregory's Scriptural Church Principles.  
 Hatch's History of Early Church Organisation.  
 Hort's Christian Ecclesia.  
 \*Lindsay's Reformation.  
 McGiffert's The Apostolic Age.  
 New History of Methodism.

Report of Edinburgh Missionary Conference.  
 Smith's History of Missions.  
 Tyerman's Life and Times of John Wesley.  
 Wesley's Journals.  
 Workman's Church of the West in the Middle Ages.  
 Walker's History of the Christian Church.

### III. SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY :

Bergson's Creative Evolution.  
 Bandoïn's Studies in Psychoanalysis.  
 Caird's Hegel.  
 Drever's Psychology of Everyday Life.  
 Drummond's Ascent of Man.  
 Eaton's The Fight Against Drink.  
 \*Eucken's Truth of Religion.  
 \*Horsley and Sturge's Alcohol and the Human Body.  
 Hutton's The Lesson of Evolution.  
 \*Jane T. Stoddart's New Socialism.  
 Jones' Rudolf Eucken.  
 Jowett's Introduction to Plato.  
 Lodge's Man and the Universe.  
 Lay's The Child's Unconscious Mind.  
 Mackenzie's Outline of Metaphysics.  
 Maeterlinck's Life of the Bee.  
 Marshall's Principles of Economics.  
 Martineau's Types of Ethical Theory.  
 McDougall's Social Psychology.  
 \*Muirhead's Elements of Ethics.  
 Rae's Contemporary Socialism.  
 Romanes' Darwin and After Darwin.  
 Soddy's Matter and Energy.  
 Thomson and Geddes' Evolution.  
 Wallace's Darwinism.  
 Wallace's Kant.  
 \*Wardell's Contemporary Philosophy.  
 Wardell's First Lessons in Philosophy.

### IV. HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY :

Bonar's Memoirs of R. M. McCheyne.  
 Boswell's Johnson.  
 \*Carlyle's Cromwell's Letters and Speeches.  
 Coley's Thomas Collins.  
 Cook's Life of Ruskin.  
 D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation.  
 Dr George Brown's Autobiography.  
 Froude's John Bunyan.  
 G. A. Smith's Life of Henry Drummond.  
 \*Green's Short History of the English People.  
 Harrison's William the Silent.  
 Herbert Spencer's Autobiography.  
 Villari's Savonarola.  
 Horton's History of the Romans.  
 Hugh Price Hughes, by his Daughter.  
 Jack's Life and Letters of Stopford Brooke.  
 Kelman's Faith of Robert Louis Stevenson.  
 Letters of James Smetham.  
 Life and Letters of Huxley, by his Son.  
 \*Life and Letters of Charles Kingsley, by his Son.  
 Life of Darwin, by his Son.

- Life of F. D. Maurice, by his Son.  
 \*Life of F. W. Robertson, by Stopford Brooke.  
 Lindsay's Luther.  
 Lives of the Early Methodist Preachers.  
 MacMillan's Life of George Matheson.  
 Mazzini's Autobiography.  
 \*Morley's Gladstone.  
 Plutarch's Lives.  
 Ranke's History of the Popes.  
 \*R. W. Dale, by his Son.  
 Rosebery's Pitt.  
 Sabatier's St. Francis of Assisi.  
 \*Tennyson: A Memoir, by his Son.

## V. POETRY:

- Sir Edwin Arnold's Light of the World.  
 Bridges.  
 Browning.  
 Byron.  
 Clough.  
 Emerson.  
 Francis Thompson.  
 Keats.  
 Longfellow.  
 Matthew Arnold.  
 Milton.  
 F. W. H. Myers' St. Paul.  
 Russell Lowell.  
 Shakespeare.  
 Shelley.  
 Tennyson.  
 Watson.  
 Whittier.  
 Wordsworth.  
 Yeats.

## VI. MISCELLANEOUS:

## Devotional—

- Brother Lawrence's The Practice of the Presence of God.  
 Bunyan's Grace Abounding.  
 Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.  
 Confessions of St. Augustine.  
 Dr W. E. Orchard's The Temple.  
 Horton's The Open Secret.  
 Matheson's Devotional Volumes.  
 Smellie's The Hour of Silence and In the Secret Place.  
 Thomas a' Kempis' The Imitation of Christ.  
 Walter James' The Unveiled Heart.  
 Fosdick's The Manhood of the Master.  
 Fosdick's The Meaning of Prayer.  
 Fosdick's The Meaning of Faith.  
 Fosdick's The Meaning of Service.  
 Bosworth's Christ in Everyday Life.  
 Davis' Meeting the Master.  
 McAfee's Psalms in Social Life.  
 Fleming's Marks of a World Christian.

## Fiction—

- Dickens, George Eliot, Hugo, Joseph Conrad, Kipling, Mark Rutherford, Meredith, Seton Merriman, Scott, Stevenson, Thackeray.

## VII. ESSAYS AND BELLES LETTRES:

Arnold, Bagehot, Belloc, Benson, Birrell, Burke, Carlyle, Chesterton, De Quincey, Emerson, Goldsmith, Hazlett, Hunt (Leigh), Holmes, Lamb, Lucas (E. V.), Macaulay, Pater (Walter), Russell (Geo. W. E.), Ruskin, Symonds (J. A.).

## MEMORANDA.

1. Probationers are recommended to read volumes in the Home University Library, the Cambridge Manuals, and the People's Books, dealing with Religious and Social Questions.

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

3. Probationers are advised to consult Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible and Hastings' Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels and Hastings' Dictionary of the Apostolic Church. Those who read Hebrew and Greek should use the volumes of the International Critical Commentary and of the Expositor's Greek Testament.

4. It shall be compulsory for each Probationer to include in his Book List for each year at least two books from each sub-section of "Theology," at least one book from "Church History and Polity," and at least two books from "Science and Philosophy."

## LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO MAORI PROBATIONERS.

- "The Fact of Christ" (P. Carnegie Simpson, D.D.).  
 "Brooks by the Traveller's Way" (J. H. Jowett, D.D.).  
 "The Epistles of Peter" (J. H. Jowett, D.D.).  
 "Reasons Why I Believe the Bible" (R. A. Torrey, D.D.).  
 "Life of Gipsy Smith."  
 "The Unrealised Logic of Religion" (W. H. Fitchett).  
 "Broken Earthenware" (H. Begbie).  
 "The Bridge of History" (Thomas Cooper).  
 "Carmel's Hero" (Thomas Champness).  
 "How We Got Our Bible" (J. Paterson Smyth, D.D.).  
 Fosdick's "Manhood of the Master."  
 Fosdick's "The Meaning of Prayer."

## LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO HOME MISSIONARIES.

Each Home Missionary pursuing the three years' course is urged to read the following theological works during the three years:—

- "The Mind of the Master" (J. Watson, D.D.).  
 "The Fact of Christ" (P. Carnegie Simpson, D.D.).  
 "The Teaching of Jesus Concerning Himself" (James Stalker, D.D.).  
 "Christianity in the Modern World" (D. S. Cairns, D.D.).  
 "The Teaching of Jesus" (G. Jackson, B.A.).  
 "Resurrection of Jesus" (James Orr, D.D.).  
 "Aspects of Christ" (W. B. Selbie, D.D.).  
 "Doctrines of Grace" (J. Watson, D.D.).  
 "The Work of Christ" (P. T. Forsyth, D.D.).  
 "Modern Substitutes for Christianity" (P. McAdam Muir, D.D.).  
 "Ephesians" (R. W. Dale, D.D.).

(All the above are in the Expositor's Library.)

- "The Faith and Modern Thought" (W. Temple, M.A.).  
 Fosdick's "The Manhood of the Master," "The Meaning of Prayer," "The Meaning of Faith," "The Meaning of Service."

## UNIVERSITY DEGREES.

1. That no Minister shall be entitled to have his Degree of Fellowship printed in the Minutes until the approval of the Board of Examiners has been obtained.

2. The Conference learns with pleasure that the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred upon Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., by the Victorian University of Toronto, Canada; that the Rev. Harry Ranston, M.A., has gained the Degree of Litt.D., and Rev. Eric W. Hames the Degree of B.A. in the University of New Zealand; that the Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., has been made a F.R.E.S.; and gives its sanction to these Honours being printed in the Minutes of Conference.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. J. H. Haslam for his services as Secretary and Convener of the Board of Examiners during the year, and that he be re-appointed.

2. That the Rev. Allan H. Cropp be required to take five subjects only for his Probationary Examination, and that he take the whole examination at the time and place to be arranged by the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District.

3. That on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners the Conference appoint each year an Examiner for the oral examinations at the succeeding Conference, and that in the event of such Examiner not being able to attend the Conference, a substitute be appointed by the President.

4. That the Examiner for 1924 be the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt. D.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE RE CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

1. That Superintendents of Circuits be requested to report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, the Rev. J. H. Haslam, before the end of July, the number of prospective candidates in their Circuits within the next two years, also stating if the candidate is preparing for general or foreign work.

2. That Ministers be urged to be constantly on the watch for suitable young men for the Ministry, and that they be recommended to refer occasionally from the pulpit to the claims of the Christian ministry on the young men of the congregation.

3. That Quarterly Meetings and Preachers' Meetings be instructed to give serious consideration, at the June Quarterly Meetings, to the duty of securing young recruits for the ranks of the local preachers, as from this source only can candidates for the Ministry be obtained.

4. That in cities and elsewhere, where there are Circuits that do not afford any opportunity for young men who desire to become local preachers, arrangements be made by the Ministers' Meeting for these young men to preach in other Circuits.

5. That Bible Class leaders be urged to be on the lookout for possible candidates for the Ministry, and that they suggest the names of such to the Minister of the Church.

6. That the claims of the Church upon young men for service in the Ministry of the Church be presented in the District Bible Class Camps by the ministers taking part.

7. That Camps Executives be requested to arrange for a minister to place these claims before the Conference of Bible Class leaders and secretaries.

8. That a Question be inserted in the Quarterly Meeting business to the following effect:—Are there any young men connected with this Circuit who are likely to become local preachers or candidates for the Ministry? (This question shall be asked at the June Quarterly Meeting.)

9. That the law be altered so that the nomination of Candidates for the Ministry take place at the June Quarterly Meeting instead of at the September Quarterly Meeting as now, but that this alteration do not take place until 1924.

10. That the examination of Candidates for the Ministry take place in the third year in September after this year in order that the results may be available for the information of Synods. For this year the examination will be held as in past years in the second week of December.

**QUESTION XXIII.—Do we Sanction the Alteration or Division of any District or Circuit of this Conference?**

**AUCKLAND.**

Northern Wairoa and Rehia.—That the matter of establishing a Rural Mission for Northern Wairoa and Rehia be referred to the Home Mission Executive for further consideration and report to the Conference of 1924 through the Synod.

**SOUTH AUCKLAND.**

Hamilton.—That the Circuit be divided as per Minutes, 1922, p. 47, and an additional Agent be appointed to the Hamilton Circuit.

Paeroa and Hauraki Plains.—That the Circuit remain as at present, with a married Minister and a Home Missionary, but that Patetonga and Kaihere be transferred to the Paeroa and Hauraki Plains Circuit.

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI.**

Wanganui.—That the boundaries of Wanganui and Wanganui North Circuits be altered to allow the transference of Wanganui East to the Wanganui North Circuit.

Inglewood.—That a Probationer be appointed instead of a married Minister.

**WELLINGTON.**

Johnsonville.—That the name be Johnsonville-Ngaio.

**NELSON.**

Dovedale-Tapawera.—That the Dovedale-Tapawera Home Mission be transferred to the Richmond Circuit, but that Pokoro be transferred to the Motueka Circuit.

**QUESTION XXIV.—To What Circuits are Additional Preachers to be Appointed?**

**AUCKLAND.**

Kaikohe.—That the question of an additional Agent be referred to the Home Mission Executive for favourable consideration during the year.

Mahurangi.—That an Ordained Minister be appointed.

Auckland Methodist Mission.—That the Mission be left without Ministerial supply for the next twelve months, and be placed under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Hamilton.—That an additional Agent be appointed to reside at Frankton.

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

New Plymouth.—That a Probationer be appointed as Third Agent.

## WELLINGTON.

Masterton.—That a Probationer be appointed to assist the President with a suitable grant. The amount to be paid by the Contingent and Home Mission Funds in equal proportions.

## NELSON.

Blenheim.—That the decision of last Conference to appoint a Probationer to Picton be reaffirmed.

## NORTH CANTERBURY.

Woolston.—That a Probationer be appointed.

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

St. Kilda.—That a Probationer be appointed to work on the Peninsula.

**QUESTION XXV.—What New Stations are now constituted?**

Whangaroa.—That Whangaroa be constituted a Circuit with a married Probationer.

## NELSON.

Runanga.—That a Home Missionary be appointed to work the District of Waiutu, Blackball, and Runanga, and that Runanga be transferred from the Greymouth Circuit.

Motueka.—That the question of an additional Agent be remitted to the Nelson Synod for consideration during the year.

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Edendale.—That Edendale become a Home Mission Station.

**QUESTION XXVI.—What Circuits are due to Provide for Married instead of Single Ministers?**

## AUCKLAND.

Paparoa.—That the Probationer be appointed for four years as from 1922.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Opotiki.—That an Ordained Minister be appointed with a suitable grant.

Tauranga.—That an Ordained Minister be appointed with a suitable grant.

Matamata.—That an Ordained Minister be appointed with a suitable grant.

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Taihape.—Taihape fulfils its obligation.

Waimarino is due, but relieved for an eleventh year.

## WELLINGTON.

Thorndon fulfils its obligation.

## NELSON.

Hokitika is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.

Motueka is due, but is relieved for a tenth year.

Reefton is due, but is relieved for a sixth year.

## NORTH CANTERBURY.

St. Albans 2nd is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.

Timaru 3rd is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Dunedin Trinity 2nd is due, but is relieved for one year.

## RESOLUTIONS.

That the following be the order in which Circuits shall provide for married Ministers:—

In 1924.

Rangiora 2nd.

St. Albans 2nd.

Thorndon 2nd

Wellington South 2nd.

Auckland Mission.

Mahurangi.

Whakatane.

Motueka.

Hokitika.

Waimarino.

Reefton.

Mosgiel.

Eketahuna.

Timaru 3rd.

Feilding 2nd.

Palmerston North (Broad Street) 2nd.

2.—That the Probationers' appointments now vacant be filled in the following order:—

Woolston 2nd.

Hamilton 3rd.

New Plymouth 3rd.

Whangaroa.

Te Aroha.

St. Kilda 2nd.

Wanganui 2nd.

Wanganui North 2nd.

Wellington (Kilbirnie) 2nd.

Masterton 2nd.

Blenheim 3rd.

Huntly.



6. **Auckland** (Devonport).—John E. Parsons.
7. **Auckland** (Takapuna).—Thomas R. B. Woolloxall.
8. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—William A. Burley, M.A.; John D. Jory (Supernumerary).
9. **Onehunga**.—George S. Cook.
10. **Otahuhu**.—James A. Hosking.
11. **Papakura**.—J. Wesley Griffin.
12. **Pukekohe**.—John Olphert; a Home Missionary (Bombay).  
WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.—PAERATA.
13. **Waiuku**.—John Southern.
14. **Mahurangi**.—One wanted (Warkworth).
15. **Paparoa**.—James H. Allen.
16. **Northern Wairoa**.—Robert B. Gosnell.
17. **Whangarei**.—William H. Speer.
18. **Whangaroa**.—One wanted
19. **Maori Missions**.—Arthur J. Seamer, General Superintendent.
- (1) **WHANGAROA**—Bay of Islands (Native)—  
Hapeta Renata.  
Matarae Tauroa.  
A Home Missionary.
- (2) **HOKIANGA** (Native)—  
Piripi Rakena.  
Te Tuhi Heretini.  
A Home Missionary.
- (3) **KAIPARA** (Native)—  
Eruera Te Tuhi.  
E. Oliver Haddon.
- (4) **WAIKATO**—Maniapoto (Native)—  
Hori Kakuere.  
Davis Wilcox.  
W. Te Rangitewhata Fraser.  
A Home Missionary (Te Kopua).  
A Home Missionary (Whatawhata).  
A Home Missionary (Marakopa).
- PORT ALBERT**.—A Home Missionary.
- COROMANDEL**.—A Home Missionary.
- HELENSVILLE**.—A Home Missionary.
- KAUKAPAKAPA**.—A Home Missionary.
- BAY OF ISLANDS**.—A Home Missionary (Kawa Kawa).
- HOKIANGA**.—A Home Missionary (Rawene).
- MANGONUI**.—A Home Missionary (Kaitaia).
- HIKURANGI**.—A Home Missionary.
- REHIA**.—A Home Missionary (Arapohue).
- OHAEWAI**.—A Home Missionary.

PERCY N. KNIGHT, B.A., Chairman of the District.

## II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

20. **Thames.**—Arthur Ashcroft (Secretary of the Conference);  
 21. **Te Aroha.**—Samuel Henderson; one wanted.  
 22. **Morrinsville.**—Fred Greenwood; a Home Missionary (Tahuna).  
 23. **Waihi.**—Harry Cottom.  
 24. **Paeroa and Hauraki Plains.**—Alfred E. Jefferson; a Home Missionary (Ngatea).  
 25. **Cambridge.**—John D. McArthur; a Home Missionary.  
 26. **Hamilton.**—William Ready, Frank E. Leadley; one wanted  
 27. **Huntly.**—One wanted.  
 28. **Rotorua.**—James Wrigley.  
 29. **Tauranga.**—Fred L. Frost.  
 30. **Opotiki.**—William B. Cuming.  
 31. **Te Kuiti.**—John Dennis.  
 32. **King Country Rural Mission.**—Walter J. Enticott (Taumarunui);  
 a Home Missionary (Ohura).  
 33. **Te Awamutu.**—Hedley White.  
 34. **Whakatane.**—One wanted.  
 35. **Matamata.**—Percy I. Cooke; a Home Missionary (Putaruru);  
 Thomas G. Hammond (Supernumerary).  
**TE PUKE.**—A Home Missionary.  
**NGARUAWAHIA.**—A Home Missionary.  
**MOKAUITI.**—A Home Missionary.

ARTHUR ASHCROFT, Secretary of the Conference,  
 Chairman of the District.

## III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

36. **New Plymouth.**—William J. Elliott, Percy Battey; one wanted;  
 John Nixon (Supernumerary).  
 37. **Waitara.**—William W. Avery; a Home Missionary.  
 38. **Inglewood.**—Hector C. Orchard.  
 39. **Stratford.**—Leslie B. Neale; a Home Missionary.  
 40. **Eltham.**—G. Knowles Smith.  
 41. **Hawera.**—Walter J. Oxbrow.  
 42. **Manaia.**—Charles Roberts.  
 43. **Cape Egmont.**—Edwin S. Harkness; a Home Missionary.  
 44. **Kaponga.**—Charles H. Kendon.  
 45. **Wanganui.**—William Grigg; one wanted; a Home Missionary.  
 46. **Wanganui North.**—William Lea; one wanted.  
 47. **Marton.**—Herbert Daniel.  
 48. **Taihape.**—Ernest B. Chambers.  
 49. **Waimarino.**—Herbert Spencer.  
 (5) **TARANAKI-WAIMARINO** (Native), under the supervision of the  
 General Superintendent of Maori Missions—  
 Robert T. Haddon.  
 Rakena P. Rakena.  
 Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri.  
 A Home Missionary (Waimarino).  
**MOKAU.**—A Home Missionary.  
**PATEA.**—A Home Missionary

WILLIAM GRIGG, Chairman of the District.

## IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

50. **Napier.**—Thomas R. Richards.  
 51. **Hastings.**—Angus McBean.  
 52. **Gisborne.**—Edwin T. Cox, M.A.; a Home Missionary.  
 53. **Waipawa.**—Wallace S. Neal.  
 54. **Dannevirke.**—Ernest E. Sage.  
 55. **Woodville.**—Percy J. Cossum.  
 56. **Pahiatua.**—Charles A. Foston; Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).  
 57. **Palmerston North** (Broad Street).—M. A. Rugby Pratt; one wanted.  
 58. **Palmerston North** (Cuba Street).—Harold T. Peat.  
 59. **Feilding.**—Arthur Mitchell; one wanted; Peter W. Jones (Supernumerary).  
 60. **Sanson-Rongotea.**—William Wills.  
 61. **Foxton.**—A. J. Lester Minifie.  
     **APITI.**—A Home Missionary.  
     **NORSEWOOD.**—A Home Missionary.  
     **WAIROA.**—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS, Chairman of the District.

## V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

62. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—Clarence Eaton; John Dawson (who has permission to act as secretary of the New Zealand Alliance); Josiah Ward (Supernumerary).  
 63. **Wellington Central Mission.**—J. Frederick Martin.  
 64. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—Colin C. Harrison, George E. Brown; John Dumbell (Supernumerary).  
 65. **Wellington South.**—Edward Drake; one wanted; James T. Pinfold, D.D., James G. Chapman (Supernumeraries).  
 66. **Wellington** (Kilbirnie).—E. Thomas Olds; one wanted.  
 67. **Johnsonville-Ngaio.**—Samuel J. Werren; one wanted.  
 68. **Hutt.**—William Rowe; Daniel J. Murray (Supernumerary).  
 69. **Petone.**—Charles Blair.  
 70. **South Wairarapa.**—Alfred M. Costain (Greytown).  
 71. **Carterton.**—Samuel H. D. Peryman.  
 72. **Masterton.**—Benjamin F. Rothwell (President of the Conference); one wanted; James Cocker (Supernumerary).  
 73. **Eketahuna.**—Samuel S. Green.  
 74. **Levin.**—George Frost.  
 75. **Otaki.**—R. Purcell Keall; a Home Missionary.

BENJAMIN F. ROTHWELL, President of the Conference,  
 Chairman of the District.

## VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

76. **Nelson**.—Henry L. Blamires; Eric W. Hames (Supply).  
 77. **Richmond**.—John R. Nelson; a Home Missionary.  
 78. **Blenheim**.—William Greenslade, Frederick B. Lawrence; one wanted.  
 79. **Hokitika**.—John F. Jack.  
 80. **Greymouth**.—Benjamin J. James.  
 81. **Motueka**.—One wanted.  
 82. **Reefton**.—Henry Benny; William A. Watson (Supernumerary).  
 83. **Westport**.—William B. Pickering.  
     **HAVELOCK**.—A Home Missionary.  
     **MURCHISON**.—A Home Missionary.  
     **DENNISTON-GRANITY**.—A Home Missionary.  
     **WAKEFIELD-DOVEDALE**.—A Home Missionary.  
     **RUNANGA**.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GREENSLADE, Chairman of the District.

## VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

84. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—W. Arthur Hay; William Baumber, Christopher Abernethy, Thomas A. Joughin, James R. Clark (Supernumeraries).  
 CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—Samuel Lawry.  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.—E. Percy Blamires, General Secretary.  
 85. **Christchurch** (East).—Ernest D. Patchett, Frederick T. Read, Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.; James Guy (Supernumerary).  
 86. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—John Harris; Charles E. Ward (Supernumerary).  
 87. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—T. Jackson Wallis; one wanted; William J. Williams, Thomas Fee (Supernumeraries).  
 88. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Percy R. Paris.  
 89. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Robert B. Tinsley.  
 90. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—Albert H. Fowles.  
 91. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—J. Napier Milne, Thomas H. Burton.  
 92. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Henry Ryan; Alfred Peters, Thomas N. Griffin (Supernumeraries).  
 93. **Lyttelton**.—Samuel Bailey.  
 94. **Springston**.—James W. Parker.  
 95. **Tai Tapu**.—William Laycock.  
 96. **Leeston**.—Archer O. Harris.  
 97. **Kaiapoi**.—W. Bramwell Scott.  
 98. **Ohoka**.—Francis T. Harris.  
 99. **Rangiora**.—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.; one wanted (Woodend).  
 100. **Greendale-Malvern**.—Oswald Burnet; a Home Missionary.  
     **HAWARDEN**.—A Home Missionary.  
     **OXFORD**.—A Home Missionary.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman of the District.

## VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

101. **Timaru.**—Albert C. Lawry, Henry J. Odell, Albert Blakemore; Charles H. Standage (Supernumerary).  
 102. **Waimate.**—William Beckett.  
 103. **Temuka.**—William H. E. Abbey.  
 104. **Geraldine.**—Jacob Featherston.  
 105. **Ashburton.**—Thomas W. Vealie.  
 106. **Willowby.**—Ralph J. Liddell.  
 107. **Ōamaru.**—George F. Stockwell.  
 METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.  
 MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

ALBERT C. LAWRY, Chairman of the District.

## IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

108. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—Harold E. Bellhouse, Leslie A. G. Brooks; George Clement, Thomas W. Newbold, T. Arthur Pybus (Supernumeraries).  
 109. **Dunedin** (Central Mission).—William Walker.  
 110. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—Ernest O. Blamires.  
 111. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—Horace L. Richards.  
 112. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Basil Metson; one wanted.  
 113. **Dunedin** (Caversham).—George P. Hunt.  
 114. **Dunedin** (Mornington).—Robert Raine.  
 115. **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—Arthur Hopper; a Home Missionary.  
 116. **Mosgiel.**—One wanted.  
 117. **Port Chalmers.**—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., F.R.E.S.  
 118. **Waikouaiti and Palmerston.**—Frederick J. Parker.  
 119. **Balclutha.**—William Gatman.  
 120. **Milton.**—Thomas Skuse.  
 121. **Roxburgh.**—Robert E. Fordyce.  
 122. **Invercargill** (Central).—Harold A. Sharp; Maori Mission Traveling Agent, Neho Hemi Papakakura.  
 123. **Invercargill** (St. Peter's).—Jonathan H. Haslam.  
 124. **Bluff.**—Victor S. Mercer.  
 125. **Gore.**—William H. Hocking  
 126. **Otautau.**—Raymond Richards.  
 EDENDALE.—A Home Missionary.  
 KAITANGATA.—A Home Missionary.  
 LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.  
 CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.  
 RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.  
 TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.  
 NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.

HAROLD E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman of the District.

## X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- (7) **Roviana.**—John Francis Goldie (Roviana); Tom Dent (Marovo); Allan H. Cropp, and one to be sent (Bougainville); a Maori Minister (Luaniua); a Maori Minister (Pelau); Joeli Soakai; Semesi Nau (Supernumerary), with permission to reside in Tonga.

Two Lay Missionaries.

Sisters' Home.—Two Missionary Sisters; one Nursing Sister.  
District Training Institution.—John F. Goldie, Principal;  
Headmaster.

Roviana Day School.—John F. Goldie.

Kokeqolo.—A Catechist.

Kia.—Joeli Soakai.

Saikili.—A Catechist.

Wana Wana.—A Catechist.

Kepi.—A Catechist.

Patutiva.—A Catechist.

Marovo.—Tom Dent; a Catechist.

Mono (Treasury Island).—A Catechist.

Fauro.—A Catechist.

Luaniua.—A Maori Minister.

Pelau.—A Maori Minister.

Kela.—A Catechist wanted.

Tasman Group.—A Catechist wanted.

Ramada.—A Catechist.

Ugeli.—A Catechist.

Sibo.—A Catechist.

Bougainville.—Allan H. Cropp; one to be sent.

- (8) **Vella Lavella.**—Arthur A. Bensley (Bilua).

Sisters' Home.—Two Missionary Sisters.

Circuit Training Institution.—Arthur A. Bensley.

Bilua Day School.—Arthur A. Bensley.

Elioteve.—A Catechist.

Naravai.—A Catechist wanted.

Sirubai.—A Catechist.

Java.—A Catechist wanted.

Dovele.—A Catechist wanted.

Mudi Mudi.—A Catechist.

Jurio.—A Catechist wanted.

Sirulado.—A Catechist wanted.

Ranoqa.—A Catechist.

Luqa.—A Catechist wanted.

Kidu.—A Catechist wanted.

Sabala.—A Catechist wanted.

Kuokota.—A Catechist wanted.

- (9) **Choiseul.**—Vincent Le C. Binet (Seqa); John R. Metcalfe (Babatana).

Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister; one wanted.

Circuit Training Institution.—Vincent Le C. Binet.

Babatana Day School.—John R. Metcalfe.

Lologai.—A Catechist wanted.

Tepazaka.—A Catechist wanted.

Bira Bira.—A Catechist wanted.

Sepa.—A Catechist wanted.

Seqa Day School.—Vincent Le C. Binet; a Catechist.

Varisi.—A Catechist wanted.

Kuboro.—A Catechist wanted.

Taba Taba.—A Catechist.

Ririo.—A Catechist.

Jiku.—A Catechist wanted.

JOHN FRANCIS GOLDIE, Chairman of the District.

#### NOTES.

Ministers are expected to arrive in their new Circuits between the second and third Sundays in April.

James Thomas (Supernumerary) has permission to reside in Victoria.

James T. Pinfold, D.D., Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., Henry L. Blamires, George B. Hinton, Herbert Ford have permission to visit England.

Probationers and Home-Missionaries appointed to separate Stations are under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

The following, once a member of this Conference, is attached to the New South Wales Conference for Foreign Mission work:—Arthur H. Scrivin.

**QUESTION XXVIII.**—How are the Home Missionaries Employed by the Conference Stationed for the Ensuing Year?

#### HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1923.

##### Auckland District—

Auckland, Avondale (Henderson).—W. Parker.

Pukekohe (Bombay).—W. T. Hooper.

Mahurangi (Warkworth).—One wanted.

Port Albert.—H. S. Kings.

Coromandel.—H. E. Haynes.

Helensville.—One wanted.



**Wellington District—**

Johnsonville (Porirua).—F. E. Foot.  
 Masterton (Kuripuni).—F. J. Handy.  
 Otaki (Paraparaumu).—P. J. Mairs.  
 Kilbirnie (Miramar).—One wanted.

**Nelson District—**

Motueka.—W. E. Sleep.  
 Havelock.—F. Bateup.  
 Murchison.—R. T. H. Wearne.  
 Denniston-Granity.—One wanted.  
 Richmond (Wakefield).—C. C. Hoskin.  
 Runanga.—One wanted.

**North Canterbury District—**

Greendale-Malvern (Waddington).—J. Belshaw.  
 Hawarden.—H. Bateup.  
 Oxford.—T. W. Featherstone.  
 Rangiora (Woodend).—T. F. Watson.

**South Canterbury—**

Methven (Rakaia).—J. Field.  
 Mayfield.—A. Beeson.

**Otago-Southland—**

Roslyn (Maori Hill).—O. S. Pearn.  
 Mosgiel.—C. W. Brown.  
 Edendale.—G. H. Bridgman.  
 Kaitangata.—One wanted.  
 Lawrence.—G. H. Marr.  
 Cromwell.—R. McGregor.  
 Riverton.—H. Vowell.  
 Tuatapere.—E. R. Alexander  
 Nightcaps.—C. Duncan.  
 St. Kilda (Peninsula).—One wanted.

**QUESTION XXIX.—Who are Elected as Chairmen of Districts and  
 Statistical Secretaries for the Ensuing Year?**

**CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.**

Auckland.—Percy N. Knight, B.A.  
 South Auckland.—Arthur Ashcroft (Secretary of the Conference).  
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—William Grigg.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Thomas R. Richards.  
 Wellington.—Benjamin F. Rothwell (President of the Conference).

Nelson.—William Greenslade.  
 North Canterbury.—W. Arthur Hay.  
 South Canterbury.—Albert C. Lawry.  
 Otago-Southland.—Harold E. Bellhouse.  
 Solomon Islands.—John F. Goldie.

#### STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Auckland.—William A. Burley, M.A.  
 South Auckland.—John D. McArthur.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—Walter J. Oxbrow.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Percy J. Cossum.  
 Wellington.—Colin C. Harrison.  
 Nelson.—Frederick B. Lawrence.  
 North Canterbury.—Ernest D. Patchett.  
 South Canterbury.—William Beckett.  
 Otago-Southland.—Jonathan H. Haslam.  
 General Statistical Secretary for the Dominion.—M. A. Rugby  
 Pratt.

#### QUESTION XXX.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1924?

President.—Arthur Ashcroft.  
 Secretary.—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

#### QUESTION XXXa.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Centenary of New Zealand Methodism?

(See Minutes Conf., 1921, pp. 145-153.)

#### CENTENARY MOVEMENT.

##### GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1923.

New Zealand Methodists have good reason to thank God for the success of the Centenary Meetings at last Conference, and those held later in various parts of the Dominion, addressed by President Laws, D.D., our Overseas Visitors, and others. The results will enrich our Church far into her second century.

On behalf of the Centenary Movement, the Secretary has preached, lectured, or canvassed in 60 Circuits during 1922-23, and addressed 162 congregations, besides 12 Bible Class gatherings, including the Dominion Centenary Bible Class Camp. Also, in September and October, he visited 18 congregations in the interests of Foreign Missions.

Always the historical and spiritual aspects of the Centenary Celebration have been stressed, and while the financial side of our effort has been kept steadily before the people, the claims of the Family Altar and private prayer have been advocated earnestly and often.

Excellent lantern slides, prepared by Rev. N. Turner, Christchurch, have added greatly to the interest of many Centenary addresses.

Sometimes the Secretary's work has involved seven evening meetings in a week and four or five meetings on a Sunday. A great deal of his time has also been occupied with correspondence and other clerical work, and the Centenary columns in the "N.Z. Methodist Times."

Rev. C. Abernethy merits the cordial thanks of the Conference for his effective canvassing in seven Circuits from November to February.

The Secretary has received much encouragement (specially welcome during a very trying year) from the practical sympathy shown by the President, Dr Laws, and Ex-President Grigg.

The Hon. Treasurers, District Chairmen, Conveners of Committees, and many other Ministers and Laymen have overflowed with kindness and have given valuable assistance. To all of these, and to those good friends who entertained me and motored or drove me from place to place, my heartfelt thanks are offered.

I desire to record my gratitude to the Almighty for the priceless boon of health and for "journeying mercies."

Since December, 1920, Mrs Lawry has borne patiently many partings, long periods of separation, and three unavoidable changes of residence.

The past year has been a very difficult one for Circuit Superintendents and the General Secretary, on account of the exceptional number of deputations, organisers, and collectors for important funds visiting Circuits, while the Prohibition campaign and the General Election have engaged the time and energies of very many Methodists. Moreover, the forecast that 1922 would be a year even harder than its predecessor has proved correct. In consequence, we have had a thin time financially, contributions coming in trickles, not in floods. Yet we are "edging along" to our objective, and better times are here. The total of promises, plus cash, received now exceeds £41,000, from a comparatively small proportion of our people.

We are so near success that we must not fall short of £45,000 net. This great occasion is an evident call of God; **we must not fail Him.** It is the expectation of our Church; **we must not fail her.** It is our opportunity for helping through Methodism our children's children; **we must not fail them.**

Every Synod has adopted the recommendation that a "Final Dash for the Goal" should be attempted in each District before the end of the Connexional year. Therefore, all our Ministers and Officials are earnestly requested to give our people a strong lead in making a clean finish to this historic effort.

I trust that those who have not yet contributed to the Thanksgiving Fund, and any who in these more prosperous times are now able to increase their donations, will all make a supreme endeavour to reach our high aim, "A Revived Church and a Thankoffering of £45,000." This for the glory of God and the honour of New Zealand Methodism.

ALBERT C. LAWRY, General Secretary

## REPORT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Six meetings of the Committee have been held since Conference. Sub-committees have held frequent meetings also.

A report by the General Secretary, the Rev. A. C. Lawry, is submitted separately.

### The Thanksgiving Fund.

A full statement regarding the Fund will be submitted to Conference by the Treasurers. The Committee records its gratification at the response so far made to this great appeal, and has every confidence that the £45,000 goal will soon be reached.

### The Centenary Volume.

The Rev. E. D. Patchett, Convener of the Publication Committee, reports as follows:—

“The Committee has faithfully sought to carry out the resolutions of Conference in the matter of allocating the Centenary volume to the various districts of the Connexion. The present position is that 2406 copies of the book have been sent out from the publishers. The only districts that have reached their quota are Auckland, with an excess of 120, and South Canterbury, with an excess of 26. In each of the other districts considerable leeway has to be made up before the respective quotas are reached. The amount of cash received from sales to date is £596, representing payment for some 1517 volumes. If and when the remaining 839 volumes which have been ordered have been sold and paid for we shall be in the happy position of being able to square our accounts as far as the actual printing and publishing of the book is concerned.”

### The Centenary Memorials at Kaeo.

Full reports have appeared in the “Methodist Times” of the Centenary gatherings at Kaeo in March last, when the Memorial Cairn, erected by the Maori people under the direction of the Rev. A. J. Seamer, was dedicated, and the foundation stone laid of the Centenary Memorial Church. On May 28 the Church was opened and dedicatory services held by the President of Conference, Dr C. H. Laws. The memorial idea has been most worthily carried out in the building and furnishings. Steps are being taken to erect at an early date a brass tablet containing the names of the early Missionaries to the Maoris. It is proposed later to honour also the memory of pioneer Native workers by a similar tablet.

### General.

On the question of the proposed Centenary Commemorative Stamp the Committee has no recommendation to make.

The Committee recommends that a Centenary Roll, containing the names of donors to the Thanksgiving Fund (but not the amounts given) be prepared, to be placed eventually in the proposed Methodist Museum.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1923—viz.:—The Chairman of the Auckland District, Revs. S. Griffith, J. A. Lochore, A. C. Lawry, and F. Copeland (Convener), Messrs H. Field, G. Winstone, T. W. Jones, and C. A. Piper. The Rev. A. C. Lawry to be designated Hon. Secretary.

The Treasurers, the Rev. S. Griffith and Mr H. Field, merit the thanks of the whole Church for their thorough and painstaking work so cheerfully done, and they are recommended for re-appointment.

The Committee records its sincere appreciation of the unremitting labours of the General Secretary, the Rev. A. C. Lawry, during the last two years in the interests of the Centenary Movement. He has given himself without stint to the task to which the Church called him, and has served the cause with whole-hearted devotion.

C. H. LAWS, Chairman.  
F. COPELAND, Convener.

#### PROGRESS REPORT OF NEW CENTURY COMMITTEE.

(Vide Minutes of Conf., 1922, p. 67, par 13.)

The Committee met twice during the year.

After a general survey of the order of reference, sub-committees were set up to consider proposals under (A) Spiritual; (B) Aggressive; and (C) Educational, Social, and Philanthropic and General. The reports of these sub-committees were carefully considered, and the Committee submits the following resolutions:—

##### (A) Spiritual.

1. That the attention of our people be drawn to the resolutions of Conference relating to this subject in 1921 and 1922 Minutes.

2. Profoundly convinced of the paramount importance of Christian Fellowship for the promotion of personal religion and the spiritual effectiveness of the Church, the Committee strongly recommends to Conference, for general adoption in all our Churches, the "Fellowship of the Kingdom" Movement, with its double aim of a Quest and a Crusade; and the formation wherever possible of small groups of members and others for corporate prayer, Bible study, and Christian work.

The Committee also recommends Conference to arrange for a Circular explanatory of the Movement, to be sent to each Minister, Home Missionary, and Leaders' Meeting.

##### (B) Aggressive.

1. That the Committee considers it extremely desirable that arrangements should be made whereby the Congregation shall take a larger part in the Church services.

2. That the Committee recommends:—(a) An Annual Membership Morning some time in October, following two or three weeks of careful preparation, the whole morning service being devoted to the question of Membership, the distribution of Tickets, and the Celebration of Communion. (b) A special service in May to inaugurate a Membership Campaign that shall culminate in the Annual Membership Morning in October.

3. That the Committee considers the Lay-pastorate to be essential to the adequate supervision of members and adherents, affording at the same time useful employment for many men and women who at present miss the joy and helpfulness of effective Church work. For these considerations alone the putting into operation of the provisions in the Book of Laws relating to the Lay-pastorate is regarded as a matter of urgency.

4. That Circuits be urgently recommended to prepare a budget of their finance, covering Circuit, Trust, Home and Foreign Missions, Sunday School and Young People's Department, Orphanage and Benevolent Funds, making allowance for contingencies; and that the duplex envelope be recommended as the simplest method of putting this system into operation.

The Budget System, however, while largely covering annual contributions to these various funds, should not altogether exclude special appeals on their behalf.

The Committee desires to take the mind of the Synods on the following proposals:—

5. The Committee considers there is need for one or more organisations in each District for the purpose of more adequate supervision of all phases of Church activity, especially of those relating to general Circuit efficiency, Spiritual development, and Church extension.

It therefore recommends the appointment of Methodist Councils of Ministers and Home Missionaries with elected Laymen from each Circuit and Home Mission Station.

In Districts where one Central Committee for such purposes would be inadequate, it recommends that Sub-district Councils should be appointed for specified areas. Such Councils should: (a) Explore within their respective areas the possibilities of Church extension and development, including the employment of additional Agents in Circuits or H.M. Stations at present understaffed. (b) Act on behalf of the Synod and Conference as a Council of fraternal counsel and advice, to confer with Ministers, Trustees, Church Officers, and Quarterly Meetings of the Circuits and Home Mission Stations they represent. (c) Secure full information required under specific questions of Synod under Q. 24, reporting thereon through the District Statistical Secretaries. (d) Fulfil any other functions at present exercised by the District Executive Committees.

Councils shall meet at least twice a year—early after Conference and prior to Synod—and shall report annually to their respective Synods.

The Committee is also investigating the following questions:—

#### **Educational.**

The higher education of our young people; the relation thereto of the Wesley Training College.

#### **Social and Philanthropic.**

Study of Social Problems; the Social Service Union as a Conference organisation; Hostels for Young People; problems relating to Orphanages; Housing problems; the Employment of Women in the Church.

#### **General.**

Problems of Country Circuits arising from drift of populations to the towns; possibilities of Church Union.

For this year, however, the Committee has confined its consideration chiefly to matters relating to Circuits.

C. H. LAWS, President.  
 W. A. SINCLAIR }  
 C. H. OLDS } Joint Conveners.

The Report of the Central Committee was received and adopted.

The Report of the General Secretary was received and adopted.

The Treasurer's Statement of Income and Expenditure from 1920 to February, 1923, was received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Conference places on record its heartfelt thankfulness for the great blessing and inspiration that attended the Centenary celebrations of the past year. The reverent and grateful review of a hundred years of Methodism in New Zealand has promoted a deeper work of Grace and a clearer vision of Christian privilege and responsibility. In this connection the Conference expresses its high appreciation of the invaluable service rendered to the Church by the Ex-President, the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., during the past year. This Presidential visitation of many Circuits, and the conventions and services held, have been occasions of untold blessing to our people. The cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to the Ex-President for the notable service he has rendered.

2. The Conference records its sincere gratitude to God for the generous response made by many of our people in connection with the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund, more than £42,600 having been promised, of which £25,000 has already been received. All Ministers and officials are strongly urged to give our people an effective lead, and to endeavour earnestly to bring this great effort to a triumphant conclusion.

3. That in those Circuits in which the final effort for the Fund has not been completed, the closing appeal be made before the end of May, 1923. That the books of the Fund be kept open through the year to receive offerings from donors who have hitherto been prevented from contributing.

4. That the very cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Centenary Fund Treasurers (Rev. S. Griffith and Mr H. Field) for their unremitting attention to the onerous duties of their office, and that they be appointed.

5. That the Rev. F. Copeland be heartily thanked for his services as Convener of the Central Centenary Committee.

6. The Conference places on record its high appreciation of the excellent services of the Conveners, Secretaries, and Treasurers of District Centenary Committees.

7. That the Revs. C. Abernethy, W. S. Potter, and A. Mitchell be very warmly thanked for valuable assistance rendered to the General Secretary in canvassing for the Thanksgiving Fund during the latter part of the year.

8. That during his visit to England, the Ex-President be requested to secure from the Mission House, or other sources, copies of such reports and letters of New Zealand Missionaries, or of other documents as are of historic interest and value to this country, and that any expense incurred thereby be equally divided between the Centenary and Contingent Funds.

9. That the Conference accords to the Rev. A. C. Lawry, General Secretary of the Centenary effort, its grateful appreciation of the invaluable services he has rendered on behalf of that Fund during the two years of its existence. While recognising that the objective of £45,000 has not yet been reached, owing largely to the acute financial depression in the Dominion during that interval, we rejoice to know

that nearly £43,000 has been raised in payments and promises, and also that the Church has been spiritually enriched by the campaign. The success, we are convinced, has been largely due to the tireless energy, faithful advocacy, and tactful methods of the General Secretary. The Conference recognises that much of the success attained is due to Mrs Lawry, to whom we tender hearty thanks for her self-sacrificing interest in the task laid upon her husband.

10. That the Centenary Committee be authorised to disburse according to the objects of the Fund, and the expressed wish of the donors, such amounts as are received.

11. The Conference desires that any Centenary donations or collections which have not been forwarded to the Treasurers be remitted without delay, and earnestly requests Superintendents and officials to give immediate attention to this matter.

12. That the Conference expresses its high appreciation of the contributing by many of our Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, and Young People's Societies of over £700, and expresses the hope that every Sunday School, Bible Class, and Young People's Society in the Connexion will assist to the utmost of its ability in the undertaking to raise for the Centenary Fund £1000—viz., £500 for a Mission Motor Boat, and £500 towards the Training Home for Native Girls.

13. That a Centenary Roll, containing the names of donors (but not the amount given), be prepared and placed eventually in the proposed Methodist Museum.

14. That the following be the Centenary Committee for 1923, with power to add to their number:—The Chairman of the Auckland District, Revs. S. Griffith, J. A. Lochore, F. Copeland, Messrs H. Field (Vice-President of the Conference), G. Winstone, T. W. Jones, C. A. Piper, Rev. F. Copeland, Convener Rev. A. C. Lawry, Hon. Secretary.

15. That for the allocation to the Local Preachers' Association from the Centenary Fund the following be appointed Trustees:—The Chairman of the Auckland District (Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.), Messrs J. W. Shackelford, W. J. Holdsworth, and H. Field.

#### CENTENARY VOLUME.

1. The Report of the Publication Committee was received and adopted.

2. That the Publication Committee continue to push the sale of the Centenary Volume during the coming year.

3. That the Committee consider the advisability of appointing a Canvasser to sell the book on commission.

4. That the "Methodist Times" Committee be recommended to remit the amount due for advertising the book.

5. That the question of calling on the Guarantors to make up the deficiency on the book be deferred till next Conference.

6. That the best thanks of the Conference be given to Rev. W. Baumber, Agent for the Centenary Volume, and to the Rev. E. D. Patchett, Convener of the Publication Committee, for their devoted and efficient services, and that they be re-appointed.

#### CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS AT KAEO.

1. The Conference expresses its gratification at the great success of the Centenary celebrations at Kaeo in March last, and at the successful function in connection with the opening of the Memorial Church at Kaeo.

2. The cordial thanks of the Conference are extended to Rev. A. J. Seamer for his arduous work and efficient services in connection with the Memorial Cairn at Kaeo.

3. That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr J. Veale and Rev. F. Copeland, in view of their excellent work in organising the unique and memorable excursion to Whangaroa and Kaeo as part of the Centenary celebrations in March last.

4. That the Native Chiefs and people of Whangaroa and Bay of Islands be especially thanked for their generous donations and abundant hospitality in connection with the erection and unveiling of the Memorial Cairn in Kaeo.

5. That the amount expended by the Natives on this object be included in the Thanksgiving Fund on both sides of the ledger.

#### **New Century Committee.**

1. That the Report of the New Century Committee be received.

2. That the following be the New Century Committee for 1923:—The Chairman of the Auckland District, Revs. S. Griffith, J. A. Lochore, F. Copeland, W. A. Sinclair, G. S. Cook, C. H. Olds, B.A., A. J. Seamer, H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., A. Liversedge; Messrs H. Field (Vice-President of the Conference), G. Winstone, T. W. Jones, C. A. Piper, J. W. Court, A. Peak, W. S. Mackay, J. W. Shackelford, Aldred Lawry, and H. P. Caughey. Revs. W. A. Sinclair and C. H. Olds, B.A., Conveners.

3. That the New Century Committee give consideration to the five proposals outlined in paragraph (3) of the Report of the Welfare of the Church Committee, under the heading "Social Ideals."

#### **QUESTION XXXI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Welfare of the Church?**

(For Statistical Returns, see Appendix.)

#### **WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.**

##### **REPORT FOR 1922.**

In accordance with the direction of the Conference we issued during the year 5000 copies of the Conference Address to the circuits and Home Mission stations. Reports that have reached us show that the letter and the spirit of the various recommendations have, in many cases, been faithfully observed, and the result has been a stimulus to the life of the Church.

(1) We recommend that continued observance be given to the recommendations that aim at promoting personal religion and the corporate welfare of the Church.

(2) We recommend that on the third Sunday in April, especially in those circuits where new pastoral ties are being fashioned, an after meeting be held and a call made for volunteers who will pledge loyal support of aggressive work, and that during the following week a Leaders' Meeting be held to confer on a plan of campaign that shall include special efforts to realise the ideals of "Children's Year."

(3) That the S.S. and Y.P. Department take steps to ensure that all School Superintendents report to ministers the addresses of parents of scholars, and that the minister arrange for effective pastoral oversight.

(4) That the regulation concerning the issue of Notes of Removal be scrupulously observed, and that School Superintendents advise the minister of all scholars leaving for other parts.

#### **"Fellowship of the Kingdom."**

We call attention to this movement in British Methodism, a movement which, whilst keeping contact with modern thought, seeks to recover the original inspiration that gave Methodism her birth. The members of the Fellowship seek a full, satisfying, and transforming experience of God in Christ. That is their "Quest" which issues naturally in a "Crusade" to promote in every way the all-embracing interests of the Kingdom of God. In England many lives and ministries are being transformed, and the mother truths of the Gospel are taking new meanings. The Rev. H. Ranston will gladly supply information about this promising movement concerning which we have held communication with its officers.

#### **World Conference on Faith and Order.**

Correspondence has been maintained with the Secretary of this proposed Conference, and the cause of Church re-union has been under review. The World Conference on Faith and Order is to meet in Washington on Monday, May 4, 1925. Almost all the important Trinitarian Churches of Christendom will be represented thereat. A preliminary meeting has already been held at Geneva, and some time in 1924 the Continuation Committee will meet in London to prepare the programme for the World Conference. No delegate to the World Conference will have power to commit his Church to anything. The aim of the Conference is simply to pave the path for the reconciliation of supposed differences, and not to formulate any particular creed or confession. The Conference is for the purpose of study and discussion, and has no power to legislate or to adopt resolutions.

Our Methodist Conference is asked to appoint a Commission of theologians and competent laymen to study our own position and that of other Churches. The hope is that such a Commission would confer with those appointed by other New Zealand Churches to discuss with them questions that seem fundamental. There is a call for fuller practical fellowship in worship and in work, and a need for frank declaration that will lead, not to a rupture of any negotiations for re-union, but to the courageous facing of difficulty. We recommend the appointment of the Commission asked for.

#### **The Universal Conference on Life and Work.**

This body has no official connection with the World Conference on Faith and Order, though it works in harmony therewith. It is to deal with practical questions of the application of Christ's laws to international, national, social, and industrial questions. It will probably meet in Washington in May, 1925, so that the inter-dependence of Faith and Work and the full content of the Christian Gospel may be made clear. Further developments will be reported to Conference.

### League of Nations.

This League is now generally recognised as an essential part of the machinery of civilisation and an expression of applied Christianity. It aims at preventing war and establishing international peace and security. It also deals with such subjects as the traffic in drugs, the supply of intoxicants to native races, and the prevention and destruction of the traffic in women and children. As it develops it may well become the world's council of social reform.

We send forward the following recommendations:—

(1) Whilst recognising that the function of the Church is not to define in detail the political methods and institutions by which the scourge of war shall be eliminated from civilised and Christian nations, we acknowledge that the League of Nations is a practical expression of the Christian principle of mutual love and brotherhood. Conscious that the success of the League depends upon public sentiment, we urge upon our people the duty of forming and strengthening public opinion in its support. We further express willingness, whether by co-operation or by concurrent action with other Churches, to disseminate the principles of the League amongst the nations.

(2) That the Board of Studies consider the provision of an adequate course of study for our future ministry on international problems and their solution, with a view to equipping them for public work in the realm of endeavour to establish the reign of God amongst men.

(3) That the Sunday before Christmas Day be observed as Peace Sunday, on which day emphasis shall be laid upon the ideals that will create a warless world.

### The World Alliance for Promoting International Goodwill Through the Churches.

This Alliance seeks to organise the religious forces of the world in the interests of peace and goodwill and to create that moral atmosphere in which alone the League of Nations can work successfully. Some 200 delegates recently met at Copenhagen. These represented 26 nations, including Germany, America, Turkey, and the powers that have obtained nationhood since the war. Delicate questions of great import were discussed with utmost candour, and constructive measures were approved with absolute unanimity. The Conference was a demonstration of Christian solidarity never before attained, and it proved the power of Christian goodwill to bridge the chasm that separates divergent peoples. It points the duty of the Church to insist upon the nations making trial of the Christian method for settling world problems.

### Social Ideals.

Correspondence has been conducted with the Federal Council of Christian Churches in America as to social and other matters. We are convinced that the social sciences are, of themselves, incapable of transforming society. Only by a return to vital religion and by the application of the principles of the Christian Gospel is there to be found healing for the hurts of to-day. The social sciences may guide our methods, but only through Christ can men be energised for better living.

(1) We recommend that the ten recommendations of the Conference of 1922 for promoting the extensive influence of the Church be approved as standing resolutions embodying the social declaration of the Church.

(2) Recognising that the appalling growth and extensive organisation of great social evils which hinder the advance of God's Kingdom, demand the most effective opposition of which the Church is capable, we recommend that Conference consider the setting up of a Social Welfare Committee, which might embody the functions of the Committee on Temperance and Public Morals, and also those of the Social Service Union.

(3) We recommend that the New Century Committee be authorised to confer or correspond with other Churches with a view, wherever possible, to securing co-operation in community service, and that the following matters be kept in view:—

(a) The systematic organisation of contacts between the Church and the members of industrial groups.

(b) The arranging of fraternal conferences between employers and employees under Christian auspices, and the encouragement of experiments by Christian employers in the adoption of Christian ideals to their particular business.

(c) The securing of a larger combined influence for the Christian Churches in all matters affecting the moral and social condition of the people, so as to promote the application of the law of Christ in every relationship of human life.

(d) The endeavour to arrest the attention of the community to the claims of Christ through a strategic programme of evangelism either in co-operation or as individual Churches.

(e) The establishment of an effective Church Publicity Bureau to furnish to the press authoritative information about the projects of the Church, its developments, its achievements, and its most important happenings.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Chairman.

Dunedin, October 31, 1922.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee has considered the resolution of the Conference of 1922 (minutes, page 80) in regard to formulating some method of computing our statistics that will lessen the discrepancy between our own returns and those of the Government Statistician. The Committee is convinced that the returns as published by our Church represent substantially the number of Methodists under our pastoral care, and holds that it is no part of the Church's duty to tabulate statistics of those who hold nominal attachment to Methodism. The discrepancy between the figures of the Church and those of the Government is, we are convinced, largely explained by the fact that some 14,000 Methodists who are under five years of age find no place in our returns, and that many thousands of Methodists reside in areas where there are no Methodist ministrations. We do not recommend any departure from our present method of computing our returns, but suggest that a foot note be added to the published statistics stating the total number of Methodists as revealed in the State Census, and intimating that the discrepancy is largely accounted for by the non-inclusion of young children in our returns and the residence of many of our people in districts where our Church is not represented.

#### Faith and Order Conference.

The Committee approves of the Auckland recommendation as to setting up a Committee to explore the literature of this movement.

The Committee recommends that a sum of £10 be voted towards the expenses of the World Conference on Faith and Order, and that this be paid from the Contingent Fund.

**Committee for 1923.**

We recommend the appointment of the Committee for next year as nominated by the Otago-Southland Synod.

**M. A. RUGBY PRATT,**

Chairman Welfare of Church Committee.

December 19, 1922.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That the Report and Supplementary Report be received.
2. That continued observance be given to the recommendations of last Conference that aim at promoting personal religion and the corporate welfare of the Church. (See Minutes, 1922, pp. 73-75.)
3. That in the third Sunday in April, especially in those Circuits where new pastoral ties are being fashioned, an after-meeting be held and a call made for volunteers who will pledge support of aggressive work, and that a Leaders' meeting be held to confer upon a plan of campaign that shall include special efforts to realise the ideals of Children's Year.
4. That the S.S. and Y.P. Department take steps to ensure that all School Superintendents report to Ministers the addresses of parents of scholars, and that the Minister arrange for effective pastoral oversight.
5. That the regulation concerning issue of Notes of Removal be scrupulously observed, and that School Superintendents advise the Minister of all scholars leaving for other parts.
6. That the following be appointed a Commission on "The World Conference on Faith and Order," to watch the interests of our Church and to confer with similar Commissions appointed by other Churches should such action be found necessary; that the Convener of the Commission be specially charged with the careful study of the literature of the Movement, and that the Commission keep the Church informed of the trend of thought and feeling. The Commission to consist of Rev. Dr Laws, Rev. Dr Ranston, Revs. Napier Milne, H. E. Bellhouse, W. A. Sinclair, M. A. Rugby Pratt (Convener), and Messrs H. Field, H. P. Mourant, J. C. Prudhoe, and E. A. Rosevear.
7. That the sum of £10 be voted from the Contingent Fund towards the expenses of the World Conference on Faith and Order, such sum to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Movement.
8. That this Conference places on record its profound conviction that the time has come for all international disputes and differences to be settled by peaceful arbitration. Whilst recognising that the function of the Church is not to define in detail the political methods and institutions by which the scourge of war shall be eliminated from civilised and Christian nations, we acknowledge that the League of Nations is a practical expression of the Christian principle of mutual love and brotherhood. Conscious that the success of the League depends upon public sentiment, we urge upon our people the duty of forming and strengthening public opinion in its support. We further express willingness, whether by co-operation or by concurrent action with other Churches, to disseminate the principles of

the League amongst the nations. We urge upon our people the duty of definitely joining some branch of the League, and suggest that Anzac Sunday and Anzac Day be regarded not only as days of memorial, but, as our soldiers living and dead would wish it, as an opportunity for advocating the great principle of universal peace.

9. That the Board of Examiners consider the provision of an adequate course of study for our future Ministry on international problems and their solution, with a view to equipping them for public work in the realm of endeavour to establish the reign of God amongst men.

10. That the Sunday before Armistice Day be observed as Peace Sunday, on which day emphasis shall be laid upon the ideals that will create a warless world.

11. That the Conference adopts the ten recommendations of the last Conference (Minutes, 1922, pp. 75-76, paragraph B) as standing resolutions embodying the social declaration of the Church.

12. That the Conference refers to the New Century Committee paragraph (3) of the Report relating to certain aspects of "Social Ideals."

13. That the Committee for 1923 be constituted as follows:—The Superintendent Ministers of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, with Messrs E. Rosevear, R. N. Vanes, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., D. C. Cameron, R. Moffatt, W. King, W. M. Roberts, J. B. Shacklock, W. J. Johnson, J. H. Brown, T. W. Hemer, P. Nixon, R. Jamieson, and J. P. Simon, the Rev. H. L. Richards to be convener.

14. That the preparation of a Church Calendar be remitted to the Welfare Committee for consideration.

#### **REPORT BY THE GENERAL STATISTICAL SECRETARY, 1922.**

An analysis of the General Returns for the year ended September 30th, 1922, discloses encouraging increases in several departments of work, and reveals some small but significant decreases. Once again no statistical returns have been supplied concerning our Maori work, and in the various calculations throughout this report this fact is allowed for.

#### **Property.**

Last year it was my duty to report that, although nine additional churches were reported by the Circuits, the net gain was only one, owing to the reported decrease of eight churches in four stations. This year 437 churches are reported, that being a decrease of one, for, whilst additional churches are reported from Stratford and from Durham Street (Christchurch) Circuits, there is one church less returned by Kaukapakapa, Foxton, and Temuka. The total number of schoolrooms stands at 163, being a net increase of three, despite the alleged disappearance during the year of three schoolrooms from the Granity-Denniston Station. I would urge District Statistical Secretaries to give attention to all such matters at the Synods. Our parsonages now number 175, an increase of five for the year, two being from the Auckland District, and one each from Taranaki-Wanganui, Wellington, and Nelson Districts.

### Workers.

The number of Ministers and Probationers remains at 181, but four additional Home Missionaries are reported, making a total of 50 such Agents. Deaconesses in employment have declined from 14 to 10. Class Leaders total 29, a shrinkage of 11, to which most Districts have contributed. Local Preachers number 773, a decrease of one for the year. An increase of 17 such workers in the Auckland District and of seven in Hawke's Bay-Manawatu is more than neutralised by the following losses:—South Auckland 8, Wellington 3, Nelson 1, North Canterbury 8, and South Canterbury 6. It is reasonable to expect from the vigorous Bible Classes sufficient young men to make good recent losses of Local Preachers.

### Membership.

The enrolment of Church Members now stands at 23,451, an increase of 632, in which all districts share excepting Otago-Southland, which shows a loss of 38. Members on Probation total 109, an increase of 12. There is also an increase of 305 Junior Church Members, making a total Junior enrolment of 6472. The increase is contributed to by all Districts excepting Auckland, South Canterbury, and Otago-Southland, which all report small losses. A gratifying increase of 539 Communicants is reported, making a total of 16,415, a number that falls short of our Membership by over 7000. Such a disparity calls for thought and action.

### Youth Department.

The Dominion totals only were supplied to me by the S.S. and Y.P. Department, and these indicate encouraging growth along several lines. The absence of District returns make it impossible to locate the areas in which we have made losses or gains, and cancels any advantage that might accrue from deductions drawn from an analysis of the figures.

An increase of three Teachers is reported, and also an increase of 1309 Scholars, making an aggregate of 30,463 in the School Classes. There is an increase of two Members of the Young Men's Bible Classes, of 60 in the Junior Young Men's Classes, and of 55 in the Junior Young Women's Classes. There are four fewer Schools than last year. A decrease of 173 Members of the Young Women's Bible Classes occasions serious thought. It is surprising that with a growing enrolment of Junior Church Members 56 fewer of them are in our Sunday Schools than were returned a year ago.

In School work, as in other fields, the trend of events can better be gauged by marking the changes over a long period than by noting the fluctuations from year to year. In this connection it is noteworthy that since the completion of Methodist Union a decade ago, we have 36 fewer Schools and only 1322 more Scholars than we then counted, despite an increase of over 200,000 in the population. The increase in Scholars does not even equal the natural increase by excess of births over deaths, in which our Methodist homes shared, an increase that amounted to 1.5 per centum per annum for the period under review.

The Government Statistician estimates that there are approximately 100,000 children between the ages of four and 13 years who are not attending any Sunday School. Our proportion of that number is 9220. Again, children five years old and under represent 12.75 per cent. of the entire population. Our Methodist proportion of the total is 14,000, and all these are potential Cradle Roll Members

and future Scholars. Such facts clearly show what positions, from the standpoint of spiritual strategy, we ought to assail and occupy as we enter upon our Children's Year Campaign.

#### Attendants on Worship.

Since the year of Methodist Union (1913), when, excluding our Maori people, we returned an aggregate of 83,916 attendants on public worship, the figures have fluctuated between that number and 66,600. They now stand at 73,205, which is 487 fewer than last year. District increases in South Auckland (508), Hawke's Bay-Manawatu (74), Nelson (201), and South Canterbury (39) are overbalanced by District decreases in Auckland (527), Taranaki-Wanganui (17), Wellington (113), North Canterbury (168), and Otago-Southland (484).

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,  
General Statistical Secretary.

### SPECIAL REPORT ON GOVERNMENT CENSUS.

In responding to the request of the Conference for a special report upon our numerical position as disclosed by the last Census, I have to state that the Government Statistician has, so far, only published the Denominational Returns for the Dominion as a whole, for the ten Provincial Districts, and for the 15 largest Urban Areas. That prevents any analysis of the figures covering the smaller boroughs and town areas; but sufficient data is available to arrive at definite, and, indeed, disturbing results.

The total population of the Dominion is given as 1,218,913, and of these 112,344 claim to be Methodists. As our own returns show that only 73,205 persons are attendants upon public worship, the question arises, "Where are the 39,139 missing Methodists, who represent 34 per cent. of our entire numerical heritage?" Some are in settlements where our Church is not represented, and some are included amongst the very young children who find no place in our figures; but after all due allowances are made, there still remain thousands of non-churchgoing Methodists who are not under our pastoral care. Where they are to be found it is possible to indicate with a fair degree of accuracy.

The following table will show the distribution of population and of Methodists as between the North and South Islands:—

—	Population.	Per Cent.	Census Methodists.		Church Returns.	Unattached Methodists.
North Island	741,255	60.81	69,644	62%	45,341	24,303
South Island	477,658	39.19	42,700	38%	27,864	14,836
Totals ...	1,218,913	100	112,344	100	73,205	39,139

The distribution of Methodists between the two Islands is in close relation to the proportions of the general population, whilst the missing Methodists sustain substantially the same residential ratios as those under our pastoral care.

The State Census discloses the fact that 51.23 per cent. of the population resides in the rural areas, and a comparison of our own statistics with those of the Government shows that 55 per cent. of

the missing Methodists are in these areas. The rural areas, it should be understood, include all places not included in the 15 larger centres named in the next table.

Unfortunately, the figures are not available for a detailed analysis of the position in the smaller boroughs, town districts, and scattered settlements, where many nominal Methodists dwell, and in some of which our Church is not represented.

In the fifteen larger centres of population are to be found 48.77 per cent. of the population, and it is in these larger towns and cities that 45 per cent., or 17,659, of our missing Methodist children are located. That is a most arresting fact.

The following table is illuminating. So far as the four chief cities are concerned, I may explain that for both the State figures and our own Church returns the Auckland figures cover 10 Circuits, including Onehunga and Otahuhu; the Wellington totals cover eight Circuits, including Johnsonville, Petone, and Hutt; the Christchurch figures embrace nine Christchurch Circuits and Lyttelton, which is officially in the same urban area; and the Dunedin figures cover eight city circuits, with Mosgiel and Port Chalmers.

#### URBAN AREAS.

	Population.	Census Methodi-ts.	Church Returns.	Unattached Methodists.
Auckland ... ..	157,757	14,820	9,731	5,089
Wellington ... ..	107,488	8,814	5,977	2,837
Christchurch ... ..	105,670	12,447	6,585	5,862
Dunedin ... ..	72,255	5,693	5,050	643
Gisborne ... ..	14,450	764	740	24
Hamilton ... ..	13,798	1,632	1,700	plus 68
Napier ... ..	17,187	,081	1,050	31
Hastings ... ..	12,990	1,024	750	274
New Plymouth ... ..	12,645	1,974	1,540	434
Wanganui ... ..	23,523	2,244	1,524	720
Palmerston North ... ..	16,885	1,725	1,350	375
Nelson ... ..	10,632	1,160	750	410
Grey Valley Boroughs	8,366	687	350	337
Timaru ... ..	15,507	1,569	1,550	19
Invercargill ... ..	19,210	1,722	1,050	672
Totals ... ..	608,363	57,356	39,697	17,659

It should be noted that in the 15 urban areas of the 17,659 who register themselves with the State as Methodists, and are unattached to our Churches, no less than 14,431 of them are living within the boundaries of the Circuits of the four principal cities. In these four cities we are credited with a total of 41,774 Methodists. We ourselves enrol only 27,343. Of the city leakage the following are the totals and percentages:—

Auckland ... ..	5089 = 35 per cent.
Wellington ... ..	2837 = 20 per cent.
Christchurch ... ..	5862 = 41 per cent.
Dunedin ... ..	643 = 4 per cent.

Throughout the whole of the urban areas the leakage is 30 per cent.

Outside the four cities the largest lapses in urban areas are within the boundaries of the Wanganui, Invercargill, New Plymouth, Nelson, Palmerston North, and Greymouth Circuits in that order. Obviously all these centres are feeling the effects of the upheaval that has challenged and shaken so many institutions. It remains for us to discover some means of bringing these unattached town-dwelling Methodists into a more harmonious relation with the Church whose name they proclaim in the Census paper.

It is of interest to note that whereas the general population of the Dominion increased 10.87 per cent. between the last two State Censuses, our own Church, according to the Government figures, increased by only 5.96 per cent. Taking the figures for New Zealand Methodism as a whole during the last 40 years, it is significant that whilst the average increase in the population for each five-yearly period has been 12.1 per cent., our Church average for the eight successive quinquennial enumerations has been 11.4 per cent. For the first 20 years of the period under review our average five-yearly increase of 15.75 per cent. was greater than the increase of the general population. In the last 20 years our ratio of increase has only been greater than that of the State at the census of 1916. But even with that advantage we have only averaged an increase of 7.6 per cent. over the last four quinquennial numberings. The fact that this increase is 4.5 per cent. below the average growth of population should give us grave concern.

In the North Island the Provincial boundaries vary so much from our Synod Districts that comparisons there are not easy. But in the South Island careful calculations show that in the Provinces of Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland, which are co-terminous with our Nelson Synod District, 39.5 per cent. of Methodists are not found in our congregations. In the Province of Canterbury, which covers the bounds of our two Synod Districts (excluding Oamaru), 36.5 per cent. of our people are not attending our services. In the Provinces of Otago and Southland (including Oamaru), 28.8 per cent. of those who wear our name are outside our churches. Throughout the whole Dominion 34 per cent. of our people are not accounted for in our Church returns. In the Presbyterian Church the proportion not under pastoral care reaches the higher figure of 48 per cent.

The State Census shows that in the period covered by it six of the Provincial Districts revealed the following Methodist increases:—

Auckland ...	15.51 per cent.	Hawke's Bay	3.11 per cent.
Taranaki ...	5.05 per cent.	Wellington ...	4.97 per cent.
Marlborough	7.28 per cent.	Canterbury ...	8.24 per cent.

In four Provincial Districts the following Methodist decreases are shown in the Government returns:—

Nelson ...	3.76 per cent.	Westland ...	6.20 per cent.
Otago ...	2.22 per cent.	Southland ...	12.58 per cent.

These figures throw light, and shadow, too, upon other tables given. They partly explain some losses; reveal something of the migratory habits of some of our household, and indicate in what directions our energies should now run.

I attach hereto the suggested resolution of the Conference on "The Work of God."

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Dunedin, 13/1/1923.

General Statistical Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the General Statistical Secretary, the Special Report on the Government Census, and the General Returns be received.

2. That the General Statistical Secretary be requested to prepare for the various Districts separate reports upon the position of our work within their respective bounds, such reports to be sent to the District Chairman before the meeting of Synods.

3. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to the General Statistical Secretary, the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, for his valuable report and for his thorough and painstaking work, and that he be re-appointed.

## RESOLUTION ON THE WORK OF GOD.

That the Conference expresses its gratitude to God that in the opening year of the second century of our work in this land we are able to report an increase of 632 Church Members, 305 Junior Members, 539 Communicants, and 1309 Sunday School Scholars. We regret a reported small decrease of attendants upon public worship, and are deeply concerned that a comparison of the results of the recent State Census with our own General Returns indicates, after all due allowances are made, that a large proportion of those who describe themselves as Methodists in a Census Paper are not under our pastoral care.

We recognise the peculiar difficulties of Christian work to-day, and amongst the causes inducing an alienation from the Church we discern the following:—

- (a) The fidelity of the Church in the condemnation of sin.
- (b) A relaxing of moral fibre in the general unsettlement occasioned by war.
- (c) An increased luxury and self-indulgence, and a busy absorption in the pursuit of material gain.
- (d) A state of theological unrest; a distrust of the Church as a teacher and a wide-spread belief that we fail to express Christian truth in such a manner as to satisfy inquiring minds.
- (e) The groundless belief that modern science has discovered new ways of explaining all the facts of Nature without adopting any definite belief in a Creator.
- (f) The suspicion that the Church does not breathe the spirit of the modern age; that she is the bulwark of the privileged classes; that she seeks to provide a religious basis for the existing social order and is deaf to the appeal for economic justice.
- (g) The false assumption that responsibility for failure to prevent war is upon the Church, and the inference drawn therefrom that the Christian Gospel is inadequate to the solution of world-problems.
- (h) The widening opportunities for woman to express her social instincts outside the Christian Church.
- (i) The overflow of Christian activity into non-church channels, in which men find manifold opportunities for humanitarian service.
- (j) The undue dissipation of Ministerial energies in routine tasks that devitalise for Spiritual functions.

We appeal to our workers to make existing conditions afford occasion to give new fire to enthusiasm and to stiffen the will for fresh conquests in the Redeemer's name. As we embark upon the "Children's Year Campaign" we consecrate ourselves afresh to the task of building up the Kingdom of God both by nurture and by conquest.

**QUESTION XXXII.—What are the Resolutions respecting our Sunday Schools and the Youth of the Church?**

(For Returns and Balance Sheet, see Appendix.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.  
REPORT FOR CONFERENCE, 1923.**

**Secretaryship.**

A change of Secretaryship took place at last Conference. A tribute was then paid to the worth and work of Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., but the present Secretary desires to express particular appreciation of two features of his work—his advocacy of the Australasian Graded Lesson System, and his work on behalf of Junior Bible Classes. The new secretary is greatly impressed with the need and opportunity of the field of work to which he has been commissioned by the Conference.

**District Organisation.**

The geography of the Dominion limits the opportunity for one man to contact personally with all Circuits. But his work can touch all places through District and Circuit agency. District organisation was the primary principle guiding the Secretary's itinerary, and since April every District has been visited. Twenty-four persons in the several Districts have accepted positions of responsibility as Literature, Finance, or Statistical Secretaries, and we have confidence in the men who are undertaking these voluntary services.

**Bulletin.**

A quarterly "Bulletin" is now published, giving the message of the Board on living questions to our Schools throughout the Dominion.

**"Lotu."**

The Secretary also edits "The Lotu," a Missionary paper for children, published under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Department, in association with this department.

**The Year's Work.**

By means of Sunday Services, Addresses to Workers and to Young People, Conferences, Interviews, Printed Articles, and Correspondence, the Secretary has endeavoured to strengthen in every church the sense of responsibility for S.S. and Y.P. work, leading to more sympathetic local relationship of Church and School, better financial support, and accessions to the working staff; to encourage the workers in respect to vision, aim, motive, methods, literature, and standards of efficiency; to organise S.S. Unions, B.C. Unions, etc.; to develop the B.C. Camps' policy; to bring direct to young people the appeal of Evangelism, vocation, and stewardship; and to direct the thought and purpose of the whole Church to the great possibilities of fruitfulness that belong to a faithful observance of "Children's Year." As the work is not organising only, the Board recommends that the name "Organising Secretary" be changed to "General Secretary."

**National Outlook.**

The Methodist Church, in addition to that responsibility which may be called denominational, must accept her share of that responsibility which the entire Christian Church in the land ought to bear for the national religious needs of the childhood and youth of the

Dominion. At least 75,000 children attend no Sunday School. It is imperative that all the children be trained, and that the quality of the training should steadily improve.

An attempt to deal with the national problem is being made, and a Conference was held in Christchurch last July, which decided to form a National Council of Religious Education. Its list of objectives reveals some of the urgent needs for this co-operative effort. A most timely occurrence in this connection was the visit of Mr W. C. Pearce, M.A., Associate Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association. He not only inspired to new zeal his audiences in the four chief centres, but he gave new and larger vision to the Sunday School Leaders of the Dominion. New Zealand in future will be one among many national units composing the World's Association, which has a programme for winning the world for Christ by the most direct, the most natural, and the most effective means—the Christian training of young life.

### **Children's Year.**

The Centenary Conference having approved the Board's proposals, considerable preparatory work has been done. There was personal advocacy at the Synods, the Women's Missionary Union Conference, and at the Annual Conventions of the Bible Class Movement. An Almanac has been distributed to all Circuits, there was a special issue of the "Methodist Times," and five pamphlets have been published for propaganda. The programme is as set forth in Conference Minutes, 1922, pp. 89-91. The only modification that the Board desires is that the numerical feature of the objectives should not be unduly stressed, especially in the matter of Junior Church Membership. The Church should be more eager for quality than for quantity. The first Sunday in the New Year was observed as a Day of Intercession, and the second and third Sundays in February will be generally devoted to Special Children's Year Services. Interest is growing, organisation in the Circuits is proceeding, the movement should gather strength at Conference, and we trust that enthusiasm will then be carried into all Circuits and congregations for immediate local programmes of service to Christ and the children.

### **Finance.**

Reference to the Balance Sheet will reveal that again the financial support is inadequate. We know the conditions of the year have not been normal. Beyond the fact of general depression felt by all Church funds, we think the Centenary celebrations, which loomed so large at the opening of the year, accounted for Circuits almost universally postponing the department's collection from the first quarter, and then numerous calls for special collections through the year meant that no more convenient opportunity occurred. The Red Envelopes sent to all Circuits early in the year for distribution and collection were in nearly all cases forgotten. Most churches have resorted to loose coin retiring collections, which are becoming more frequent than popular. The Board, at its December meeting, thought the time had come for Conference to give the finance of this department the same Connexional stability as other offices, and accordingly recommends that it be put upon the Contingent Fund. A committee was appointed to prepare representation of the matter to Conference.

The Centenary offering of our Schools amounts to £614 9s 3d. This in addition to regular Missionary contributions.

### Bible Class Movement.

The Young Men's Movement reports that 750 men and boys were in Camp last Easter, and spiritual results were distinctly encouraging. With the new policy of encouraging District Camps, eight or nine Camps will be held next Easter. The new Standard Syllabus has led many classes from fragmentary topical subjects to more definite and sustained Bible study; 2000 copies sold in six weeks. In many places bands of young men from the classes are conducting Church services, and 30 are known to be preparing for the Ministry.

The Young Women's Movement has held its first Annual Leaders' Conference, and adopted a new Constitution. The Unions and Classes are benefiting from the good work of the Travelling Secretary, Miss Lynn. Sister Nicholls is their Agent in the Maori Mission. The Unions contributed £180 to Missions, and Classes subscribe largely to other interests. In many District Unions the class members are now nearly all Church members. The Dominion Camp last Easter registered 160, and proved very helpful. District Camps are being arranged for next Easter.

### S.S. Statistics.

There has been an increase in S.S. scholars in every district. The total increase is 1309. We now have 30,463 scholars enrolled. The enrolment of the Young Men's Senior and Junior Bible Classes has doubled in the past four years. The Young Worshippers' Leagues are growing, especially in the South Island, Otago District leading with over 1000 membership. Our first registration of Scouts returns 686 boys and 293 girls. The Junior C.E. maintains a good hold, but the Senior C.E. and the Wesley Guild decline, because of Y.P. Societies under other names springing up. The Band of Hope membership shows an increase of 483. And an advance of 50 per cent. is reported in the number of Schools using Australasian Graded Lessons.

(Signed), WM. READY, Acting-Chairman.  
E. P. BLAMIRE, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Conference is profoundly convinced that the Spirit of God is directing the Church to the Children's Year Crusade, and believes it provides an unparalleled opportunity for spiritual fruitfulness; and whilst thankfully recognising the interest awakened in every District, calls upon all Circuits for effective co-operation.
3. That whilst the Conference has approved a general programme of objectives for the Dominion (see Minutes, 1922, p. 89), the Circuits are requested to use their own initiative and to define their local programme, in accordance with local conditions.
4. The convening of Circuit S.S. and Y.P. Councils is recommended wherever practicable. The Teachers' Meetings, assisted by Circuit representatives, are urged to consider immediately the Children's Year Pamphlets in preparing for the work. The co-operation of the church membership should be enlisted, if possible, in the month of March, at a Church Membership Meeting, which in many instances might be of a social character.
5. The Conference strongly recommends all churches and schools to order the literature and supplies which the Board is offering in connection with the Children's Year Campaign.

6. The Conference appreciates the Centenary offering of £614 thus far received from our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, and directs the Board to notify early the schools that have not yet contributed in the hope that they will co-operate before the conclusion of the Centenary effort.

7. The Conference recognises with satisfaction that progress is being made in the direction of establishing a National Council of Religious Education, and authorises the S.S. and Y.P. Board to continue its work as representing the New Zealand Methodist Church.

8. The inauguration by the Board of Sunday School Correspondence Classes to connect with children living beyond the reach of present Sunday School organisation is heartily commended by the Conference.

9. The practice of some Sunday Schools in sending motor conveyances to gather children who reside in areas distant from the school is also warmly approved and recommended for more general adoption.

10. The Conference heartily commends the Bible Class Camps being held in the various districts to the sympathetic support of our people; also, to congratulate the Y.W.B.C. Union on the excellent work done by its Organising Secretary, Miss Delight Lynn, B.A., and commends her to all Circuits she may visit during the year.

11. That in Section 196, Book of Laws, p. 48, the words "eighteen years of age" be substituted for the words "of full age."

12. That the Statistical Returns be adopted with thankfulness for the Divine blessing upon the work.

13. The Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the services rendered by the Rev. E. P. Blamires as Organising Secretary of the S.S. and Y.P. Department. It recognises the ability, zeal, and faithfulness with which he has devoted himself to further the highest interests of the young people of the Church, and commends his work to our people throughout the Dominion.

14. That as the Secretary's work involves more than organisation, the title of his office be "General Secretary."

15. That Conference congratulates the Rev. P. R. Paris on the organisation of the League of Young Methodists, with a membership of 3,400, and commends the League to every circuit in the Dominion.

### **Bible Class Movement.**

1. The Conference expresses its deep pleasure that the Bible Class Movement is training young people to Christian service, as evidenced in the fact that an increasing number are offering for Sunday School teaching, Mission Band work, Local Preaching, and Missionary Service. It rejoices in the signs of many young men heeding the call of God to the Christian ministry, and others, both young men and young women, entering their vocation with the motive of Christian service.

2. That the Bible Class Executive Councils be requested to use their Dominion organisation for stirring local Bible Classes to their share in the effort of their local churches.

### **Finance.**

1. That the Balance Sheet be adopted.

2. That a sum of £150 be paid by the Contingent Fund as a grant toward the deficit of the Department.

3. That the income required for 1923 be apportioned to Circuits pro rata on the basis of membership.

4. That financial responsibility in each Circuit is located in the Quarterly Meeting, but every Circuit should secure the co-operation of its Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

That the following be appointed Sunday School Representatives to Synods, as per Section vi of Sunday School Organisation :—

**Auckland.**—Mr T. H. Martin.

**South Auckland.**—Mr J. H. Lange.

**Taranaki-Wanganui.**—Mr J. T. Griffen.

**Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.**—Mr G. H. Stiles.

**Wellington.**—Mr C. Edmond.

**Nelson.**—Mr H. Holdaway.

**North Canterbury.**—Mr W. C. Francis.

**South Canterbury.**—Mr C. J. Vogeler.

**Otago-Southland.**—Mr A. H. Reed.

That in the event of the Synod Representatives for Sunday Schools appointed by the Conference being unable to attend the Synod, the Chairman of the District shall have power to appoint a substitute on the nomination of the District Committee.

That the thanks of the Conference be accorded the District Committees and that the following be the District Committees for 1923, as per Section iii, Scheme of Organisation :—

**Auckland.**—The President of the Conference, Revs. P. N. Knight, B.A., C. H. Olds, B.A., J. Richards, J. A. Lochore, H. Raunston, M.A., Litt.D., W. A. Burley, M.A., J. A. Hosking, W. G. Slade, M.A., and A. Liversedge, with Messrs T. Clark, T. H. Martyn, A. Beer, J. L. Bycroft, H. Scott, T. E. Price, A. D. Whitehead, W. Sussex, J. W. Court, and S. E. Chappell. Convener, Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.

**South Auckland.**—The Ministers of Hamilton, Cambridge, and Morinsville Circuits, together with the Superintendents of the main Sunday Schools in those Circuits. Convener, Rev. F. Greenwood.

**Taranaki-Wanganui.**—Revs. W. J. Oxbrow, G. Knowles Smith, L. B. Neale, C. H. Kendon, with Messrs E. Dixon, J. T. Griffen, J. W. Brown, A. G. Barber, — Hopkins, and Mrs Williams. Convener, Rev. L. B. Neale.

**Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.**—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Palmerston North Circuits, Messrs H. N. Vivian, G. H. Bennett, Gordon Bennett, and G. H. Stiles. Convener, Mr G. H. Stiles.

**Wellington.**—The Ministers of the Wellington City Circuits, with Messrs H. P. Maurant, C. R. Edmond, W. M. King, J. Cable, E. C. Gamble, H. W. Heyhoe, B. J. Lynneberg, T. J. Phillips, N. Mills, L. Saunders. Convener, Rev. G. E. Brown.

**Nelson.**—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Nelson and Richmond Circuits, and Mr Hubert Holdaway. Convener, Mr H. Holdaway.

**North Canterbury.**—The Chairman of the District, Revs. S. Bailey, J. Guy, W. B. Scott, H. Ryan, and T. H. Burton, with the Executive of the North Canterbury Methodist Sunday School Union. Convener, Mr W. C. Francis.

**South Canterbury.**—The Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of Timaru, Waimate, and Temuka Circuits, with Messrs C. G. Vogeler and E. O. G. Holdgate. Convener, Mr C. G. Vogeler.

**Otago.**—The Circuit Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of Dunedin City, with Messrs J. Davidson, D. C. Cameron, Junr., R. Moffatt, H. Austin, H. M. Wilkinson, A. McIndoe, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., T. W. Hemer. Convener, Mr T. W. Hemer.

**Southland** (Sub-committee).—The Circuit Ministers and Sunday School Superintendent of the Invercargill Circuits, with Messrs S. Stephens, L. James, and Mesdames Brown and Pasley, Misses B. Cheyne and G. James. Convener, Rev. H. A. Sharp.

**NOTA BENE—**

(1) In each case the Chairman of the District shall be ex officio a member of the Committee.

(2) The Young Men's and Young Women's B.C. Unions in each District have power each to elect two Representatives to act on the District Committee.

(3) The Sunday School District Representative to Synod is ex officio a member of the District Committee.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to the S.S. and Y.P. Board for their services during the year, and that the following be appointed members of the Board for 1923:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. T. A. Joughin, J. Napier Milne, E. D. Patchett, P. R. Paris, R. B. Tinsley, A. H. Fowles, and Messrs M. Kershaw, A. E. Lawry, W. C. Francis, C. H. Virtue, J. H. White, P. W. Sharpe, A. Williams, F. Thompson, J. H. Jones, H. Chapman, and the Travelling Secretary of the Y.W.B.C. Movement. Convener, Rev. E. P. Blamires. (N.B.—In addition the Young Men's and Young Women's B.C. Union shall elect each two representatives to act on the Board.)

**QUESTION XXXIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to Temperance and Public Morals?**

**TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE.**

**REPORT FOR CONFERENCE, 1923.**

During the year several meetings of this Committee have been held, and the attendance of members has been good. The Committee has striven to keep in touch with all the questions that have been committed to its charge, and to use its influence in every possible way on the side of righteousness and goodness. In May we had a visit from the Rev. A. J. Seamer, Superintendent of Maori Missions. One result was the appointment of a Sub-committee, consisting of our Chairman, Convener, and Mr Seamer, to interview the Minister of Internal Affairs on a question of Maori relations with Hindoos. Several letters have passed between us and the Convener of the Public Questions Committee of the Victoria and Tasmania Conference re the totalisator. We are pleased to report that the efforts of the Committee on the other side of the water were helpful in preventing the introduction of the totalisator into their territory. The subject of gambling has been brought by us before the officials of the Bible Class movement. A resolution in favour of Bible Reading in State schools was carried by the Committee, and one of our members, the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, attended the Bible-in-Schools Conference, held in Wellington. We also passed a resolution re the V.D. question. It was presented to the Board of Health Committee by our Convener during its session in Wellington. Practically

the whole of our suggestions were adopted by that Committee. The menace to our national well-being by Sunday games has been discussed by our Committee, and our Chairman, the Rev. E. Drake, was appointed our representative to join a deputation from the Wellington Ministers' Association to interview the Right Hon. the Premier regarding the matter. With respect to Prohibition and the recent poll, we urged our people, through the columns of the "Methodist Times," to work in its interests and to vote for it. In our report to Synod we asked that suitable resolutions on these subjects should be carried. We are glad to report that this was done. At our last meeting for 1922 these resolutions were reviewed and the following were prepared for presentation to the 1923 Conference.

JAMES T. PINFOLD, Convener.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

The Report was received and adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS.

### **Sabbath Desecration.**

Believing that a disregard of the Lord's Day and the decay of vital godliness go hand in hand, also that the Divine commandment to keep holy the Sabbath Day is as binding upon all as ever it has been, this Conference records its emphatic protest against the introduction and encouragement of organised Sunday games. It expresses its appreciation of the efforts of those local bodies that are seeking to uphold the sanctity of the Sabbath Day. It endorses the action of the Temperance and Public Morals Committee in approaching the Government on the question, and it urges upon our members and adherents the necessity of discouraging in every possible way this insidious evil.

### **Venereal Disease.**

This Conference desires to express its satisfaction with the general findings of the Committee of the Board of Health, which, during the year, have been taking evidence in various parts of the Dominion re venereal disease in New Zealand. It trusts that the ensuing Parliament will see its way to legislate in harmony with the suggestions of the Committee.

### **Prohibition.**

1. That this Conference, while profoundly regretting that Prohibition was not carried at the poll in December last, expresses its unaltered conviction that Prohibition is the only true solution of the Liquor Problem.

2. The Conference emphatically protests against the continuance of the State Control issue, and demands that it be removed from the ballot paper.

3. In order that Methodism may be organised for victory, the Conference appoints a Prohibition Propagandist Council in each District, consisting of an equal number of younger ministers and laymen, whose duty it shall be, without charge to the Connexion, to meet in Conference at least twice a year in some convenient centre, face the facts and prepare to meet them, explore every courteous and courageous avenue of approach to those who are out of sympathy with the Prohibition Movement, foster the formation of Bands of Hope and Temperance, Prayer and Study Circles in all our churches, train Bands of Temperance Crusaders for work in the open air, educate public opinion in the spirit of love and of a sound mind, and generally, in co-operation with the New Zealand Alliance, do all that is possible to win the support of the electors for the great cause of Prohibition.

N.B.—Ministers' Meetings in various District to elect the various Councils.

4. That the Rev. E. Drake be appointed the representative of the Conference to the Executive of the New Zealand Alliance.

#### **Immigration.**

That the Rev. Dr Laws confer with the Church authorities in Great Britain concerning the provision of Removal Notes for Immigrants.

#### **Bible In Schools.**

5. (a) The Conference learns with satisfaction that the Prime Minister is favourable to the plan agreed upon (by the Conference of Churches), but regrets that he has not seen his way to state the intention of the Government regarding the passing of the legislation desired.

(b) The Conference would draw attention to the statement of policy, to which publicity was given in October last, announcing that the Government stood for "maintaining the approved principle of free, secular, and compulsory education." In the opinion of Conference that pronouncement is calculated to convey to the public mind the impression that it was not intended to make any change in the law which provides that the teaching shall be entirely of a secular character.

(c) The Conference is of the opinion that the Government should be urged to reconsider its policy, and to make such changes therein as will justify it in introducing legislation that will definitely unsecularise the education system by repealing the secular provision, and that will provide for the introduction of the Conference of Churches' plan of Bible instruction in the primary schools.

(d) That in the event of a fresh parliamentary election being held, the united Conference be urged to take steps to place before all candidates individually particulars of the alterations desired in the Education Act, and to ask each one whether he is prepared to support the passing of the legislation necessary to give effect thereto.

(e) The Conference would direct attention to a pamphlet entitled "Loyalty to Law," written by Mr J. C. Prudhoe, in which it is stated that certain religious practices had been permitted in primary schools in contravention of the law.

(f) The Conference also directs attention to the Imperial instructions that accompanied the Royal Charter in 1840 granting constitutional government to New Zealand. According to Hight and Bamford's "Constitutional History," the well-being of the Natives was recommended to the Governor's particular care. He was bidden to the utmost of his power to promote religion and education amongst them, and especially to protect them in their persons, and in the free enjoyment of their possessions; by all lawful means to prevent and restrain all violence and injustice that might in any manner be practised against them; and to take such measures as might appear necessary for their conversion to the Christian faith, and for their advancement in civilisation. The Conference deems it desirable that inquiry be made as to whether, in order to carry out these instructions, the Government should be requested to alter the regulations governing Native schools so as to provide for Bible reading or some other form of unsectarian religious instruction in those schools.

(g) That a copy of these regulations be forwarded to the Secretary of the United Conference with a request that they be submitted to members of that conference for consideration at a further meeting to be called at the earliest possible date, and that the United Conference be recommended to appoint a deputation to wait upon the Prime Minister publicly and make the necessary representations on the subject. In the event of it being found

impracticable to hold a meeting of the United Conference the opinion of its members to be obtained, and the appointment of the deputation to be arranged by correspondence.

(h) The following Committee is appointed to consider all matters relating to the Bible in schools question, including those referred to in Resolutions 5 and 6, and it is authorised to take such action as it may deem desirable:—  
The Revs. W. Baumber, E. D. Patchett, S. Lawry, H. Ryan, A. H. Fowles, J. Harris, and W. A. Hay; Messrs L. M. Isitt, M.P., J. A. Flesher, E. C. Brown, A. F. Drayton, F. Sheppard Green, A. A. Sandford, and J. C. Prudhoe (Convener).

## SOCIAL CREED OF THE CHURCH.

### STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Recognising that great changes are necessary to bring society within even measurable distance of the Christian ideal, and desiring to make our position clear to all classes of the community, we declare that the Methodist Church stands for:—

1. The sacredness of human personality and the equal value of all men in the sight of God.
2. The affirmation that the true principle of industry is not merely competition for personal gain, but co-operation for the service of the needs of the community.
3. The best service the worker can render, and for the condemnation as utterly un-Christian of scamped work and restricted output; as well as the condemnation for the same reason of the practice of sweating the worker and of exploiting the consumer.
4. The principle of a wage that shall suffice to ensure the health and vigour of family life, housing conditions that will make for happiness and virtue, and the enjoyment of a fair measure of the comforts of life.
5. For such conditions in the toil of women and young people as shall safeguard the physical and moral health of the community.
6. For a weekly day of rest, for reasonable hours of labour, adequate holiday periods, and leisure such as will ensure opportunity for the enjoyment of life and a reasonable use of the good gifts of God.
7. For constitutional methods of securing redress of grievances and of promoting industrial and social reforms.
8. For the removal of the root causes of poverty and unemployment, including vice, waste, and extravagance, as well as those causes relating to the purely economic aspects of trade and education.
9. For the fact that in the message and mission of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ—a message of goodwill and of brotherhood—will be found the only power for promoting effectively the reconstruction and regeneration of society. Hence we seek to secure the recognition of the Golden Rule and of the Mind of Christ, as the supreme law of society and the sure remedy for all social ills.
10. Recognising the need for Christian influence in the realm of ethics that deals with good government (that is in political life), and also convinced that Parliament and public bodies need moral reinforcement, we call upon our people to realise more fully the obligation of Christian citizenship to share more fully in the civic and political life of the land.

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

**A.—GENERAL REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1922.**

**1.—Sales Reported.**

The following sales have been reported on the Schedules sent forward by the District Secretaries:—

**Auckland Central.**—Sale of land at Edendale Road for £300, this to be used in securing a more suitable site elsewhere.

**Auckland West.**—Lots 94 and 95 at Grey Lynn, with two cottages, for £750, appropriated to liquidation of debt and improvements to church property.

**Auckland Methodist Mission.**—Sale of land with house at France street for £694 3s; £180 voted to Dominion Road Church and the balance to the Mission Trust.

**Papakura.**—Four acres of land at Woodside (Wiri), sold for £1000, of which £700 remains on mortgage and £300 is invested, the whole to be used for a new church at Manurewa.

**Paera.**—Small section of land with chemist's shop, for £750; proceeds used for purchase of land and removal of church from Karangahake and re-erection on new section at Paeroa and payment of debt.

**Waipukurau.**—Quarter-acre sold for £95; £60 of purchase money used to pay off debt, and balance towards purchase of another property.

**Rakaia.**—Twenty perches sold for £8; money applied towards purchase of a parsonage site.

It will be noted that sales have been comparatively few and unimportant. In most cases the purchase money is being used to acquire more suitable properties.

**2.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES REPORTED.**

**Auckland (Birkenhead).**—Erection of Sunday Schoolroom in wood; cost, £2290; debt on mortgage, £1400.

**Otahuhu.**—(1) Purchase of parsonage, with 22.5 perches of land, at a cost of £1300; present debt, £1260. (2) Memorial window in Otahuhu Sunday School, costing £225; no debt. (3) Additions to hall at Papatotetoe, for Sunday School purposes, costing £15; no additional debt.

**Pukekohe.**—Erection of parsonage in wood at Bombay, costing £700; debt, £300.

**Waiuku.**—Erection of Sunday School, adjoining the Church, at a cost of £480; debt, £50.

**Coromandel.**—Rebuilding of parsonage, cost £325; debt, £120.

**Kaero.**—Gift of land by Messrs Hayes Bros., valued at £184; erection thereon of the Centenary Memorial Church, costing £1848.

**Paeroa.**—Purchase of land for Sunday School Hall at Paeroa and re-erection thereon of church removed from Karangahake, at a total cost of £599 2s.

**Te Aroha.**—Purchase of one rood at Te Aroha West for £25 and erection thereon of church of wood, costing £920 12s 4d; present debt, £450.

**Hamilton.**—(1) Hamilton (Wesley Trust) purchases and additions, costing £548; no particulars given. (2) Hamilton East, church enlargement, costing £438 12s; debt, £200.

**Rotorua.**—Erection of Bible Class rooms at rear of church, costing £78 3s 8d; no additional debt.

**Te Awamutu.**—Purchase of Church Hall at Pirongia, valued at £400, leasehold tenure from the Crown; debt, £10.

**Te Puke.**—Purchase of 1 rood 24.7 perches, cost, £225; debt, £200.

**New Plymouth.**—Addition to Sunday Schoolroom at Fitzroy, costing £314 14s 8d; debt when completed, £100.

**Waitara.**—Erection of Sunday Schoolroom at Waitara, costing £347 8s 3d; no debt reported.

**Hawera.**—(1) Erection of caretaker's cottage, costing £120; debt, £91 2s 6d. (2) Erection of concrete wall on church frontage at a cost of £70; no debt.

**Stratford.**—Additions and renovations, cost £220; no additional debt

**Wanganui.**—Purchase of parsonage property at Gonville, with 30.6 perches of land, at a cost of £825; debt, £700.

**Napier.**—Alterations to shops, cost £350; additional debt, £350, to be liquidated by increased rent.

**Rongotea.**—Erection of porch to Church, cost £68 4s 6d; no debt.

**Foxton.**—Addition of Sunday School and Church Vestry, cost £234 9s 2d; debt, £94.

**Kilbirnie.**—Purchase of church site at Miramar, cost £225; debt to Church Building and Loan Fund, £205.

**Thorndon.**—Additions of two classrooms at Molesworth Street, costing £360; debt, £175.

**Petone.**—(1) Purchase of 31 perches, with 5-roomed cottage, at a cost of £550; debt, £550. (2) Enlargement of infant schoolroom, cost £102; no debt.

**Levin.**—Purchase of allotment adjoining Century Hall, at a cost of £237 17s; no debt reported.

**Johnsonville.**—Erection of Sunday Schoolroom at Ngaio, at a cost of £649; debt, £300.

**Otaki.**—Purchase of 13 acres 3 roods 8 perches of land at Paraparamu, and erection thereon of parsonage, cost £1461 15s 8d.

**Nelson.**—Erection of store shed, cost £17 4s 10d; no debt.

**Motueka.**—Electric lighting, cost £47; no additional debt.

**Christchurch (Durham Street).**—Erection of brick church at Cashmere; cost, £2122 17s 8d; debt, £682 10s.

**Christchurch East.**—(1) Bequest of 37.3 perches of land at Linwood, with dwelling; valued at £800. (2) Additions to church, cost £314; debt, £294.

**Sydenham.**—Electric light and power, cost £170; debt, £70.

**Tai Tapu.**—Additions to church and installation of organ, cost £756 2s 3d; debt, £279 2s 3d.

**Ashburton.**—Sewerage, cost £194 5s 5d; no debt.

**Waimate.**—Addition to vestry at Nukuroa, cost £56; debt, £20.

**Rakaia.**—Quarter-acre section for parsonage, cost £50; debt reported, £14 10s 6d.

**Dunedin (Cargill Road).**—Alterations to church for installation of organ, cost £248 9s; present debt, £290.

**Roslyn.**—Alterations to church, costing £1316 17s 6d; debt, £481 8s 3d.

**Invercargill.**—Alterations to parsonage at St. Peter's, cost £194; no additional debt.

### 3.—CURRENT TRUST ACCOUNTS.

The following statement shows the transactions in connection with the Trust Accounts for the past year, as compiled from the Circuit Schedules:—

	£	s.	d.
To Credit balances from last year—General Account ...	9,425	1	5
„ Credit balances from last year—Held for special purposes ...	13,301	12	7
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ...	3,045	0	0
„ Loans from other sources ...	10,112	8	4
„ All other receipts ...	49,733	12	10
Total receipts ...	£85,617	15	2
Debit balances ...	7,027	8	6
	£92,645	3	8
	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year ...	6,616	16	7
„ Loan Fund instalments paid ...	2,573	3	6
„ Other loans repaid ...	7,488	1	8
„ Interest on loans and overdrafts ...	5,841	1	3
„ Purchase of land, erections, and additions to buildings ...	19,366	12	5
„ Rents, taxes, cleaning, repairs, etc. ...	26,737	10	9
Total expenditure ...	£68,623	6	2
Balances held for special purposes, September 30, 1922 ...	17,267	1	7
Credit balances ...	6,754	15	11
Total ...	£92,645	3	8

### STATEMENT OF DEBTS.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage debt at end of previous year ...	£101,342	14	6
New loans received during year ...	13,157	8	4
	£114,500	2	10
Deduct loans repaid ...	10,089	12	6
Amount of mortgage debt, September 30, 1922 ...	£104,410	10	4
Unpaid general accounts ...	£2,403	1	5
Unpaid interest ...	£180	8	0
Total of fire insurances ...	£435,368	0	0

The total receipts for the past year show an increase of £5402 10s as compared with the previous year. Considerable activity has been evident during the past year in acquiring new properties and in the erection and improvement of buildings for various purposes. The total amount reported as the cost of these properties is £19,366 12s 5d. Of this, it is pleasing to note that £5694 18s 6d has been spent on Sunday School accommodation.

If reports that appear on Circuit Plans and elsewhere are correct, there must be large sums held for special purposes which are not reported on the Schedules. It is to be assumed that the somewhat large sum of £17,267, held for special purposes, represents preparations for new enterprises or the repayment of debts as they become due.

It is evident that there is considerable laxity in the Statement of Debts, as reported in the Schedules, and in many cases the loans stated in the current accounts to have been paid off during the year are very different from those entered under the Statement of Debts. In presenting this report I have made the two to agree, but it is by no means certain which of the two entries needs adjustment.

Some of the District Secretaries complain of delay on the part of Circuit Superintendents in sending in their Schedules. Some are brought to the Synod, and some are sent after the Synod closes. In some cases there are manifest inaccuracies, which go to show that there is room for improvement in both bookkeeping and auditing. The old trouble of balances from the previous year being wrongly given still persists. These inaccuracies impose a great deal of extra work on the District Secretaries and the General Secretary, and should be avoided if possible.

The thanks of the Conference are due to the District Secretaries for the valuable work which they are doing in connection with the property records.

SAMUEL LAWRY, General Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLVED.

1. That a letter conveying the thanks of the Conference be sent to each of the District Secretaries of Church Properties, and that they be re-appointed.
2. That in the letter to Mr F. Thompson the special thanks of the Conference be accorded to him for his work in preparing the new schedule forms.
3. 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:—The Chairman of the District (ex officio), the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, and St. Albans Circuits, with Messrs J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), A. F. Drayton, F. Thompson, A. C. Reed, T. T. Robson, P. W. Sharpe, and W. Dobbs.
4. That the proposal to revise the Schedule forms dealing with Trust Funds, with the view of securing greater accuracy in their compilation, be referred to the C.B. and L. Fund Committee, with power to act, and if the proposal be adopted the cost of such new forms shall be a charge on the Loan Fund.

#### Gear Trust.

That the President, Connexional Secretary, and the President's Legal Adviser be authorised to deal with all questions now under consideration, or which may arise in the future in connection with the execution and administration of the provisions of the Trust.

## B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

### REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1922.

On the advice of the Auditors a change has been made in the method of showing the Capital of the Fund. Previously to the last year's Balance Sheet the several amounts received for the sale of properties where there was no continuing Methodist cause have been added to the Capital of the Fund. As these amounts were only held in Trust, and might at any time be called for, it was considered that they should be shown separately. This has been done in the Balance Sheet for the past year. The accumulated capital is now £13,480 19s 2d, and on September 30th the sum of £1503 12s 10d was held in Trust and used for Loan purposes.

The Capital was increased during the year by an additional £50 from the Commission on the sale of Hymn Books. As there is a considerable surplus on working expenses account, the Committee recommends Conference to authorise the transfer of £500 to Capital Account.

#### 1.—New Loans Advanced.

During the year ending September 30th new Loans have been advanced as follows:—Foxton, £100; Whakatane, £200; Paraparaumu, £300; Edendale, £150; Fitzroy, £100; Roslyn, £500; Springston, £30; Helensville, £30; Cashmere, £700; Te Aroha West, £250; Miramar, £205; Sydenham, £60; Taneatua, £100; Taumarunui, £150;—making a total of £2875.

Since the books were closed a Loan of £200 has been advanced to Ngaio, and £100 of the money held in Trust for Feilding has been repaid.

#### 2.—Sales and Extended Leases Sanctioned.

The following Sales and Extended Leases have been sanctioned by the Committee, and the Conference is asked to confirm them:—

Auckland West.—Sale of land bequeathed to St. John's Trustees; proceeds to go to the Trustees of the Franklin Road Church, by arrangement.

Wesley Training College.—Leases of three sections at Grafton Road for 60 years—one for £75 a year, the other two at £55 a year each—buildings to be erected in each case of the value of at least £2000.

Auckland East.—Sale of land at Clonbern Road, Remuera, and removal of building to the site of the new Church.

Auckland (Avondale).—Sale of Church site at New Lynn, in order to purchase a more suitable site.

Auckland (Takapuna).—Sale of Church and land at Takapuna for £1500; proceeds to be devoted to erection of new Church on land purchased for this purpose near the Parsonage.

Mangonui.—Exchange of portion of Church land, in order to adjust error in boundaries, a corresponding area to be given in exchange.

Morrinsville.—Sale of land on which the Church stands, the building to be removed to a new site already secured.

Paeroa.—Sale of land with chemist's shop; proceeds to be used for purchase of land for S.S. Hall, and the removal thereto of the Karangahake Church.

New Plymouth.—Sale of strip of unused land in King Street for £175.

Hastings.—Sale of four unoccupied sections at Havelock North; proceeds to reduce debt on Hastings property.

Waipawa.—Sale of unoccupied sections at Otane, Elsthorpe, and Takapau; net proceeds to go towards securing a property at Waipukurau.

Wellington Central Mission.—Reversion to vendors of properties in Cuba Street and Kelburn Parade.

Wellington South.—Sale of property in Donald McLean Street for £3500; proceeds, after discharging liabilities, to be used for helping other Methodist causes in Wellington.

Eketahuna.—Exchange of Parsonage and part of the land for another property of equal value.

Christchurch (Durham Street).—Exchange of part of land at Cashmere Hills for an equal area adjoining.

Christchurch East.—Sale of strip of land at Richmond for street-widening purposes.

Christchurch (Addington).—Sale of Parsonage; the proceeds to be used for purchasing or building a more suitable one.

Alexandra.—Sale of unoccupied section of land at Alexandra, Otago; net proceeds to go to Cromwell Trustees.

Huiakama.—The District Synod of 1921 recommended that this property be sold, and after discharging liabilities, any balance be used towards reducing the debt on the property at Douglas. The Committee has agreed to this; but there are no resident Trustees to take action, and until new Trustees are appointed it does not appear as if anything can be done.

The Committee has also decided to sell, as soon as opportunity offers, the unoccupied sections held by the Treasurers at Rangataua and Highcliffe, it being apparent that these are not required for Church purposes.

### General.

The Committee is required to report to the District Synods "cases in which Church Property Regulations have not been observed." There is a difficulty in carrying out this, arising from the fact that in most cases the failure to observe the Rule is usually disclosed only by the District Report, which comes to hand after the Synod has met. There is a disposition, when no loan is asked for, to disregard Rule 6, and to acquire property and proceed with buildings without obtaining the sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee. In some cases the consent of the Committee is assumed to be a mere matter of form. The result is frequently very unsatisfactory. While there have been several offenders in a small way, the action of the Wellington Mission Trustees is such that the Committee considers it necessary to send to the President a detailed confidential special report on the case, as it appears to require special consideration by the Conference.

District Advisory Committees have in several cases rendered valuable assistance to the Central Committee. The Conference is recommended to appoint similar Committees for the ensuing year.

The North Canterbury District Synod has nominated the following as the Committee for 1923:—The Chairman of the District (ex officio), the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street,

Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, and St. Albans Circuits, with Messrs J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), A. C. Reed, T. T. Robson, J. Down, P. W. Sharpe, W. Dobbs, and S. H. Maddren.

The Committee regrets to have to report the death of Mr John Down since the above nominations were made. For several years he rendered very valuable service, specially in connection with examination of plans and specifications for buildings. The Conference is requested to appoint Mr \_\_\_\_\_ as a member of the Committee in his place.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,—

WM. READY, Chairman.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

### C.—REPORT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE AND CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

Full details of the registration and removal of the names of Trustees of properties were sent to the respective District Synods, also a statement of Deeds received and removed, during the preceding year.

Some Superintendents appear to be unaware of the fact that, when the names of Trustees are for any reason removed from the Trust Board, it is necessary for the fact, with the cause and date of removal, to be duly reported to the Authorised Representative, so that the names may be removed from the Official Register of Trustees. It is, of course, equally necessary that new appointments should be duly notified, as no person is entitled to act as a Trustee until the Superintendent Minister has been notified that his name has been entered in the Register of Trustees.

I desire again to remind the persons responsible that when properties are acquired it is necessary for the particulars of the Deed of Conveyance or the Certificate of Title to be forwarded to the Authorised Representative. Until this is done the registration cannot be completed. As soon as possible the Deed should be sent to the Custodian, and in all cases the Trustees should know where it is located. This may, to some, appear very obvious, but others are evidently not well informed on this matter.

SAMUEL LAWRY,

Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLVED.

1. That in accordance with the provisions of the "Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887," the Rev. Samuel Lawry be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1923-24.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Cash Account and Balance Sheet be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Committee for their services during the past year; and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Chairman of the District (ex

officio), the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, and St. Albans Circuits, with Messrs J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), A. C. Reed, T. T. Robson, P. W. Sharpe, W. Dobbs, S. H. Maddren, and H. Harrison.

3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., for his services as Treasurer during the past year, and that he be re-appointed.

4. That the sanction given by the Committee since last Conference for the sale or extended lease of properties be ratified and confirmed by the Conference. (N.B.—The sanction above given lapses if not acted on by 31st March, 1924.)

5. That all cases where Trustees have entered upon undertakings without receiving the sanction of the Committee be reported to the Conference.

6. That it be a rule that all applications for permission to sell, lease, or purchase property be accompanied by plans showing the locality and other information required to enable the Committee to arrive at an intelligent decision of the proposal.

7. That all communications to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee from Circuits in charge of Probationers, and from Home Mission Stations relating to Trust matters, be sent through the Chairman of the District concerned.

8. That in future the amounts from commission on sale of hymn books, when not required for Working Expenses, be added to the Capital of the Fund.

9. That the Treasurer be authorised to transfer £500 from the Working Expenses Account to the Capital of the Fund.

10. That in each District, except North Canterbury, a District Advisory Committee be appointed, the same to consist of the Chairman of the District and the District Secretary of Church Property (ex officio), with at least one other Minister and Layman in each District. The Chairman of the District is Convener. The following are the unofficial members of the Committee for the ensuing year:—

Auckland.—Revs. S. Griffith and J. A. Lochore, Messrs T. W. Jones and A. Peak.

South Auckland.—Revs. S. Henderson and W. Ready, Messrs J. Fow and J. E. Tidd.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—The Ministers of the New Plymouth Circuit, Messrs W. Ambury and E. Dixon.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Ministers of the Palmerston North Circuit, Messrs G. H. Stiles and F. S. Guy.

Wellington.—Revs. E. Drake and C. Eaton, Messrs W. H. Bennett and B. J. Lynneberg.

Nelson.—The Ministers of the Blenheim Circuit, Rev. J. R. Nelson, Messrs C. W. Parker and A. A. Lucas.

North Canterbury.—The District Executive.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers of the Timaru Circuit, Rev. T. W. Vealie, Messrs W. G. Irwin and J. Holdgate.

Otago-Southland.—The Superintendent Ministers of Dunedin (Trinity), Central Mission, and Mornington Circuits, Messrs J. B. Shacklock and D. C. Cameron, Junr.

**QUESTION XXXV.—What is the Condition of the Various Mission, Educational, and General Connexional Properties and Investments?**

**AUCKLAND.**

1. General Connexional Property Trust.
2. Wesley Training College, Three Kings.  
(For Balance Sheet, see Appendix).
3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.  
(Balance Sheet—Committee B).
4. Probert Trust.  
(For Balance Sheet, see Appendix).
5. Prince Albert College Property.  
(Balance Sheet—Committee B).
6. Theological Students' Library Fund.  
(Balance Sheet—Committee B).

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI.**

7. Grey Institute.  
(Balance Sheet—Committee B).
8. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.  
(Balance Sheet—Committee B).

**WELLINGTON.**

9. Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.

**REPORT OF PROBERT TRUST BOARD.  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1922.**

It is with great regret that we report the death of Mr John Edson. He was one of the original Trustees, and served the Board well and faithfully.

As anticipated in last year's Report the revenue from rents shows a slight increase. The cost of repairs and maintenance is high owing to the necessity of painting some of the buildings.

During the year a further £500 was paid off the mortgage to the New Zealand Insurance Company. Then later on an arrangement was made with the Board's bankers for an overdraft by which the remaining £4000 of this mortgage was paid off. Shortly before his decease Mr Edson deposited £2000 at short call with the Board. The executors of Mr Edson's estate will require this about the middle of December. By the arrangement made with its bankers the Board hopes to save considerably on interest charges.

An alteration has been made as to the mode of remunerating the managers of the estate. Now a commission of 5 per cent. is paid on all rents collected, and a stipend of £50 is paid the Secretary to the Board.

Ere long the Board will have to seriously consider further building schemes. The property in Queen street must shortly be dealt with. It is impossible it can remain in its present condition much longer. Then the Board holds 100ft frontage to the Great North Road with a depth of 100ft, which is practically non-revenue producing.

The present members of the Board are G. A. Buttle (Chairman), Revs. C. H. Laws, D.D., and George Bond, Messrs James Buttle, S. J. Ambury, T. W. Jones, John Veale, and Frank M. Winstone.

G. A. BUTTLE, Chairman.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Treasurers be congratulated upon the complete form in which the accounts have been presented this year.
2. That the nomination of Messrs W. E. Lewisham, Albert Parker, and Arthur J. Buttle as members of the Probert Trust Board be confirmed.

## REPORT PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

In presenting the Balance Sheet of the Prince Albert College Trust, we have to notify that we have reconstructed the same by reason of the death of two Trustees, Rev. C. H. Garland and Mr Buddle, and the resignation of Messrs J. E. Wheeler and W. Hetherington, and have elected in their places Rev. Dr Laws, Messrs H. P. R. Caughey, J. E. Astley, Wm. E. Lewisham, and F. M. Winstone.

As we have had a notification from the Land Tax Department intimating the unimproved value of the land as far as our interest is concerned, and are advised of some alteration in the incidence of taxation which may or may not involve properties held by religious bodies other than for religious worship in the paying of taxation, we have had to make a return, but have protested that, as the whole of the funds of this Trust are devoted to educational purposes, we should be exempt from taxation. If, however, the altered conditions render the Trust liable, the possibility of increasing taxation will materially effect our future prospects.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

## GREY INSTITUTE TRUSTEES.

## REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1922.

In submitting the Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended September 30, 1922, we have pleasure in reporting a total receipt from rents, £703 4s 8d; interest, £32 10s; and consent fees, etc., £11. The amount remitted to the Home Mission Treasurer is £650, which is, we think, a record.

The reason the receipts are so much higher this year is that we have recently received from the liquidators of the Taranaki Oil Wells the sum of £120, being three years oil boring rights, which we had regarded as written off. The rent outstanding is only £14 19s 2d, and are all good marks.

The leases all expire November 30, 1923, and as arrangements for arbitration must be made one year before the expiration of the leases, the necessary steps are now being taken to notify lessees and arrange the arbitration.

An increasing number of transfers of Leases are being made, no less than 27 consents to transfers being recorded.

With the development of the port these sections should increase in value, and we may look for some increase of rentals under the next valuation. The recent Government Valuation of the unimproved value, on which we pay land tax, is £20,136, as against £12,015 under the previous valuation. Our account for Land Tax now payable is £90 5s 10d. We have left a cash balance sufficient to meet this demand.

For the Grey Institute Trustees,—

W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.  
R. PEPPERELL, Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

**QUESTION XXXVI.—What is the Report on Connexional Fire Insurance?**

(For Balance Sheet, see Appendix.)

**FIRE INSURANCE REPORT, 1922.**

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations the Board again presents its Annual Report to Conference. The business continues to increase. The good fortune which has so long attended the operations of the Fund in regard to loss by fire has not been maintained during the past year. A serious fire at Lincoln Road, Christchurch, involved the Fund in a net loss of £365. Since the closing of the books the Board has admitted the claim of the Hastings Trustees for loss amounting to nearly £250. These are by far the heaviest losses in one year that have occurred in the history of the Fund. The Board's policy in steadily adding to its reserves is therefore seen to be fully justified.

As authorised by the Conference of 1922, the Treasurers have paid £300 to the Centenary Fund, £100 to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund, and £100 to the Deaconess House Committee. Last Conference recommended the Board, subject to certain conditions, to write off the indebtedness of the Fairfield Trustees. At the time of closing the books for audit the conditions had not been complied with. Should the Conference authorise this writing off to be made, the assets of the Fund will be subject to a reduction of £55 12s 5d. After paying for loss by fire and meeting working expenses, the assets have increased during the year by £1257 15s 9d. The total assets of the Fund are now £14,559 11s 11d.

In view of the increased risks carried by the Fund, the Board strongly recommends that not less than £1000 be added each year to the accumulated funds, so as to enable the Fund at as early a date as possible to meet its liabilities without having to pay a considerable sum each year for reinsurance. Acting on this principle, the Board recommends that the surplus revenue be appropriated as follows:—£100 to the Deaconess House Committee, £50 to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund, and a further sum of £100 to the Centenary Fund, leaving £1007 15s 9d to be permanently added to the accumulated funds.

The North Canterbury District Synod has nominated the following as the Board for 1923:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. T. Fee and A. Peters, Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Treasurer), H. Holland, C.B.E., S. R. Webb, C. E. Salter, and F. H. Christian.

Signed on behalf of the Board,—

THOS. FEE, Chairman.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That the Report, Revenue Account, and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Board of Management for their services during the past year, and that the following be members of the Board for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. T. Fee and A. Peters, Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Treasurer), Messrs E. C. Brown, H. Holland, C.B.E., S. S. Webb, and F. H. Christian.

3. That the Treasurers be authorised to pay £100 to the Centenary Fund, £100 to the Deaconess House Committee, £50 to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund, and that the balance of the year's surplus be added permanently to the Accumulated Funds.

4. That in all cases, except where mortgage obligations make it impracticable, Trustees and Committees in charge of Trust or Circuit properties be strongly urged, in the interests of Connexional loyalty, and as a means of helping other Connexional enterprises, to effect all their insurances with the Connexional Office.

5. That the Conference re-affirm the resolution of last Conference authorising the Board to wipe off the indebtedness of the Fairfield Trustees.

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

**REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE FOR 1922.**

The duties of the Secretary and the work of the office continue the same as in former years, except that almost every department has increased in the volume of work to be done. The work done by the Secretary is dealt with in the Reports submitted to Conference, and does not require any further reference here.

The working expenses of the office have been provided for as follows:—Credit balance from previous year, £14 0s 6d; Church Building and Loan Fund, £185; Fire Insurance Fund, £210; Supernumerary Fund, £210; Contingent Fund, £165; Methodist Times, £65; authorised representative, £38 12s;—total, £887 12s 6d. The expenditure has been £870 14s 4d, leaving a credit balance of £16 18s 2d.

It is not anticipated that during the present year the expenses will be greatly increased, except in the item of office rent and telephone charges. Both these will probably cost considerably more than hitherto. The following appropriations are recommended for 1923:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £190; Fire Insurance Fund, £225; Supernumerary Fund, £210; Contingent Fund, £165; Methodist Times, £70; Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, £10; authorised representative, £30 (est.);—total, £900.

**Office Accommodation.**

The Committee strongly recommends the Conference to authorise the Boards of Management of the Supernumerary Fund and the Fire Insurance Fund, or either of them, to consider the advisability of investing part of the capital of such funds or either of them in procuring suitable buildings for offices, thus securing permanent offices for the work of the Connexion and a payable investment for the funds. If these Committees, or either of them, endorse the suggestion, the Conference is recommended to give them power to act and report to the next Conference.

The following were nominated by the North Canterbury Synod as the Committee for 1923:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, and St. Albans Circuits; with Mr A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Supernumerary Fund,

and Methodist Times (ex officio), and Messrs E. C. Brown, J. Down, M. Kershaw, C. E. Salter, W. H. Seed, and L. M. Isitt, M.P. The Committee regrets to have to report that, since the above nominations were made, Messrs John Down and C. E. Salter have passed away. They have been members of the Committee for several years, and had rendered very valuable service to the Church and to the general community. The Committee recommends that the names of Messrs W. Simpson and C. A. Newman be substituted for those of Messrs Down and Salter.

The Conference of 1922 designated the present Secretary for a further period of office for three years from 1923. The Committee confirms the nomination of last year, and requests the Conference to make the appointment in the terms of the resolution of 1922 (see Min., p. 104).

The Committee places on record its high appreciation of the faithful and able services of the Rev. S. Lawry, who by his usual promptitude and kindness has maintained the high efficiency of the office.

WM. READY, Acting Chairman of District.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLVED:

1. That the Committee be thanked for its services, and the following be appointed for the ensuing year:—The Chairman of the District (ex officio), the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, and St. Albans Circuits, with Messrs A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Supernumerary Fund, Methodist Times and Literature Fund, Messrs E. C. Brown, M. Kershaw, W. H. Seed, and L. M. Isitt, M.P.

2. That, in accordance with the designation made at last Conference, the Rev. Samuel Lawry be appointed to the office for a period of three years.

#### Connexional Offices.

By a vote of 75 to 25 Conference affirmed the desirability of securing property for Connexional offices in Christchurch, and the matter was referred to the Board of Management of the Supernumerary Fund for consideration and for report to next Conference.

#### QUESTION XXXVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Theological College?

(For Balance Sheet, see Appendix).

#### METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

##### A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1922.

1. The College opened on the third Monday in March, when the following students came into residence—Messrs E. W. Hames, J. Bailey, E. H. Brooker, H. G. Brown, H. L. Fiebig, and G. R. H. Peterson. Throughout the year most satisfactory work has been done. The students have been unremitting in devotion to their work, excellent

discipline has been observed, spiritual culture has not been forgotten amid the pressure of study, and co-operation in gardening has helped, with other recreations, to maintain unbroken good health. During the absences of the Principal on Presidential duties, the Rev. H. Rans-ton, M.A., has been in close touch with the College, and has rendered invaluable assistance.

2. The course of study for the year has been as follows:—

1. **THEOLOGY** (a) Systematic. The nature and sources of Christian Theology. The Being of God, including His nature, attributes, relation to the universe, and His Triune existence. The origin and nature of man, his relation to God, his moral being, his racial relationship, etc. Modern theories in relation to the above. Text book: Clark's "Outline of Christian Theology." Introduction and Parts I and II with lectures by the Principal.
  - (b) Biblical. Old Testament prophecy, its origins, development, functions, inspiration, fulfilment, and the teaching of individual prophets. Also Greek thought as illustrative of Old Testament prophecy. Text book: Otley's "The Hebrew Prophets." Weekly lectures by the tutor in languages.
  2. **BIBLICAL INTRODUCTION.** The authorship, date, composition, contents, and literary style of the Old Testament prophetic books and the Hexateuch. The personal characteristics of the prophets. Text book: Box's "Short Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament." Weekly lectures by the tutor in languages.
- EXEGESIS.** The principles of exegesis and a detailed study of the "Servant of the Lord" passages in Isaiah and of the Book of Amos. Text book: For the latter, Driver's Commentary. Weekly lectures by the tutor in languages.
4. **HOMILETICS.** Two classes conducted by the Principal.
    - (a) Senior: Practical and Pastoral Theology, with Gladden's "The Christian Pastor and the Working Church" as text book.
    - (b) Junior: A course of lectures on Sermon Preparation and Delivery, and on the Conduct of Public Worship, together with a study of Dale's "Lectures on Preaching."
    - (c) In addition to the above fortnightly criticism sermons have been preached and discussed in class under the tutor in languages.
  5. **COMPARATIVE RELIGION.** Mr Hames has pursued a course, under the direction of the Principal, in Comparative Religion (text book: Tisdall's "Comparative Religion") and Modern Cults (text book: Radford's "Ancient Heresies in Modern Dress.")
  6. **HEBREW.** Mr Hames has pursued a course of study in the elements of the language under the tutor in languages.
  7. **GREEK.** Two classes have been conducted by the tutor in languages.

- (a) Senior: The syntax of the language and the following chapters of the New Testament:—Luke iv, John xiv, Romans xii, Acts xx, I Corinthians xiii, Phillipians i, and James i. The Didache has also been read and passages from Josephus illustrative of first century Christianity.
- (b) Junior: Accidence, exercises, easy passages from the New Testament. Text book: Moulton's "Introduction."
8. **LATIN.** Work in preparation for the Matriculation Examination has been done under the tutor in languages.
9. **MATHEMATICS.** Classes up to Matriculation standard have been conducted by the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
10. **ENGLISH.** Classes up to Matriculation standard have been conducted by the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A. The work has included Nesfield's Manual, "Principles of Essay Writing," detailed study of selections from standard English authors.
11. **SOCIAL ECONOMICS.** A class has been conducted by the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., with Chapman's "Elementary Economics" as text book. The following subjects have been dealt with: The purposes of economics, nature of wealth, utility, value, exchange, standards of living, production, factory legislation, relations of capital and labour, markets, price, functions of money, modern developments in trade, all discussed from the standpoint of Christian ideals.
12. **MENTAL AND MORAL PHILOSOPHY.** A class has been conducted by the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A. The work has covered the last part of Wardell's "First Lessons in Philosophy," and an elementary course in Logic. Psychology and Ethics have been taken in preceding years.
13. **ELOCUTION AND VOICE PRODUCTION.** A course of instruction has been given by Mr T. Harris, professional elocutionist.
- 3. UNIVERSITY WORK.** Messrs Hames, Bailey, and Fiebig have pursued University studies and have been excused subjects 8-12 inclusive in the above course.
- (a) Mr Hames, who last year passed for the B.A. degree in English and Mental and Moral Philosophy, has this year attended lectures and passed the Terms' Examination in Advanced History (First Class) and Greek (Second Class), winning the College Premium in the former subject. He is sitting for these subjects in his final B.A. Pass Examination.
- (b) Mr Bailey, who completed his Matriculation last year, has attended lectures and passed the Terms Examination in Education (Third Class) and Economics (Second Class), and is sitting for the B.A. degree in these subjects. He has also attended lectures in Greek at the University in preparation for taking this subject at a later stage in his University course.
- (c) Mr Fiebig, who passed for Matriculation last year, has attended lectures and passed the Terms Examination in History (First Class) and Education (Second Class), and is sitting for the B.A. degree in these subjects. He has also attended lectures in Latin in preparation for taking this subject at a later stage in his University course.

- (d) Mr Brooker, who secured a partial pass for Matriculation last year, is this year completing the examination by taking Latin. He has also attended University lectures in Economics in preparation for future work, and has passed the Terms Examination (Third Class) in that subject.
- (e) Messrs Brown and Peterson are sitting for Matriculation in December.

4. The students have conducted services during the year in the Auckland City and Suburban churches, and have also assisted occasionally in non-Methodist pulpits. Messrs Bailey, Brooker, Brown, and Fiebig have done vacation supply work in various circuits.

5. During the year devotional meetings have been regularly held. Two of these gatherings have been addressed by the Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., on work among young people, and one by the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., on the Fellowship Movement. The students as a body have affiliated with the Y.M. Bible Class Union.

6. The household arrangements of the College have been carefully supervised by Mrs Laws during the year.

C. H. LAWS, Principal.

Auckland, November 1, 1922.

#### B.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1922.

1. The demands made upon the Principal as President of the Conference in the centenary year have involved frequent absences from the College. The efficiency of the institution, has, however, been well maintained. By taking up almost the whole of the vacations in travelling the Principal minimised the interruption of College Classes, and during his absence the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., exercised most valuable oversight. The students have carried out their prescribed studies with diligence, the visiting lecturers have done effective service, and the year has been a thoroughly successful one.

2. The Committee expresses its profound regret at the death of Mr John Edson, one of its senior members. Mr Edson's interest in the College revealed itself in his important gifts and able administration of the Students' Library Fund. During the current year he had set apart £100 to provide for annual elocution prizes among the students.

3. The Principal has arranged to leave on his visit to England in March next, and the Committee recommends that, during 1923-24, the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., be appointed Acting-Principal with the same emoluments as pertain to the office at present.

4. During the year negotiations have been opened up with the Auckland East Quarterly Meeting and the Grafton Road Church Trustees with a view to that Church being taken over by the College Committee and worked as a College chapel, thus providing opportunity for practical Church work by the students under experienced supervision. All the parties are in hearty agreement, and the Committee recommends that the plan be given effect to in April, 1924, after the Principal's return from England. Full details of the proposals will be presented to Conference.

5. Very careful attention has been given to the staffing of the College in view of important new developments, and the Committee recommends that, in view of (1) the extensive work which must be undertaken by the Principal on his return from England in organising

and carrying to a completion the new College scheme; (2) the institution of Classes (including correspondence work) for candidates for the ministry, Home Missionaries, local preachers, Sunday School teachers, etc., in 1924; and (3) the added work entailed upon the staff by taking over the Grafton Road Church, the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., be set apart in 1924 as a permanent member of the staff, thus rendering unnecessary the employment of visiting tutors.

N.B.—The Treasurer (Mr G. A. Buttle) presented a statement showing that, in consequence of increased revenue from the Probert Estate, and from taking over the Grafton Road Church, and the saving effected in tutors' fees, this proposal can be given effect to, while at the same time reducing by some £200 the charges now made upon the general funds of the Church. A full statement will be presented to Conference.

6. The Committee recommends that Mr A. Peak be appointed Treasurer of the Students' Library Fund in place of Mr J. Edson (deceased). The Committee of Management for the College will be nominated through the Auckland District Synod.

T. F. JONES, Convener.

Auckland, November 1, 1922.

#### C.—REPORT ON THE NEW COLLEGE SITE.

1. THE EPSOM SITE.—Mr A. Peak, on behalf of the trustees of this site, reports that out of 23 sections on this property 18 have been sold, and there are enquiries for some of the remaining five. The prices obtained have been satisfactory, and it may be estimated that a sum of not less than £2000 will be available as net profit from the sale of the site.

2. In accordance with the resolution of the last Conference, close attention has been given to the question of securing the freehold of the proposed site for the new College in Grafton road. With the full concurrence of the Theological College Committee, the Board of Wesley Training College, and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, legislation has been successfully promoted giving the Board of Wesley Training College power to grant to Trustees appointed by the Conference a lease of the sections already approved by the Conference for a College site, with a provision enabling the Trustees to purchase the fee simple during the term of the lease on giving to the Board six months' notice of their desire to do so. By this means the securing of the freehold is assured, and the scheme for the erection of College buildings can be prosecuted with confidence. Full particulars of the legislation secured will be presented to Conference. It is proposed to initiate the new College scheme immediately on the Principal's return from England.

C. H. LAWS, Chairman.

T. F. JONES, Secretary.

Auckland, November 1, 1922.

#### D.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

The expenditure on the College has been less than the estimate. It is evident every care has been exercised to keep the cost of the institution down. At the same time ample provision has been made for necessary requirements. There are no items of expenditure that call for special mention. On the receipt side the Probert Trust has

contributed £710, Contingent Fund £500, Emsley Trust £110, Prince Albert College Trust £75. Mr H. H. Marshall paid a further £10 off the amount he was assessed to repay. The Home Mission Treasurers were not called upon to contribute any money during the year just closed.

There is some uncertainty as to the number of students to be in residence next year, and consequently ample provision must be made for the maintenance of the College. I estimate the cost will be about £1600, and suggest the following allocations:—

	£	s.	d.
Probert Trust ... ..	750	0	0
Contingent Fund ... ..	600	0	0
Home Mission ... ..	100	0	0
Prince Albert College ... ..	50	0	0
Emsley Trust ... ..	110	0	0
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	£1610	0	0

The expenditure is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
House ... ..	600	0	0
Stipend ... ..	250	0	0
Rent ... ..	208	0	0
Tutors ... ..	160	0	0
Connexional Charges ... ..	61	5	0
Quartermage ... ..	64	0	0
Furnishing ... ..	50	0	0
Rates ... ..	55	0	0
University ... ..	50	0	0
Garden ... ..	45	0	0
Elocution ... ..	6	6	0
Insurance ... ..	8	0	0
Sundries ... ..	52	9	0
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	£1610	0	0

G. A. BUTTLE, Hon. Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Report was received and adopted

The Balance Sheet of the Students' Library Fund was received and adopted

The Report of the Principal was received and adopted.

The Report of the Committee of Management was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That during the Principal's absence in England during 1923-24 the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., be appointed Acting-Principal with the same emoluments as pertain to the office at present.

2. That Grafton Road Church be taken over by the College Committee and worked as a College Chapel after the Principal's return from England in April, 1924.

3. That in view (a) of the extensive work which must be undertaken by the Principal on his return from England in organising and carrying to a completion the new College scheme; (b) the institution of Classes (including correspondence work) for candidates for the

ministry, Home Missionaries, local preachers, Sunday School teachers, etc., in 1924; and (c) the added work entailed upon the staff by taking over the Grafton Road Church, the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., be set apart in 1924 as a permanent member of the staff, thus rendering unnecessary the employment of visiting tutors.

4. That Mr A. Peak be appointed co-Treasurer of the Students' Library Fund in place of the late Mr J. Edson.

5. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., for his work as Principal, and gratification expressed at the work accomplished. That Mrs Laws be heartily thanked for her services in connection with the work of the College.

6. That a special letter of thanks be sent from the Conference to the Treasurer, Mr G. A. Buttle, for his deep interest in the work as Treasurer, and that he be reappointed.

7. That cordial thanks be presented to the tutor in Classical Languages and Literature, and to the assistant tutors for their work during the year.

8. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. F. Jones for his services as Secretary and Convener of the Committee of Management.

9. That the following be the Committee for 1923.—The Vice-President of the Conference, Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., P. N. Knight, B.A., J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, G. T. Marshall, W. A. Sinclair, J. A. Lochore, A. B. Chappell, M.A., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., C. H. Olds, B.A., W. G. Slade, M.A., and T. F. Jones; Messrs A. C. Caughey, G. A. Buttle, G. Winstone, sen., A. Peak, J. W. Shackelford, J. Veale, T. W. Jones, S. J. Ambury, J. Stanton, LL.B., J. J. Parker, H. P. Caughey, C. A. Piper, and W. A. Worsley. The Committee to elect its own Secretary and Convener.

10. That the President approach each candidate for the Ministry at the Conference and ascertain whether he is able to contribute to the cost of his training, and how much.

11. That satisfaction be recorded that legislation has been promoted to secure the freehold of the Grafton road property.

12. That the heartiest thanks be tendered to Mr A. Peak for his services in connection with the sale of sites of the Epsom property.

13. That the Trustees of the Theological College Building Fund be congratulated for their successful management of this property.

**QUESTION XXXIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Wesley Training College?**

#### **THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.**

(For Balance Sheet, see Appendix.)

#### **REPORT, 1922.**

The long-projected move from Three Kings to Paerata took place on August 28th. In perfect weather staff, scholars, and farm animals vacated the picturesque old home in the suburbs and quietly and quickly moved down to the ampler and still more beautiful new home prepared for them 30 miles away.

Many members of the Conference will remember seeing plans that the Principal had with him when he was appealing for donations towards the Paerata scheme. The actual buildings more than fulfil the promise of those plans. They are solidly constructed, elegant in design without waste in useless ornamentation, spacious, convenient, comfortable, and perfectly sanitary. On a site that commands a wide outlook over the surrounding country, the new buildings are distributed in groups or blocks in such manner that every part is touched by direct sunlight and clean air. Entering the main block from the eastward, we find masters' rooms, dormitory divided into four-berth cubicles, and flanked with a wide sleeping-out verandah, a large dressing-room with an entirely original suite of wardrobes in place of the usual lockers, a lavatory room with ample floor space and all appropriate fittings, and towards the north, with full light and fresh air, a main class room. When the scheme set out by the plans is completed all parts of this block will be duplicated. South of this main block, at a convenient distance, is the domestic block, in which will be found dining room, kitchen, laundry, store rooms, and connected by a covered way rooms for the Matron and her assistant. Westward from these buildings is the recreation block, the chief features of which are a very large shelter shed and a club room that can be also used as a class room. The Principal's residence is a quite separate building, conveniently situated a little to the north.

Water for all these buildings is collected partly from a deep bore and partly from the roofs into a very large underground cistern, and thence pumped up into a ferro-concrete tank on a tower for distribution. The cold water has a good pressure, and the hot water services are both ample and cheaply maintained.

A quite up-to-date milking plant has been established, and is now operating with a good herd of cows. Other outbuildings are in progress. The barn, woolshed, and two cottages that were on the property when it was purchased are also in full use as parts of a going concern. Nearly the whole of the land west of the railway has now been worked and fertilised, with results that are very encouraging and beyond anticipation. Plantations of trees put down in 1914-15 are now tall and beautiful belts of shelter, already yielding firewood and poles. In addition to cattle, the farm is carrying 800 sheep and lambs. Such a farm is of immense value as a function of the College; but while still further developments are needed, too much must not be expected in the way of financial profit.

The few boys who have had the privilege of being the first band to enjoy the new home have given us great satisfaction. There is not a lazy or ill-mannered one amongst them. They conform to discipline, learn their lessons, and perform their industrial duties as promptly and cheerfully as if all were members of a family working for a common interest. For this high standard of conduct we undoubtedly owe very much to daily religious instruction.

The advantages gained in the move to Paerata impose upon the Board corresponding obligations. The long-cherished intention to enroll European boys as well as Natives must be put into practice. The total roll must be increased. But this cannot be done on a basis of wholly gratuitous benefits. Progress always brings difficulties. Wesley Training College has made a bold advance, but has thereby incurred a heavy liability beyond its available funds. Part of the annual revenue must go to pay interest. The cost of board, lodging, and

tuition in a present-day boarding school cannot be reckoned at less than £50 to £60 per annum. Free places can be given only to a certain number of the most needy and deserving. What is possible in the great majority of cases is partial help. That is to say, if a boy or his friends, on his behalf, can bring £20, £30, or £40 for a year's residence and tuition, the Board may be able to make him a present of the balance. An institution like Wesley Training College will probably find its best work in thus helping people who are able and willing to do something towards helping themselves. Restricted to non-contributing scholars, the school must be small and weak. With a large percentage of paying or contributing scholars it will become strong and effective.

(Signed), P. N. KNIGHT, Chairman of the Board.

J. H. SIMMONDS, Principal of the College.

Auckland, October 18, 1922.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That, upon the retirement of the Rev. J. H. Simmonds from the Principalship of Wesley Training College, this Conference desires to express its high appreciation of his service to the Church in this capacity. Twenty-eight years of the fifty-four he has devoted to the ministry of the Church have been spent in this College appointment, and he has borne its responsibilities and fulfilled its duties in a way that has brought honour both to the Church and to himself. His force of character, devotion to duty, breadth of scholarship, freshness of mind, and skill in administration have contributed incalculably to the success of the College, and especially to its progress in policy and achievement. It was chiefly through his instrumentality that the Methodist Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1911, was passed, the site at Paerata selected and purchased, the plans for the new College prepared, and the buildings erected; to him also belong the credit of getting the scheme to blend Native and European boys in a Secondary School. The College, as established now at Paerata, remains as a splendid memorial of his fidelity and energy, and the vital influence of his patient work will continue through coming years to bless the Dominion, especially its Native population.

2. That the proposal of the Board of Wesley Training College to seek a Principal or Director of the College amongst competent men in the teaching profession be approved.

3. That the Conference delegate to the Board the power to appoint and instal the man selected in accordance with Section 33 of the Methodist Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1911.

4. That the Rev. A. J. Seamer be appointed a member of the Board.

5. That the Board be permitted to appoint its own Chairman for the ensuing year.

**QUESTION XL.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting the Connexional Funds?**

**1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.**

(For Revenue Account and Balance Sheet, see Appendix.)

**REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1922.**

The Board has pleasure in submitting to the Conference the Report on the working of the Funds under its management for the year 1922. The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet, as printed in the Appendix, must be taken as part of the Report, and these freely set out the financial position. It will be noted that £250 has been added to the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund. This now amounts to £1500. During the year three Supernumeraries have died, in each case leaving a widow as an annuitant on the Fund.

**ARREARS OF PAYMENTS.**

On December 31st the arrears owing on account of Ministers' Subscriptions and interest thereon amounted to £351 7s 3d, as compared with £302 2s 4d a year earlier. The arrears due by individual Ministers are in most cases small, and compare very favourably with the position in other Conferences; £25 also is due as returned furniture grant.

The arrears of Circuit Levies on December 31st amounted to £557 7s 6d. These represent only a few pounds more than the amounts due for the December quarter.

The question raised at last Conference in regard to the liability of Circuits to which Ministers on the Australian Fund are appointed has been dealt with by the President's Legal Adviser, who has given his opinion that the Conference has full power to make the levy on those Circuits the same as on other Circuits. The full "text" of the opinion has been forwarded to the President, and a copy will be laid on the table of the Conference. The Board repeats the recommendation made last year.

**PAYMENTS FROM CENTENARY FUND.**

As reported to last Conference, the amount due to the Supernumerary Fund, including interest at 5 per cent., was £648 6s 2d. To this has been added £12 12s as interest on the unpaid balance. During the year further payments have been made, amounting to £28 11s 3d. This leaves a balance of £132 6s 11d still due. The Board has requested the Treasurers of the Centenary Fund to pay the balance due, leaving the question of any refund to be decided by the Conference, but they have declined to adopt this course.

**PAYMENT TO ANNUITANTS.**

The Annuities paid to Supernumeraries and Ministers' Widows during 1922 amounted to £6627 12s 4d, and Furniture Grants to £170; £281 12s 2d was paid to the Rev. N. Turner, who retired under the provisions of medical probation.

**WORKING EXPENSES.**

The working expenses of the Fund for the year were £261 11s 6d. This represents a little over 7 per cent. on the income from Subscriptions and Circuit Levies.

### INVESTMENT OF THE FUND.

Of the Accumulated Funds, £94,300 is invested on mortgage, the rate of interest ranging from  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. to 7 per cent. In view of the depressed financial conditions throughout the Dominion, the Board is pleased to be able to report that in nearly all cases interest has been paid regularly, and at the end of the year there were very few cases of arrears, and it is not anticipated that there will be any permanent defaulters, or that any loss will be sustained.

The amount invested in Government and Local Bodies' Debentures is £20,506 15s. A small parcel taken over from the Australasian Fund bears interest at 4 per cent.; the interest on the rest varies from 5 per cent. to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

The average rate of interest earned on the mean funds for the year was £5 19s per cent.

### INVESTMENT OF MINOR FUNDS.

In accordance with the authority given by the Conference of 1922, the Board has arranged that in future moneys at the credit of the Benevolent Fund, the Home Missionaries' and Deaconess Retiring Funds, shall be invested with the Supernumerary Fund, and be credited with the average rate of interest earned by the whole Fund. It is considered that this arrangement will be to the advantage of all the Funds concerned.

#### BENEVOLENT FUND.

During the year subscriptions for the Benevolent Fund, amounting to £36 4s 9d, were received through the late Mr John Stevenson, of Wanganui, and £100 was received from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund. These amounts, with interest on the invested Capital, enabled the Board to make grants totalling £166, which have been very gratefully acknowledged by the recipients. In addition to £100 invested Capital there is £189 11s 6d to the credit of the Fund.

#### HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

During the year £93 0s 8d has been paid to retiring Home Missionaries, and £44 has been returned to the Home Mission Treasurers. The working expenses of the Fund have amounted to only £1 12s 7d. After crediting each Home Missionary with his share of the interest earned, a considerable surplus has accrued to the Fund through the retirement of Home Missionaries who have served less than seven years. A portion of this surplus has been distributed as a bonus among the members of the Fund. The Bonus added is £1 10s for each year of service, from two upwards, since the Fund was established, the maximum being £7 10s. The Balance Sheet shows the position of the Fund. The average rate of interest earned is a little over  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. The surplus in the Fund is £235 17s 8d.

#### DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.

There is not much to report in regard to this Fund, except that during the year the Missionary Sisters employed in the Solomon Islands have joined the Fund. Three members of the Fund have retired and have been paid the full allowances due to them. The Accumulated Funds at present amount to £327 13s 11d. As the money will now be invested with the Supernumerary Fund, a better rate of interest may be anticipated than has been earned up to the present.

## CONFERENCE REMITS.

Last Conference referred the following matters to the Board for consideration and report. (See Min. Conf., 1922, pp. 119-20) :—

**1. Medical Probation.**

It is recommended that instead of adding interest on 75 per cent. of Circuit Levies, the Rule be altered to read: "There shall also be paid to him the full amount of the levies paid by the Circuits," etc.

**2. Orphan Children.**

It is recommended that the Rule of the Australasian Fund be adopted—viz., "In cases where both the father and the mother are dead, the Treasurers shall make an allowance to the orphan children of a Minister at the rate of £10 per annum for each boy up to the age of 16 years, and for each girl up to the age of 18 years, provided that the total sum thus paid shall not exceed the amount of the Annuity payable to a widow of such Minister."

**3. Status of Rev. N. Turner.**

The Rev. Nicholas Turner having retired under the provisions of Medical Probation, has been paid in full the amount due to him. As he has entered into business, it is recommended that pars. 86 and 87 of the Law Book, p. 120, be applied in his case, and that in other respects he be regarded as a Supernumerary without any further claim on the Fund.

**4. Members of Expeditionary Force.**

The Board has not been able to ascertain what amount is likely to be available from the Military Fund as the nucleus of a Special Fund for the benefit of those who may be compelled to retire early as the result of their war experience. Until this is known it is not possible to do much in the way of providing for an increase of the Fund.

## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR 1923.

According to Rule, Rev. W. J. Williams is the retiring member of the Board. The following are nominated for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. Baumber, E. D. Patchett, A. H. Fowles, P. R. Paris, and J. Guy, Messrs J. C. Prudhoe (Treasurer), W. H. Seed, W. Dobbs, G. Bowron, W. H. Foster, and A. F. Drayton.

WM. BAUMBER, Chairman

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
J. C. PRUDHOE } Treasurers

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

2. That the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet of the Supernumerary Fund, the Cash Account and Balance Sheet of the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, the Cash Statement and Balance Sheet of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, and the Cash Statement of the Deaconess Retiring Fund be received and adopted.

3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Board of Management for their services during the past year,

and that the following be the members of the Board for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. Baumber, E. D. Patchett, A. H. Fowles, P. R. Paris, J. Guy, Messrs J. C. Prudhoe (Treasurer), W. H. Seed, W. Dobbs, G. Bowron, W. H. Foster, and A. F. Drayton.

4. That each Minister and Probationer connected with the New Zealand Fund be required to pay a personal subscription to the Fund of £10 per annum, payable in two half-yearly instalments, the first being due on the 1st day of April, and the second on the 1st day of October in each year, no interest on arrears to be charged if instalments are paid within one month of due dates.

5. That the President's Legal Adviser having given his opinion on paragraphs referred to him by Resolution 7, on p. 118 of the Minutes of the Conference of 1922, that they were within the legal powers of the N.Z. Conference, and his opinion having been favourably reported on by Supernumerary Fund Board and the Conference Committee, the same be endorsed by the Conference and the resolutions put into operation.

6. That Circuits and Departments pay for each Minister employed therein, whether such Minister be connected with the New Zealand Supernumerary Fund or not, the sum of £15 per annum, payable in quarterly instalments.

7. When a Circuit employs a Minister who is connected with the Australasian Supernumerary Fund, and the amount of the Circuit Levy fixed by the Australasian General Conference is less or more than £15, the difference shall be credited to, or paid by, as the case may be, the New Zealand Fund.

8. That in the case of Ministers transferred to an Australian Conference who continue in connection with the New Zealand Fund, the Supernumerary Fund Board shall arrange with the Board of the Australasian Fund for the payment to the New Zealand Fund of the amount of the Circuit Levy from time to time fixed by the New Zealand Conference in respect of Ministers connected with the New Zealand Fund.

9. That the Australasian Board of Missions pay for each Minister or Probationer connected with the New Zealand Supernumerary Fund, and employed in the Districts of New Britain or Papua, a levy of £17 12s per annum, and for each Minister or Probationer employed in other existing Districts a levy of £15 per annum.

10. That the New Zealand Board of Missions pay for each Minister or Probationer connected with the Australasian Supernumerary Fund, and employed in any Mission District under the control of the New Zealand Conference, such levies as may be required from time to time by the Rules and Regulations of the Australasian Fund.

11. Medical Probation.—That Rule 30 be altered to read "there shall also be paid to him the full amount of the levies paid by the Circuits," etc.

12. Provision for Orphan Children.—That the following new Rule be adopted: "In cases where both the father and the mother are dead, the Treasurers shall make an allowance to the orphan children of a Minister at the rate of £10 per annum for each boy up to the age of 16 years, and for each girl up to the age of 18 years, provided that the total sum thus paid does not exceed the amount payable as an annuity to a widow of such Minister."

13. The Rev. Nicholas Turner having retired under the provisions of Medical Probation, and having paid in full the amount due to him,

he be regarded as a Supernumerary without any further claim on the Fund. As he has entered into business, paragraphs 86 and 87 of the Methodist Law Book, p. 120, are to be applied in his case.

14. That the amount of £25 4s 8d due to the Supernumerary Fund on account of Rev. E. B. Chambers for years of status given to him for war service be paid by the Contingent Fund, the amount to be refunded from the Military Fund, if money from that source should be available.

## 2.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

A Report was presented to Conference.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Treasurers, Rev. D. J. Murray and Mr E. Kellow, and that they be re-appointed.
3. That the Levy for the ensuing year be 10 per cent. on the taxable amount.
4. That the payments on account of the Fund be £9 per annum for each child.
5. That Resolutions 5-9, Minutes, 1922, be Standing Resolutions.

## 3.—CONTINGENT FUND.

For Statement of Income and Expenditure see Appendix.

For Table of Levies see Appendix.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet for 1922 be adopted.
2. That the Levy for 1923 be 8 per cent.
3. That Mr E. A. Rosevear be re-appointed as Lay Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, and that, at the request of Mr Rosevear, the Conference undertakes to find a successor next year. The Conference desires to place on record its high appreciation of the devoted services rendered by him to the Church during the 19 years he has served the Connexion as Treasurer, first of the Supernumerary Fund, and then of the Contingent Fund. In various capacities Mr Rosevear has held continuous membership in the Otago Synod for some 28 years, and in the New Zealand Conference for 25 years. In tendering him sincere and hearty thanks for his loyal, zealous, and fruitful service to the Church, we pray that for many years, under the Divine blessing, he may be spared to share in the official activities of the Church.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for his services as Clerical Treasurer of the Fund, and that the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse be appointed his successor.
5. That, in view of Mr Rosevear's request to be released from office next year, the Otago-Southland Synod be directed to nominate his successor.
6. That, in view of the fact that the Rev. W. Lea, although an Ordained Minister of our Church, served in the ranks until the close of the war, a grant of £25 be made to him from the Contingent Fund.

## 4.—THE REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONFERENCE, 1923.

The Committee desires to draw the attention of Conference to the fact that, although 36 Ministers changed Circuits in April last, only two Superintendents observed paragraph 3 of the Regulations, viz. :— "That Circuit Stewards or Superintendent Ministers in Circuits where removals take place during the next three years be required to furnish to the Removal Fund Committee particulars of the expenses incurred by such removals, to enable the Committee to estimate the amount of the Levy to be struck for subsequent years."

It will be obvious that unless this rule is faithfully observed by all concerned the Committee will be quite unable to make its estimates, and the whole scheme will break down.

The following is a statement showing the position of the Fund for the twelve months ended December 31, 1922:—

District.	Assessments on						Levies.					
	Connexional Institutions.			Ministers' Stipends.			Paid.		Unpaid.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ... ..	16	12	6	51	12	0	51	3	5	17	1	1
South Auckland ... ..				32	4	6	8	8	0	23	16	6
Taranaki-Wanganui ... ..				37	18	6	28	8	11	9	9	7
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ... ..				31	8	0	23	11	0	7	17	0
Wellington ... ..				38	5	2	28	14	0	9	11	2
North Canterbury ... ..	9	2	6	51	10	6	43	9	6	17	3	6
South Canterbury ... ..				22	6	0	13	12	0	8	14	0
Nelson ... ..				19	9	4	14	12	0	4	17	4
Otago-Southland ... ..				46	13	0	35	0	0	11	13	0
Total Levies assessed and unpaid ... ..	£25	15	0	£331	7	0	£246 18 10		£110	3	2	
Total amount received												£246 18 10

## Expenditure.

By Credit Balance deposited in Post Office Savings Bank, Christchurch ... .. £246 18 10

The Committee is of the opinion that when the Fund comes into operation a Levy of 3 per cent. or 4 per cent. will have to be made upon all Ministerial Stipends.

Very careful consideration has been given to the question of admitting Home Mission Stations to the benefits of the Fund. The views of the Rev. T. G. Brooke and some senior Home Missionaries were invited and duly discussed. With the help of the Rev. T. G. Brooke, the removal expenses of all Home Missionaries for the three years 1920, 1921, 1922 were sought, and the returns from 40 out of 63 places were obtained.

The removal expenses of 40 Stations for three years amounted to £693 1s 5d, making an average per Station for three years £17 6s 6d.

Averaging the 23 Stations from which no returns were received at £17 gives £391, and a total of £1084.

The amount of Stipends paid to Home Missionaries was sought. These, for 63 Stations, were averaged as follows:—

2-3—viz., 42 at £180, equals ... ..	£7560
1-3—viz., 21 at £160, equals ... ..	3360
	£10,920

Estimated average of removal expenses per year, £361 10s; 3½ per cent. Levy on £10,920 equals £382 4s.

The Committee is of the opinion that before the scheme is applied to the Home Mission Stations the Fund should be given a fair trial as it now stands.

The re-appointment of the Rev. E. D. Patchett and Mr W. H. Seed as Treasurers is recommended, and that the following be the Committee:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. E. D. Patchett, H. Ryan, P. R. Paris, Messrs W. H. Seed, M. Kershaw, F. Thompson, W. Dobbs, A. A. Sandford. Convener, Rev. P. R. Paris.

WM. READY, Acting-Chairman.

PERCY PARIS, Convener.

#### RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted, and the Treasurers be thanked for their services.

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

(For Balance Sheet, see Appendix.)

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, 1922.

The present year is outstanding in the history of our Church in this Dominion, inasmuch as it marks, in commemoration of its Centenary, a notable Missionary forward movement. Since the year 1855 we have been associated with the Church in Australia in the great task of evangelising the Natives of the South Seas. The partnership has been harmonious and useful. The record of those years is one of which we have no reason to be ashamed. But we have now parted company, and on January 1, 1922, we assumed responsibility for the control and maintenance of a portion of the South Seas Mission Field—viz., the Solomon Islands District.

#### Finance.

Owing to the change made this year whereby the Foreign Mission Appeal is made in the South Island during the latter part of the year, it is not possible to compare the financial position at October 31st this year with that of last year. The amount received by the Treasurers up to October 31st is £7512. The North Island income amounts to £5444, as against £6867 last year, showing a deficiency of £1423; but several Circuits have either not completed their effort or have failed to forward money in hand. The expenditure to date has been £11,288 5s 3d.

With an almost certain deficiency on the estimated income in New Zealand, and a certain deficiency on the estimated income of the Mission District on account of the slump in copra, there is every indication that we shall close our first year with a considerable deficiency, unless Circuits put forth a special effort before the end of the year. Circuits are reminded that accounts close on December 20th.

Only one small legacy of £12 10s, from the estate of the late Richard Pitkin, of Springston, has been received during the year. A gift of £175 from Mr Whitford, of Mangere, of Mortgage and Gas Company Debentures, has for the present been placed to Suspense Account.

The New Zealand share of the Australasian deficiency is £3741. Of this amount, £750, plus interest, is to be paid this year, provision for this having been made in the year's allocations.

#### **Staff.**

All the Missionaries on the field, both Ministers and Sisters, with the exception of the Rev. R. C. Nicholson, who retired on account of ill-health, transferred to the New Zealand Missionary Society. The following was the staff on April 31st, when the transfer took place:—Revs. J. F. Goldie (Chairman of the District), V. le C. Binet, A. A. Bensley, J. R. Metcalfe, and A. H. Cropp; Sisters Mansfield, Stanford, Jennings, and M'Millan.

Early in the year Mr J. H. L. Waterhouse was appointed Headmaster of the School at Kokengolo. In April, the first Missionary party under the new order of things left New Zealand for the field. The party consisted of the Rev. Tom Dent, Mr and Mrs Chivers, Sisters Berry and Barnett. The Native staff has also been strengthened by the addition of twelve Tongan teachers.

#### **Publications.**

The last Conference decided that in place of the Australasian Missionary Review, a quarterly Magazine, "Fields Afar," should be published, and also a quarterly paper for the children, to be called "The Lotu." Owing to the name "Fields Afar" being in use by another Church in the Dominion, it was decided that the new Magazine should be "The Open Door." Two numbers have been issued, and they have met with a most cordial reception. The circulation of "The Open Door" is about 5000. One number of "The Lotu" has been published, and has been most favourably received. Over 4000 copies have been ordered by the Sunday Schools. It is hoped that every Sunday School will order a sufficient number of copies to supply one to every family represented in the School.

#### **Equipment.**

A lighting plant has been installed at Kokengolo, the head station, and, needless to say, it is greatly appreciated. Difficulty has been experienced in obtaining a license for the erection of a wireless plant. The Commissioner has now promised to give the required permission, and it is anticipated that the plant will soon be in working order. Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of a sawmill and a printing press, in accordance with the resolutions of the Conference, and it is hoped that before long both these necessary articles of equipment will be on the field. Provision has been made from special funds for the purchase of all these articles of equipment.

### **New Enterprises.**

Additions to the Missionary Staff have made it possible for new enterprises to be undertaken. The Rev. A. H. Cropp, with the assistance of Fijian teachers, has commenced work in Bougainville, a heathen island with a population of possibly 100,000. The Rev. V. le C. Binet has established a new station on the East Coast of Choiseul, among a semi-heathen people, who have long been at war with other heathen tribes on the island. Happily, peace has already been brought about. The Rev. Tom Dent has been appointed to Marovo, in the Roviana Circuit, a place far distant from the head station, which has never previously had a resident European Missionary. These are most notable advances to be made in one year.

### **Medical Missions.**

It is the declared policy of the Board to establish on the field as soon as practicable a well-equipped Medical Mission. A Medical Student, pledged to service on the Mission Field, is now in training in the Medical School in Dunedin.

The appointment of Nurse Berry has made possible the extension of the Medical work already established by the Missionaries on the field. Nurse Berry is rendering splendid service in this connection. Three other nurses, two of whom are Plunket Nurses, have been accepted by the Board for appointment to the field when their training is completed and the way is clear for them to go.

### **Interesting the Men of the Church.**

Certain proposals with regard to interesting the men of the Church in our Missionary work and enlisting their support will be found in the Minutes of Conference, 1922, p. 127, Resolution 35. Few Circuits have given attention to this matter in accordance with the resolutions of the Conference.

Two of our young Maori Ministers, the Revs. Rakena Piripi and Matarae Tauroa, have volunteered for the Mission Field. Their applications will be dealt with by the Board at the Annual Meeting, and recommendations will be made to the Conference with regard to the conditions of their appointment.

### **Deputations.**

The Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, now stationed at Bambatana, on the Island of Choiseul, is due for a furlough next year, and will spend some time in the Dominion as Missionary deputation.

### **Thanks.**

The best thanks of the Board of Missions are due to District Secretaries, Circuit Secretaries, and Committees, Collectors, and to all who in deputation work and otherwise have assisted in advocating and furthering the imperial cause of Foreign Missions.

C. H. LAWS, President.

W. A. SINCLAIR, General Secretary.

## INDENTURED LABOUR COMMISSION.

### REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

The Commission set up by Conference begs to submit the following report upon the question of Indentured and other Labour in the South Seas, particularly as it is related to the policy and activities of the Church. Due regard has been given to the order of reference, and the findings of the Commission, although inevitably marked by overlapping due to that order, are arranged according to it:—

#### I.—THE NATIVE LABOUR PROBLEM IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

1. The Commission has obtained the fullest possible information respecting the employment of Free Labour and of Contract Labour on our own Mission and other plantations. The testimony of Missionaries actually at work in the Islands has been regarded as of prime importance, and this source of evidence has been utilised thoroughly. The following statement summarises the facts:—

##### A.—ON OUR MISSION PLANTATIONS.

The Natives who live at our head stations, where we have plantations, are all regarded by the Government as students. They have put themselves under the influence of the Mission for religious and educational reasons. They all give a certain amount of time each day to work on the plantations, and some of them receive wages. They may be divided into three classes:—

(a) Young school boys, who do not get any wages, but do light work on the plantations in return for their schooling, food, loin cloths, and other advantages.

(b) Christian young men in Circuit Training Institutions and in the District College. These spend most of the morning at Bible Study and school work, and the rest of the time on the plantations. They are paid wages according to the work done, the amount being in harmony with the rate ruling in the group.

(c) Heathen young men from distant villages, who come principally for the purpose of earning money, and are supposed to give the whole of their time to work on the plantations. They receive the highest wages according to ruling rates. They are given religious instruction and two hours' schooling every morning, and on this account are not regarded as "labour." The presence of this class on the Head Stations is explained by the fact that the conditions prevailing in the Solomons made it necessary to develop the work on industrial lines. Traders and planters were continually enticing the young men into the villages away from the "Lotu" by making them good monetary offers. It was essential that these young men should be kept under the direct control and influence of the Mission; hence their employment on Mission lands.

(d) Contract labour is only employed by the Mission on the Island of Banga, under the personal supervision of the Chairman of the District. The workers are paid the highest wages, are provided with more frequent gifts of clothing than is required by law, are encouraged to bring their wives, who are not allowed to work on the plantations, have daily instruction in school, have their daily lotu, and attend the services at the Head Station on Sunday.

## B.--ON OTHER PLANTATIONS.

**(a) " Free Labour."**

The general meaning of the term in the Solomons is that the local Native is free to accept employment for a day, week, month, or any period he chooses. For this form of labour there is no written agreement. The Native can come at any time, leave at any time, or be discharged at any time. The wage is usually at the rate of 10s per month and keep. There is, however, scarcely any free labour in the Western Solomons.

**(b) " Contract Labour."**

Though there is no imported alien labour in the Solomons, the indenture system is in existence. The term "indenture" has recently been dropped, but the conditions of contract remain the same. The term is for two years. Some labourers stay at one plantation for many years. They re-sign year after year because they like the life on the plantations. In accordance with Government regulations, they get lodgings, medical attendance, and good rations. The minimum rate of pay is £6 per year for the first term of the contract and £12 for a second term. Not many of the Natives are willing to engage themselves at the minimum rate. Government labour inspectors visit all the plantations to see that the conditions of the contract are observed.

There is little likeness between the Pacific of to-day and the Pacific of the old "black-birding" days. "The White-labour policy of Australia," in the words of Dr G. H. Scholefield, "has entirely extinguished the Polynesian Kanaka in the Commonwealth and its dependencies." Private recruiting for oversea employment amongst the Pacific Islands no longer obtains; contracts are, in effect, restricted to labour within the group of the employee's origin. Even before these things happened there was a higher regard for the Kanaka's physical and moral well-being than was common in the times that have provided in the Pacific, as elsewhere in the world, the shameful record of forced Native and imported labour. The introduction of labourers from India and the Orient, under Government agreements, marks the new phase and makes the new problem.

2. The Commission has carried out carefully the instruction to investigate the indictment of Indentured Labour by recognised authorities, and to consider proposed alternatives. It cannot regard many criticisms of the system of Indentured Labour as indictments by recognised authorities; their value is discredited by the fact that they are advanced on obviously inadequate knowledge. One critical treatment of the subject is outstandingly worthy of attention. It is Mr Edward Jacomb's treatment as contained in his book, "The Future of the Kanaka." Years of residence in close touch with the system, a legal training qualifying him to weigh and analyse the evidence, and a wide sympathy with the brown peoples of the Pacific, as well as a keen concern about the future of all men in this ocean, entitle him to a respectful hearing. Both in this book and in his earlier book on the New Hebrides he has devoted serious attention to the question. He declares that this system has been more destructive than slavery. He cites the Congo atrocities in evidence, and says: "Wherever one turns to view this modern substitute for slavery we see similar results. It is not because the system is inherently unjust. On the contrary, in theory it is excellent. It is because

neither Government nor white man will carry it out. Vested interests are touched, and everything has to give way to them." He admits the need for the system from the point of view of the white employer in the Islands at present. To quote:—

"It will easily be understood that the reason why an employer seeks to bind Natives to work for a fixed time (up to the legal maximum of three years) is because labour is scarce, because he must recruit to get any at all, and because he cannot afford to go to the expense of recruiting if his recruits are to be at liberty to leave him the next day. And so, in spite of the fact that the system leaves a wide door open to irregularities (the usual baits being alcohol and women), it cannot be said that from the point of view of the white employer under the present scheme of running the Islands, the case for the establishment and continuance of the indentured labour system is simply unanswerable. It must be; there is no other way. It is, of course, possible to reform abuses by making laws against them and enforcing them, or by the undertaking of all recruiting by the Government itself. This latter method has much to commend it, but whatever the method by which it is applied, the loopholes for dishonesty are obvious. The Government cannot put a special agent on every tiny cutter to see fair play—the expense of doing so would be prohibitive. And experience has shown in the old Queensland recruiting days that irregularities may take place even with a Government agent on board. Moreover, even after recruiting has taken place and the labourers are drafted on to the plantations, we must realise that, as the Groups consist of many different islands, with the settlers scattered over each, miles apart from one another, the supervision and inspection of plantations and labourers is impossible, or at least very difficult. Of course, we find in all the Groups a multitude of laws and regulations regulating the relations between employers and employees in the minutest particulars, but there is little hope of enforcing them. Consequently, the employer can do pretty much what he likes, and the Native does what he is made to do. The results are seen from the high death-rate on plantations."

Mr Jacomb proceeds to state that the system has been seen at its worst, so far as the Pacific goes, in the New Hebrides, where he has resided and with the outlook of which he has been especially concerned. It is to be noted that the Anglo-French Condominium, under which that Group has been governed, has made it unusually difficult to enforce adequate legal protection of the Natives from unscrupulous whites. Mr Jacomb acknowledges that in Papua the Government sees that its regulations are observed. He pleads for the education of the Kanaka to deal with his own lands.

This treatment of the subject is consonant with the view taken by the Commission. Indeed, it has never been the view of any member of it that an Oriental alien population should be allowed to filch the heritage of the Kanakas, and the barbarities inflicted under the indenture system have been too obviously evil to allow of any difference of opinion among Christian men and women. That the system is capable of administration without these barbarities some notable instances show, on the testimony of Missionaries on the field. A Missionary of long experience in Papua says that "to prevent the exploitation of Natives within the territory indenture is justifiable."

The Commission is convinced that the only ultimate solution of the problem is the education of the brown man of the Pacific to exercise ownership of his lands and work them. The land and labour

questions are inextricably interwoven; but at present, in the interests of the brown man himself, the use of even alien labour, under contract and with safeguards for all parties, is inevitable.

We have, as a people, duties to the Natives of the Pacific Islands, and their discharge is a solemn obligation. There is only one principle; other considerations are mere corollaries: the good—not merely the infantile pleasure, but the growing well-being—of the Kanaka. The Covenant of the League of Nations, as embodied in the Peace Treaty, and current in the Mandate that New Zealand has accepted in relation to Western Samoa, recites that to those territories which are inhabited by peoples not yet able to stand by themselves under the strenuous conditions of the modern world there shall be applied the principle that the well-being and development of such peoples form a sacred trust of civilisation. In applying that principle, a truly Christian one, some practical considerations must be borne in mind:—

(1) The brown races of the Pacific are in various stages of childhood. They must be aided to reach the stature of full life. How? Not by placing responsibilities on them, even in the name of rights, that they cannot carry. Civilisation, however Christian, has many things to say unto them; but they cannot bear them now. There must be adjustment of the impact of that civilisation upon these peoples. They must be in tutelage, not as a permanent, but as a preparatory, state. Complete land proprietorship on an individual basis and undirected contracts as to their labour are as yet beyond them. The way thither has to be bridged by a wisely graduated enlargement of responsibility.

(2) There is a vital relationship between material and human interests. The Commission rejects the view that there can be a choice between two ways of treating these peoples—one having regard to them and the other concerned about the productivity of their land. Industrial and spiritual uplift must go hand in hand. They are inseparable in any worthy policy. There is no hope in a piecemeal treatment. These peoples are already half-commercialised; to put the clock back is impossible; to stop it would be to leave them tragically without knowledge. The picture of the happy islander weaving garlands and frisking in the dappled sunshine of his verdant isles, while all about him Nature waits obsequiously on his wants, exists in the fancy only. He would be indolently pleased, no doubt; but the spur of civilisation has disturbingly touched his life, and pests threaten his food supply. His soil and his soul cannot be put in separate compartments; the rhinoceros beetle attacks his immortal spirit. His salvation is bound up with his handwork. One of our own experienced Missionaries writes in response to the Commission's circular asking for information: "The Church must take the broadest possible view of her responsibility. When she seeks to uplift a backward people she may fairly claim that everything that makes for their well-being and development is the care of the Christian Missionary. To make the Natives agriculturalists and industrialists must be regarded as an essential part of our Mission work. It is not enough to teach them the way of salvation through Christ. We must help them to realise the dignity of manhood by a life of industry and progressive intelligence."

(3) In keeping with this policy of making industrial conditions minister to the full well-being of the Kanaka, care is demanded that the Natives are not exploited either by unscrupulous planters or through the indifference of Governments. A duty rests upon the

Church to use moral suasion on planters, to make representations to Governments, and to exercise a vigilant watchfulness over contracts—their making, their keeping, and their termination. Our Missionaries should be encouraged to maintain their vigilance in these matters. As to one case reported to the Commission—that of the Rev. W. E. Bromilow, in the early days of our Papuan Mission—excellent work has been done by a Missionary accepting Government appointment as an officer empowered to supervise the making of contracts and their due fulfilment.

(4) Especial care needs to be exercised over the incidence of labour systems in their effect upon the village systems of the Natives. Recruiting even within a Group may seriously deplete villages of their best blood, and all too rapidly undermine their ritual life—before a capacity for a different life is developed.

As to 'proposed alternatives' to Indentured Labour, the Commission regards indigenous free labour as impracticable in this generation. It is insufficient in some cases to cope with even the work of Native plantations where pests threaten, and it is hopelessly insufficient where larger schemes are involved. In some groups it is woefully inefficient. Other labour must be got. It cannot be white, save under conditions very rare in the Pacific—climatic conditions prohibit it. If it be brown or black or yellow, shall it be free or under contract? It it were free it would involve State immigration, for private employers could not import it without guarantees of a maintained supply—i.e., by their own Government. (A guarantee by the employee is a contract or indenture, and labour so conditioned would not be free.) If Government immigration of free labour obtained, the Government authorities of the immigrants' country of origin, say, India or China, would naturally insist on their subjects being given the right to settle and become permanent residents—a thing wholly undesirable in the interests of the indigenous peoples of the Pacific, whose good is, *ex hypothesi*, to be our constant care.

These considerations compel acceptance of some form of just and congenial contract as a means to secure alien imported labour to meet present requirements.

3. The Missionary industrial aim is sufficiently indicated in the above statement. It is to make industry serve in its place the highest interests of the Native peoples. As to the Solomons, more particularly specified in the order of reference, our Missionaries there agree to regard industry as an indispensable ancillary agent in the Christianisation of the Natives.

Three proposals are commended by the Commission as important in any practical policy formulated to govern the industrial relations between the Natives and the Church:—

(1) That all Mission plantations and workshops be regarded as training institutions for the agricultural and industrial development of the Natives.

(2) That all Natives in the employ of the Mission be paid for all reproductive work and be given opportunities to obtain an education and to attend religious services.

(3) That all profits from Mission industries be placed in a separate Fund, to be used in the District to promote the general well-being of the Native people, in the erection of buildings for technical instruction, hospitals, etc.

## II.—THE SYSTEM OF CHINESE INDENTURED LABOUR IN SAMOA.

1. As giving a clear statement of the Samoan Missionaries' views, the Commission reports: (a) The statement of the Rev. G. Shinkfield, Chairman of the Methodist District in Samoa; and (b) the statement of the Secretary of the District Committee of the London Missionary Society in Samoa:—

### (a) Statement by the Rev. George Shinkfield, Methodist Missionary, and Chairman of the District, Samoa.

There are probably about 1500 Chinese labourers in Samoa, and two or three hundred Solomon Islanders. They are distributed chiefly among the planters and the Crown estates, but mostly among the latter. The fact that most of the labour is working on Government plantations suggests that the Samoan Indenture System will at any rate be free from the more objectionable characteristics of privately-recruited labour. And this would appear to be so in Samoa. For, whereas this question is a burning one in New Zealand, we are not accustomed to hear either the policy itself criticised or its administration in Samoa itself, which would seem to suggest that it is more a political matter than a social and moral one, and one that concerns New Zealand more than Samoa.

### Labour Necessary.

There seems to be no doubt that labour of some kind must be imported into Samoa, as it cannot yet be obtained in sufficient quantity to do the necessary work. But it is believed that as the population increases—and it is increasing—so the supply of labour will increase. If the labour is not forthcoming now from some quarter then much wealth will be lost, and possibly the Government may not be able to shoulder the burden of governing the country. It is believed here, also, that if the extensive coconut plantations, both of the Crown estates and those privately owned, are allowed to go back to Nature, then the coconut beetle, which has proved to be such a menace, will destroy not only such plantations, but also the plantations of the Samoans, as they will not be in a position to combat the pest. And as the coconuts are practically the currency of the country, the Natives would then have no means of income. It surely must be granted that the coconuts, so recently in danger of being overcome by the beetle, ought to be preserved. It has been demonstrated that the necessary labour cannot now be obtained from the Samoans themselves, as they have more than enough to do to look after their own extensive areas. If, then, labour is to be procured it must be imported. If this is granted, the question seems to resolve itself into one of providing adequate safeguards, so that the system introduced may not be open to objection, especially from a humanitarian point of view.

There is no doubt that the experience of Fiji has been unfortunate, and has caused those who have suffered thereby to often speak of indentured labour as wrong in principle. Then the fact that Governments have forbidden the indenturing of their labour shows that, whatever the present position may be, the past has not been a happy one.

One of the most serious criticisms of the system, and that which concerns us chiefly, is that the system is immoral. There are two ways in which it is said to be immoral.

First, it is said to be immoral to bring single men into these conditions and forbid them marrying, or to bring married men without their wives.

Secondly, it is said to be against the interests of the Samoans, and the cause of much immorality and irregular living.

If the term of the indentures is a long one, then the system will not be able to escape the first criticism. And in the case of the Solomon Islanders now in Samoa this criticism holds. For whereas they are undoubtedly well off compared with their brothers at home, having horses, bicycles, etc., and may be seen on Sundays dressed in the best of clothes, yet they have been here very many years and no provision has been made whereby they may marry. The position, so far as they are concerned, then, is that they are here by the hundreds, they are practically without any womenfolk of any kind, either of their own country or of this land. They are not allowed to marry Samoans. This also applies to many Chinese who have been here for very many years, some of whom are living with Samoans as man and wife, but not legally so. It is certainly wrong to forbid such marriages in the case of those who, for some reason or other, are being detained in Samoa.

But in the case of the labourers recruited by the New Zealand Government, it is definitely specified that their term is to be for only three years, and they are then to return to their native land. But there is a proviso by which their term may be renewed. If the three years' contract were adhered to there would appear to be little or no objection to the system; but it is another matter if the contract can be renewed indefinitely. However, the short contract is the basis of the policy, and against such a proposal there is no serious objection from the moral point of view.

In considering the question from the point of view of the Samoans, it has to be remembered that the Chinese are segregated to a very large extent. For instance, the plantations are very extensive, and usually far removed from any Samoan village. It is only when the labourers are away on leave that they come into contact in any way with the Samoans, except in isolated cases, chiefly in Apia.

Then again there is, generally speaking, some degree of animosity existing between the Chinese and the Samoans, and the chiefs are careful lest there should be any commerce between their womenfolk and the labourers. The Samoans have obtained guarantees from the Government to protect them in every way. They are not allowed to enter a Samoan house, for instance. The communistic system makes it easy for the chiefs to prevent such intercourse.

In conclusion, we think that some system of importing labour is inevitable, for the reasons given above. The Administration seems fully alive to the dangers of any such system. They have had before them two possible solutions of the moral problem. One, to bring married men with their wives, the other to shorten the contract.

They claim that they have tried the former, but found it impracticable; they then instituted the short contract. We think that the short contract system is open to little or no objection from our point of view, providing it is observed. But we think that, owing

to the great cost and inconvenience of such a repatriation system, there will be an increasing desire to renew the contracts. If this should be so, then the system may prove little better than others, and so open to grave criticism.

**(b) The Secretary of the District Committee of the L.M.S. in Samoa writes under date May 29, 1922:—**

This Committee was asked to give categorical replies to definite questions, and felt bound to do so, as far as it was not committed to any pronouncement on the subject of Indentured Labour itself, viewed from the moral standpoint. We have never as a Committee made such a pronouncement, and, as a matter of fact, refused pointedly to answer a question put by the Minister of External Affairs which might possibly have been construed into tacit approval of indentured labour even under the severest restrictions possible.

We think it can be safely said that no member of our District Committee would stand by the principle involved in indentured labour.

The following questions were submitted to the L.M.S. District Committee. The replies are appended:—

1. Do you believe the statement of the planters that the abandonment of the European plantations will result in the latter becoming a dangerous additional breeding ground for the rhinoceros beetle and a menace to the whole coconut industry?

We believe the statement of the planters that the abandonment of the European plantations will result in the latter becoming a dangerous additional breeding ground for the rhinoceros beetle and a menace to the whole coconut industry.

2. Are you of the opinion that it is impossible for the Samoans to cope with their own beetles in addition to those of the European plantations, if abandoned, and that, therefore, the introduction of indentured labour, under strict supervision and control, is imperatively necessary in the interests of the Samoans?

We are of opinion that it is impossible for the Samoans to cope with their own beetles in addition to those of the European plantations, if abandoned, and that, therefore, the introduction of labour in some form—if indentured labour, then under strict supervision and control—is imperatively necessary in the interests of the Samoans.

3. Do you believe that there is any substantial foundation in fact for the assertions now being made by certain sections of the public in New Zealand: (a) That the introduction of single Chinese in the past has resulted in great moral degradation of the Samoan people. (b) That the resumption of the introduction of large numbers of single Chinese for plantation work, under strict control, will necessarily create a further moral menace to the Samoan people.

We do not believe that there is any substantial foundation in fact for the assertions now being made by certain sections of the public in New Zealand: (a) That the introduction of single Chinese in the past has resulted in great moral degradation of the Samoan people. (b) That a resumption of the introduction of large numbers of single Chinese for plantation work, under strict control, will necessarily create a further moral menace to the Samoan people.

4. Do you believe that the introduction of married Chinese, if they can be secured, is desirable for the sake of the Chinese themselves?

We are of the opinion that the introduction of married Chinese, if they can be secured, is desirable for the sake of the Chinese themselves.

5. Do you believe that, if married Chinese are not obtainable, the introduction of the number of single Chinese necessary to maintain the present plantations in a proper state of development need not be resisted on the ground that their introduction constitutes any serious moral danger to the Samoan people?

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2. The Commission has been in correspondence with the New Zealand Government, and has the fullest justification in stating:—

(1) That the Government sincerely determines to exercise the Mandate over Western Samoa in the interests of the well-being and development of the Samoan people.

(2) That the Government is convinced that the "sacred trust of civilisation" involves the maintenance of the Government and other plantations; their reversion to jungle would seal the fate of the Samoan race.

(3) That this maintaining of the plantations cannot be accomplished without imported indentured labour at present.

(4) That "the Government will only continue to employ imported labour so long as the needs of the plantations cannot be met locally."

(5) That the conditions of the employment of this imported labour, as set down in the "terms of labour contract" (see Second Report on the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa), allow for approved labourers bringing their wives at the cost of the Government, on a six years' contract—otherwise the term is three years; for renewal contracts, in which all parties, including the Chinese Commissioner and the New Zealand Government, must acquiesce, of not more than three years' duration; for the payment of £1 10s a month and overtime wages and holidays; for the supply of suitable outfit, rations, pocket-money, sick pay, and postal privileges; for permission to leave work on urgent business at the discretion of the Chinese Commissioner; for compensation in the event of death or disablement due to work or to climate; for the prohibition of all corporal punishment; and for the repatriation of all time-expired men. All temptations to bad habits are prohibited.

3. The Commission considers that the attitude of the Church should be one of acknowledgment of the Government's sincere efforts to carry out the terms of the Mandate over Western Samoa, and of watchfulness over the execution of that policy in keeping with the principles laid down by the Commission as applying to the Pacific generally. The Commission favours the reduction of the term of

indenture to as short a period as possible, with an extreme maximum of three years. It especially welcomes the Government's assurance that ultimately imported labour will be dispensed with, and that in the meantime the interests of the imported labourer and of the Samoan will be conserved.

Finally, the Commission endorses the attitude taken up by the Conference of 1920 in "urging upon the Government the moral obligation to keep the system of indentured labour above reproach in methods of recruiting, conditions of employment and residence, and provision for the highest welfare of the employees, and to secure such effective repatriation after short terms of employment as will safeguard the interests of all concerned."

C. H. LAWS, Chairman  
 W. A. SINCLAIR  
 A. B. CHAPPELL } Conveners.

The Report and Financial Statement were received and adopted, also the Report of the Indentured Labour Commission.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Treasurers, Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr J. W. Court, be thanked for their services during the past year, and that they be re-appointed.

2. That the Conference endorses the proposal to borrow money to work and develop the plantations in the Solomon Islands, and authorises the Board to make the necessary arrangements to this end; that the amount to be borrowed is not to exceed £6,000.

3. That the Centenary Fund Treasurers pay to the Board of Missions the Foreign Mission portion of the Centenary Fund, to be used as may be deemed best by the Board.

4. That it should be regarded as a matter of honour and duty by all Circuits to forward missionary money immediately it is received to the Treasurers in Auckland.

5. That the Conference approves the proposals of the Board of Missions in connection with the Every Member Appeal this year. The Conference directs Superintendents of Circuits and Home Missionaries in association with Circuit Missionary Secretaries to forward to the General Secretary, prior to March 31 in the North Island, and May 15 in the South Island, a complete list of the names and addresses of all members and adherents in their Circuits and Home Mission Stations.

6. That two Sundays be appointed on which the annual subscriptions shall be placed on the offertory plates. That these days be in the North Island June and in the South Island October, and that where these days are unsuitable, information be sent to the General Secretary as to suitable dates.

7. That the arrangements of the past year with regard to Foreign and Home Mission appeals be continued. That the date of closing the appeal and financial effort in Circuits be in the North Island July 31, and in the South Island December 31. That the Board's financial year end on December 31, and that all accounts close on that date.

8. That the following be the estimates of income and expenditure for 1923:—

Income.	Expenditure.
New Zealand ... .. £13,000	Solomon Islands ... .. £13,000
Solomon Islands ... .. 2,500	Working Expenses in N.Z. 1,622
...	Australasian Board ... .. 930
<hr/> £15,500	<hr/> £15,552

9. That a Medical Students' Training Fund be established; that separate accounts be kept; that the Rev. W. Beckett is appointed Treasurer of the Fund, and that £50 be placed on the estimates this year for the Fund, to be used only if required.

10. That Mr E. G. Sayers be accepted as a student in training for medical mission work.

11. That the question of establishing a Central Dispensary in the Solomon Islands be referred to the Mission District Synod, and, if approved, that the Chairman be requested to furnish details in connection with the carrying out of the scheme.

12. That the publication of Circuit Lists be continued, but that instead of publishing the tables of average giving, the number of individual subscribers in each Circuit be published, and the percentage of subscribers to the total membership.

13. That in view of the fact that a history of the Solomon Islands Mission will be needed in the future, the Rev. and Mrs J. F. Goldie and others identified with the pioneer work in the Solomons be requested to prepare notes with a view to the publication of the story of the Mission at some future date.

14. That a short account of the life of Daniel Bula be published, provided satisfactory financial arrangements can be made.

15. Powers of Chairman of the Mission District.

That the law of the Australasian Church with regard to the powers of the Chairman of a Mission District be adopted as follows:—

That the Chairman of a Mission District, when the Conference or Mission Board shall so direct, or when he deems it advisable, shall have authority to visit any Circuit within his District, and take such action as in his judgment may be required in regard to the work carried on in the said Circuit. Provided, however, that the Superintendent of such Circuit, or any of his colleagues affected thereby, shall have the right of appeal to the Board as against any such action of the Chairman. Provided, further, that in regard to matters of character and disciplinary action in connection therewith, the rights of ministers and probationers shall be in no way affected.

16. That the Committee on Constitutional Matters appointed by the last Conference be re-appointed. Convener, Rev. W. A. Sinclair.

17. That until such time as a special constitution is prepared for the Mission District the law applying to Deaconesses having a seat in the Synod do not apply to Missionary Sisters in the Solomon Islands District.

18. That District Secretaries for Foreign Missions be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board of Missions.

19. The Conference congratulates the Rev. and Mrs J. F. Goldie on completing 21 years of service in the Solomon Islands. It rejoices in the wonderful achievements of those years, and thanks God for the self-sacrificing labours of these devoted workers, and prays that they may long be spared to proclaim the evangel among the people of the Solomon Islands.

20. That consideration of the question of the missionary education of Students, Probationers, and Missionary Sisters be deferred until the return of the Principal of the Theological College from England.

21. That the Board of Missions be instructed to consider the Synod recommendations on the question of interesting the men of the Church in our missionary work and to take whatever action may be deemed desirable.

22. That Circuits Lists of Church Members and their addresses be sent to the General Secretary not later than April 30.

23. That this Conference records with gratitude an income of £10,304 16s 8d from the Home Circuits and Women's Auxiliaries, and tenders its hearty thanks to all who during the year have devoted time and talent to the interests of our Foreign Work.

24. In view of the urgent demand for a continued forward movement in the Solomons, Conference urges upon all our members and adherents the need for earnest and considered prayer, believing that if such prayer is based upon the actual needs and opportunities of the work it will lead to fuller consecration of service and life in the Master's work.

25. That the following be the Board of Missions for 1923:—The President of the Conference (Rev. B. F. Rothwell), the General Secretary (Rev. W. A. Sinclair), the Treasurers (Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr J. W. Court), the Chairman of the Auckland District, Revs. J. A. Lochore, C. H. Olds, F. Copeland, E. P. Blamires, A. Liversedge, W. A. Burley, S. Lawry, E. Drake, W. Beckett, W. W. Avery, Messrs H. Field, W. S. Mackay, F. W. Stone, George Winstone, A. Peat, J. P. Blair, J. E. Astley, A. J. Buttle, E. Rosevear, E. Dixon, B. J. Lynneberg, F. Sheppard Green, Mesdames G. Bowron, H. E. Pacey, T. H. Stevens, Miss Carr, and the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District.

#### DISTRICT FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEES, 1923.

Auckland.—Revs. T. R. B. Woolloxall, F. Copeland, W. G. Slade, M.A., J. E. Parsons, H. Ranston, M.A., Litt. D., Messrs F. G. Steinert, W. S. Mackay. Convener, Rev. F. Copeland.

South Auckland.—Revs. W. Ready, J. D. McArthur, the Minister of Hamilton East, Messrs A. T. Maunder, T. L. Hames, J. T. Bryant, J. T. Johnson. Convener, Rev. F. E. Leadley.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Revs. W. Lea, W. W. Avery, C. Strand, Messrs W. G. Bassett, F. J. Denton, J. Parker, A. S. Wansborough, T. J. Goodey, F. Whitlock, Mesdames E. R. Morgan, W. Brown, Miss Cunliffe, Sister Hazel. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Revs. T. R. Richards, A. M'Bean, Superintendents of the Palmerston North and Feilding Circuits, Rev. W. Wills, Messrs T. R. Hodder, J. Harding, C. E. Taylor, F. J. Gibbs, J. H. Oldham. Convener, Superintendent of Palmerston North (Broad Street) Circuit.

Wellington.—The Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Rev. G. Frost, Messrs F. Chinchin, S. T. Martin, T. Fathers, M. Cable, B. J. Lynneberg, J. B. Shaw, W. Mort. Convener, Rev. E. Drake.

Nelson.—The Chairman of the District, Rev. B. J. James (Convener), Messrs C. N. Gunn, I. Nelson, J. McIndoe, F. Pullen, Mesdames Jones, McIndoe, and Butcher.

North Canterbury.—Incorporated with the District Executive Committee. Convener, Mr F. Sheppard Green.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers of the Timaru, Waimate, and Temuka Circuits, Messrs C. G. Voegeler, J. E. Chiles, T. E. Holdgate. Convener, Mr T. E. Holdgate.

Otago-Southland.—The Superintendents of the Dunedin Circuits, Messrs E. A. Rosevear, E. A. Harman, P. Nixon, D. C. Cameron, jun., T. W. Hemer, J. P. Simon, W. M. Roberts, R. N. Vanes, R. Jamieson. Convener, Rev. G. P. Hunt.

Southland Sub-committee.—The Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits, Messrs J. J. Wesley, A. Noble, A. S. Froggatt, F. W. Preddy, J. Hensley, P. A. Pearce, S. Stevens, C. F. Roberts, W. Kellow. Convener, Rev. H. A. Sharp.

#### DISTRICT FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARIES.

Auckland, Rev. F. Copeland; South Auckland, Rev. F. E. Leadley; Taranaki, Rev. W. W. Avery; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt; Wellington, Rev. E. Drake; Nelson, Rev. B. J. James; North Canterbury, Mr F. Sheppard Green; South Canterbury, Rev. W. Beckett; Otago-Southland, Rev. G. P. Hunt; Southland Sub-committee, Rev. H. A. Sharp.

#### TONGAN AFFAIRS.

##### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That this Conference sends hearty greeting to the Methodist Church in Tonga, and expresses gratitude at learning from the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt of its welfare. It acknowledges with thankfulness the generous help given to our work in the Solomon Islands by the gift of devoted Tongan teachers whose zeal and self-sacrifice have won our sincere admiration. The Conference tenders its deep sympathy to the relatives of such of our Tongan teachers as have laid down their lives in the work in our Solomon Islands fields. It recognises also how strong are the traditional ties uniting Tonga to this Dominion, and trusts that under the Divine blessing our fellowship in life and service may become increasingly marked. It prays that abounding spiritual prosperity may rest upon the Methodist Church in Tonga and also upon the Free Church of Tonga, and trusts that, in God's good providence, the ties may be drawn closer that knit these Churches to each other and to ourselves.

2. That a similar resolution of greeting and goodwill be sent to the Free Church of Tonga and to its President, the Rev. J. B. Watkin, and the assurance given of our willingness to welcome the co-operation of the Free Church in missionary activity should that Church so desire.

3. That the Conference empowers the Board of Missions to conduct correspondence with the Churches in the Friendly Islands; to consider any proposals emanating from Tonga that may foster the spirit of union between our own and the Tongan churches, and to promote any co-operative action that may draw us and them into fuller fellowship in Christian life and service.

4. That the Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. J. Williams, A. C. Lawry, and E. S. Harkness be corresponding members of the Board of Missions in connection with Tongan affairs.

5. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for the interesting and valuable report given by him of the Church in Tonga, and expresses appreciation of the services rendered by him.

6. That a letter of greeting be sent to the Queen of Tonga, at present resident in Auckland.

**QUESTION XLII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?**

**REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION EXECUTIVE, 1922.**

Any report issuing from the Executive naturally lays stress upon its consciousness of the presence and power of God that has been experienced in all its meetings, and it is this factor which lies at the foundation of all its endeavours. Though the work, as usual, has been largely of an executive character, with no burning question for discussion, there has always been a large attendance at its meetings, the average number being twenty-six, fifteen of whom have been Ministers and eleven Laymen.

A large proportion of the difficulties of the Executive centres around the question of securing the necessary supply of men to fill the stations. It is now four years since the actual fighting of the Great War ceased, and for three years all our young men who were spared the supreme sacrifice have been back in the Dominion; meanwhile a large number of youths have reached manhood and ought to be responding to the call for service from the Church, but still the Committee has found it impossible to fill more than two or three of the vacant stations. Two members of the staff—Messrs Allen and Jack—were received as candidates for the Ministry by the last Conference and placed on probation. Since then the Executive has employed Mr R. M'Gregor and Mr R. G. Hemmings, two young men provisionally appointed to stations by the Conference. It has further re-employed Mr F. G. Brown and Mr R. T. H. Wearne, the former being stationed at Henderson and the latter at Miramar. Besides these the following have been employed:—A. F. Attwood, for Wakefield-Dovedale; G. H. Marr, for Tuatapere; C. Robinson, for Apati; and H. E. Haynes and E. C. Horsman, to receive appointments at next Conference should there be vacancies for married men. And there is still a further such application under consideration. The number of Agents now employed is fifty, forty of whom are married, and that is apart from those who are waiting an appointment. There are still eleven vacant stations, and all of which state they must have unmarried men.

The Agents have not gone through the wear and tear of the work without both sacrifice and suffering. Mr W. Parker, of Putaruru, had a serious illness, which kept him in the hospital for many weeks. Then the wife of Mr W. E. Sleep, of Nightcaps, passed through a very critical time in the Riverton Hospital. More recently still, Mr J. C. Yorke, of Wanganui East, one of our "Supplies," after a brief illness, heard the call of the Master for higher service and so passed within the veil.

A notable change in the work of the year is the outcome of an arrangement with the Foreign Mission Board whereby the Home Mission appeal has taken place during the first half of the year in the South Island, and during the same period the Foreign Mission appeal was confined to the North Island, and it was agreed that each appeal should be completed and all subscriptions as far as possible gathered in by the 31st of July. On the whole the Ministers and Quarterly Meetings loyally accepted the arrangement and strove to carry it out satisfactorily; there were, however, individual cases in which the Foreign Mission Committee in a circuit refused to suspend its operations until after the date specified, and in one case it collected practically the whole of the Foreign Mission subscriptions

while the Home Mission appeal was in progress. The arrangement made for the current year the Executive hopes will now be made a permanent practice by the Conference, and so avoid a seeming competition between two equally important funds of the Church. During the progress of the deputation work in the South many were the expressions of approval at the change made, and the hope voiced that it would be permanent.

The importance of the arrangement may be gauged from the fact that the returns from the South Island have come in several months earlier than under the old arrangement, and, by keeping down the bank overdraft to a reasonable and manageable amount, it has lifted much of the stress and strain that lie upon the Treasurers of the fund.

T. G. BROOKE, General Secretary.

The Financial Statement for 1922, including the Capital Account, and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1923 were presented to the Conference and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Home Mission Executive be received and adopted.
2. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. G. Brooke for his services as General Secretary during another year.
3. That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the Rev. G. Bond for his services as General Treasurer during another year, and that he be re-appointed with the usual honorarium.
4. That Mr J. Veale be cordially thanked for his services as Lay Treasurer during another year, and that he be re-appointed.
5. That the H.M. Executive be thanked for its service during another year, and that the following be the Executive for the coming year:—The General Secretary, the General Treasurer, the Lay Treasurer, the Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, the General Superintendent of Maori Missions, and Messrs J. Veale (life member), J. W. Shackelford, T. W. Jones, T. Caley, A. Peak, W. S. Stone, T. Clark, J. J. Parker, M. Harding, C. Jansen, W. S. Mackay, J. Throunson, H. Crump, H. Field, C. A. Piper, W. R. Lawrence, G. O. Blakey, F. G. Steinert, Alfred Trenwith, C. K. Wigglesworth, W. H. Worsley, and H. S. Crowe.
6. The Rev. T. G. Brooke having intimated his intention to retire from the active work of the Ministry at the Conference of 1924, the following resolutions re his successor were adopted:—
  - (a) That the offices of the General Secretary of the Home Mission Department and the General Superintendent of Maori Missions be amalgamated.
  - (b) That the Rev. A. J. Seamer be appointed to the combined office, and that necessary assistance be granted him.
  - (c) That the title of the Rev. A. J. Seamer's office be the General Superintendent of the Home Mission and Maori Department.
  - (d) That it is undesirable that any decision as to the appointment of an assistant to the General Superintendent of the Home Mission and Maori Department be made at this Conference, and that the Conference instruct the Home Mission Executive, strengthened for the purpose by the addition of corresponding members, to consider and report to the next Conference through the Synods on the whole question of duties and assistance.

(e) That the corresponding members be the President of the Conference, the Chairman of Districts, who shall consult with their District Advisory Committees, and the Rev. S. Lawry.

(f) That the following Schedule of Duties be remitted to the Home Mission Executive for their consideration and for report to the next Synods and Conference:—

(1) That the General Secretary of Home Missions be regarded as a General Adviser and Director of Church Extension for the Dominion.

(2) That in addition to the duties of General Secretary as specified in the Book of Laws, or in pursuance of those duties, he shall:

(a) Visit as early as possible every Home Mission Station in the Dominion, staying sufficiently long to investigate fully the state of the work and report upon the prospects of its becoming a Circuit, the amount of grant required, and the best method of carrying out the Conference rule as to the progressive reduction of grants. (b) Study the growth of population in both city and country, visit every part of the Dominion where Methodism is not represented, and ascertain what openings there are for our work and present a report through the Synods to Conference.

(c) Have power, after agreement with Chairman and Superintendents of Circuits, to call Conferences of Officials to discuss extension work within Circuits and in unoccupied areas adjacent to two or more Circuits. (d) Where new Stations are established spend what time is necessary in placing them on a sound basis so far as finance, the appointment of officials, etc., are concerned.

(e) Foster the establishment of Sunday Schools in areas where as yet we are unable to establish a cause. (f) Advise the Conference as to the number of Agents required to carry on the work and the best methods of obtaining them. (g) Initiate a policy to reduce the number of Home Missionaries by encouraging Circuits employing new Agents to apply for Probationers wherever possible. (h) Promote the employment of Deaconesses in cities and rural areas. (i) Promote evangelistic work wherever possible.

7. That the Home Mission Executive, after consulting the Chairman of Districts and the District Advisory Committees, be authorised to determine whether a minister shall be appointed as an assistant to the General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions, or if a lay assistant is to be appointed, and in case a minister is to be appointed a nomination shall be made by the H.M. Executive.

8. That the Home Mission Executive be requested to arrange for a visit to the Chatham Islands during the year and report to the next Conference.

9. That there be no alteration of the Rule by which the membership of the Home Mission Executive is constituted, but absence from three consecutive meetings without a satisfactory reason being given shall cause membership to be forfeited.

10. That the following be the Advisory Committee for 1923:—

#### **HOME MISSION DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

Auckland.—The Home Mission Executive.

South Auckland.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Hamilton and Cambridge Circuits, a Home Missionary (to be nominated by the Chairman), Messrs Hames and Fow. Convener, the Minister of Hamilton East.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the New Plymouth, Waitara, and Inglewood Circuits, Messrs C. E. Bellringer, K. Pepperell, P. J. White, C. Carter, W. Ambury, A. G. Fischer, E. Taylor, J. Gibson. Convener, Rev. W. J. Elliott.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Revs. T. R. Richards, A. McBean, W. Wills, the Ministers of the Palmerston North Circuits, E. T. Cox, M.A., E. E. Sage, Messrs G. W. Venables, L. A. Denton, E. Bethell, J. Harding, F. S. Guy, R. Print. Convener, Rev. T. R. Richards.

Wellington.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Messrs W. E. Redstone, F. Chinchin, M. Ayrton, C. Swiney, S. T. Martin, G. Peterick, B. J. Lynneberg, F. Lockwood, T. Fathers, W. F. Clark, J. R. Burley, J. Mitchell. Convener, Rev. W. Rowe.

Nelson.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Blenheim Circuit, Messrs W. D. Pike, C. W. Parker, C. White. Corresponding Members—Rev. B. J. James, Mr J. M'Indoe. Convener, the Chairman of the District.

North Canterbury.—The District Executive Committee.

South Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Timaru, Waimate, and Temuka Circuits, Messrs A. Stead, W. G. Irwin, E. G. Carey. Convener, Mr A. Stead.

Otago-Southland.—The Ministers of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, Messrs E. A. Rosevear, A. I. McIndoe, P. Nixon, D. C. Cameron, Jun., T. W. Hemer, J. P. Simon, W. M. Roberts, R. N. Vanes, R. Jamieson. Convener, Rev. H. L. Richards. Southland Subcommittee: The Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits, Messrs A. S. Froggatt, J. J. Wesley, J. Hensley, A. Noble, W. Kellow, C. F. Roberts, F. W. Preddy, W. Mitchell. Convener, Rev. H. A. Sharp.

#### RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR YOUNG MEN AS HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. That a strong and urgent appeal to the young men of the Church assembled in the Easter Camps be prepared and forwarded to them, setting forth the grave conditions created by so many Stations having to be left vacant, and asking for immediate volunteers that the work be not allowed to suffer, such appeal to be signed by the President of Conference and the General Secretary of Home Missions.

2. That the Ex-President, Dr Laws, during his visit to England, be authorised to select and send out a number of young men for our Home Mission work; also, with a view to them becoming candidates for the Ministry, and that the Home Mission Executive make detailed arrangements with Dr Laws to secure this object.

3. That advertisements calling for young men for the work be inserted in the Methodist papers of the Commonwealth.

#### QUESTION XLIII.—What is the State of the Maori Work, and What Can be Done to Promote its Interests?

##### MAORI MISSION REPORT, 1922.

There have been many evidences during this Centenary Year that the Holy Spirit is moving amongst our Maori people. Some of the workers have been privileged to see many genuine cases of

conversion. In the semi-heathen districts forty-seven adults have presented themselves, with all their households, for baptism. In one settlement alone a hundred and twenty-seven people handed in their names as catechumens. Services and prayer meetings and classes for the children are being held more regularly. Our Agents are growing more confident of ultimate success. Perhaps the most encouraging, and certainly the most essential development, has been the increase of practical interest manifested by neighbouring pakeha ministers and lay workers, for the fact cannot be too strongly stressed that it is only by their hearty co-operation that our gains to the Church of Christ can be consolidated and made permanent.

There is, in general a steady improvement in the habits of the people, and they are gradually adopting European standards of living. While we rejoice in this advance and in the fact that the communal system is giving way rapidly to individualisation of land titles and homes, yet these developments frequently create grave economic problems for the people themselves, and for the Mission. The making of farms and the building of houses is an expensive and difficult matter, and as the families become more European in their mode of life, their ordinary expenditure increases by leaps and bounds. As the people become more scattered it is increasingly difficult and expensive for our Agents to minister to them. But it is just at this stage of their development that we must grip our members the more firmly until we can hand them over to the pastoral care of adjacent pakeha ministers. In all districts pakeha co-operation is urgently required, and the time has arrived when in certain localities of the North Island, as well as in the South, we must aim rather at the development of such co-operation than at the continuance of separate Maori Mission organisation.

The Church is now committed by the unanimous decision of the Centenary Conference, and our pledged word to the tribes concerned, to re-establish on a satisfactory basis missionary activities in those of our Traditional Districts which have been so sadly neglected or hostile since the Maori Wars. This policy is being steadily and successfully pursued. Lack of finance prevents the immediate employment of a full staff of Agents, but the extension work is being carried on at great self-sacrifice by the present workers, assisted by volunteer preachers and teachers, whose fares, etc., are usually paid by the people.

The majority of our Native Ministers and Home Missionaries are now great travellers, and have all too little home life. Each quarter the work in the Waikato, King Country, Waimarino, Rangitikei, and Taranaki shows—to use a figure coined by a Ngapuhi chief—the widening of the spread of our nets and the making of new nets with more carefully regulated meshes, so as to catch the small as well as the large fish. Our great need is workers, more and more workers, an increased staff, and a greater number of auxiliary helpers, particularly pakehas.

Our Traditional Districts cover about one-third of the North Island, and more than half of the South Island. In these districts six different dialects are used, and the tribes differ in their modes of thought even more than they do in their language. These fundamental differences and the varying stages of tribal development towards pakeha standards demand great discrimination in the choice and location of Agents, and the extent to which we press certain phases of our ultimate policy.

When the General Superintendent visits a district the local Native Circuit Superintendent almost invariably arranges a Native gathering (camp meeting), at a suitable centre. These Huis are usually planned three months ahead, and the Quarterly Meeting is included on the programme. The people come many miles to these meetings, which all authorities recognise as essential if the Native mind is to be guided, and our influence established and retained. It is at such meetings only that important and binding decisions are made. In earlier days such gatherings were comparatively inexpensive, but now that the habits of the people demand better food and accommodation, the expense in pounds sterling usually runs into two, and at exceptional times, even into three figures. Our people loyally meet this expense and the cost of printing plans, etc., and frequently pay the lay preachers' travelling expenses to their appointments. The ordinary collections, which go to the H.M. Fund, by no means represent the full extent of the financial support given to the Mission by our Maori members.

It had been our intention to hold an informal Conference of the Mission Staff in the Waikato this year, for we are assured that such a Conference would be very fruitful, but financial difficulties and electioneering excitement necessitated postponement.

The Conference appointments have been observed, save that it was found advisable to return Mr Wi Kaitara, the Home Missionary at Waimarino, to his own people in the Bay of Islands.

Mr Wiremu H. Toka has been appointed as Home Missionary at Waimarino.

At the request of the New Zealand Alliance, the Rev. R. T. Haddon was freed for Prohibition work for two months.

The locations, within the circuit, of three of our Waikato Agents, have been changed with good effect.

Almost all phases of the work have been greatly handicapped this year by the poverty of our people. Shortage of finance and the fear of running our circuits into debt compelled us to curtail our series of Special Mission Services. The strictest economy consistent with the steady prosecution of the vital phase of our work has been consistently pursued. In our expenditure from the Home Mission Fund we have kept within the Conference Estimates, and we expect to reach the estimated income for the Fund.

The Appeal for the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund has been very severely handicapped, in that it came all too early in our re-organisation work, and at a time when money was so scarce. But although the financial returns may not exceed a few hundred pounds in cash, yet the appeal has been conducted in such a way as to give the people much food for reflection, and, so far from alienating the sympathy of any of our members, as some prophesied, it has, in fact, enhanced the prestige of our Church.

The work is being gradually systematised, and we are aiming at the steady development of a sense of responsibility. All the Circuits are showing improvement in organisation this year, but the Church must not expect too much from people that are passing through such an extremely transitory period in their moral, social, and economic development.

The work of the Deaconesses has been outstandingly successful. Labouring under difficult conditions, they have accomplished more

than we had hoped. We are glad to report that the Taranaki vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Miss Alice M. Howell, of New Plymouth.

When finance and volunteers are available, we have splendid spheres awaiting fifteen additional Deaconesses and Teachers.

The general activities referred to at length in our last Annual Report are all being continued with varying but real success. Practical results already give us increased confidence in our new policy. But we have powerful and relentless foes to contend against—pernicious superstition, fanaticism, and withcraft dog our steps; more insidious and harmful even than these are the traffic in intoxicants and the influence of vicious and unprincipled pakehas. We are often compelled to blush for our own race.

While not in agreement with those who expect the whole Maori race to immediately reach a high standard of Christian faith and practice, yet we find in the inherent slowness of the uplifting process no excuse for a lethargic policy, but rather a challenge to more energetic and comprehensive measures. We pray that the time may soon come when the conscience and the imagination of the Church will be so aroused to the urgent claims and glorious possibilities of our Maori Mission Fields, that workers and finance will be forthcoming to more fully staff our fields, and thus adequately reply to the great inarticulate cry of our Maori children for Light and Salvation.

Signed on behalf of the Home Mission Executive,—

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLVED:

1. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. A. J. Seamer, the General Superintendent of Maori Missions, for his splendid work during the year.

2. That it be a recommendation to all our Preachers and Circuit officials that the Home Mission Sunday in each Circuit and Home Mission Station be regarded as a special Day of Intercession for our Maori work and people.

3. Conference urges each Circuit in our Maori Mission Districts to take a practical and organised interest in the social and spiritual welfare of the Natives resident within or adjacent to such Circuits.

#### QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting City Missions?

##### 1.—AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.

The Report was received and adopted.

Pleasure was expressed at the extensive social activities of the Mission, and the Rev. F. L. Frost was thanked for his work.

##### 2.—WELLINGTON CENTRAL MISSION.

The Report was received and adopted.

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## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rev. H. T. Peat and his Office-bearers be accorded the warmest thanks of the Conference, and that they be congratulated on the manner in which they have grappled with the serious financial difficulties and lifted the work of the Mission during the year.

2. That, with a view to providing a permanent home for the Wellington Methodist Central Mission, Conference suggests that a meeting be called during the year of the officials of the Taranaki Street Church and the Mission, with a view to ascertaining the feasibility or otherwise of amalgamating the two causes and of making Taranaki Street Church the Central Mission, the Chairman of the District to be Convener and Chairman of the meeting.

3. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be asked to delay their claim for repayments and interest on the loan of £500 until the third year of the currency of the loan.

4. That a special appeal be made to the Wellington Circuits to aid the funds of the Wellington Central Mission.

5. That an appeal be also made to the Trustees of Taranaki Street Church and of Donald McLean Street property to help the Central Mission in its financial straits.

6. That permission be given to the officials of the Wellington Central Mission to appeal to the Church throughout the Dominion to assist the Mission.

7. That the following be a Committee to act in conjunction with the Quarterly Meeting of the Wellington Central Mission:—Messrs H. P. Mourant, W. E. Redstone, C. Swiney, E. Tregurtha, S. F. Martin, J. Laurenson, L. J. Berry, and H. D. C. Horwood.

## 3.—DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

The Report was received and adopted.

## RESOLUTION.

That the Rev. Clarence Eaton be congratulated on the very successful Ministry of eight years which he has exercised in the Dunedin Central Mission. During the whole of this period the congregation has been well maintained, and the whole work of the Mission has been carried forward with untiring zeal and distinguished ability. The strong financial position revealed in the Report is a tribute to the business acumen of both Minister and officials.

## QUESTION XLV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the Training of Deaconesses?

(For Balance Sheet, see Appendix.)

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1922.

In presenting the report of the Deaconess Institution we wish to express our thanks to Sister Ruth, the ladies of the House Committee, and the Lecturers for the efficient way in which they have carried out their duties, and also to the Associate Members for their financial support.

Miss Fabrin completes her course and is available for appointment. Miss Jupp continues for another year.

Reports from our Deaconesses tell of much good work being done. During the year Sister Olive resigned from the Order.

The following are the appointments for 1923-24:—Deaconess House, Sister Ruth; Pitt Street, Sister "Winifred" Beaumont; Palmerston North, Sister "May" Ralph; Wanganui, Sister "Hazel" Hamilton; Wellington, Aro Street, Sister "Bessie" M'Farlane; Blenheim, Vacant; Durham Street, Vacant; East Belt, Vacant; Addington, Sister "Jean" Dalzeil; Ashburton, Sister "Mildred" West; Dunedin Central Mission, Vacant; Maoris' Work, Sister "Eleanor" Dobby, Sister Nicholls; Wellington South, Sister Lily White; Masterton Children's Home, Sister May.

In accordance with Conference instruction a curriculum of studies has been drawn up and submitted to the Board of Examiners for adoption.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1923:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits, together with the Ministers appointed to New Brighton and Linwood, Messrs L. M. Isitt, M.P., E. C. Brown, J. C. Prudhoe, A. Borrows, C. A. Newman, J. Hadfield, and the five ladies of the House Committee. The Committee to appoint its own Secretary and Convener.

Much thought has been given to the future policy of the Deaconess Institution, the result of which is embodied in the following resolution:—"That Conference be recommended to authorise a forward policy on the part of the Deaconess Committee, which, in addition to providing for the training of Deaconesses, shall also provide a hostel for girls, a home for Missionary Sisters on furlough, and a centre for women's work."

The Committee also recommends:—(1) That except in very special cases students shall commence their training in the month of February. (2) That the monthly allowance to students be discontinued, and instead uniforms and necessary books be provided by the Committee. (3) That the grants for next year be:—Home Mission Fund, £50; Contingent Fund, £50; Foreign Mission Board, £75; Fire Insurance Board, £100.

WM. READY, Acting Chairman.

ROBT. B. TINSLEY, Secretary.

The Report was received.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference commends the forward policy adopted by the Deaconess Committee in securing a new property, which, in addition to providing for the training of Deaconesses, shall also provide a hostel for girls, a home for Missionary Sisters on furlough, and a centre for women's work.

2. That the cordial and hearty thanks of the Conference be accorded to Mr George Bowron, Mr W. H. Seed, and Colonel G. J. Smith for their generous financial assistance, which makes possible the present forward policy of the Deaconess Institution.

3. That, except in very special cases, Students shall commence their training in the month of February.

4. That the monthly allowance to Students be discontinued, and instead uniforms and necessary books be provided by the Committee.

5. That the grants for 1923 be:—Home Mission Fund, Foreign Mission Fund, and Contingent Fund, each £75; Fire Insurance Board, £100.

6. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. R. B. Tinsley for his services as Secretary and Convener of the Committee.

7. The following are appointed as the Committee for 1923:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits, together with the Ministers appointed to New Brighton and Linwood, Messrs L. M. Isitt, M.P., E. C. Brown, J. C. Prudhoe, A. Borrows, C. A. Newman, J. Hadfield, and the five ladies of the House Committee. The Committee to appoint its own Secretary and Convener.

#### STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions 3, 4, 5, and 7, Min. of Conf., 1922, p. 142, were reaffirmed.

#### OFFICIAL LIST OF DECONESSES AND PROBATIONERS.

##### Home Work—

###### Deaconesses—

- \*1908 Sister "Ruth" Fawcett, Deaconess House, Christchurch.
- 1913 Sister "Edith" Walton, Secretary Society for Protection of Women and Children, Christchurch.
- \*1914 Sister "Annie" Tocker, St. Helens Hospital, Wellington.
- \*1914 Sister "Lily" White, Wellington South.
- \*1918 Sister "Winifred" Beaumont, Pitt Street., Auckland.
- 1918 Sister "Hazel" Hamilton, Wanganui.
- 1920 Sister "Mildred" West, Ashburton.
- 1920 Sister "Bessie" Macfarlane, Te Aro Mission, Wellington.
- 1921 Sister "May" Ralph, Broad Street, Palmerston North.
- \*1922 Sister "Jean" Dalziel, Addington, Christchurch.
- Sister "May," Masterton Children's Home.

##### Maori Work—

###### Deaconesses—

- \*1921 Sister Eleanor "Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.

###### Probationer—

- 1921 Sister Nicholls, Te Kuiti.

##### Foreign Work—

###### Deaconesses—

- \*1913 Sister "May" Barnett, Solomon Islands.
- \*1914 Sister "Lilian" Berry, Solomon Islands.
- \*1922 Sister "Elizabeth" Common, Solomon Islands.
- 1922 Sister "Ada" Saunders, Solomon Islands.

###### Deaconess Resting—

- 1907 Sister "Mabel" Morley.  
\* Trained in Deaconess House.

**QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Regarding Connexional Orphanages?**

(For Balance Sheets, see Appendix —.)

**A.—THE MOUNT ALBERT METHODIST ORPHANAGE.**

**ANNUAL REPORT, 1922.**

Our report this year must sound a new note. The unfortunate epidemic of typhoid fever which raged in the Mount Albert Borough claimed one of our brightest girls as its victim. Another little one suffering from weakness of the heart as the result of rheumatic fever was suddenly taken away from us. This placed a great strain on the Matron and Staff, who received the sympathy of all. The Health Inspector visited the Home at the time and expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with all the appointments in and about the premises.

The most noteworthy feature of our work has been the extension of the Institution by the opening of Epworth Home in Asquith Avenue. This commodious building has been purchased for orphanage work at a cost of £2,750. By means of our quota of the United Orphanages' Campaign Fund we were able to pay off a substantial part of the cost—a mortgage of £1,500 alone remaining on the property.

This additional Home was opened on September 9, and already 24 girls and boys are in residence. We have therefore now in our care in our two Homes 60 children—only three vacancies remain.

During the year there has been no lack of applications for admission, due probably to the financial depression.

We have been particularly fortunate in the Staff we have secured for the new Home. No change in the Staff at Wesley Home has occurred during the year. This in itself speaks volumes for the Matron, and also for the love of the children which our Staff possess.

Extension work means greater expenditure—a subject calling for very serious consideration during 1923. The increase of maintenance charges must be at least 75 per cent. It is therefore of the utmost importance that the Christmas Offering should meet with a generous response in every Circuit. But to insure a sound basis for our orphanage finance we must have an increase in the number of our annual subscribers. Miss Mason is now the official collector for the Orphanage, and we commend her to all the Methodists of the Auckland, South Auckland and Taranaki-Wanganui districts. If in every Circuit one could be appointed as the Orphanage Representative, who would secure subscriptions and keep in constant touch with Miss Mason, our finance would be adequate for requirements. Money thus invested is most wisely put out at interest as the whole Methodist Church will benefit directly.

No words of praise can be too lavish to describe the work of Mrs Armitage in particular, and all her Staff in general. The good reputation gained in previous years has been well maintained.

Mr G. M. Fowlds retires from the office of Treasurer on account of increasing business claims. He merits our best thanks for four years of efficient, painstaking and continuous work. Dr H. Pettit has again in more difficult circumstances placed the Church under a

debt of gratitude for his understanding and capable services during the year. Mr and Miss Hughes have shown their interest by acting in the capacity of honorary hairdressers and by stirring up others to greater interest in the work.

Once again the Board of Management has lost a valuable member by death in the Rev. L. Hudson. Mr Hudson was a true friend of the Orphanage, and by his constant visitation greatly encouraged the workers.

It is impossible to do anything but mention our gratitude to all who, during the year, so generously gave of money and in kind to the Home. The opening of Epworth Home was an occasion which called for extra generosity, and the people well responded. The Committee wishes to express its sincerest thanks.

In conclusion we commend to the prayerful consideration of the Church this important branch of our work, reminding the Church that this is definite aggressive work. We are saving men and women for the Methodism of to-morrow and raising up citizens, the vast majority of whom will be valuable assets to the community. So to work for the children is surely a Christlike work. What we desire is that the whole Church membership should have a part in this movement.

On behalf of the Committee,

C. H. LAWS, Chairman.

W. A. BURLEY, Secretary.

The Report of the Mount Albert Methodist Orphanage was received and adopted.

A resolution of appreciation of the forward movement was carried, and the retiring Treasurer (Mr G. M. Fowlds) was thanked for his past services.

#### Committee for 1923.

That the following be the Committee for 1923:—Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., P. W. Knight, B.A., G. Bond, W. A. Sinclair, G. T. Marshall, W. S. Potter, J. A. Lochore, C. Griffin, T. G. Brooke, S. Griffith, J. E. Parsons, F. L. Frost, F. Copeland, W. T. Blight, B.A., the Superintendent of Auckland (Avondale) Circuit, and Messdames A. H. White, A. E. Snowden, Misses Kirk, Harvey, A. Mason, and E. Mason, Messrs A. C. Caghey and W. Astley (Life Members), T. W. Jones, A. Peak, J. Trounson, F. W. Stone, H. P. Caghey, G. M. Fowlds, T. Clark, S. J. Ambury, J. E. Astley, and W. E. Lewisham. The Committee to appoint its own Secretary.

The Balance Sheet was adopted.

#### GENERAL RESOLUTION.

Conference recommends that, in order to facilitate a comparison between the working expenses of the different Orphanages, the Treasurers of the three Funds be requested to present their accounts on a uniform basis.

**B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.  
REPORT FOR 1922.**

The Home has been open about fifteen months, and during that period the Committee of Management has been gradually developing the work. The grounds have been laid out and a garden made. Accommodation in the Home has been increased at considerable expense, and the Committee would not have been able to even pay current expenses had it not been for the members of the Masterton Commercial Travellers' Association coming to our assistance and conducting a week's Carnival, by which a substantial sum was raised. Financially Masterton has done well. The people of the town and district have by gifts of money and kind most generously supported the Home. It must be remembered that the Home is not near a city, and the work of management has to be done by a few.

The Committee feels the need of having a reliable source of income; hence it is hoped that during the year a canvass will be made over the area served by the Orphanage to secure a number of annual subscribers.

We have 24 children in the Home. There are 11 boys and 13 girls, and their ages vary from three years upwards, the average being seven years and two months. Each boy or girl is dressed as any other child. They do not wear any uniform by which they may be distinguished from the other children when they attend the Public School during the week, or the Methodist Sunday School. By the side of their bed they have a specially designed chair-locker, in which they can place their toys, clothes, etc. Every effort is made to make the children feel they are in a home. There is a religious atmosphere, Christian ideals are placed before them, and character is thus developed so that they will go from the Home to become Christian citizens. This spirit is encouraged by Sister May (the Matron), who has exercised a wise oversight of the Home, and her work has been greatly appreciated. Probably her experience as a Sister of the People in connection with the Aro Street Mission for 12 years, besides working in a Home in Australia for some years, did much to prepare her for her efficient work at Masterton.

The work in the Home has gone on smoothly, the Matron and Staff have worked together most happily.

On the whole, the health of the children has been good. Some of them suffered from colds during the winter. In this connection we express our appreciation of the deep interest taken in the welfare of the inmates of the Home by Dr Prior, our Honorary Medical Officer.

The Home is not full, and the Committee is prepared to consider applications for admission.

The Committee has during the year been gaining useful experience, and are grateful to God for the success which has attended their work.

The following are nominated as the Committee of Management for 1923:—Messrs O. N. C. Pragnell (Chairman), C. E. Daniell, J. A. Donald, A. H. Daniell, Dr N. H. Prior, F. E. Wells, and Rev. B. F. Rothwell, Mesdames J. Elliott, O. N. C. Pragnell, J. Cocker, B. F. Rothwell, Sister May, Miss Burton, and Rev. J. Cocker (Secretary and Treasurer).

O. N. C. PRAGNELL, Chairman.

J. COCKER, Secretary.

**THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE  
AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.**

**REPORT FOR 1923.**

The position of the Board in Wellington has, in consequence of the fine carrying on of the work at the Children's Home at Masterton by the Local Committee, resolved itself into that of receiving the income from our investments and the paying over of such income to the Committee towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Home and its inmates.

Our Revenue Account and Balance Sheet will show that this has been done.

We are thankful to report continued progress at the Home, and the particulars which will be submitted to the Conference by the Local Committee will, we feel sure, be well thought of and appreciated.

We recognise the splendid work which has been done by the Committee, and ask the Conference to re-appoint them. There is still room for a number of Children at the Home, and we hope that before long it will be filled to its utmost capacity.

We record with the deepest regret the death of Mr John Kershaw, on the 11th of February last. He was one of the oldest members of the Board, and took a very keen interest in its affairs, and was especially interested in the Children's Home.

Submitted on behalf of the Board,—

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

W. C. HEMERY, Hon. Secretary.

**Masterton Home.**

The Report was received and adopted.

Committee of Management for 1923:—Messrs O. N. C. Pragnell (Chairman), C. E. Daniell, J. A. Donald, A. H. Daniell, Dr N. H. Prior, F. E. Wells, and Rev. B. F. Rothwell, Mesdames J. Elliott, O. N. C. Pragnell, J. Cocker, B. F. Rothwell, Sister May, Miss Burton, and Rev. J. Cocker (Secretary and Treasurer).

**Wellington Educational Endowments.**

The Report and Balance Sheet were received and adopted.

**SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE**

**ANNUAL REPORT, 1922.**

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that we present our annual report.

At present there are 47 children in the Home, 23 being boys and 24 girls. Throughout the year they have enjoyed good health, only minor cases of sickness being experienced.

The religious training of the children is being cared for. In addition to the daily devotions conducted by the Manager, they attend the morning services, Sunday School, and Junior Endeavour at our Papanui Church—many being Junior Members of the Church, and all are linked up with the "League of Young Methodists."

In connection with the Canterbury Sunday School Union Scripture Examination, 19 entered, and 15 passed.

In December last the children gave a successful concert in the Durham Street Schoolroom, and since then another concert at our Addington Schoolroom.

We are again faced with the problem of providing a Home for our elder boys. Two of these are still in the Presbyterian Boys' Home, and provision must soon be made for the transference of some of the boys now in the Institution. At the last meeting of the Board a Committee was set up to go into this question and report to a subsequent meeting of the Board.

We record our appreciation of the good work done by Mr and Mrs Ellis and their Staff of willing helpers. There are many evidences that the discipline is excellent.

During the year Sister Maud Coleman visited many of the Circuits, and rendered valuable service in reviving Circuit organisation and collecting a considerable sum of money. She left before completing her itinerary on account of having to return to England. We record our appreciation of her services.

A considerable amount of money has been spent on improvements to the grounds and buildings, and the property now presents a neat and trim appearance.

Invaluable work has been done by the Ladies' House Committee, also by several ladies from the Circuits.

An illustrated pamphlet, containing much useful information, has been prepared by the Rev. J. Napier Milne, and will soon be distributed throughout our Circuits in the South Island.

We thank all who have forwarded useful provender, and commend to the practical sympathy of all our people our "Christmas Cheer Fund."

Our thanks are due to Drs Orchard and Whetter; also to Mr Sevicke Jones (optician), for their willing and gratuitous services.

We deeply regret that owing to illness the Rev. T. A. Joughin has been compelled to relinquish the position of chairmanship. We record our appreciation of his capable leadership and rejoice in the prospects of his early recovery.

WM. READY, Chairman.

J. HARRIS, Secretary.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

2. That the following be the Committee for 1923:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, St. Albans, Papanui, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, Woolston, and Riccarton Circuits, Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, A. Peters, C. E. Ward, Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, C. E. Salter, Sisters Mabel and Ruth, Messrs W. H. Seed, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., F. Thompson, G. Bowron (Treasurer), F. A. Sheat, L. M. Isitt, J. Lomas, W. T. Burley, F. Campion, M. Kershaw, W. H. Marshall, J. Gilmour, Rev. T. A. Joughin. Convener, Rev. J. Harris.

3. That the Rev. J. Harris (Secretary) and Mr G. Bowron (Treasurer) be thanked for their services during the past year and re-appointed.

4. That Conference places on record its high appreciation of the good and successful work done by our Orphanages during the year. It presents its thanks to the Officials and Committees for their painstaking and self-denying efforts, and it commends this branch of Christian service to the prayerful sympathy and continued liberality of all our people.

**QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature.**

**CONNEXIONAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT, 1922.**

During the past year the circulation of the paper has considerably increased, and the number printed each fortnight is now 4000. The number of issues has been 26 instead of 24, as in the previous year. There have also been several special numbers. In connection with the Centenary Conference, two numbers contained a four-page supplement, for which no extra charge was made to the subscribers. The first number of the current volume contained a pictorial supplement of four pages, and 5000 copies were circulated. Most of them were sold, and it served as a good advertisement for the paper. A large number of subscribers sent an additional 3d for the supplement. In connection with the Prohibition campaign, 30,000 copies of the "Methodist Times" were circulated, the largest single issue ever attained by any New Zealand religious paper. By some mischance a few of these did not reach those to whom they were posted. Had orders come in earlier, the number circulated would have been still larger, but in the rush of Election work the publishers could not undertake to get out the later orders. A thousand extra copies were printed in connection with the Children's Year issue on January 20th.

Acting under direction of the Conference of 1921, the Committee during the year published 5000 copies of the Editor's booklet, "The Meaning of Membership in Methodism." These were distributed to all superintendents and Home Missionaries, the expense of publication and distribution being borne by the Contingent Fund. Many testimonies have been received as to the excellence and usefulness of this booklet, the Rev. J. Napier Milne being congratulated on all hands. There is need of a second edition at an early date.

Finances have improved, and the ordinary issues are now paying their way. The reduction in the rate of postage will considerably relieve our financial anxiety. But it will be necessary to build up a reasonable surplus to be used as a working capital before it will be safe either to reduce the price or to increase the regular size of the paper.

Most of the Circuit Agents are doing good work in the interests of the paper, and some of them have made very commendable efforts to increase the circulation. In a few Circuits no one appears to be interested in getting new subscribers or collecting subscriptions when due. Accounts are being sent direct from the office to those who are in arrears.

The Editor, the Associate Editor, and the Business Manager have done their work with marked ability, and numerous testimonies of appreciation have reached the office. No one expects to please every-

body, but the increased circulation is a sure sign that the paper has a widening influence and is appealing to a constantly-growing constituency.

The Committee has pleasure in recommending Conference to re-appoint for the ensuing year Rev. J. Napier Milne as Editor, Rev. P. R. Paris as Associate Editor, Mr H. Holland, C.B.E., as Treasurer of the Fund, and Rev. S. Lawry as Business Manager.

The Committee of Management for 1923 will be appointed by the North Canterbury District Executive.

WM. JAS. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

PERCY PARIS, Convener.

The Report and Balance Sheet were received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. Napier Milne (Editor) and the Rev. Percy Paris (Associate Editor) for the splendid service they have rendered to the Connexion during the year, and that they be re-appointed.

2. That an honorarium of £40 and £25 be paid to the Editor and Associate Editor respectively, and that the Contingent Fund and Methodist Times Committee pay this amount in equal proportions.

3. That the Business Manager (the Rev. S. Lawry) be thanked and re-appointed.

4. That the Convener of the Committee (Rev. Percy Paris) be thanked for his services.

5. That the Literature Committee be recommended to draw attention, through the Methodist Times, to the stock of Rev. Val Trigge's pamphlet, "Starting Points for Starters," and Fitchett's "What Methodism Stands For," at the Connexional Office.

7. That the Literature Committee publish a further edition of "The Meaning of Membership in Methodism," by the Rev. J. Napier Milne, and sell them at as reasonable a cost as possible.

#### QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Affairs?

(For Balance Sheet, see Appendix).

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF WELLINGTON MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1922.

For eight years the Committee has carefully considered the many matters arising from the late war. With the closing of Trentham Military Hospital, it would appear that the special work for which it was appointed has come to an end. Under the power granted by last Conference, the arrangement with the Presbyterian Church was continued until September 30, when a letter was received expressing warm thanks for our co-operation in the matter of the chaplain at Trentham. A letter was also received from Rev. D. J. A. Shaw, Secretary Chaplains' Advisory Committee, stating that the Defence authorities desired

nominations for any Expeditionary Force that might be required. This was referred to the President of the Conference. As the Chaplains' Advisory Committee in the Central Command has been fixed in Wellington, the Committee recommends that for 1923 the Committee for Headquarters and Central Command be:—The Chairman of the district, ministers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Messrs C. M. Luke, C. Swiney, C. R. Edmond, J. C. Riddell, J. Laurenson, H. P. Mourant. Convener, Rev. H. T. Peat. The Committee desires the Conference (1) to express its appreciation of the services of Mr C. M. Luke, who has occupied the position of Treasurer since the inauguration of the Fund, and given generously of his services for the promotion of the welfare of both chaplains and soldiers; (2) to thank the auditors, Messrs E. Dawson and J. Cable, also the retiring Secretary.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

F. T. READ, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr C. M. Luke for his valuable services as Treasurer of the Fund since its inception eight years ago.
3. That the Auditors (Messrs E. Dawson and J. Cable) be thanked for their services.
4. That Rev. F. T. Read be thanked for his services as Secretary.
5. That the Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
6. That every effort be made to retain the Fund within the power of administration by the Church; but, should it become necessary to place it under the control of the National War Funds Council, we request that conditions be inserted by which the Fund shall be held in trust solely for Methodist Ministers who went on active service.
7. That Conference requests the Treasurer of the Fund to make a grant of £50 to Rev. W. Wakow.
8. That all communications between Defence Headquarters and the Methodist Church (and vice versa) dealing with matters relating to Chaplains shall be through the Convener of the Wellington Military Committee, Defence Headquarters to be informed year by year of the name and address of such Convener. It shall be the duty of the Convener to inform the President on all matters of importance.
9. That we rejoice to hear of the good work which has been accomplished by our Naval Chaplains in the visits they have paid to His Majesty's ships during the past year.
10. That the following be appointed to represent the Church on the Chaplains' Board:—Headquarters, Rev. C. Eaton; Northern Command, Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.; Central Command, Rev. C. Eaton; Southern Command, Rev. F. T. Read.
11. That the following be appointed Chaplains to Methodists in His Majesty's ships of war visiting the undermentioned ports of New Zealand:—Wellington, Rev. C. Eaton; Lyttelton, Rev. S. Bailey; Timaru, Rev. A. C. Lawry; Dunedin, Rev. H. E. Bellhouse; Port Chalmers, Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., F.R.E.S.; Bluff, Rev. V. S. Mercer; Napier, Rev. T. R. Richards; Nelson, Rev. J. R. Nelson; New Plymouth, Rev. W. J. Elliott; Auckland, Rev. J. E. Parsons; Picton, Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

12. That the following be the Committees:—

Headquarter and Central Command.—The Chairman and Chaplains of the District, Ministers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Messrs C. M. Luke, C. Swiney, C. R. Edmond, J. E. Riddell, J. Laurenson, H. P. Mourant. Convener, Rev. C. Eaton.

Northern Command.—The Chaplains in the District, and Messrs T. W. Jones, B. Buttle, W. S. Stone, and H. Field.

Southern Command.—The Chaplains in the North Canterbury District, Messrs A. F. Drayton, Colonel G. J. Smith, T. T. Robson, J. H. Blackwell, W. Dobbs, E. R. Caygill, with the following as Corresponding Members: Revs. W. Walker and H. Sharp. Rev. F. T. Read, Convener.

Otago Sub-committee.—Chaplains of the Otago-Southland District, Messrs E. Rosevear, J. R. Shacklock, D. C. Cameron, J. P. Simon, and W. H. Down.

13. That publication of the List of Chaplains in the Minutes of Conference be postponed until 1924.

#### **QUESTION XLIX.—What is the Report on Early Church Records?**

##### **REPORT OF CUSTODIAN.**

Very little has been received by the Custodian of Early Church Records since last Conference. The following have been handed in during the year:—

1. The Minute Book of New Brighton Trustees' meetings from 1888 to 1912.
2. "Advent of the Church—A Contribution to the History of Methodism," by H. Fildes, of Wellington, with notes by Rev. A. C. Lawry. This is a very interesting and valuable pamphlet, dealing especially with the arrival of the early missionaries at Wellington.
3. Copy of a report on his recent visit to Tonga by Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Custodian.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Rev. S. Lawry was cordially thanked for his work and re-appointed.

#### **QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods or Committees for Report?**

**QUESTION LI.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?**

1. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Ministers of the Wellington, Johnsonville, Hutt, and Petone Circuits, Rev. W. J. Williams, Messrs J. Veale, G. Tiller, W. E. Redstone, E. Kellow, J. A. Flesher, C. M. Luke, J. Lomas, A. J. Luke, J. B. Shacklock, H. Holland, A. Peak, S. T. Martin, and T. W. Jones. Convener and Secretary, Secretary of Conference.

2. The above-named Ministers and Laymen of the Wellington, Hutt, and Petone Circuits are a Committee of Exigency, the Superintendent of the Wellington (Taranaki Street) 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 representation at all public functions, and in regard to the chaplaincies of all public institutions, and by correspondence and otherwise to obtain the co-operation and hearty support of the Committee of Privileges.

The Report was adopted, and the Committee as stated therein was appointed.

**RESOLUTION.**

That the Wellington Synod nominate the Wellington members of the Committee.

**QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference on Other Questions?****1. Amendments to Book of Laws.**

That a Committee, consisting of the Secretary-elect (Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.), Rev. S. Lawry, and Mr J. A. Flesher, be appointed to consider amendments and alterations to the Book of Laws made since the last publication, and to report on the work necessary.

**2. Definition of a Circuit.**

That the resolution under this head, Minutes, 1922, p. 159, be amended so as to read: "Definition of Circuit"; that in par. 198, "Methodist Law Book," the word "are" be deleted, and the words "may be" inserted instead thereof; and that the following clause be added: "Each place mentioned and numbered from 1 onwards in the List of Stations printed in the Minutes of Conference shall be regarded as a Circuit for the purpose of pars. 237 and 242, and the Mission Circuit of Solomon Islands shall be numbered in the List of Stations in the same manner as are the Maori Mission Circuits," and in this form be printed in the Minutes of this Conference.

**3. Lay Representatives in Conference.**

That in constituting the Conference there be excluded from the number of Ministers to balance whom Lay Representatives are to be elected those Missionaries on the Foreign Mission Field who have not received the consent of the Board of Missions to attend the Conference.

#### 4. Ministers Engaging in Business.

That paragraphs 86 and 87, Methodist Law Book, be altered to read as follows:—

86. A Supernumerary or Minister without Pastoral Charge who enters into business, either on the advice of the Conference or by his own choice, shall be considered as a Local Preacher only. His name shall not appear on the Printed Minutes of Conference, but shall be retained on the Journal only. He shall have the right to attend the District Synod, but shall not be a member of the Conference unless elected as a Lay Representative of some Circuit or Department.

N.B.—For the purposes of this paragraph the Conference shall determine what constitutes entering into "business."

87. Should such Supernumerary or Minister without Pastoral Charge give up his business, and satisfy the District Ministerial Committee that he has no disqualification of character, nor any financial embarrassment, his name may be restored to the Minutes.

#### 5. Lay Representatives to Conference. (Rule 239, Law Book.)

Should the number of Lay Representatives thus provided for be less than the number of Ministers in full Connexion, additional representatives shall be provided for by the Lay Treasurers of the Connexional and Conference Funds not already represented by the District Secretaries for Church Property having a seat in Conference (ex officio).

#### 6. Nomination of Representatives to Synod.

That, with a view to uniformity in the election of Lay representatives from the Quarterly Meeting to Synod and Conference, we recommend Conference to amend the present law relating to the election of Synod representatives (Book of Laws, p. 52, Quest. 10, Clause f), so as to provide for nomination the same as obtains in the election of Lay Representatives to Conference.

#### 7. Membership in Synod by Home Missionaries.

That Paragraph 225, page 58, of "The Methodist Law Book" be amended to read:—(b) Home Missionaries in the District who have completed the required Probationary tests, and have been admitted as Home Missionaries of the Church, or who, having been admitted as Home Missionaries by the Conference or Home Mission Executive without such Probationary tests, have been seven years continuously in the Home Mission work.

#### 8. Synod Secretaries.

That the Secretaries of Synods be nominated by the Synods for appointment by Conference, but in cases where the Minister so nominated is appointed to another District, the members of such District present at the Conference shall make a nomination to the Conference.

#### 9. Audit of Circuit Funds.

The Certificate to be drawn up by Rev. S. Lawry and Mr F. Sheppard Green.

10. That the Secretary of Conference print the Reports for the Synods; such reports to reach the Secretary not later than October 20.

### MINUTES OF CONFERENCE.

1. That accounts be sent by the Secretary of the Conference to Chairmen of Districts for all copies of "Minutes of Conference" supplied to the respective Districts, and that the Chairmen collect all amounts due, subject to the necessary deduction for copies unsold and returned to the Secretary.

2. That copies of the Minutes of Conference be sent to the Lay Representatives present at the Conference, Treasurers of Connexional Funds, and District Secretaries of Church Properties.

### AGENDA COMMITTEE FOR 1924.

The following are appointed to prepare the Agenda:—Revs. A. N. Scotter, B.A., S. Lawry, E. D. Patchett, and A. H. Fowles.

### JUBILEE OF NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE.

That, in view of the fact that the Conference of 1924 will be the Jubilee of the New Zealand Conference, suitable arrangements be made for its celebration, such arrangements to be made by the North Canterbury District Executive.

### VOTES OF THANKS.

**President.**—That the best thanks of Conference be accorded to the President (Rev. B. F. Rothwell) for his timely and inspiring inaugural address to the Conference, and for his courteous manner in presiding over the sessions of Conference and public functions.

**Vice-President.**—That the Vice-President (Mr H. Field) be heartily thanked for his services throughout the Conference sessions.

**Ex-President.**—That the thanks of Conference be presented to Dr C. H. Laws (Ex-President) for his efficient services during the year, and particularly for the ministry of inspiration he exercised throughout the Dominion during his Presidential tour.

**Ex-Vice-President.**—That the thanks of Conference be given to Mr L. M. Isitt, M.P. (Ex-Vice-President), for his services during the year.

**Secretaries.**—That the thanks of Conference be accorded to the Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, and Precentor for their services to the Conference.

**Ordination Charge.**—That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Ex-President (Dr Laws) for his inspiring Ordination Charge, and that he be requested to allow the same to be published in the N.Z. Methodist Times.

**Legal Adviser.**—That the Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of the efficient and generous services rendered by Mr J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., during the year as Legal Adviser to the President, and that he be re-appointed.

**Trustees, etc.**—That the thanks of Conference be accorded to the Trinity Church Trustees and the Central Mission Trustees for the use of their premises for Conference Sessions and functions; also to the Hosts and Hostesses for their generous hospitality to Conference representatives, and to the Conference Arrangements Committee.

**Press.**—That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Press Committee for their excellent arrangements and services; to the Press Association, and to the Dunedin Press for their excellent reports.

**Choirs.**—That a special vote of thanks from this Conference be accorded to Mr J. Davidson and the United Choir; to Mr P. Young and the Young People's Choir; and to the various performers at the different functions.

#### **REPORT OF THE LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**

The Association reports the formation of branches in the four chief cities of the Dominion, each of which has done useful work for our Church. Efforts for the extension of organisation are being continued.

Proposals for the union of the old Mutual Aid Association with our Association have been under consideration, and these only wait for ratification by the next Annual Meetings of the Societies concerned.

The reception of a small instalment of the Centenary Fund allotment has enabled us to make a beginning in the supply of suitable reading matter for preachers. Arrangements have been entered into with the British Wesleyan Book Room, and our first consignment of books for Local Preacher Candidates has arrived. This will be followed by other selected works of real value for pulpit preparation. Care has been taken in drawing up lists to select from, and close touch is kept with a similar movement in British Methodism. It is proposed to supply these books at half the published price to approved applicants.

We confidently look for the support of the Conference and of the Church in these efforts to maintain and increase pulpit efficiency.

H. FIELD, President.

W. S. MACKAY, Hon. Secretary.

#### **RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference approves the following additions to the Board of Trustees:—Messrs J. W. Shackelford, W. J. Holdsworth, and H. Field; and appoints, also, the Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A. (Chairman of the Auckland District).

#### **QUESTION LIII.—When and Where shall the Next Conference be Held?**

On Thursday, February 21st, 1924, at 7 p.m., in Durham Street Church, Christchurch.

B. F. ROTHWELL, President.

H. FIELD, Vice-President.

A. ASHCROFT, Secretary.

March 5th, 1923.

REPORT OF THE LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

**REPLY TO LOYAL ADDRESS.**

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Wellington, 15th November, 1922.

DEAR MR ISITT,—You will recollect that in July last a number of gentlemen, including yourself, waited upon me at Government House, Wellington, and presented to me an Illuminated Address to the King from the Conference held in New Zealand on the occasion of the Centenary of the establishment of the Methodist Church in the Dominion. In the absence of the President of the Conference, you, as Vice-President, made the presentation.

I now write to inform you, and to ask you to inform the President of the Conference, that the Address has been laid before His Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously, and to command that I should convey to the Methodist Church in New Zealand His Majesty's heartfelt thanks for the sentiments of loyalty to his Throne and person contained in the Address, and an expression of his appreciation of their noble and successful labours during the past hundred years.

Yours sincerely,

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

L. M. Isitt, Esq., M.P., Christchurch.

## Form of Bequest.

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The following FORM OF BEQUEST may be used by persons who wish to bequeath a sum of money to any Institution or Fund connected with the Methodist Church of New Zealand :—

*I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of ..... the*  
(Here insert the name of the Institution or Fund to be benefited)

*sum of ..... pounds sterling to be paid out of my personal estate in aid of the said .....*  
(Name the Institution or Fund)

*now carried on under the direction of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be a sufficient discharge.*

# Presidents and Secretaries of New Zealand Conferences

## AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, N.Z.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Christchurch	1874	Thomas Buddle	Alexander Reid
Auckland	1875	James Buller	Alexander Reid
Wellington	1876	Alexander Reid	John Crump
Christchurch	1877	William Kirk	William Morley
Wellington	1878	John Crump	William Morley
Auckland	1879	William Morley	Rainsford Bavin
Dunedin	1880	William Lee	William Morley
Nelson	1881	John B. Richardson	Rainsford Bavin
Christchurch	1882	James A. Taylor	William Morley
Auckland	1883	Rainsford Bavin	Henry Bull
Wellington	1884	William Morley	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1885	Joseph Berry	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1886	Henry Bull	William J. Williams
Auckland	1887	William C. Oliver	Henry R. Dewsbury
Wellington	1888	William J. Williams	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1889	William J. Watkin	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1890	John J. Lewis	William Lee
Auckland	1891	Henry R. Dewsbury	William Lee
Wellington	1892	George Bond	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1893	William Keall	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1894	David McNicoll	Henry Bull
Nelson	1895	Joseph H. Simmonds	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1896	William Baumber	William J. Williams
Wellington	1897	Paul W. Fairclough	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1898	William G. Parsonson	Daniel J. Murray
Christchurch	1899	John Orchard	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1900	Joseph S. Smalley	Daniel J. Murray
Wellington	1901	Charles H. Garland	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1902	Daniel J. Murray	Samuel Lawry

## METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch	1903	John A. Luxford	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1904	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Wellington	1905	Joseph N. Buttle	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1906	Thomas G. Brooke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1907	William Slade	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Auckland	1908	Charles E. Beecroft	Samuel Lawry
Wellington	1909	Thomas Fee	Samuel Lawry
Dunedin	1910	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	Samuel Lawry
Christchurch	1911	George W. J. Spence	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1912	William Ready	Samuel Lawry

## METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND (INDEPENDENT).

Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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## THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C. M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E. H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rothwell	Henry Field	Arthur Ashcroft

## PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT
Wellington	1873	Rev. W. J. Dean
New Plymouth	1874	Rev. J. Dumbell
Wellington	1875	Rev. S. Antliff, D.D.
Christchurch	1876	Rev. J. Dumbell
Wellington	1877	Rev. W. J. Dean
Auckland	1878	Rev. B. J. Westbrooke
Wellington	1879	Rev. D. Dutton
Christchurch	1880	Rev. W. J. Dean
Dunedin	1881	Rev. Josiah Ward
Wellington	1882	Rev. Joseph Long
Auckland	1883	Rev. C. E. Barley
Dunedin	1884	Rev. C. E. Ward
Christchurch	1885	Mr David Goldie
New Plymouth	1886	Rev. P. W. Jones
Wellington	1887	Rev. James Guy
Invercargill	1888	Mr G. Froggatt
Christchurch	1889	Rev. J. Sharp
Dunedin	1890	Mr C. M. Luke
Auckland	1891	Rev. W. S. Potter
Christchurch	1892	Mr J. Bellringer
Ashburton	1893	Rev. James Guy
New Plymouth	1894	Rev. C. E. Ward
Wellington	1895	Rev. William Laycock
Timaru	1896	Rev. James Clover
Feilding	1897	Rev. T. H. Lyon
Dunedin	1898	Rev. J. Dawson
Christchurch	1899	Rev. P. W. Jones
Stratford	1900	Rev. J. Cocker
Auckland	1901	Rev. W. S. Potter
Wellington	1902	Hon. C. M. Luke
Ashburton	1903	Rev. G. Clement
Wanganui	1904	Rev. E. Drake
Christchurch	1905	Rev. J. Sharp
Invercargill	1906	Mr C. E. Bellringer
New Plymouth	1907	Rev. C. E. Ward
Dunedin	1908	Rev. J. Olphert
Auckland	1909	Rev. R. Raine
Timaru	1910	Rev. S. Henderson
Wellington	1911	Rev. G. H. Mann
Christchurch	1912	Rev. G. K. Smith
Wellington	1913	Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C.

**UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES.**

YEAR	CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT	SECRETARY
1890	Alfred Peters	Mr J. A. Flesher
1891	Samuel Macfarlane	Mr J. A. Flesher
1892	John W. Worboys	Rev. A. Peters
1893	Charles Penney	Rev. A. Peters
1894	John Hosking	Mr J. A. Flesher
1895	John J. Pendray	Mr J. A. Flesher
1896	Alfred Peters	Mr J. A. Flesher

**BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1892-3	John Orchard	William Ready
1894-5	William Ready	Barton H. Ginger
1896	Barton H. Ginger	Frederick T. Read

# A Chronological List

OF THE

## Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

### METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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| <p>1852—Dumbell, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1862—Smith, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1864—Lee, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1868—McNicoll, David (Sup.)</p> <p>1869—Simmonds, Joseph H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1870—Lewis, John J. (Sup.)<br/>         „ Ward, Charles E. (Sup.)<br/>         „ Williams, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1871—Bond, George (Sup.)<br/>         „ Carr, Thomas G. (Sup.)<br/>         „ Dewsbury, Henry R. (Sup.)<br/>         „ Thomas, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1872—Ward, Josiah (Sup.)</p> <p>1874—Hammond, Thomas G (Sup.)<br/>         „ Jory, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1875—Guy, James (Sup.)<br/>         „ Murray, Daniel J. (Sup.)<br/>         „ Nixon, John (Sup.)<br/>         „ Standage, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1876—Baumber William (Sup.)<br/>         „ Griffin, Cornelius (Sup.)<br/>         „ Jones, Peter W. (Sup.)<br/>         „ Potter, William S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)<br/>         „ Lawry, Samuel<br/>         „ Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1879—Abernethy, Christopher (Sup.)</p> <p>1880—Brooke, Thomas G.<br/>         „ Griffin, Thomas N. (Sup.)</p> <p>1881—Pinfold, James T., D.D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel (Sup.)<br/>         „ Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1884—Laycock, William</p> | <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C.<br/>         „ Ready, William<br/>         „ Rothwell, Benjamin F.<br/>         „ Wallis, T. Jackson</p> <p>1887—Blight Joseph (Sup.)<br/>         „ Clement, George (Sup.)<br/>         „ Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)<br/>         „ Laws, Charles H., B.A.<br/>         „ Wrigley, James</p> <p>1888—Dawson, John<br/>         „ Grigg, William<br/>         „ Olphert, John</p> <p>1889—Chapman, James G. (Sup.)<br/>         „ Knight, Percy N., B.A.<br/>         „ Read, Frederick T.</p> <p>1890—Cocker, James (Sup.)<br/>         „ Harding, Arthur (Sup.)<br/>         „ Mitchell, Arthur<br/>         „ Newbold, Thos. W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A.</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D.<br/>         „ Raine, Robert<br/>         „ Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward<br/>         „ Elliott, William J.<br/>         „ Frost, George<br/>         „ Harrison, Colin C.</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E.<br/>         „ Henderson, Samuel<br/>         „ Vealie, Thomas W.</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur<br/>         „ Griffin, John W.<br/>         „ Lochore, John A.<br/>         „ Richards, Thomas R.</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L.<br/>         „ Hosking James A.</p> |
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## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued.

- 1897—Cossum Percy J.  
 „ Goldie, John Francis  
 „ Greenwood, Fred.  
 „ Hay, W. Arthur  
 „ Pybus, T. Arthur (Sup.)
- 1898—Beckett, William  
 „ Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S.
- 1899—Keall, Robert P.  
 „ Southern, John  
 „ Wills, William
- 1900—Blamires, E. Percy  
 „ Greenslade, William  
 „ Haslam, Jonathan H.  
 „ Hunt, George P.  
 „ Liversedge, Arthur  
 „ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.
- 1901—Bailey, Samuel  
 „ Cook, George S.  
 „ Eaton Clarence  
 „ Featherstone, Jacob  
 „ Ranston, Harry, M.A.  
 „ Reader, Amos  
 „ Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.
- 1902—Coatsworth, Thomas  
 „ Milne, J. Napier  
 „ Oxbrow, Walter J.  
 „ Patchett, Ernest D.  
 „ Pratt, M. A. Rugby
- 1903—James, Benjamin J.  
 „ Liddell, Ralph J.  
 „ Seamer, Arthur J.
- 1904—Blamires, Ernest O.  
 „ McBean, Angus  
 „ Stockwell, George F.
- 1905—Copeland, Fred.  
 „ Harris, John  
 „ Metson, Basil  
 „ Richards, Raymond
- 1906—Avery, William W.  
 „ Clark, James R. (Sup.)  
 „ Daniel, Herbert  
 „ Paris, Percy R.  
 „ Roberts, Charles  
 „ Ryan, Henry  
 „ White, Hedley
- 1907—Abbey, William H. E.  
 „ Blair, Charles  
 „ Scott, W. Bramwell
- 1908—Cox, Edwin T., M.A.  
 „ Jordan, Chas. B., M.A., F.R.E.S.  
 „ Martin, J. Frederick  
 „ Speer, William H.  
 „ Tinsley, Robt. B.
- 1909—Cottom, Harry  
 „ McArthur, John D.
- 1910—Burley, William A., M.A.  
 „ Harris, Archer O.  
 „ Olds, Charles H., B.A.  
 „ Richards, James  
 „ Sharp, Harold A.
- 1911—Enticott, Walter J.  
 „ Fowles, Albert H.  
 „ Frost, Fred. L.  
 „ Hopper Arthur  
 „ Lea, William  
 „ Neale, Leslie B.  
 „ Richards, Horace L.  
 „ Rowe, William
- 1912—Gosnell, Robert B.  
 „ Hinton, George B.  
 „ Lawrence, Frederick B.  
 „ Leadley, Frank E.  
 „ Parsons, John E.  
 „ Walker, William  
 „ Watson, William A. (Sup.)
- 1913—Battey, Percy  
 „ Bensley, Arthur A.  
 „ Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Binet, Vincent le C.  
 „ Burnet, Oswald  
 „ Foston, Charles A.  
 „ Harris, Francis T.  
 „ Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.  
 „ Minifie, A. J. Lester,  
 „ Olds, E. Thomas  
 „ Odell Henry J.  
 „ Slade, William G., M.A.
- 1916—Brown, George E.  
 „ Fordyce, Robert E.  
 „ Hocking, William H.  
 „ Kendon, Charles H.  
 „ Metcalfe, John R.  
 „ Sage, Ernest E.
- 1917—Blight, William T., B.A.  
 „ Chambers, Ernest B.  
 „ Dennis, John  
 „ Dent, Tom  
 „ Nelson, John R.  
 „ Parker, Fredk. J.
- 1918—Costain, Alfred M.  
 „ Neal, Wallace S.  
 „ Parker, James W.  
 „ Skuse, Thomas

## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued.

1919—Cuming, William B.	1922—Allen, James H.
„ Ford, Herbert	„ Brooks, Leslie A. G.
„ Gatman, William	„ Burton, Thomas H.
„ Jefferson, Alfred E.	„ Green, Samuel S.
1920—Mercer, Victor S.	„ Jack, John F.
„ Pickering, William B.	1923—Blakemore, Albert
1921—Benny, Henry	„ Hames, Eric W.
„ Cropp, Allan H.	„ Orchard, Hector C.
„ Harkness, Edwin S.	„ Spencer, Herbert

## NATIVE MINISTERS.

1882—Rakena, Piripi	1914—Rakena, P. Rakena
1896—Heretini, Te Tuhi	1920—Matarae, Tauroa
1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki	1921—Teuawiri, Hoani Hakaraia
„ Renata, Hapeta	1922—Haddon, E. Oliver
1904—Papakura, Neho Hemi	1923—Fraser, W. Te Rangitewhata
1911—Kakuere, Hori	
„ Te Tuhi, Eruera	
„ Wilcox, Davis	

# An Alphabetical List

## OF THE

# Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
 METHODIST CHURCH OF  
 NEW ZEALAND.

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in parentheses immediately after his address. The number of the Circuit in the Stations is denoted in the right hand column. The Foreign Mission Stations are distinguished by numbers in square brackets.

2. H.M. = Home Missions. F.M. = Foreign Missions. M.M. = Maori Missions. C.S. = Connexional Secretary. S.S. and Y.P. = Sunday School and Young People's Department. Th. C. = Theological College. W.T.C. = Wesley Training College.

3. This list has been compiled for reference only; it is not to be considered official.

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1907	... 1 ...	Abbey, William H. E., Birkett Street, Temuka	... 103
1879	... S ...	Abernethy, Christopher, 363 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch (1919)	... 84
1922	... 2 ...	Allen, James H., Paparoa, Kaipara	... 15
1895	... 1 ...	Ashcroft, Arthur, Queen Street, Thames	... 20
1906	... 2 ...	Avery, William W., Waitara, Taranaki	... 37
1901	... 3 ...	Bailey, Samuel, Lyttelton	... 93
1913	... 1 ...	Bathey, Percy, Fitzroy, New Plymouth	... 36
1876	... S ...	Baumber, William, 169 Hackthorne Road, Christchurch (1918)	... 84
1898	... 3 ...	Beckett, William, Waimate	... 102
1894	... 1 ...	Bellhouse, Harold E., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin	... 103
1921	... 1 ...	Benny, Henry, Reefton	... 82
1913	... 2 ...	Bensley, Arthur A., Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands	... [8]
1914	... 2 ...	Binet, Vincent le C., Seqa, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	... [9]
1907	... 5 ...	Blair, Charles, Nelson Street, Petone	... 69
1900	... 2 ...	Blamires, E. Percy, 45a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	... S.S. and Y.P.
1904	... 1 ...	Blamires, Ernest O., Dundas Street, Dunedin	... 110
1896	... 3 ...	Blamires, Henry L., Nelson	... 76
1923	... 1 ...	Blakemore, Albert, Timaru, Canterbury	... 101

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1887	... S ...	Blight, Joseph, Mount Albert, Auckland (1910) ...	4
1917	... 4 ...	Blight, William T., B.A., Waikumete, Auckland ...	4
1871	... S ...	Bond, George, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1915) ...	3
1880	... 14 ...	Brooke, Thomas G., Penryn Avenue, Mount Eden, Auckland ...	H.M.
1922	... 2 ...	Brooks, Leslie A. G., N.E. Valley, Dunedin ...	108
1916	... 4 ...	Brown, George E., 100 Northland Road, Northland, Wellington ...	64
1910	... 1 ...	Burley, William A., M.A., Birkenhead, Auckland ...	8
1914	... 1 ...	Burnet, Oswald, Greendale, Canterbury ...	100
1922	... 2 ...	Burton, Thomas H., 42 Brown's Road, St. Albans, Christchurch ...	91
1871	... S ...	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Road, Mount Eden, Auckland (1915) ...	3
1917	... 1 ...	Chambers, Ernest B., Taihape ...	48
1889	... S ...	Chapman, James G., 76 Tinakori Rd., Wellington (1920) ...	65
1906	... S ...	Clark, James R., Christchurch (1922) ...	84
1887	... S ...	Clement, George, St. Leonards, Dunedin (1923) ...	108
1902	... 3 ...	Coatsworth, Thomas, 52 Collingwood St., Auckland ...	2
1890	... S ...	Cocker, James, 25 Perry Street, Masterton (1922) ...	72
1901	... 1 ...	Cook, George S., Grey Street, Onehunga ...	9
1915	... 1 ...	Cooke, Percy I., Matamata, Waikato ...	35
1905	... 3 ...	Copeland, Fred, 11 Sherwood Street, Mount Eden, Auckland ...	1
1897	... 2 ...	Cossum, Percy J., Grey Street, Woodville ...	55
1918	... 3 ...	Costain, Alfred M., Parsonage, Greytown, Wairarapa. ...	70
1909	... 2 ...	Cottom, Harry, Waihi ...	23
1908	... 3 ...	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne ...	52
1921	... 2 ...	Cropp, Allan H., Roviana, Solomon Islands ...	[7]
1919	... 1 ...	Cuming, William B., Opotiki ...	30
1906	... 2 ...	Daniel, Herbert, Marton ...	47
1888	... 11 ...	Dawson, John, 136 Coromandel Street, Wellington ...	62
1917	... 3 ...	Dennis, John, Te Kuiti ...	31
1917	... 2 ...	Dent, Tom, Roviana, Solomon Islands ...	[7]
1871	... S ...	Dewsbury, Henry R., "Mai Ora," Epsom, Auckland (1911) ...	3
1893	... 8 ...	Drake, Edward, 24 Colombo St., Newtown, Wellington ...	65
1898	... 1 ...	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., 165 Ollivier's Road, Linwood, Christchurch ...	85
1852	... S ...	Dumbell, John, c/o Hon. W. A. Triggs, Hackthorne Road, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch (1885) ...	64
1901	... 1 ...	Eaton, Clarence, 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington ...	62
1893	... 3 ...	Elliott, William J., Liardet Street, New Plymouth ...	36
1911	... 1 ...	Enticott, Walter J., Taumarunui ...	32
1901	... 4 ...	Featherston, Jacob, Geraldine ...	104
1877	... S ...	Fee, Thomas, Aynsley Ter., Opawa, Christchurch (1913) ...	87
1919	... 1 ...	Ford, Herbert, visiting England ...	1
1916	... 1 ...	Fordyce, Robert E., Roxburgh, Otago ...	121
1914	... 3 ...	Poston, Charles A., Pahiatua ...	56
1911	... 4 ...	Fowles, Albert H., 43 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton, Christchurch ...	90
1912	... 1 ...	Frost, Fred. L., Tauranga ...	29
1893	... 4 ...	Frost, George, Queen Street, Levin ...	74
1919	... 1 ...	Gatman, William, Balclutha, Otago ...	119
1897	... 22 ...	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands ...	[7]
1912	... 2 ...	Gosnell, Robert B., Mangawhare, N. Wairoa ...	16
1900	... 5 ...	Greenslade, William, Blenheim ...	78

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1897	... 2 ...	Greenwood, Fred, Morrinsville ... ..	22
1876	... S ...	Griffin, Cornelius, 7 Eglinton Avenue, Mount Eden, Auckland (1914) ... ..	3
1895	... 2 ...	Griffin, John W., Papakura, Auckland ... ..	11
1880	... S ...	Griffin, Thomas N., 56 James Avenue, Papanui, Christchurch (1918) ... ..	92
1882	... S ...	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Road, Mount Eden, Auckland (1920) ... ..	3
1888	... 3 ...	Grigg, William, Wicksteed Street, Wanganui ... ..	45
1922	... 2 ...	Green, Samuel S., Eketahuna ... ..	73
1875	... S ...	Guy, James, 124 Bealey Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1921) ... ..	85
1923	... 1 ...	Haines, Eric W., Parsonage, Hardy Street, Nelson ... ..	76
1874	... S ...	Hammond, Thomas G., Leitchfield, Waikato (1920) ... ..	35
1890	... S ...	Harding, Arthur, Pahiatua (1923) ... ..	56
1921	... 3 ...	Harkness, Edwin S., Opunake, Taranaki ... ..	43
1910	... 2 ...	Harris, Archer O., Leeston, Canterbury ... ..	96
1914	... 1 ...	Harris, Francis T., Ohoka, Canterbury ... ..	98
1905	... 3 ...	Harris, John, 227 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch ... ..	86
1893	... 4 ...	Harrison, Colin C., 12 Rossmoor Crescent, Thorndon, Wellington ... ..	64
1900	... 2 ...	Haslam, Jonathan H., 118 Elles Road, Invercargill ... ..	123
1897	... 1 ...	Hay, W. Arthur, 54 Chester Street, Christchurch ... ..	84
1894	... 1 ...	Henderson, Samuel, Te Aroha ... ..	21
1912	... 1 ...	Hinton, George B., visiting England ... ..	1
1916	... 1 ...	Hocking, William H., Gore ... ..	125
1911	... 1 ...	Hopper, Arthur, 36 Brighton Road, Roslyn, Dunedin ... ..	115
1896	... 2 ...	Hosking, James A., Otahuhu ... ..	10
1900	... 4 ...	Hunt, George P., 66 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin ... ..	113
1922	... 2 ...	Jack, John F., Hokitika ... ..	79
1903	... 3 ...	James, Benjamin J., Franklin Street, Greymouth ... ..	80
1919	... 1 ...	Jefferson, Alfred E., Paeroa ... ..	24
1876	... S ...	Jones, Peter W., Sandiland Street, Feilding (1901) ... ..	59
1882	... S ...	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Av., Epsom Auckland (1919) ... ..	3
1908	... 1 ...	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., F.R.E.S., Port Chalmers ... ..	117
1874	... S ...	Jory, John D., "Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland (1912) ... ..	8
1887	... S ...	Joughin, Thomas A., Dryden Street, Sumner (1922) ... ..	94
1899	... 3 ...	Keall, R. Purcell, Otaki ... ..	75
1916	... 2 ...	Kendon, Charles H., Kaponga ... ..	44
1889	... 4 ...	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland ... ..	1
1912	... 2 ...	Lawrence, Frederick B., Tua Marina, Marlborough ... ..	78
1885	... 1 ...	Lawry, Albert C., 1 Butler Street, Timaru ... ..	101
1877	... 13 ...	Lawry, Samuel, P.O. Box 931, Christchurch ... ..	C.S.
1887	... 4 ...	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., 70 Remuera Rd., Auckland (English address: c/o Mr J. W. Laws, 13 Beech Gardens, Low Fell, Gateshead-on-Tyne, England) ... ..	Th. C.
1884	... 2 ...	Laycock, William, Tai Tapu, Canterbury ... ..	95
1911	... 1 ...	Lea, William, Aramoho ... ..	46
1912	... 1 ...	Leadley, Frank E., Hamilton East, Waikato ... ..	26
1864	... S ...	Lee, William, Henley Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1907) ... ..	3
1903	... 3 ...	Liddell, Ralph J., Willowby, Canterbury ... ..	106
1870	... S ...	Lewis, John J., Tenterden Av., Mount Eden, Auckland (1919) ... ..	1
1900	... 1 ...	Liversedge, Arthur, Parsonage, Mt. Albert, Auckland ... ..	4
1895	... 4 ...	Lochore, John A., Selwyn Road, Epsom, Auckland ... ..	3

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1909	... 5	McArthur, John D., Queen Street, Cambridge, Waikato	25
1904	... 5	McBean, Angus, Queen Street E., Hastings, H.B.	51
1868	... S	McNicoll, David, 13 Disraeli Street, Mount Eden, Auckland (1909)	3
1883	... S	Marshall, George T., Mount Albert, Auckland (1920)	1
1908	... 1	Martin, J. Frederick, Bidwell Street, Wellington	63
1920	... 2	Mercer, Victor S., Bluff	124
1916	... 4	Metcalfe, John R., Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	[9]
1905	... 3	Metson, Basil, Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	112
1902	... 3	Milne, J. Napier, 139 Rugby Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	91
1915	... 3	Minifie, A. J. Lester, Foxton, Manawatu	61
1890	... 1	Mitchell, Arthur, West Street, Feilding	59
1875	... S	Murray, Daniel J., Normandale, Lower Hutt, Wellington (1920)	68
1918	... 3	Neal, Wallace S., Waipawa, H.B.	53
1911	... 4	Neale, Leslie B., Stratford, Taranaki	39
1917	... 3	Nelson, John R., Richmond, Nelson	77
1890	... S	Newbold, Thomas W., 275 George St., Dunedin (1912)	108
1875	... S	Nixon, John, New Plymouth (1907)	36
1915	... 2	Odell, Henry J., 111 Arthur Street, Timaru	101
1910	... 2	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auckland	2
1915	... 1	Olds, E. Thomas, 58 Wellington Road, Hataitai, Wellington	66
1888	... 4	Olphert, John, Pukekohe	12
1923	... 1	Orchard, Hector C., Inglewood, Taranaki	38
1902	... 1	Oxbrow, Walter J., South Road, Hawera, Taranaki	41
1906	... 3	Paris, Percy R., 4 Harper St., Sydenham, Christchurch	88
1917	... 1	Parker, Frederick J., Waikouaiti	118
1918	... 2	Parker, James W., Springton, Canterbury	94
1912	... 2	Parsons, John E., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland	6
1902	... 3	Patchett, Ernest D., 173 Fitzgerald Av., Christchurch	85
1913	... 1	Peat, Harold T., 23 Waldegrave St., Palmerston North	58
1892	... 4	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Carteron	71
1877	... S	Peters, Alfred, Papanui, Christchurch (1920)	92
1920	... 4	Pickering, William B., Reefton	83
1881	... S	Pinfold, James T., D.D., "The Nook," Main Road, Karori, Wellington (1921)	65
1876	... S	Potter, William S., 155 Crummer Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland (1919)	2
1902	... 1	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, 290 Church Street, Palmerston North	57
1897	... S	Pybus, T. Arthur, Dunedin (1923)	108
1892	... 2	Raine, Robert, 56 Lawrence St., Mornington, Dunedin	114
1901	... 1	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., 70 Remuera Road, Auckland	Th. C.
1889	... 1	Read, Frederick T., 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch	85
1901	... 1	Reader, Amos, 8 Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland	1
1885	... 1	Ready, William, London Street, Hamilton	26
1911	... 2	Richards, Horace L., 49 Wesley Street, South Dunedin	111
1910	... 2	Richards, James, Remuera Road, Auckland	3
1905	... 3	Richards, Raymond, Otautau, Southland	126
1895	... 10	Richards, Thomas R., Madeira Steps, Napier	50
1906	... 4	Roberts, Charles, Manaia, Taranaki	42

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1885	... 2 ...	Rothwell, Benjamin F., 46 Worksop Road, Masterton.	72
1911	... 4 ...	Rowe, William, Lower Hutt, Wellington ...	68
1906	... 2 ...	Ryan, Henry, Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch...	92
1916	... 2 ...	Sage, Ernest E., Dannevirke ...	54
1907	... 4 ...	Scott, W. Bramwell, Kaiapoi, Canterbury ...	97
1900	... 3 ...	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 142 King St., Rangiora	93
1903	... 4 ...	Seamer, Arthur J., 17 Disraeli Street, Mount Eden, Auckland ...	H.M.
1910	... 4 ...	Sharp, Harold A., Spey Street, Invercargill ...	122
1869	... S ...	Simmonds, Joseph H., Auckland (1923) ...	1
1891	... 5 ...	Sinclair, William A., 509 N.Z. Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland ...	F.M.
1918	... 2 ...	Skuse, Thomas, Milton, Otago ...	120
1915	... 3 ...	Slade, William G., M.A., 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland ...	3
1892	... 2 ...	Smith, G. Knowles, King Edward Street, Eltham ...	40
1862	... S ...	Smith, John, 35 Fairview Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1891) ...	3
1899	... 2 ...	Southern, John, Waiuku, Auckland ...	13
1908	... 3 ...	Speer, William H., Bank Street, Whangarei ...	17
1923	... 1 ...	Spencer, Herbert, Raetihi ...	49
1875	... S ...	Standage, Charles H., Timaru (1915) ...	101
1904	... 1 ...	Stockwell, George F., Eden Street, Oamaru ...	107
1871	... S ...	Thomas, James, 103 White Horse Road, Box Hill, Mel- bourne (1907) ...	1
1908	... 4 ...	Tinsley, Robert B., Harman Street, Christchurch ...	89
1894	... 5 ...	Vealie, Thomas W., Havelock Street, Ashburton ...	105
1912	... 1 ...	Walker, William, 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin ...	109
1885	... 3 ...	Wallis, T. Jackson, 46 Radley St., Woolston, Christ- church ...	87
1870	... S ...	Ward, Charles E., Canon Street, St. Albans, Christ- church (1910) ...	86
1872	... S ...	Ward, Josiah, 128 Ohio Road, Brooklyn, Wellington ...	62
1912	... S ...	Watson, William A., Reefton (1923) ...	82
1914	... 3 ...	Werren, Samuel J., Johnsonville, Wellington ...	67
1906	... 1 ...	White, Hedley, Te Awamutu ...	33
1870	... S ...	Williams, William J., Sumner, Christchurch (1914) ...	87
1899	... 3 ...	Wills, William, Sanson, Manawatu ...	60
1901	... 5 ...	Woolloxall, Thomas R., Takapuna, Auckland ...	7
1887	... 1 ...	Wrigley, James, Rotorua ...	28

### NATIVE MINISTERS.

Entered.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1923	Fraser, W. Te Rangitewhata, Te Kuiti ...	[4]
1900	Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki, Normanby, Taranaki ...	[5]
1922	Haddon, E. Oliver, Helensville ...	[3]
1896	Heretini, Te Tuhi, Whirinaki, Onehunga ...	[2]
1911	Kakuere, Hori, Ngaruawahia, Waikato ...	[4]
1904	Papakura, Neho Hemi, Tihaka, Southland ...	122
1914	Rakena, Rakena P., Rahotu, Taranaki ...	[5]
1882	Piripi, Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga ...	[2]
1900	Renata, Hapeta, Kaeo ...	[1]
1920	Tauroa, Matarae, Kawa Kawa ...	[1]
1911	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Rewiti, Kaipara ...	[3]
1921	Te Uawiri, Hoani H., Patea, Taranaki ...	[5]
1911	Wilcox, Davis, Kawhia ...	[4]

**CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF HOME MISSIONARIES AND HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS, WITH POSTAL ADDRESSES.**

N.B.—Only complete years of service count. The number following the address indicates the years of present appointment.

- 1896—John H. White, Mapua, Nelson (retired); 4.  
 1899—John Oliver, Main Street East, Palmerston North (retired); 6.  
 1904—C. Aker, Arapohue, North Wairoa; 2.  
 1904—W. T. Hooper, Bombay, Auckland; 4.  
 1905—P. J. Mairs, Paraparaumu, Wellington; 1.  
 1907—S. Keen, Ngaruawahia, Waikato; 3.  
 1908—G. H. Bridgman, Edendale, Southland; 3.  
 1908—C. W. Brown, Mosgiel, Otago; 1.  
 1908—W. E. Sleep, Motueka, Nelson; 1.  
 1909—T. W. Featherston, Oxford, Canterbury; 1.  
 1909—F. P. Kellow, Gonville, Wanganui (retired); 2.  
 1909—W. Watson, Patea, Taranaki (retired); 1.  
 1910—C. Duncan, Nightcaps, Southland; 1.  
 1911—A. E. Haynes, Halcombe, Manawatu; 2.  
 1911—C. Strand, Gonville, Wanganui; 3.  
 1913—J. Common, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty; 3.  
 1914—F. E. Foot, Porirua, Wellington; 1.  
 1915—T. Flower, Okato, Taranaki; 2.  
 1915—H. S. Kings, Port Albert, Kaipara, Auckland; 1.  
 1915—O. S. Pearn, Maori Hill, Dunedin; 3.  
 1916—J. H. Edmondson, Ohaeawai, Bay of Islands; 2.  
 1917—A. L. Witheford, Midhurst, Taranaki; 3.  
 1923—J. W. Cocks, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty; 1.

**HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.**

**A.—Exempted from Examination Work.**

- 1919—J. W. Bayliss, Kaukapakapa, Kaipara; 1.  
 1919—P. Bridge, Huntly, Waikato; 3.  
 1919—J. Belshaw, Waddington, Canterbury; 3.  
 1921—A. Beeson, Mayfield, Canterbury; 1.  
 1922—H. Ashworth, Ohura, King Country; 2.  
 1922—J. Reid, Dublin Street, Wanganui; 2.

**B.—Due to take Examination Work.**

- 1920—R. T. H. Wearne, Murchison, Nelson; 1.  
 1920—C. G. H. Bycroft, Kaeo, Whangaroa; 1.  
 1920—W. Parker, Henderson, Auckland; 1.  
 1920—H. W. M. Payne, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains; 1.  
 1921—W. H. Ashmore, Ashhurst, Palmerston North; 3.  
 1921—F. Bateup, Havelock, Marlborough; 3.  
 1921—H. Bateup, Hawarden, North Canterbury; 1.  
 1921—J. Thomas, Kawa Kawa, Bay of Islands; 1.

- 1921—H. Vowell, Riverton, Southland; 1.  
 1922—R. G. Hemmings, Hikurangi; 1.  
 1922—G. H. Marr, Lawrence, Otago; 1.  
 1922—R. McGregor, Cromwell, Otago; 2.  
 1922—C. Robinson, Apiti, Feilding; 2.  
 1923—E. R. Alexander, Tuatapere, Southland; 1.  
 1923—E. J. Clarke, Mangonui, Auckland; 1.  
 1923—C. C. Hoskin, Wakefield, Nelson; 1.  
 1923—C. Vugler, Putaruru, Waikato; 1.  
 1923—W. McDonald, Rawene, Hokianga; 1.  
 1923—H. E. Haynes, Coromandel, Auckland; 1.

### HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLIES.

- 1916—J. Field, Rakaia, Canterbury; 4.  
 1921—T. A. Brady, Norsewood, Hawke's Bay; 3.  
 1921—T. F. Watson, Woodend, Canterbury; 1.

### MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

Wi Kaitara, Purerua, Bay of Islands.  
 Honi Tamati.  
 Te Aho-o-te-Rangi.  
 Aihe Huirama.  
 Te Hira Ratete.  
 Wirimu H. Toka.

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# APPENDIX.

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1 GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923.  
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.					Attendants on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.
										Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	
Auckland Central	4	...	4	3	9	...	1	17	2	729	...	166	...	600	1900
" West	5	1	6	2	3	...	...	7	...	366	...	118	...	250	1360
" East	6	2	5	3	15	...	...	16	...	645	11	259	...	567	2156
" (Avondale)	5	4	3	1	2	1	...	9	...	374	...	78	...	365	1181
" (Cen. Mission)	3	...	2	1	1	...	...	3	...	187	...	20	...	80	550
" (Devonport)	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	2	2	170	...	56	...	110	610
" (Takapuna)	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	2	3	81	9	30	...	82	240
" (Birkenhead)	4	2	4	1	2	...	...	3	2	185	...	97	...	190	554
Onehunga	3	...	2	1	1	...	...	3	...	175	...	135	...	85	580
Otahuhu	3	...	3	1	1	...	...	7	...	166	...	110	...	120	600
Papakura	2	2	2	1	1	...	...	6	...	145	...	28	...	110	445
Pukekohe	7	7	1	2	1	1	...	6	...	182	...	34	...	200	960
Waiuku	1	7	1	1	1	...	...	9	...	72	...	16	44	60	355
Mahurangi	2	7	1	1	...	1	...	5	...	52	...	...	...	30	350
Paparoa	5	5	...	1	1	...	...	5	...	80	4	39	...	75	323
Northern Wairoa	5	11	...	1	1	...	...	12	...	119	...	25	...	120	584
Whangarei	2	4	1	1	1	...	...	3	...	136	...	46	...	60	500
Port Albert	3	2	1	1	...	1	...	2	...	55	...	17	25	48	210
Coromandel	2	6	...	1	...	1	...	5	...	36	...	...	...	25	249
Helensville	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	45	...	20	...	30	150
Kaukapakapa	2	7	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	39	...	10	...	...	200
Bay of Islands	2	7	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	22	...	6	...	16	330
Hokianga	1	12	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	66	...	2	...	30	300
Whangaroa	1	3	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	10	165
Mangonui	3	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	40	...	3	...	10	140
Hikurangi	1	6	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	36	...	7	...	15	90
Rehia	1	14	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	340
Kaikohe	1	12	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	29	...	12	...	...	285
Totals	78	130	39	31	42	13	1131	12	4302	24	1334	69	3307	15707	

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	2	1	2	2	2	...	...	4	...	120	...	33	...	80	338
Te Aroha	3	7	1	1	1	...	...	6	...	149	3	43	...	90	720
Morrinsville	3	2	...	1	1	...	...	10	...	122	...	...	...	60	400
Waihi	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	4	...	87	...	23	...	60	200
Paeroa & Hauraki Plains	1	11	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	80	...	21	...	52	320
Cambridge	4	1	1	1	1	...	...	4	...	150	...	55	...	125	625
Hamilton	5	10	2	2	2	...	...	18	6	484	...	196	...	370	1700
Huntly	1	9	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	42	...	...	...	...	74
Rotorua	2	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	81	...	44	...	100	359
Tauranga	1	3	1	8	1	...	...	3	...	102	...	10	...	60	250
Opotiki	2	4	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	33	...	19	...	20	186
Te Kuiti	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	5	...	73	...	33	...	100	159
Ohura	2	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	37	...	6	...	12	155
Taumarunui	1	17	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	91	...	11	...	24	430
Te Awamutu	2	8	1	1	1	...	...	6	...	126	...	18	...	65	500
Whakatane	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	45	...	...	...	...	56
Matamata	3	10	...	2	2	1	...	1	...	103	4	43	...	110	540
Te Puke	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	31	...	...	...	20	130
Ngaruawahia	3	2	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	56	...	9	...	44	275
Totals	40	102	11	17	15	7	...	70	6	2014	7	564	...	1392	7320

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1922. 1  
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				Attendants on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.	
										Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.		Communi- cants.
New Plymouth	9	4	3	2	3			16		578		102	80	370	1540
Waitara	3	3	1	1	1			4		103		35	10	60	350
Inglewood	3	4	1	1	1			5		74		30	8	70	75
Stratford	8	1	2	2	1	1		7		157		79		105	575
Eltham	1	3	1	1	1			5		107		42		86	360
Hawera	3	2	2	1	1			10		271	4	122	138	166	603
Manaia	4	1		1	1			7		85		46	5	60	400
Cape Egmont	6	5	2	3	1	1		8		107				112	480
Kaponga	2	5		1	1			1		51		12	11	30	290
Wanganui	4		2	2	1	1	1	9		421		157	55	365	1059
Wanganui North	3		2	2	1	1		6		145		50	33	75	465
Marton	3	4	1	1	1			2		66		26		70	275
Taihape	2	3	1	1	1			5		72		22		40	350
Waimarino	3			1	1			3		55		4		40	160
Patea	2	2			1	1				32		16	21	20	167
Total	56	37	18	21	16	5	1	88		2324	4	743	361	1669	7149

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	6	1	2	1	1			20		363	5	225		125	1050
Hastings	1	3	2	1	1			8		325		98		250	750
Gisborne	4	5	1	1	1	1		7		202		76		110	740
Waipawa	2	4		1	1			3		52				25	178
Dannevirke	1	5		1	1			5		122	4	43		100	380
Woodville	2	1		1	1			5		98		18		70	225
Pahiatua	4	4		1	1			3		66		7		60	200
Palmerston North—															
Broad Street	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	5		319		108		310	800
Cuba Street	3		2	1	1			9		245		50		140	550
Feilding	8	2	2	2	2	1		13		278		78		220	850
Foxton	2	1	2	1	1			4		64		15		60	290
Sanson-Rongotea	3		1	1	1			4		135				72	350
Apiti (HM)	4	3		1		1		6		62		25		2	152
Norsewood	2	3		1		1	1	1		55					170
Total	45	34	13	15	14	5	1	93		2386	9	743		1574	6785

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson	1		2	1	1			4		206		89		240	750
Richmond	9	2	2	1	1	1		14		254		10		175	755
Blenheim	7	5	3	2	2			17		426		65		300	1035
Hokitika	2	3	1	1	1			2		54		8		50	120
Greymouth	2	1	1	2	1			5		146		25		100	350
Motueka	1	6	1	1		1		9		110		1		96	459
Reefton	2		1	1	1			1		75		35		30	200
Westport	1			1	1			1		90		20		70	220
Havelock (HM)	4	5		1		1				37				17	50
Murchison (HM)	1	6				1		1		17				20	120
Denniston-Granity (HM)	4			1		1	1	4	1	70					200
Total	34	28	11	12	8	5		57	2	1575		253		1098	4259

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches. Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.					Attendants on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.		
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communi- cants.			
Wellington—																
Taranaki Street ...	2	1	3	1	2	...	1	14	...	569	...	118	...	300	1600	
Central Mission ...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	240	...	40	...	190	700	
Tnorndon ...	5	...	4	4	3	...	...	6	...	242	...	152	...	210	700	
Wellington South ...	3	...	3	2	5	...	...	14	4	331	...	112	...	253	910	
Kilbirnie ...	3	1	...	...	1	1	...	3	...	142	...	53	...	100	640	
Johnsonville ...	4	1	2	2	1	...	...	6	...	147	...	22	...	104	402	
Petone ...	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	6	...	199	...	20	...	125	600	
Hutt ...	4	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	182	...	25	...	110	425	
South Wairarapa ...	3	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	40	...	20	...	35	130	
Carterton ...	3	6	1	1	1	...	...	7	...	136	...	15	...	80	370	
Masterton ...	3	1	2	1	2	...	2	9	...	237	...	95	...	135	865	
Eketahuna ...	2	7	1	1	1	...	...	4	...	59	...	11	...	40	320	
Levin ...	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	4	...	113	...	32	...	70	280	
Otaki ...	6	...	...	2	1	1	...	2	...	97	...	25	...	84	437	
Total ...	42	19	21	20	22	2	3	78	4	2734	...	740	...	1836	8379	

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch—																
Durham Street ...	2	...	1	1	8	...	2	7	2	314	...	24	...	200	1130	
Christchurch East...	6	...	5	3	4	...	...	19	...	666	15	282	...	486	1720	
Cambridge Terrace ...	3	...	2	2	2	...	...	6	...	191	...	16	...	120	470	
Woolston ...	4	...	4	1	3	...	...	6	...	203	9	52	...	150	575	
Sydenham ...	2	3	2	2	1	...	...	4	...	210	...	92	...	114	550	
Addington ...	3	...	2	1	1	...	1	7	...	235	...	85	...	160	660	
Riccarton ...	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	103	2	32	...	64	220	
St. Albans...	2	...	2	1	2	...	...	7	...	340	10	74	...	165	660	
Papanui ...	3	...	1	1	3	...	...	2	...	150	...	62	...	200	400	
Lyttelton ...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	106	...	35	...	70	200	
Springston ...	5	2	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	140	...	37	...	140	450	
Tai Tapu ...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	10	...	122	...	27	...	98	261	
Leeston ...	7	...	1	1	1	...	...	5	...	165	...	3	...	108	481	
Kaiapoi ...	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	165	...	30	...	70	600	
Ohoka ...	4	...	1	1	1	...	...	4	...	75	...	8	...	50	220	
Rangiora ...	8	1	3	2	2	...	...	12	...	264	...	20	...	140	708	
Greendale-Malvern ...	7	6	...	2	1	1	...	8	...	155	5	52	...	192	430	
Hawarden ...	1	5	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	38	...	...	...	30	200	
Oxford ...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	4	...	47	2	17	...	30	120	
Total ...	67	18	28	25	34	3	3	109	2	3689	43	948	...	2587	10055	

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.					Attendants on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.
										Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	
Timaru ...	6	3	2	2	4	...	...	19	2	473	...	155	...	350	1550
Waimate ...	2	6	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	200	...	74	...	160	620
Temuka ...	1	4	2	1	1	...	...	4	...	125	...	27	...	45	368
Geraldine ...	1	4	1	1	1	...	...	4	...	118	1	19	...	55	302
Ashburton ...	4	3	1	1	1	...	1	13	...	310	...	73	...	150	778
Willowby ...	5	2	1	1	1	...	...	9	...	142	...	35	...	155	500
Oamaru ...	4	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	187	...	23	...	160	420
H.M.—Methven	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	39	...	...	...	30	90
Mayfield	1	5	...	...	1	...	1	3	...	46	...	...	...	20	160
Total ...	26	28	9	9	10	2	1	63	2	1640	1	406	...	1125	4790

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin—															
Trinity ...	3	...	3	1	3	...	...	7	...	329	...	69	...	220	750
Central Mission	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	191	4	18	...	120	1300
Dundas Street	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	5	...	150	...	100	...	125	650
Cargill Road	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	9	...	200	...	60	...	200	490
St. Kilda ...	3	1	1	1	1	...	...	6	...	162	...	40	...	133	480
Caversham	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	7	...	163	9	59	...	112	455
Mornington	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	136	...	...	...	45	250
Roslyn ...	2	...	1	1	1	1	...	4	1	129	...	52	...	100	325
Mosgiel ...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	45	...	6	...	30	130
Port Chalmers...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	81	6	12	...	74	220
Waikouaiti & Palmerstn.	2	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	61	...	12	...	32	130
Balclutha ...	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	58	...	30	...	33	255
Milton ...	1	4	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	69	...	19	...	40	330
Roxburgh ...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	3	...	67	...	14	...	50	220
Invercargill—Central	3	2	1	2	1	...	...	12	...	306	...	86	...	120	650
St. Peter's	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	4	...	180	...	40	...	100	400
Bluff ...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	62	...	12	...	41	250
Gore ...	1	3	...	1	1	...	...	4	...	115	...	45	...	75	120
Otautau ...	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	61	2	24	...	50	220
Edendale ...	2	3	...	1	...	1	...	3	...	29	...	4	...	13	230
Kaitangata ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	40	...	5	...	25	75
Lawrence ...	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	40	...	16	...	25	180
Cromwell ...	2	5	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	36	...	2	...	18	55
Riverton ...	1	3	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	31	...	4	...	25	220
Tuatapere ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	15	75
Nightcaps ...	1	5	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	28	...	12	...	6	300
Total ...	49	34	13	25	20	8	...	84	3	2787	21	741	...	1827	8760

SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1922.

DISTRICTS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
										Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Communicants.	
Auckland ...	78	130	39	31	42	13	1	131	12	4302	24	1334	3307	15,707
South Auckland ...	40	102	11	17	15	7	...	70	6	2014	7	564	1392	7,321
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	56	37	18	21	16	5	1	88	...	2324	4	743	1669	7,149
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ...	45	34	13	15	14	5	1	93	...	2386	9	743	1574	6,785
Wellington ...	42	19	21	20	22	2	3	78	4	2734	...	740	1836	8,379
Nelson ...	34	28	11	12	8	5	...	57	2	1575	...	253	1098	4,259
North Canterbury ...	67	18	28	25	34	3	3	109	2	3689	43	948	2587	10,055
South Canterbury ...	26	28	9	9	10	2	1	63	...	1640	1	406	1125	4,790
Otago-Southland ...	49	34	13	25	20	8	...	84	3	2787	21	741	1827	8,760
	437	430	163	175	181	50	10	773	29	23451	109	6472	16415	73,205









THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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Revenue Account for the year ending 31st October, 1922.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
October 31, 1921.				October 31, 1922.			
To Balance ... ..	88	5	6	By Rents received ... ..	2,382	9	0
October 31, 1922.				„ Balance ... ..	110	8	0
To Rents accrued ... ..	2,404	11	6				
	<u>£2,492 17 0</u>				<u>£2,492 17 0</u>		

Examined and found correct,

} Auditors.

GEO. BOND }  
G. A. BUTTLE } Hon. Treasurers.

Auckland, November, 1922.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

**Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1922.**

Expenditure.				Income.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1922—	Dec. 31—						
To	Interest ... ..	574	1 4				
	„ College Account ... ..	1,455	14 10				
	„ General Account ... ..	695	15 6				
				2,725	11 8		
	„ Balance to Capital A/c.			497	19 6		
				<u>£3,223</u>	<u>11 2</u>		
						3,223	11 2
						<u>£3,223</u>	<u>11 2</u>

**Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1922.**

Liabilities.				Assets.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Loans ... ..	12,386	0 0				81,792	19 9
Interest accrued ... ..	165	14 4					
			12,551	14 4			
Sundry Creditors ... ..			541	5 9			
Bank of New Zealand ... ..	8,691	0 3					
Interest accrued ... ..	146	5 9					
			8,837	6 0			
Capital—							
General Trust Account	70,038	19 11					
Furniture Fund ... ..	73	9 1					
	70,112	9 0					
Sale of Old Buildings ... ..	250	0 0					
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure ... ..	497	19 6					
			70,860	8 6			
			<u>£92,790</u>	<u>14 7</u>			
						<u>£92,790</u>	<u>14 7</u>

H. E. SIMMONDS, F.P.A., (N.Z.), Secretary

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and that, in our opinion, it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust at 31st December, 1922, as shown by the Books. We have obtained from the Solicitors a certificate that all Title Deeds and Securities are in order, and have been furnished with certified valuations of Stock and Plant, which we have accepted as correct.

HUTCHISON and ELLIFFE, Auditors.

**GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.**

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Chairman: Rev. W. J. ELLIOTT. Treasurer: R. PEPPERELL.

**Balance Sheet for Year ended September 30th, 1922.**

Receipts.				Expenditure.															
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.										
To Balance at Bank, Sept. 30, 1921	113	3	3				By Home Mission Treasurer	...	650	0	0								
„ Rents	703	4	8				„ Secretary's Salary	...	50	0	0								
„ Interest on Mortgages	32	10	0				„ Rates and Taxes	...	46	11	7								
„ Consent Fees and Sundries	11	0	0				„ Printing and Advertising	...	2	0	0								
				859	17	11	„ Bank Charge	...	0	10	0								
„ C. Carter (Deposit on Section)				60	0	0	„ Audit Fee	...	2	2	0								
							„ Legal Expenses	...	8	17	6								
							„ Stamps, Exchange, Cheque Book	...	3	14	11								
							„ Repairs and Sundries	...	2	0	0								
							„ Balance at Bank	...	94	1	11								
											859	17	11						
							„ N.P. Savings Bank Deposit	...				60	0	0					
														£919	17	11			
																	£919	17	11

(Signed)

W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

R. PEPPERELL, F.P.A. (N.Z.), Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1922. All receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been duly banked, and vouchers have been produced for all payments. I have also checked the credits to the respective tenants' accounts and found these in order.

New Plymouth, 31st October, 1922.

VAL DUFF, A.I.A. (N.Z.), A.P.A. (N.Z.), Auditor.











CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

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Cash Statement for the year ending 30th September, 1922.

Treasurers: SAMUEL LAWRY and J. A. FLESHER.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Balances Forward ... ..	355	12	4				By Loans Advanced ... ..		2878	14	5
„ Loan Instalments Repaid ...	2777	0	4				„ Deposits—				
„ Hymn Book Commission (pt.)	50	0	0				P.O. Savings Bank ...	99	18	0	
				3182	12	8	Bank of New Zealand ...	246	8	9	
„ Balance Hymn Book Com.	9	19	0						346	6	9
„ Working Expenses ... ..	109	7	5				„ Office Expenses—				
„ Interest on Instalments ...	9	13	5				Connexional Secretary's				
„ Interest on Mortgage ... ..	36	0	0				Office ... ..	181	5	0	
„ Interest on Deposits ... ..	28	5	7				Stationery, Printing,				
„ Sundry Cash and Discounts	3	10	5				Stamps, and Travelling				
„ Trust Contributions ... ..	57	13	6				Expenses ... ..	14	18	7	
				254	9	4	Fire Insurance Fd. Interest	13	10	0	
							Bank Charges and Interest	2	7	3	
									212	0	10
									£3437	2	0
				£3437	2	0			£3437	2	0

Audited and found correct.

ARTHUR C. REED  
A. K. ENGLAND

} Auditors.

25th October, 1922.

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**CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.**  
**Revenue Account for year ending 31st October, 1922.**

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RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Insurance Levies on Church Properties ... ..	1314 17 3	By Reinsurance on Church Properties ... ..	287 12 5
„ Insurance Premiums on Personal Properties ... ..	86 8 10	„ Personal and Mortgagors' Insurances ... ..	73 14 8
„ Fire Insurance Premiums (Mortgage) ... ..	8 15 4	„ Loss by Fire (£505), less Reinsurance (£140) ... ..	361 7 1
„ Mortgage Indemnity Premiums ... ..	0 3 8	„ Management Expenses—	365 0 0
„ Interest on Mortgages ... ..	336 0 10	Connexional Secretary's Office	208 6 8
„ Interest accrued on Mortgages	144 7 9	Printing and Stationery ...	8 12 0
	480 8 7	Stamps and Exchanges ... ..	10 19 1
„ Interest on Loans	30 13 5	Bank Charges ... ..	0 11 0
„ Interest accrued on Loans ...	3 5 9		11 10 1
	33 19 2	„ Balance to Accumulated Funds	228 8 9
„ Interest on Debentures accrued	65 1 11		1257 15 9
„ Interest accrued on Debentures	65 1 11		
	268 5 11		
„ Interest on Deposits ... ..	3 11 9		
„ Church Building and Loan Fund	13 10 0		
	17 1 9		
„ Sundries ... ..	799 15 5		
	2 11 1		
	<u>£2212 11 7</u>		<u>£2212 11 7</u>

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CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1922.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Accumulated Funds as at 31st							
October, 1921	... ..	13,801	16 2	Investments on Mortgage	... 7780	0 0	
Less Vote by Conference--				Interest due and accrued	... 144	7 9	
Deaconess House							7924 7 9
Fund	... 100 0 0			Investments Debentures	... 4880	10 0	
Supernumerary				Interest due and accrued	... 65	1 11	
Fund (Benev.)	100 0 0						4945 11 11
Centenary Fund	300 0 0			Investments on Loans	... 572	10 0	
		500	0 0	Interest due and accrued	... 13	2 2	
			13,301 16 2				585 12 2
Add Balance from Revenue				Amount at Savings Bank	... 734	11 9	
Account	... ..		1,257 15 9	Amount at Bank of N.Z.	... 369	8 4	
							1104 0 1
			<u>£14,559 11 11</u>				<u>£14,559 11 11</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund, and have found them correct. We have had all Securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st October, 1922.

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
 GEORGE J. SMITH. } Treasurers.

C. J. EDGAR }  
 W. L. THOMAS } Auditors.

20th November, 1922.





## HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

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Cash Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1922.

Receipts.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		Expenditure.								
To Personal Subscriptions	...	174	10	0		By Payments to Missionaries	...	83	9	11				
„ Circuit Levies	... ..	159	10	0		„ Payments H.M. Fund Treasurer	...	58	10	9				
„ Home Mission Fund	... ..	174	0	0						142	0	8		
					508	0	0	„ General Expenses	... ..	2	3	7		
„ Interest P.O. Savings Bank	... ..	3	5	5		„ Sundry Cash	... ..	7	17	6				
„ Interest Debentures	... ..	75	12	6							10	1	1	
					78	17	11	„ Balance to Accumulated Funds				434	16	2
					£586	17	11					£586	17	11

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SAMUEL LAWRY }  
 J. C. PRUDHOE } Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.

C. W. SANDFORD  
 ARTHUR C. REED

5th February, 1923.









## CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT—Continued.

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RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward	...		3,730	9 10	Brought forward	1,425 9 1
					„ Grants—	
					Theological College	600 0 0
					Deaconess Training Institution	75 0 0
					Rev. Wm. Lea (on account military work)	25 0 0
					Wellington Central Mission	50 0 0
					Connexional Secretary's Office	165 0 0
						915 0 0
					„ Methodist Times — Editor, Sub-editor, cost of exchanges, etc.	47 16 6
					„ President's Office—	
					Supply	93 15 0
					Balance 1921, President expenses	14 14 8
					Travelling expenses, cost of cables, printing, postage, etc.	48 17 8
						157 7 4
					„ Secretary, Conference—Postage, printing, etc., 1921	14 0 0
					„ Examination Account—Medical fees and other expenses	16 13 0
						2,576 5 11
Carried forward	...		3,730	9 10	Carried forward	...



## CENTENARY THANKSGIVING FUND.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from the inception of the Fund in 1920 to February 15, 1923.

Treasurers: Rev. S. GRIFFITH and Mr H. FIELD.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Donations and Subscriptions		19,854 9 2	
„ Collections and Celebrations	1,503 7 2		
„ Collections at President's Meetings ... ..	130 2 5		
	<hr/>	1,633 9 7	
„ Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies ...		274 5 3	
„ Kaeo Memorial Church—			
Collections at Stone-laying	41 3 9		
Net Proceeds at Excursion	55 2 6		
Kaeo Subscriptions ...	144 11 8		
Donations to Memorial Window and Brass Tablet from Relatives of Early Missionaries ...	38 5 0		
Maori Contributions from Whangaroa and Bay of Islands towards Cost of Cairn and Kaeo Celebrations ...	340 0 0		
	<hr/>	619 2 11	
By Centenary Volume—			
Author's Stipend and Travelling ... ..		146 15 0	
Advanced on Account of Printing and Publishing ... ..		489 7 9	
		<hr/>	
Less Repayments on Account Sales ... ..		235 0 0	
		<hr/>	401 2 9
„ General Secretary (Rev. A. C. Lawry)—			
Stipend and Expenses to 15/2/22 ... ..		806 3 3	
Stipend, 1/2/22 to 31/1/23		325 0 0	
Travelling, Postage, Typing, etc., 2nd year ...		141 0 2	
Rent, 26/1/22 to 1/1/23 ...		208 13 4	
Connexional Charges' ...		65 3 0	
		<hr/>	1,545 19 9
„ Assistant Canvassers, etc.—			
First Year ... ..		111 6 7	
Second Year ... ..		41 12 4	
		<hr/>	152 18 11
„ Rev. Grainger Hargreaves—			
Remitted to British Wesleyan Conference ...		150	
Cost of Remission ...		1 10 4	
Travelling in N.Z. ...		38 12 4	
		<hr/>	190 2 8
Carried forward ... ..		22,639 8 4	
			2,290 4 1

## CENTENARY THANKSGIVING FUND—Continued.

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RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.			
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ...	22,639 8 4	Brought forward ...		2,290 4 1	
		„ Printing—			
		First Year ... ..	197 3 6		
		Second Year ... ..	19 19 7		
				217 3 1	
		„ General Expenses for Post- age, Stationery, Typ- ing, Local Expenses, etc. (two years) ...		179 18 5	
		„ Bank Exchange (2 years)		14 13 5	
		„ Lantern Department—			
		First Year ... ..	35 11 6		
		Second Year ... ..	8 14 3		
				44 5 9	
		„ Payments on A/c. Allocations—			
		Supernumerary Fund ...	8,500 0 0		
		Church Building and Loan Fund ... ..	1,100 0 0		
		Wesley Training College	1,500 0 0		
		Local Preachers' Assoc.	20 0 0		
		Foreign Mission Fund ...	5 0 0		
				11,125 0 0	
		„ Kaeo Memorial Church—			
		Cost of Erection ...	1,807 15 8		
		Furnishing ... ..	29 11 7		
		Memorial Window and Brass Tablet ... ..	155 5 0		
		Sundries ... ..	13 19 0		
		Cost incurred by Northern Maoris in Erection of Cairn and Cen- tenary Celebrations ...	340 0 0		
				2,346 11 3	
Carried forward ...	22,639 8 4	Carried forward ...		16,217 16 0	





„ Solomon Islands Contributions—  
Subscriptions and Collec-  
tions:

Roviana Circuit ... ..	580	0	5
Vella Tavella Circuit ... ..	340	0	0
Choiseul Circuit ... ..	244	16	7
Sales of Produce, etc.	678	7	0
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„ Balance, deficit ... ..	1,843	4	0
	3,720	13	4

£17,242 11 6

As ordered by Conference:

„ Tonga Church ... ..	250	0	0
„ British and Foreign Bible Society ... ..	100	0	0
„ Deaconess Institute ... ..	75	0	0
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„ Interest on Overdraft and Loan ... ..	425	0	0
„ Working Expenses ... ..	112	0	6
„ "The Open Door," Printing, etc. ... ..	1,086	2	8
„ "The Lotu," Printing, etc.	152	15	0
„ Children's Allowances to Missionaries' Widows, etc.	61	14	5
„ Various Disbursements ...	31	10	0
	189	2	10

£17,242 11 6

TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS

	£	s.	d.
General Fund ... ..	3,720	13	4
Sydney Office ... ..	3,000	0	0
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	£6,720	13	4

PRESENT TOTALS OF CAPITAL FUNDS.

Working Capital Fund ... ..	£7,250	19	1
Equipment Fund ... ..	£218	3	1
Medical Mission Fund ... ..	£50	6	2

Audited and found correct, and in order with Bank Pass Book and Island Report as amended.

February 19, 1923.

J. BURT VEALE  
ALDRED LAWRY

} Hon. Auditors.

CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS, 1922.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ... ..	409	8	5
Auckland West ... ..	158	7	8
Auckland East ... ..	597	0	6
Auckland (Avondale) ... ..	349	9	7
Auckland Methodist Mission ... ..	46	5	4
Auckland (Devonport) ... ..	83	0	9
Auckland (Takapuna) ... ..	46	0	7
Auckland (Birkenhead) ... ..	84	16	6
Onehunga ... ..	46	15	0
Otahuhu ... ..	39	9	3
Papakura ... ..	61	11	10
Pukekohe ... ..	108	0	4
Waiuku ... ..	90	19	2
Mahurangi ... ..	5	15	0
Paparoa ... ..	58	5	8
Northern Wairoa ... ..	37	2	0
Whangarei ... ..	42	12	5
Port Albert ... ..	77	14	9
Coromandel ... ..	6	8	6
Helensville ... ..	—	—	—
Kaukapakapa ... ..	7	6	6
Bay of Islands ... ..	21	8	6
Hokianga ... ..	10	0	0
Whangaroa ... ..	4	0	0
Mangonui ... ..	—	—	—
Hikurangi ... ..	5	0	0
Rehia ... ..	4	7	0
Kaikohe ... ..	7	10	0
Magazines ... ..	52	17	7
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	£2,461	12	10

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames ... ..	120	0	0
Te Aroha ... ..	120	10	2
Morrinsville ... ..	22	1	2
Waibi ... ..	26	17	9
Paeroa ... ..	3	18	3
Cambridge ... ..	100	19	1
Hamilton ... ..	184	8	7
Huntly ... ..	4	13	0
Rotorua ... ..	23	5	9
Tauranga ... ..	25	10	1
Opotiki ... ..	—	—	—
Te Kuiti ... ..	17	5	0
Ohura ... ..	1	1	0
Taumarunui ... ..	—	—	—
Te Awamutu ... ..	58	0	2
Whakatane ... ..	—	—	—
Matamata ... ..	20	0	11
Te Puke ... ..	10	13	4
Ngaruawahia ... ..	15	2	0
Magazines ... ..	16	8	3
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	£770	14	6

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

19

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	191	9	0
Waitara	56	8	7
Inglewood	31	5	2
Stratford	69	2	8
Eltham	13	2	6
Hawera (late 1921)	70	1	8
Hawera	144	17	0
Manaia	37	9	11
Cape Egmont	86	18	0
Kaponga	11	18	2
Wanganui	135	7	8
Wanganui North	53	0	0
Marton	44	0	0
Taihape	16	0	0
Waimarino	38	7	10
Patea	6	8	3
Magazines	33	10	0
	£1,039	6	5

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	58	2	0
Hastings	171	4	0
Gisborne	50	4	9
Waipawa	13	19	8
Dannevirke	56	12	4
Woodville	53	3	9
Pahiatua	24	1	5
Palmerston North (Broad Street, late 1921)	28	15	0
Palmerston North (Broad Street)	170	12	6
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	108	2	9
Feilding	281	10	7
Sanson-Rongotea	39	1	2
Foxton	11	10	0
Apiti	5	0	0
Norsewood	4	0	0
Magazines	19	19	0
	£1,095	18	11

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	177	0	10
Wellington Central Mission	—	—	—
Wellington (Thorndon)	70	13	5
Wellington South	91	7	0
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	45	0	3
Johnsonville	76	3	0
Hutt	80	9	8
Petone	49	15	3
South Wairarapa	30	14	9
Carterton	57	0	0
Masterton	114	10	0
Ekatahuna	25	0	2
Levin	118	16	8
Otaki	37	14	6
Magazines	32	6	0
	£1,006	11	6

## VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

19

	£	s.	d.
Nelson ... ..	165	6	6
Richmond ... ..	10	0	0
Blenheim ... ..	148	5	3
Hokitika ... ..	20	0	0
Greymouth ... ..	40	0	0
Motueka ... ..	14	0	0
Reefton ... ..	—		
Westport ... ..	3	0	0
Havelock ... ..	6	14	4
Murchison ... ..	4	2	6
Dennistown-Granity ... ..	—		
Magazines ... ..	8	18	6
	<u>£420</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>

## VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham Street) ... ..	168	12	5
Christchurch East (late 1921) ... ..	8	12	0
Christchurch East ... ..	312	1	10
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace) ... ..	22	6	11
Christchurch (Woolston) ... ..	85	11	0
Christchurch (Sydenham) ... ..	28	1	4
Christchurch (Addington) ... ..	43	19	7
Christchurch (Riccarton) ... ..	26	19	1
Christchurch (St. Albans, late 1921) ... ..	3	9	6
Christchurch (St. Albans) ... ..	131	18	3
Christchurch (Papanui) ... ..	60	16	11
Lyttelton ... ..	21	3	0
Springston ... ..	50	6	6
Tai Tapu ... ..	65	1	3
Leeston ... ..	8	0	0
Kaiapoi ... ..	67	15	0
Ohoka ... ..	7	1	0
Rangiora ... ..	80	14	4
Greendale-Malvern ... ..	60	7	2
Hawarden ... ..	—		
Hawarden (late 1921) ... ..	3	2	0
Oxford ... ..	20	11	9
Magazines ... ..	42	17	4
	<u>£1,319</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>

## VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Timaru ... ..	171	14	1
Waimate ... ..	114	6	0
Temuka ... ..	13	3	0
Geraldine ... ..	32	0	0
Ashburton ... ..	—		
Willowby ... ..	28	0	0
Oamaru ... ..	45	2	9
Methven ... ..	5	0	0
Mayfield ... ..	6	18	2
Magazines ... ..	11	18	0
	<u>£428</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

## IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

19

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity) ... ..	120	13	1
Dunedin Central Mission ... ..	31	9	0
Dunedin (Dundas Street) ... ..	46	16	0
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ... ..	23	7	2
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ... ..	43	0	0
Dunedin (Caversham) ... ..	30	7	10
Dunedin (Mornington) ... ..	65	1	4
Dunedin (Roslyn) ... ..	33	17	1
Mosgiel ... ..	4	15	8
Port Chalmers ... ..	14	13	6
Waikouaiti-Palmerston ... ..	23	0	7
Balclutha ... ..	30	11	8
Milton ... ..	—		
Roxburgh ... ..	0	10	0
Invercargill Central (late 1921) ... ..	1	9	3
Invercargill Central ... ..	80	0	0
Invercargill (St. Peter's) ... ..	38	12	10
Bluff ... ..	10	0	0
Gore ... ..	9	3	4
Otautau ... ..	15	6	10
Edendale ... ..	—		
Kaitangata ... ..	—		
Lawrence ... ..	7	18	6
Cromwell ... ..	17	2	6
Riverton-Tuatapere ... ..	20	15	1
Nightcaps ... ..	—		
Magazines ... ..	28	5	0
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	£696	16	3
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## SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
Districts—			
Auckland ... ..	2,461	12	10
South Auckland ... ..	770	14	6
Taranaki-Wanganui ... ..	1,039	6	5
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ... ..	1,095	18	11
Wellington ... ..	1,006	11	6
Nelson ... ..	420	7	1
North Canterbury ... ..	1,319	8	2
South Canterbury ... ..	428	2	0
Otago-Southland ... ..	696	16	3
Women's Auxiliaries ... ..	725	15	0
Interest ... ..	465	0	10
Treasurer's list ... ..	340	4	0
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	£10,769	17	6
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**METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.**

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st October, 1922.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. BOND and MR J. VEALE.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward ...				33	10	2			
„ Rents—									
Kaeo ... ..	60	0	0						
Mount Wesley ... ..	75	0	0						
Newark ... ..	25	0	0						
Te Waitere ... ..	0	1	0						
				160	1	0			
„ Interest—									
Auckland City Debentures...	600	0	0						
Whata Whata Mortgage ...	24	0	0						
Auckland Savings Bank ...	4	10	0						
				628	10	0			
				£822	1	2			
By Payments to H.M. Fund ...	700	0	0						
„ Management ... ..	15	0	0						
„ Rates ... ..	5	18	8						
„ Office Rent (quota) ... ..	5	0	0						
„ Postage and Exchange ... ..	0	15	0						
„ Postcards, etc. ... ..	1	5	0						
„ Bank Commission and Other Charges ... ..	2	0	0						
„ Cheque Book ... ..	0	4	0						
							730	12	8
„ Credit Balance in Bank of N.Z.							91	18	6
							£822	1	2

Audited and found correct,

ARCH. PEAK.

J. G. HENDERSON.

November 8, 1922.



"METHODIST TIMES."

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Cash Statement for the year ending 31st January, 1923.

Receipts.				Expenditure.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balances forward, 1/2/22—									
Post Office Savings Bank	344	3	11						1,702 14 8
Bank of New Zealand ...	29	15	6						
				373	19	5			
„ Subscriptions Paid ...	1,200	14	0						
„ Advertisements ...	198	6	9						
„ Cash Sales ...	177	12	2						
„ Births, Marriages, Deaths	17	2	6						
				1,593	15	5			
„ P.O. Savings Bank Interest				12	14	6			
									97 12 2
									65 0 0
									32 12 2
									104 18 5
									10 4 1
									115 2 6
				£1,980	9	4			£1,980 9 4

Audited and found correct.

C. W. SANDFORD

W. L. THOMAS

} Auditors.

15th February, 1923.



DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending December 31, 1922.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance Forward ... ..	37	0	1	House Accounts ... ..	161	2	11
Home Mission Fund ... ..	75	0	0	Salary ... ..	100	0	0
Contingent Fund ... ..	56	5	0	Students' Allowances ... ..	54	0	0
Foreign Mission Board ... ..	75	0	0	Furniture ... ..	44	17	8
Fire Insurance Board ... ..	100	0	0	Repairs ... ..	14	18	7
Special Subscriptions ... ..	37	7	6	Rates ... ..	11	16	3
Associates' Subscriptions ... ..	36	19	6	Retiring Fund ... ..	5	0	0
Circuits Payments ... ..	25	0	0	Telephone ... ..	6	0	0
Board ... ..	60	0	0	Printing ... ..	7	19	6
Miscellaneous ... ..	18	13	6	Insurance ... ..	1	17	1
				Bank Charges ... ..	0	10	0
				Miscellaneous ... ..	13	17	0
					£421	19	0
				Balance ... ..	99	6	7
					£521	5	7
	£521	5	7				

Audited and found correct,

Christchurch, January 5, 1923.

E. FEHSENFELD.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1922.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Circuit Contributions ... ..	334 0 11	By Debit Balance (1921) ... ..	92 9 1
„ Special Donations, per Rev. E. P. Blamires	134 2 0	„ Stipend and House Allowance Rev. C. H. Olds ... ..	93 15 0
„ Special Donations, per N. Canterbury S.S. Union ... ..	25 0 0	„ Stipend and House Allowance Rev. E. P. Blamires ... ..	337 10 0
„ Sale of Cards and Literature ... ..	20 1 1	„ Travelling Expenses—	
„ Refund from Centenary Fund—		Rev. C. H. Olds ... ..	11 2 0
General Secretary's Travelling Expenses	19 10 4	Rev. E. P. Blamires ... ..	85 15 5
Prizes for Essay Competitions ... ..	12 14 0	Mr A. E. Lawry ... ..	3 14 0
„ Sundry ... ..	0 11 8		100 11 5
„ Debit Balance ... ..	258 19 3	„ Connexional Levies ... ..	49 2 4
		„ Postages and Telegrams ... ..	18 3 3
		„ Typing, Printing, and Stationery ... ..	79 19 5
		„ Purchase Text Books and Magazines ... ..	16 12 5
		„ Prizes for Centenary Essay Competitions	12 15 6
		„ District Committees Expenses ... ..	2 14 4
		„ Cartage ... ..	0 2 0
		„ Bank Charges and Cheque Books ... ..	1 2 0
		„ Bank Interest ... ..	0 2 6
			100 11 5
			49 2 4
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## STATEMENT.

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LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Debit Balance General Account ... ..	258	19 3	Refunds ... ..	8	1 2
„ Rev. E. P. Blamires, Travelling Expenses	7	16 3	Stock in Hand ... ..	3	18 6
			Filing Cabinet ... ..	5	10 0
			Outstanding Accounts ... ..	1	17 4
				£19	7 0
			Balance ... ..	247	8 6
				£266	15 6
				£266	15 6

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## MISSION BOAT AND MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY FUND.

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## Statement of Receipts.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Contributions (1921) ... ..	120	19 10	Paid to General Treasurers ... ..	119	17 0
„ Contributions (1922) ... ..	342	8 8	Due from Young People's Department	343	11 6
Total Receipts ... ..	£463	8 6		£463	8 6

Audited and found correct.

16th January, 1923.

C. H. VIRTUE  
E. H. SMITH

} Auditors.

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND  
AND CHILDREN'S FUND, 1923.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ...	840	0	0	67	4	0	540	0	0	54	0	0
Conference F.M. Secretary	350	0	0	28	0	0	250	0	0	25	0	0
Auckland West ...	500	0	0	40	0	0	300	0	0	30	0	0
Auckland East ...	650	0	0	52	0	0	350	0	0	35	0	0
Auckland—Wesley College	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
„ HM Secretary...	325	0	0	26	0	0	225	0	0	22	10	0
„ Theo. College ...	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
„ Avondale ...	525	0	0	42	0	0	325	0	0	32	10	0
„ „ HM ...	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Auckland Methodist Mis...	...			...			...			...		
„ Devonport ...	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	17	10	0
„ Takapuna ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
„ Birkenhead ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Onehunga ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Otahuhu ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Papakura ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Pukekohe ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
„ HM ...	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Waiuku ...	240	0	0	19	4	0	140	0	0	14	0	0
Mahurangi ...	180	0	0	14	8	0	...			...		
Paparoa ...	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Northern Wairoa ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Whangarei ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Northern Maori Mission ...	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Pt Albert—HM Station ...	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Coromandel „	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Kaukapakapa „	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Helensville „	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Bay of Islands „	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Hokianga „	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Whangaroa „	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Mangonui ...	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Hikurangi—HM Station ...	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Rehia ...	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Kaikohe ...	...			4	0	0	...			...		
	£6965	0	0	£609	4	0	£4225	0	0	£422	10	0

N.B.—The levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each minister and probationer employed. The levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 1 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

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CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Te Aroha ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Morrinsville ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Waihi ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Paeroa ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
"  HM ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cambridge ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Hamilton ... ..	575	0	0	46	0	0	375	0	0	37	10	0
Rotorua ... ..	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	10	0	0
Tauranga ... ..	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	12	10	0
Opotiki ... ..	200	0	0	16	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Te Kuiti ... ..	225	0	0	18	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Taumarunui ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Te Awamutu ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Matamata ... ..	200	0	0	16	0	0	100	0	0	10	0	0
"  HM ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Huntly ... ..	180	0	0	14	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whakatane ... ..	180	0	0	14	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Puke—HM Station ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohura ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ngaruawahia ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mokauiti ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	£4110	0	0	£352	16	0	£2275	0	0	£227	10	0

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth ... ..	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	35	0	0
Waitara ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Inglewood ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Stratford ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
"  HM ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eltham ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Hawera ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Manaia ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Cape Egmont ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
"  "  HM ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaponga ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Wanganui ... ..	325	0	0	26	0	0	225	0	0	22	10	0
"  HM ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wanganui North ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
"  "  HM ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marton ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Taihape ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Waimarino ... ..	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Patea—HM Station ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mokau ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	£3855	0	0	£332	8	0	£2395	0	0	£239	10	0

N.B.—The levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each minister and probationer employed. The levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 1 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.



## NELSON DISTRICT.

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CIRCUITS.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 8%		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 10%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nelson	325	0 0	26	0 0	225	0 0	22	10 0
Richmond	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Blenheim	571	13 4	45	14 8	371	13 4	37	3 4
Hokitika	180	0 0	14	8 0	...	...	...	...
Greymouth	235	0 0	18	16 0	135	0 0	13	10 0
Motuoka	180	0 0	14	8 0	...	...	...	...
Reefton	175	0 0	14	0 0	125	0 0	12	10 0
Westport	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Havelock	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Murchison	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Runan a	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Denniston-Granity	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Wakefield-Dovedale	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
	£2166	13 4	£193	6 8	£1156	13 4	£115	13 4

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 8%		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 10%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Christchurch—								
Durham street	350	0 0	28	0 6	250	0 0	25	0 0
Connexional Secretary	350	0 0	28	0 0	250	0 0	25	0 0
S.S. and Y.P. Dept.	275	0 0	22	0 0	175	0 0	17	10 0
East	775	0 0	62	0 0	475	0 0	47	10 0
Ca bridge Terrace	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Woolston	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Sydenham	260	0 0	20	16 0	160	0 0	16	0 0
Addington	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Riccarton	225	0 0	18	0 0	125	0 0	12	10 0
St Albans	470	0 0	37	12 0	310	0 0	31	0 0
Papanui	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Lyttelton	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Springston	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Tai Tapu	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Leeston	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Kaiapoi	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Ohoka	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Rangiora—1st quarter	460	0 0	9	4 0	260	0 0	6	10 0
"   2nd, 3rd, 4th quar.	240	0 0	14	8 0	140	0 0	10	10 0
"   H.M.	...	...	3	0 0	...	...	...	...
Greendale and Malvern	225	0 0	18	0 0	125	0 0	12	18 0
"   "   H.M.	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Hawarden—HM Station	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Oxford	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
	£6130	0 0	£473	0 0	£3770	0 0	£354	8 0

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## SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

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CIRCUITS.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 8%		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 10%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Timaru—Bank Street ...	750	0 0	60	0 0	490	0 0	49	0 0
Waimate ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Temuka—King Street ...	225	0 0	18	0 0	125	0 0	12	10 0
Geraldine ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Ashburton ...	275	0 0	22	0 0	175	0 0	17	10 0
Willowby ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Oamaru ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Methven—HM Station ...	...		4	0 0	...		...	
Mayfield ..	...		4	0 0	...		...	
	£2250	0 0	£188	0 0	£1390	0 0	£139	0 0

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 8%		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 10%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Dunedin—								
Trinity ...	460	0 0	36	16 0	300	0 0	30	0 0
Central Mission ...	300	0 0	24	0 0	200	0 0	20	0 0
Dundas Street ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Cargill Road ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Caversham ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
St. Kilda ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Mornington ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Roslyn ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
„ HM ...	...		4	0 0	...		...	
Mosgiel ...	180	0 0	14	8 0	...		...	
Port Chalmers ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Balclutha ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Milton ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Roxburgh ...	225	0 0	18	0 0	125	0 0	12	10 0
Invercargill—Central ...	308	0 0	24	0 0	200	0 0	20	0 0
„ St. Peter's ...	275	0 0	22	0 0	175	0 0	17	10 0
Buff ...	180	0 0	14	8 0	120	0 0	12	0 0
Gore ...	250	0 0	20	0 0	150	0 0	15	0 0
Otautau ...	225	0 0	18	0 0	125	0 0	12	10 0
Edendale—HM Station ...	...		4	0 0	...		...	
Lawrence ...	...		4	0 0	...		...	
Cromwell ..	...		4	0 0	...		...	
Kaitangata ..	...		4	0 0	...		...	
Riverton ...	...		4	0 0	...		...	
Nightcaps—HM Station ...	...		4	0 0	...		...	
Tuatapere ..	...		4	0 0	...		...	
	£4895	0 0	£423	12 0	£2895	0 0	£289	10 0

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# HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

## Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1923.

Treasurers—Rev. G. BOND and Mr J. VEALE.

		INCOME.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>AUCKLAND DISTRICT.</b>			
<b>Circuits.</b>			
Auckland Central	...	305	0 0
Auckland West	...	100	0 0
Auckland East	...	325	0 0
Auckland, Avondale	...	150	0 0
Auckland, Meth. Mis.	...	45	0 0
Auckland, Devonport	...	60	0 0
Auckland, Takapuna	...	40	0 0
Auckland, Birkenhead	...	75	0 0
Onehunga	...	60	0 0
Otaguhu	...	45	0 0
Papakura	...	40	0 0
Pukekohe	...	80	0 0
Waiuku	...	50	0 0
Mahurangi	...	30	0 0
Paparoa	...	40	0 0
Northern Wairoa	...	50	0 0
Whangarei	...	40	0 0
<b>Maori Missions.</b>			
Whangaroa	...	40	0 0
Bay of Islands	...	30	0 0
Hokianga	...	50	0 0
Kaipara	...	55	0 0
Waikato	...	80	0 0
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Port Albert	...	50	0 0
Coromandel	...	12	0 0
Helensville	...	12	0 0
Kaukapakapa	...	15	0 0
Bay of Islands	...	15	0 0
Hokianga	...	15	0 0
Whangaroa	...	15	0 0
Mangonui	...	15	0 0
Hikurangi	...	15	0 0
Rehia	...	10	0 0
Ohaeawai	...	10	0 0
		1,974 0 0	

		INCOME.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.</b>			
<b>Circuits.</b>			
Thames	...	80	0 0
Te Ahora	...	80	0 0
Morrinsville	...	20	0 0
Wahi	...	20	0 0
Paeroa	...	12	0 0
Cambridge	...	65	0 0
Hamilton	...	110	0 0
Huntly	...	4	0 0
Rotorna	...	25	0 0
Tauranga	...	16	10 0
Opotiki	...	16	10 0
Te Kuiti	...	16	0 0
Taumarunui	...	20	0 0
Te Awamutu	...	40	0 0
Whakatane	...	15	0 0
Matamata	...	30	0 0
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Te Puke	...	5	0 0
Ngaruawahia	...	10	0 0
Ohura	...	10	0 0
		595 0 0	

		EXPENDITURE.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>AUCKLAND DISTRICT.</b>			
<b>Maori Missions.</b>			
General Superintendent	...	300	0 0
Travelling	...	100	0 0
Rent	...	150	0 0
Connexional Charges	...	45	0 0
<b>Whangaroa—</b>			
Minister	...	100	0 0
Travelling	...	10	0 0
H.M. Supernumerary	...	60	0 0
<b>Bay of Islands—</b>			
Probationer	...	125	0 0
Travelling	...	20	0 0
<b>Hokianga—</b>			
Minister (1)	...	150	0 0
Minister (2) Super-numerary	...	60	0 0
Home Missionary	...	100	0 0
Travelling	...	15	0 0
<b>Kaipara—</b>			
Minister	...	140	0 0
Travelling	...	30	0 0
<b>Waikato—</b>			
Minister (1) Ngaruawahia	...	180	0 0
Travelling	...	30	0 0
House Rent	...	50	0 0
Minister (2) Te Kuiti	...	180	0 0
Travelling	...	15	0 0
Rent	...	50	0 0
Home Missionary (No. 1) Te Kopua	...	120	0 0
Travelling	...	15	0 0
Rent	...	17	10 0
Home Missionary (No. 3), Whatawhata	...	120	0 0
Travelling	...	20	0 0
Home Missionary (No. 3), Marokopa	...	50	0 0
Travelling	...	10	0 0
Rev. E. O. Haddon	...	150	0 0
Travelling	...	25	0 0
House Rent	...	50	0 0
Deaconess (No. 1), Te Kuiti	...	125	0 0
Travelling	...	20	0 0
Deaconess (No. 2), Waima	...	125	0 0
Travelling	...	20	0 0
<b>Special—</b>			
Mrs Hauraki Paul (Compassionate)	...	20	0 0
Sunday School Material	...	25	0 0
N.Z. Methodist "Times" for Maori Agents	...	5	0 0
Evangelistic Mission Guarantee	...	50	0 0
Contingencies	...	50	0 0
Additional Agent	...	180	0 0
Travelling	...	25	0 0
		3,132 10 0	

# HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1923—Continued.

INCOME.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.</b>			
<b>Circuits.</b>			
New Plymouth	...	115	0 0
Waitara	...	31	10 0
Inglewood	...	16	0 0
Stratford	...	40	0 0
Eltham	...	25	0 0
Hawera	...	114	0 0
Manaia	...	15	0 0
Cape Egmont	...	46	0 0
Kaponga	...	15	0 0
Wanganui	...	100	0 0
Wanganui North	...	36	0 0
Marton	...	27	10 0
Taihape	...	26	0 0
Waimarino	...	23	0 0
<b>Maori Mission.</b>			
West Coast	...	50	0 0
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Patea	...	10	0 0
		890	0 0

<b>HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.</b>			
<b>Circuits.</b>			
Napier	...	75	0 0
Hastings	...	100	0 0
Gisborne	...	60	0 0
Waipawa	...	22	0 0
Dannevirke	...	35	0 0
Woodville	...	40	0 0
Pahiatua	...	35	0 0
Palmerston N., Broad St.	...	100	0 0
Palmerston N., Cuba St.	...	60	0 0
Feilding	...	85	0 0
Sanson-Rongotea	...	45	0 0
Poxton	...	20	0 0
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Apiti	...	16	10 0
Norsewood	...	15	0 0
Wairoa	...		
		708	10 0

<b>WELLINGTON DISTRICT.</b>			
<b>Circuits.</b>			
Wellington, Taranaki St.	...	175	0 0
Wellington Central Mis.	...	10	0 0
Wellington, Thorndon	...	50	0 0
Wellington South	...	55	0 0
Kilbirnie	...	33	0 0
Johnsonville	...	38	10 0
Petone	...	40	0 0
Hutt	...	45	0 0
South Wairarapa	...	42	0 0
Carterton	...	40	0 0
Masterton	...	100	0 0
Eketahuna	...	30	0 0
Levin	...	40	0 0
Otaki	...	40	0 0
		718	10 0

EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>AUCKLAND DISTRICT.</b>			
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Port Albert	...	10	0 0
Coromandel	...	50	0 0
Helensville (if Sep. Stn.)	...	40	0 0
Kaukapakapa	...	20	0 0
Bay of Islands	...	55	0 0
Hokianga	...	50	0 0
Whangaroa (if M. Prob.)	...	50	0 0
(If M.H.M., £40)	...		
Mangonui	...	60	0 0
Hikurangi	...	20	0 0
Rehia	...	55	0 0
Ohaeawai (if 1 Agent)	...	75	0 0
(If 2 Agents, £150)	...		
<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>			
Pukekohe	...	15	0 0
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>			
Takapuna	...	50	0 0
Papakura	...	15	0 0
Waiuku	...	20	0 0
Mahurangi (If M. Minister, £90). If M.H.M.	...	20	0 0
		805	0 0

<b>SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.</b>			
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Te Puke	...	30	0 0
Ngaruawahia	...	20	0 0
*Ohura	...	60	0 0
Ohura, Rent	...	35	0 0
<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>			
Matamata (if Mar. Min.)	...	50	0 0
Paeroa (£Paeroa, £100; Hauraki Plains, H.M. £25)	...	125	0 0
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>			
Waihi	...	30	0 0
Huntly	...	40	0 0
Rotorua	...	40	0 0
Opotiki (if M. Min., £100; if M. Prob., £50)	...	50	0 0
*Te Kuiti	...	190	0 0
*Taumarunui	...	150	0 0
Whakatane, if M. H.M.	...	70	0 0
Tauranga (if M. Min.)	...	75	0 0
		965	0 0

<b>TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.</b>			
<b>Maori Missions.</b>			
Normanby—			
N. Minister	...	230	0 0
Travelling	...	40	0 0
Rent	...	40	0 0
Telephone	...	7	10 0
Rahotu—			
N. Minister	...	180	0 0
Travelling	...	20	0 0
Rent	...	40	0 0
Patea—			
N. Probationer	...	125	0 0
Travelling	...	20	0 0
Rent	...	40	0 0
Waimarino—			
N. Home Missionary	...	120	0 0
Travelling	...	20	0 0
Deaconess	...	125	0 0
Travelling	...	30	0 0
		1,017	10 0

# HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1923—Continued.

INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>NELSON DISTRICT.</b>							
<b>Circuits.</b>							
Nelson	...	100	0	0			
Richmond	...	40	0	0			
Blenheim	...	160	0	0			
Hokitika	...	25	0	0			
Greymouth	...	34	0	0			
Motueka	...	22	10	0			
Reefton	...	14	0	0			
Westport	...	30	0	0			
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Havelock	...	7	10	0			
Murchison	...	7	10	0			
Dennistown-Granity	...	5	0	0			
					445	10	0

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.		200	0	0			
Christchurch, Durham St.	...	200	0	0			
Christchurch East	...	200	0	0			
Christchurch, Cambridge Terrace	...	40	0	0			
Christchurch, Woolston	...	70	0	0			
Christchurch, Sydenham	...	60	0	0			
Christchurch, Addington	...	60	0	0			
Christchurch, Riccarton	...	20	0	0			
Christchurch, St. Albans	...	90	0	0			
Christchurch, Papanui	...	44	0	0			
Lyttelton	...	33	0	0			
Springston	...	50	0	0			
Tai Tapu	...	50	0	0			
Leeston	...	70	0	0			
Kaiapoi	...	50	0	0			
Ohoka	...	44	0	0			
Rangiora	...	66	0	0			
Greendale-Malvern	...	50	0	0			
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Hawarden	...	15	0	0			
Oxford	...	15	0	0			
					1,227	0	0

## SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.		137	10	0			
Timaru	...	137	10	0			
Waimate	...	60	0	0			
Temuka	...	30	0	0			
Geraldine	...	27	10	0			
Ashburton	...	93	10	0			
Willowby	...	50	0	0			
Oamaru	...	55	0	0			
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Methven-Rakaia	...	15	0	0			
Mayfield	...	12	10	0			
					481	0	0

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Patea (if S.H.M.)	...	20	0	0			
<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>							
Cape Egmont	...	35	0	0			
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>							
Waitara	...	30	0	0			
Inglewood (if M. Min.)	...	50	0	0			
Manaia	...	30	0	0			
Kaponga	...	60	0	0			
Taihape (if M. Min.)	...	25	0	0			
Waimarino	...	50	0	0			
					300	0	0

## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.		20	0	0			
Apiti	...	20	0	0			
Norsewood	...	40	0	0			
Wairoa (if Agent apptd.)	...	75	0	0			
<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>							
Gisborne (if H.M.)	...	20	0	0			
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>							
Waipawa	...	60	0	0			
Dannevirke	...	15	0	0			
Woodville	...	30	0	0			
Pahiatua	...	40	0	0			
Foxton	...	45	0	0			
					345	0	0

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits with Home Missionaries.		75	0	0			
Johnsonville (if M. H.M.)	...	75	0	0			
Otaki (Minister, £50)	...						
H.M., £80	...	110	0	0			
Kilbirnie (Minister, £40)	...						
H.M., £20	...	60	0	0			
Masterton (if H.M.)	...	25	0	0			
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>							
Wellington Central Mis. (if M. Prob., £140)	...	200	0	0			
South Wairarapa	...	50	0	0			
Carterton	...	10	0	0			
Eketahuna	...	45	0	0			
					575	0	0

## NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.		55	0	0			
Havelock	...	55	0	0			
Murchison (if S.H.M.)	...	35	0	0			
Dennistown-Granity	...	40	0	0			
Runanga (if Agent)	...	50	0	0			
<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>							
Richmond (if M.H.M.; if S.H.M., £20)	...	40	0	0			
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>							
Blenheim (if probationer at Picton)	...	40	0	0			
Hokitika	...	15	0	0			
Motueka	...	20	0	0			
Reefton	...	25	0	0			
Westport	...	35	0	0			
					355	0	0

# HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1923—Continued.

INCOME.  
£ s. d.    £ s. d.

### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

#### Circuits.

Dunedin Trinity ... ..	120 0 0
Dunedin Central Mission ... ..	25 0 0
Dunedin, Dundas Street ... ..	45 0 0
Dunedin, Cargill Road ... ..	45 0 0
Dunedin, St. Kilda ... ..	30 0 0
Dunedin, Caversham ... ..	27 10 0
Dunedin, Mornington ... ..	25 0 0
Dunedin, Roslyn ... ..	35 0 0
Mosgiel ... ..	12 10 0
Port Chalmers ... ..	18 0 0
Waikouaiti & Palmerston ... ..	22 0 0
Balclutha ... ..	18 0 0
Milton ... ..	22 0 0
Roxburgh ... ..	20 0 0
Invercargill (Central) ... ..	85 0 0
Invercargill (St Peter's) ... ..	40 0 0
Bluff ... ..	16 10 0
Gore ... ..	15 0 0
Otautau ... ..	25 0 0
Edendale ... ..	12 10 0

#### Home Mission Stations.

Kaitangata ... ..	16 10 0
Lawrence ... ..	11 0 0
Cromwell ... ..	11 0 0
Riverton ... ..	11 0 0
Tuatapere ... ..	5 0 0
Nightcaps ... ..	8 0 0

Total Estimated Income from Circuits and H.M. Stations ... ..	721 10 0
	7,561 0 0

### GENERAL.

#### Connexional Properties.

Auckland ... ..	700 0 0
Grey Institute, New Plymouth ... ..	400 0 0
Kai Iwi, Wanganui ... ..	185 0 0
	1,285 0 0

#### Interest on Investments.

Auckland ... ..	300 0 0
Canterbury ... ..	60 0 0
Dunedin ... ..	4 10 0
	364 10 0

### Memorial.

Mrs Ann Carvell, Blenheim ... ..	6 0 0
Mr Francis Terrill, Blenheim ... ..	6 0 0
Mrs E. A. White, Blenheim ... ..	6 0 0
Mr Richard W. Parker, Blenheim ... ..	6 0 0
Mr and Mrs John Spencer, Nelson ... ..	6 0 0
Mr and Mrs J. C. Botham, Tna Marina ... ..	6 0 0
Mr C. B. White, Blenheim ... ..	6 0 0
Mr and Mrs Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere ... ..	6 0 0
Mr and Mrs W. R. Parker, Blenheim ... ..	2 0 0
	50 0 0

EXPENDITURE.

£ s. d.    £ s. d.

### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

#### Home Mission Stations.

Hawarden ... ..	65 0 0
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#### Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Greendale and Malvern ... ..	45 0 0
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#### Aided Circuits.

Riecarton ... ..	60 0 0
Lyttelton, Final ... ..	25 0 0
Ohoka ... ..	20 0 0

#### Special.

Deaconess' Institute ... ..	75 0 0
	290 0 0

### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

#### Home Mission Stations.

Methven-Rakaia ... ..	60 0 0
Mayfield ... ..	40 0 0

#### Aided Circuits.

Temuka ... ..	30 0 0
Geraldine ... ..	25 0 0
	155 0 0

### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

#### Maori Mission.

Minister ... ..	180 0 0
Travelling ... ..	50 0 0
	230 0 0

#### Home Mission Stations.

Kaitangata ... ..	20 0 0
Lawrence ... ..	25 0 0
Cromwell ... ..	45 0 0
Riverton ... ..	40 0 0
Tuatapere ... ..	60 0 0
Nightcaps ... ..	25 0 0

#### Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Roslyn Circuit, £15 ... ..	15 0 0
Waikouaiti & Palmerston ... ..	50 0 0

#### Aided Circuits.

St. Kilda (for H.M.) ... ..	20 0 0
(If Probationer, £40 additional).	
Caversham ... ..	30 0 0
Port Chalmers ... ..	50 0 0
Mosgiel ... ..	30 0 0
Milton ... ..	40 0 0
Roxburgh ... ..	30 0 0
Otautau ... ..	30 0 0
Bluff ... ..	20 0 0
Gore ... ..	20 0 0
Balclutha ... ..	15 0 0
Edendale ... ..	35 0 0
	590 0 0

Total Estimated Expenditure in Circuits and H.M. Stations. ... ..	8,560 0 0
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# HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

## Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1923—Continued.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<b>Rents.</b>		<b>GENERAL.</b>	
Okaiawa Prop., Taranaki	26 0 0	<b>Departmental.</b>	
Spring Creek, Blenheim	3 0 0	H.M. General Secretary's Stipend	325 0 0
	29 0 0	H.M. House Allowance	100 0 0
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>		H.M. Travelling	100 0 0
Birthday League	25 0 0	H.M. Connexional Charges	55 0 0
Sale of Maori Books	10 0 0	H.M. General Treasurer's Honorarium	85 0 0
N.Z. Young Women's Bible Class Union	145 0 0	H.M. Incidental Expenses	15 0 0
Other Boards on a/c Office		Office, Rent, etc.	90 0 0
Rent, etc.	50 0 0	Telephones	17 0 0
N.Z.M.W. Mission Union	145 0 0	Postage, Telegrams, etc.	15 0 0
	375 0 0	Bank Charges, Cheque Books, Exchange, etc.	10 0 0
The Wake Estate	300 0 0		812 0 0
	300 0 0	<b>Printing.</b>	
	9,964 10 0	Reports, Balance Sheets, Estimates, Circulars, etc.	200 0 0
Debit Balance, 1923	1,595 10 9		200 0 0
	11,560 0 9	<b>Miscellaneous.</b>	
		C.B. and L. Fund Installments—	
		Coromandel & Kuaotuna	25 0 0
		Taneatua	30 0 0
		Rates and Insurance	7 0 0
		Interest	100 0 0
		Advertising "N.Z. Meth. Times"	2 10 0
		Space in "N.Z. Meth. Times"	10 0 0
			174 10 0
		<b>General.</b>	
		H.M. Retiring Allowance	175 0 0
		H.M. Retiring Fund	150 0 0
		Deacons' Retiring Fund	30 0 0
		H.M. Deputation Expenses	50 0 0
		Removal Expenses	70 0 0
		Ministerial Supplies	150 0 0
		Theological Institution	100 0 0
		Contingencies	300 0 0
			1,025 0 0
		Total	10,771 10 0
		Debit Balance, 1922	788 10 9
			11,560 0 9

N.B.—With a view to meeting the above deficit of nearly £1600, the Conference has decided to increase the Circuit Assessments by 10 per cent., and confidently appeals to ministers and people to co-operate in order to avoid a drastic reduction of grants by the Jubilee Conference of 1924.



**N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPT.**

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1922.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Tauranga ..	16	12	0				Travelling ..	2	10	0
Opotiki ..	0	0	0				Removal Expenses ..	5	0	0
Ditto, 1921 ..	8	17	8				<b>Special.</b>			
Te Kuiti ..	22	7	8				Typed Circulars ..	25	0	0
Taumarunui ..	9	17	0				Evangelistic Mis-			
Te Awamutu ..	45	13	7				sions ..	50	0	0
Whakatane ..	10	10	6				Purchase of Horses,			
Matamata ..	27	14	0				etc. ..	48	10	0
Ditto ..	1	6	6				S.S. Requisites ..	50	0	0
Te Puke ..	5	0	0				Total for Maori			
Ngaruawahia ..	10	0	0				Work ..	£4,166	6	8
Ohura ..	17	5	10	547	2	3				
<b>TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.</b>				<b>AUCKLAND DISTRICT.</b>						
<b>Circuits.</b>				<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>						
New Plymouth ..	97	4	9	Port Albert ..	10	0	0			
Ditto, 1921 ..	1	0	0	Coromandel ..	62	10	0			
Waitara ..	40	17	6	Helensville ..	30	0	0			
Inglewood ..	16	0	0	Kaukapakapa ..	22	10	0			
Ditto, 1921 ..	10	0	0	Bay of Islands ..	62	10	0			
Stratford ..	44	16	6	Hokianga ..	57	10	0			
Ditto, 1921 ..	5	0	0	Whangaroa ..	55	0	0			
Eltham ..	3	1	6	Mangonui ..	62	10	0			
Hawera ..	0	0	0	Hikurangi ..	27	10	0			
Ditto, Special,				Rehia ..	55	0	0			
W.M.A. ..	14	0	0	Kaikohe ..	137	10	0			
Ditto, 1921 ..	2	18	5							
Mania ..	28	19	3	<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>						
Cape Egmont ..	50	2	3	Pukekohe ..	30	12	6			
Ditto, 1921 ..	14	15	6	<b>Aided Circuits.</b>						
Kaponga ..	12	0	0	Auckland West, 1						
Wanganui ..	100	0	10	quarter ..	3	2	6			
Ditto, 1921 ..	5	5	6	Takapuna ..	63	15	0			
Wanganui North	34	15	7	Papakura ..	22	10	0			
Marton ..	11	0	0	Waikuku ..	31	5	0			
Taihape ..	18	10	0	Mahurangi ..	21	5	0			
Waimarino ..	23	15	0	Paparoa, 1 quarter	3	2	6			
<b>Maori Mission.</b>				Northern Wairoa						
West Coast ..	50	0	0	1 quarter ..	5	0	0			
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>				<b>SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.</b>						
Patea ..	10	6	3	<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>						
				Te Puke ..	36	5	0			
			594	8	10					
<b>HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.</b>				<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>						
<b>Circuits.</b>				Morrinsville ..	28	15	0			
Napier ..	57	0	0	Matamata, 1 quar-						
Hastings ..	96	7	8	ter ..	10	0	0			
Gisborne ..	0	0	0	Paeroa and Hau-						
Ditto, 1921 ..	32	8	7	raki Plains ..	127	10	0			
Waipawa ..	15	16	7	<b>Aided Circuits.</b>						
Dannevirke ..	28	0	0	Waihi ..	38	15	0			
Woodville ..	16	1	0	Huntly ..	46	5	0			
Ditto ..	1	0	0	Rotorua ..	52	10	0			
Pahiatua ..	20	0	0	Opotiki ..	62	10	0			
Palmerston North				Te Kuiti ..	202	10	0			
Broad Street ..	13	9	7	Taumarunui ..	181	5	0			
Ditto, 1921 ..	29	17	0	Whakatane ..	85	0	0			
Cuba Street ..	50	8	0							
Feilding ..	103	0	0							
Sanson—Rongotea	19	3	0							
Foxton ..	0	0	0							
							981	5	0	



## N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPT.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1922.—Continued.

		INCOME.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Ohoka .. .. .	..	48	0		
Rangiora .. ..	..	68	18	3	
Greendale and Malvern .. .. .	..	43	10	7	
Ditto, 1921 ..	..	18	8	9	

### Maori Mission.

South Island ..	..	0	0	0	
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### Home Mission Stations.

Hawarden .. ..	..	13	2	0	
Ditto, 1921 ..	..	9	14	7	
Oxford .. .. .	..	20	16	3	
				1,135	16 11

### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

#### Circuits.

Timaru .. .. .	..	151	10	0	
Waimate .. ..	..	53	9	2	
Temuka .. .. .	..	25	15	4	
Geraldine .. ..	..	20	0	0	
Ashburton .. ..	..	106	0	0	
Willowby .. ..	..	44	18	0	
Oamaru .. .. .	..	48	2	1	

### Home Mission Stations.

Methven .. .. .	..	14	0	0	
Mayfield .. ..	..	16	10	0	
		480	4	7	

### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

#### Circuits.

Dunedin, Trinity	..	82	18	8	
Dunedin, Central Mission .. .. .	..	25	0	10	
Dunedin, Dundas Street .. .. .	..	38	1	11	
Dunedin, Cargill Road .. .. .	..	40	10	3	
Dunedin, St. Kilda .. .. .	..	20	5	1	
Dunedin, Caversham .. .. .	..	25	14	0	
Dunedin, Mornington .. .. .	..	28	14	6	
Dunedin, Roslyn .. .. .	..	42	5	11	
Mosgiel .. .. .	..	11	0	0	
Port Chalmers .. .. .	..	15	0	0	
Waikouaiti and Palmerston .. .. .	..	15	3	3	
Ditto, 1921 .. .. .	..	10	2	6	
Balclutha .. .. .	..	18	14	4	
Milton .. .. .	..	10	0	0	
Ditto, 1921 .. .. .	..	8	10	0	
Roxburgh .. .. .	..	19	15	0	
Invercargill—Central .. .. .	..	78	10	6	
St. Peter's .. .. .	..	33	10	8	
Bluff .. .. .	..	16	10	0	
Ditto, 1921 .. .. .	..	16	2	6	
Gore .. .. .	..	15	11	9	
Otautau .. .. .	..	17	13	6	
Ditto, 1921 .. .. .	..	4	11	7	
Edendale .. .. .	..	14	9	10	

### EXPENDITURE.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

##### Home Mission Stations.

		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Hawarden .. ..	..	66	5	0	
Oxford .. .. .	..	3	15	0	

##### Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Greendale—Malvern	55	0	0		
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##### Aided Circuits.

Woolston, 1 quarter	..	3	15	0	
Riccarton .. ..	..	72	10	0	
Papanui .. .. .	..	28	15	0	
Lyttelton .. ..	..	32	10	0	
Springston .. ..	..	10	12	6	
Leeston .. .. .	..	10	12	6	
Ohoka .. .. .	..	25	0	0	
Deaconess' Institute .. .. .	..	75	0	0	
		383	15	0	

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

##### Home Mission Stations.

Methven .. .. .	..	67	10	0	
Mayfield .. ..	..	45	0	0	

##### Aided Circuits.

Temuka .. .. .	..	30	0	0	
Geraldine .. ..	..	33	15	0	
		726	5	0	

### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

#### Home Mission Stations.

Lawrence .. ..	..	31	5	0	
Cromwell .. ..	..	56	5	0	
Riverton .. .. .	..	46	5	0	
Tuatapere .. ..	..	30	0	0	
Nightcaps .. ..	..	31	5	0	

#### Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Roslyn .. .. .	..	63	15	0	
Waikouaiti and Palmerston .. .. .	..	63	15	0	

#### Aided Circuits.

Dundas Street ..	..	3	2	6	
St. Kilda .. .. .	..	22	18	4	
Caversham .. ..	..	25	0	0	
Mornington .. ..	..	10	12	6	
Mosgiel .. .. .	..	42	10	0	
Port Chalmers ..	..	61	5	0	
Balclutha .. .. .	..	25	0	0	
Milton .. .. .	..	51	5	0	
Roxburgh .. .. .	..	36	5	0	
Bluff .. .. .	..	26	5	0	
Gore .. .. .	..	21	5	0	
Otautau .. .. .	..	35	12	6	
Edendale .. .. .	..	42	10	0	
		726	0	10	

Total for Circuits and H.M. Stations

£4,631 15 5





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