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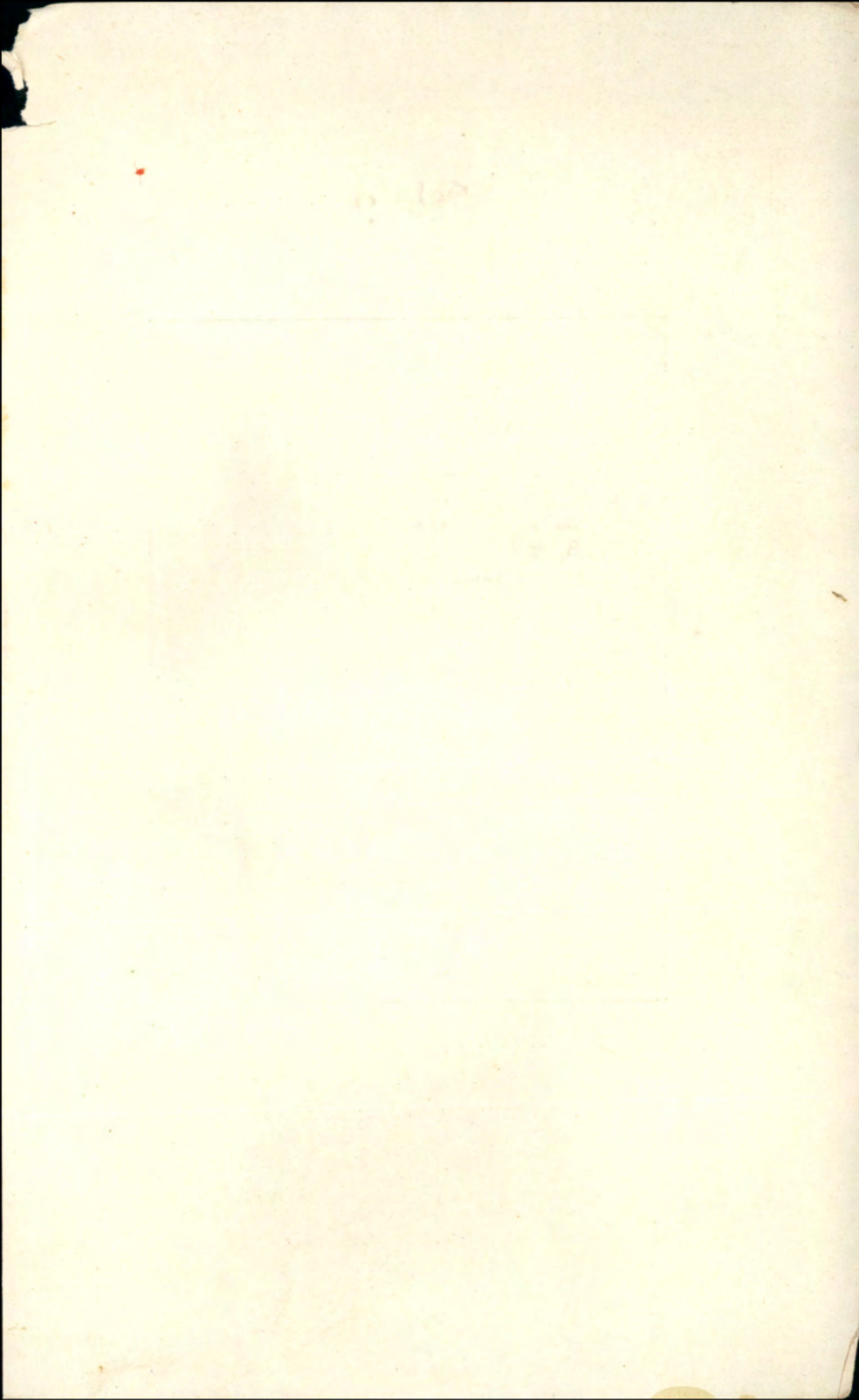
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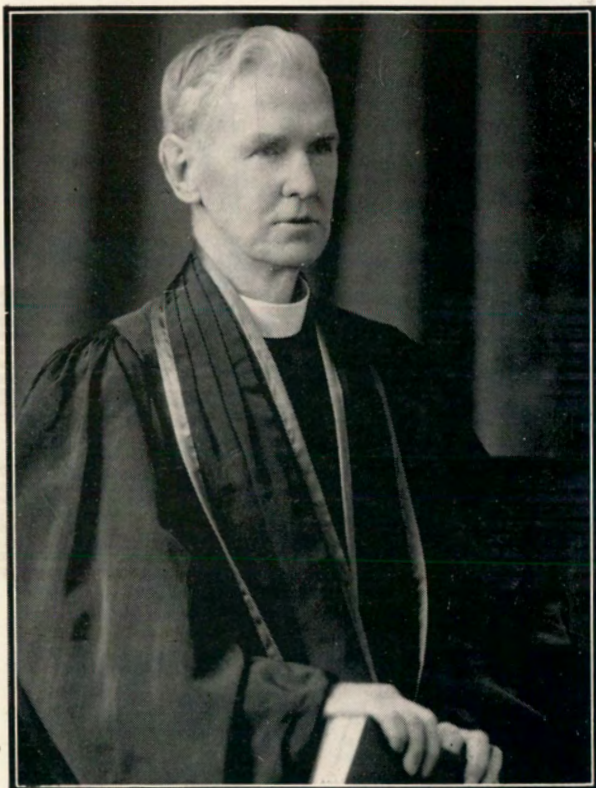
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"The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen's Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee" were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 "a distinct Connexion, to be denominated 'The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,' with an Annual Conference, affiliated to the Parent English Conference."—(Mins. Brit. Conf., 1854).

First Australasian Conference was held in Sydney in the year 1855.

A Scheme of Annual and General Conferences was determined by the Australasian Conference of 1873.

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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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.

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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The Session was opened by the Rev. Percy R. Paris, Retiring President, after which the Rev. Angus McBean was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. Mark Kershaw was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by Mr. John C. Tietjens, retiring Vice-President.

The Secretary-Elect, the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., was introduced, and took up his duties.

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"	G. W. Turley
Auckland (Devonport)	G. Knight
Auckland (Takapuna)	F. E. Sutherland
Auckland (Birkenhead)	A. Wilson
Onehunga	..	..	..	Miss Pople
Otahuhu	..	..	..	E. H. Burton*
Papakura	..	..	..
Pukekohe	..	..	..	R. C. Clark, M.A.
Waiuku	..	..	..
Helensville	..	..	..
Mahurangi	..	..	..
Paparoa	..	..	..
Dargaville	..	..	..	G. N. Taylor
Ruawai	..	..	..
Whangarei	..	..	..	Mrs. T. P. Lane*
Whangaroa	..	..	..
Bay of Islands	..	..	..
Port Albert	..	..	..	Mrs. A. R. Kruse
Hikurangi	..	..	..
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	..	..	..	Mrs. S. Clifford
Mangonui	..	..	..

South Auckland District.

Thames	..	..	..
Hauraki Plains	..	..	..	Mrs. Shilton
Paeroa	..	..	..
Waihi	..	..	..
Te Aroha	..	..	..	P. C. Trebilco*
Morrinsville	..	..	..	P. Rushton
Cambridge	..	..	..	G. W. Carter*
Hamilton	..	..	..	C. E. Paterson
Hamilton	..	..	..	Mrs. C. E. Paterson
Hamilton East	..	..	..	W. Wheatley
Huntly	..	..	..
Matamata	..	..	..	J. F. Vosper*
Putaruru	..	..	..
Rotorua	..	..	..	Mrs. Carter
Tauranga	..	..	..	W. E. Christian
Whakatane	..	..	..
Opotiki	..	..	..
Te Awamutu	..	..	..	G. W. Mairs
Otorohanga	..	..	..	J. Hodson*
Te Kuiti	..	..	..
Taumarunui	..	..	..

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	..	..	..	C. E. Bellringer
New Plymouth	..	..	..	P. Wells
Waitara	..	..	..	Mrs. Ford
Stratford	..	..	..	J. McAllister
Eltham-Kaponga	..	..	..	R. E. Williams
Hawera	..	..	..	E. Dixon
Manaia	..	..	..
Opunake	..	..	..	T. P. Hughson, senr.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—*continued.*

Wanganui	..	..	..	E. F. Laws
Wanganui North	..	..	..	F. J. Whitlock
Marton	..	..	..
Taihape	..	..	..	H. Watson

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	..	..	..	L. A. Davis
Hastings	..	..	..	W. Harris
Gisborne	..	..	..	Frank Parker
Wairoa	..	..	..
Dannevirke	..	..	..	A. R. Thompson
Woodville	..	..	..
Pahiatua	..	..	..	A. J. Patchett*
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	..	..	..	E. Lock
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	..	..	..	Miss L. Hodder
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	..	..	..
Feilding	..	..	..	G. J. McVicar
Sanson-Rongotea	..	..	..	Mrs. M. E. Smith

Wellington District.

Wellington Central	T. M. Pacey
Wellington " (Thorndon)	..	..	..	R. S. Maunder
Wellington South	..	..	..	H. Smith
Wellington East	..	..	..	N. R. Seddon
Johnsonville-Ngaio	..	..	..	W. R. Miners
Hutt	..	..	..	Mrs. McBride
Petone	..	..	..	E. Heggie, M.Com.
Greytown-Featherston	..	..	..	F. Lockwood*
Carterton	..	..	..
Masterton	..	..	..	J. A. T. Stevens*
Eketahuna	..	..	..
Levin	..	..	..	M. Hansen
Otaki	..	..	..	L. R. Spencer
				L. Watts

Nelson District.

Nelson	H. J. Savage
Richmond	..	..	..	E. R. Russell
Wakefield-Dovedale	..	..	..	O. C. Eyles
Motueka	..	..	..	E. S. Wratt
Blenheim	..	..	..	Miss E. J. Avery*
"	..	..	..	S. Harris
Reefton	..	..	..	Mrs. C. J. Thompson*
Westport	..	..	..
Greymouth	..	..	..	O. Taylor
Hokitika	..	..	..	G. Kennedy

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	..	..	D. E. Parton
" "	..	..	W. Simpson
Christchurch East	..	..	M. Kershaw
" "	..	..	H. J. S. Harrington
" "	..	..	C. Strand
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	..	..	H. Holland C.B.E.
Christchurch (Woolston)	..	..	S. Falkingham
Christchurch (Sydenham)	..	..	W. G. Wright
Christchurch (Addington)	..	..	J. H. Jones

North Canterbury District—*continued.*

Christchurch (Riccarton)	..	..	H. B. Moore
Christchurch (St. Albans)	..	..	L. C. Walker
Christchurch (Papanui)	..	..	E. H. Andrews
Lyttelton	..	..	C. Manhire
Lyttelton	..	..	W. Foster
Springston	..	..	H. W. Peryman
Tai Tapu	..	..	W. M. Barnett
Leeston	..	..	Mrs. W. T. Brooks
Kaiapoi	..	..	E. Gray
Ohoka	..	..	E. A. Woodfield
Rangiora	..	..	H. A. Bennett
Woodend-Sefton	..	..	P. R. Robinson
Greendale	..	..	Mrs. McGregor
Oxford	..	..	L. Watson

South Canterbury District.

Timaru (Banks Street)	..	..	J. W. Holdgate, J.P.
Timaru (Woodland Street)	..	..	G. H. Cone*
Timaru South	..	..	W. Hocking
Waimate	..	..	M. Hayman
Temuka	..	..	Mrs. A. Elder
Geraldine	..	..	F. Neutze
Ashburton	..	..	F. Frampton
Willowby	..	..	H. C. B. Withell
Oamaru	..	..	Mrs Bridgman
Rakaia-Methven	..	..

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	..	..	W. Bridgman
Dunedin Central Mission	..	..	F. Dawson
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	..	..	J. McIndoe
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	..	..	J. T. Barclay*
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	..	..	Mrs. T. Skuse
Dunedin (Caversham)	..	..
Dunedin (Mornington)	..	..	F. G. Marshall
Dunedin (Roslyn)	..	..
Port Chalmers	..	..	G. Crosbie
Balclutha	..	..	A. R. Dreaver, M.A.*
Milton	..	..	Mrs. J. Cockerill
Roxburgh	..	..	T. P. Michelle*
Invercargill (Central)	..	..	D. J. Wesney
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	
Bluff	
Gore	R. W. McCreath*
Riverton	

Solomon Islands District.

Mrs. H. L. Duke*

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"	J. Tyler
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"	W. S. MacKay*
Home "Missionaries" Representatives	C. W. Brown
"	F. O. Prosser
Foreign Mission "Department"	D. C. Cameron, J.P.
Youth Department	Mrs. Steptoe*

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"	"	"	"	"	R. S. Maunder
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Church Building and Loan Fund	"	"	"	"	H. de R. Flesher
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Taranaki	"	"	"	"	Sister Atawhai
Waikato	"	"	"	"	
Auckland	"	"	"	"	

QUESTION II.—Who are now admitted as Ministers in full Connection with the Conference?

Ormond E. Burton, M.A.
 Clifford L. Duder, (See Q. 42)
 L. Gordon Hanna, (Honours).
 Clarence T. J. Luxton
 William A. Mills
 Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.So.Sc.
 Arthur R. Witheford (Honours)

Who have travelled four years.

That arrangements be made for the ordination of Robert Thornley in England.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

George E. Beckingsale
 H. Ian K. Hopper
 Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip. Soc. Sc. (Honours).
 James S. Willoughby

Who have travelled three years.

John Churchill
 William R. Francis
 Robert W. Mayson B.A.

Who have travelled two years.

Howard E. Harkness, M. A.
Ernest S. Hoddinott
William R. Laws
Wesley L. Long
Leslie T. Norwell
Ashleigh K. Petch
Alfred Sanft
John Silvester (Honours)
Harris Whitfield
J. C. Aldwyn Williams.

Who have travelled one year.
Also Leslie C. Clements

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

Herbert A. Cochrane
Reginald Grice
Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agric.)
Campbell P. Lucas
Charles B. Oldfield
J. Stanley Waite
John K. Watson

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

John B. Dawson
Haddon C. Dixon
Leslie R. M. Gilmore
Lawrence Greenslade
Maharaia Winiata

Who are continued for a third year.

Charles H. Bell
Harold K. Brown
Harold W. Burley
Harold A. Darvill
Rangi Rogers (for Native Ministry)
Gordon V. Thomas
J. Henry Woolford

Who are continued for a second year.

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

Robert F. Clement
Alan F. Collins
John J. Lewis, B.A.
William J. Morrison
C. Harold Skuse
Leonard V. Willing

QUESTION VII.—Who are now admitted as Native Ministers ?

Aaron Kotosoma

who has travelled six years, to be ordained at the Synod
of 1939.

QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Native Ministers on Probation?

Uzziah Sotutu
who has travelled five years.
Nathan Kera
who has travelled four years.
John Afu
who has travelled two years.

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

None.

QUESTION X.—Who are now 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?

Fourth year: A. P. Dorrian, (Honours)
A. O. Jones
R. C. Patchett
Second Year: A. F. Attwood
W. E. Falkingham
First Year: C. G. Brown
G. W. Crammond
N. R. Hooper

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

George T. Marshall
Arthur Harding
Herbert Daniel
Hori Kakuere
also Hone Taotahi, Maori Home Missionary.

George Thomas Marshall passed away on August 2nd 1938, at the advanced age of eighty-five. In youth he surrendered his life to Christ and the service of the Church. He became a Local Preacher in England in his twentieth year and came to New Zealand eight years later. He was accepted as a candidate for the ministry and entered Three Kings College in 1882. After one year at that Institution he was sent out to Circuit work. He was appointed in succession to some of the most arduous and difficult circuits in the Connexion where he served with faithfulness and courage of the highest order. He was a man of deeply spiritual life. He had an able and active mind which was keen to the last and open to the best that it could learn. For several years he rendered valuable service as the Secretary of the Board of Examiners. Some of his finest work was done during his supernumerary years which began in 1916. For one year, 1918, he acted as Principal of the Theological College. In 1917 he was appointed General Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society and for 17 years filled that position with ability and distinction. In all his work he held the confidence of the Church in New Zealand and on the Mission Field. Amid all the changing conditions of a long life he kept his faith intact and found the certainties of religious experience secure to the last. After a brief period of suffering he passed peacefully into the Life that is triumphant.

Arthur Harding.—On November 25th, 1938, at Lower Hutt, Arthur Harding, after a long and eventful career, being old and full of years, heard the "Home Call" of God. He was born on May 6th, 1861, in Ludlow, Shropshire. At the age of twenty he made his decision for Christ and joined the Primitive Methodist Church. He became a Local Preacher in Manchester and a lay helper in the slum area of that City. In 1887, as a Probationer, he went to Queensland, and for about thirteen years ministered in the way-backs there. In 1907, accompanied by his wife, he came to New Zealand on account of his health, and laboured faithfully in a number of Circuits in both Islands. Since his retirement in 1923 he has lived in Lower Hutt, and was appointed Chaplain to the Wellington Hospital. In all the subsequent years he has devoted his time to visiting the hospitals, carrying cheer to those who needed the Ministry of Christ.

Herbert Daniel.—Herbert Daniel was born in London, August 15th, 1881. After coming to New Zealand he resided in Auckland where, for a time, he was associated with the Helping Hand Mission. He was led to enter the Primitive Methodist Ministry in 1906. In March of the same year he married Miss Beatrice Ellen Ayres of Wellington. A good minister of Jesus Christ our late brother laboured faithfully in a number of Circuits in both Islands. He possessed considerable gifts as a preacher and organiser. Whilst the evangelical note was not wanting in his sermons he invariably taught the ethical aspect of the Gospel. During the period of the Great War he rendered useful service with the Y.M.C.A. Of later years his health failed even though he continued in the active work. While Conference was in session, on Tuesday, February 21, 1939, without warning he was suddenly called into the Presence of His Lord and Master. Thus he ceased at once to serve and to live.

Rev. Hori Kakuere.—The late Rev. Hori Kakuere, known as George Kirkwood was born at Mangere on October 25th, 1863. It was at Kaikohe about the year 1910 when Mr. Kirkwood experienced the "new birth" and felt a definite call to the work of the Church. He was appointed as a home missionary, and in 1915 was ordained to the full work of the ministry. During his appointment to Raglan he acted as chairman of the Maori Mission District. In this position which he held for six years, he won the love and loyalty of his colleagues and people. About the year 1930 Mr. Kirkwood removed to Pukekohe West retiring from the full work of the ministry. Mr. Kirkwood was noted for his outspoken opposition to the liquor trade. He was well versed in Maori lore and custom, and preached the Gospel with convincing force.

Rev. Hone Taotahi.—Spiritual awakening came to the Rev. Hone Taotahi through the influence of the Ratana Movement. He linked up however, with our Church, and later became a home missionary. In his successive appointments he worked with earnest zeal among his own people. Because of failing health and family reasons he then retired to his tribal home at Matauri Bay, Whangaroa, where for some years until his death on July 29th, 1938, he acted as spiritual adviser to the people of the district. The Rev. Hone Taotahi was an interesting, passionate preacher of the saving grace of the Gospel of Christ. He was a fluent speaker in his native language, and possessed good and reliable knowledge of Maori arts and crafts.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries ?

John Nixon	Robert Raine
Thomas Fee	William A. Sinclair
Alfred Peters	William J. Elliott
T. Francis Jones	George Frost
T. Jackson Wallis	Colin C. Harrison
George Clement	Samuel Henderson
Thomas A. Joughin	Thomas W. Vealie
Samuel H. D. Peryman	Fred. Greenwood
Arthur Mitchell	Percy N. Knight, B.A.
Albert C. Lawry	Arthur Ashcroft
Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.	Thomas R. Richards
Henry L. Blannires	Arthur Hopper
George S. Cook	Edward Drake
Jacob Featherston	Harold E. Bellhouse
William Grigg	Thomas R. B. Woolloxall
John Olphert	Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries ?

(a) Permanent :

T. Arthur Pybus
William Wills
Walter J. Oxbrow
Arthur J. Seamer
William H. Speer
Charles A. Foston

T. Arthur Pybus.—Born of Methodist parentage in Middlesborough, Yorkshire, Mr. Pybus can trace a relationship through his maternal grandparents to the Wesley family. Coming to New Zealand with his parents, he soon entered the Home Mission work of our Church. Accepted as a candidate in 1897 he was received on probation. He gave early and ample evidence of his ability to deal with financial problems, building and improving Churches, and buying parsonage property. As a member of the Board of Examiners, Chairman of a District in 1908, and Senior Chaplain to the Forces with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, Mr. Pybus rendered faithful service.

One of the most beloved of our brethren, the work of Mr. Pybus has ever been characterised by a great devotion. As a pastor with the shepherd's heart he has won golden opinions. Never enjoying robust health his has always been an understanding and sympathetic ministry amongst the sick and troubled.

Our brother goes into retirement carrying with him the deepest affection of all his brethren. That God will grant him and Mrs. Pybus a long, peaceful and happy eventide is our earnest wish and prayer.

William Wills was born and educated in Cornwall. In 1887, he came to New Zealand, settling in the Ashburton Circuit, where he became an accredited Local Preacher. In 1896, he entered Prince Albert College. Of his subsequent ministerial life, Mr. Wills spent nineteen years in the North Island and twenty-one in the South Island. He has acted as Chairman of the South Auckland and Nelson Districts and for many years was a member of the Board of Examiners. Diligent as a Pastor, his memory is fragrant in the homes of our people wherever he has travelled. His pulpit work ever showed consistent evidence of careful thought and preparation and he has succeeded eminently in building up the Kingdom. His service as an administrator has also been of a high order and he retires from the work still vigorous in mind and body and with the unfeigned love of his brethren.

Walter John Oxbrow.—The retirement of the Rev. W. J. Oxbrow closes the active ministry of one of the most original thinkers and preachers of our New Zealand Church. Entering the work of the Church from Victoria, he served one year's apprenticeship in the Home Mission Field. He received his Theological training in Prince Albert College. Wherever he laboured he made deep and abiding friendships. As a preacher he was always vital, forceful, and arresting. He was a discriminating student. He was always welcome in the homes of the people. In 1926 he was elected Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui District, and from 1933 to 1938 he served in the same capacity in the South Auckland District.

As an administrator Mr. Oxbrow did good service for his Church in these two wide and important districts. During the nerve-wracking experience of the Hastings earthquake his courage and ministrations to stricken people cannot be too highly commended. It is with keen regret that the Conference views Mr. Oxbrow's retirement from the active work of the Ministry. In recording its appreciation of his unsparing devotion and service it extends to him best wishes for many years of health and happiness.

Arthur J. Seamer.—In the retirement from active work of Arthur J. Seamer the Methodist Church in the Dominion loses the services of one of her statesmen. Born in Tongala, Victoria, his early years were spent in the land of his birth. In 1902 he was appointed as a Home Missionary at the Bay of Islands, though prior to that date he had, as an officer of the Salvation Army, done outstanding work in social service activity in the city of Melbourne, and later as a representative of the Salvation Army among the Maoris.

From 1903 to 1915 he filled appointments in five of the Connexional Districts. The years 1916 to 1918 were spent first as a combatant and later as a Chaplain in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Returning to New Zealand just prior to the Armistice, he was appointed in 1919 to Addington where his inspired leadership united the local Churches which have since flourished as Union Church.

It is, however, as General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions that he will be abidingly remembered. The Maoris learned to love him as a father, to trust him as a leader, and found in his practical understanding of their ideals one whom they were proud to call their own. The dual responsibility of both Maori and Home Mission Superintendent, more than enough for the average man, he carried out with characteristic vision and thoroughness.

The confidence of the Church was shewn in its raising him to the President's chair in 1933, an honour the appreciation of which was demonstrated in even more arduous service.

For thirteen years Mr. Seamer was richly helped by his wife, who prior to their marriage in 1907 was Miss Ida Marion Nisbet. Failing health has compelled an earlier retirement than he anticipated: the years, however, have been rich in the abundance of their labours. We rejoice to know that in his retirement his ripe experience and rare knowledge of the work, both Maori and Pakeha, will be available to his successor.

That God will abundantly bless him and spare him to see much fruit for his labours is the earnest prayer of the whole Church.

William H. Speer was born in Moruya, N.S.W. in 1874. In young manhood he was accepted as a fully-accredited local preacher. Feeling an urge to devote his full time to Christian service he entered Home Mission Work, receiving his first appointment in 1897. After five years' service in his home State Mr. Speer came to New Zealand in 1902, joining the Home Mission staff in that year. In 1908, while at Pahiataua, he was received by Conference as a Minister on probation, completing the usual period in that Circuit.

Mr. Speer served with faithfulness and acceptance, both as preacher and pastor, in various Circuits throughout the Dominion, his kindly nature and ready service commending the Gospel he has expounded. He is compelled to retire from the active work of the ministry much against his desire, owing to failing health. The good wishes of the Conference accompany Mr. Speer in his retirement trusting he may ever retain the consciousness of the Divine presence.

Charles A. Foston.—Born at Tealby, in Lincolnshire, England, with both parents and grandparents devoted English Methodist Church workers Charles A. Foston was cradled in Methodism, being converted at the age of sixteen. When he was 13 years of age, the family came to New Zealand settling in Christchurch, and linking up with the Durham Street Church. In 1893, Mr. Foston commenced a period of devoted Home Mission work, in six H.M. Stations, ministering to scattered congregations.

The Conference of 1914 received him into the ranks of the ordained ministry, and since that year he has served acceptably in six centres, where he has had the joy of winning men and women for God, and of extending and consolidating the work of the Church. He has always worked hard, and the joy of service has been his great reward.

(b) Temporary :

Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., for one year.

Rev. W. S. Neal, for one year.

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

John R. Nelson.

QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be

(a) Retained on the Retired List ?

W. T. Hooper

A. L. Witheford

C. Strand

J. Common

J. H. Edmondson

H. Ashworth

J. Belshaw

J. W. Bayliss

W. Sussex

(b) Placed on the Retired List ?

S. Keen

T. W. Featherstone

C. W. Brown

W. H. Wilson

Sylvester Keen was born in Port Albert, Victoria in 1875 and spent many of the earliest years of his life at Temora, on the goldfields of New South Wales.

In 1897 he came to New Zealand and for some ten years was engaged as an officer in the Salvation Army. Later joining the Methodist Church, he was received as a Home Missionary in 1907. Commencing his work in the far north, he has since laboured in a number of our home mission stations in both the North and the South Islands. For 31 years he has laboured faithfully and well, as a workman who needeth not be ashamed, and he now enters into retirement from the active work of the home mission field with the esteem and goodwill of all amongst whom he has laboured.

Charles William Brown was born at North Shields, England, in 1872, commencing his life's work as a school teacher, gaining experience in a reformatory amongst boys, after which he took up a business career. He came to New Zealand in 1908, and entered the Home Mission work in 1909 labelling in a number of stations with much fruit for his ministry.

Throughout his ministry he has shown great organising ability in the building of parsonages, Churches and Bible Class Halls, and his labours among the youth of our Church have been an outstanding feature of his work.

His brethren in the Home Mission ranks have honoured him by choosing him as their representative to Conference. From the inception of the Home Missionaries' Association, Mr. Brown took a very active part in its activities, and was elected by the Brethren as their President for many years.

T. W. Featherstone entered the service of the Church in 1908. His record in the numerous Stations in which he laboured is of a very high order. He has proved himself an efficient servant of Jesus Christ, a fervent preacher of the Gospel, a faithful pastor, and an ardent worker amongst the young people. After thirty years devoted service his work stands as a testimony to one who was consecrated to His Lord and the Church.

Wilfred H. Wilson.—Was born at Todmorden, Yorkshire in 1879, a town frequently visited by John Wesley. Reared in an atmosphere of Methodism and converted at the age of 20, he became a Sunday School teacher and local preacher in a widely-flung circuit of 20 preaching places. He was also Secretary of a Band of Hope Union with a membership of 10,000. Mr. Wilson came to New Zealand in 1913, and started the Sunday School at New Lynn in the Avondale Circuit where he also held other offices. Hearing the call to Home Mission work in 1924 at a B.C. Camp, he was accepted for the work and has laboured in several important stations in the North Island. During the last 15 years he has done yeoman service for the Kingdom of God. When coming home from a preaching engagement he suffered a serious accident which impaired the use of his right hand for life. We recognise in him another of the stalwarts who feel compelled to retire from the active work. May both he and Mrs. Wilson have many years of quiet retirement.

QUESTION XVII.—What Ministers or Probationers have permission to rest during the year?

E. Percy Blamires, with permission to visit America and England, and that he be the accredited representative to the Uniting Conference in America and to the British Conference.

Ernest O. Blamires who is permitted to act as General Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools' League.

Robert Thornley, M.A., with permission to remain in England for another year.

Arthur Liversedge for another year.

B. M. Tasker, B.A., with permission to visit England in order to study methods of work in City Missions overseas.

Robert W. Mayson, B.A., to rest in 1940 and 1941, with permission to visit England

QUESTION XVIII.—What Ministers are left without Pastoral Charge?

Albert B. Chappell M.A., Dip. Jour., F.R.E.S.

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

Clarence T. J. Luxton.

QUESTION XX.—What Ministers or Probationers is it agreed to Transfer to or receive from any other Conference?

Clifford T. Symons, M.A., B.D., is received from the South Australian Conference.

QUESTION XXI.—Are there any objections to any Minister, Probationer or Home Missionary?

The Districts were called one by one, and the answer in each case was "No objection."

QUESTION XXII.—What persons who were in Full Connexion now cease to be recognised as Ministers of this Conference?

Edwin T. Cox, M.A., and Sydney Hindmarsh, who have voluntarily resigned.

QUESTION XXIII.—What are the arrangements for the Annual Examination of Probationers, Students and Candidates for the Ministry and Home Missionaries?

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Old Testament	Rev. H. Ryan
New Testament	Rev. F. E. Leadley
Old Test. Intro. and Exegesis	Rev. F. J. Parker
New Test. Intro.	..	..	..	Rev. G. R. Harris
N. T. Exegesis	..	..	..	Rev. H. G. Brown
Homiletics	..	..	..	Rev. W. Walker
Pastoral Theology	..	..	..	Rev. A. Blakemore
Greek	..	..	..	Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.
Mental and Moral Philosophy	..	..	..	Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.
English	..	..	..	Rev. F. Hayman Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A.
Religious Education	..	..	..	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.
Elocution and Public Speaking	..	..	..	Revs. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., E. T. Olds and Mr. K. M. Griffin, M.Sc.

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge I	..	..	..	Rev. E. S. Harkness
Bible Knowledge II	..	..	..	Rev. J. Richards
Theology	..	..	..	Rev. E. T. Olds
English and Greek	..	..	..	Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.
Geography and History	..	..	..	Rev. H. J. Odell
Arithmetic	..	..	..	Rev. J. H. Bailey

(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English	..	..	..	..	Rev. L. A. G. Brooks
Theology	..	..	..	..	Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall
Bible Knowledge	..	..	..	..	Rev. H. T. Peat
Church History and Homiletics	..	..	..	..	Rev. R. P. Keall

(E) Examiner for Native Probationers.

Rev. A. O. Harris.

(F) Examiner for Local Preachers.

Rev. J. C. Draper.

(G) Correspondence Tutors in Greek.

First Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. Gordon Parker, B.A.
Second Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A.
Third Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. G. R. Harris
Fourth Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. W. Parker, M.A.

(H) Tutors in Theology.

First Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. O. E. Burton, M.A.
Second Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade
Third Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. C. O. Hailwood
Fourth Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. L. C. Horwood

N.B.—For Rules and Regulations relating to Examinations, Trial Sermons and Books Lists, see new edition Methodist Laws, pp. 78 to 92 and amendments and additions to Laws, pages 1-6.

The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 19, and of Home Missionary Probationers on Tuesday, December 5.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS

1. Either (A).—Hebrew Old Testament

1st Year—Genesis 1-5.

2nd Year—Amos, with Robinson's Hebrew Text and Notes (S.P.C.K.)

3rd Year—Psalms 73-88, with Oesterley's Hebrew Text and Notes (S.P.C.K.)

4th Year—Nahum, Habakkuk and Malachi with Century Bible or I.C.C.

or (B).—English Old Testament.

1st Year—Exodus 1-34 (Cambridge Bible).

2nd Year—Minor Prophets, with Century Bible.

3rd Year—Isaiah, with Cambridge Bible.

4th Year—Ezekiel, with Century Bible, and Daniel, with Cambridge Bible.

2. Either (A).—Greek New Testament.

1st Year—John 1-11, with Cambridge Greek N.T.

2nd Year—Acts 1-9, with Burnside's Notes (Cambridge Press).

3rd Year—1 and 2 Thessalonians, with Cambridge Greek Text.

4th Year—Romans 5-13, with I.C.C.

or (B).—English New Testament.

- 1st Year—Matthew and James, with Century Bible.
- 2nd Year—Romans, with Moffatt's Commentary (Dodd).
- 3rd Year—Hebrews and Revelation, with Century Bible.
- 4th Year—Colossians, Philemon and Ephesians, with Moffatt's Commentary.

3. Theology.

- 1st Year : The work of Christ.
 - The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett).
 - The Doctrine of the Work of Christ (Cave).
 - The Doctrine of the Atonement (Mozley).
 - Wesley's Sermons—1, 7, 36, 39, 42, 46, 47, 49.
- 2nd Year : God.
 - The Christian Idea of God (M. Hughes).
 - The World and God (Farmer).
 - God in Christian Thought and Experience (Matthews).
 - Wesley's Sermons—2, 5, 29, 30, 31, 38, 50.
- 3rd Year : The Holy Spirit.
 - The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience (Wheeler Robinson).
 - The Holy Spirit in St. Paul (Hoyle).
 - Wesley's Sermons—2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
- 4th Year : The Doctrine of the Future.
 - The World to Come and Final Destiny (Leckie).
 - And the Life-Everlasting (J. Baillie).
 - Wesley's Sermons—14, 15, 32, 34, 35, 41, 44, 45.

4. General.

- 1st Year : Church History. Text-book : A History of the Christian Church (Walker).
- 2nd Year—One of the following :—
 - 1. Apologetics :
 - The Relevance of Christianity (Barry).
 - The Christian Understanding of Man (Church, Community and State, Oxford Conference Series—Allen and Unwin).
 - 2. Religion and Psychology :
 - The New Psychology and Religious Experience (T. H. Hughes).
 - The Psychology of Religion (Selbie).
 - 3. Social Ethics :
 - The Christian Idea for Human Society (Garvie).
 - 4. Comparative Religion (including Anthropology) :
 - Living Religions of the East (Cave).
 - Elements of Comparative Religion (Smith).
 - 5. Religious Education :
 - The Approach to Religious Education (Yeaxlee).
 - Church Community and State in Relation to Education (Oxford Conference—Allen and Unwin).
- 3rd Year : One of the subjects listed for 2nd year not already taken.
Or a thesis as specified for 4th year.
- 4th Year : A Thesis of not less than 10,000 words, embodying the results of special study in some religious or theological subject. The subject for research shall be chosen before April 1st, and after consultation, through the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, with the Board of Studies of Trinity College. It shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners on or before November 1st, who shall submit it to a panel of judges. These shall submit a brief report for presentation to the Examination Committee.

REGULATIONS.

1. All Probationers who have completed the two-year Hebrew Course in Auckland University College shall take Hebrew Old Testament, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course may substitute in lieu thereof the Hebrew prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
2. Unless special exemption is granted by the Examination Committee, Greek New Testament shall be compulsory for all Probationers who have been through College, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course, may substitute in lieu thereof the Greek prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
3. Probationers, to whom (1) and/or (2) do not apply, shall be permitted to take the alternative English Old Testament and/or English New Testament in lieu of Hebrew and/or Greek respectively.
4. The Examination in Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament shall be mainly on translation, grammar, and exegesis, and that in English O.T. and English N.T. shall be mainly on the exegesis of the sections specified.
5. (a). Theology shall be taken under Correspondence Tutors, marks being assessed as follows:—Correspondence work, 40; Examination, 60. Each Tutor appointed shall send out study papers for four consecutive months beginning with June 1. He shall mark the work sent in, return the corrected work together with suitable guidance. (Maximum marks for each study paper, 10). Each Tutor shall keep full records of every individual case and, on or before November 1, forward a complete report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.
(b). Any Probationer taking a Theological subject for a B.D. Course shall be permitted to substitute the same for that set down for his Probationary year.
6. Examinations, when not specifically limited to one particular text-book, shall be on the subject as a whole. Text-books are intended to provide a basis for wider and more thorough reading in the subject, and Probationers are encouraged to pursue the more extensive study, rather than limit it to one or two works.
7. Any Probationer pursuing a University Course shall be entitled to exemption from subjects (1) and (4) for two years of his Probation, but such exemption shall not be granted in his fourth year.
8. Book List. Every Probationer shall forward to his Chairman, no later than October 15, a classified Book List embodying, in addition to more general reading, the bibliography of his studies during the year.

II.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR NATIVE 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).

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 Forty-four Sermons, 1 to 12 (inclusive).
3. Lilly's "The Principles of Protestantism."
4. Trumbull's "Individual Work for Individuals."

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Bible : St. Paul's Teaching (Guild T. Books).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 13-20, 40, 43 and 44. (Forty-four Sermons).
3. Fitchett's "What Methodism Stands For."
4. Stalker's "Life of Christ."

III.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS.

CURRICULUM.

Subjects.	Hours per Week
1. Systematic Theology	2
2. Old and New Testament Teaching	2
3. Old Testament Introduction and Exegesis	1
4. New Testament Introduction and Exegesis	2
5. Pastoral Theology and Homiletics	1
6. New Testament Greek	2
7. Hebrew	2
8. English Language and Literature	2
9. Mental and Moral Philosophy	1
10. Principles of Pedagogy and Child Psychology	1
11. Mathematics	2
12. Elocution and Voice Production	1
13. Classical Greek	2

Matriculated Students will often take University classes in addition.

All Students to take numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12. A few selected men will take Hebrew and Classical Greek in preparation for University work. Most men will take English Literature; English Grammar and Mathematics will be taken only by selected students. Test papers are to be set each term on General Bible Knowledge. The class in Pastoral Theology and Homiletics will include instruction in Sunday School Methods and Organisation and preparation for work among adolescents; practical work to be done in conjunction with the lecturer on Pedagogy.

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES

SECTION A.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE AND THEOLOGY.

1. Bible Knowledge I : A General Knowledge of the Old and New Testaments : Text Books, Maclear's Primers.
2. Bible Knowledge II : A detailed Knowledge of the following books of the Bible :—I and II Kings, Hosea, Malachi, Luke, Acts of the Apostles, Galatians. (No questions on Introduction to be set).
3. Theology.—Text Book : Christian Foundations, Maldwyn Hughes (English Edition).

The New Catechism of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, with Hunter's Lesson Helps on the New Catechism.

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

SECTION B.

1. English—(a) Grammar and Composition, Olifant's "Matriculation and General English Course," (Gregg Publishing Company). (b) An essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner. (A guide to the principles of Essay writing will be found in "English for Pleasure and Profit," Clark's College).
2. Greek.—Initia Graeca, Sections I-XIV, with exercises I-XXVIII (Greek into English).
N.B.—The Conference urges all Candidates to take Greek.
3. Geography.—Whitcombe's Intermediate Geography.
4. History and Current Events.—History of England, 1714-1921. (Warner and Martin, Part III); and a knowledge of current events, questions on which to comprise one-fourth of the paper.
5. Arithmetic.—Whitcombe's Intermediate Arithmetic.

All the above subjects are compulsory to non-matriculated Candidates, except Greek: Matriculated Candidates are to present themselves for examination in Section A only. All Candidates are strongly urged to take Greek.

V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR NATIVE CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

1. General Bible [Knowledge (Native).
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., Part I and II only.
3. History—Warner and Martin's "Groundwork of English History," Part III.
4. Arithmetic—"New Southern Cross," for Standard V.

VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

FIRST YEAR.

1. English—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar" (pp. 1 to 80).
2. Theology.—New Catechism of Wesleyan-Methodist Church with Hunter's "Lesson Helps on the New Catechism."
3. Bible Knowledge.—Adam Welch's "The Preparation for Christ in the Old Testament."

SECOND YEAR.

1. English.—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar." (pp. 81 to end).
2. Church History.—Cowan's "Landmarks of Church History." (Guild Text Books).
3. Theology.—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (First half to p. 152).
4. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (First half to p. 105).

THIRD YEAR.

1. English.—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar." (whole book).
2. Theology.—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (Second half (p. 153 to end).
3. Homiletics.—Edwards' "Primer of Homiletics."
4. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (second half, p. 106 to end).

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Church History.—Workman's "Methodism" (Cambridge Manuals).
2. Theology.—Maldwyn Hughes' "Christian Foundations." (Revised Edition), omitting small print on pages 38-45, 95-99, 119-122, 139-140, 165-167, 180-186.
3. Homiletics.—Whittome's "Local Preachers' Efficiency Course."
4. Bible Knowledge.—Paterson's "St. Paul's Teaching." (Guild Text Books.).
5. English.—An essay of not less than 1000 words and not more than 1500 words shall be forwarded not later than September 30th, to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners. The essay shall deal with some subject of current social and religious interest. A choice of three subjects shall be given. The subjects shall be selected by the Secretary of the board of Examiners in consultation with the General Superintendent of Home Missions, and shall be notified to each Home Missionary concerned during the month of May.

VII.—CURRICULUM OF STUDIES—DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

- Theology—The New Catechism with Lesson Helps (Hunter).
Church History—Workman's "Methodism."
Old Testament—McLear's Primer.
New Testament—McLear's Primer.
English—Essay on selected subject, with Caddick's English Course for Junior and Middle Forms.

STUDENTS.

FIRST YEAR.

- Theology—"What a Christian Believes, and Why." (Hunter) p.p. 1-152.
Church History—"The Story of Christianity." (Kinloch), pp. 1-78, and Lectures.
Old Testament—"The Old Testament Writers and Their Messages" (Healing). First Half.
New Testament—"The New Testament Writers and Their Messages" (Hunter), pp. 1-110.
English—Matriculation and General English Course (Oliphant). Classical and Modern Literature.
Elocution and Voice Production—"Speak Out" (Watson), and Lectures.
Psychology—"Introduction to Psychology" (Loveday and Green) and lectures.
Nursing—St. John Ambulance Course; First Aid for the Injured, and Lectures.

SECOND YEAR.

- Theology—"What a Christian Believes and Why." (Hunter) pp. 153-309.
Church History—"The Story of Christianity." (Kinloch). pp. 79-110, and Lectures.

Old Testament—"The Old Testament Writers and Their Messages" (Healing) Second half.

New Testament—"The New Testament Writers and Their Messages" (Hunter), pp. 111-303.

English—Matriculation and General English Course (Oliphant), Classical and Modern Literature.

Homiletics—Lectures.

Psychology—"Introduction to Psychology" (Loveday and Green), and lectures

Nursing—Home Nursing and Hygiene, Lectures.

VIII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

(Two Hour Papers).

1. General Bible Knowledge. Text-books: Maclear's Primers.
2. Theology—"The Faith"—F. A. Farley.
3. Homiletics—"A Primer of Homiletics"—Edwards.

REGULATIONS.

1. Examinations shall be held, when required, on the first week of June and of December.
2. Circuit Superintendents nominating Local Preachers shall notify the Examiner, on or before May 1, or November 1, as the case may be.
3. The final decision as to acceptance or rejection of a Local Preacher shall remain with the Preachers Meeting and the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit concerned.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Revs. B. M. Chrystall, R. W. Mayson, and G. Parker be congratulated on completing the B.A. Degree; That the Rev. B. Tasker, B.A. be congratulated on gaining the Diploma of Social Science and that these degrees be printed in the Minutes.
2. That the Oral Examiner for 1940 be the Rev. Dr. Ranston.
3. That the regulation in regard to the relationship of the Local Preachers Examination to the Quarterly Meeting be referred to the L. P. Association to report to next Conference.
4. That the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A. be heartily thanked for his services as Secretary of the Board of Examiners and that he be reappointed.
5. That more attention be given to the regulation whereby Probationers stationed in isolated circuits are placed under the personal supervision of a suitable ordained minister who shall take responsibility for oversight of studies and circuit work.
6. That it be a recommendation to the Board of Studies that the course of study in Greek for Students be amended so as to allow two years study in grammar and to include translation of English into Greek as well as Greek into English.
7. Trial Sermons—That Par. 68 (page 18), Book of Laws, be amended by the addition of the words "during his second and fourth years" to the words "preach a trial sermon." (This necessitates the introducing of the word "yearly" before "oral examination.")
8. Book Lists.—That Law Book page 91 (par. 1) be amended to read "may conduct" instead of "shall."
9. That the Secretary in consultation with the Board of Studies give consideration to the re-adjustment of Examination Dates.
10. That the Secretary in consultation with Board of Studies consider during the year the question of a Preparatory year of study for non-Collegiate Probationers before taking the full Probationers Course.

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

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU.—That the objective to be realised as soon as practicable, be the appointment of one man for each centre, preferably a probationer, especially for Waipukurau.

NELSON.

WAKEFIELD-DOVEDALE.—That the proposals before the Nelson Synod be referred back to it and also to the Richmond Circuit for favourable consideration.

HAVELOCK.—(See Question 44).

BLENHEIM.—That Conference recommend the Blenheim Circuit to consider the appointment of a third agent to reside at Picton with a suitable grant.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

ADDINGTON AND RICCARTON.—That the Addington, Riccarton, Tai Tapu and Springston Circuits consider the matter of boundaries, staffing and possible amalgamation, and that the Chairman consult with such Circuits.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

(a) That Conference endorse the general principle of the necessity of re-organising the Dunedin Circuit boundaries, thanks the Commission and reappoints it.

(b) That the St. Kilda Circuit refer to the Loan Fund Committee the question of the sale of the property at Tomahawk Bay.

KAITANGATA.—That Balclutha, Kaitangata and Paratai constitute one Circuit. That a special grant be made to the Milton Circuit for travelling expenses conditional on its supplying four ministerial services each quarter.

QUESTION XXV.—To what Circuits are additional preachers to be appointed?

AUCKLAND.

BOMBAY-TUAKAU.—That a married agent be appointed with a suitable grant.

HOKIANGA.—That Hokianga be constituted a Circuit with a married probationer at Rawene and a single Home Missionary at Kohukohu with a suitable grant.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

GONVILLE.—That Gonville H.M. Station be constituted a circuit with a Probationer.

WANGANUI.—That the question of the organisation and staffing of the Wanganui Churches be left for the consideration of the Quarterly Meetings concerned, and that a combined meeting of all representatives of such Quarterly Meetings, with the Chairman of the District presiding, be held to consider the resultant proposals, and report to Synod.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH EAST.—That a Probationer be appointed as Fourth Agent with a suitable grant.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now constituted?

None.

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

- (a) Otahuhu (2nd) is due but is relieved for a sixth year.
Bay of Islands is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.
Morrinsville (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a sixth year.
Huntly is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.
Hauraki Plains is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.
Whakatane is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.
Taihape is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.
Napier (2nd) is due, but is relieved for another year.
Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for a tenth year.
Wellington Central is due and fulfils its obligation.
Hutt is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.
Durham Street (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a twelfth year.
Woolston (2nd) is due, but is relieved for an eleventh year.
Timaru South is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.
Rakaia-Methven is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.
- (b) That obligation be met in the following order :—
Hutt (second).
Woolston (second).
Durham Street (second).

QUESTION XXXVIII.—How are the Ministers and Probationers of the Conference Stationed for the Ensuing Year :

LIST OF STATIONS

OF THE

Methodist Church of New Zealand

President : REV. ANGUS McBEAN.

Vice-President : MR. MARK KERSHAW.

Secretary : REV. WILLIAM A. BURLEY, M.A.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1939.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 138 and (1) to (8) for Maori Stations and the Solomon Islands Mission Circuits, is the head of a Circuit or Mission, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendents or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, within the space of twelve months, at such time or times, and in such manner as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister).

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 1. Auckland Central.**—E. Thomas Olds, F. Gardner Brown, Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C., Andrew J. Johnston; Thomas A. Joughin, John Olphert (Supernumeraries). A Deaconess.

THE FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Arthur H. Scrivin, General Secretary.

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—George I. Laurenson, General Superintendent.

Harry J. Odell, Assistant Superintendent.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—Youth Director (see question 29).

- 2. Auckland Methodist Central Mission.**—A. Everil Orr, Arthur J. Seamer (Supernumerary). A Deaconess,

- 3. Auckland West.**—John John, A Home Missionary (Grey Lynn), Percy N. Knight, B. A. (Supernumerary).

- 4. Auckland East.**—Fred. Copeland, J. Francis Jack (Mount Eden), William Walker (Remuera), William R. Laws (Mission Bay); Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., without pastoral charge; T. Francis Jones, Charles H. Laws, B. A., D.D., (Fellow of Trinity College), William A. Sinclair, George Frost, William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Supernumeraries). Epsom Orphanage Chaplain—Fred. Copeland.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. Principal; Eric W. Hames, M.A. Resident Tutor.

- 5. Auckland (Avondale).**—Harold A. Sharp, Ralph J. Liddell (Glen Eden), James S. Willoughby (Avondale); Arthur Mitchell, Arthur Hopper (Supernumeraries).

Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain—Harold A. Sharp.

6. **Auckland** (Devonport).—Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A., William J. Elliott (Supernumerary), E. Percy Blamires (resting).
 7. **Auckland** (Takapuna).—Joseph C. Draper; Thomas R. B. Woolloxall, William Wills (Supernumeraries).
 8. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—Howard H. Jeffreys.
 9. **Onehunga**.—John D. Grocott.
 10. **Otahuhu**.—Percy I. Cooke. One Wanted.
 11. **Papakura**.—Ivo M. Raynor.
 12. **Pukekohe**.—William G. Slade, M.A., (who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau H.M. Station).
Wesley Training College, Paerata—William G. Slade, M.A., Chaplain.
 13. **Waiuku**.—Vincent le C. Binet.
 14. **Helensville**.—J. C. Aldwyn Williams.
 15. **Mahurangi**.—D. J. Donald Hickman (Warkworth); A Home Missionary
 16. **Paparoa**.—Allan H. Cropp.
 17. **Dargaville**.—V. Roy Jamieson; A Home Missionary (Te Kopuru).
 18. **Ruawai**.—Howard C. Matthews.
 19. **Whangarei**.—Henry J. Tozer, M.A. (who shall supervise the Hikurangi Circuit). A Home Missionary.
 20. **Whangaroa**.—Frank Bateup (Kaeo), (who shall supervise the Hokianga Mangonui, Bay of Islands and Kawakawa-Ohaeawai Circuits and act as adviser to the Maori workers throughout the Whangaroa, Mangonui, Bay of Islands and Hokianga Counties).
 21. **Bay of Islands**.—One wanted.
 22. **Port Albert**.—William C. Jenkin.
 23. **Hikurangi**.—One wanted.
 24. **Kawakawa-Ohaeawai**.—George E. Beckingsale.
 25. **Mangonui**.—Harris Whitfield.
 26. **Hokianga**.—Herbert A. Cochrane, A. Home Missionary (Kohukohu).
- Maori Mission**.—Home Mission Department: Eruera Te Tuhi, Senior Maori Superintendent.
- (1) **Auckland**.—
 Rakana P. Rakana (Waima).
 13 Home Missionaries.
 4 Deaconesses.
- BOMBAY—TUAKAU**.—A Home Missionary.
- KAUKAPAKAPA—SILVERDALE**.—A Home Missionary.
- ALBANY**.—A Home Missionary.
- COLPORTEUR WORK**.—A Home Missionary.

FRED. COPELAND, Chairman of the District
 WILLIAM WALKER, Financial Secretary.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

27. **Thames.**—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A. (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit and the Coromandel Home Mission Station).
28. **Hauraki Plains.**—Charles B. Oldfield.
29. **Paeroa.**—John R. Nelson.
30. **Waihi.**—Reginald Day.
31. **Te Aroha.**—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
32. **Morrinsville.**—John L. Mitchell, Robert W. Mayson B.A., (Waitoa).
33. **Cambridge.**—George H. Goodman (who shall supervise the Putaruru Circuit.)
34. **Hamilton.**—Robert B. Tinsley, James W. Parker (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngarua-wahia H.M. Station).
35. **Hamilton East.**—George E. Brown.
36. **Huntly.**—Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agric.).
37. **Matamata.**—Arthur R. Witheford.
38. **Putaruru.**—John Churchill.
39. **Rotorua.**—Frank H. Hayman ; Walter J. Oxbrow and William H. Speer (Supernumeraries).
40. **Tauranga.**—George P. Hunt (who shall supervise the Whakatane and Opotiki Circuits and Te Puke H.M. Station).
41. **Whakatane.**—Campbell P. Lucas.
42. **Opotiki.**—One Wanted.
43. **Te Awamutu.**—Herbert Spencer (who shall supervise the Te Kuiti Circuit).
44. **Otorohanga.**—Clifford L. Duder.
45. **Te Kuiti.**—Reginald Grice.
46. **Taumarunui.**—Gordon R. H. Peterson
- (2) **Waikato**—
Matene Keepa (Ngaruawahia).
10 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses.
- (3) **King Country**—
Under Senior Maori Superintendent. One Wanted.
12 Home Missionaries.
2 Deaconesses.

NGARUAWAHIA—A Home Missionary.

KAWHIA—A Home Missionary.

TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

ROBERT B. TINSLEY, Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

47. **New Plymouth.**—Ernest D. Patchett, Victor Mead, L.Th. A Home Missionary ; John Nixon, Samuel Henderson (Supernumeraries).
48. **Waitara.**—Herbert Ford.
49. **Stratford.**—Charlie O. Hailwood.
50. **Eltham-Kaponga.**—Edwin S. Harkness.

51. **Hawera**.—George F. Stockwell.
52. **Manaia**.—One Wanted.
53. **Opunake**.—John H. Bailey, a Home Missionary.
54. **Wanganui**.—Ernest B. Chambers (who shall supervise the Raetihi-Ohakune Home Mission Station).
55. **Wanganui North**.—J. Frederick Martin; A Home Missionary.
56. **Gonville**.—Charles E. Dickens.
57. **Marton**.—William B. Cuming.
58. **Taihape**.—Leslie C. Clements.

- (4) **Taranaki-Waimarino**—
Matare Tauroa (Okaiawa)
12 Home Missionaries
3 Deaconesses.

INGLEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

DOUGLAS.—A Home Missionary.

OHURA.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT,
Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

59. **Napier**.—Samuel J. Werren (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit) Alfred Sanft (Greenmeadows).
 60. **Hastings**.—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
 61. **Gisborne**.—Frank E. Leadley; a Home Missionary.
 62. **Wairoa**.—Ashleigh K. Petch.
 63. **Dannevirke**.—Alfred E. Waite.
 64. **Woodville**.—Thomas Coatsworth.
 65. **Pahiatua**.—William E. Moore.
 66. **Palmerston North** (St. Paul's)—Clarence Eaton; Arthur Ashcroft, (Supernumerary).
 67. **Palmerston North** (Cuba Street).—Albert Blakemore (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station).
 68. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**.—Raymond Richards.
 69. **Feilding**.—J. Henry Allen (who shall supervise the Apiti H.M. Station), A Home Missionary.
 70. **Sanson-Rongotea**.—Charles M. Roberts.
- WAIPAWA.—A Home Missionary.
FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.
APITI.—A Home Missionary.
NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

CHARLES H. OLDS, B.A.,
Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 71. Wellington Central.**—Percy R. Paris, Jonathan H. Haslam (Brooklyn) (who shall supervise Paraparaumu Home Mission Station); Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (Webb St.); Robert Raine, Thomas R. Richards (Supernumeraries).
Ernest O. Blamires, with permission to act as Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools League.
- YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—Clifford T. Symons, M.A. B.D., Senior Youth Director.
- 72. Wellington (Thorndon).**—Robert B. Gosnell, Alfred M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc. (Karori).
- 73. Wellington South.**—Walter Parker.
- 74. Wellington East.**—Oswald Burnet, Athol R. Penn (Island Bay), Ernest S. Hoddinott; Colin C. Harrison, Fred. Greenwood. (Supernumeraries)
- 75.—Johnsonville-Ngaio.**—Norman P. Larsen, Wesley L. Long (Porirua); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).
- 76. Hutt.**—Harold T. Peat, (who shall supervise the Upper Hutt Home Mission Station) John Silvester; Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip. Soc. Sc. (resting).
- 77. Petone.**—Ernest E. Sage.
- 78. Greytown-Featherston.**—Howard E. Harkness, M.A.
- 79. Carterton.**—Hedley White, (who shall supervise the Greytown-Featherston Circuit).
- 80. Masterton.**—Frederick J. Parker; A Home Missionary.
Masterton Children's Home.—Chaplain, Frederick J. Parker.
- 81. Eketahuna.**—R. Purcell Keall.
- 82. Levin.**—John Dennis; Charles A. Foston (Supernumerary).
- 83. Otaki.**—William Gatman; George S. Cook (Supernumerary).
- PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

PERCY R. PARIS, Chariman of the District.

JONATHAN H. HASLAM, Financial Secretary.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

- 84. Nelson.**—William Rowe (who shall supervise the Wakefield-Dovedale Circuit); Thomas W. Vealie (Supernumerary).
- 85. Richmond.**—Moses Ayrton.
- 86. Wakefield-Dovedale.**—One wanted.
- 87. Motueka.**—Harry V. Utting.
- 88. Blenheim.**—John D. McArthur, Thomas H. Carr (Tua Marina).
- 89. Reefton.**—Leslie T. Norwell.
- 90. Westport.**—Charles H. Kendon (who shall supervise the Granity H.M. Station).
- 91. Greymouth.**—Arthur A. Bensley (who shall supervise the Reefton Circuit).
- 92. Hokitika.**—L. Gordon Hanna.
- HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.

JOHN D. McARTHUR, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

93. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S., William A. Mills (Cashmere Hills); William Grigg, Henry L. Blamires, Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S. (Supernumeraries).
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.
Youth Director—Matthew A. McDowell.
94. **Christchurch East**.—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., Cecil R. Taylor, W. E. Allon Carr, John K. Watson; Jacob Featherston (Supernumerary).
95. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—Frederick B. Lawrence; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).
96. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Francis J. Handy, One Wanted (Sumner); Thomas Fee, Harold E. Bellhouse (Supernumeraries).
97. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Wesley Parker, M.A.
98. **Christchurch** (Addington).—G. Raymond Harris.
99. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—Archer O. Harris; Wallace S. Neal (Supernumerary).
100. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—William A. Burley, M.A., Harry S. Kings; Albert C. Lawry, T. Jackson Wallis, Edward Drake (Supernumeraries), Arthur Liversedge (resting).
101. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—James Richards.
SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE CHAPLAIN.—James Richards.
102. **Lyttelton**.—Walter J. Enticott.
103. **Springston**.—Harry Cottom.
104. **Tai Tapu**.—Gordon Parker, B.A.
105. **Leeston**.—Herbert W. Payne.
106. **Kaiapoi**.—Leonard C. Horwood.
107. **Ohoka**.—Henry Benny.
108. **Rangiora**.—Henry Ryan.
109. **Woodend-Sefton**.—James H. Hall (who shall supervise the Hawarden H.M. station).
110. **Greendale**.—Robert McGregor.
111. **Oxford**.—Albert H. Fowles.
HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM A. BURLEY, M.A.

Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

112. **Timaru** (Banks St.).—Benjamin J. James.
113. **Timaru** (Woodland St.).—Charles Blair.
114. **Timaru South**.—H. Ian K. Hopper.
115. **Waimate**.—H. Leslie Richards.
116. **Temuka**.—Hubert G. Brown.

117. **Geraldine**.—One Wanted.
 118. **Ashburton**.—Angus McBean (President of Conference); A Deaconess.
 119. **Willowby**.—William W. Avery.
 120. **Oamaru**.—William B. Pickering.
 121. **Rakaia-Methven**.—J. Stanley Waite.

ANGUS McBEAN (President of Conference).
 Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

122. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—Basil Metson; A Home Missionary; George Clement (Supernumerary).
 123. **Dunedin** (Central Mission).—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., William R. Francis, Three Deaconesses; Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip. Soc. Sc. (resting).
 124. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—Alfred E. Jefferson.
 125. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—Hector C. Orchard, A Home Missionary. (St. Clair).
 126. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Thomas Skuse.
 127. **Dunedin** (Caversham).—Ralph E. Patchett.
 128. **Dunedin** (Morningson).—David O. Williams, M.A.
 129. **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—Ivan S. Williamson.
 130. **Port Chalmers**.—Samuel Bailey, A Home Missionary (Ravensbourne); T. Arthur Pybus (Supernumerary).
 131. **Balclutha**.—Robert E. Fordyce.
 132. **Milton**.—J. Ainsley Daglish (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
 133. **Roxburgh**.—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S. (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
 134. **Invercargill** (Central).—William W. H. Greenslade.
 135. **Invercargill** (St. Peter's).—George B. Hinton (who shall supervise the Otautau-Tautapere and Nightcaps Home Mission Stations).
 136. **Bluff**.—G. Knowles Smith.
 137. **Gore**.—Arthur T. Kent (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. Station)
 138. **Riverton**.—J. Montgomery Blight.

MAORI HILL.—A Home Missionary.

WAIKOUAITI.—A Home Missionary.

MOSGIEL.—A Home Missionary.

EDENDALE.—A Home Missionary.

LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.

CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.

OTAUTAU-TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.

NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.

LESLIE B. NEALE, B.A., F.R.G.S.,
 Chairman of the District.

DAVID O. WILLIAMS, M.A.,
 Financial Secretary.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

(5) **Roviana Circuit—**

John Francis Goldie.
E. Clarence Leadley.
One Wanted.
Two Missionary Sisters.
One Nursing Sister
Naphthali Fotu (Simbo).
Paul Havea (Marovo).
John Afu (Roviana).
Belshazzar Gina, under the direction of the Chairman of the District.
Nathan Kera " " " "
Nine Native Catechists.
Thirty-nine Native Teachers.
Six Native Medical Assistants.
Two Native Nurses.

DISTRICT TRAINING COLLEGE :

John F. Goldie, Principal.
E. Clarence Leadley, Vice-Principal.

(6) **Vella Lavella Circuit—**

A. Wharton E. Silvester (Bilua).
One Missionary Sister (Nurse).
One Native Catechist.
Twenty-four Native Teachers.

(7) **Choiseul Circuit—**

John R. Metcalfe (Sasomunga).
One Missionary Sister.
One Missionary Sister Wanted.
Three Native Catechists.
Thirty-seven Native Teachers.
Two Native Medical Assistants.

(8) **Bougainville and Buka Circuit—**

A. Harry Voyce (Buin).
Donald C. Alley (Teop).
Clarence T. J. Luxton (Buka).
One Missionary Sister (Buka).
One Wanted (Nurse) (Buka).
One Missionary Sister (Buin).
Aaron Kotosoma (Teop).
Uzziah Sotutu (Buka).
144 Native Teachers.
Three Native Medical Assistants.

N.B.—(1) Bougainville and Buka Circuit to be under the superintendency of the Chairman of the District.

(2) It is understood that the Chairman of the district shall have discretionary powers regarding new appointments.

Helena Goldie Hospital—

Allen G. Rutter, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin), D.T.M. & H., Medical Superintendent.
Two Missionary Sisters (Nurses).
Five Native Medical Assistants.
Six Native Nurses.

JOHN F. GOLDIE,
Chairman of the District.

NOTES.

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

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

Thomas A. Brady is a superannuated Minister of the British Methodist Church residing in New Zealand.

Raymond Preston is a minister of the Australasian Methodist Church residing in New Zealand.

QUESTION XXIX.—How are the Home Missionaries employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1939.

Auckland District—

Youth Department—Youth Director, Arthur E. Bate.

Auckland Methodist Central Mission (Franklin Road), Supply (H. Thornley).

Auckland West (Grey Lynn). Supply (Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.).

Bombay-Tuakau Supply (J. F. Amos).

Kaukapakapa-Silverdale—A. O. Jones.

Hokianga (Kohukohu)—A. P. Dorrian.

Albany—One Wanted.

Dargaville (Te Kopuru)—One Wanted.

Otahuhu (second)—Vacant.

Mahurangi (second)—Vacant.

Bay of Islands. Supply (J. W. Bayliss).

Hikurangi—C. W. Tolley.

Paparoa—W. G. Peate.

Home Mission Department.

Colporteur Work. Supply (Sister Rita Snowden).

MAORI MISSION—

Matauri Bay, Kaeo—Supply.

Batley—Supply.

Kawakawa—Te Riri Kawiti.

Taumarere—Hone Tamati.

Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete.

Waimate North—Hamiora Kingi.

Te Karae—Rameka Eru.

Horeke—Huru Wi Pere

Kaikohe—Wi Hemi Hongi.

Whananaki—Tame Tuari.

Rewiti—Supply.

Purerua—Supply.

Dargaville—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.

Poutu (Kaipara Heads), Paraire Paraone Kena.

Pokere (Bay of Islands), Piripi Livingstone.

Matakana—John Harris.

Tuakau—Paki Kinita.

South Auckland District.

Ngaruawahia—A. A. L. Hutching.

Te Puke—A. T. Bartlett.

Coromandel—C. Aker.

Kawhia—K. A. Robinson.

Opotiki—A. F. Attwood.

MAORI MISSION—

Te Kuiti—John Nicholls.
Te Kuiti Rural—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai
Pukeatua—Heemi Rihimona.
Ohiapopoko—Te Aho Pihama.
Cambridge—Vacant.
Mokau—Supply.
Raglan—Honehono Kereopa.
Kawhai Central—Hauotu Hapimana.
Kinohaku—Aihe Huirama
Otorohanga (Otewa)—Hoani Tonga.
Whatawhata—Poo Kingi.
Hangatiki—Wetini Hotu.
Taharoa—Supply.
Huntly—Hori Awa.
Rangiriri—Supply.
Tuakau—Ngaweke Tuhimata.
Te Kohanga—Remi H. Kukutai.
Hauraki Plains—Supply.
Thames (Puru)—Tuheke Poihipi.
Aotea, Kawhia—Roi Moke.
Maketu Pa, Kawhia—Taima Rangawhenua.
Te Kopua, Te Awamutu—Tahuna Herangi.

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth (St. Aubyns). Supply (H. Ashworth).
Opunake (Okato)—G. Hall.
Patea—W. J. Henderson.
Raetihi-Ohakune—Supply (R. Tapp).
Wanganui North (Second)—B. H. Barnitt, M.Sc.
Douglas (Under Stratford Superintendent)—Vacant.
Inglewood—C. Duncan.
Ohura—V. J. Hayman.
Manaia—C. Robinson.

MAORI MISSION—

New Plymouth—Paahi Moke.
Rahotu—Te Uira Tuteao.
Nukumarua—Hikuroa Te Maaha.
Urenui—Supply.
Hawera—Paikea H. Toka
Pariroa Pa—Tupito Maruera.
Whenuakura—Rangiira Tumahuki.
Kai Iwi—Hoani Hakaraia.
Wanganui—Supply.
Rangitikei—Supply.
Raetihi—Supply.
Wanganui River—Supply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Feilding (Halcombe)—R. Coombridge.
Foxton-Shannon—C. S. L. Oliver.
Apiti—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Norsewood (Under Dannevirke Superintendent)—Vacant.
Waipawa—R. C. Patchett.
Gisborne (Second)—Vacant.

Wellington District.

Upper Hutt—Supply (Sister Edith K. Beer).
Paraparaumu—R. T. Alexander.
Masterton (Kuripuni)—One wanted.

Nelson District.

Havelock—Clifford G. Brown.
Murchison—G. W. Crammond.
Granity—F. Sanderson.
Wakefield-Dovedale—N. R. Hooper.

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Addington), Lincoln Road. Supply (Rev. Wm. Grigg).
Christchurch, St. Albans (Bryndwr). Supply (Rev. A. C. Lawry).
Christchurch (Woolston), (Sumner). Supply (Rev. H. E. Bellhouse).
Christchurch, Woolston (Heathcote). Supply (Rev. A. Liversedge).
Waddington—H. J. Malcolm.
Hawarden—Vacant (Under Woodend Superintendent).

South Canterbury District.

Geraldine—F. O. Prosser.

Otago-Southland District.

Waikouaiti-Palmerston—W. MacDonald.
Port Chalmers (Ravensbourne)—W. Falkingham.
Dunedin (N.E. Valley)—Supply (D. I. Robertson).
Cargill Road (St. Clair)—H. R. Wright.
Dunedin (Maori Hill)—T. A. Winn.
Mosgiel—Supply (J. E. Lea).
Lawrence—Supply (J. M. Daley).
Cromwell—Supply (B. H. Riseley).
Edendale—N. Challenger.
Otautau-Tuatapere—G. Densem.
Nightcaps—H. M. Brasell.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1939.

1.—Home Work.

- *1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- 1918—Sister Hazel Hamilton, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- 1920—Sister Mildred West, Ashburton.
- *1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Home Mission Department, Auckland.
- *1936—Sister Edith K. Beer, Upper Hutt.
- *1936—Sister Margaret J. Kippenberger, Pitt Street, Auckland.
- *1938—Sister Constance L. Osborne—Central Mission, Dunedin.
- *1939—Sister Mavis Ritchie, Central Mission, Auckland.

II.—Maori Work—

- *1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
- 1921—Sister Nicholls, Selkirk Street, Hamilton.
- 1927—Sister Netta Gittos, "Kurahuna," Onehunga.
- 1928—Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
- 1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, Ratana Pa (Supply).
- *1931—Sister Atawhai Wilcox, New Plymouth.
- *1933—Sister Olive Bott, North Auckland.
- *1934—Sister Marama Muriwai, Kaipara and Waikato Heads.
- *1935—Sister O. Madeleine Holland, Okaiawa, Taranaki.
- *1936—Sister Heeni Te Teira, Kawhia.
- *1939—Sister Dorothy Pointon, Te Kuiti.
- *1939—Sister Evelyn Marriott, Hamilton.
- *1932—Sister Rangimarie Ellison (resting) with leave of absence for further training.

III.—Foreign Work—Solomon Islands.

- *1920—Sister Elizabeth Common.
- 1922—Sister Ethel McMillan.
- 1924—Sister Lina Jones.
- 1934—Sister Ada Lee.
- 1935—Sister Vera Cannon.
- 1938—Sister Merle Farland.
- 1938—Sister Effie Harkness.
- 1938—Sister Joy Whitehouse.

IV.—Awaiting Appointment.

Probationer Lilian S. L. Davidson.

V.—Retired for Special Service.

- *1914—Sister Annie Tocker, Government Service, Wellington.

VI.—Retired or Resting.

- 1907—Sister Mabel Morley, retired.
Mrs. W. J. Williams, retired.
- *1913—Sister May Barnett, retired.
- *1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, retired.
- 1918—Sister May Ralph, retired.
- 1923—Sister Lily White, retired.
- *1926—Sister Grace McDonald, retired.
- 1928—Sister Olive Coleman, resting.
- *1930—Sister Lenna Button, resting.
- 1936—Sister Edna White, retired.

VII.—Students in Training.

Misses Frances Clegg, Violet M. Kruse.

*Trained in Deaconess House.

QUESTION XXX.—Who are Elected as Chairmen and Secretaries of Districts and as Statistical Secretaries for the Ensuing year ?

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Auckland—Fred. Copeland.
 South Auckland—Robert B. Tinsley.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Ernest D. Patchett.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Charles H. Olds B.A.
 Wellington—Percy R. Paris
 Nelson—John D. McArthur.
 North Canterbury—William A. Burley, M.A.
 South Canterbury—Angus McBean (President of Conference).
 Otago-Southland—Leslie B. Neale, B.A. F.R.G.S.
 Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary—George E. Brown.
 Auckland—John D. Grocott.
 South Auckland—Gordon H. R. Peterson.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—George F. Stockwell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Albert Blakemore.
 Wellington—Alfred M. Costain.
 Nelson—Harry V. Utting.
 North Canterbury—Harry S. Kings.
 South Canterbury—Charles Blair.
 Otago-Southland—Basil Metson.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1940 ?

President—Leslie B. Neale, B.A. F.R.G.S.
 Secretary—William A. Burley, M.A.

QUESTION XXXII.—What is the Report of the General Statistical Secretary ?
Report for 1938.

The Statistical Report for this year is far from encouraging. It had been hoped that the Bi-Centenary year would see a revival of our work and returns being presented to this Conference in keeping with the importance of the year. Instead we have a series of decreases, especially in Youth Work, which are far from inspiring.

General Returns.

The following are the Increases and Decreases for the year :—

Increases				Decreases			
Schoolrooms	..	..	4	Churches	..	..	3
Ministers and Probationers			6	Other Preaching Places	..	..	6
Home Missionaries	..	..	1	Local Preachers	..	..	5
Members on Probation	..	..	25	Class Leaders	..	..	50
Junior Members	..	..	60	Members on Roll	..	..	147
Infant Members	..	..	480				
Communicants	..	..	175				

The last reported increase in Junior Members was in 1933. It is therefore a pleasure being able to report an increase this year of 60. The Taranaki-Wanganui District is to be congratulated on being the only District not reporting in any Circuit or Station a decrease in Junior Members. Three Circuits report no alteration in Junior Membership; thirteen report increases ranging from 2 to 29.

Infant Membership Returns show the largest increase since the Conference of 1931, when the increase reported was over 600. All Districts show increases except Auckland and South Auckland, these two Districts returning a total decrease of 62.

Attention must be called to the decrease in Members on Roll. The following shows at a glance the position of the Districts.

	Increases		Decreases		No Alteration
	No of Circuits	Total Inc.	No. of Circuits	Total Dec.	No. of Circuits
Auckland ..	16	161	10	64	3
South Auckland ..	7	40	14	114	2
Taranaki-Wanganui	5	24	10	83	..
Hawke's Bay-					
Manawatu ..	8	63	7	91	1
Wellington ..	7	33	8	73	1
Nelson ..	4	19	7	67	1
North Canterbury	10	97	8	90	1
South Canterbury	5	26	3	23	2
Otago-Southland ..	11	89	13	95	2
	73	552	80	699	13

Increases: gain per Circuit, 7.56 members.

Decreases: loss per Circuit, 8.74 members.

Reasons given at Synods for decreases are not very convincing. District Secretaries report that the chief reasons given for decreases are the purging of the roll. While there is no reason to doubt such replies, we should face the fact that the necessity for such purging—and evidently drastic in some cases—reflects unfavourably upon those responsible for these rolls. Reports received from the Commissions of Advance reveal a grave laxity in many places, and sometimes where responsible men are Superintendents in the keeping of membership rolls.

Several Circuits report decreases of between 40 and 50 members. Six Circuits report a combined decrease of 201 members. The six largest increases total 168. One Circuit reported a decrease of 14% last year; this year the same Circuit reports a decrease of 50%. The Circuit membership is now under 50.

The return under the heading of Communicants shows a further increase of 175. Three Districts show a decrease, Auckland the largest with a decrease of 163. All other Districts show increases though in one case the increase is very slight.

The Class Leaders column is evidently giving trouble to some in compilation. In 1934 we had 57 Class Leaders returned. Next year the total jumped up to 118. For a couple of years there was a decrease recorded until the total fell to 77. Last year an increase brought the return up to 90. This year we show a decrease of 50, leaving us with a return of 40 Class Leaders. Although this matter has received the attention of Conference, there still appears to be great uncertainty as to what constitutes a Class Leader.

Although an increase is returned of Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries, we have to report a decrease in Churches and Other Preaching Places. A review of a ten year period shows the following position.

				Churches	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Members on Roll
1928	..	..	..	447	453	184	65	24,543
1938	..	..	..	444	396	207	46	25,192
Increase	..	..	..			23		649
Decrease	..	..	..	3	57		19	

During this period our Agents have increased by 4: our Membership has increased by 649, but to-day we minister to 60 congregations less than we did ten years ago. Possibly the motor car has enabled us in some places to centralise our work; occasionally it is reported that all the professing Methodists in the district have moved away and there is now no support for our services. In some of these places another denomination steps in and carries on where we seem to have failed. Will Conference, with the lead given by the Commissions of Advance, give itself wholeheartedly to facing the problems which year by year become more apparent in our Statistical Returns.

Youth Work.

In presenting these returns I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to the Youth Department for placing at my disposal their summary of Youth Returns.

Sunday Schools.

The following table gives the position in comparison with last year:—

Grade	1937		1938	
	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.
Cradle Roll	149		275	
Beginners		98		17
Primary	1			318
Junior		259	187	
Intermediate	77			639
Total Roll		485		787

From the above it will be seen that our most serious loss is in the Intermediate Grade. This might have been, to some extent at least, accounted for by large promotions to the Junior Bible Classes. Unfortunately, these Classes, which returned an increase in Junior members last year, this year show a combined decrease of 237. We must therefore look elsewhere for the explanation of the heavy loss in boys and girls at the Intermediate stage. Such investigation should be made in each school.

Our total loss of scholars is 4.15% of our rolls. Wellington is the only District returning an increase and that is very small, 20. The South Canterbury District returns very large decreases this year; a loss of 252 scholars, or 27.8 of the school rolls.

The Cradle Roll returns nearly 1,000 new members this year. Careful attention to this work and the enlistment of the interest of parents in the Beginners Department should soon effect an improvement in the position of our Schools.

Owing to the epidemic which has affected many Districts, our average attendances are down considerably this year. Last year the attendances averaged 70%; this year the figure has fallen to 67%. Every department of the schools has been affected.

In the last four years we have returned a decrease of 59 Sunday Schools. This year, with the exception of Otago-Southland, every District reports a loss. This year our decrease is reported as 18, but in the four years indicated, we have registered a loss of 12.4% of our schools. Over the same period we have lost from our schools, including B.C. Members, 4,701 members, a decrease of 15.6%.

The Teaching Staff shows a slight decrease again this year. Last year the decrease was 86; this year a decrease of 61 teachers is reported. The Senior Membership Returns show that 86.4% of our teachers are Senior Church Members. Of our Sunday School Scholars from the Junior and Intermediate Grades, approximately 56% are Junior Church Members.

Bible Classes.

With the exception of the Men's Intermediate Classes, all grades this year report decreases, the heaviest being in the Y.W.B.C. Movement. Over a similar period as taken above under Sunday School Work, the Bible Classes show the following losses:—

Y.W.B.C.	Y.M.B.C.	Total Decrease
750	696	1446

In view of the importance of Youth Work this is very serious. This is the third year that the present Statistical Returns have been used, giving more detailed returns of the work. These show the following losses for this period together with the position this year:—

No. of Classes, 84, of which 64 are shown this year.
 Y.W.B.C. Members 581. Decrease this year: 488.
 Y.M.B.C. Members, 126. Decrease this year: 53.
 Senior Church Members, 286. Decrease this year: 197.

Last year an increase of 229 Junior Church Members was returned this year a decrease of 179 is shown in this column.

The decrease in the number of Classes this year calls for attention. Wellington is the only District showing an increase under this heading. The loss in classes is 8%, to which South Canterbury makes the largest contribution. This District reports a loss of 40% of its classes and 22% of its membership.

The percentage of loss calls for attention. They are as follows:—

Y.W.B.C. Movement	..	11.43%
Y.M.B.C. Movement	..	1.5%
Combined loss	..	6.9%
Percentage of loss last year		2.08%

The largest individual decrease this year is in the Senior Young Women's Classes where a loss of 283 is reported. The largest decrease reported by the Young Men's Classes is in the Junior Grade where the loss is 102.

These returns demand careful attention. The future of the Church lies to a large extent with our Youth. To have to report a total loss of young people from our Church organisation of 1328, almost 5% of our total strength last year, is disquieting. The responsibility for the work is not primarily a matter for the Youth Department. The individual Circuits and Stations must assume their individual responsibility and until this is done, with the Department rendering its invaluable assistance as it is seeking to do, we cannot hope for much improvement in the General Returns of the Church.

Maori Work.

I am indebted to the Senior Maori Superintendent for securing the returns of our Maori Work. The returns presented below are most encouraging, particularly the increase in Preaching Places, Senior and Junior and Infant Membership. The following table gives a comparison with last year :—

			Churches	Other Preaching Places	Ministers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Membership	
									Senior	Junior & Infant
1937	..	..	18	124	5	40	12	198	2782	2168
1938	..	..	18	237	4	38	13	136	3050	2597

It will be seen that the chief increases are :—

Other Preaching Places	..	..	113
Senior Members	..	..	268
Junior and Infant Members	..	..	429

In order to facilitate securing returns of our Maori Work, it is recommended that the District Statistical Secretaries in Synods where a Maori Superintendent is stationed be instructed to secure through the Superintendent the necessary returns to be presented to Synod. This should help in creating a deeper interest in our Maori Work.

GEO. E. BROWN,

General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference views with grave concern the position revealed by the Report.
3. That such a position can only arise as a result of a serious lack of spiritual warmth and fervour.
4. That this position arises from the failure of the Church to stress adequately the fundamental evangelical truths of the Christian religion and to apply to the various departments of actual life—social, economic, and international—the principles of our Lord's teaching.
5. That the Rev. G. E. Brown be thanked for his services and that he be reappointed as General Statistical Secretary.

QUESTION XXXIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Welfare of the Church?

A.—WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

Report for 1938.

Campaign in the Meaning and Implication of Church Membership and the Social Creed of the Church. (See Minutes 1938, p. 57, par. 3).

The Welfare of the Church Committee takes up enthusiastically the task remitted to it by Conference of instituting a campaign in the meaning and implication of Church Membership and the Social Creed of the Church.

We believe that such a campaign is abundantly necessary to-day in view of the chaotic condition of many church rolls and the lack of the distinctive Christian character in many members. We feel deeply the need of some satisfying basis for roll revision which would enable us to report from our churches a truly effective membership and a real appreciation of the social implications of Christian discipleship which would make us a powerful force for righteousness and reform in the community.

1. Relation between Membership and Social Creed.

In modern days we are faced with the fact that many people regard membership as the recognition of piety and social service as more or less an afterthought or at best another line of thought, while others consider the religion of experience as being of much less importance than social service. A glance at the Rules of Membership and the Social Creed of the Church as printed in the Law Book will reveal the truth that our Church regards experience and service as closely related, and we maintain that this relationship should be explicitly stated and taught until it is generally realised.

The Kingdom of God is set before us as the aim and object of our church work and entrance into this Kingdom is conditional upon the production of a distinctive Christian character which expresses itself naturally in service. The Methodist Church has ever maintained that this qualifying type of character cannot be produced by man alone but is ever the fruit of Grace. The religion of social service which the Kingdom requires can therefore be attained only by the religion of experience and fellowship with Christ as Saviour and Redeemer and Lord. Thus the organic union between experience and true Christian service is evidenced. There is no antagonism between the two as neither is possible in its true meaning without the other. The Evangelical and Social emphases are balanced.

2. General Implications.

- (a) **Vision of the Kingdom.**—Membership in any social group is contingent upon a personal adherence to the aims and ideals set out in the programme of the society. The programme of the Christian Church being to establish the Kingdom of God, this clear vision should be the enthusiastic motive of every church member and the object of his unremitting zeal.
- (b) **Individual Regeneration.**—Membership in the Methodist Church implies a thorough-going recognition of the fact that only by the Saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ can Kingdom-builders be made. Experience of regeneration is an indispensable prerequisite of true Christian living. Every member therefore should realise the vital importance of regeneration and progressive sanctification to true Christian living.

3. Disciplines of Membership.

Realising that the attainment of Christian maturity is a gradual process, we maintain that the necessity of growth in grace should be strongly emphasised and the disciplines conducive to that development clearly advocated.

- (a) **Prayer.**—Fellowship with God in Christ in two-way prayer is essential for the earnest Christian, the frailties of human nature being such, that only in close communion with our Lord can we be kept to the "Way" and progress therein. We hold moreover that the true family spirit which is basic in the Kingdom view of Jesus Christ imperatively demands the consecration of the family altar in every true Methodist home.

- (b) **Scripture Reading.**—The Word of God is our guide book of Christian living and our text book of Christian knowledge.

It is therefore essential for every member to give time to reading and study of the Scriptures that he may be able not only to secure direction for his daily life, but also to give an account of his faith to others.

- (c) **Fellowship.**—Christianity is a social religion seeking the establishment on earth of the Family-Kingdom of God.

Therefore living together in mutual helpfulness and love is the high art of Christianity and no follower of Christ can safely neglect the opportunities offered by the Church for cultivation of the fellowship of kindred hearts and minds. The distinctive fellowship of every true Methodist Society is nourished in the regular meetings for worship and prayer conducted for the development of the Christian life and witness and all members are required to be regular in attendance upon the means of Grace.

4. Responsibilities of Membership.

Membership in the Methodist Church carries with it definite responsibilities as well as privileges, and following the teaching of our Lord we enjoin upon all members the necessity of the exercise of Christian stewardship.

- (a) **Gifts.**—Every man has some talent which God has committed to his care and from which a return is required. As a Church we enjoin upon all members the consecration of gifts and powers in the service of God. While not decriing other agencies for the service of God and man, we especially require members to seek avenues of service through the organisations of our Church and not to contract themselves so fully with outside organisations as to neglect the service of their own.

- (b) **Time.**—These are days of rush and bustle and many members who have gifts suiting them for service as church officials, Sunday School teachers, etc., claim that they have no time for such services. While we recognise the claims legitimately laid on many busy members' time we must maintain that time is a sacred trust and that members should make careful and prayerful decision as to the ultimate worth for the Kingdom of God of the objects upon which their time is spent.

- (c) **Resources.**—In every society the members are required to meet the expenses of the organisation. In the Church this responsibility devolves upon the membership but the stewardship of money and resources in the service of the Kingdom of God is under the sanction and blessing of our Master and expresses an essential element in Christian character.

We hold that members should make prayerful consideration of their income with a view to making a regular and worthy contribution to the funds of the local church and also to the various funds for which the Conference sanctions special appeal.

The financial needs of the Church and Connexion should be remembered when members are making their will and after the legitimate claims of the family have been satisfied.

5. Membership in Action.

The Church is an aggressive society in which each member is required to be a missionary and our mission in the world demands that we should be for ever seeking to interest others in Christ and the Kingdom. There is laid upon us the need and privilege of:—

- (a) **Personal Witness.**—Members should be eager to testify of the benefits and blessings they have received from Christ and from membership in the Church. They should be vitally concerned in winning for Christ those who remain indifferent to His claims especially in their family circle and among their acquaintances and friends.
- (b) **Distinctive Living.**—We must serve our Lord and the Church not only in "tongue and in word" but also in the practical matters of our daily lives. We should be a living testimony to the victory Christ has given us over sin and self, despair and suffering.
- (c) **Condescension to Lowly Tasks.**—Many people are ready to serve in positions which give them prominence in the public eye but it should be the glory of every church member to delight in opportunities of lowly and menial service for God and others.
- (d) **Support of Worthy Movements for Social Reform.**—Members of the Methodist Church should be forward to support personally and financially all extra-ecclesiastical agencies that work by Christian methods for the reformation of society.

6. Detailed Implications.

While we whole-heartedly claim the right of the enlightened Christian conscience to decide in the application of the general principles of Jesus Christ to life and conduct, we expect all members to give loyal obedience to the Rules of Membership, and practical adherence to the Social Creed of the Church. These documents have crystallised out in the experience of the Church and have received the imprimatur of Conference. They should therefore be honoured as the expression of fully tested ways of conduct and members should apply them in their lives.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a pamphlet along the lines of the report be prepared for use in membership preparation classes, for distribution to all members.
3. That one Sunday in each year be set aside for the observance of Members' Sunday on which membership tickets may be distributed, new members received, sermons preached on the basis of membership, and the Lord's Supper administered.
4. **Psychological Clinic.**—Conference rejoices to hear that a Clinic is to be established in Dunedin and encourages the Rev. D. O. Williams to participate in the work of mental and spiritual healing in consultation with the Chairman of the District.
5. **Committee for 1939.**—Chairman of the District, The Supts. of the Trinity, Cargill Road, Roslyn, and Mornington Circuits, and Messrs. C. F. Roberts, G. Henderson, Dr. Lyth, E. J. King, A. H. Harman, H. H. Johnson, D. C. Cameron and Sister Hazel. Convener, Rev. D. O. Williams.

B.—N.Z. METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Annual Report, 1938-39.

At the last Annual Meeting of the Association, the Dominion Executive was transferred to Christchurch. We desire to express our gratitude to the last Executive in Auckland for the splendid work they did for the Association and for individual local preachers throughout the Dominion.

We regret to report that our ranks have again been visited by death. Among those who were taken was Bro. H. R. French of Hastings. He was a brother beloved and in 1937 was elected Vice-President of Conference. To all bereaved families we tender our sincere sympathy.

Communications.

In addition to the usual correspondence, which is large, circular letters have been sent from the Executive to every local preacher in the Dominion. It is hoped to extend this work in the near future.

Long Service Diploma.

Only one long service Diploma has been presented this year, the recipient being Bro. Henry Field of New Brighton, who has completed 45 years.

Book Scheme.

It is regretted that more use is not made of the Book Scheme by our Local Preachers and Home Missionaries. The list prepared and circulated last year by the Auckland Executive was worthy of more extensive use.

The offer to purchase £2 worth of books at half English prices, post free, should be an inducement. This year six orders have been forwarded. It was hoped to have added some new books to the list but through the non-delivery of a letter to Book Room in London several months were lost. This addition will be made as early as possible in the New Year. Do our members know that they are entitled to send one order for books each year.

Whittome's Efficiency Course.

Eleven copies of this excellent book have been presented during the year. Ministers are again urged to arrange for the book to be given at the service in which the local preacher is received.

Correspondence Course.

The Executive desires to thank the five Ministers who have so graciously carried on this work during the year. It is a matter for regret that greater advantage is not made of the help provided. Will Ministers please bring this before the young local preachers and preachers on trial.

Written Examination for Local Preachers.

The Executive is eagerly awaiting the first report from the Board of Examiners as to the result of this venture. Of its ultimate success we are assured.

Encouragement.

The Executive have been cheered at hearing of quite a number of young men being forward as preachers "on trial" and as members of Mission Bands.

Local Preachers' Sunday.

Local Preachers' Sunday (second Sunday in April) falls this year on Easter Sunday. If, owing to the advent of Easter Camps, this day is found to be unsuitable, Superintendent Ministers are invited to arrange for some other suitable date during the June quarter.

W. CHAS. FRANCIS, President.

A. E. LAWRY, J.P., Secretary.

REPORT OF LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES for Year Ending 31st December, 1938.

In presenting our report, we are pleased to acknowledge the appointment by last Conference of Mr. T. L. Hames to take the place of our late highly esteemed Bro. Holdsworth, and appreciation of his service during the year.

In April last it was agreed that if possible arrangements be made with the tenant to paint the house, the trustees to supply the paint. We now report that a very satisfactory work has been done, which under existing labour costs would have been something over twenty pounds, as the cost of the paint was only £7/10/4. We realise that the tenant has materially increased the value of the rental paid.

The sum of £20 was sent to the Association Treasurer, Christchurch, and a further sum of £30 was voted for the ensuing year, and will be forwarded after Conference.

The Reserve Bank Certificate of £100 is still in the names of Messrs. T. E. Price and J. W. Shackelford, by whom the Interest coupon is signed and forwarded as soon as received. If thought worth while the Christchurch Committee can make application for the transfer of certificate.

On behalf of the Trustees.

Messrs. T. E. Price, T. L. Hames and J. W. Shackelford.

J. W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report and balance sheets be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of the Local Preachers in the service of the Kingdom of God.
3. That the Dominion Executive again be located in Christchurch consisting of:—President, W. C. Francis; Vice-Presidents, J. Horrell and A. G. Williams; Secretary, A. E. Lawry, J.P., Treasurer, G. Armitage; J. H. Pugh, W. Wright, C. Colechin, H. B. Moore, H. Chapman.
4. That the following ministers be appointed as tutors for the Correspondence Course for Local Preachers:—

Church History ..	..	Rev. A. C. Lawry.
Homiletics ..	..	Rev. Wesley Parker, M.A.
Christian Doctrine ..	..	Rev. F. Gardner Brown
Old Testament ..	..	Rev. A. H. Fowles
New Testament ..	..	Rev. L. A. Brooks

C.—METHODIST MENS FELLOWSHIP.

Annual Report, 1938.

Dominion Executive.

A meeting of the Executive was held on July 20th and after a general review of the position of the Fellowship throughout the Dominion it was resolved to primarily concentrate on development work in Christchurch and Suburbs.

I regret to report that so far the efforts of the Executive to secure a Secretary-Convener have not been successful.

Branch Activities.

The Auckland District Committee reports a successful year. The outstanding gathering was held at Mt. Albert on July 28th, when 150 men listened to an address on "Youth" by Dennis Johns, M.A.

Another high-light was the welcome tea, at Pitt Street, on November 1st, to the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

Activities undertaken by Branch Fellowships include, conducting of Church Services, week-night meetings-Educational and Social, Sunday morning prayer meetings and discussions, banquets, installing of a heating system in a church, and contributing weekly payments to the "Maintain the Doctor Fund."

The Christchurch District Committee report steady progress and helpful meetings of the Fellowships, individual and combined. One Fellowship has imitated the Auckland example of doing things and has undertaken to raise a sum of £50 to install an Organ Blower to replace a somewhat erratic water engine.

Methodist Times "Fellowship Column."

Due to the suggestion from the Auckland District, a "Fellowship Column" has been provided in the Methodist Times and Mr. J. Letcher has been appointed Editor. It is hoped that Branches will avail themselves of the Column and forward suitable news and matter for publication.

Finance.

The Balance Sheet shows a credit balance of £6/1/6, which was the amount reported in hand last year. No dues have been received or payments made during the past year.

Signed on behalf of the Executive.

M. KERSHAW.

District Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the following Churches: Mt. Eden, Remuera, Mt. Albert and Kingsland; Messrs. J. M. C. Barker, V. E. Wills, A. Williams, E. C. Dare, J. Hargraves, G. E. Spooner, A. D. Whitehead, W. S. Mackay, L. T. Hayman, L. E. Rhodes (Convener).

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits, Messrs. W. B. Young, C. E. Paterson, D. Bradley, W. Wheatley, J. C. Tietjens with R. P. Kilham (Convener) with power to add.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Executive of the New Plymouth Men's Fellowship.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Messrs. T. R. Hodder (Convener), H. S. Tate, C. E. Taylor and H. Cunningham.

WELLINGTON.—The District Executive.

NELSON.—Messrs. F. H. Southgate, H. Rose, V. Smart, E. Smith, W. S. Harris, E. G. Burrough, H. W. Powell, J. S. White (Convener).

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of District, Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.; Messrs. Wm. C. Francis, W. L. Thomas, M. Kershaw, R. Laine, L. G. K. Steven, D. McBurney with power to add. Convener:—D. McBurney.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru Circuits; Messrs. J. H. Hulston, C. W. Keinan, E. C. J. Foot, J. Day, W. M. Hocking (Convener).

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Appointed by the District Executive.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be adopted.
2. That the Auckland District Committee be the Dominion Executive for this year.
3. Recognising the value of the Methodist Men's Fellowship, Conference commends the movement to the men of our Church and urges the Dominion Executive to spare no effort in furthering its work.

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

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

Annual Report for 1938.

1.—YOUTH DIRECTOR POLICY.

The 1938 Conference approved of the proposal to appoint three Youth Directors to commence in April 1939, and the interest taken by the Church and Youth leaders in the working out of the scheme is gratifying.

The Board has spent most of the year on the nominations of the Directors, and in planning out the work.

An interim report on the Director nominations will be presented to Synod by each District Youth Council Convener, and a full report made to the Conference.

The membership of District Youth Councils for 1939 is on the new basis, to include two of the Executive officers of B.C. and S.S. Unions, and the following centres for the Councils are recommended:—Auckland, Hamilton, Hawera, Palmerston North, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Timaru, and Dunedin.

For the present the B.C. Movements do not desire to change some Union boundaries, and the Board has agreed:—

“That the B.C. Movements make their own arrangements with Unions regarding organisation, the Board considering it desirable to achieve a common basis of organisation as soon as possible, but no objection to be raised if Movements wish to maintain their present organisation meantime.”

The areas in which the three Directors are to work are:—

- (a) NORTHERN, consisting of Auckland and South Auckland Synodal districts.
- (b) CENTRAL, consisting of Taranaki-Wanganui, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu and Wellington Synodal Districts.
- (c) SOUTHERN, consisting of the four Synodal districts in the South Island.

The Board has formed itself into three Committees, one for each area, to give general oversight to the work of the Directors.

Within each Synodal District the Directors will work in close co-operation with District Youth Councils. During the first year it is proposed that the Directors seek to establish and develop closer co-ordination of Church, Sunday School and B.C. through Local Youth Councils in every Church (or Circuit) and to contact with Ministers and Church officials. Following on this, concentrated work will be done in needy areas with special attention to Sunday Schools.

The Youth Board, S.S. Executive and B.C. Trading finances have been amalgamated from 1st October, and the S.S. literature account will be amalgamated on 1st January.

The special financial appeal for £500 as a portion of the capital sum to provide the budget in advance is now being made in accordance with the approval of Conference. The B.C. Movements are each raising £425 in advance.

Y.P. DIRECTOR.

The life and work of the Rev. E. P. Blamires, who has been Director of our Youth Work for 17 years, and who is now relinquishing this position in view of the new policy, will long remain as an outstanding achievement and witness in the history of not only our Methodist Church, but of all Churches in New Zealand and Australia. His youthlike enthusiasm, inspiring and vigilant leadership, labours in improving S.S. Literature, guidance to children, leaders and parents, help to Ministers, Synods and Conferences are the outward signs of abundant Christian life nourished from the very throne of God.

Much more could be said, but we desire to give God thanks for such a gift and for all that has come to our Church and her children through his long and faithful ministry.

YOUTH OFFICE.

Miss Lorna Hodder left us in April last as Office Secretary, and has been ably succeeded by Miss Marion Worsley, who now expects to leave us in March next to be married.

The following is the Board's resolution on Miss Hodder's work:—

"That the Board places on record its high appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the Church in general and to the Youth Department in particular by Miss Lorna Hodder in her capacity as Youth Office Secretary; and further, this Board affirms that the successful establishment of the office as an important integral part of the Connexion is largely due to the personality, creative work and interest of Miss Hodder."

The free office accommodation and facilities provided so generously by Wesley Trust are fully appreciated.

2.—SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The most urgent need of to-day is the provision of a trained leadership for Sunday School work in every local Church; it is our confident belief that the three-Director Policy adopted by the last Conference is a step in the direction of achieving that objective.

Y.P. Director.—The untiring energy of the Y.P. Director, the Rev. E. P. Blamires, is deserving of special mention. In accord with the Department's policy, all his work has had a Sunday School emphasis; every opportunity has been taken of giving Teacher Training Addresses, meeting Sunday School Teachers in discussion and fellowship groups, and giving guidance on individual problems. We are fortunate indeed that our Director has kept himself so up to date in all matters relating to Sunday School work, and is thus a leader in a very real sense.

TEACHER TRAINING.

For some time our inability to have operating on a Dominion basis our Teacher Training Scheme has been a matter of grave concern to the Council. We now have a Teacher Training Committee operating in Christchurch under the Chairmanship of Mr. W. L. Thomas, and are confident that here we have the foundation being laid for a fine and valuable piece of work.

Sunday School Lesson Literature.—The Council was represented at the Triennial Meeting of the Lessons Committee held in Melbourne, by the Rev. E. P. Blamires and Mr. N. R. Seddon. The New Zealand point of view was represented and many suggestions for the cycle of lessons, 1939-41, were adopted. These Lessons are being improved year by year and the Council strongly reiterates its belief that they best meet the need of our N.Z. Schools. Our Methodist Conference's recommendation of them has been more than justified.

Correspondence Sunday School.—Under the Superintendency of Mrs. W. A. Smith of Hamilton, this branch of our work is growing rapidly, and largely due to her untiring energy expansion is taking place on very sound lines.

CREATIVE LEADERSHIP.

Conscious of our responsibility as Dominion Leaders and the need for being able to give real leadership, some considerable time has been spent by the Council on discussion of matters such as: **Junior Church, Children and Church Membership, and When Sunday Schools Decline—Why Do They?** While results of time spent on these matters cannot in every case be tabulated, the exploratory work done will prove to be abundantly worthwhile.

Ministerial Retreat.—A very valuable Ministerial Retreat was held at the Frederic Wallis House, Lower Hutt, under the leadership of the Director. It included a Refresher Course in the fundamental questions concerning Youth leadership. Twelve Ministers, who came from far-scattered districts, were able to study and deliberate under the most helpful conditions of fellowship, and the effect must be far-reaching.

FINANCE.

The Council is gratified at the improvement of our financial position due to the Circuits generally accepting their responsibility to the Department. It is hoped that this is representative of a growing realisation of the strategic importance of youth work in our Church life and that the improved position will not only be maintained but will also steadily advance.

3.—Y.W.B.C. MOVEMENT.

In view of the coming into operation of the Youth Director Policy as from the 1st April next, a fact of paramount importance to the Y.W.B.C. Movement is the termination of the office of Travelling Secretary at the end of the present year.

Considerable wonderment has been apparent in the minds of Union Executives as to how they will be affected by the new proposals, and a good deal of educational work has been done this year by the Travelling Secretary during her visits to the various districts. Close co-operation has been maintained with the Youth Board in the working out of the details of organisation, in order that the Y.W. Movement may do all in its power to assist with the effective launching of the scheme.

The usual routine of work has proceeded throughout the year. Fellowship Conference, 1937, held at Acland House, Christchurch, gathered together 28 representatives of the various Unions in a happy band of fellowship, for consideration and discussion of "The Movement," social questions, and Christian fundamentals. In freedom from legislative action lies the value of such a Conference.

MOVEMENT AIM.

Arising from the discussions on "The Movement," under the headings (a) its present position, (b) its aim, and (c) its future, the need for re-thinking and re-stating the aim and object of the Movement became apparent. During the year, therefore, considerable thought and consideration has been given to this matter by the Executive Council and Union Executives, and all findings will be presented to the forthcoming Convention.

Nineteen Easter Camps were held throughout the Dominion, the number of campers totalling 749, of which 337 were first time campers.

MISSIONARY.

During the year Sister Ada Lee was welcomed home on furlough from the Solomon Islands. Deputation work was undertaken by Sister Ada in the South Island, the personal contact thus established with B.C. girls and members of the M.W.M.U. being valuable and interesting. Personal contact was also made with Sister Nicholls, who was able to attend Fellowship Conference. Sister Nicholls was warmly welcomed to the Conference, and time was given her to tell of recent activities in connection with her work amongst the Maori people. The Movement can justly feel proud of its members who have responded to the needs of missions, both Home, Maori and Overseas.

4.—Y.M.B.C. MOVEMENT.

Most Unions are reported as active and rendering loyal and devoted service.

Although the problem of efficient leadership in our Movement is still a vital one, many of our members have faced this question and through the untiring efforts of Leadership Training Organisers, successful leadership training classes have been formed in several centres. Many trainees have taken up this work on a purely correspondence basis.

In view of the coming into operation of the Youth Director Policy, a scheme in which the Movement has absolute faith, it was decided at the last Convention that the appointment of Travelling Secretary should be suspended as from the 1st April, 1938. This action was taken in order that our Movement would be in a position to give the Policy full financial support.

EASTER CAMPS.

The contribution that our Easter Camps are making to the vital life of Methodism is borne out in the fact that at Easter time eleven camps throughout the Dominion catered for 1249 young men, including 419 senior members. This represents approximately 40% of our total membership and represents some 236 classes.

MISSIONARY.

The Movement has maintained its interest in Missions this year and has given financial support both to Home and Overseas Missions. For the last two years the balance of a Special Organising Fund has been paid to the Home Mission Department to assist the work among Maori young men, including payment of the fees of 13 attending Easter Camp. The value of such a scheme is seen in that through the enthusiasm of some of these young men a class has been formed and is being carefully tended by the Union Executive. Another instance is the willingness of some of these young men to assist in the work of their own districts.

5.—COMBINED WORK OF B.C. MOVEMENTS.

Co-operative activities of the two B.C. Movements have included preparation of the Day of Prayer leaflet, arranging for the compilation of additional Syllabus studies, and bringing into line the constitutions of all National Committees, etc.

The work of National Committees has been efficiently maintained. The National Leadership Schools Committee has been responsible for the organisation of Summer and Winter Schools in various parts of the Dominion; Leadership Training activities have continued under the able guidance of the Leadership Training Committee; the social life of the Movements has been well catered for by the Combined Committee on Social Standards, and to the Editress (Miss Dora Sheat) and the "Link" Management Committee must be given credit for the maintenance of a high standard of cultural and educational work through the medium of the "Link."

6.—N.Z. COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

This Council which was formed in 1924 is one of the organisations for fellowship and co-operation between the Christian Churches and associations. The N.Z. delegates to the Oxford Ecumenical Conference were welcomed home and their message has been delivered in several cities and centres. Some steps have been taken for the formation of a National Christian Council for N.Z. to include all co-operative work and to be the N.Z. unit in the newly-forming World Christian Council.

A School of Theology was organised in Christchurch during the visit of Dr. Walter Horton last July, attended by some 80 Ministers and students. The Youth Committee of the Council arranged the Annual Fellowship Conference of Youth Leaders of all denominations in January at Wallis House, Lower Hutt. Representations were made to the Government concerning the New Education Bill.

Initial steps were taken for securing a site for a United Church Court at the Centennial Exhibition in Wellington, 1939-40. The Council keeps touch with the World's Sunday School Association, which will hold its next Conference at Durban in 1940.

CONCLUSION.

This report has been confined to facts and information, but this does not mean that we seek to live in or by organisation. The real work for Youth is done by the individual S.S. teacher, B.C. leader, minister and parents. This work is two-fold, the instruction of the mind in the Christian faith, and the warming of the heart and will to receive the grace of God.

To all who have given themselves, in so many ways, to this great purpose, we send greetings and thank God for their labours.

Church Membership.

NOTE: The present three-fold grading is Infant (up to 8 years), Junior (up to 16) and Full Membership.

The Board believes that it would be a great improvement to recognise :—

- (1) A childhood period up to 12.
- (2) An adolescent period through the teen years; and
- (3) The full status.

We therefore recommend as follows :—

1. **Preparatory Church Members.**—That all children (under 12) within the care of our Church be received and nurtured as Preparatory Church Members. (Subject of course to consent of parents).

Subsidiary recommendations as printed in Conference 1938 Minutes, page 65).

Preparatory Church membership would not automatically cease at 12. In many cases it would continue into early adolescence.

2. **Junior Church Members.**—The period of adolescence, from 12 years upward, marks gradual advance in personal responsibility and social relationships. When this registers in religious choice and confession of faith in Christ, young people should be initiated into Junior Church Membership.

This grade would normally continue till the age of 18, but in some cases it would extend to, though not beyond the age of 21.

3. **Senior Church Members.**—We recommend this final step be taken at about 18 years of age. In many cases it will come later. The essential point is that there should be some depth of conviction before committal to the final stage.

The Board draws the attention of Synods and Conference to the fact that approximately two thirds of our Senior Church Members appear to have been received without any special training or preparation in classes. Until this state of things is remedied there is no hope of any system working well.

4. That Conference remit to a Committee consideration of the constitution and functions of a Leaders' Meeting, especially in its relationship to the effective spiritual oversight of Church Members in all grades.

For and on behalf of the Board,

PERCY PARIS, Chairman.

R. S. MAUNDER, Hon. Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted with the exception of the recommendations in regard to Church Membership which are referred back to the Board.
2. That the Financial Statements of the Youth Board, S.S. Executive Council, Y.M.B.C. and Y.W.B.C. Movements be received and adopted.
3. **Baptism.**—That the Committee on Statement of Faith prepare a Statement expounding more fully the subject of Baptism and report to next Conference through Synod.
4. **Youth Board for 1939.**

The Chairman of Wellington District; Revs. J. H. Haslam, O. E. Burton, R. B. Gosnell, A. R. Penn, E. E. Sage; Messrs. J. V. Burton, R. S. Maunder, C. A. Russell and H. J. Steptoe; Mrs. H. J. Steptoe, Misses D. Horwood, A. Johnston and D. Worboys; Messrs. J. H. Claridge, G. James, E. Masters, A. G. Worboys, W. H. Johnston, T. M. Pacey and N. R. Seddon. Rev. E. P. Blamires, Associate Member, the three Youth Directors.

5. **Directors.**

- (a) That the three following appointments be made for six years commencing in April next :—
Mr. A. E. Bate.
Rev. M. A. McDowell.
Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D.
- (b) That the Rev. C. T. Symons be received on loan from our Conference in South Australia for a term of six years.
- (c) That the Rev. C. T. Symons be given the same status as if he were a Minister in our Connexion.
- (d) That the Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., be appointed Senior Director, for one year.

6. **Senior Director.**—The Senior Director shall have the same duties as the other Directors, and in addition :—

- (1) Shall be an ex-officio member of the Board and attend meetings when his duties permit.
- (2) Be regarded as the chief executive officer of the Youth Department and adviser to the Board.
- (3) Represent the Board at Conference, especially in reporting on the Field Work of the Department.
- (4) Arrange and lead an annual Retreat in co-operation with the other Directors.
- (5) Work with, and under the direction of the Board.

7. That the Youth Board review the clauses of the Law Book and the Policy regulations, that all may be in accord with the duties above stated and report to the Law Book Revision Committee.
8. **Location of Directors :**
Auckland : Mr. A. E. Bate.
Wellington : The Senior Director : Rev. Clifford T. Symons, M.A., B.D.
Christchurch : Rev. M. A. McDowell.
9. **Junior Church.**—That during the year the Youth Board investigate the whole position regarding Junior Church.
10. **Amsterdam Conference.**—That the whole Church be called to special prayer for the World Conference of Christian Youth, to be held at Amsterdam, July 24th to August 2nd, 1939. The Conference wishes God-speed to the New Zealand Representatives to the Conference.
11. **World S.S. Association.**—That the World's Sunday School Association having issued a call to Durban, where its next Convention will be held from July 22nd to 28th, 1940, this Conference commends it to Sunday School and Youth Work leaders, and requests that information concerning any persons who can attend be forwarded to the Youth Board.
12. **Week-day Activities.**—Conference urges Local Youth Councils to plan a programme of week-day activities for boys and girls, such as Scouts, Guides, Brigades or other Club organisations, according to local conditions and needs and under the control of the Local Youth Council.
13. **Council of Religious Education.**—That the representatives be :—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District : Revs. E. Drake and M. A. McDowell and Mr. F. Thompson.
14. **Statistical Records and Financial Statements.**—The Statistical records and Financial Statements were received and adopted subject to correction where necessary.
15. **Minute regarding the Rev. E. P. Blamires.**—That this Conference records its deep gratitude to God for the unique contribution which the Rev. E. P. Blamires has made to the Church through his work over the last seventeen years as Director of the Youth Department. His rich spirituality, his clarity of vision, his understanding of the world and its life, his able advocacy of the Christian Faith, his capacity to organise, his ardour in promoting co-operation between the Churches and especially his service to the Youth Movement of the Church in strengthening Bible Class activity, heightening the meaning of Church Membership, practical assistance given to Sunday School children and staffs, and his effective work in improving Sunday School literature : these and other aspects of his work, united with his own personal graces of courage, courtesy and enthusiasm, have deeply affected the spirit and practice of the Methodist Church and also other Churches in New Zealand and Australia.

Conference also records its appreciation of the loyal and self-sacrificing support rendered by Mrs. Blamires throughout the years of his office by which she has contributed not a little to the success of his work.

District Youth Committees.

- AUCKLAND.**—The Chairman of the District, Revs. B. M. Chrystall, J. D. Grocott, E. W. Hames, Mr. M. Green and Miss Joynt ; Sunday School Representatives—Messrs. T. Hemer, A. D. Whitehead and E. P. Salmon ; Y.M.B.C. Representatives—The President, Secretary and District Organiser ; Y.W.B.C.U. Representatives—The President, Miss E. Booth, and Miss Joyce Winstone ; Synod Representative—Miss E. Booth.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East and Cambridge Circuits ; Messrs. C. Paterson, L. Hall, G. Halliday, C. F. Primmer, L. Money, H. Wood, C. Moore and M. Dean, Mesdames Earle, L. Money, and E. Thomas, Miss H. E. Wood ; Synod Representative—Mr. C. F. Primmer, Secretary, Rev. G. H. Goodman.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. G. F. Stockwell, E. S. Harkness, J. H. Bailey and C. O. Hailwood, Misses D. Sheat, C. Squire, P. Yearbury, P. Tomlin, and D. Bennett ; Messrs. D. G. Sherson, L. Fox, L. Hosking, P. Pinson, E. Yearbury and A. Symmans ; Synod Representative—Mr. E. Yearbury ; Secretary, Mr. L. Fox.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Chairman of the District, The Ministers of Palmerston North Circuits the H.M. at Foxton ; Messrs. G. Stiles, C. E. Taylor, T. Henson, N. White, and E. Lock ; Mesdames C. E. Taylor and A. Boniface, Misses G. Avery, M. Cunningham, L. Hodder and Goldsmith. Secretary and Synod Representative, Miss L. Hodder.

WELLINGTON.—The Chairman of the District ; Revs. R. B. Gosnell, W. Parker, N. P. Larsen and A. R. Penn ; Messrs. N. Smith, A. Dellow, J. McCormick, W. E. Howe, J. Cable, and A. H. Brooks ; Misses E. Sellers, I. Highet and R. McBride ; Secretary and Synod Representative—Rev. R. B. Gosnell.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Circuits ; Messrs. V. Smart, H. A. Holdaway, H. R. Holdaway, A. F. Thomas, C. S. Mayson, J. Hurrell, R. C. A. Marshall, A. Yuill and H. B. Savage ; Misses E. A. Turner, S. Russell and E. A. Stade. Secretary and Synod Representative, Mr. H. R. Holdaway.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Chairman of the District, Revs. M. A. R. Pratt, H. L. Fiebig, F. G. Brown and W. Parker ; Messrs. W. C. Francis, J. Murray, A. E. Lawry, E. H. Smith, D. Lane, A. Dingwall, A. Southey, Misses G. Jones, Thomas, Sharpe and Doig. Secretary and Synod Representative, Mr. A. Dingwall.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. C. Blair, B. J. James, H. L. Richards, H. G. Brown, and I. K. Hopper ; Messrs. H. Blanchard, W. Beswarick, G. Burborough, T. Wakelin and J. I. Hayman, W. M. Hocking and C. Scarf ; Misses M. Blanchard, W. Daniels, R. Hudson ; Mesdames Earnshaw and McAlister. Secretary and Synod Representative, Mr. C. Scarf.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. A. E. Jefferson, T. Skuse, I. S. Williamson and R. E. Patchett ; Misses O. McCrone, F. A. Nixon, E. W. Russell, E. A. Nixon and R. Lockwood ; Messrs. C. Chirnside, A. Ganderton, W. A. Lawry, H. Nixon, A. T. McIndoe and E. J. King. Secretary and Synod Representative, Rev. I. S. Williamson.

SOUTHLAND SUB-COUNCIL.—The Ministers of Invercargill Circuits, the Presidents and Secretaries of Y.W. and Y.M.B.C. Unions. Two representatives from the Sunday Schools.

QUESTION XXXV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference in regard to Public Questions ?

A.—REPORT OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

Bible in Schools.

The choice "between Christ and chaos" applied to national affairs is of special significance when related to the nation's educational system. The tendencies of the life of New Zealand in another twenty years are being

decided in the national schools to-day, in very large part. There can be grateful recognition of many Christian influences at work while the fact is still to be deplored that in the school course the teaching is "entirely secular," as far as State primary schools are concerned. The aim of the Bible in Schools League with which the Methodist Church is allied, is to obtain a Christian system of education in a Christian land. Until this is secured the Christian forces in New Zealand must inevitably be gravely handicapped.

Meanwhile the responsibility is pressing to seize the opportunities now open. Every Education Board sanctions the half-hour of religious instruction at least once a week wherever School Committees consent, and except in the Nelson and Southland Education Districts, five minutes daily may be used for religious observances—by reduction of school time in each case. The official figures of December, 1937 show that 88,529 pupils are now in the weekly classes under the Nelson system, with 2915 in addition under similar systems, a total of 91,444. Under the daily system—in reality an extension of the Nelson system—close on 400 schools open the day with religious exercises, following the practice largely observed in Secondary Schools. Over 30,000 children participate daily. Many of these join in the weekly instruction as well, but well over 10,000 have the daily system only. These are largely in country schools difficult to reach with religious instruction. Thus altogether, a little over 50% of the children are now brought under definite religious influences in their school life.

Reports are varied concerning the effectiveness of the religious instruction classes. Where properly conducted the results are most encouraging. In some schools, on the other hand, the value is greatly lessened by haphazard methods, lack of preparation, and irregularity of attendance. Headmasters at times complain because of volunteer teachers failing to attend and not notifying them. Nothing is more detrimental to the work than neglect of this obvious courtesy, and nothing more noticed by staff teachers. The success of the future largely depends on added efficiency and satisfactory organising of the work in this respect. Teachers have been on the whole most helpful in co-operation, and in most districts the weekly visit by the minister has been welcomed and is well established.

Chief interest has centred this year in the provisions of the new Education Bill, which was introduced by the Government, and later postponed. Proposals involving Biblical instruction provided for two half-hour periods each week but at the expense of discontinuing the daily observances. Whether present conditions, under which non-participants do secular work, would be continued, or on the other hand be so altered as to bring religious lessons into competition with the playground, was not clearly expressed in the Bill, but the latter arrangement was proposed to the Education Committee and is a danger that threatened. When it became known that the daily exercises were to be attacked, protest was in evidence from all quarters, with such effect that the Minister of Education decided to postpone consideration of the clauses of the Bill dealing with religious teaching pending his calling of a Conference with Churches and other interested organisations. Up to the present this Conference has not been held.

The Church's representatives on the League Council this year have been the President (ex officio) Revs. W. Grigg, J. H. Haslam, W. A. Burley and R. B. Gosnell. The addition of a question to those asked at Circuit Quarterly Meetings has added local interest in Bible in Schools, and brings the matter under regular review.

Birth Control and Criminal Abortion.

This Committee was represented at the Dominion Conference held in Wellington during May and we heartily commend the resolve to organise a "Dominion Association for Social Hygiene" to enter into, amongst other matters:—

- (a) Further research to provide material for use in future education and activity.
- (b) The preparation and publication of literature of educational value for guidance in Eugenic problems.
- (c) The investigation of the possibility of amending the law concerning trial for criminal abortion and the inclusion of women on juries, especially those empanelled for the trial of cases of criminal abortion.

Temperance.

The Committee has maintained contact with the N.Z. Alliance during the year and was strongly represented at the annual meeting of that body. We gladly note the renewed spirit of optimism that characterised the proceedings, and trust that optimism will be confirmed by the results of the Prohibition poll this year.

The matter referred to the Committee by last Conference (see Minutes of 1938 Conference page 77, Resolution 7), was before the Committee and discussed at length.

The following resolutions were carried:—

Re. 7, (a) 1. We notice that Temperance teaching has been regularly provided in the Graded Lessons used by most of our Sunday Schools and strongly recommend that Temperance teaching be included in the Bible Class Syllabus.

2. That ministers in their pulpit utterances be urged to refer to the benefits of total abstinence and to promote the ideals of Temperance.

7. (b). Pledge-Signing Campaign.

Resolved that having further considered the question of a pledge-signing campaign as instructed by last Conference this Committee re-affirms its previous decision recording its opposition to the principle of pledge-signing and has no recommendation to make.

PERCY PARIS, Chairman.

ALF. M. COSTAIN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report be received and adopted except for paragraph on pledge-signing.

Bible in Schools.

- (a) That we express appreciation of the action of the Government in the new Education Bill in seeking to give more definite statutory recognition to the work of religious instruction in primary schools, and strongly urge the retention of facilities granted through Education Boards and School Committees for daily voluntary religious observances.
- (b) That voluntary instructors in religious lessons be warmly commended in this service, and that their attention be drawn to that part of the report dealing with added efficiency, and that in cases of absence endeavour be made to arrange for substitute teachers. That attention of all such workers be drawn to the N.Z. Syllabus of Religious Education and the Book of Daily Religious Exercises.
- (c) That the Revs. P. R. Paris, W. Grigg, J. H. Haslam and W. A. Burley, be appointed to the Dominion Council, with the Revs. H. T. Peat and R. B. Gosnell as proxies.

Temperance.

- (a) That we endorse the recommendation of the Committee (a) 1 in the Report.
- (b) That (a) 2 be amended :—That ministers in their public utterances be urged to refer to the benefits of total abstinence and seek to promote such among our people.
- (c) That we reaffirm our belief in the value of pledge signing amongst young people, preceded by definite Temperance instruction, and request that the Welfare of the Church Committee inaugurate such a campaign.
- (d) That the Youth Board be asked to present a comprehensive report on Temperance Education to the 1940 Conference.
- (e) That we definitely and emphatically reaffirm once more our considered conviction that the only solution to the problem of the Liquor Traffic is its total abolition. We commend this solution to the Minister of Transport in removing the menace of the drunken driver who is always a potential destroyer of human life.
- (f) That with a view to safeguarding the moral well-being of young people attending the dances in Public Halls and of checking the drunkenness so often associated with such dances, Parliament be urged to extend the powers of the Police to enable them to search vehicles in the vicinity of dance halls if suspected of containing intoxicating liquors, and to arrest persons supplying or drinking intoxicating liquors whether in private cars, taxis, buses or other vehicles.
- (g) That in view of the alarming increase of lawlessness resulting from the increased consumption of alcoholic liquor, we urge the Government to further limit the hours during which liquor bars are open for the sale of intoxicants and to enforce the law regulating the hours of licensed bars.
- (h) Being convinced of the need of a forward policy of Temperance teaching amongst the children and youth of the Dominion, the Conference respectfully draws the attention of the N.Z. Alliance to the need of thoroughly organizing this work on a Dominion basis so that Temperance instruction might be given in the State schools, making use of films, slides, lectures, literature and any other available means.
- (i) That this Conference urges the N.Z. Alliance to set up the necessary machinery, including the appointment of an Organiser at the earliest possible date.
- (j) In support of the above, this Conference is convinced that such properly organised Temperance teaching will make so strong an appeal to parents, Church Congregations, and Temperance sympathisers that the required finance will not be difficult to obtain.

Marriage, Divorce, etc.

- (a) That in view of the continued grave condition of Vital Statistics in New Zealand, the report of the special Committee on Marriage, Divorce and Criminal Abortion which appeared in the Minutes of Conference 1938 (pages 72-74) be printed in pamphlet form and circulated throughout our Church (the pamphlet to commence from—“The following information.....”).
- (b) That this Conference urges the Public Questions Committee to appoint a suitable deputation to wait upon the Government and take such steps as may be necessary to implement the finding of the Report.

Court of Domestic Relations.

- (c) That Conference co-operate as far as may be possible in the establishing and working of Courts of Domestic Relations suggested by the Government.

Prison Reform.

That the question of setting up a Commission to investigate the present penal system with a view to replacement by one whose aims and operation are redemptive throughout be referred to the Public Questions Committee to consider and report to next Conference.

Persecution of Jews.

That Conference records its profound regret at the deplorable and wanton cruelty being practised in "certain" European countries against the Jewish race; that we express our deep sympathy with that persecuted and unhappy people.

Church Union.

That the time calls for an emphatic assertion of Brotherhood in Christ which transcends all difference of Race and Nation.

That Conference re-affirm the Historical position on Church Union to the effect that we are prepared to make and receive advances from either the Congregational or Presbyterian Churches or both with view to a discussion of a possible basis of Union. That the Public Questions Committee be urged to take action during the year.

Ecumenical Movement.

Conference rejoices in the impetus to Christian unity given by the Ecumenical Conferences at Oxford and Edinburgh; deplors the scandal of Church divisions in the present state of the world's need and welcomes every effort to promote co-operation and unity in New Zealand.

We support the proposal that the several forms of co-operation now operating be comprehended in the formation of a National Christian Council which would act as New Zealand's unit in the Ecumenical Movement.

Sunday Excursions.

Conference protests against the continuance of the practice of holding Sunday Railway Excursions, particularly in view of the almost universal Saturday holiday.

Peace and War.

That Conference, appreciating the world-wide effort to challenge men and women on the matter of moral and spiritual re-armament, issues a call to our people to give themselves wholeheartedly to make this aim a reality in New Zealand.

Gambling.

STATE LOTTERY.—That this Conference views with indignation and grave concern any proposal for Government sanction being given for the establishment of sweepstakes or for the institution of State Lotteries. It maintains that gambling is essentially immoral and that it has a destructive effect on national character. It therefore calls upon the Government to refuse its sanction to any proposals for increasing the facilities for gambling and regards any such proposals as an affront to the moral sense of a large section of the community.

Committee for 1939.

Revs. Percy Paris, J. H. Haslam, E. O. Blamires, R. B. Gosnell, H. T. Peat, O. Burnet, A. M. Costain, A. R. Penn and O. E. Burton, M.A., with Mesdames H. J. Steptoe and E. Masters, Messrs. C. H. Hain, LL.B., S. T. S. Martin, R. S. Maunder, T. H. Crosbie, J. Walker, R. Hardie Boys, W. F. Stock, J. V. Burton and H. J. Steptoe. Convener, Rev. O. E. Burton, M.A.

B.—IMMIGRATION.

No notification of Methodists arriving during the year has been received. I have been associated with the representatives of other Churches in approaching the authorities with regard to the possibility of Jewish and other refugees coming to the Dominion.

PERCY PARIS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. P. R. Paris be reappointed Immigration Officer.
3. That the Public Questions Committee be directed to prepare a report for next Conference with regard to plans for Christian action to meet the problem of refugee peoples.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY

Interim Report of General Secretary.

Schedule forms for property and trust returns were issued to all circuits and home mission stations throughout the Dominion on 1st September. The forms were, in every case, accompanied by very clear instructions for both treasurers and auditors so as to facilitate the work of the District Secretaries for Church Property.

To assist local trust treasurers particulars were filled in showing :—

1. The balance brought forward last year.
2. Money reported last year as being held for special purposes.
3. Details of the amounts of insurance cover held in the Connexional Fire Insurance Department.
4. Mortgage debts to the Loan Fund and other lenders as shown in last year's returns.

In some cases last year trust treasurers reported a wrong amount as owing to the Loan Fund. In these cases a slip was attached to the schedule form showing what the correct amount should have been. No doubt the various District Secretaries will follow up this action by making a careful comparison of the amounts returned this year with the amounts that appear on the district summary of current loans which has been supplied to the various Synods. These summaries show the exact relation of trusts to the Loan Fund as at 30th September.

Considerable trouble has been taken to assist all trust treasurers to send in correct and consistent returns. This simplifies the work alike of local treasurers and auditors and should reduce the labours of the District Secretaries.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary for Church Property.

Christchurch,
19th October, 1938.

GENERAL REPORT.

1.—Properties Acquired.

Epsom—32 perches (with house) £1,440.
Kaikohe—1 rood 13.2 perches £50.
Waitoa—Small section £5.
Huntly—7 perches, £13.
Ngongotaha—33.9 perches £100: No debt.
Hataitai—23.5 perches (with house) £1,950.
South Brighton—1 rood 25.3 perches, £70.
South Brighton—Purchase of Hall £390. Debt £275.
Otakou Heads—1 acre 15.8 perches. No debt.
Gore—1 rood (with house) £800.

2.—Erections and Additions.

Mt. Roskill—Garage £26. No debt.
Airedale Street—Office £30. No debt.
Campbells Bay—Additions to Health Camp £1000. No debt.
Kaitia—Church and Hall £1,200. Debt £600.
Morrinsville—Kitchen £25. No debt.
Rotorua—Alterations to Church £720. No debt. Gift organ value £685.
Feilding—School Hall £2,600. Debt £850.
Rangiwahia—Vestry £65. Debt £5.
Kaponga—School erected (Removed from Awatuna). Cost £168. No debt.
Okato—School Room £179. No debt.
Aramoho—Additions to church and new organ. Cost £290. No debt.
Thorndon—Improvements £114. No debt.
Dunedin (Tr:nity) Garage £113. No debt.

3.—Sales and Extended Leases.

Epsom—Selwyn Road dwelling £975. Proceeds to finance new parsonage.
Northcote—Section £110. Proceeds to reduce mortgage.
Hataitai—Parsonage and Section, £1,600. Proceeds to pay off mortgage.
 Balance for new parsonage.
Oamaru South—Building and section £50. Proceeds for capital expenditure in Oamaru circuit.
Mosgiel—9 feet frontage £25. Proceeds for parsonage improvements.

4.—Current Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Credit Balances from last year—General Account ..	7,299	16	8
Balance from last year held for Special purposes ..	25,018	9	2
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ..	2,995	12	6
Loans from other sources	10,070	13	9
All other receipts	60,335	19	6
Total Receipts ..	105,720	11	7
Debit Balances	12,889	16	1
TOTAL ..	£118,610	7	8

EXPENDITURE

Debit Balances from last year	16,110	17	2
Loan Fund Instalments	3,459	19	3
Other Loans Repaid	11,288	1	5
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	5,910	6	3
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	10,835	2	5
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc. ..	36,423	19	2
Total Expenditure	84,028	5	8
Credit Balances	7,604	14	9
Balances held for Special purposes	26,977	7	3
TOTAL	£118,610	7	8

5.—Statement of Debts.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	164,749	11	1
Add New Loans received during year	12,571	12	8
TOTAL	£177,321	3	9
Deduct Loans repaid during year	18,024	2	8
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	£159,297	1	1
Unpaid General Accounts	£977	9	3
Unpaid Interest	£879	4	1

6.—Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances Reported	£785,557	4	3
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7.—District Secretaries for Church Property.

The District Secretaries report improvement in the preparation of the schedule forms and greater promptness in forwarding returns. There is still room for improvement and the causes for complaint would disappear if superintendent ministers, trust treasurers and auditors would begin their work early and carry out the simple instructions issued every year from the Connexional Office.

Mr. J. T. Bryant and Mr. G. S. Gapper who have done capable work as District Secretaries now relinquish their office and merit the hearty thanks of the Connexion. All the District Secretaries serve with zeal and capacity and their work is greatly valued. The following are nominated for the ensuing year:—

Auckland—Mr. S. E. Chappell, 61 Valley Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S2.

South Auckland—Mr. H. Wood, 54 Nixon Street, Hamilton East.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. G. H. White, 329 Devon Street West, New Plymouth.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu—Mr. C. E. Taylor, Ranfurly Road, Fielding.

Wellington—Mr. S. T. S. Martin, 11 Millward Street, Wellington, S.I.

Nelson—Mr. W. D. Pike, "Honiton" Main Street, Blenheim.

North Canterbury—Mr. J. W. Hillary, P.O. Box 552, Christchurch.

South Canterbury—Mr. A. Langdon Hudson, P.O. Box 244, Timaru.

Otago-Southland—Mr. J. McDoe, 17 James Street, Dunedin, N.E.1.

8.—General.

The financial returns show a greatly improved position. Total receipts are considerably in advance of last year and the debit balances reported show a reduction of £4,396/14/5. A larger sum has been expended in repayment of loans, in the purchase of land and in the erection of buildings. The credit balances reported are £1,531/17/9 more than last year. The total fire insurance cover has been increased by £7,145/18/11.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary for Church Property.

Christchurch,
14th December, 1938.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the District Secretaries for their valuable services and that special appreciation be expressed of the work done by Mr. J. T. Bryant and Mr. G. S. Gapper who now relinquish office after a period of capable and devoted service.
3. That where moneys are raised for special purposes, they should not be used temporarily for other purposes as such breach of trust involves the trustees in personal liability.
4. That the Circuit Property Schedules, with the audited Balance Sheets, be sent to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st, and that the revised Schedules with Summaries and Reports be sent by the District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than December 10th.
5. That the Property Schedules from Home Mission Stations be sent to the Chairman of the District not later than October 31st, and, after due scrutiny, sent by him to the District Secretary without delay.
6. That with a view to facilitating the work of the District Secretary, Circuit Superintendents be directed to carry out the totals of the several columns, and to see that a correct balance is secured on each Schedule.
7. That the attention of the Auditors be called to the essential importance of seeing that the balances brought forward agree in every case with the balance given in the preceding year's accounts.
8. That all moneys held in Trust for special purposes be invested only in those securities authorised by the "Trustee Act, 1908," or its amendments.

N.B.—The following is an extract from the Trustee Act 1908, No. 200, Section 95:—

- (1) It shall be lawful for a Trustee, unless expressly forbidden by the instrument, (if any) expressly creating the Trust, to invest any Trust Funds in his hands in manner following, that is to say:—
 - (a) In any of the stock, funds or other Government Securities of New Zealand, or of the Commonwealth of Australia, or any State thereof.
 - (b) On real securities in New Zealand.
 - (c) In the bonds, debentures, or other securities of any Municipal Corporation or County Council, or Water Supply Board, or River Board or Road Board or Town Board or Electric Power Board in New Zealand having authority to borrow money.
 - (d) On deposit in any bank carrying on business in New Zealand under authority of any Act of General Assembly, or in the Post Office Savings Bank established under "The Post and Telegraph Act, 1908," or in any savings bank constituted under "The Savings Bank Act, 1908."

For further particulars consult the "Trustee Act, 1908."

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Report for 1938.

The amount received in repayment of current loans for the financial year ended 30th September has been £3,457/13/5. This is £160/5/2 more than the repayments for the previous year. The loans current at the date of the annual balance aggregated £20,728/15/7.

Loans Repaid.

During the year loans have been fully repaid by the following trusts :—Opunake Parsonage, Porirua School, Stoke School, Westport Church, Cashmere Hills School and Linwood Church. Congratulations are due to the Linwood trust which repaid its loan some years before maturity date.

Re-arrangements and New Loans.

Loans have been re-arranged with the trusts at Whakatane, Oxford and Timaru to which supplementary advances have been made. New loans have been paid out as follow :—Epsom Church (No. 2) £500, Thorndon Church and Parsonage £500, Paraparaumu Beach £150, Wainoni Hall £200, Redcliffs School £200, Papanui Church £350, Oxford £75, Invercargill (Elles Road) parsonage £500.

Loans Now Current.

The following table shows the loans current in each District and the liabilities to the Fund as at the date of the annual balance :—

District	Loans	Liabilities		Arrears and Interest	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland	15	3,039	2 4	502	17 6
South Auckland ..	13	3,405	1 1	501	18 7
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	9	2,223	11 4	118	11 7
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	7	1,178	15 5	293	15 6
Wellington	9	2,491	13 2	147	4 2
Nelson	5	594	16 9	23	13 0
North Canterbury ..	18	5,880	12 7	61	18 8
South Canterbury ..	1	249	7 6	..	..
Otago-Southland ..	13	2,954	11 0	1,191	8 4
Totals	90	£22,017	11 2	£2,841	7 4

Sites Fund.

The following grants have been made from the Sites Fund during the year :—Kaitoke £30, Ngongotaha £50, Tawa Flat £75, South Brighton £35. The grants have exceeded the revenue by £51/6/10.

Auckland District.

No reduction of the long-standing Devonport debt has been made during the year. Vauxhall has slightly reduced its liability and Mangere East has made a substantial reduction. Conditional sanction has been given to the sale of a section at Onehunga where the trustees have been asked to report upon the position of trust affairs and to outline a definite programme for future years. The Synod should consider the possibilities in that area. Ruatangata which has been before the Synod on several occasions holds moneys for a new church and also an area of land. These are governed by the provisions of the Methodist Model Deed 1887. A statement will be forwarded for consideration by the Synod. The position calls for tactful and sympathetic attention.

South Auckland District.

The position at Opotiki calls for attention by the Synod and the Home-Mission Board. The trustees have undertaken to re-commence payments in reduction of loan in 1939. This loan has been current since 1918 and circumstances call for patient and helpful action. Whakatane loans have been re-arranged and capable local leadership has greatly improved the position reported last year. The sections held at Kakahi and Kerepehi are this year shown at original cost and not plus rates paid thereon.

Taranaki-Wanganui.

The Fitzroy parsonage instalments are not up to date. The Inglewood loan is still considerably in arrears but the position has improved since last year. The Rangataua parsonage site loan is shown at original cost.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.

The Gisborne loan repayments are still very unsatisfactory and no reduction of debt has been made since 1936. Proposals for sale and purchase of properties are afoot in Gisborne. The Loan Fund Committee suggests that a Synod commission should visit Gisborne to investigate and to report upon a policy for future years. Wairoa has not fulfilled its commitments since 1934 and a sum of over £109 is now overdue to the Loan Fund. Dannevirke still fails to fulfil its obligations and has made no payment in reduction of debt since 1936. Synod is asked to give attention to these cases.

Wellington District.

The position of the Hataitai church loan is still drifting. Arrears amount to over £142. There has been a complete failure to fulfil commitments ever since March, 1937. The capital of the Loan Fund is thus being kept out of action to the serious disadvantage of needy trusts still awaiting promised loans. The situation of Thorndon trust still remains acute. The Loan Fund treasurers inspected the properties last March. Owing to Mortgage commitments action is restricted. The Committee reports that it has advanced a loan of £500 and has sanctioned the sale of the Goring Street dwelling. It is for the local trustees and the District to consider what further action may be possible.

Nelson District.

There are no arrears on any loan in this district. The site at Flaxbourne which cost £50 shows only a liability of £23/13/-. The Committee again suggests that this property be taken over by Blenheim trust for the amount now owing.

North Canterbury District.

No loan in this District gives the Committee any concern. Instalments are promptly paid by the trustees. The liability of Hawarden will, it is expected, shortly be discharged.

South Canterbury District.

There is only one loan current in this district and instalments are being regularly paid.

Otago-Southland District.

The arrears of loan repayments in this district exceed £1191 mostly owing by four Dunedin trusts. The Mornington trust is endeavouring to improve its position and has made a recent payment. Caversham trust is to be congratulated upon having recommenced repayment of one of its loans. Dundas Street trust is facing its problems and expects shortly to

put its finances upon a satisfactory footing. The position at St. Clair has received much consideration but still remains very difficult. The Committee has shown great consideration for trustees carrying a heavy burden by refraining from charging any interest on arrears and from exerting any pressure for repayment of debt. It has not been able to advance any further loan for the purpose of paying off the interest-bearing debt. The Committee has suggested an effort in this district in 1940 for paying off all trust debts. A suggestion was made to the Committee for cancellation of the St. Clair liability to the Loan Fund. No such course is ever adopted either by the Committee or by the Conference. The capital of the Loan Fund is held in trust for specific purposes and that trust cannot be set aside by cancellation of principal moneys due. The Loan Fund treasurers inspected the Port Chalmers property last June. The cause of land subsidence appeared to have been located and remedial work was reported to have cost altogether £115.

Circuit Schedule Books.

Every year complaints are received that no entries have been made for long periods (in one case nine years) in the Circuit Schedule Books. Such reports touch almost every district. Synods are asked to devote especial attention to the question: "Have the proper entries been made in the Circuit Schedules?" In view of the importance of these records it may be necessary to revert to the former requirement that Schedule Books be brought to the Synods for inspection. The books in use to-day are more conveniently carried than those previously used.

Mortgages—Warning to Trustees.

The question has been raised as to whether trustees of our properties can bind the whole Church in negotiating a mortgage. Under the Model Deed they have no power whatever so to do. The limit of the powers of trustees is to give security only in respect of the particular property of which they are trustees. In arranging any mortgage trustees should see that the Memorandum of Mortgage always embodies a provision that they sign only as trustees and not in their personal capacity. By taking this precaution they do not involve their personal estates.

Committee for 1939.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year:—The Connexional Secretary, the Chairman of the North Canterbury District (ex officio), the Rev. Edward Drake, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Riccarton and St. Albans circuits together with Messrs. H. de R. Flesher (Lay Treasurer), W. Simpson, R. W. Brighting, J. H. Kidd, H. J. S. Harrington, F. W. J. Belton, R. Laine, S. Sayers and E. H. Down.

The Synods are asked to nominate the District Property Advisory Committees for the next Connexional year.

SALES, LEASES AND MORTGAGES SANCTIONED.

N.B.—The sanction given by the Committee for the sale or extended lease of properties will lapse if not acted upon by 31st March, 1940.

The Committee has given its sanction to the following:—

I.—SALES.

Three Kings and Dominion Road Properties.—Sale of 173 acres 1 rood 27.41 perches at £165 per acre. Proceeds not to be used for maintenance but only for capital expenditure. This sanction does not prejudice the freedom of Conference in relation to the remaining properties of the Trust.

- East Street Hall.**—Sale for not less than £4,500 net cash subject to current lease. Proceeds to be held in trust for such purpose as the Loan Fund Committee may hereafter approve.
- Epsom Dwelling, Selwyn Street.**—Sale for £975. Proceeds to liquidate debt and acquire new parsonage.
- Takapuna Rest Home.**—Sale for £1,000 if Mrs. Potter approves. If sale eventuates it is recommended that the present trust be disbanded and balance of proceeds above mortgage lodged in trust with one of our permanent Incorporated Boards.
- Onehunga.**—Sale of Lot 4 for not less than £120. A sum of £100 net to be a first charge on proceeds and to be forwarded to Connexional Office, Christchurch to be held in trust for such developmental work in Onehunga circuit as may be approved by the Loan Fund Committee. Balance may be used for repayment of money spent on rates in recent years. The trustees last July were requested to report on present position and to outline a definite programme for future years.
- Arapohue.**—Sale of 3 acres 3 roods 15 perches for not less than £150. Proceeds to be held in trust at the Connexional Office for a new parsonage at Ruawai.
- Pukeatua.**—Sale of property for not less than £105. Proceeds to be used for enlargement and improvements to Silverdale church.
- Whakatane.**—Sale of two sections for not less than £60 each net. Proceeds to be held in trust at Connexional Office for school hall at Whakatane.
- Fitzroy (New Plymouth).**—Transfer of Richmond street dwelling to mortgagee. Trustees to be released from all liability and to be put to no expense.
- Normanby (Haddon House).**—Completion of sale by Home Mission Board not opposed by Committee.
- Awatuna.**—Sale of Section for £7.
- Marton.**—Sale of two quarter acre parsonage sections for £200 net. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board for such further developmental work at Marton as may be approved by Loan Fund Committee.
- Hastings.**—Sale of two sections £245. A sum of £200 to be paid to Loan Fund Committee and to be held for repayment of final instalments in respect of current loan.
- Gisborne.**—Victoria Township property for £235 net. A sum of £100 from proceeds to reduce Gisborne debt to Loan Fund. The balance to be held in harmony with provisions of Trustee Act 1908 for parsonage rebuilding.
- Apiti.**—Four-fifths of an acre for £40 net. Purchaser to pay survey fees. Boundary fence never to be a charge on parsonage trustees. Proceeds for urgent repairs at Apiti.
- Thorndon.**—Sale of Goring Street dwelling for not less than £1,200. Proceeds to reduce mortgage debt.
- Featherston.**—Sale of 60 feet frontage to Fox Street for £300. Proceeds to be held in trust at Connexional Office for such extension work at Featherston as the Loan Fund Committee may approve.
- Papanui Orphanage.**—Sale of 21 sections to Government for £1925. Proceeds to be devoted to Orphanage Endowment Fund.
- St. Albans Tennis Courts.**—Transfer of property to mortgagee in full settlement of all claims.
- New Brighton.**—Sale of Oxford Terrace sections for £100. Proceeds to be paid to Loan Fund Committee and to be held for repayment of final instalments on current consolidated loan.

South Oamaru.—Sale of 8.8 perches and building for £50. Proceeds to be held in trust at Connexional Office for capital expenditure in Oamaru circuit.

Clifton (Invercargill).—Sale of section for £7/10/- net.

II.—LEASES.

Hamilton.—Wesley Chambers. Renewal of Lease to Mr. L. Watkins for 21 years.

Stratford.—Lease of shops for five years without right of purchase. Surplus income must be allocated to a sinking fund for reduction of mortgage.

Deaconess House.—Lease of motor workshop for 10 years.

III.—MORTGAGES.

Kaitia.—Mortgage £300 to Auckland Savings Bank to be paid off when promised loan is received. Deeds then to be sent to Custodian.

Dargaville.—£1,000 from Mortgage Corporation to pay off present mortgage and bank overdraft.

Otorohanga.—To State Advances Corporation—Advance to repay two private mortgages.

Gore.—£500 from Southland Building Society for parsonage acquirement.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

Christchurch,

21st October, 1938.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the sanction given by the Committee for the sale or extended lease of properties as reported be confirmed and ratified by the Conference. (N.B.—The sanction above mentioned will lapse if not acted upon by 31st March, 1940).
3. **Church Sites Fund.**—That Book of Laws page 164, para B. (I), be amended by the addition of the following words :—"That before a grant be made, the proposal be referred to the General Superintendent of Home Missions for a report wherever possible."
4. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
5. That the District Advisory Committees be as named below together with the respective District Chairmen and District Property Secretaries as members ex-officio.
 - (a) **AUCKLAND** : Revs. G. Frost, E. T. Olds, Messrs. J. Tyler and J. W. Shackelford.
 - (b) **SOUTH AUCKLAND** : The ministers of the Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits ; Messrs. E. J. Davey, W. B. L. Williams, J. C. Tietjens, W. B. Young and E. J. Easter.
 - (c) **TARANAKI-WANGANUI** : The ministers of the New Plymouth Circuits ; Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, J. T. Griffin, E. Dixon, T. P. Hughson, Senr., and R. Pepperill.
 - (d) **HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU** : The Superintendents of the Palmerston North and Feilding Circuits. Messrs. G. H. Stiles and T. R. Hodder.
 - (e) **WELLINGTON** : Rev. A. M. Costain, Messrs. B. J. Lynneberg and C. H. Hain, LL.B.

- (f) NELSON : The ministers of the Blenheim Circuit, Messrs. F. H. Southgate and J. S. White.
- (g) SOUTH CANTERBURY : The ministers of the Timaru, Temuka and Ashburton Circuits; Messrs. W. G. Irwin, J. W. Holdgate, A. W. Barnett and H. G. B. Withell.
- (h) OTAGO-SOUTHLAND : Rev. L. B. Neale, Messrs. C. F. Roberts, D. C. Cameron, and as Southland sub-committee, the superintendent of the Invercargill Central Circuit, Messrs. A. S. Froggatt, A. Noble.

Trinity Church (Wanganui) Trust.

1. That Conference hears with pleasure of the efforts of the Trustees and people of Wanganui to reduce substantially the mortgage on the property.
2. That Conference authorises the following grants towards this end :—
H. M. Dept. £500, Contingent Fund £500, and recommends the Fire Insurance Fund to make a grant of £1000.
3. That Conference authorises the Rev. R. Dudley to canvass throughout the Dominion for personal donations and grants from other Church Trusts.

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

During the year the following Deeds have been received for safe custody :

Martin Brothers Memorial Home	Conveyance 416233.
Airedale and Wakefield Streets ..	Certificate of Title Vol. 698 folio 376.
Mareretu	Certificate of Title Vol. 667 folio 13.
Panmure	Certificate of Title Vol. 467 folio 96.
Waitoa	Certificate of Title Vol. 694 folio 74.
Huntly	Certificate of Title Vol. 696 folio 175.
Ngongotaha	Certificate of Title Vol. 696 folio 262
Kaponga	Certificate of Title Vol. 143 folio 125.
Manaia	Certificate of Title Vol. 45 folio 90.
Manaia	Certificate of Title Vol. 80 folio 8.
Meanee	Certificate of Title Vol. 85 folio 12.
Meanee	Conveyance 23106.
Ormondville	Certificate of Title Vol. 87 folio 54.
Paraparaumu	Certificate of Title Vol. 305 folio 60.
Paraparaumu	Certificate of Title Vol. 420 folio 118.
Tawa Flat	Certificate of Title Vol. 461 folio 173.
Westport	Certificate of Title Vol. 55 folio 257.
Ross	Mining Lease, Vol. 2 folio 233.
New Brighton	Certificate of Title Vol. 135 folio 205.
Tomahawk (Dunedin)	Certificate of Title Vol. 198 folio 123.
Mosgiel	Certificate of Title Vol. 256 folio 111.
Wyndham	Certificate of Title Vol. 7 folio 190.

There are many Deeds still in the hands of local trusts. Others are held by legal firms where there are no mortgage requirements to be fulfilled. It is advisable that wherever possible all church deeds be in the hands of the Custodian.

Alterations in the Register of Trustees have been made affecting the following properties :—Auckland (Pitt Street), Dominion Road, Roskill, Airedale Street, East Street Hall, Epsom Church, Epsom Parsonage, Panmure, Pakuranga, Mission Bay, Richmond Avenue, Northcote, Mareretu, Port Albert, Wharehine, Kaitaia, Hamilton, Hamilton East, Puriri, Morrinsville, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Glen Massey, Ngatea, Huntly, Otorohanga Church, Otorohanga Parsonage, Otangiwai, Hawera, Okaiawa, Haddon House,

Opunake, Rahotu, Urenui, Alton, Tataraimaka, Taihape, Greenmeadows, Waipukurau, Wairoa (H.B.), Apiti Church, Apiti Parsonage, Rangiwhia, Brooklyn, Thorndon, Hataitai, Worser Bay, Miramar, Petone, Levin, Masterton, Carterton, Featherston, Picton, Greymouth, Runanga, Westport, Somerfield Street (Spreydon), Fitzgerald Avenue, Linwood Church, Linwood-Richmond Parsonage, Richmond Church, New Brighton, Marshlands, St. Albans (Rugby Street) Bryndwi, Lyttelton, Irwell, Southbridge, Greenpark, Prebbleton, Tai Tapu, Horrelville, Temuka, Oamaru, South Oamaru, Enfield, Palmerston South, Dundas Street, Mornington, Roslyn, St. Clair, Abbotsford, Roxburgh, Milton, Balclutha, Mataura, Wyndham, Invercargill (St. Peters) Bluff.

New trusts have been registered for properties at Mission Bay, Brown's Bay, Kaikohe, Ngongotaha and Otakou (Maori Church).

The above changes and registrations have involved the removal of 290 trustees from the Register and the registration of 233 new trustees. In all 97 trusts have changed in personnel during the year.

Many trusts are still in need of revision. The names of persons who died or resigned many years ago are still left on the register. No charge is made for removing names from the Register, but a small fee is charged for new registrations. It is known that some persons are acting as trustees without having been registered. No person can legally act as a trustee until the Authorised Representative has issued a certificate of registration.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Custodian and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch,
19th October, 1938.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887" the Rev. Major Albert Rugby Pratt be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1939-1940.
3. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian of Deeds for the ensuing year.
4. That it be a direction to all trusts and circuits to deposit their records wherever possible with the Custodian of Deeds.

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

1.—THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Report for the Year Ending 31st October, 1938.

The members of the Board have pleasure in reporting that the result for the year shows a considerable improvement, but owing to the shrinkage in income during the past eight years, the maintenance of the buildings has not been kept to a satisfactory standard, and we are now faced with a large expenditure for general repairs and renovations.

In February last, the Board arranged with the mortgagees for a reduction in the rate of interest on the mortgage to 3½%. This arrangement is to cover a period of two years, provided that the surplus income from the properties is expended in repairs and maintenance of the properties, and that the amount granted for College purposes does not exceed £300 per annum. This arrangement should enable the Board to put the properties in a thorough state of repair, and after this period assist the Board to make more liberal grants to the College.

The following are the names of the Members of the Board:—Messrs. W. Ambury, A. J. Buttle, J. Stanton, J. Tyler, F. Winstone, W. E. Lewisham, T. L. Hames, A. W. Parker, J. Veale, Rev. Dr. Laws and Rev. Dr. Ranston.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and financial Statement be received and adopted.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

Report for Year Ending September, 1938.

The Trustees met for the consideration of the balance sheet on November 2nd, and noted there was still the sum of £630 owing on mortgage.

As there had been some interest taken in the offer of the Trustees in the Neville Newcomb Estate, to sell the balance of their interest in the Lease of the College property which has still 19 years to run, the secretary gave estimates of the advantages to the college trustees, if they purchased at the price offered also at more reasonable terms. The matter was discussed and the report received but no action suggested.

Several members of the Trust are also members of the Trinity College Council, and strong appeals were made by Dr. Ranston and Mr. J. Tyler for further consideration to be given to the financial needs of the College. However, the other members of the Council as well as members of the Trust fully realised the position, and no motion was proposed.

It was realised that the Trustees had great responsibilities to consider, one being the direction of Conference in 1937 that consideration be given to the possibilities of re-establishing secondary schools for our Connexion. The committee appointed by Conference met but no action was then taken. Further the Trustees realised their duty to consider steps to be taken not only to pay off the balance of mortgage, but to make provision to meet the claim of the Lessee at the end of his term.

In 1936 certain sums had been promised to Trinity College and the final £50 will be paid this year, the Trustees when making the grant resolved that all future revenue ought to be conserved for the Prince Albert College Trust. Some members considered that the Trustees had been rather more than generous in the past and reference shows the amounts given to our colleges to be Dunholme £1025, Trinity £2740, and Wesley £450. Total, £4,215.

It must be recognised that a very considerable sum will be required at the end of 1957 when the lease expires, should the present lessees modernise, replace or rebuild. If not, the Trustees will not only have to pay a considerable amount to the Lessees, but also themselves expend a very large sum on modernising, repairing, etc.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

3.—THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

Report for 1938.

The Board has met regularly during the year and has given careful attention to various applications for assistance which have come before it.

The Statement of Income and Expenditure presented herewith shows that, during the year ended 31st December, 1938, the sum of £364 has been distributed to beneficiaries.

During the year two of the Trustees resigned. Rev. E. D. Patchett who removed to New Plymouth, and Mr. J. Marsden Caughey on account of ill-health. The Board appointed Mr. J. Stuart Caughey as Lay Treasurer in place of Mr. J. Marsden Caughey and Rev. F. Copeland and Mr. L. W. Peak as additional Trustees.

THOS. A. JOUGHIN, Chairman.

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

4.—THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

A.—Annual Report for Conference for the Year Ended 31st December, 1938.

In presenting its report, the Board wishes to thank all those who have assisted it in its work during the past year.

Masterton Children's Home.

A full report on the work of the Home is presented by the Masterton Committee but it is desired to place on record sincere appreciation of the splendid work done by the Matron, Miss Allan, and her assistants, and also by Dr. Pryor.

The appointment of two members of the Masterton Committee as members of the Board has led to closer co-operation between the Committee and the Board. The whole-hearted service rendered by the Committee is deeply appreciated, and the Board unanimously recommends the Conference to re-appoint the Committee as now constituted.

Bequests and Donations.

Receipt of an anonymous gift of £250 to the Home, and bequests totalling £1,205/18/5 are gratefully acknowledged. These amounts have been transferred to the Home's Capital Account which now stands at £5,537/0/7.

Financial.

The revenue account discloses an excess of expenditure over income of £265/18/3, but it should be noted that expenditure has been charged with the following items:—

Masterton Home Remittances	..	£610	
Masterton Home Depreciation	..	150	
		—	£760
Grants for Maori Work:			
Home Missions Department	..	£360	
Wesley College, Paerata	..	50	
		—	£410
			£1,170

An increase in the number of children in the Home has increased the demands made upon the funds of the Board, but it may be noted that accrued interest held on behalf of the Masterton Committee amounts to £524/5/3, and of this amount £131/11/9 accrued during 1938.

Memorial to the Rev. James Cocker.

Representatives of the Board travelled to Masterton for the Breaking-up Ceremony at the Home in December when the Rev. Percy Paris unveiled a plaque to the memory of the Rev. James Cocker whose devoted service over a period of thirteen years has so greatly contributed to the success of the Home.

Joint Appeal for 1940.

The 1938 Conference placed in the hands of the Board, together with certain Corresponding and Consultative Members, the task of preparing details and making all arrangements in connection with the Joint Appeal for 1940.

A sub-committee of the Board was set up to prepare details of the scheme, and has met frequently and has kept in close touch with Corresponding and Consultative Members.

The sub-committee is forwarding a separate report to Conference.

The Board desires to place on record its sincere appreciation of the vast amount of research work undertaken by the members of the Sub-committee, and in particular by the Convener, Mr. A. Eaton Hurley.

Resignations and Appointments.

Mr. C. J. Dowland has tendered his resignation and this has been accepted with regret.

The Board unanimously recommends Conference to re-appoint the Rev. Percy Paris as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year, and to appoint Mr. F. E. Wells of Masterton, Dr. I. V. Newman and Mr. T. M. Pacey of Wellington as additional Trustees.

On behalf of the Board,

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

B.—re JOINT APPEAL—MAORI COLLEGE.

1. The resolutions of Conference 1938 regarding the Joint Appeal for 1940 are set out in the Minutes at Page 146. Those resolutions refer to the establishment in Taranaki of a Maori Girls' School or College on the cottage unit system.

2. By Resolution No. 3, a Consultative Committee was set up, and by Resolution 6, the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust Board were instructed to take steps to prepare early the plans for the proposed buildings in Taranaki, and to prepare a progress report for presentation to the next Synods and Conference.

3. It will be seen that this resolution takes for granted that the school to be erected shall be one for girls and in Taranaki. This follows the purport of the resolutions of Conference of 1930 and 1931, which contemplated the establishment, as soon as funds would permit, of a school for Maori girls in Taranaki. The only difference in the type of school mentioned in the two sets of resolutions is that of the adoption of the cottage unit system in the resolution of 1938.

4. The Wellington Board set up a sub-committee consisting of the Rev. Percy Paris, Chairman, and Messrs. E. C. Feltham and A. Eaton Hurley. On the 3rd July, 1938, the sub-committee produced an interim memorandum which was circulated to all consultative members appointed by Conference, as well as other selected persons interested in Maori education in New Zealand, for the purpose of provoking discussion and suggestions. In response to that circular, over 40 persons offered comments and criticism of the scheme.

5. The Wellington Committee also had placed before it "The Achimota Review" 1927-1937, and other publications relating to native education. The sub-committee held three meetings, and the Wellington Board has held four meetings to discuss the scheme. At one of the meetings of the Board, the Rev. G. I. Laurenson, the Rev. O. E. Burton, and Mr. G. M. Henderson late Inspector, Education Dept., were present by invitation. Many personal interviews were also made by members of the committee and members of the Board, these including interviews with the Rt. Rev. Bishop Bennett, Sir Apirana Ngata, and officers of the Education Department, the Native Department and the New Zealand Council for Educational Research.

6. As a result, the Board at its meeting on the 23rd November, in the light of the evidence collected, resolved as follows:—

"That this Board approves that a co-educational school for Maoris be erected in the Taranaki District."

7. The Board asked the sub-committee to prepare an amended scheme, and for the consideration of the consultative members, a further memorandum was forwarded on the 20th December, 1938, drawing attention to the enlarged objects of the school, namely, making it a co-educational institution, that is, for Maori girls and Maori boys. Owing to the pressure of work both before and after Christmas, and the absence of members of the Board on holiday, it has not been possible at the time of writing this report to bring down detailed estimates of costs and resources.

8. The alteration in the objects of the school by an enlargement of earlier Conference resolutions upon this subject, has necessitated the matter being referred back to Conference for its consideration, and the Wellington Board now desires the direction of Conference regarding its resolution above quoted.

A. EATON HURLEY, Convener.

25th January, 1939.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That without committing the Church to any decision on the principle of Maori Education whether it should be co-educational or otherwise—Conference endorses the present scheme for the building in Taranaki of a Maori Girls' School of Domestic Science and Hygiene, and heartily commends the enterprise to the Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowments Board, and to our people for practical support.

5.—EMSLY TRUST BOARD, GREY INSTITUTE TRUST AND KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted

6.—MARTIN BROTHERS—MEMORIAL REST HOME.

Annual Report, 1938.

This fine property at Mountain Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, was given to the Church by Mr. James Martin, now of St. Helier's Bay, for the purpose of providing a Rest Home for the older people of our Church. The limitations of finance and the lack of any endowment have made it impossible, so far, to make fuller use of this gift property.

During the year the property has been well let and kept in good order by the tenants. The tenants have the protection of the Fair Rents Act so that it seems that the tenancy must run on in the meantime and necessary repairs must have attention.

The Credit Balance at the Auckland Savings Bank now stands at £241/1/- an increase of £109/8/4 over last year.

FREDERICK J. PARKER,

Secretary of Trust Board.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

7.—NORTH ISLAND REST HOUSE.

That the Statement of Receipts and Payments be received and adopted.

8.—THOMAS EVE TRUST.

The position of the Fund has not very materially changed since last report, and until such time as outstanding mortgages are determined the amount of moneys coming into the Fund will be limited. The Balance in hand for special purposes on September 30th, 1938 was shown as £1083/14/9. The new Church recently opened in Wakanui was donated the sum of £300 by the Eve Trust.

ANGUS McBEAN, Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1938.

The audited statements of accounts for the year ended 31st October are presented with this report. The income from all sources was £3,349/12/7. No addition has been made to the Accumulated Fund which still stands at £28,000. The Fire Loss Reserve Account totals £3,565 and the Investment Contingency Reserve Account amounts to £1,082/9/7.

Risks Carried.

The risks held by the Department are 958. The total is made up of 422 churches, 216 schools and halls, 164 parsonages and 156 miscellaneous risks. These risks give a total cover of £713,324. Added to these are various insurances arranged by the Department aggregating £130,188/11/9. The Board is thus interested in insurances totalling £843,512/11/9 of which a large proportion is covered by re-insurance. The re-insurance contract has been renewed with the Atlas Assurance Co. Ltd. for a further term of five years on advantageous terms.

Fire Losses.

During the year claims for losses have aggregated £1,098/7/6, of which sum £523/7/6 was covered by re-insurance leaving £575 to be borne by the Fund. The chief loss was £1,075 by the destruction of the Porirua church building. Other losses were £18/2/- for breakage of plate glass at Lower Hutt and £5/5/6 on account of a fire on a property mortgaged to the Supernumerary Fund Board.

Grants.

The last Conference authorised the Board to suspend for one year only the provision of Conference requiring £1,000 to be placed annually to the

Reserve Fund and to vote for such Reserve Fund a sum of £800 so that £200 might be made available for the Natural Calamities Relief Fund. If the Board had acted upon this recommendation and had followed its established practice of meeting fire losses from revenue there would only have been £821/9/11 available for grants for Connexional purposes, a reduction the Board would have felt great reluctance in proposing. The Board has, for the first time, drawn current losses amounting to £575 from Reserves and whilst crediting the usual £1,000 has actually added only £425 to its Reserve Fund. The experience of the current year emphasises the wisdom of the Conference regulations that grants shall not be made until moneys are actually available for distribution and that such grants shall be made on the recommendation of the Board. The Board recognises the authority of the Conference to give direction but, as the responsible administrative body it feels it to be unwise for special grants to be recommended before it is known what the result of the year's operations has been.

Grants paid out have amounted to £1,056. A conditional authorised grant of £50 was not claimed.

Including £58/0/8, an unappropriated balance from last year, there remains a divisible surplus of £1,196/9/11. The Board recommends that from this amount grants be made to the following Connexional Funds and Institutions :—

Home Acquisition Fund	..	..	£330
Deaconess Institution	..	..	£100
Foreign Mission Fund ..	..	..	£100
Home Mission Fund ..	..	..	£100
Benevolent Fund	..	..	£50
Church Sites Fund	..	..	£50
Youth Department	..	..	£50 & £25 special
"Methodist Times"	..	..	£175
Natural Calamities Fund	..	..	£125 Special
Total			<u>£1,105</u>

With reference to the proposed grant of £125 to the Natural Calamities Relief Fund the Board recommends that, as previously, such Fund be administered by the Home Mission Board in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for the exclusive purpose of assisting trustees of church properties in the repair, or replacement or safeguarding of buildings damaged or destroyed by flood, tornado, earthquake or similar natural calamity.

The Home Mission Board has requested that consideration of the basis of the Natural Calamities Relief Fund be deferred until next Connexional year. The administrators of the Relief Fund have had before them the case of Port Chalmers where damage done was reported to have been completely remedied at a total cost of £115. The Fire Insurance Board cannot make grants to individual trusts but no doubt the case of Port Chalmers will be considered in the proper quarter.

Board of Management.

The following are nominated as the Board of Management for the next Connexional year:—The Connexional Secretary (ex officio), Colonel G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Lay Treasurer), Revs. H. S. Kings, F. B. Lawrence, E. Drake; Messrs. E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins, S. C. Dixon, W. Chas. Francis and P. A. Le Brun.

Mr. W. A. Bascand retires by rota after a long period of devoted service as a member of the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

G. J. SMITH, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

24th January, 1939.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That in all cases except where mortgage obligations make it impracticable Trustees and Boards and Committees in charge of Connexional properties and institutions be requested to effect all their insurances with the Connexional Fire Insurance Department.

QUESTION XXXIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting the Connexional Secretaryship?

Report of Committee, 1938.

The work of the Connexional Office has proceeded without interruption during the year. The reports of the various Departments administered in the office do away with the necessity for extended reference here.

Finance.

The financial statement shows a credit balance of £18/6/11. Statutory increases in the salaries of two junior Clerks will need to be provided for. The expenditure for 1939 has been carefully estimated and the following grants are asked for:—

Church Building and Loan Fund	..	£220
Fire Insurance Fund	.. ..	£380
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	..	£471
Contingent Fund	.. ..	£185
"Methodist Times" Fund	.. ..	£170

Committee.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent Ministers of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace and St. Albans circuits with Mr. Frank Thompson (Lay Treasurer) the lay treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Church Building and Loan Fund, Contingent Fund, "Methodist Times" Committee and Messrs. H. Chapman, W. L. Thomas and J. E. Purchase.

The Connexional Secretary.

The Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt now completes twelve years of office as Connexional Secretary. During this period he has rendered the Church invaluable service. At the Conference of 1939 he will enter upon his third six year term, with, the Committee believes, the full confidence of the whole Church.

On behalf of the Committee,

H. HOLLAND, Chairman.

FRANK THOMPSON, Lay Treasurer.

Christchurch,

17th January, 1939.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION XL.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Trinity Theological College and Hostel?

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

(1) The College re-opened on Monday, March 14th, with seventeen Methodist students and three for the Congregational Ministry. On the whole the health of the men has been good, though we have had several cases of measles, these compelling us to close the middle term a week earlier than usual, the second examination having to be missed. Mr. C. P. Lucas was elected Senior Student and thanks are due to him for a leadership which has meant excellent discipline and devotion to work in the Institution.

(2) Students Lucas, Oldfield, Waite and Watson are due to leave us this year, also Mr. Hayman, B.A.G. Sc., whose first year was spent as a private student. Men of varied gifts they are all good, and we are confident of their becoming fine Methodist Ministers.

(3) **The Hostel** has been full during the year. It is a privilege to be in close contact with these men, and a real service for the Kingdom of God is being done by this part of our activities. The domestic side of the College life demands great care and sometimes much anxiety, and Mrs. Blight, M.A. and Mr. Blight deserve thanks for their constant efforts in this direction.

(4) At the **University College** the following students have attended lectures:—Watson (Education II, Hebrew I), Hayman (Philosophy III, Greek I), Dawson (Education I, Philosophy I, Prelim. Hebrew), Dixon (Education I, Philosophy I, Prelim Hebrew), Gilmore (Education I, Philosophy I, Prelim. Hebrew), Winiata (Economics I, Political Science I).

(5) The **Tutorial Work** is constantly reviewed at the regular meetings of the Board of Studies, which carefully considers the work of every individual student.

(a) The Principal has twice each week read with the senior men parts of the Greek New Testament, and also twice taught classical Greek in preparation for the University work. Once a week he has taught second year N.T. Greek, and lectured on N.T. Theology (The Teaching of Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels), N.T. introduction (The first Three Gospels; characteristics of our Lord as teacher and His originality), N.T. Exegesis (St. Mark's Gospel), O.T. Teaching (The fundamental religious and Moral ideas), Christian Ethics (the Ethics of the individual and society). A short course was given on Methods and Material in the cultivation of the Devotional Life. At the University College five classes per week have been held in the Hebrew Old Testament, five of the men being our own students and another one of our ministers.

(b) Mr. Blight has twice each week taught classes in Systematic Theology (Man: Christ), Junior N.T. Greek and in Religious Education (Broad and intensive treatment of the Pupil, the craftsmanship of Teaching, and the organization of Youth Work) Once a week classes have been held in O.T. Introduction (the Historical Books), Pastoral Theology (with emphasis on the practical side of pastoral work), intermediate Greek (parts of the N.T. have been read), and English Grammar and Composition.

Both Principal and Tutor set each term test papers in Bible Knowledge and also share in the conduct of worship at the Collegiate Church.

(c) Dr. Laws has heard all the students conduct Divine worship, and held the weekly Criticism class. Once a week he has taught Homiletics to the Junior men, and once a fortnight lectured on English literature to the men of all the years.

(d) Weekly collective and individual instruction in Public Speaking and Voice Production has been given by Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A. The Rev. E. P. Blamires has delivered three lectures on Youth Work. This is the last series that Mr. Blamires will deliver in his official capacity and thanks are due to him for his interest in the College. Several times during the year notable visitors from overseas have addressed the men to their great profit.

(6) In **Practical Work** the men have shown much interest. Six to nine men preach every Sunday and their efforts are much appreciated. The Senior men, to complete their training in Religious Education, have visited and reported on various Auckland Sunday Schools. The Friday evening open air work continues to be a success. The Easter camps were well attended. During the vacations many undertook mission work or engaged in supply work. Several work among the young people at the Collegiate Church. Christian movements within the University College have been assisted and Bible Classes, Y.M.C.A. and Mission Churches have been helped.

(7) Many gifts, reported elsewhere, have been received for the library and museum, and show that the College has many sympathetic friends.

(8) All the indications are that the days ahead will be extremely critical for the Christian Church. No man leaves College without being made to realise the very serious business which lies before him. The work of effective ministerial training grows more difficult. New knowledge affecting the interpretation of the Bible and the implications of the Christian faith comes in from every side. This has to be mastered and the essential and permanent separated from that of superficial and transient value. Problems as to the application of Christian truth to present day conditions are very acute and their very urgency may lead, unless careful thought is exercised, to the exposition of quick and easy solutions which in the long run may only aggravate the problems. Fresh methods advocated for the more successful winning of the people to the Christ-life must be examined and that which is of value presented to the men. It is all so very strenuous, but the evangelical competency and spirit of the men who are sent out fill the staff with confidence as to the ultimate future.

HARRY RANSTON,

Trinity College, Auckland
October, 11th, 1938.

Principal.

PRINCIPAL'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Prize Awards for 1938 are:—

Reid for Elocution and Public Speaking; Dawson; 2nd Oldfield; Junior, Greenslade.

Edson for Greek; Johnston (c); Intermediate, Dixon; Junior, Thomas. Garland for Theology; Dixon; Progress, Waite; Junior, Woolford.

Wagstaff for Biblical Introduction ; Exegesis, etc., Dixon ; Progress, Waite ; Junior, Thomas.

Kent for English Literature ; Waite ; Progress, Oldfield ; Junior, Burley. Students Dawson, Dixon, Gilmore, Watson and Winiata all passed their respective sections for the B.A. Degree.

H. RANSTON.

December, 20th, 1938.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

The Council gratefully reports another year of successful work. In these critical days it is more than ever necessary that the church should do its utmost to secure an adequate training for its younger ministry, and the members of the Council are not only conscious of their responsibility to Conference in this matter but grateful for the opportunity of serving such an important cause. The Church may rest assured that the council is not slothful in business, but by means of its Standing Committees it gives careful attention to every phase of College life.

Students for the Ministry.

In addition to 3 men preparing for the ministry of the Congregational Church, we have 17 students in residence this year, all of whom give us reason to believe that they will make good ministers of Jesus Christ. Reports of their studies and preaching work indicate diligence and zeal and progress. Circuits are eager to secure the services of students on vacation, and send in appreciative reports on their return. There is a spirit of eager devotion and idealism among the men which should carry them over many rough places in the future. Practical training has not been neglected, the men assisting in various types of Christian witness and evangelism.

Hostel.

The Hostel has again been full during the year, and we do not expect any falling off in 1939. The finances of the College have been tided over some difficult years by the income from Hostel fees, which last year more than met the entire cost of House and Service. Rising costs this year, particularly for wages, have absorbed all the increase in revenue, and more, so that it is necessary again to increase the Hostel fees by a small amount weekly. The thanks of the Church are due to the Resident Tutor, and also particularly to Mrs. Blight, whose careful oversight of domestic matters has saved the Church hundreds of pounds. We know that the Hostel is filling a useful place in the city.

School of Theology.

A combined School of Theology under the auspices of the S.C.M. and the Ministers' Association was held in the Collegiate Church early in August, the lecturer being Dr. W. Horton of Oberlin School of Theology, New York. The Council encourages the use of our premises for such objects, and the College is becoming an intellectual and spiritual centre for the ministry in Auckland.

Finance.

The figures available to date indicate that the Council will close the year with a heavier deficit than was anticipated. In view of the resolution of last Conference we have again investigated the possibility of installing a heating system, and we find that a comprehensive and suitable scheme would cost about £350. The matter is still under consideration, but we propose to bring a definite recommendation to Conference. A heavy repair bill will also have to be faced in the near future.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

Additional Gifts.

Additional gifts to the College Library have been received from the following donors:—Mr. J. Belton, Rev. W. A. Sinclair, Mr. B. C. Moodie, Rev. A. Blakemore, Miss E. Hosking. From the library of the late Rev. T. G. Brooke, Mrs. Brooke has made a notable gift of a copy of the Bishop's Bible, 1570; also Tyndale's translation of the New Testament, 1838, and Trapp's commentary on the New Testament.

Exhibition of Bibles.

During the past winter an exhibition of old Bibles was arranged at the Auckland Public Library. Three very precious volumes from the Trinity College Library were included, and added considerably to the value of the Exhibition.

Student Supply.

In the case of Students accepting supply work for the Long Vacation, the Council recommends that the remuneration be at a minimum of £2 per week, in addition to board and lodging and travelling expenses.

Conference Examination.

After considering the remit on this question (Minutes 1938 page 30) the Council submits the following resolutions:—

1. The Council is of opinion that the system of external examinations is necessary to safeguard the interests of the Conference.

On the basis of this, however, the Council also recommends:—

2. That the third term examination be discontinued.
3. That the examinations in the first and second terms be confined to one week, papers in the various subjects to be shorter than hitherto by one half hour in each subject.

These new methods were brought into operation this year, and the Conference is asked to confirm the action of the Council in this regard.

Friends of Trinity College.

For the purpose of assisting the finances of the College, the Council recommends:—

1. That an association be formed to be called "The Friends of Trinity College" to consist of those who make an annual donation to its funds for the training of Methodist Ministers.
2. That in our Churches there be annually a "College Sunday" in which the work of the College shall be brought before the congregation, and that Quarterly Meetings be requested to permit a retiring collection to be taken up to augment its funds.

Council and Officers.

The following are recommended to Conference as the Council for 1939:—The Principal, the Resident Tutor, Dr. C. H. Laws, Revs. T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, A. B. Chappell, F. Copeland, E. S. Emmitt, H. Sharp, W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, E. T. Olds, J. F. Jack and J. D. Grocott; Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, J. Veale, F. M. Winstone, J. Tyler, A. C. A. Sexton, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, G. A. White, J. S. Caughey, L. W. Peak, J. Hargraves, L. E. Rhodes and C. K. Wigglesworth.

Officers.—Chairman, Mr. J. Tyler; Vice-Chairman, Rev. W. Walker; Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone; Secretary, Rev. E. S. Emmitt.

Resident Tutor.

Immediately prior to Synod a letter was received by the Council from the Resident Tutor, stating that under medical advice it was necessary for Mrs. Blight to be relieved at once from all responsibility for the domestic arrangements in the College, and making certain suggestions whereby this might be given effect.

After full and careful consideration of the Tutor's letter, both by a committee appointed and by the Council itself the following resolutions were carried :—

1. That we express our sincere regret at the state of Mrs. Blight's health as revealed by the letter received.
2. That the Council is unable to accept the suggestions made by the Resident Tutor, and affirms its adherence to the policy expressed in the Conference resolution (Minutes 1929, page 82) that the Tutor's wife shall exercise a general superintendence over the domestic arrangements in the College, the practical details of the work being in the hands of a housekeeper appointed for the purpose.

The Tutor thereupon tendered his resignation to the President of the Conference and informed the College Council of his action.

The President having accepted the resignation the Council now submits to Conference in alphabetical order the following names for consideration for the position of Resident Tutor, the appointment to take effect in 1939 :—

Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.

Appreciation.

The Council places on record its sincere appreciation of the eight years' service rendered to the College by the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., and Mrs. Blight. Grateful acknowledgement is made of Mr. Blight's able and devoted Tutorial work, his careful attention to the administration of all matters concerning the welfare of the Students, the Domestic Staff and the College Chapel, and the Sunday School work. It is noted that the Hostel Students now form a large majority of the College residents which has meant an increase of oversight and duty. In all these activities Mrs. Blight has taken her full share and has rendered most valuable service.

E. S. EMMITT, Chairman.

E. W. HAMES, Secretary.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Year Ended October 31st, 1938.

In presenting to Conference the Annual Accounts of the Trinity Methodist Theological College, it is gratifying to report that again, a reduction in the deficit carried forward year by year, is expected at the end of the Budget Year, viz., March 31st, 1939.

Unfortunately, increased wages costs and higher prices for foodstuffs together with smaller allocations from two of our contributing Trust Boards, necessitates the budgeting of an estimated deficiency as at March 31st, 1940, of £698.

Our thanks and appreciation are due to the various Trust Boards and Connexional Funds, who have so kindly given financial assistance to the College.

We again record our thanks to the Staff for their loyal co-operation in the running of the College, and especially to Mrs. Blight, M.A., and the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., for their careful and economical oversight of the domestic affairs of the College.

Site Acquirement Account.—This Account has this year benefited by a kind donation from the Hamilton Church Trust of £50, and from legacies from the estates of the late S. J. Ambury, and the late G. R. George.

Organ Fund.—By further dividends and bank interest, this Fund has increased to £371/2/6.

The College Council proposes that the following be the Budget recommended to Conference :—

PROPOSED BUDGET. For the Year Ending 31st March, 1940.

INCOME.

Probert Trust Board	..	..	..	300
Emsly Trust	..	..	..	96
Prince Albert College	..	..	..	50
Connexional Fire Insurance	..	..	..	125
Contingent Fund	..	..	..	740
Home Mission Department	..	..	..	135
Foreign Mission Department	..	..	..	50
Students' Contributions	..	..	..	175
Congregational Church	..	..	..	95
Hostel Fees	..	..	..	1650
Collegiate Church	60
Rent, Moehau Street	116
Estimated Deficiency (31/3/40)	698
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				£4,290

EXPENDITURE.

Deficiency, 31st March, 1939	306
House and Service	1700
Stipends	850
Tutors' Fees	..	..	..	60
Connexional Charges	..	..	..	123
Quarterages	..	..	..	136
Rates	..	..	..	240
Insurance	..	..	..	27
Telephones	..	..	..	34
University Fees	..	..	..	60
Furnishings	..	..	..	100
Bible Class Camp Fees	..	..	..	6
Repairs and Treatment of window sashes	..	..	..	250
Printing, Stationery and Postage	..	..	..	20
Advertising	8
Interest	295
Rent	15
Sundries	10
Repairs, Moehau Street	50
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				£4,290

N.B.—Heating System : The proposed heating installation in the College is estimated to cost about £350 ; and as the Council has insufficient funds to meet this charge this year, the matter is specially referred to Conference.

J. STUART CAUGHEY,

Acting Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the reports of the Principal, the Council and the Treasurers be received and adopted.
 - (2) That the Financial Statement be adopted.
 - (3) That the heartiest thanks be tendered to the Principal, Rev. Dr. H. Ranston, and the staff, the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., and Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A., with congratulations on another year's successful work. Also to Mrs. Blight, M.A., for unsparing service in the domestic department of the College activities.
 - (4) Thanks be tendered also to the chairman of the College Council (Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.) the Secretary (Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.), the Hon. Treasurer and Acting-Treasurer (Messrs. F. M. Winstone and J. S. Caughey), The Rev. E. P. Blamires and the Hon. Physician (Dr. Griffin).
 - (5) That the following be thanked and recommended for re-appointment, the co-treasurer of the site Acquisition Fund (The Rev. T. A. Joughin), the Auditors (Messrs. A. Messer, T. L. Hames, A. J. Buttle, F. E. Sutherland).
 - (6) That grateful appreciation be expressed to those who have made valuable gifts to the college Library during the year.
 - (7) That the thanks of Conference be accorded to the Prince Albert Board and the Fire Insurance Board for Financial help during the year.
 - (8) That in future Trinity College open on the first Monday in March following the opening of the Auckland University College.
 - (9) That for the purpose of assisting the college finances :—
 - (a) An association be formed to be named "The Friends of Trinity College," to consist of those who make an annual donation to its funds for the training of Methodist Ministers.
 - (b) That Quarterly Meetings be invited to assist in augmenting the College Funds.
 - (10) That Conference endorse the action of the Council in respect to Conference Examinations as set forth in its supplementary report.
 - (11) That the matter of a Heating System be referred back to the Council for favourable consideration.
 - (12) That a special Committee consider the following matters and report to Synods and Conference of 1940.
 - (1) The improvement of educational standards of candidates for the ministry.
 - (2) The Character of the training, both educational and practical now being given to students for the ministry and in what ways if any, it may be made more effective.
 - (3) The effectiveness of the present tests for ministers on probation.
- The following to be the Committee :—

The President and Secretary of Conference, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Principal and Tutor of the Theological College, the Chairmen of Districts, Dr. Laws, Revs. H. E. Bellhouse, J. H. Haslam, A. N. Scotter, B.A., W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., E. S. Emmitt, G. I. Laurensen, M.A., R.

Pratt, F.R. Hist. S., A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., H. L. Fiebig, B.A., D. O. Williams, M.A., B. M. Chrystall, B.A. The Vice-President of Conference, Messrs. W. E. Burley, B.A., D. Johns, M.A., J. H. Blackwell, J. Tyler, R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip., Ed., J. E. Purchase, M.A., H. Chapman, G. L. Stafford, — Hancox, S. G. MacFarlane, A. C. A. Sexton, Feltham, N. R. Seddon, Rev. B. M. Chrystall, Convener. The Committee to sit in Auckland, with corresponding members.

- (13) That the Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A. be appointed Resident Tutor.
- (14) That in view of the completion in four years of Dr. H. Ranston's full term of appointment as Principal, the Council investigate the question of a successor and report to next Conference.
- (15) Conference commends the action of the University Senate in asking the Government for power to confer Divinity Degrees.
That the Government be requested to agree to the Senate's request.
That the following deputation wait on the Minister of Education in support of this proposal. Revs. P. R. Paris, J. H. Haslam, and O. E. Burton, Dr. Ivor Newman and Mr. A. B. Cochrane. Convener, Rev. J. H. Haslam.
- (16) That the Council be as named in the report.
- (17) Wider Fellowship (see under question 56).

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

REPORT TO CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE TRUST BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st DECEMBER, 1938.

The Board looks forward to improved financial results as the outcome of the current year's activities.

In April last the Principal was successful in obtaining a contract to supply milk to the metropolitan area. Improved returns from the Farm Dairy are therefore to be expected as a direct result of the better prices obtained for milk produced on the Farm.

An improved demand has been experienced for the sections the Board has to offer, both freehold and leasehold. Three sections on the Landscape Road frontage have been sold, for £890, and two more on the Mount Albert Road frontage have brought in £355. An additional eight sections have been leased at Waikowhai, for a total annual rental of £51/10/—, and it is anticipated that two other sections will be taken up shortly at reasonable prices. The Board looks forward with some confidence to the prospects of sales of freeholds and leaseholds materialising during the present summer.

The Board has been successful in obtaining assistance from the Labour Department to the extent of almost £1,000, by the provision of a party of twelve men who maintain the Board's suburban properties free of noxious weeds, and deal with drainage and fencing problems. The services of the gang are provided by the Labour Department free of expense to the Board, and the large suburban areas held by the Board have therefore been well looked after during the current year.

As a result of the Chairman's efforts, the Bank of New Zealand has agreed to the rate of interest charged on the Board's overdraft remaining at 3½% until the 31st March, 1939, provided that every effort is made by the Board to dispose of its Three Kings Property to the Government Housing Department. Permission has been granted by the Church Building and Loan Fund for the sale of the Three Kings and Dominion Road Properties to the Department in question at a price of £165 per acre. It is not likely that that price will be obtained for these properties, but the Department is seriously considering the question of offering the Board a slightly lower price.

Recently the Board offered 34 of its Mount Albert Road sections to the Government Housing Department for a little over £5,000, but owing to the fact that none of these sections is reticulated with sewer drainage it is unlikely that a sale will take place.

With the assistance of the gang of men provided by the Labour Department the Board's tree plantations at Waikowhai are now in good heart. All blanks have been filled, and although the area is very exposed the growth of the trees is a matter for congratulation.

A number of adjustments have had to be made, under the Mortgagors and Lessees Rehabilitation Act, in the interest and rents received by the Board from its tenants. Only in two cases have substantial amounts of principal been written off, and it is a matter for satisfaction that the Board's income will not be seriously affected as a result of the passing of this legislation. Most of the cases have been settled out of Court by private negotiation.

During the past year dividends have been received from the following Estates, and the Board gratefully acknowledges this financial assistance :—

The Estate of the late George Winstone	..	£50
The Estate of the late S. J. Ambury	..	£10

The Board is pleased to report the appointment to its personnel of two new members—the Rev. F. Copeland in lieu of the Rev. E. D. Patchett, and Mr. E. H. Burton in lieu of Mr. W. H. Cocker.

The report of the Principal as to the progress of the College and Farm at Paerata is attached hereto.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE for Year Ended 31st December, 1938.

The accounts for the year have now been completed and the result of the year's operations may on the whole be regarded as satisfactory. Although the accounts show a loss for the year of £613, £594 of this amount is accounted for by reductions made in the standard values of sheep and cattle, so that the actual result of the year's working has been a loss of £19 only. When it is remembered that the Board suffered a loss of over £300 owing to the epidemic of facial eczema, the Board feels that it has every reason to be grateful that it has still been able practically to balance its budget. There is no doubt that this result has been due to the benefit derived from the supply of the College milk to the City during nine months of the year. This contract should ensure an even better year during 1939.

Under the Will of the late Mrs. Marianne Caughey Preston the Board has been bequeathed the sum of £2000. This amount is to be invested and held on trust, so that the income from time to time may be applied in providing scholarships for pupils attending the College, to be known as the Marianne Caughey Smith Preston Scholarships. The Board is very appreciative of the gifts that have been made to it by the late Mrs. Preston both in her lifetime and now under her Will, and it would commend Wesley College to Methodists throughout New Zealand as a worthy object for similar benefactions.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

College and Farm, 1938.

It is with satisfaction that we are able to report that this year has again seen an increase in the number of boys enrolled, a total of 90 having been reached, which is the largest enrolment since 1930. An interesting feature is the increasing number of young boys being enrolled and while this necessitates certain adjustment in the teaching staff, it means that we are likely to hold pupils for a longer period, educationally a most desirable thing, and so preserve a more stable roll.

Our usual run of good health has been broken this year. We have suffered from several minor epidemics, and the hospital has been of great service, and has saved us from more serious illnesses.

An interesting feature of the year has been the re-establishment of the Old Boys Association. A re-union gathering and dinner were held at the College in June and was largely attended both by old boys who had passed through the College at Paerata and also by several old Three Kings boys. A pleasing response has been made to the efforts of those organising the Association and over 80 members have already been enrolled. It is hoped that the Association will serve not only as a reunion of old boys but as a constructive and helpful body in the life of the school.

There have been no staff changes during the year and the reports of the Education Department inspectors have stressed the satisfactory work being done by the masters and have also commented favourably on the organisation, discipline and general tone of the school.

In sport the school has won the interschool Senior Athletic Competition and has also won both Senior and Junior Cricket Competitions.

On the farm side the year has developed well. Despite the outbreak of facial eczema amongst both sheep and cattle the year promises to be a successful one. Compared with its neighbours the College has escaped very lightly and though the lambing percentage has been lowered we are fortunate that our losses have not been greater. We have been fortunate, too, in securing a town milk supply contract for a large quantity of milk. This will make certain adjustments necessary in other departments and will materially improve the farm returns. Arrangements are now in hand to increase still further the quantity of milk supplied next year. Despite farm labour difficulties the outlook for the College farm seems brighter than for many years.

R. C. CLARK, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Board and of the Principal be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be adopted.
3. That the thanks of Conference be extended to the Board for their work during the year and to the Principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., and that they be congratulated upon the work of the College and the success of the farming operations.
4. That the Rev. F. Copeland be appointed a member of the Board.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Report of the Board 1938.

The Supernumerary Fund Board, as required by the regulations, presents its report for the year ended 30th November, 1938, together with the various financial statements duly audited.

Annuityants and Membership.

The Conference of 1938 added one supernumerary to the list of beneficiaries. One temporary supernumerary returned to the active work. Two ministers were made supernumeraries for one year and another was continued for a second year in that relationship. Two supernumerary ministers have died during the year and also the widows of two former ministers. One minister resigned from the work. The wife of a minister who contracted a second marriage has been placed on the Fund. There are 32 supernumeraries and 46 widows in receipt of annuities besides two orphaned children of deceased parents. The amount paid in annuities and furniture grants was £8,049/0/3. The number of ministers at present contributing to the Fund is 172. One minister in the active work has completed more than 44 years in the full work and is consequently exempt from further personal subscriptions in respect of any subsequent years of service.

Finance.

The position of the Fund is fully disclosed in the revenue account and the balance sheet. The cost of administering the Fund continues to be very low. The accumulated fund now stands at £152,923/10/9. After allowing for personal subscriptions refunded this shows an addition to the Fund of £1,628/15/- to meet accruing demands of future claimants on the Fund.

During the year the Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts Reserve has been drawn upon for adjustment of mortgages to the extent of £2,473/2/4 thus reducing this provision to £832/14/7. No further appeals remain to be heard by the Mortgage Adjustment Commissions. The reserves having thus been considerably depleted in fulfilling the purpose for which they were provided, the Board will pursue its settled policy of building up this provision as circumstances allow and as necessity may require. The value of one or two farms abandoned to the Board may need to be reduced.

The return from Epworth Chambers continues to be low, but as pointed out by the Actuary at the last valuation £500 from the earnings are annually set aside to increase the Depreciation Reserve Account which now stands at £2,850.

The Actuary regarded that as a large sum to be set aside from earnings and suggested consideration of spreading the provision over a longer period. The Board has meantime kept to the more conservative plan of providing against contingencies.

The allied funds administered by the Board now aggregate £26,958/11/1. Deposits lodged by Connexional Funds, Institutions and Boards of Trustees total £5,459/7/7. The Board found it a decided advantage for sometime to accept temporary personal deposits and exercise its authority under its borrowing powers to do so. The acceptance of such deposits was, however, no part of the Board's permanent policy. During the year the number of depositors has been reduced from 26 to 4 and the sum on deposit from £6,955/17/9 to £323/8/6 and this will disappear in due course. Four deposits aggregating to £848/19/4 have been transferred to the General Purposes Trust Board. Mortgage Investments have been reduced by £8789/4/5 and debenture investments by £1,075.

Earnings.

Legislative interference with private contracts, which altered the relationship between debtor and creditor in a way that none foresaw; the Statutory reduction of interest rates and of rent, and various other legislative enactments designed to meet adverse economic conditions have all pressed heavily upon the Fund as they have upon every institution with moneys invested in farming and in city properties.

In considering our earnings it should be remembered that a sum of £100 has been deducted from interest earnings to increase the provision for investment fluctuation and for doubtful debts and a sum of £500 from rent revenue for Epworth Chambers to increase the reserve provision for depreciation. After allowing for these amounts the net earnings of the Fund have been £5,694/14/5, a drop of £441/3/2 on the figure for the previous year. The average interest earning rate, calculated on the actuarial formula has been £3/16/3 per cent. Omitting office expenses from the calculation the average interest earning rate was £3/15/2 per cent. On the accountancy method of taking the average amount of capital month by month the earnings show a return of £3/9/8 per cent. The Actuary maintains that the recognised actuarial formula for calculating the rate of interest gives the correct effective annual rate of the earnings of the Fund.

In his report for the triennium ended on 30th November, 1936, the Actuary expressed his opinion that it was very unlikely that the earnings of the Fund would fall below 4 per cent. He gave valuations of the Fund on that basis and also on a 4½ per cent. basis. On the latter computation the Fund showed a surplus of £3,583 and on the 4 per cent. basis a deficiency of £3,426. The next actuarial examination of the Fund will take place after the annual balance on 30th November, 1939. The Board recognises that conditions may create a regrettable necessity for a reduction in the scale of annuities. There is no present indication of a return to higher interest rates in view of legislation severely restricting the earning power of capital.

Subscriptions in Arrears.

A sum of £1,337/1/8 represents the overdue liabilities of ministers to the Fund. The arrears are owing by 60 out of 172 contributors. The amount due by 12 probationers is £170/16/10. The soundness of the Fund depends upon full payment of circuit levies and personal subscriptions. The Board views with concern any default regarding payments due and can in no circumstances favourably view any relaxation of rules affecting payment. The following table shows the district distribution of arrears of personal subscriptions only. There is also a sum of £80 due for purchase of benefits.

District	Subscriptions			Interest			Totals		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	282	0	9	22	10	4	304	11	1
South Auckland ..	259	3	4	25	12	8	284	16	0
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	15	0	0	0	1	2	15	1	2
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	31	2	0	1	18	7	33	0	7
Wellington	126	9	9	7	13	0	134	2	9
Nelson	26	6	1	1	5	6	27	11	7
North Canterbury ..	193	14	1	27	6	7	221	0	8
South Canterbury ..	16	6	10	1	1	10	17	8	8
Otago-Southland	192	8	5	107	0	9	299	9	2
	£1,142	11	3	£194	10	5	£1,337	1	8

Social Security Proposals.

Widespread interest has been aroused in the circuits and amongst present and prospective beneficiaries of the Fund by the Social Security proposals of the Government. The President of the Conference and the Managing Treasurer of the Fund had a long interview with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance. They discussed the proposals as affecting our own Fund in almost thirty aspects.

The Government is seeking to improve the lot of those across whose pathway lies the shadow of insecurity. Its leaders do not wish to impose added burdens upon such funds as our own which are already doing what the Government is seeking to do.

Some circuits officials have raised the question as to whether the Social Security scheme of the State will not render it unnecessary to continue circuit contributions to our own Fund. Ministers have asked if a scheme could be devised whereby annuities could be reduced to such a figure as to qualify beneficiaries to receive the maximum State benefit and thereby release accumulated moneys either for a cash distribution or for securing larger benefits through the Home Acquirement Fund. Such proposals upon examination will be seen to create many new problems of extreme complexity. The Board is watching the interests of the circuits and of the ministers and it makes a very urgent appeal that no proposals for change shall be made, or any alteration of the basis of the fund discussed until it is known exactly in what way the State scheme will operate and on what basis it will be administered. The position should become clearer by the date of the next actuarial examination of our Fund. At this stage it is impossible to say just how the State scheme will function. Our own Fund does give actual social security. It makes provisions for benefits not covered by the National scheme and applies no means test upon superannuation.

Extended Medical Probation.

From time to time cases arise where the prospects of life and service of otherwise acceptable candidates for the ministry are reported by the Chief Medical Officer to be inferior to those of healthy men of their age. In the past the Conference and the Board have imposed extended medical probation beyond the period of five years governing all ministers. That the service of such candidates may not be lost to the Church the Board proposes an alteration to the Regulations so as to bring them into line with established practice. The relevant recommendations are attached to this report.

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

During the year a sum of £143/15/4 has been paid out in grants to assist widows of ministers and supernumerary ministers in needy circumstances. The Fire Insurance Board gave a donation of £75 to the Fund. A distribution from the J. J. B. Veale estate and a personal donation together amounted to £27/1/-.

Home Acquirement Fund.

The personal accounts of contributors to this Fund now aggregate £11,257/10/1. The Board regrets that by non-payment of contributions some ministers have forfeited the subsidy from the Fire Insurance Board. Subsidies now in suspense amount to £51/10/-.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The position of this Fund is set forth in the financial statements. During the year retiring allowances aggregating £2,281/1/3 have been paid to those completing their service or otherwise withdrawing from the Fund. The personal accounts of continuing contributors amount to £6,332/9/10. It may be of interest to say that in reply to enquiry the Minister of Finance states that a lump sum payment made to a home missionary upon retirement will, under the Social Security Act be treated in the manner adopted for a matured insurance policy.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

A sum of £5,452/14/8 stands to the credit of the personal accounts of contributors to this Fund. A retiring allowance of £9/5/- was paid out during the year.

Board for 1939.

The following are nominated as the Board for the ensuing year :—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. E. Drake, W. Grigg, W. A. Burley, H. L. Fiebig and J. Richards; Messrs. G. S. Salter (Lay Treasurer), M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, L. G. K. Steven, A. C. Reed, and another to be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing-Treas.

Christchurch,

14th December, 1938.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Board of Management be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That there be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes the Revenue Accounts and Balance-sheets of the Supernumerary Fund, the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, the Home Acquirement Fund, the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund and the Deaconess Retiring Fund.

3. That Regulations 29 and 30 on page 143 and Regulation 40 on page 145 of the Law Book be repealed and the following substituted therefore :—

29. In the case of a candidate who is otherwise acceptable but whose prospects of life and service are reported by the Chief Medical Officer to be inferior to those of healthy men of his age, the Conference may, on the recommendation of the Board fix a term of medical probation, and such term shall be in addition to the period of five years referred to in Regulation 40. At the end of the term so fixed the minister concerned shall undergo a further medical examination by a medical practitioner appointed by the Board. The report of such examination shall be submitted to the Chief Medical Officer for his opinion thereon. Should the medical examination prove unsatisfactory it shall be competent for the Conference on the recommendation of the Board to retire him from the work or to prolong the term of medical probation for any further period. In all cases of ministers on extended medical probation the usual personal subscriptions and circuit levies shall be paid.

30. A person whose reception as a candidate is subject to medical probation shall not during the period of such probation become a beneficiary of the Fund nor in the event of his death during such period shall there be any obligations on the Fund in respect of his widow or children. Should he be compelled to retire from the work of the ministry through a breakdown in health or should he die during the period of his medical probation there shall be refunded to him or to his legal representatives in the event of his death all subscriptions paid by him to the Fund with compound interest, computed from the date of payment, at the average rate earned by the Fund during the time the amount so paid shall have been in the control of the Board and in addition thereto the full amount of the levies paid by the Circuits in respect of his appointments during the years in which he has paid his subscriptions to the Fund and after such refund his claims upon and his interest in the Fund shall cease.

40. The benefits of the Fund shall not be available to a minister on his becoming a Supernumerary unless he shall have completed five years of service or to the widow of any minister who shall have died before completing such term of service.

4. That Regulation 26, on page 142 of the Law Book be amended by the addition of the words :—"No Maori candidate for ordinary ministerial status (Minutes 1935, page 28), shall be accepted unless an X-ray photograph of the lungs shall also have been submitted to the Board and approved by it on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer.
5. That the reception into full Connexion and for ordination of Clifford L. Duder be made conditional upon extended medical probation. Such probation shall be, in the first instance, for a term of seven years and in accordance with Regulations 29 and 30 and Regulation 40 of the Supernumerary Fund as amended by this Conference.

2.—METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (Inc.)

As the functions of this Board become more widely known an increasing number of trusts is being committed to its administration. In addition to the trusts previously reported the Foreign Mission Medical Repatriation Fund is now administered by it under the direction of the Board of Missions. The trust has also been accepted of a sum of £258 being the amount of an interim distribution of the estate of the late Mr. G. R. George and to be held in trust for the Bluff new church fund. The Rangiora trustees have lodged a sum of £220 to be held in trust for the specific purpose of a new church at Rangiora. A sum of £50 is held for capital expenditure in Oamaru circuit.

From the District Public Trustee, Dunedin a sum of £200 has been received through Mr. G. S. Gapper, such sum to be held in trust in the terms of the will of the late Rev. T. W. Newbold until Conference shall determine its attitude thereto. Mr. Newbold died in Dunedin on 19th October, 1930 and in his will the following clause occurs :—

"5. I GIVE AND DEVISE, free of all duties, all those my lands and hereditaments being section twenty-three (23) Block three (III) St. Clair, being known as Number sixty-two (62) Bedford Street, St. Clair and Allotment ten (10) Block one (I) Deposit Plan Number 444 Dunedin Registry being known as Number ten (10) Hargreaves Street Mornington Dunedin to the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the benefit of the said Church's Orphanages in New Zealand as to the said Church shall seem fit AND I HEREBY EXPRESS a wish but without however creating in such behalf any trust or legal obligation that the said Church shall inaugurate an Orphanage for children in Dunedin AND I DECLARE that the receipt of the Secretary or Treasurer for the time being of the said Church shall be a full discharge to my trustee in respect to this devise."

The District Public Trustee in Dunedin wrote on 15th September, 1938 as follows :—

"Owing to the existence of considerable liabilities in the estate, it has not been possible to arrange a transfer of the properties to the Church and, in the meantime, the rents have been accumulated. The Public Trustee has now approved the payment of £200 to the Church from the balance at credit."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing-Treasurer.

Christchurch,

14th December, 1938.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That amounts available from the Newbold Estate be lodged with the General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.) to earn compound interest until such time as Conference shall determine its destination in harmony with the provisions of the late Rev. T. W. Newbold's will.
3. That authority be given to the Law Book Revision Committee to prepare and publish a pamphlet for distribution to solicitors, Trust Companies, Public Trust Offices and others interested, such pamphlet to set forth the various causes, institutions and other objects that may be benefited by persons making their testamentary dispositions.

3.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND.

We have pleasure in presenting to Conference our Annual Report of the Methodist Childrens Fund for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

The following payments of £9 each have been made:—

Auckland	44½
South Auckland	12½
Taranaki-Wanganui	9½
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	11½
Wellington	23½
Nelson	6½
North Canterbury	37
South Canterbury	5
Otago-Southland	8½
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	158½

being 11½ payments less than last year.

The Credit Balance at the Bank of N.S.W. is .. £459 19 8

Owing by Districts:

South Auckland	£17 10 0	
Otago-Southland	8 19 8	
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		£486 9 4

As the number of claimants coming off the Fund through reaching the age limit has been in excess of fresh notifications, we are of opinion that a levy of 6½% would be sufficient for the year 1939 and recommend to Conference accordingly.

J. H. HASLAM }
E. W. A. KELLOW } Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Conference authorise the transfer of £150 from the Fund to the Contingent Fund in respect to the needs of the Wanganui Trust.
3. That it be a recommendation to the Treasurers of the fund to consider an increase of payment from £9 to £10 per child.
4. That the Treasurers be thanked and reappointed.
5. That the Levy be 6½%.

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the following grants be authorised :—Theological College £740, Connexional Secretaryship £180, Deaconess Institution £75, Council of Religious Education £20, University Fees £40, Faith and Order £5, Methodist Times £50. Total, £1110. Special Grants :—Wanganui Trust £500, Centennial Exhibition £85, Methodist Times £125, and Youth Department £100. Total £810. Grand Total £1,920.
3. That the Treasurers—Rev. L. C. Horwood and Mr. J. H. Blackwell be thanked for their services and that the treasurers for 1939 be the Rev. W. Walker and Mr. J. H. Blackwell.
4. That the Law regarding the Consultative Committee be amended as follows :—"The Chairman of the District in which the Treasurer resides."
5. That the Committee be the Chairman of the Auckland District, Treasurers, Connexional Secretary, Secretary of Conference, and Messrs. F. E. Sutherland and J. Tyler.
6. That the Auditor (Mr. Isaac Wilson) be thanked and reappointed.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Annual Report.

As was anticipated in our last report, the removal expenses this year have exceeded the amount received in levies ; but the excess of expenditure over income is greater than was expected.

Removals cost, to the date of this report, £1,197/10/10 ; levies are expected to produce £758/15/6, leaving a deficit of about £438, to be drawn from the accumulated fund, reducing that fund to about £750. As the policy of the Committee has been to have in the accumulated fund sufficient to meet the requirements of a maximum year, it will be necessary to build up this account.

It is pleasing to report a reduction in the amount of arrears of levies. Last year Hawkes Bay District paid £9 and this year Auckland District has paid off £20 from outstanding arrears which now stand at some £60.

During the year 49 removals were carried out at an average cost per removal of £24/8/9, against an average cost for the past five years of £16.

This heavy increase in cost (some 50%) is due, partly to the general increase in costs, and partly to the larger number than usual of overseas removals. There were 14 such shifts against the usual 6 to 8. These 14 removals cost £574, an average of £41 each. The remaining 35 removals, not involving sea transport, cost £623—an average of £17/16/- each.

The figures given above demonstrate the drain upon the fund caused by removals involving oversea transport and the Committee wishes again to draw the attention of the Stationing Committee to the regulation requesting that these long distance removals be avoided where possible.

The removals of married Ministers (with one exception) were all carried out by the Railway Department and appreciation has been expressed by many Ministers of the excellent service rendered by the Department.

The Committee has observed, with some concern, the great variation in the cost of removals of a similar nature, due to the difference in the amount of goods carried by different Ministers. The weights vary from one ton in one case to four tons seventeen cwt. in another. Careful consideration has been given to the question of recommending regulations limiting the amount, and nature, of goods for which the Church will pay, but it has been found difficult to frame conditions that would not bear unjustly in some cases.

The Committee therefore decided, in the meantime, to call attention to the matter and to direct Ministers concerned to see that the Fund is safeguarded.

Removal Expenses Fund for Home Missionaries.

This question, referred to the Removal Expenses Fund Committee by last Conference (1938 Minutes—page 174) was carefully considered by the Committee and the following are the findings of the Committee :—

- (1) That the Committee cannot endorse the proposals.
- (2) That the Home Mission Department be recommended to set up its own Removal Expenses Fund to operate for Home Missionaries on the same lines as the scheme already in existence for removal of Ministers.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG }
H. CHAPMAN } Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the levy for 1939 be at the rate of 3%.
3. That the Committee for 1939 be :—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. H. L. Fiebig, W. A. Burley, F. B. Lawrence and James Richards ; Messrs. M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, J. E. Purchase, H. Chapman, and M. Hosking. Treasurers : Rev. H. L. Fiebig and Mr. H. Chapman.
4. That it be a recommendation to the Committee to consider the possibility of fixing a maximum weight for removals.

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

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

Annual Report, 1938.

“God is with us, God is with us,
So our brave forefathers sang”—

So do we sing as we report the high missionary enterprise of the Church during 1938.

In commencing his report the Chairman of our Solomon Islands District states, “We review the year with a feeling of thankfulness to God for all the way He has led us. In some respects 1938 has been one of the most depressing years in our history as a Mission. Commercially the position seemed hopeless, and our native people have been called upon to face difficulties never before experienced” “Yet in spite of all these difficulties—in some cases probably because of them—the review of our work during the year affords good reason for thankfulness to God.” We echo Mr. Goldie’s words of gratitude and thank God for all the way He has led us.

“Thy Kingdom Come.”

All our effort and organisation have for their central purpose the winning of the Solomons for Christ. This purpose is being steadily achieved and we report with joy an increase for the year of 795 senior and junior members. Two new Sunday Schools and eleven new Day Schools have been opened and an increase of 79 Sunday School and 137 Day School scholars is recorded. Native Catechists and Teachers now number 260—an increase

of 12 for the year, and the number of local preachers has increased by 5 and class leaders by 3. The reports submitted to the Synod fully substantiate the Chairman's affirmation that "Our people are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

First Solomon Islands Minister—Gina's Ordination.

Further striking evidence of the coming of the Kingdom into the hearts of these people, who but 36 years ago lived in heathen savagery, is the ordination of the first of their number into the full work of the Ministry. All New Zealand Methodism will rejoice in the ordination of the Rev. Belshazzar Gina—that young apostle of the Solomons who so stirred our hearts during his deputation itinerary of 1937. In reporting the ordination service the Rev. A. H. Voyce, Secretary of Synod, writes, "The Chairman, when he came to the ordination of Gina—his 'true son in the Gospel'—was most visibly moved, and in danger of breaking down, but recovered himself after a few moments. What a time for joy and pride. God grant Gina may be worthy of his 'high calling,' and of the trust reposed in him by the Church, and worthy of the love and regard of his Chairman and 'Father in the Faith.' We believe he will."

The Rev. Paul Havea of Tonga, who has rendered splendid service in the Solomons for many years was also ordained at the recent Synod.

Timothy Piani and Frank Wickham, two of our very able and devoted Teachers, have been advanced in status with a view to their candidature for the Native Ministry in 1940.

The Wesley Bi-Centenary.

Throughout the District a definite effort was made to celebrate Wesley's great experience of 200 years ago by making more real to the Solomons the message that so strangely warmed his heart. The Rev. J. R. Metcalfe reports a well organised evangelistic campaign, carried out entirely by native christian leaders, at 14 centres on Choiseul, resulting in definite uplift for the Church and a decision on the part of 160 people to seek the experience of the "warmed heart." In order to maintain and extend this good work small classes have been organised at various places where from 12 to 20 people are to meet for bible study, prayer, etc.

At Bilua a prayer meeting was inaugurated at the special celebrations that continues to be a special means of grace to the people.

At Teop a small "Life of John Wesley" in Fijian was translated into the local dialect by our Fijian Minister, Eroni Kotosoma, and it has been of much help and inspiration to teachers and people.

Re-establishment of Medical Unit.

There will be general agreement with Mr. Goldie and his colleagues in their verdict that the great event of the year was the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Rutter and Sisters Merle and Joy to re-establish the medical unit. This eagerly desired event took place on May 24th and was one of the really great Bi-centenary events of Methodism. Reports recently published bear witness to the outstanding work already accomplished by Dr. Rutter and his staff. Dr. Rutter and others pay high tribute to the splendid work accomplished by Sister Edna White as forerunner to the full medical party. Her name and work will live long in the Solomons.

Two new hospital wards of permanent material have been built during the year and will be known as the Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Wards in honour of the generous founders of the Gorman Bequest.

A new Sisters Home has also been erected during the year at Bilua.

With the present very able and devoted staff and excellent buildings great medical work will be done and the Great Healer Himself commended in a very effective way to the people.

Dr. Rutter has not confined his attention to the base hospital but has also done valuable work at Roviana, Marovo and the Vella Lavella and Choiseul Circuits. We should be deeply moved and greatly challenged as we contemplate what this medical service will mean to the Solomons.

Excellent medical work has also been done by Sister Vera Cannon and Mrs. Leadley at Roviana and by our missionaries and native medical assistants in other parts of the District. The native medical assistants are receiving refresher courses and much inspiration from Dr. Rutter. Their numbers and effectiveness will grow as the Doctor extends his organisation.

We hope still further to strengthen our medical staff by the appointment of Nurse Grace McDonald who after rendering years of valuable service in the Solomons proceeded to Ireland where she has completed her training as a nurse.

Special Medical Fund and the Gorman Bequest.

The need and value of the Special Medical Fund for maintaining the doctor on the Field has been strikingly exemplified within six months of the doctor's arrival. A disastrous slump in the copra market cut the Islands income in half, and but for this Fund the Medical Unit would have been jeopardised a few months after its re-establishment.

It is therefore a source of profound gratitude to God, that, in spite of capital expenditure of £855 for the erection of new wards and maintenance costs the Fund has increased during the year by £2,245 to a total of £12,881. Of the £3,990 received during 1938 for this special purpose £3,100 is from Mr. S. Gorman of Nelson. £1,600 of this amount was reported to last Conference and with very deep gratitude we record further splendid gifts amounting to £1,500. The Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest now stands at £8,500 and is the mainstay of the Special Medical Fund. We once again thank God for the vision and generosity of Mr. Gorman and pray that the Ministry of Healing, that he has done so much to make possible, may be a great source of joy to him. We commend to others this high sense of stewardship and generous spirit that help so much to bring in the Kingdom of God in the Solomons.

Sincere thanks are also due to the Trustees of Pitt Street Church; Wesley Church, Taranaki Street; Wesley Chambers, Hamilton; and the M.W.M.U. for generous contributions to help maintain the medical work.

Grateful recognition is made of a medical grant from the British Solomon Administration of £200 per annum and a supply of drugs; also of the very fine and extensive assistance given by the Public Health Department of New Guinea in the matter of free supplies of drugs.

Educational.

There is no room for doubt regarding the capacity of the young Solomon Islander to learn, and the excellent results obtained in many of our schools are evidence of the ability and devotion of those who teach. 66 Theological students have been in residence during the year at the District Training Institution, Roviana. The students from Bougainville and Buka have made great progress in their studies under the direction of the Rev. E. C. Leadley and his staff and some of them will be returning to take up work in the Mandated Territory in the coming year.

Sister Lina Jones has made a further valuable contribution by the preparation of "A Scheme of Work for Village Schools." Some hundreds of copies have been circulated throughout the District and are proving of great value to Native Teachers. A special visit was made by Sister Lina to Choiseul to help in the reorganisation of method of school work.

Sister Effie Harkness has done excellent work at Roviana and the Rev. A. H. Voyce reports an added zest in the school work at Kihili since the arrival of Sister Ada Lee. Sister Ada has charge of the school and also conducts a preparation class for teachers which is of great value. Apart from school duties she has a house of 22 girls and 6 orphans.

As stated in the Statistical Returns there are now 218 Day Schools in the District with a staff of 272 Teachers and a roll of 4,045 scholars.

Industrial and Technical work has been maintained on all our head stations. Mr. Voyce reports an interesting development in rice cultivation on the new station at Kihili, and the Synod requests the Board to favourably consider the installation of a small rice hulling plant.

Translation Work.

The Chairman reports that the translation of St. Luke's Gospel into the Roviana language is ready for despatch to the British and Foreign Bible Society for publication.

Ten short stories of the life of John Wesley have been translated by the Rev. Eroni Kotosoma from Fijian into Teop.

The Rev. A. H. Voyce hopes to commence translation of the Scriptures into the Siwai dialect at an early date.

The Late Rev. G. T. Marshall.

Our Missionary Society suffered severe loss in the death at the ripe age of 85 of the Rev. G. T. Marshall who, as Clerical Treasurer, served the Board with devotion and ability for 17 years and continued to his death as Secretary of the Trust Association and a member of the Board. We mourn the loss of one greatly beloved and trusted both in the Home Church and the Solomons.

M.W.M.U.

With real vision and devotion, and ably led, the M.W.M.U. is a constant source of inspiration and strength to the Board of Missions—an Auxiliary in the truest sense of the word. The financial help rendered by these elect ladies for Sisters Salaries, Hospital Work and Medical Supplies has been very generous and we are deeply grateful. But their greatest contribution is their vital interest in the Solomons and the workers who seek to lead them into the Kingdom of God, and their steadfast prayer and service.

The Church as a whole and the Missionary Movement in particular have suffered a great loss by the retirement of Mrs. H. E. Pacey, through illness, from active leadership. No abler or more devoted missionary leader has ever served the Board and the Church. In New Zealand and far afield in the Solomons she is loved and trusted. May she be sustained by the knowledge that her high service has been greatly honoured of God in the building up of His Kingdom.

Bible Classes.

Again we acknowledge with gratitude the sympathy and practical support of the Bible Class Movement. Both Young Women and Young Men have occasion to be proud of the workers with whom they are particularly associated and others who have gone forth from their ranks. It is interesting to note that Sister Ada Lee is now stationed at Kihili with the Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Voyce and that thus the special representatives of both sides of the B.C. Movement are associated in establishing the new head station of South Bougainville—a task that should challenge every Bible Class member to yet more devoted missionary service.

The Board of Missions expresses sincere thanks to the Rev. E. P. Blamires, retiring Youth Director, for his broad missionary emphasis and outlook, and heartily greets the new Directors, trusting that the call of the Solomons will meet with an increasingly eager response from the Youth of the Church.

Men's Fellowship.

The missionary emphasis has always been apparent in the Men's Fellowship Movement and the General Secretary and Deputations from the Field have been greatly encouraged by the warm sympathy of the various branches. Special acknowledgement is made of the practical support of the Epsom Branch which, in addition to ordinary personal contributions, has definitely organised to help "Maintain the Doctor." During the past two years £45 has been raised for this special purpose and the good work goes on.

Houses.

The new mission house at Buka sanctioned by the Board in March, 1937 has unfortunately not yet been erected.

Under the head of "Medical," reference is made to the completion of Sisters Home and new hospital wards at Bilua.

Permission has been given during the year for the erection of a small house on the Mission site at Gizo.

The Synod seeks permission for the erection of a mission house on the new station at Kihili—an important and necessary undertaking.

Numerous native and semi-native buildings have been erected and repaired during the year.

Boats.

In the hope of arousing the interest of those able to help, we again draw attention to the urgent need of a new District vessel to replace the *Tandanya* which for nearly 30 years has borne the Chairman and many others on the King's business. The estimate cost is about £4,000.

The *Saga* needs extensive overhaul and a new engine and Synod asks for special expenditure of £350 for this purpose.

Deputations.

The grateful thanks of the Board are extended to the Revs. A. H. Voyce and J. R. Metcalfe from the Field, and others who rendered such excellent deputation service during 1938.

The Revs. A. W. E. Silvester and D. C. Alley and the General Secretary, generously assisted by returned missionaries, will form the Deputation Team for 1939. Sister Lina Jones will also be on furlough and do deputation work among the Women's Auxiliaries.

Financial.

In view of the abnormal economic conditions in the Solomons the Treasurers' Statement and financial statements make enheartening reading. Although the Islands income is less than half that of last year, a total of £1,623 represents a spirit of generous devotion on the part of the Native Church and its leaders for which we thank God.

Under such conditions we render unfeigned thanks to God that we finish the year with a credit balance. We also thank all who by sacrifice and service have contributed to this end.

Conclusion.

Choiseul and Teop are asking for nursing Sisters and there are almost limitless possibilities for the extension of the medical and educational work in the District. On Bougainville further requests for Christian teachers have been presented from hitherto untouched areas. The evangelising of Bougainville and the building up of the whole Native Church are great and glorious tasks that call us to—

Speed the Cross through all the nations,
Speed the victories of love,
Preach the gospel of redemption
Wheresoever man may move :
Make the future in the present,
Strong of heart, toil on and sing :

God is with us, God is with us,
Christ our Lord shall reign as King.

FRED. COPELAND, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

THE TREASURERS' REPORT.

For the Year Ended December 31st, 1938.

The Treasurers have much pleasure in presenting to the Board of Missions the Balance Sheet and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 1938.

The returns for 1938 show an income in New Zealand of £12,268/18/5 which is £748/18/5 more than the estimated income for the year. This includes £1,151/4/7 for the Medical Fund being £735/1/5, specially contributed by Church Trusts and sympathisers with this work, and £415/14/2 interest on the Medical Fund. The Women's Missionary Union contributed £138/7/4 more than in the previous year.

The estimate of income from Mission District was £2,765, but owing to the low price of copra only £1,623/13/4 was received, being £1,141/6/8 less than the estimated income and a decrease of £1,816/3/9 on the income of the previous year.

The expenditure on the Mission Field has been £11,390/2/3, an increase of £1,563/18/7, but only £33/18/9 above the amount allocated to the Mission District. The increased expenditure was due to the re-establishment of the Medical Unit.

The expenditure at the Home Base has been £1,488/3/2, an increase of £111/3/3 and £25/13/2 above the estimated expenditure for the year, chiefly due to the increase in the cost of printing. An amount of £250 has been placed to the credit of the Boat Insurance Fund. With interest added this Fund now stands at £1,290/12/6.

The Year's working shows a favourable balance of £388/12/4. This has gone to the reduction of the debt in the General Fund which now amounts to £5,123/2/8.

Mr. Samuel Gorman has made further addition of £3,100 to the Medical Fund. Of this amount £1,600 was reported to the last Conference though too late to be included in the income for 1937. The "Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest" now amounts to £8,500 and the Medical Fund inclusion of the above Bequest amounts to £12,881/13/8. The income for the Medical Fund, apart from the contribution to Capital amounted to £1,151/4/7 and the expenditure to £1,459/18/-.

The sum of £985/12/2 received from legacies, etc., has been placed to the credit of the Equipment Fund.

Included in the Equipment Fund are items of £9 for the New Boat Fund and £5 for a Rice Hulling Plant. It is hoped that these amounts may be considerably increased during the coming year.

A profit of £41/8/4 has been made on the publications, "The Open Door" and "The Lotu." This is £34/14/- less than the previous year but is accounted for by the increase in the cost of printing.

W. A. SINCLAIR	} Treasurers.
T. L. HAMES	

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report of the Board, the Treasurers' Report and the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. Greetings to the Native Church.

To the Native Church in the Western Solomons, our affectionate greetings.

We greatly rejoice that your numbers have increased during the past year by 795 and that you have grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We share also your joy in the development of the Native Ministry and particularly in the ordination of the first Solomon Islands Minister.

With profound gratitude to God we learn of the success and blessing that have attended the doctor and nurses in their ministry of healing.

With sincere thanks we acknowledge your generous contribution of £1,623—an outstanding effort in such difficult days.

We pray for you God's blessing and guidance during 1939, and that the day may soon come when all your people will know and love Jesus Christ.

3. Greetings to Missionaries on the Field.

The Conference greets you and counts it a privilege to be associated with you in the great Missionary Enterprise of the Church. Your reports of the growth, both in numbers and grace, of the Native Church, are very encouraging and we thank God for His continued blessing.

We pray that you who go far from home and kindred for the sake of the Kingdom may be very conscious during 1939 of the abiding presence and power of the Spirit of God.

4. Congratulations to the Rev. Belshazzar Gina.

The Conference affectionately congratulates the Rev. Belshazzar Gina, the first Solomon Islands ordinand of the Methodist Church and prays that throughout his ministry he may be conscious of the presence and power of God, and be greatly used in the work of the Kingdom.

The Conference rejoices that the Rev. J. F. Goldie has been permitted to see this further development in the great work to which he set his hand in 1901.

5. Rev. A. H. Cropp.

That Conference expresses to Rev. A. H. Cropp its very deep appreciation of his work as a pioneer Missionary during the past 17 years, and that he be assured he is remembered in our prayers and that a warm welcome awaits him in the Home Church.

6. Medical.

That the Conference records its profound gratitude to God for the successful re-establishment of the Medical Unit and heartily congratulates Dr. Rutter and his staff and all who have been associated with them in this great event.

7. The Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest.

The Conference expresses its gratitude to Mr. S. Gorman for augmenting the Gorman Bequest by further generous gifts amounting to £1,500. This noble Bequest now stands at £8,500 and will play a notable part in Maintaining the Doctor in the Solomons.

8. Appreciation of Sister Edna White.

The Conference places on record its high appreciation of the splendid service rendered by Sister Edna White in preparing the way for the re-establishment of the Medical Unit and prays that God will continue to bless and use her in missionary service in New Zealand.

9. League of Prayer.

The Conference recommends that a League of Prayer for Missions be established in each Circuit.

10. M.W.M.U.

The Conference places on record its high appreciation of the outstanding missionary service of the M.W.M.U. during 1938 and very sincere thanks for continued generous financial support and the assurance that the special medical contribution of £100 will be continued for another three years. We also record our gratitude for the close personal contacts made by the Missionary Union with workers on the Field, and for a record number of gift cases and special grants for medicines, etc.

11. Mrs. H. E. Pacey.

That the affectionate sympathy of the Conference be conveyed to Mrs. H. E. Pacey in her continued illness. The high service and inspirational leadership of Mrs. Pacey through many years have played an important part in the development of our missionary enterprise and many in the Solomons and New Zealand will rise up and call her blessed. We pray for her God's sustaining grace.

12. Bible Class Movement.

That the sincere thanks of the Conference be accorded the Young Women's and Young Men's Bible Class Movement for continued help and inspiration. It is of particular interest that Sister Ada Lee, the Young Women's representative, is now associated with the Rev. A. H. Voyce, the Young Men's representative, in the important and promising work on South Bougainville.

13. Appreciation of the Rev. E. P. Blamires.

The Conference desires to place on record its high appreciation of the able leadership and wide missionary interest of the Rev. E. P. Blamires during his long and valuable term as Youth Director.

14. "Open Door" and "Lotu."

That these inspirational missionary magazines be warmly commended to the whole Church.

15. Thanks to Deputations.

The Conference heartily associates itself with the various Synods in sincere thanks to the Revs. A. H. Voyce and J. R. Metcalfe and others who generously assisted, for their valuable and inspirational deputation work.

16. Thanks to District and Circuit Secretaries and Collectors.

That the sincere thanks of the Church be tendered to all District and Circuit Foreign Mission Secretaries and Collectors for their valuable services.

17. General Estimates, 1939.

INCOME				£	s.	d.
New Zealand	..	..	..	11,000	0	0
Solomon Islands	..	..	..	2,060	0	0
Special for Medical	..	..	..	850	0	0
				£13,910	0	0
EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.
Solomon Islands	..	..	..	11,435	13	6
Home Base	..	..	..	1,450	3	0
Interest	..	..	..	350	0	0
Boat Insurance and Replacement Fund	..	..	..	250	0	0
Debt Reduction	..	..	..	307	10	2
Special Centennial Exhibition	..	..	..	116	13	4
				£13,910	0	0

Special Expenditure from Equipment Fund, 1939.

				£	s.	d.
Mission House, Kihili	..	..	..	850	0	0
Accommodation House, Gizo	..	..	..	250	0	0
Saga : New Engine	..	250	0 0			
Overhaul	..	100	0 0			
				350	0	0
Rice Hulling Plant, Kihili	..	..	..	150	0	0
16 m.m. Projector and Films	..	..	..	150	0	0
				£1,750	0	0

18. General Treasurers.

That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames be heartily thanked for their services and re-appointed.

19. Representatives on Missionary Council.

The Chairman of the Wellington District, the General Secretary, Rev. E. P. Blamires, Rev. O. Burnet, Mr. B. J. Lynneberg, Mrs. H. Nicolson.

20. Board.

The President of the Conference, the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District, Rev. A. H. Scrivin (General Secretary), Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames (General Treasurers), Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, E. T. Olds, A. B. Chappell, W. Walker, E. P. Blamires, E. W. Hames, V. le C. Binet, G. I. Laurenson, H. A. Sharp, A. N. Scotter, E. D. Patchett, W. W. Avery, F. E. Leadley, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. P. Blair, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, J. Tyler, J. E. Astley, L. E. Rhodes, R. Thomas, L. Peak, E. H. Burton, Dr. E. G. Sayers, B. J. Lynneberg, C. E. Taylor, F. Thompson, D. C. Cameron, the President of the M.W.M.U. (Miss E. M. Rishworth), the President of the Auckland W.M.A. (Mrs. A. White), Misses S. A. Somerville, G. Griffith, Mrs. H. L. Duke, Mrs. T. Rowe.

District Secretaries for Foreign Missions.

AUCKLAND	..	..	..	Rev. F. G. BROWN
SOUTH AUCKLAND	..	..	..	Rev. J. L. MITCHELL
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	..	..	..	Rev. E. S. HARKNESS
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU	..	..	..	Mr. C. E. TAYLOR
WELLINGTON	..	..	..	Rev. O. BURNET
NELSON	..	..	..	Rev. MOSES AYRTON
NORTH CANTERBURY	..	..	..	Mr. F. THOMPSON
SOUTH CANTERBURY	..	..	..	Rev. W. W. AVERY
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	..	..	..	Rev. A. E. JEFFERSON

District Missionary Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendents of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits with Revs. W. Walker and E. W. Hames and Messrs. W. S. Mackay, A. Whitehead, F. G. Steinert, J. P. Blair, The President of the Auckland Women's Missionary Auxiliary; Misses Somerville and E. M. Rishworth. Convener, Rev. F. G. Brown.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Morrinsville, Te Aroha and Paeroa Circuits; Messrs. H. Wagstaff, C. Rayner, W. Harrington, Mrs. R. Eastwood and Miss Herbert. Convener, Rev. J. L. Mitchell.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Eltham-Kaponga, Hawera, Manaia and Opunake Circuits; the Circuit F. M. Secretaries of the four Circuits enumerated. Convener, Rev. E. S. Harkness.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendent Ministers of St. Paul's and Cuba Street Circuits (P.N.), Feilding, Sanson-Rongotea and Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Circuits; Messrs. T. R. Hodder, C. E. Taylor, A. Boniface, G. J. McVicar and L. Laurenson; Mesdames C. E. Taylor, T. R. Hodder and E. G. Bennett. Convener, Mr. C. E. Taylor. **SUB-COMMITTEE FOR HAWKE'S BAY.**—Superintendent Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. G. C. Laws, J. H. Oldham, J. D. Common, R. Doubleday and A. Tunncliffe. Convener, Mr. J. H. Oldham. Corresponding Member, Rev. F. E. Leadley.

WELLINGTON.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. O. Burnet.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, Wakefield-Dovedale and Motueka Circuits, Messrs. H. J. Savage, J. Heath, N. H. Cozens, H. A. Holdaway, L. Wise, G. Nuttall, J. Grigg, M.A., Mrs. Leaper, Mrs. Brock. Convener, Rev. Moses Ayrton.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener. Mr. Frank Thompson.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru, Temuka, Willowby and Waimate Circuits; Messrs. C. W. Keinan, T. Simmons, R. H. White, and A. A. Dale and Mrs. R. McAlister. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Superintendent Ministers and Circuit Foreign Mission Secretaries of the Dunedin City and Suburban Circuits, the President and Secretary of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary and Messrs. D. C. Cameron, G. S. Gapper, Mrs. Duke and Miss Purdie. Rev. A. E. Jefferson (Convener).

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SOUTHLAND: The Supt. Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits; Mesdames Stanley Brown and Thompson; Messrs. D. A. Pearce and G. A. Brown. Convener, Rev. G. B. Hinton.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Abridged Annual Report, 1937-1938.

In presenting this report the Executive do so with a full appreciation of the loving service and sacrifice of Auxiliary members and a deep sense of the guiding hand of God during the year.

The year has been one of progress both numerically and in enthusiasm and understanding of the needs of the work of the Union.

Membership.

The membership is 3,370, an increase of 289 for the year. Several Auxiliaries have had very substantial increases namely, Palmerston North, Thames, Dunedin, Feilding, Wellington and Te Aroha.

During the year 8 new Auxiliaries have been formed while 2 have reformed. We regret that one Auxiliary ceased to function.

Finance.

The money raised by Auxiliaries this year totals £3,786/8/8, an increase of £221/18/0 for the year.

We feel that the visits of Gina, Rev. A. H. Voyce and Sister Elizabeth Common together with the interest roused by the return of the Medical Unit are in some measure responsible for this splendid result.

Literature.

Interest in the work is stimulated by the President's Quarterly letter and by letters and reports of the Sisters in both the Home and Overseas Fields, these being circulated to Auxiliaries and Branches.

Conventions.

Conventions have been held at Auckland, Christchurch, Nelson and Eltham. These District Conventions help in educating and inspiring members, particularly in places where it is not always possible for Auxiliaries to be represented at Conference.

Sisters.

The Union has been responsible for the support of seven Sisters in the Solomons. This year Sisters Effie Harkness, Merle Farland and Joy Whitehouse went out, Sister Effie to work at Roviana and Sisters Merle and Joy to the hospital at Bilua.

In the Home Field we pay the Salaries and most of the travelling expenses of five Sisters, namely Sisters Eleanor Dobby, Ivy Jones, Olive Bott, Atawhai Wilcox, and Heeni Te Teira. Part of the salary of Sister Marara Kawhiti is also paid by the Union.

Box Department.

Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland each have a Depot Manager working under the direction of Mrs. Smethurst, Dominion Box Organiser. This year boxes of gifts valued at £269/8/3 have been forwarded to the Solomons. From the Medical Fund £150 has been divided among the workers for the purchase of medical supplies.

A large number of parcels of used clothing have been forwarded to Sisters in the Home Field.

B.C. Union.

It is with pleasure that we report the growing co-operation between the M.W.M.U. and the Y.W.B.C.M. During the year a joint Prayer Leaflet was issued and many Auxiliaries report assistance received from the local B.C. girls.

Kurahuna.

The continued success of this venture of faith is cause for much thankfulness.

This year the school has 14 pupils, 2 over the number usually in residence, 6 were second year pupils while one was a third year girl.

The chief aim of the matron is to bring each girl into a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and she is meeting with much encouragement.

Gifts for the school are received from many sources and range from food to furniture.

The income for the year was £680/9/8, and shows an increase. In view of the increased cost of maintenance it has been decided to increase the fees from £12 to £16 next year. It is pleasing to report that more Auxiliaries are helping in this branch of the Union's activities.

Conclusion.

While the Union are very thankful for the progress of the past year, yet we feel that there is much land to be possessed and look forward with hope to the day when there will be an Auxiliary in every church.

E. M. LEWIS,

Hon. Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That Conference express its sincere thanks for the valuable services rendered to the Church at Home and Abroad and the stimulus given to the Church as a whole by the Methodist Women's Missionary Union.

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

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Annual Report, 1938.

With gratitude to Almighty God for all His sustaining grace throughout the year, we report another year of activities in the work of Path-finding for the Kingdom of God in New Zealand. Special difficulties have been met, and many of the usual problems associated with the work have been dealt with as far as the means at our disposal have made possible. Many of the limitations of the work are still associated with inadequate financial provision for the many important sections of our Departmental life, but within the means available we can claim that much useful and encouraging work has been carried on.

The Spiritual Advance Committee Reports as Follows :—

The attention of the Committee has been devoted to two important issues :—

- (a) The supply of suitable literature for study and distribution in connection with the Bi-Centenary Celebrations.

AND

- (b) Our functioning as the Auckland District Commission of Advance.
- (a) A very gratifying demand for the literature prepared by the Committee has been experienced. "The Bi-Centenary of Methodism," a booklet devoting special attention to the beginnings and developments of Methodism in New Zealand was specially prepared to meet a demand that no other publication quite met. "The New Testament-Experience of God in Christ," a reprint of the Fellowship of the Kingdom issue, and "Personal Discipline on the Christian Way" have also been extensively used.

The Committee gave wide publicity at Conference and at Synods to various booklets and leaflets, suitable for Group study and for house-to-house distribution. The Bookroom as a result, received many orders from all parts of the Dominion.

Special Missions have been conducted on an extensive scale throughout the Church, the Trinity College students being responsible for a number.

- (b) The Committee's responsibility as the District Commission of Advance, has involved many meetings and much careful work. Several members from representative branches of the Church life were co-opted and the enlarged Committee divided into two sections. Committee "A" studied the statistics and made contacts with Circuits with a view to discovering the main sources of the Church's weakness. Committee "B" undertook the study of the Spiritual factors involved in the census decline with a view to making practical suggestions for improving the position. The findings of both Committees have been sent on to the Home Mission Executive.

As Mr. Werren will probably be leaving Auckland at the next Conference, it will be necessary to appoint a new secretary. Mr. Werren has given much time and thought to the Spiritual Advance work of the Board during the last seven years and to him our cordial thanks are due.

1939.

The Committee makes no detailed recommendations for 1939, but urges a steady and thorough working of the field entrusted to us. In 1940 there is every probability that a World-Wide Preaching Mission will take place, similar to the nation-wide Mission that so deeply stirred America in 1936-37. The Committee urges the Synods and Conference to pledge the support of our Church to this project. In view of 1940 being New Zealand's Centennial year such a Mission would be particularly appropriate.

We recommend Conference to consider the advisability of employing in this proposed 1940 Mission some suitable overseas Minister of note.

Maori Mission Report.

We submit herewith a separate report on the Maori Mission work for the year.

Services of Rev. E. Drake.

The Board has been greatly assisted during the absence of the General Superintendent, by the splendid services of Rev. Edward Drake whose wise counsel to Agents on the field, and helpful reports on the work, as well as excellent messages given as Home Mission Deputation have been well received. The Connexion is under a debt of gratitude to Mr. Drake for his helpful services.

Staff.

The Conference of 1938 was faced with an incomplete list of appointments to the Home Mission Stations. Several important unmarried men's stations had to be left vacant, until a supply could be obtained. In every case, the situation which was left vacant was one which constituted a second appointment in a Circuit. It was felt that single appointments should be filled first. Fortunately satisfactory supply arrangements were made in each case, but later resignations of two of our Agents have created a shortage once more, and the Department is needing more applications from strong single young men from whom there could be selected the most suitable men for appointment. The forthcoming Conference will find this difficulty repeating itself, and we send out again a call to young men whose hearts God has touched, to offer themselves for service in this great field of Mission enterprise, as either a life work, or else as a stepping stone to Candidature for the Ministry. Five of the six students received into College for training for the European Ministry by the last Conference were men from the ranks of our Home Mission staff. We again record our great appreciation of the services rendered to the Kingdom of God by the Agents of our team, both Single and Married, during another difficult year. The general rise in the level of prosperity in the Dominion has not in every case yet been reflected in the standard of stipend paid to our Agents, many of whom are still working on a quite inadequate scale of stipend.

Standard of Stipends.

The last Conference drew the attention of the Connexion to the desirability of once more raising the stipends of Ministers and Home Missionaries to the pre-cut level of standard stipends. The 1938 Conference accepted a budget of Home Mission expenditure which was very seriously beyond the estimated income. This was with a view to assisting Circuits and Home Mission Stations to make the local effort to reach the standard again. Many Circuits have done so, but we regret that there are still some places which are lagging behind in the matter, even though they are receiving fairly generous grants from the Home Mission Fund. We trust that this will be adjusted at a very early date.

Travelling Arrangements.

We would draw the attention of the Connexion to the fact that many Home Missionaries and Ministers are at present working on a most unsatisfactory footing with reference to their travelling arrangements. The work these days is organised in most cases on a Motor Car Time Table. It is imperative in many cases that cars should be used, and in too many instances the burden is falling unduly heavily on the Minister or Home Missionary. We hope that Synods will give attention to this matter, so that Circuits where this matter is drifting along, may have their attention drawn to it.

Publications.

For some years, we have felt the need of putting into the hands of Home Missionaries, especially those just setting out in work, a handbook for their guidance in matters affecting their own preparation, and the conducting of their duties. During the year, at the request of the Department, Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., of Trinity College, prepared such a manual which has been circulated to all our Agents, and also placed in stock for supply to new men coming on to the staff. We express our indebtedness to Mr. Blight and Dr. Laws for their valued assistance in the matter.

Another development which we report with pleasure is the co-operation with the Foreign Mission Department in the joint publication of the "Lotu" as a Children's Missionary Paper. The financial matters are still held entirely by the Foreign Mission Department, and the Home Mission Department has purchased the equivalent of two pages of space in the paper. We trust that this Paper will assist in developing in the minds of the Children of the Church a worthy sense of Missionary responsibility, and that the paper will provide a useful means of spreading Missionary information.

Home Mission Board and Standing Committees.

On suitable occasions during a busy year, meetings of the Board and Committees have been held, and many special difficulties have been dealt with both in financial assistance and policy guidance, and the Dominion policy outlined by the last Conference carried into effect.

Deputations.

A large share of the Deputation work this year has been taken by Rev. E. Drake early in the year, and the Assistant Superintendent during the whole year. Much valued assistance has also been rendered by Ministers and Home Missionaries with Home Missionary and Department experience. We express our gratitude to these brethren and to the Deaconesses who co-operated with them.

The Report of the Literature and Colporteur Committee is as follows.

Perhaps it may not be entirely out of place in this Bi-Centenary year, when the very air is musical with praises to John Wesley, to recall the fact that Wesley was one of the most persistent circulators of printed material who ever lived. Our idea of the growth of the Methodist movement will be quite unhistorical unless we remember the part played in the building up of the societies by the circulation of tracts and books.

We are pleased to report that in New Zealand as in all other Methodist Connexions, our Bookroom continues to play an important part in our Home Mission witness. This year the high total of £2,247/9/7 was reached in gross sales. By dint of strict economy and efficiency our financial working for the year has improved by over £75. During the latter period.

of the year business increased to such an extent that extra assistance had to be obtained for the manager, Mr. Hemer. With Sister Rita on the road as our full time Colporteur we expect our favourable present position to be maintained. We are indeed pleased to be able to take up this important branch of our Home Mission activities again. The need has always been great; in fact in these days of propaganda the need for constructive Christian witness in this direction is imperative, and the importance of placing in the hands of our people good literature cannot be too strongly urged. Sister Rita, who was appointed in August last, is meeting with marked success and we are sure that God's Kingdom is being extended by means of the printed page and her public witness. We have provided Sister Rita with a light delivery van and trailer. Subscriptions for this special need are already coming in and we hope to receive further assistance for this good cause. We express our gratitude to our Methodist people for their support in this essential branch of our Home Mission work, and trust that God will continue to grant us increase that we may better serve our age.

Conclusion.

To-day many interests are competing with the Church for the interest of the people. Their power is felt in outlying districts as well as in City areas, and there is still the insistent call to the Church to proceed with its God-given task of pathfinding for the Kingdom. Where the Home Missionary steps to-day, the organised Church should be to-morrow. Where the evangelist brings his challenge to-day, the steady influence of the Christian teacher should be found to-morrow. Where the home is entered by the Christian pioneer to-day, the growth of Christian Character should be evidenced to-morrow. Where the Christian standard is taken to-day, the Christian ethic should be revealed in all the future relationships of that community. To-day there still comes the call of the King of Kings "Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God." In answer to this call, the Home Mission department proceeds with its task, assisting to win "New Zealand for Christ."

Signed on behalf of the Home Mission Board.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Supt.

Supplementary Report to Conference.

It is with great regret that the Board has to report to Conference that since the Annual Synods, the General Superintendent has had, under medical advice, to seek permission to superannuate at the present Conference. Very reluctantly the Board agreed to this and a suitable resolution bearing on the magnificent work of Mr. Seamer will be submitted to the Conference.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

E. T. OLDS, Secretary.

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT ON REQUIREMENTS OF THE MINISTRY FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

(See Mins. of Conf. 1937., page 139).

In presenting this report, the following figures should first be considered :—

1. Leakage of Staff for Ten Years.

Total Active List of Ministers and Probationers at 1928 Conference, including Foreign Missionaries and men resting					158
Probationers received 1929-1938					65
Received from overseas					2
Supernumeraries returned to active work					2
					<hr/> 69
					227
Less Transferred overseas					5
					<hr/> 222
Less Total active list 1938 Conference					177
					<hr/> 45
Leakage from active list from all causes for 10 years					4
					<hr/> 49
Total leakage					49
Average annual leakage					4.9

2. Increase in openings for ten Years.

Available places in 1928					158
Foreign Mission					9
					<hr/> 167
Available places in 1938					170
Foreign Mission					8
					<hr/> 178
Ten years total increase					11
Average annual increase					1.1

3. Annual Requirements.

Referring again to the factors set out in the report to Conference of 1937, we recommend the following finding as to annual requirements:—

For normal increase in openings					1.1
For replacing leakage					4.9
For replacing Married H.M's. retiring, with Married ordained Ministers					1
For replacing unmarried Home Missionaries with unmarried Probationers					1
					<hr/> 8
Annual requirement of new men					8

(NOTE.—In 1928, 20 students were in training and two on the list of Reserve. In 1938, 16 men were in training and none on the List of reserve).

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following statements be received and adopted:—Statement of receipts and expenditure of the General Fund of the Home Mission and Church Extension Department, the Statement of Receipts and Payments and the statement of Capital of the Investment Funds Board, The Statement of the Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission Bequest, the Statement of the Taranaki Maori Girls' School Fund, the

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet of the Mission Property Trustees, the Statement of the Trading and Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet of the Literature and Colporteur Society, and the Revenue Account of the Picture Department.

3. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1939 be received and adopted.
4. That in accepting the sheet of Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the Home Mission Fund for 1939, showing an excess of expenditure over estimated ordinary income of over £2000, this Conference pledge itself to a genuine effort in every district to lift the annual income for this important Fund by at least two thousand pounds. That early in the new Connexional year, each District Committee be requested to meet and prepare plans for a worthy campaign for services and public meetings and the carrying through of the detailed canvass for the Fund within the Circuits.
5. **General Superintendent.**—That the Rev. G. I. Laurenson be appointed for a term of six years.
6. **Assistant Superintendent.**—That the Rev. H. J. Odell be appointed for a term of three years.
7. **Thanks to Mr. Gorman.**—That the special thanks of the Conference be expressed to Mr. Samuel Gorman for his munificence in the further gift of five hundred pounds during the year to the capital funds of the Home Mission Department, and the Conference trusts that others may be inspired to follow his splendid example.
8. **Colporteur Work.**—That the Conference express its satisfaction that the Literature and Colporteur Department has again been able to establish its Colporteur service, and wishes for Sister Rita Snowden much blessing and usefulness in her work.
9. That in connection with future bequests to the Home Mission Fund, the Home Mission Board be requested to consider during the year, the possibility of placing aside 50% of all unspecified bequests for current revenue, and also give a report to the next Conference on the figure considered to be adequate for the total of the Capital Funds of the Department.
10. **Havelock Home Mission Station.**—That Havelock Home Mission Station be placed under the Superintendent of the Blenheim Circuit, and that he be requested to seek the assistance of two laymen in the Blenheim Circuit, possibly from the Tua Marina area, to act as distant Circuit Stewards of the H.M. Station until such time as new officials can be found. That a single Home Missionary be reappointed to work the station under the Superintendent of the Blenheim Circuit.
11. **Hawarden Home Mission Station.**—That in the meantime the agent be withdrawn from the Hawarden Home Mission Station, and the Station be placed under the Woodend-Sefton Superintendent who shall be requested to maintain services as frequently as possible, attend to such pastoral work as can be maintained, and conduct official meetings as required by the Chairman of the District.
12. **Wanganui North.**—That the Home Missionary stationed in Wanganui North Circuit reside in Wanganui East, if possible.
13. That the report of the Home Mission Board on Requirements of the Ministry for the next five years, be received and printed in the Minutes.
14. That we cordially approve of the proposal that New Zealand participate in the world wide preaching Mission of 1940, and pledge the support of this church to the Mission.

That the Chairman of the Auckland District represent our Church on the Interdenominational Committee.

15. That 1939 be regarded as a year of special preparation for the preaching mission.
16. That the Spiritual Advance Committee consider the advisability of employing in this proposed mission some suitable overseas Minister of note.
17. That in the allocation of the H.M. Fund the need of paying the minimum stipend to the staff shall take precedence over grants to properties and institutions.
18. That the H.M. Department be asked to investigate the whole question of deputation work with a view to finding more satisfactory methods than the use of lantern slides, and that they be urged to prepare a motion picture of the work of the department, including the work of our City Missions.
19. Recognising the value of the services of our Deaconesses greater use be made of them in connection with our Deputation work.
That the Home Mission Board endeavour to arrange visiting Deputations including Deaconesses working among the Maoris.
20. That the Home Mission Department be requested to continue its investigation into the matter of the wider use of religious films.
21. That the Home Mission Department be recommended to set up its own Removal Expenses Fund to operate for Home Missionaries and Deaconesses on the same lines as the scheme already in existence for removal of Ministers.
22. **Home Mission Board for 1939.**—The General Superintendent (Rev. Geo. I. Laurenson), the Assistant Superintendent (Rev. H. J. Odell), The Ministerial General Treasurer (Rev. E. T. Olds), the Lay General Treasurer (Mr. F. Penn), The Senior Maori Superintendent (Rev. E. Te Tuhi), Mr. J. Veale (Life Member), with the Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits and Rev. E. Drake, Messrs. T. Clark, W. S. Mackay, J. J. Parker, L. E. Rhodes, F. G. Steinert, H. S. Crowe, E. O. Chivers, W. Ambury, C. A. French, T. W. Hemer, T. L. Hames, G. Wilson, Thos. White, A. Williams, C. K. Wigglesworth, S. Burton, S. E. Chappell and J. H. Blackwell; Rev. C. W. Brown, The President of the Women's Missionary Union (ex officio) (Miss E. M. Rishworth), Miss E. M. Pearce, Miss J. Buttle, Sister Ivy Jones and Mrs. George Smith, Convener, The General Superintendent, Secretary of the Board, Rev. J. C. Draper.
23. **Treasurers for 1939.**—That the Treasurers for 1939 be Rev. E. T. Olds and Mr. Frank Penn.
24. That the Hon. Auditors Messrs. P. Dellow and J. L. Crawford be thanked for their services and re-appointed.
25. **Vote of Thanks.**—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to The General Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, General Treasurers, Officers and Members of the Board and Standing Committees, the Members and Conveners of the District Home Mission Committees, Treasurer of the Literature and Colporteur Fund (Mr. W. S. Mackay), The Honorary Deputations during the year, and the Manager of the Bookroom, for services rendered to the Church during the year.
26. That in consultation with the Law Book Revision Committee the Home Mission Board consider the following :—
 - (a) The Status of Retired Home Missionaries.
 - (b) Par. 5 (Representatives to Conference)—Amendments to Law—last two lines in respect to eligibility of Home Missionaries as representatives to Conference.

District Home Mission Secretaries.

AUCKLAND—Rev. A. J. Johnston.
SOUTH AUCKLAND—Rev. H. Spencer.
TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. C. O. Hailwood.
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—Rev. J. H. Allen.
WELLINGTON—Rev. E. E. Sage.
NELSON—Rev. W. Rowe.
NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. F. B. Lawrence.
SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. H. G. Brown.
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. T. Skuse.
SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT—Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade.

District Home Mission Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, with the Revs. W. Walker and E. W. Hames and A. J. Johnston; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, W. Ambury, E. O. Chivers, F. Penn, F. W. Stone, T. E. Price, E. A. Astley and A. Williams. Convener, Rev. A. J. Johnston.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, The Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge and Te Awamutu Circuits, Messrs. R. P. Kilham, J. C. Tietjens, J. T. Johnson, R. J. Melville. Convener, Rev. H. Spencer.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth, Stratford, Waitara and Inglewood Circuits, The Home-Missionary at Okato, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, G. W. Kirk, P. Wells, E. Dixon and T. P. Hughson Senr., Convener, Rev. C. O. Hailwood.

WANGANUI, SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Ministers of the Wanganui Circuits; Messrs. A. Blakely, F. Whitlock, S. Newsome. Convener, Rev. J. F. Martin.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Superintendent Ministers of the St. Paul's, Cuba Street, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Sanson-Rongotea and Feilding Circuits, Messrs. E. G. Bennett, L. Bycroft, A. H. Fisher, C. E. Taylor, T. Wilkinson, Miss F. Gray. Convener, Rev. J. H. Allen.

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE. The Superintendent Ministers of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. W. H. Shearer and J. H. Oldham. Convener, Rev. S. J. Werren. Corresponding Member, Rev. F. E. Leadley.

WELLINGTON.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. E. E. Sage.

NELSON.—The Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, Blenheim and Motueka Circuits, together with Messrs. F. H. Every, S. S. Collier, F. P. Brooks, E. S. Wratt, Mesdames A. H. Leaper and T. Chambers. Convener, Rev. W. Rowe.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Timaru, Temuka and Geraldine Circuits with Messrs. E. C. J. Foot, W. G. Irwin, W. Hocking, G. Hall, F. Metson and A. W. Barnett. Convener, Rev. H. G. Brown.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. T. Skuse.

SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits, together with the Circuit H.M. Secretaries. Convener, Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade.

III.—COMMISSIONS OF ADVANCE.

Report of the Home Mission Board as Dominion Committee on the Above.

Faced with a position which caused much concern to the members of the Church throughout the Dominion, in that the census returns showed a drop of some two hundred Methodists, in face of a steady increase in the population, the Conference called for District Commissions of advance to examine the position, and for the Home Mission Board, to prepare a statement for presentation to Synods and Conference.

In the following report and recommendations, the Home Mission Board has sought to present a statement which incorporates the points on which there is a degree of unanimity, together with those matters which are also felt to be worthy of consideration by the Conference.

All the commissions have shown that the ultimate solution of the problem lies with the Ministers, Officials and Members of the Church. Greater devotion to the Standards and Spirit of our Church will do much to improve the whole effectiveness of our Church witness and fellowship.

While we deplore the fact that the Government returns show that in the ten years 1926-1936, our Church has lost about two hundred nominal adherents, at the same time we express our gratitude to Almighty God that our own returns show that in the same decade we gained 952 senior and 156 junior members, and also that the number of communicants increased by 1426. These facts should be given at least as much publicity as the fact of the loss of the 200 adherents, but we are still faced with the fact that all is not well with our Church life and witness.

Many suggestions of various commissions, and the researches of others into the Law Book of our Church show that while there is need for a certain amount of new legislation, the unavoidable conclusion is that much invaluable machinery is provided for, but utterly neglected, in the existing legislation of the Church. There is a grave need for a faithful and frequent re-reading of our Law Book by all of our Ministers and Home Missionaries and Officials. Many valuable reports of some commissions are seemingly overlooked in this report, owing to their being adequately provided for in their respective sections of the Book of Laws.

Growing need for a revival of private prayer and personal religion is manifested in every report. This together with the ever present need for increasing the fellowship of the congregations, and the Connexional fellowship, also stands out clearly.

Of the recommendations of the H.M. Board, the following are endorsed by the Conference :—

A.—CIRCUITS.

Leaders' Meetings.

(1). That Leaders' Meetings shall be restored to the full activity provided for by the Law Book.

(2). That from each Leaders' Meeting, where deemed advisable, a Ministers Advisory Committee of not more than twelve members and not less than four, be appointed. Such committee to meet monthly to further the development of the spiritual life of the Church.

(3). That the members of the Church, and where possible the Adherents also be divided into groups with suitable men and women leaders. That the appointment of such leaders shall be reported to the Church, and that they be set apart to their work by prayer. That the duty of such leaders be—

- (a) To visit at least Quarterly the members of the groups allotted to them by the Minister.
- (b) To report to the Minister all cases of sickness, trouble, or need.
- (c) To act under the Leadership of the Minister to further the development of the Spiritual life of the Church.
- (d) To encourage attendance at church services including the Lord's Supper and the week-night means of grace.

(4). Young Peoples Fellowship Groups.

That the Church Welfare Committee give consideration during the year 1939 to the best methods to be adopted to retain and strengthen the Church loyalty of young married couples who are no longer connected with the Bible Class movement. In this Connection we commend the suggestion of Fireside Clubs and Young Married Folks' Fellowships.

B.—DISTRICTS.

(1) That the importance of holding the May Meeting of the Ministerial Committee be stressed in each district, and that regulations page 72 Book of Laws and Amendments apply.

(2) That the advisability of holding more frequent meetings, whether group or district, be considered by the May Meetings.

(3) That the May Meetings in consultation with the District H.M. Committee shall give consideration to the statistical position of the District, with a view to strengthening the weaker places.

(4) That the May Meetings in consultation with the District H.M. Committee shall arrange for special forward movements in Circuits and Stations where such can be organised with advantage. Such campaigns to be considered part of the District work.

(5) That the May Meetings in consultation with District H.M. Committee shall consider and make arrangements for the holding in each district, where desirable of an Easter Convention, such arrangements to be reported to the Synod for confirmation and approval.

(6) That each circuit especially in Rural areas, shall have a Distant Members' Roll of those in adjacent districts who are too remote from Churches, and that quarterly pastoral letters be sent to them.

That the following question be added to those asked at the Annual Synod:—"How many Church members and adherents resident in areas adjacent to Circuits where our Church is not operating, are being kept in touch by correspondence by those circuits? Are such members and adherents being encouraged to assist financially in the development of the Church Life?"

Superintendents of Circuits to answer this question individually.

(7) That the May Synod arrange in consultation with the Local Preachers' Association, for refresher courses to be held in each district for Local Preachers.

C.—CONNEXIONAL.

(a). The Ministry.

(1). That Conference set up a special Committee to review the whole question of the acceptance and training of Students for the Ministry, including the Educational practice connected with the College training, the advisability of widening the scope of the College training in order that the training given may be more definitely related to the practical needs of the Circuit work, and also any other matters related to the general administration of the College. (See under Q. 40)

(2.) That when the Committee of Discipline has doubts regarding the fitness of a student for the Ministry, the Auckland Ministerial Committee give faithful attention to his case, and accept responsibility for deciding whether or not he shall proceed to probation (see question 40).

(3). That the Law Book Revision Committee make the necessary preparations to bring the following alteration into effect ;—That para. 94 Book of Laws page 22, be superseded by the following :—That where the Minister has a continually unsatisfactory circuit record the Stationing Committee refer such cases to the Conference, through the Committee of Complaints and Appeal, and may ask such a Minister to retire from the Ministry. Such a Minister on his retirement shall receive a grant from the Contingent Fund of not less than one half of the minimum stipend for one year, together with monies due to him from other Funds.

(b). Membership.

(1). Removal Forms.—That when future contracts are made removal forms be printed in such a style as to enable Ministers and Home Missionaries to detach a portion and send it back to the Minister from whom it has come, thus ensuring an acknowledgement, and reporting the contact that has been made with the person concerned.

(2). That the Concise Statement of the Rules of Church Membership be printed on the special ticket issued to new members of the Church and that this ticket be universally used.

(3). Brochure on the significance of Church Membership. That the Welfare of the Church Committee be requested to compile a small brochure for widespread use amongst our membership, setting out the rules of Membership, the statement of Faith, The social Creed of the Church, and the implications of the fellowship of the Church.

(c). Stationing.

That the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department shall have a seat on the Stationing Committee, but with no vote, unless he is a member of the Committee in some other capacity.

(d). Chairman of District.

That without expressing any opinion, the whole of the proposals in respect to separated Chairmen be referred to the Home Mission Board for further consideration and report to next Conference through Synods.

(e). Conference Connexional Committees.

That the matter of the personnel of such Committees be referred to District Synods.

(f). Amendments to the Book of Laws.

That all alterations to the Book of Laws be issued in a concise form at stated periods, whether in a little booklet or otherwise, to enable any changes to be known with the least possible search.

(g). Pastoral Address.

That this matter be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee to report to next Conference.

(h). Exposition and Teaching.

(1). That the May Synods take as Subjects next year :—

(a) The social and personal implications of the Methodist Doctrine of Perfect Love.

(b). Ways and Means of promoting a re-birth of expository preaching throughout our whole Church. N.B.—By "Expository" is included the teaching of the whole philosophy of Christianity.

(c). Evangelism under modern conditions.

(2). That the Social Creed of the Church be referred to the Public Questions Committee for possible revision and report to next conference, for inclusion in the brochure mentioned above.

(3). Catechism. That realizing the great need of fuller instruction in Christian Doctrine, we strongly urge the re-introduction into all our Sunday Schools of the Methodist Catechisms, with Hunter's Lesson Helps.

(4). Radio.—Daily Devotional Sessions. (a). Conference stresses the necessity of insisting that in each centre, the majority of radio devotional sessions be entrusted to men of special aptitude and gifts for the work, and that such men be urged to seek the co-operation of the radio authorities in gaining instruction in microphone technique. (b). The Conference has reason to recognise the good that is being done by the morning devotional services. (c.) That a Commission be appointed to make an intensive study of the use of radio and report to next Conference. The Commission to consist of Revs. P. R. Paris, J. H. Haslam, R. B. Gosnell, and Messrs. R. H. Boys, R. S. Maunder and N. R. Seddon with Revs. L. B. Neale and A. E. Orr as corresponding members.

(5). The Press.—We urge all ministers to use to the full any opportunities they may discover for reaching a wider reading public through the press of their towns. We believe that organisations publishing regular periodicals as an organ of their groups, would welcome messages of spiritual import, and therefore the Conference expects ministers to explore such avenues.

Annual Invitation.

That the question of invitations to Ministers being made only in the third year be referred to Synods for consideration and report to Conference.

That the thanks of Conference be tendered to District Commissions for work done and also to Mr. Frank Thompson for his valued assistance.

QUESTION XLV.—What is the State of the Maori Work, and What can be done to Promote its Interests ?

MAORI MISSION REPORT.

We humbly return thanks to the Heavenly Father for the mercies of another year in service for His Kingdom and the Maori Race. Great self-sacrifice has been demanded of our part-time and honorary Agents. The latter are fortunately increasing in number and with the local preachers play a great part in carrying the burden of the work.

We regret to have to record the death of one of our Senior Maori Ministers, Rev. Hori Kakuere, who was acting as Supernumerary Supply at Pukekohe, and also of Mr. Hone Taotahi, our Agent at Whangaroa. Both of these brethren entered the work in middle life, but have left splendid records of loyal and effective service.

Conference.

An inspiring Conference of Maori workers was held at the Ngaruawahia Pah in May, when a full day was given to the discussion of "Methodism and Its Message" and two days to overhauling our modern methods and organisations and to the discussion of general questions affecting Maori Welfare.

Bi-Centenary.

The Maori Church took a great interest in the Bi-Centenary Celebrations. A suitable statement was prepared in the Maori language and circulated to all Ministers and Preachers. Great benefit was derived from the study of the principles which dominated early Methodism.

Literature.

The Literature and Colporteur Society has been of great value to the Mission work. We are gratified to know that the Literature and Colporteur Committee has decided to publish further leaflets and booklets at an early date, and we hope that friends of the Maori will send in some special subscriptions to assist in meeting the heavy outlay involved, for we urgently need more literature in the Maori language. The new Hymn and Prayer Book should be published next year.

South Island.

By Conference Regulation our South Island people are under the pastoral oversight of the adjacent Pakeha Circuits. Sister Atawhai visits the chief Maori areas at least every six months and we send a Maori Minister when opportunity offers. In recent years certain developments in Maori thought and life made the South Island Maori work very difficult for most of the Pakeha ministers who had it in hand. But the way is opening up now for more effective service than ever, and we earnestly request the Ministers and Local Preachers concerned to try and establish regular services and Sunday Schools at all adjacent Maori Pahi.

Finance.

The Maori Mission has had, since the amalgamation of the Maori and Home Mission Properties and Funds, and always must have, the first call on our Home Mission Funds. This financial burden on our Church is a very heavy one, but it is unavoidable if we would be true to the future of this Dominion and our historic obligations. We are convinced that the expenditure is more than justified, and that no other Church or organisation is securing better results for the money expended. The only unsatisfactory feature is the failure of our tribes to render much systematic financial support to the Home Mission Fund. Most of their contributions are swallowed up in local working expenses. This problem is, however, economic rather than religious. All other Maori Missions and social organisations, indeed, all Maori organisations whatsoever, find this problem most difficult. Our workers faced the question splendidly at their recent Conference, and all present undertook to do their utmost to improve the position.

Royal Commission.

We would recommend all who desire to become acquainted with Maori problems which affect our Mission to seriously pursue the Reports of the Royal Commissions which have at various times investigated the grievances of the Maori Race.

Women and Children's Work.

The work amongst the Women and Children is steadily developing under the guidance of our fine staff of Deaconesses whose reports appear frequently in the columns of the "Methodist Times" and elsewhere. The importance of this class of work could scarcely be over-emphasised and in it is seen the chief hope of the future.

The Board desires to place on record its deep appreciation of the generous support accorded by the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, the Young Women's Bible Class Union and the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Trust Board.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Supt.
F. COPELAND, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its gratitude to God in hearing of the steady work being done throughout the Maori Mission, and rejoices to know that Ministers, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and all other helpers in this important field are seeking steadily to increase the effectiveness of our witness for Christ and His Church amongst the Maori people.
3. That Conference express to the Women's Missionary Union, the Young Women's Bible Class Movement, The Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowments Trustees, and also the Young Men's Bible Class Movement, special thanks for splendid financial assistance given to the Maori Mission activities of the Church.

QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions ?

A.—AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

Report, 1938.

Limited by tottering buildings 95 years old, the Mission pursues its heroic work in cultural evangelism and constructive social service. The past year has been one of strenuous effort in every department, and there have been many gratifying results, and many keen disappointments. During the past six years £700 Circuit Debt has been eliminated, the Trust Debt reduced to £380, a Parsonage and furniture acquired free of debt, and a Health Camp, valued at £4,500 established at Campbell's Bay. Membership has grown from 15 to 96, and opportunity among the youth of the city has never been greater. We have arrived at a stage in our City Mission activity when the whole Church should shoulder the responsibility of new premises, or take the responsibility of closing it down. The Mission must have a home for its general and specific activities. No amount of "stunting" in the Theatres of the city will establish the Mission—this will readily be realised by those who have vision and courage.

New Building Project.

Plans prepared by Mr. A. C. Marshall have been approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund. These provide for an auditorium to seat 1,200, with two lesser halls, and administrative offices. We are hoping that a definite agreement will be made in the near future.

Health Camp and Rest Home.

The Home was officially opened by His Excellency the Governor-General in December of last year, and since then, 280 children have received treatment. During the last three years, 780 children have benefited. A further dormitory estimated to cost £900 has already been commenced. The Auckland Central Council of Health Camps has recommended that our Camp should receive £1,200 for further dormitory accommodation. The recommendation was turned down by the Advisory Board to the King George Memorial Fund, but we are still hoping that they will recognise our need. A grant from the Health Stamp Fund has eased our burden in running expenses. We record our thanks to Sister Lenna Button, Miss Myra Osborne, Dr. Garfield Stewart, Dr. R. S. Dudding, and numerous other voluntary workers.

Youth Work.

The Airedale Street Sunday School maintains its 45 scholars, and the Franklin Road Sunday School has increased to nearly 100. The young people's work at both places is rapidly extending. We are hoping to establish a "Clubland" at Franklin Road in the future. Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Sunbeams, and other youth organisations provide opportunities for physical development and the building of character.

Youth Hostel.

In the last two issues of the Mission magazine, "In Your Midst," reference was made to the appalling need for a further hostel in the city, for young people who desire to live in a good environment. There may be some who will make it possible for us to establish this "home away from home."

Radio Church of "The Helping Hand."

Services are regularly held. The Superintendent conducts the Monday session, while Tuesday and Thursday evenings are taken by various speakers. Though IZ.J. is a small station, and we lack continuity, much good has been accomplished for listeners throughout the Province. We extend our thanks to Messrs. Johns Ltd., for their courtesy.

Social Service Department.

The words, "The poor ye have always with you," still apply. Though the character of the work changes, there is still need for constructive social service. Over £1,000 each year is handled on behalf of pensioners; youths, women, and men are placed in employment, and hundreds of interviews have proved the turning point in many lives. Those in need were assisted to the extent of £2,421. The Superintendent has served on the Mayor's Metropolitan Relief Committee, the Social Workers' Association, the Community Singing Committee, the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, and assisted at several public functions.

Maori Work.

Co-operating with the Trustees, the Maori Mission Department carries on its splendid work under the direction of Sister Ivy Jones, and Sister Marara, who are supported chiefly by the Women's Missionary Union. We record our thankfulness to God for the work of the late Mr. Alexander Manoa. The Maori Girls' Club of over 70 members meets a very real need. Services in Maori are held at the Mission, the Gaol, and the Mental Hospital.

Prison Work.

With better economic conditions, and an extended probationary system, the prison population during the last few years has decreased 50 per cent. If the lead given by recent English and Canadian Commissions is followed, there will be further reforms in the New Zealand prison system. Regular monthly services are held, and men are interviewed personally at Mt. Eden, and country prison camps. We thank the church choirs, Trinity College students, and individuals who have so willingly assisted.

Franklin Road Branch.

Many deaths have resulted in a decrease in adult membership, but the youth work is quickly growing. There is need for further leadership in this thickly populated area. The Mothers' Meeting has been well maintained, while the contacts made in the homes by Miss Elsie Booth have been more than appreciated. We regret that Pastor Hope Haynes, on medical grounds, has to relinquish his work. We record our grateful thanks for his generous service.

Down and Out Work.

In spite of the fact that many men have gone to Public Works Camps, the attendance on Saturday evenings averages 70. Mr. M. Souster and Mr. R. Scelly continue to feed the bodies and the souls of these derelict men. Here we often see tragedy side by side with humour, but the work is very worth-while, and we are thankful that God can use us in this way.

Deaconess Work.

After three month's work at Airedale Street, Sister Rita Snowden has given the opportunity of assisting in the literature and colporteur work of the Home Mission Department. Sister Lenna Button, amid difficult surroundings, has made a magnificent contribution to the general life of the Mission. The children's and women's work is buoyant, and we commend the Sister's work to the whole community.

General.

The wisdom of purchasing the Parsonage, situated in an elevated position three sections from the city, has proved itself. The East Street Hall is offered for sale at £4,500. Our evangelistic and humanitarian work has been made possible by the Providence of God, the generosity of many individuals and business firms, the devotion of the Ladies' Guild and the East Street Trustees, and a legacy of £100 from the late Miss Ellen Astley. Voluntary workers have rendered distinct service. Many professional people have ministered to our needs, and numbers of people have discovered a new way of life, as their hearts have been fortified in the faith.

(Signed) A EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.
T. FLETCHER WALLIS } Circuit
WALTER WOOD } Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of the work of the Rev. A. Everil Orr and his Staff.
3. Board of Management was reappointed.

B. DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

48th Annual Report, 1938.

A study of the many-sided activities of the Mission discloses consecrated culture, quiet service, impassioned evangelism and wide social sympathies. The year has been packed full of joys and sorrows, of hard work and its results.

Youth and Sunday School Work.

A well balanced programme catering for the needs of young people has resulted in increased membership in Bible Classes and Sunday School. Fully 200 young people attached to the various organisations of the Mission are responding to capable leadership.

The Women's Guilds.

These centres of friendship and service sympathetically co-operate with missionary and social enterprise by financially supporting the major objectives of the Church and Mission. The Guild meetings become increasingly helpful and interesting.

Property Matters.

Minor repairs have been effected to the Trust properties. The Octagon Hall out-moded and out-dated is to be modernised at an approximate cost of £7,500. The Central Mission Board of Trustees has contracted with Amalgamated Theatres Ltd. for an extensive lease of the main hall at an enhanced rental. Both parties reached a financial agreement for the entire reconstruction of the building which, when finished, will be a very fine edifice. The reconstruction of the Theatre will involve alterations of an extensive nature, including up-to-date seating. On completion of the plans by associated architects the work will proceed. The Board is committed to a mortgage reduction of £1,000 per year and so far has fulfilled its obligations. The present debt on all Mission properties is £19,500.

Sunday School and Youth Hall.

The present building is totally inadequate for tuitional, organisational and recreational work. Departmental and group work is restricted. The erection of a modern hall for benevolent and young people's work cannot long be delayed. Though not yet officially before the Board of Trustees for consideration many have suggested that the Jubilee of the Mission in 1940 might be celebrated by the erection of a Jubilee Hall for work such as has been outlined. When the time comes for this move it is likely that a Chapel will be incorporated in the scheme.

Company Bay Health Home.

Last Christmas the School Medical Officer chose 46 boys and 56 girls as suitable patients for the Christmas period. A careful tabulation of weights of both sexes showed that at the conclusion of their period in Camp the children increased on an average of 2½ lbs. One country girl increased 8 lbs., proving the beneficial effects of adequate food, rest and healthful environment. These annual Camps costing about £250 are financially supported by the Health Camp Council, Dunedin Savings Bank and citizens. In addition to the Children's Health Camps, the Home is used as the initial step towards the creation of the Eventide Homes Settlement. At present 35 women are in residence. Three qualified nursing sisters are on the staff, and day and night nursing is provided. To date, £34,000 has been expended on the Buildings with a debit of £4,000. Before next winter central heating will be installed and staff quarters erected. The Home is open to women

of all creeds and ages in need of rest and a change of environment. About 25 women have made it their permanent home. The management committee has been most fortunate in securing the services of Sister Grace Barclay—formerly in charge of the Batchelor Ward of the Dunedin Public Hospital. Sister Constance Osborne—a deaconess of the Church—who has recently qualified as a nursing sister has been appointed sub-matron. The Home is beautifully situated to the sun and air, and the interior colour scheme and furnishings provide beauty and comfort. The grounds are beautifully laid out with trees, shrubs and flowers. The Home has attracted guests from all parts of the South Island and is a very beautiful Home for many aged people.

Methodist Nursing Sisterhood.

In order to meet community needs, the Board of Trustees has sanctioned what might be termed "A Methodist Nursing Sisterhood." The idea is to train 20 young Methodist women as nurses who will be prepared to undertake the nursing, executive and routine institutional work. The Superintendent is anxious to interview intending trainees, who, if not members of the Methodist Church, must be definitely attached in membership to some branch of the Christian Church, and be prepared after training to give a definite period of service. It is also hoped to set aside one or two nurses for work in the homes of needy people. Intending candidates should apply to the Superintendent of the Mission for information.

The Radio Church of the Helping Hand.

The fifth birthday will be celebrated in the Town Hall next April when it is hoped to report a membership of 5,000. The daily broadcast services from 4ZM Dunedin at 10.30 a.m., undertaken by the Revs. B. M. Tasker, Hugh Graham, L. B. Neale and Mr. Gordon Adams are growing in popularity and influence. Letters of appreciation constantly come to hand. The services, entirely undenominational, are calculated to induce goodwill and to evoke support of the Mission's humanitarian work. In this connection the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation of the work of Mr. R. W. Walls, the operator Mr. J. W. Walls, and the firm's staff who on all occasions have done everything possible to ensure the harmony and efficiency of the broadcasts.

Benevolent Work.

Mrs. J. Grant, assisted by a band of willing helpers, has capably carried out this branch of the work. With limited financial resources the Mission has been unable to meet every call. Much good, however, has been done. During the winter, by the co-operation of city and country people, the poor have been fed, the homeless sheltered, the sick visited, prisoners interviewed, girls counselled and befriended, jobs found for unemployed and many aged people cared for.

Eventide Homes Settlement.

During the year the Social Service Department published a brochure of the proposed Eventide Homes Settlement Scheme, and informed all legal firms of the details of the Movement. The proposal is to erect on a five or six acre block 25 compact modern cottages. The little homes will be for aged couples, while two hostels identical in character and entirely self-controlled will minister separately to men and women. In addition to these hostels, there will be an administrative block in which separate hospital wards for men and women will be featured, and staff quarters for qualified nurses. The cottages will be built 30 feet back from the road and architecturally designed to admit old couples enjoying rest and care. No age

limit is to be imposed on the residents admitted. Any frail, worthy couple, single man or woman will be eligible for admittance into the settlement, without denominational qualifications. Thus a number of lonely cheerless men and women existing on meagre incomes and in need of the ministration of Christian institutionalism will be comforted and cared for. Already five homes have been bequeathed or donated, but in view of the magnitude of the scheme, involving as it will the expenditure of approximately £50,000, it is not the intention of the Trustees to proceed with the work until a reasonable amount of the total cost is assured.

Deaconess Work.

Sister Hazel continues to exercise her gracious ministry in the homes of hundreds and she enjoys the confidence of an increasing number of young women. Her work in Guild, Mission, Bible Class and among the old folk is particularly helpful and her long record of honourable service deserves unstinted recognition.

Proposed Hostel Accommodation.

The need of a Hostel to accommodate Methodist students is becoming increasingly urgent. Many of our young people in the formative period of their career are bereft of the influences and comforts of a Christian Home. It is believed that the failure of the Church to provide such a Hostel accounts for the increasing drift from the Church of many gifted young people. The Methodist Central Mission Trustees are to consider the proposal and report progress. It is felt such a scheme will receive the support of the Dominion Church.

General.

Since the Rev. William Ready founded the Central Mission in 1890, succeeding superintendents have initiated and developed policies of communal interest, social value and spiritual influence. The Sunday evening congregations averaging 1,000 encouragingly support the evangelistic and philanthropic work of the Mission. The staff is doing everything possible to minister to the needs of the people. Definite decisions for Christ have been witnessed. Grateful acknowledgment is made of the gratuitous service rendered by all whose gifts and service have made it possible for the Mission to continue its work.

L. B. NEALE, Superintendent.
H. H. JOHNSON }
W. AITKEN. } Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of the Rev. L. B. Neale and his staff.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

A.—REPORT FOR 1938.

Students.

Three students, Misses B. Marriott, D. Pointon, M. Ritchie, are completing their training this year. They have made good progress in their studies, and have had practical training in city circuits. There are prospects for their employment in Maori and Mission work.

Tutors.

The Committee places on record its appreciation of the excellent work rendered by the Tutors, Rev. T. J. Wallis (Theological subjects), Miss V. L. Hooper, M.A. (English), Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A. (Psychology), Rev. J. C. Draper (Homiletics).

Chairman.

During the year the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, on the advice of the Committee for the Connexional Secretaryship, resigned his position as Chairman of the Committee owing to multiplicity of duties. The Committee recognises its obligation to Mr. Pratt for his counsel and guidance, and appreciates the fact that he remains a member of the Committee.

Resignation.

Sister Jessie McKenzie has resigned from the Deaconess Order.

Hostel.

The Hostel side of the work has again been very efficiently managed by Mrs. Neale, under the direction of the Ladies House Committee, to whom our thanks are due:

Property.

The shed at the rear of the house has been let for some years at a small rental. The tenant approached the Committee with a proposition that, if certain alterations were made, he would be prepared to pay a much increased rent—more than sufficient to pay good interest on the amount involved and a liberal sinking fund. The Trustees went carefully into details and decided it would be a wise step to meet the wishes of the tenant. The work has been carried out, at a cost of £450, and a lease arranged at a very satisfactory rental. The cost of the work, met from the Property Reserve Account, involves no increase of indebtedness.

Finance.

The financial year ends on November 30th. A complete statement will be presented to Conference.

Grants.

The following grants from Connexional funds are asked for the next Connexional year; Fire Insurance Fund £100, Contingent Fund £75, Home Mission Fund £75, Foreign Mission Fund £25.

Committee.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), the Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits; Rev. E. Drake; Mesdames G. Bowron, H. E. Lamb, A. A. Sandford, H. S. Kings, A. Allen, S. Provost, F. B. Lawrence; Sister Mabel Morley; Messrs. C. A. Newman, H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, E. H. Andrews, L. G. K. Steven and J. E. Purchase, M.A.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That rule 3 page 131 of the Law Book be amended to read:—"A candidate for Deaconess training must be nominated by the Superintendent of the Circuit or Home Mission Station in which she is a member, and such nomination must be endorsed by the June Quarterly Meeting. The entrance examination shall take place in September of each year. Consideration of applications from Candidates shall take place at the October meeting of the Deaconess Committee."
3. That the Committee for the next Connexional year be as named in the report.
4. That the grants as recommended in the report be approved.
5. That we urge that all students specially anticipating entering Home and Maori Mission Work be encouraged and assisted to take studies in the Maori Language.

B.—DEACONESS COMMISSION.

The Deaconess Commission has met during the year to consider the various matters remitted, and now makes the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Deaconess Institution be converted into a Methodist School for Christian Workers under a Board of Governors.

2. That the scope of the Institution be extended to provide in addition to the training of Deaconesses, for the training of young men and young women for Christian service. Such Christian service may include training for social work, Orphanage Work, Sunday School Teaching, Home Mission Work, etc.

If practicable it be the aim to make provision for some male students to reside at the Institution from the inception of the wider scheme.

3. That ultimately a Minister in Full Connexion be appointed as Resident Governor, but in the meantime, the organisation of the School be entrusted to a suitable Supernumerary Minister or Layman.

4. That an appeal for a sum of £6000 be incorporated in the Centenary appeal of 1940.

5. That the objectives of the appeal be—

- (a) To increase the capital of the Deaconess Retiring Fund by £2000.
- (b) To pay off the mortgage on Deaconess House.
- (c) To make provision for the equipment of the School and any necessary structural alterations to the present building.

6. That the Home Mission Department be asked to subsidise the scheme with a reasonable Grant and that additional support be sought from the following connexional Funds:—

Foreign Mission Board	..	£100
Contingent Fund	..	£150
Fire Insurance Board	..	£150

and further that the movement be heartily commended to the generous support of our people throughout the Dominion so that the balance required may be secured by bequests and donations.

7. The following is an estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for the Proposed Methodist School for Christian Workers:—

REVENUE.			£	s.	d.
Hostel Receipts	..	..	510	0	0
Rent from Workshop	..	..	130	0	0
Associate Subscriptions	..	..	25	0	0
Connexional Grants Recommended :					
Home Missions	..	..	300	0	0
Foreign Missions	..	..	100	0	0
Fire Insurance Board	..	..	150	0	0
Contingent Fund	..	..	150	0	0
Anticipated Donations	..	..	161	10	0
Extra Revenue Required	..	..	137	0	0
			<hr/> £1,663 10 0 <hr/>		

EXPENDITURE.			£	s.	d.
Principal's Salary	..	..	300	0	0
Connexional Charges	..	..	50	0	0
Living Expenses	..	..	150	0	0
Staff Wages	..	..	250	0	0
Housekeeping Costs	..	..	500	0	0
Renewals and Repairs	..	..	110	0	0
Rates	..	..	50	0	0
Insurances	..	..	26	0	0
Interest	..	..	60	0	0
Telephone	..	..	10	10	0
Advertising	7	0	0
Other Expenses not provided for	75	0	0
Depreciation	75	0	0
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8. That the Deaconess Commission be thanked for its work, be now disbanded, and the Deaconess Committee act in its stead.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference having endorsed the principle of establishing a Methodist School for the training of Christian workers, and having also sanctioned the appeal for £6000 for related objectives—the matter of the appointment of a Board of Governors and of a Principal, the date when the scheme shall begin to operate and the financial prospects in connection therewith—be referred to the Commission for further consideration and report to next Synods and Conference.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Connexional Orphanages?

**A.—THE AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE,
MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM.**

REPORT FOR 1938.

Special interest attaches to this report as being that of the Silver Jubilee of our orphanage work, commencing as it did with the opening of Wesley Home, Mt. Albert, twenty-five years ago.

As in all preceding years this has been crowned with daily blessings and benefits, for which it well becomes us to make grateful and reverent acknowledgement to the Giver of all good.

Obituary.

A great loss was sustained by the passing of the Rev. Samuel Griffith in December last. Mr. Griffith was a life member of the Board, and for ten years had been Secretary and Manager. During this term of office he had served the interests of the Orphanages with marked ability and zeal, and had endeared himself to the hearts of all the children in the Homes. Suitable acknowledgment of these valuable services was made at a later meeting of the Board, and the deep sympathy of the members was expressed and conveyed to Mrs. and Miss Griffith in their bereavement.

More lately the loss of another outstanding personality was experienced in the passing of Mrs. Caughey Preston, the first Life Member of the Board who, with her brother, the late Mr. A. C. Caughey, generously gave Wesley Home, Mt. Albert, as the commencement of our orphanage enterprise. The large place this work held in Mrs. Caughey Preston's heart has been evidenced in many ways, grateful acknowledgment of which will be incorporated in the Minutes of the Board, together with resolutions of sympathy with the Rev. Raymond Preston and other members of the family bereaved by her passing.

Thanks.

At the conclusion of his last meeting as Chairman of the Board, the Rev. E. D. Patchett was heartily thanked for his very able and efficient work as such over the last seven years. At a later meeting a cordial welcome was extended to his successor, the Rev. F. Copeland, as the new Chairman.

Health Matters.

In common with the rest of the community both homes were effected by the recent measles epidemic, the children and staff fortunately coming through without any untoward results. Attendances at Day School, Church and Sunday School were somewhat seriously affected, and, coming as it did at the time fixed for the Silver Jubilee and Biennial Concert arrangements, these had to be abandoned after all preparations had been made, much to the disappointment of all concerned.

Admissions and Removals.

These have been practically on the same level as in other years, the average number of inmates now standing at 87 for the year ending 18th October, 1938.

It remains to be seen as to what extent the new Social Security Legislation is likely to effect the number of admissions and removals in the future, but assurances have been given in some quarters that nothing detrimental to orphanage interests is contemplated.

Staff.

Mr and Mrs. Wild at Wesley and Mrs. Butterworth at Epsom, with the assistance of staff members, continue to render very satisfactory and efficient service.

The Board has good reason to be gratified at the able manner in which the interior administration of the homes and care of all the children is being attended to by those in charge; the moral, spiritual and physical welfare of the boys and girls being always kept in view.

Renovations.

In compliance with the requirements of the Child Welfare Department, somewhat extensive and costly renovations and alterations had to be carried out at the Epsom Home, any further delay in view of the plans for the new building scheme being under consideration not being permitted. A marked improvement has been made in the appearance of the buildings and additional comfort and convenience to the interior arrangements. Recreational facilities in the shape of Tennis and Basket Ball grounds for the older girls would be a big advantage could these be provided.

The condition of the buildings at Wesley Home is such as to show the urgent need of erecting new buildings in permanent materials, either on this site or in some other suitable position.

New Building Scheme.

It was hoped to have had the site and plans for this new project well settled by this time, but considerable though unavoidable delay has been experienced in our negotiations for a new site. A definite reply in this connection is shortly expected, thus allowing a definite decision being arrived at as to the site and layout of the new premises.

Street Appeal.

The Annual Street Appeal took place in August, but as the City Council had not agreed to the combined Orphanages having the sole benefit of this effort the results were much below those of last year, and proved most disappointing. It is hoped that next year the City Fathers will see their way to allow a reversion to the former practice and grant a day for the orphanages "on their own."

Centennial Celebrations.

These will be commencing in November of next year, and it is intended to give due prominence to the work of the orphanages. Provision has been made for the proper representation of our interests on the Centennial Committee, and due regard will be given to the claims of our work on behalf of the needy and distressed children in our midst. It is still expected that at least some part of the new building scheme will be in readiness for inclusion in the Centennial Celebrations in 1940.

Thanks.

The special thanks of the Board are due to Drs. Harold Pettit and Cyril Griffin, Honorary Physicians to the Homes, for professional services willingly rendered throughout the year, and to Mr. K. W. White, Chemist, Mt. Albert, for generous supplies of medicines and many useful gifts for the children. Cordial thanks are also tendered for the many helpful contributions in cash and other gifts from a large number of friends in all parts of the Auckland Province.

Financial.

The Report and Annual Balance Sheet of the Treasurers, Rev. Geo. Frost and Mr. A. Len Caughey, will be presented in due course. The thanks of the Board are accorded to these gentlemen for their most efficient and successful management and administration of the Board's Funds.

Board of Management.

The following are nominated as the Board for 1939, viz.:—Mrs. W. R. G. Emerson and Mr. Wm. Astley (Life Members), Revs. F. Copeland, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, W. Walker, E. T. Olds, H. A. Sharp, W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., H. Ranston, M.A., D.Litt., A. E. Orr; Mesdames A. H. White, J. Armitage, T. A. Joughin, T. Clark, A. Peak, F. M. Winstone, A. L. Caughey; the Misses Kirk, A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, C. Wagstaff and Ida Buttle; Messrs. J. E. Astley, T. Clark, A. Trenwith, Walter Ambury, D. L. Thomas, A. Williams, L. F. Rudd, R. W. Gillon, Frank Penn, J. S. Caughey, D. C. Brown, J. H. Whitburn, J. Hargraves, S. A. Pethybridge, M. Rudd, J. Tyler, and G. W. Turley. Rev. Geo. Frost, Clerical Treasurer; Mr. A. Len Caughey, Lay Treasurer; and Rev. Arthur Hopper, Secretary.

(Signed) FRED COPELAND, Chairman.

ARTHUR HOPPER, Secretary.

REPORT OF CLERICAL TREASURER.

As the statement of receipts and payments for the year is so fully set out—thirteen groupings of receipts and seventeen of payments—no further report is needed. It only remains to call attention to some commendable items of increases, and, fortunately, only two of decreases for the year in receipts. The increases, churches—from collections and subscriptions, are now £669/6/11, an increase of £74/7/10; gratifying as this increase is, a little more enthusiasm would enhance the living church's contribution considerably. The increase in interest on investments of £125/3/7 is a good set-off against the decrease in the Auckland Street Appeal of £54/7/6 this year.

The payments are larger owing to increases in salaries at the Homes and considerable additional cost of provisions; these two items alone added £244 to our year's payments. Alterations at Epsom Home exceeded £300, authorised by the Child Welfare Department. Rates are £135/4/- this year as against £63/12/- last year; entirely due to a liability placed upon the Board by the Mortgagor's Relief Commission, where purchasers of land in the late W. Winstone's Estate, had failed to pay their rates.

To all collectors and subscribers the thanks of the Treasurers especially and of the Board are due.

(Signed) GEO. FROST, Clerical Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered the Board and Staff.
3. That the Chairman and Secretary of South Auckland District be Corresponding Members and members ex officio of Board.

B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME Report for the Year Ending 30th September, 1938.

We believe that in no year since the opening of the Children's Home in Masterton, have there been so many difficulties to meet and overcome in connection with the internal management of the Home. Soon after the opening of the School year in 1938, a case of mild diphtheria appeared—necessitating the Home being put into isolation. For six months thereafter, at intervals, other children contracted the disease.

Following this experience, the measles epidemic struck the Home, and although only a few cases were reported, the children's schooling again suffered, and the work of the Home was further disorganised.

As a result of these outbreaks, the year has been a very trying one for the Matron and her staff, and the children's schooling has necessarily suffered. However, it is good to be able to report that at the end of September the Home was free from any trouble of this kind, and all were in good health once again.

Statistics.

We commenced the year on the first of October, 1937, with 30 children—9 girls and 21 boys. During the year, 6 girls and 5 boys were admitted to our family which brought our figures up to 15 girls and 26 boys for the year. By the end of September, however, 2 boys and one girl were placed in employment, and three boys were returned to their parents.

In addition, a motherless boy living with his grandmother was afforded a home during her illness.

Staff and Committee.

With the increase in the number of children to care for, it became necessary to add a junior to our staff early in 1938. Miss Lily Mannering, who had come through the Home herself, temporarily filled the need for a few months, after which Maud Hopkins, also one of our own girls was appointed to the Staff.

In other respects the Staff remains unaltered, and consists of Miss M. I. Allan, (Matron), Misses E. Mygind and M. Hopkins (Assistants); Miss O. Henderson, Cook (part-time), and Mr. A. E. Bate (Secretary-Manager).

Mr. J. H. Handyside continued as Chairman of the Committee, with Mr. F. E. Wells as Vice-Chairman.

Changes on the Committee were occasioned by the departure from Masterton of Rev. G. F. and Mrs. Stockwell, and Mr. G. V. Thomas. Rev. F. J. and Mrs. Parker and Mr. H. Skuse automatically filled the vacant places on their arrival in Masterton. We are very grateful for the interest Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell took in the children, and in the Home generally, and we wish to record our sincere appreciation.

Children.

We have a group of children in the Home which we consider second to none in the Dominion. Happy, and normally wonderfully healthy, they are an inspiration to the Committee, and to the congregations of the Masterton Churches. The conduct of the children is of a high order, and for this as for their other excellent training, both they and the Committee are deeply indebted to the Matron—Miss Allan.

The very fine reports received from time to time of the boys and girls who have left the Home in recent years are a tribute to the valuable work done, and are moreover very encouraging to the Committee.

In Dr. Prior the Committee has the ideal doctor for the Home, and his watchful care of, and love for the children, makes him the friend of them all. This year, as previously indicated, we have had to call on him more than ever before, and we are deeply sensible of the tremendous part he has played in checking the spread of disease, and in healing those who became its victims for the time being.

The Scripture teaching in the period under review took a new form, which proved very successful. A series of lessons was prepared, which were designed to help the children to appreciate the plan of God as revealed in the Bible, and included in the series were many memory passages. The Examination consisted of oral tests in small groups, and the repetition of the memory passages. This method enabled answers to be followed up in the form of more vital teaching, and in the case of the older children, an opportunity was carefully presented for the registering of natural decisions.

A number of the girls and boys availed themselves of this opportunity.

During the year, five boys and one girl have been attending the Wairarapa College. Two were engaged on Professional Courses, three on Technical, and one on Agriculture. In spite of the very broken year, both these, and the children attending Primary School received favourable reports. Three children are not yet old enough for school.

Just before the end of our year one boy was placed in a mercantile position, and two boys were placed on farms. One girl was given employment on the staff of the Home during the year.

Special efforts are made to keep contact with the boys and girls leaving the Home for work, and every care is taken to safeguard their welfare. Quite a number of these have returned to the Home for holidays, and they are always sure of a warm welcome.

The Committee is grateful to the many friends of the children in our various churches, who provide them with holiday homes during the summer. All but one older girl were catered for in this way, and the children and staff both returned the better for the change. Various other outings take place throughout the year, and on Saturday nights the older boys look forward to the visit of the Secretary-Manager, when a programme of games and yarns is followed with interest.

Circuit Collections.

There has been a slight drop of approximately £16 in the amount received from Circuits during the past year—the sum being £315. To all who contributed so generously last year we extend our thanks, and trust that the gains of the previous year will not be allowed to remain the highest point of our Church's giving to this branch of her work.

Property.

A recent visitor to our Home became very enthusiastic about our Home and its surroundings. "It's like living in a Park," he said. We wish all our people could see for themselves the beautiful surroundings and the well equipped Home in which our children grow up. The beauty and well kept nature of the grounds and buildings are a credit to Miss Allan and her staff of helpers.

The only alteration of any importance made during the year was the provision of larger dressing room accommodation for the boys. This became necessary owing to the number of the boys in the Home at one stage.

Bequest.

Notification of an eleventh interest in the Estate of the late Mr. Hewitt of Wanganui was received from the solicitors concerned. The Assets are estimated at £7500.

A further handsome gift during the year was an unconditional donation of £250 from an anonymous Masterton donor. This sum was credited to the Home's Capital Funds.

Wellington Synod.

The Committee had the pleasure of entertaining the Wellington District Synod to afternoon tea during the sessions in Masterton last year. The delegates expressed themselves as very favourably impressed with all they saw.

Wellington Board.

The relationship between the Management Committee and the Wellington Board during the past twelve months has been of the happiest. The arrangement by which two members of the Home Committee have seats on the Board has proved to be very worthwhile, and the Committee appreciates the real interest displayed by the Board Members in the welfare of the Home. For all that we owe to the Board in responding so readily to our many requests, we wish to place on record our sincere gratitude.

Conclusion.

In a year that has been more full of problems than most we have been deeply conscious of the loving oversight of our Heavenly Father. We can truly look back with gratitude, and know of a truth that He loves the little ones of His fold, and we can sincerely record our thanks to the Father of all Good.

JAS. H. HANDYSIDE, Chairman.

A. E. BATE, Secretary-Manager.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of Conference be extended to the members of the Committee Staff, and Honorary Medical Officer—Dr. N. H. Prior.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Report for 1938.

This year has been marked by change and some new departures, but through all these changes we have been gratefully conscious of God's guidance and goodness. There has been some decline in the number of applications for admissions as far as orphaned children are concerned, but an increasing demand on behalf of those who are not orphaned, but whose parents seem sadly lacking in the sense of parental responsibility. This year, in common with other Homes, we have had our share of sickness. Owing to the prevalence of measles a majority of the children have been under treatment; fortunately most of them were only lightly affected, but in a few cases skilled nursing has been necessary. We have in Mrs. Butler a Matron who not only brings motherly care and understanding, but also has the advantage of trained nursing experience. Her untiring care and unselfish services are highly appreciated.

In general matters the children have acquitted themselves well. Reports from Primary, and Secondary Schools have been uniformly good. Two of our boys have been in residence at Wesley College and obtained good reports. Again many of our children took part in the Scripture examinations of the North Canterbury Sunday School Union. Suitable situations have been found for elder children. As may be expected there are diversities of gifts, and it has been the endeavour of the Board to foster as far as possible the natural bent of the child. During the past year boys have commenced duties in the following occupations, electrical, dairy-farm, office work, and cabinetmaking. Also suitable homes have been found for elder girls. The matter of the establishment of a Hostel, and the after-care of the young people, are being fully considered, and enquiries furthered.

Through the gracious offices of the Christchurch City Council we were again enabled to hold our Street-Day-Appeal. This, combined with the Radio Concert, netted a grand total of £1,290, of which £1,077/17/4 was available for distribution, our share being £344. Our sincere thanks are

tendered to the Organisers and workers for their willing service. This help in no small way contributes to the maintenance of the children in the Home. At the present time we have 59 children under our care, 21 girls and 38 boys.

As shown in the Treasurers' Statement we have received various bequests during the year, and are grateful for these generous and practical remembrances.

Important Staff changes have taken place during the year. After a period of eleven and a half years service Mr. and Mrs. Haynes tendered their resignation as Master and Matron of the Home. Their years of faithful and devoted service have left an abiding influence in the life of the children, and the Church is indebted to them for giving some of the best years of their life in the care of the needy ones. Many of the appointments of the New Home were carried out under their suggestion, also the change-over was so efficiently performed that the general routine was not hindered in any way. The Board expresses its grateful thanks for their valued service. Mr. and Mrs. Butler, who in past years were in charge of the Old Home have been appointed to the position of Master and Matron. Other staff changes have been made; at the present time we have a splendid staff, who we pray may be enabled to guide the children in the ways of righteousness.

Various property changes have been effected. The old Home site has been purchased by the Government for the erection of new houses. A suitable reservation has been made for our own use. We have also procured two suitable sections adjoining our present property, and these will be used as a playing ground for the boys.

Our deepest thanks are tendered to Dr. A. J. Orchard for his professional service, care, and oversight. He is truly a "Beloved Physician," and we are deeply indebted to him; also to Mr. G. Sevicke Jones for professional services. We desire to thank the many Circuits whose liberal gifts of goods as well as funds have materially assisted in the upkeep of the Home. The frequent gifts of clothing and cakes, also goods and fruit, eggs, etc., from city firms and country friends are most acceptable and highly appreciated. One friend of the children has made it possible for each child to be supplied with a suitably inscribed Bible.

The general farm work still provides a helpful training for the boys. The purchase of a horse, also a rotary hoe has added to the interest of the boys as well as providing valuable assistance in this work. We wish to thank the Management and Staff, and assure them of our prayers and practical sympathy. We realise that God has entrusted to us the great responsibility and glorious privilege of moulding these young lives. We trust we may faithfully serve Him in serving them.

The Personnel of the Board will be recommended to Synod and Conference.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

HARRY S. KINGS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the following be the Orphanage Board for 1939:—The Ministers and Probationers in active work in Christchurch, The Connexional Secretary, Revs. A. C. Lawry, W. Grigg, E. Drake, H. Ryan; Mesdames G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, E. Drake, R. Pratt, W. A. Burley, M. Opie, J. Richards, F. Lawrence, W. Cock; Sister M. Morley; Messrs. E. W. Hall, W. T. Burley, M. Kershaw, F. A. Sheat, F. J. Carr, W. Dobbs, W. S. Worner, H. de R. Flesher, H. Holland J. E. Purchase, L. G. K. Steven, S. Harrington.

3. That Conference authorises the formation of a Trust Board to be incorporated under the provisions of the Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908, such Board to be named "The South Island Methodist Orphanage Investment Board" (hereinafter called "The Investment Board.").
4. That the objects of the Board shall be :—
 - (1) To take over from the present Trustees the invested funds of the South Island Methodist Orphanage the securities and investments now held by or on behalf of the South Island Methodist Orphanage Board (hereinafter called "the Orphanage Board") and administered under its control and direction.
 - (2) To invest moneys belonging to and available from time to time for investment for the benefit of the South Island Methodist Orphanage.
 - (3) To hold any real and personal property of any kind whatsoever which now is or may hereafter be held or acquired for any purposes or trusts in connection with the South Island Methodist Orphanage and which is or shall not be settled under the provisions of the Model Deed whether such purposes and trusts be wholly for such purposes or partially for such purposes, and partially for other purposes not connected with the Orphanage Board.
5. That the Investment Board shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Orphanage Board who by virtue of their offices shall be Members of the Investment Board and two other members appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Orphanage Board from amongst its members.
6. That the following persons be appointed as Members of the Investment Board and, as such, authorised to be incorporated under the name of "The South Island Methodist Orphanage Investment Board":—Major Albert Rugby Pratt and Hubert de Rie Flesher.
7. That in case any member desires to retire from the Investment Board or shall die or be incapacitated from acting as a Member of the Investment Board or cease to be an adherent of the Methodist Church of New Zealand or to be a Member of the Orphanage Board or remove to such distance from the City of Christchurch or other headquarters of the Orphanage Board as shall in the opinion of the Investment Board make it inexpedient that he should continue to act as a Member of the Investment Board then the Orphanage Board may nominate a new member from amongst its members to fill the vacancy and the President of the Conference may appoint the person so nominated to fill the vacancy until the succeeding conference.
8. The Chairman of the Orphanage Board shall be the Chairman of the Investment Board. In the absence of the Chairman the members may elect one of their number to be Chairman. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.
9. That subject to the direction of the Orphanage Board and subject however in all cases to any trusts specially declared in respect of any real or personal property vested in the Investment Board, the Investment Board shall have powers of sale exchange lease and mortgage as the case may be in respect of any real or personal property vested in the Investment Board to the same extent and in the same manner as though the Investment Board were the beneficial owner of such property Provided however that it shall not be lawful for the Investment Board to purchase sell exchange lease or mortgage any real property or erect or alter any buildings upon any real property which shall be vested in the Board unless and until the precedent consent of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand or of the Connexional Church Building and Loan Fund Committee acting on its behalf shall have been obtained to such dealing erection or alteration.

10. That the Investment Board shall be empowered to make from time to time such rules and regulations for the conduct of its affairs as shall be necessary or expedient and to alter and amend and revise the same from time to time.
11. The Investment Board shall act at all times under the direction of the Orphanage Board and shall report from time to time when required by the Orphanage Board the investment and disposal by the Investment Board of such moneys and property vested in the Investment Board.
12. The Investment Board shall be empowered to make fair and reasonable charges for the expenses of management of any Trust property vested in the Investment Board.
13. That subject to the provisions of "The Religious, Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908" and its amendments the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall have power at any time by resolution to amend or vary the constitution of the Board or to extend its objects or to vary its powers.
14. That the application for incorporation shall be sufficient if signed by any three of the members referred to above.
15. That the present Trustees of the Investment funds and securities of the South Island Methodist Orphanage be directed to transfer to the Investment Board all investments and property now held in their names.

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

"METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Report for 1938.

The supplementary report presented to the last Conference and the verbal statement of the Business Manager made it clear that a crisis had been reached involving the very existence of our Connexional paper. Through the years of the depression the reserves built up in more prosperous times were being exhausted. Added to this, the publishers, on the eve of the meeting of last Conference, served the Committee with a notice that because of increased costs of production they must increase their charge to a figure representing an advance of 40 per cent. on the existing charges. The Committee considered the matter in all its bearings. It continued its efforts to build up the list of subscribers, investigated advertising possibilities, and considered such matters as an increase in the price of the paper, a reduction of its size, the use of cheaper paper and less frequent publication. After advertising for tenders throughout the Dominion it resolved to renew the printing contract in Christchurch for a period of six months. As the new contract price would speedily exhaust all reserves the Committee at once carried out further investigations. In July it advertised for fresh tenders throughout the Dominion. All tenders showed a substantial increase on the old contract price. These increases varied from 20 per cent. up to 103 per cent. The lowest Christchurch tender showed a rise of 60 per cent.

After mature consideration the lowest tender, that of Messrs. Kerslake and Billens Ltd. of Levin was accepted for one year as from 1st November, 1938 with a right of extension for a further eighteen months at the same price if the Conference and the Committee should so decide. While the new contract price is in advance of the old price it is regarded as the best that is procurable in view of the increased costs of labour and of supplies and of the reduction of working hours. Orders for a mechanical super calendered

printing paper are being placed overseas by our new publishers and this will result in a small reduction of charges when supplies come to hand.

The Committee regrets the severance of the tie with the Christchurch branch of New Zealand Newspapers Ltd. For a quarter of a century they rendered us excellent service. When the new tender was accepted they facilitated the transfer in every possible way and the break has been made with the utmost mutual goodwill. The new publishers are speedily gaining a mastery of the work involved in the issue of our Connexional paper.

The accounts presented to Conference cover a period of ten months ended on 31st October. The Revenue Account discloses a net loss of £220/4/3 for the period under review. This has reduced our reserves to £334/10/3. The Committee has given serious consideration to the estimates for the current financial year. The estimated expenditure is £1,378 and the estimated revenue £1,015 exclusive of any Connexional grants. This shows an estimated deficiency of £363. The Committee dare not face a position in which its reserves will fall below the present figure. It feels that it would be disastrous to the Church to cease publication and it is satisfied that if the paper is to continue its beneficent ministry it must be maintained by substantial Connexional grants. It therefore asks the Conference to approve of a grant of £175 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and a grant of £125 from the Contingent Fund in addition to the standing grant of one half of the honoraria for the editors and their contingent expenses which in all amount to approximately £40.

The transfer of the printing to Levin involved a great amount of work for the Connexional Office. It also made necessary a change of Associate Editor. The Committee greatly regrets the loss of the services of the Rev. T. J. Wallis who has served the interests of the paper with zeal and devotion for a period of ten years and it asks the Conference to express its thanks for his work. The Rev. J. Dennis of Levin agreed to accept the position and is applying himself with enthusiasm to the work.

The Committee desires to pay a tribute to the work of the Editor, the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse who sustains a high level of excellence. From all over the Dominion come expressions of appreciation of the paper and tributes to the influence wielded by the Editor. The Committee nominates Mr. Bellhouse for reappointment as Editor and the Rev. J. Dennis as Associate Editor.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year:—Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, T. J. Wallis, W. A. Burley, M.A., E. Drake, W. Grigg, H. E. Bellhouse, H. L. Fiebig; Messrs. H. Holland, D. E. Parton, W. A. Bascand, E. H. Andrews and W. G. Wright.

Mr. W. Dobbs retires by rota and is cordially thanked for valuable service over a long period.

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

23rd January, 1939.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That Conference express its thanks to Rev. H. E. Bellhouse for his able and distinguished work as Editor, reaffirm our entire confidence in him in that capacity, and heartily reappoint him.

3. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. T. J. Wallis for his capable services as Associate Editor for the last ten years, and that Conference regrets the necessity for his retirement from an office in which he has rendered devoted service to the Connexion.
4. That the Rev. J. Dennis be thanked for his work in connection with the "Methodist Times" and that he be appointed as Associate Editor.
5. That Conference gives its approval to the contract with Messrs. Kerslake and Billens Ltd. of Levin to print and publish the "Methodist Times" for a period of two and a half years from 1st November, 1938. Conference recognises that the continuance of the Connexional paper is essential to the well-being of the Church and it approves of a grant of £175 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and a grant of £125 from the Contingent Fund in addition to the standing grant of one half of the honoraria of the editors and their contingent expenses.
6. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Business Manager (the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt) for his efficient oversight of the Connexional paper.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Affairs?

Report 1939.

The Chaplains' Committee met during Conference and presents the following report:—

The Chaplains of the Church have attended to the spiritual and social needs of the officers and men engaged in the various branches of the Defence Forces, viz:—Naval units in New Zealand waters; The Territorial Camps and Parades, Bivouacs, and Air Force in all areas in the Northern, Central and Southern Commands.

However much we deplore the horrors of war, we yet feel that the Church has a duty toward those men who are engaged in training for these branches of National Service.

In the Camps parade services have been held, prayers conducted each morning, and helpful spiritual contacts made with the troops.

Every facility for the moral and spiritual welfare of those in training has been given the Padres.

Wherever the opportunity offered our Chaplains have been delighted to co-operate with the Y.M.C.A., particularly in the distribution of literature.

Many young men in Camp find themselves in an entirely new environment. To meet that need the Church must see that her Padres are available to minister in holy things. This is more important than is sometimes realised.

We therefore commend to the young ministers of our Church the great importance of Chaplaincy work.

That our Church may render more effective service to the men in Training Camps throughout New Zealand, it is necessary that Conference appoint one Minister who will be the representative of the Church to receive all communications from the Defence Authorities.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a list of Chaplains and a summarised report of the work of the Chaplains be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

3. That the Rev. H. T. Peat be appointed the Senior Chaplain of the Methodist Church on its active list to receive all communications from the Defence Authorities.
4. That the following Ministers be our representatives on the Chaplains' Advisory Boards:—

Central Command	..	..	Rev. H. T. Peat
Northern Command	..	..	Rev. W. Walker
Southern Command	..	..	Rev. L. B. Neale
Canterbury Area	..	..	Rev. S. Bailey
5. That Conference strongly protest against the holding of week-end bivouacs which involve military training on the Sunday, and requests its official representatives on the Chaplains Advisory Boards to confer with the representatives of other denominations on such Boards to consider the matter and to enter an emphatic protest to the Government.

Chaplains to the Forces.—Revs. H. T. Peat, T. A. Pybus, V.D., L. B. Neale, C. Eaton, W. Walker, C. H. Olds, S. Bailey, H. A. Sharp, E. D. Patchett, E. S. Emmitt, M.C., E. Te Tuhi, E. T. Olds, R. B. Gosnell, H. Cottom, T. Skuse, P. I. Cooke, F. E. Leadley, H. Benny, F. J. Parker, J. Dennis, J. Bailey, G. S. Cook, F. G. Brown, H. H. Jeffreys, L. C. Horwood, W. W. H. Greenslade, V. R. Jamieson. (Not including retired List).

Naval Chaplains.

Port of Auckland	..	..	Rev. E. T. Olds
New Plymouth	..	..	Rev. E. D. Patchett
Wellington	..	..	Rev. R. B. Gosnell
Nelson	..	..	Rev. W. Rowe
Lyttelton	..	..	Rev. W. J. Enticott
Dunedin (Port Chalmers)	..	..	Rev. S. Bailey
Bluff	..	..	Rev. G. K. Smith

QUESTION LI.—What is the Report of the Custodians on Early Records, Libraries and Museums?

The following have been received during the year from the persons named:—

A.—BY THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE.

1. Rev. G. F. Stockwell :
 - (a) British Conference Minutes (5 vols.)
 - (b) Queenstown records 1886-1903.
2. Rev. D. O. Williams : Wakatipu records.
3. Rev. W. A. Burley :
 - (a) St. Albans Trust Minute Book, 1868-1894.
 - (b) Quarterly Meeting Minute Book, 1895-1907.
4. Mr. F. Thompson :
 - (a) Facsimile of Christchurch Plan 1856.
 - (b) St. Albans S.S. Hymn Sheets, 1869, etc.
 - (c) St. Albans Circuit Plans.
 - (d) St. Albans Collection Book, 1925-1937.
 - (e) Sundry Hymn Books, etc.
5. Rev. E. S. Harkness : "The Christian Observer" 1870.
6. Rev. R. B. Gosnell : "N.Z. Methodist" May 26, 1888.
7. Trerise Family : "Brett's Early N.Z." (Gift of St. Asaph Street Church to Mr. J. T. Trerise).

8. Mr. W. Lawry : Records Otago Y.M.B.C. Union, 1904-1935.
9. Rev. E. B. Chambers : Minsterley Circuit Plans 1887 and 1938.
10. Rev. S. Bailey : "Chronicles of Time" (Dunedin Primitive Methodism).
11. Rev. G. R. Harris : Addington Choir Re-union Souvenir.
12. Rev. Wesley Parker : Sydenham Diamond Jubilee Souvenir.
13. Rev. J. Olphert : Eden Terrace Jubilee Souvenir.
14. Rev. F. E. Leadley : Gisborne Wesley Bi-Centenary records.

B.—METHODIST MUSEUM, etc. CHRISTCHURCH.

1. Mr. M. Rogers, Richmond : Glass Communion vessel used at Nelson in 1842 by Rev. Samuel Ironside.
2. Mrs. J. A. Martin : Photo Wellington Conference, 1897.
3. Miss Wilkinson (Christchurch) : Pictures of John Wesley and Dr. Morley Punshon.
4. Mr. E. Dixon (Hawera) : Photo General Conference 1904 (First Conference of United Australian Methodism).

C.—LIBRARY OF BOOKS BY N.Z. METHODIST MINISTERS.

There have been no additions to this collection during the year.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Custodian.

Christchurch, 16th December, 1938.

D.—BY TRINITY COLLEGE, AUCKLAND.

1. Souvenir Memorial Windows to Rev. W. B. Scott, Wellington.
2. Mrs. Isaac Clark, (Wellington) : 1843 Methodist Hymn Book.
3. Rev. A. E. Orr : Ancient Roll Books, Alexandra St., Auckland.
4. Mr. S. T. S. Martin (Wellington) : Depositions of Lowther re Bully Hayes, 1871.
5. Mr. Josiah Lawry : Rev. Walter Lawry's Official Cash Book, 1844-6.
6. Mr. J. Belton (Plimmerton) : Letter of Dean Stanley to Bishop Cowie of Auckland.
7. Miss Linfoot (Avondale) : 1847 Wesleyan Missionary Notices.
8. Anonymous (Auckland) : P. M. Mission plan 1868.
9. Mrs. T. G. Brooke (Auckland) : Bishop's Bible, 1570.

E.—TRINITY COLLEGE MUSEUM, AUCKLAND.

1. Rev. T. G. Carr and Miss Carr : Group photographs.
2. Rev. A. H. Voyce (Solomons) : Many valuable Island curios and specimens.
3. Mr. Martin Butler (Cambridge) : Medal of 93rd Wesleyan Conference.
4. Miss Morley (Cashmere) : Water-colour of Te Kopua, Waipa Mission Station painted in 1851 by Jas. Crowe, Richmond.
5. Mr. G. Newsome (Auckland) : Historic Prim. Methodist photos.
6. Mr. Josiah Lawry (Auckland) : Two very old Maori axes.

7. Mr. G. M. Gordon (Auckland) : Rev. Aldwyn Gordon's Memorial Plaque.
8. Rev. W. A. Sinclair : Photo of Temporary College, Ponsonby.

H. RANSTON, Custodian.

19th December, 1938.

F.—MAORI MISSION RECORDS.

The task of copying the missionary manuscripts lent by the Methodist Missionary Society of the British Conference was completed in November through the generous assistance of friends who made moneys available for this work. In all there were 1330 documents to be copied and these varied in length from brief notes to as many as eighty foolscap pages. As the copying proceeded complete typed sets were forwarded to Trinity College and to the Home Mission Office. Friends in Auckland cabled to London for permission for original documents to be sent to that city and a large part of them is now at Trinity College. It is hoped soon to return all the original documents to London. They were all copied within the period of two years for which they were lent and should now be returned to the British Methodist Missionary Society to which the thanks of the Conference should be presented.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Christchurch,

Connexional Secretary.

19th December, 1938.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian for the ensuing year, with the Principal of the College as a joint Custodian.
3. That thanks be tendered to those who have sent in various records and gifts during the year.
4. That the grateful thanks of the Conference be expressed to the Methodist Missionary Society of the British Conference for its generous loan of manuscripts relating to early Methodist missionary work in New Zealand.
5. That the missionary manuscript material now in Auckland be returned through the General Superintendent of Home Missions to the Connexional Secretary at the earliest practicable date for despatch to the British Missionary Society.
6. That the Connexional Secretary take up with the British Missionary Society the matter of the availability of the original manuscripts affecting New Zealand for study, for research, for copying or for other purposes.
7. That the Connexional Secretary and the Rev. A. B. Chappell be appointed to confer and to determine at the earliest possible date what portions of the typed copies of the missionary manuscripts shall be released for research or other purposes.
8. That copies of the manuscript material be not released until after the completion of the preparation of the official history sanctioned by the Conference.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods for Committees for Report?

BI-CENTENARY OF METHODISM 1738-1939.

Report of Conference Committee.

Our Church has reason to be pleased with the manner in which the Wesley Bi-Centenary Commemoration was celebrated throughout the Dominion in May last.

Well organised and largely attended meetings were held in the chief cities and the Circuit commemorative gatherings were also of a worthy character.

The re-statement of the grand doctrines of the Evangelical Revival, the effort to get back to first principles, the stirring up of pure minds by way of remembrance, the quickening contact with Wesley's vital personality, all these things have given to our Dominion Methodism a distinct spiritual impetus which must leave some permanent deposit in the hearts of our people.

Preparations are being made in co-operation with the Conference arrangements committee, to bring the celebrations to a fitting conclusion at the forthcoming Conference by devoting the Conversation on the Work of God to the consideration of themes that give scope for the expression of a joyous and victorious Methodism.

We again express our thanks to the Rev. C. Irving Benson, of Melbourne, whose visit did much to rekindle enthusiasm for the great evangelical verities for which we stand. We are glad to report that all the expenses of Mr. Benson's tour have been met without necessitating any call upon the Contingent Fund.

We recommend that the members of the Bi-Centenary Committee be thanked for their services and the committee dissolved.

CLARENCE EATON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Convener, Rev. C. Eaton be heartily thanked for his thorough work as Convener.

CENTENARY OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MISSION IN THE SOUTH ISLAND

A meeting of the South Island Centenary Committee was held on Nov. 4th. The Chairman of the District presided. During the year the resolutions confirmed by the Conference were carried out as far as possible.

The section upon which the old church stands, consisting of Part Sec. Otakou Lot 26, 1½ acres, has been surveyed and is now Connexional property under Model Deed 1887. This not only provides a site for the proposed new church, but also for a Parsonage when needed. I attended the Native Land Court and it agreed to the appointment of the Trustees nominated by the Port Chalmers Quarterly Meeting.

Circulars of appeal have been posted to many Methodists in New Zealand with the object of raising funds for the erection of the Memorial Church. A few only have responded. The response from overseas has been more cheering.

The people of Otakou were disappointed by the decision of the Otago Centennial Memorial Council to exclude them from participating in monies raised by the appeal in Otago.

We arranged for a deputation of Maoris to wait upon the Mayor of Dunedin, chairman of the Centenary Council, to ask why they were excluded, seeing they were the original owners of the land, and whose grand-parents had signed the Treaty of Waitangi. They had also signed the Deed of Sale at Port Chalmers, whereby the Otago Block had passed into possession of the Government, and which lands had not been fully paid for. They also pointed out that of 25 Chiefs who signed the deed in good faith, 22 of them were members of the Methodist Church.

The Mayor in reply stated that he was doubtful whether the request could be granted, but asked that the request be put in writing and stated that he would bring the matter before the next meeting of the Otago Centennial Memorial Council. This was done. We received the reply on August 8th, 1938, stating that the Centenary Council could not agree to the request, but they were prepared to recommend the project for participation in the Government subsidy.

Our own Methodist Centenary Committee has authorised me to call a meeting of the Otakou Maori people with the object of putting the whole case before them, suggesting that a further appeal for help be made to the Dunedin Provincial Council.

We have written to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. W. E. Parry, requesting that the Otakou Memorial, at the request of the Maori people, be included in the Government subsidy and we have received an encouraging reply. Letters have been sent to the Hon. Lee Martin and Mr. A. Campbell, M.P., and the Southern Maori Representative. These gentlemen have promised their willingness to interview the Hon. W. E. Parry on our behalf.

The retiring offerings, authorized by the Conference, did not meet with a hearty response. Some of the smaller Circuits and Home Mission Stations, were quite liberal, while many of the larger Churches failed to make any appeal. We intended to canvas the District for funds during the winter months, but due to illness we have been obliged to postpone the effort.

Our Methodist Church has the honour of having established the first Christian Mission in the South Island. Do we value the honour? If we allow another church to occupy our ground we must of necessity suffer in prestige.

The church is much needed for our Maori people and also for the European population. Otakou is becoming a favourite seaside resort, cottages are being built, and in summer time the people of Dunedin and district throng its beaches. Many people even in winter time spend from Friday evening to Monday morning at Otakou. At the present moment, our church is the only witness for God in the District.

Nor must we forget our noble Pioneers, Watkin, Creed, Kirk and Stannard who laboured faithfully at Otakou and not only in that locality but in various parts of the South Island. Surely it is a worthy thing to perpetuate their memory by erecting a church for Christian worship on the old site.

The following financial statement is presented :—

Retiring offerings from ALL Districts	..	£192	3	9
Total Cash in Bank .. ..	..	508	0	1
Approximate cost of building		£2,000		

One large brick firm has promised bricks at half-price up to a certain limit. A gentleman has promised the flooring boards. Others are being approached.

T. A. PYBUS, Convenor.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference request all Circuits to take up a retiring collection for the Otakou Memorial Church during the month of July.
3. That the Conference expresses its deep appreciation of the work done by Rev. T. A. Pybus.
4. That Conference instructs the May Synods to give careful consideration to the claims of the South Island Centenary Memorial Church at Otakou, and where possible, a man be set aside for as long a period as possible to advocate the claims of the Memorial Church in the Circuits of the District.

STATEMENT OF FAITH.

Report of Committee.

The Committee has met three times during the year, and its members have given much thought to their task. We have been assisted by suggestions reaching us from three May Synods and also from one or two interested individuals. Some of these have been incorporated in the text; others have led the Committee to re-cast certain difficult passages.

The Committee is strongly of the opinion that if the Statement is adopted by Conference, steps should be taken to ensure that it will be thoroughly expounded to the Church.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

E. W. HAMES, Secretary.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH.

While recognizing that no Statement can declare all the truth of God, we seek briefly to express for the instruction and guidance of our people the doctrines of the Evangelical Faith held by the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Though Methodism has its own characteristic features of doctrinal emphasis (See Section 8, below) based on Wesley's Notes on the New Testament and the forty-four Standard Sermons, it cherishes its place in the Church Universal, within which it shares loyal acceptance of the fundamental truths of the historic Creeds and the principles of the Protestant Reformation. It is realized that, although the truth of God is eternal and unchanging, no human interpretation of it can be final. This Statement of Faith is sent forth with the prayer that the Holy Spirit may continue to enlighten the Church more fully concerning the mind and will of God and the meaning of His Gospel of Redemption.

1. God.

There is one Living and True God, Eternal and Almighty; Maker, Preserver and Sustainer of the universe, and its Sovereign Lord. He is present everywhere, and is perfectly holy, loving, wise and good. He is our Heavenly Father Who in His grace seeks the good of all men and desires to bring them into holy and blessed communion with Himself. He is supremely made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. The Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the Eternal and Only-begotten Son of God. He showed Himself to be Divine by His perfect knowledge of God and man, by His sinless and perfectly holy life, by the wisdom and authority of His words, by His wonderful works, and by His resurrection from the dead.

He became man to reveal the Father, to teach men the Divine Will, to give Himself for us, and to die for our sins, in order that having risen from the dead He might destroy sin and its power, and give us life eternal. In His resurrection He triumphed over death and reigns for ever as our Forerunner, Redeemer and Lord, ever making intercession for us.

3. The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is personal and He is God immanent in the lives of men, seeking them for Himself, and inspiring every right desire and every effort after goodness, truth and beauty. In and through the Holy Spirit the Risen Christ continues His work for and within men. The Holy Spirit enables us to repent and to exercise faith in Christ as Saviour. He bears witness with our human spirit that we are the children of God. He enables us to know and to do the will of God. He helps us in prayer, cleanses us from sin, and fills our hearts with love to God and to our fellow-men.

4. The Holy Trinity.

We worship and adore One Triune God, Who is revealed in the New Testament as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

5. Man and Sin.

God created man a spiritual being in the likeness of Himself. He bestowed upon him freedom and responsibility, that, regarding his life as a trust from Him, he might know, love and serve Him and thus enter into eternal fellowship with Him. The life of Jesus reveals man's true nature and God's will and purpose for him.

Sin is disobedience, in thought, word or deed, to the will of God, and alienates man from Him. All men need the saving grace of God. They are able neither to save themselves nor to fulfil the Divine purpose for which they were created, unless they repent and receive the forgiveness and all-sufficient aid of God.

6. Salvation in Christ.

All men being alienated from God by sin, He seeks in His grace to bring them into reconciliation with Himself. In Jesus Christ He offers the gift of salvation, which is deliverance from the guilt and power of sin and admission into the free and full life of the family of God. This gift is appropriated by man through repentance and faith. To repent is to be truly sorry for sin and to seek forgiveness from God with steadfast purpose to sin no more. Saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone as our Saviour, and the full acceptance of Him as Lord and Master of life. Regeneration, or the New Birth, whereby we become new creatures in Christ Jesus, Assurance, whereby we are conscious of being the children of God, and Sanctification, whereby we grow in the likeness of Christ, are the work of His quickening and indwelling Spirit.

7. Revelation and the Holy Scriptures.

In nature, in conscience, and in history, God has ever been revealing Himself to the children of men. In the sacred Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments is found the inspired record of God's unfolding revelation of Himself given to mankind and perfected in Jesus Christ, in Whom His purpose of redemption is fulfilled. The Divine Revelation found therein is the supreme rule of faith and practice. The authority of the Scriptures rests on the fact of their inspiration by the Holy Spirit and their consequent witness to the truth of God, verified to faith in every generation by the same Spirit as the authentic Word of God.

8. The Church.

The Church is the Body of Christ ; and He is the only Head to Whom it owes obedience. It consists of the whole company of those who accept Him as their Lord and Saviour. From infancy all children belong to Christ, and it is their right and privilege to be received into and nurtured within His visible Church, that in due course they may accept Christian discipleship and profess the same.

The duty of the Church is to worship God in Christ's Name ; to set forth in its own fellowship the Christian way of living ; to give loving service to mankind for Christ's sake ; to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom to all people ; and to bring every part of the life of all men under the dominion of Christ. In the providence of God the Methodist Church, which cherishes its place in the One Church Universal, was raised up to emphasize the truth of universal redemption by Christ ; the personal experience of salvation by faith assured to the believer by the witness of the Holy Spirit ; and the possibility and privilege of a Christian life made perfect in love. Its historic usages include the practice of Christian fellowship and the co-operation of the laity with the ministry in the preaching and pastoral offices of the Church.

9. The Sacraments.

The Sacraments are sacred ordinances appointed by Christ to be outward signs of inward grace and spiritual blessing, and a means of receiving the same ; and are of perpetual obligation.

There are two such sacraments, namely, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Baptism is the Sacrament of normal entrance into the visible Church of Christ. Adult Baptism involves a personal and open confession of faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour. When administered to infants, Baptism is a declaration that the child belongs to Christ, and is included in the household of faith. It is also a symbol of the goodness of God already at work as well as of the promises of His grace to be fully realized later, through the exercise of personal faith. On the part of the parents it is a dedication of the child to God, and a promise to share with the Church in its Christian nurture. On the part of the Church it is a pledge to instruct and train the child in the doctrines, duties and privileges of the Christian religion.

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament of thankful remembrance of Christ's death upon the Cross for the redemption of the world. The bread and wine symbolize the body and blood of Christ which are spiritually received by the faithful to the strengthening and refreshing of their souls. Believers have fellowship with the living and present Christ, renew their pledges of loyalty to Him, and in Him have fellowship one with another.

10. The Ministry.

The Methodist Church holds the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, yet also believes that in the exercise of its corporate life and worship there should be a ministry of those who are called of God to the sole occupation of proclaiming the Word, of administering the Sacraments, and of the care of souls ; and who have a principal and directing part in these duties.

Those whom the Church regards as called of God, and who have given evidence, during a period of training and probation, of possessing the essential gifts, graces and fruits, are ordained to the ministry by the laying on of hands. This ordination expresses the Church's recognition of the minister's personal call, authorizes him to discharge the special duties of his office, and symbolizes the bestowal of the Divine grace necessary for his life's work.

11. Public Worship.

It is the duty and privilege of God's people to meet together for public worship in the Name of Christ ; to hear God's Word, to observe His Sacraments and to receive the bounties of His grace ; to offer their gifts and consecrated service and to strengthen each other in the faith and in the practice of Christian virtue. It is a sacred obligation to observe the Lord's Day as a day of rest, worship and Christian service.

12. Christian Life and Conduct.

Those who are disciples of Christ prove their fellowship with Him by following the guidance of His Spirit ; and thus they are enabled to fulfil their duties in every sphere of life.

Their duty to God is to worship Him gratefully and reverently ; to love Him perfectly ; to trust Him in every time of perplexity and trouble ; and continually to learn and to obey His Will.

Their duty to their fellow-men is to live as those who belong to the family of God ; to serve them in the spirit of Jesus Christ ; to further His righteousness in every department of life, individual, social, national and international, that God's will may prevail to the uttermost parts of the earth.

A Christian's duty to himself, since life is given by God as a definite trust, is to preserve, improve and use his powers of body, mind and spirit so as best to serve God and his fellow-men and provide for his own needs, and those of his dependents.

13. The Last Things.

At a time, known only to God, Jesus will be manifested in glory, for which manifestation we should always be prepared.

The New Testament revelation assures us that life continues after death. God, Who alone can read the heart, judges all men by Jesus Christ, the Son of Man. In accordance with this Divine judgment those who reject the mercy of God are separated from His favour, and those who accept His mercy enter into eternal blessedness with Him. The Christian at death departs to be with Christ, Who will change the earthly body and fashion it like unto the body of His glory. Complete and final victory over death is assured to the believer by the resurrection of Christ himself.

At the last, when the Kingdom of Christ, through the work of His Church, is complete, we look forward to the fulfilment of the Apostolic word that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father, and that God Himself shall be all in all.

N.B.—The above Statement is based on the New Catechism of the Methodist Church, together with the doctrinal clauses in the Standing Orders of the British Methodist Conference. It is also indebted to the Short Statement of Faith issued by the Church of Scotland.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Statement be received and adopted.
2. That it be printed for circulation throughout the Church.
3. That steps be taken to expound the Statement to the Church.
 - (a) That a series of articles be prepared for the "Methodist Times" which may subsequently be published in book or pamphlet form.
 - (b) That ministers be required to make each Section of the Statement the subject of an address.
 - (c) That during the May Synods a Session be given to the consideration of Methodist doctrine, the Statement being used as a basis.

4. That the Committee be re-appointed to carry out the instructions of the Conference with respect to the publication of the Statement and its exposition in print.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON STANDARD OF STIPENDS.

See Minutes of Conference, 1938, pages 174 and 175.

This Committee desires to call the attention of Synods to the following facts revealed by this Report, viz :—

That 33% of our Ministers are not receiving the standard stipend of £250.

That the stipends of 49% of our Ministers have not been fully reinstated to the level of 1930.

That 75% of the Motor Cars used in our Church work are owned by Ministers : that the average allowances per mile are totally inadequate, which means a consequent reduction in the Minister's stipend ; that there are some Circuits which pay the standard stipend but fail to make any car allowance, thus reducing the Minister's stipend by the amount of his car expenses, and also inflicting a further injustice by causing him to pay Unemployment Tax on £250, which he does not really receive.

This Committee also calls attention to the report on Parsonages, which, in a great many instances, reveals a most unsatisfactory state of affairs not only with regard to the buildings, but also with regard to the furnishing of the Ministers' homes.

We call upon Synods to take some definite action with regard to these vital matters, and recommend the corresponding members of this Committee, in their Districts, to arrange for a sympathetic and fraternal visit of laymen to the Quarterly meetings, or Circuit Stewards, of those Circuits and Home Mission Stations in which full obligations are not being met.

We recommend that this Report and subsequent discussion be taken in Committee.

W. S. MACKAY }
L. E. RHODES } Conveners.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and the Committee be reappointed.
2. That this Conference—in view of the return of more prosperous times and the increase in the cost of living—regards it as a matter of urgency that the 10% cut in Stipends be restored and that the minimum of £250 should now be officially recognised as the standard of the Church. Conference is aware that there are local conditions in some instances which make this a difficult achievement but urges all our Circuits to make every possible endeavour to raise all stipends to this level and directs Chairmen of Districts to arrange not later than the June Quarterly Meetings for influential deputations to visit Circuits wherever necessary and to use corresponding members as named on page 175 Minutes (1938) for this purpose.
3. That the question of Circuit Transport (in terms of the Mahurangi Memorial) be considered by the Committee in consultation with the H.M. Board.

CHURCH FINANCE.

Report of Committee, 1938.

The Committee has met once only during the year. As no word had been received from Auckland as to a meeting in terms of Conference resolution (Minutes 1938, page 163, res. 2 and 3) the convener was directed to write to the Chairman. So far no word of such a meeting has been received.

The Committee found it was not practicable to plan deputations for each District as directed by Conference. Men with special capabilities would be needed, and these might not be known to a Committee of another District. The Committee felt that this could best be done by District Committees such as the District H.M. Committees, which are also the Spiritual Advance Committees. Local committees could select the members of the deputation with knowledge, and could select the time of visiting the circuits so as not to clash with other activities.

These deputations to the circuits should emphasise the following:—

(1) The Stewardship of the whole of life. Money should not be isolated in thought but should be included in the stewardship of the whole personality, time, activities, natural endowments, etc.

(2) That giving, which should be regarded as a privilege and a means of grace, and an act of worship, should be systematic and proportionate. Where possible, there should be a system of weekly offerings. Our giving ought to be according to the amount of our income. A definite proportion should be set aside for the work of God. Many give one-tenth, but the actual proportion must be determined by the individual member in the light of all the circumstances. It is evident that a definite proportion of one man's income will be quite inadequate for another whose income is many times greater. The actual proportion must be decided upon by each one prayerfully and with honesty, and in view of the needs of the work of God. The main thing is that a definite proportion should be set aside for God.

(3). That a method should be devised and put into operation to assist such giving to the Church. The envelope system in its various forms is such a method and is strongly recommended. A system that has found favour and has been successfully worked in some churches is as follows:— All envelopes are dated; no amount is promised definitely to the stewards; no record is kept of the amount given by each subscriber; but a record of envelopes returned is kept and the member is reminded of envelopes not returned. Instances were quoted to the Committee where the number of subscribers under this system were three times the number under the old system. It has the advantage that no record is kept of any member's contributions. But it requires a sense of responsibility on the part of the individual member.

It is not too much to say that if even three fourths of our membership would adopt some systematic method of giving, the financial problems of most of our circuits would be solved. Preachers must deal faithfully with the subject of stewardship in its broad aspects and educate our people so that giving will be a very part of their religion.

CONNEXIONAL LEVIES.

The Committee investigated the systems in operation in both British and Australasian Methodism. The convener prepared figures showing as well as it was possible what effect the adoption of some of these methods would entail. After careful consideration it was felt that the difference would be so slight as not to warrant a complete change in the basis of Connexional Levies. They are not satisfied that the present basis is ideal. It bears hardly on circuits of small membership. But they are unable to

devise a basis that will not do injustice to some circuits. They therefore recommend that there be no change in the basis of Connexional levies.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report on Church Finance be received.
2. That the Report on Connexional Levies be adopted.

QUESTION LIII.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?

(See Book of Laws, pp. 97, 98).

The President, Vice-President, Ex-President and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Ministers of Wellington, Johnsonville Hutt and Petone Circuits, Messrs. J. Stanton, E. W. A. Kellow, B. J. Lynneberg, N. R. Seddon, H. Holland, S. T. S. Martin, F. Penn, H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., C. E. Taylor. Secretary of Conference, Secretary and Convener.

COMMITTEE OF EXIGENCY to be the Wellington District Executive, with the Wellington members of the Committee of Privileges.

QUESTION LIV.—Who are the Members of District Executive Committees?

WELLINGTON.—The Ministers and Probationers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, with Mesdames L. Denby and J. D. King, Miss E. Paul, Messrs. B. O. Stokes, T. M. Pacey, G. Laking, H. Nicholson, T. H. Crosbie, L. H. Steel, C. H. Hain, H. W. Smith, S. T. S. Martin, J. A. Martin, R. Hardie Boys, N. R. Seddon, G. E. Turney, B. J. Lynneberg, W. J. Carman, M. Allister, F. Lockwood, A. Maud, E. Heggie, J. McCormick, H. E. Pacey and W. E. Howe. Convener, Rev. A. M. Costain.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Ministers and Probationers in active work in the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, W. Grigg, J. Featherston, H. E. Bellhouse, and A. C. Lawry; Messrs. C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, D. E. Parton, W. C. Francis, J. B. Weir, W. Clothier, R. Peperell, H. Holland, R. Sedman, H. N. Buttle, W. Burnell, D. McHarg, S. Sayers, H. A. Purvis, C. A. Comber, J. H. Jones, R. Carter, P. G. Clements, A. Pratt, P. A. Le Brun, L. C. Walker, H. W. Armitage, C. Manhire, R. Norton, F. Coleman, L. S. White, C. D. Lane, H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, C. A. Newman, F. Thompson, J. W. Hillary, H. de R. Flesher, Miss Sharpe and Mrs. F. Thompson. Convener, Rev. A. O. Harris.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Ministers of Dunedin and Suburban Circuits; Messrs. G. S. Gapper, C. F. Roberts, E. J. King, J. T. Barclay, W. Eadie, A. H. Harman, W. Dickinson, F. G. Marshall, G. Henderson, A. T. McIndoe, R. H. King, W. J. Bell, F. Dawson, H. Johnson, D. C. Cameron, A. Ganderton, G. D. Horsburgh, Dr. Lyth, Sister Hazel, Misses F. A. Nixon and M. Russell. Convener, Rev. T. Skuse.

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church, including the Rulings of the President during the Year?

LAW BOOK REVISION COMMITTEE'S REPORT, 1938.

The Committee has met several times during the year and has dealt with the matters remitted to it by last Conference. In addition to this it has considered the regulations of the Home Mission Department, after consultation with the General Superintendent. But, in view of proposed changes the presentation of these to Conference is deferred. The Regulations governing the Examination Committee have been co-ordinated and the changes proposed are contained in the recommendations.

Some omissions in our Laws have been brought to light. Up to the present the status of Home Mission Stations has not been defined. The Board of Examiners functions every Conference, yet the Law does not state its constitution, or define its powers or duties. Ministers must attend the Annual Synod, but no such mandate exists for their attendance at the Ministerial Committee of the Synod.

The Committee is of the opinion that the publication of a new edition of the Law Book should not be long deferred.

Hasty legislation is usually ill-considered; the Committee believes that an assembly of over 200 members is not suited for framing legislation. The Conference must decide the principles, but a small Committee can best draft Laws and Regulations in language that will convey the actual meaning intended by the Conference. In our judgment there should be appointed at each Conference a select Committee which will draft and settle the final form of any proposed alteration, amendment or addition to the laws, and present same for ratification to the Conference then sitting.

We recommend that the Committee for 1939 be:—Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, W. A. Sinclair, E. Drake, E. D. Patchett, M. A. R. Pratt, F. Copeland, W. A. Burley (Convener) and Messrs. J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher and W. Dobbs. The recommendations of the committee are set out below.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (a) That the Report be received and adopted and the Committee be re-appointed.
- (b) The following amendments were adopted:—

1. Standing Orders.

That the following be added to the Standing Orders of the Conference:—

Unless the Conference shall otherwise determine, a member proposing a motion shall be allowed to address the Conference not more than fifteen minutes, and when replying, not more than ten minutes. Any other member speaking to a motion, or proposing an amendment, shall be allowed not more than ten minutes, unless the Conference shall otherwise determine.

2. Transport Within Circuits.

Law Book, page 41, 160 (c) Alter to read (c) Provide suitable houses and furniture for the ministers and adequate transport for the efficient working of the circuit.

Law Book, page 177; par. 295 (e) That this be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—(e) Adequate means of transport for the efficient working of the circuit.

3. Election of Society Stewards.

Law Book, page 42, That par. 165 be altered to read :—Society stewards shall be elected annually at the Church meeting held during the quarter ending December 31. Each Church shall have the right to elect two Society Stewards for the first twenty members or portion thereof and an additional Steward for each additional twenty members or portion thereof ; provided that no Church shall have power to elect more than twelve Stewards, except in the case of City Missions which shall be entitled to elect up to the number of twenty-five. (Mins. of Conf. 1936, page 160).

4. Representatives to Conference.

That par. 244 be altered to read :—“Each lay representative to Conference shall be an adult member who has been at any time a member for at least four years, and is at the time of election a member in the Circuit, and of the Quarterly Meeting or of the Committee electing him, except as provided in Par. 242. Lay representatives shall be elected by ballot after nomination, and by an absolute majority of the votes cast, at the Quarterly or Committee meeting next preceding the Conference. No person attending the Conference as a candidate for the ministry shall be eligible for election as a lay representative (see amendments to Law Book, p. 20). No Home Missionary shall be eligible for election as a Lay Representative (see Reg. 27, Law Book, page 131).

5. Mins. Conference 1938, page 169, 2 (1) “Submit to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake.” This was reaffirmed.

6. District Ministerial Committee.

Law Book pages 68-69. par. 230 add :—Every Minister and Probationer is required to attend all meetings of the District Ministerial Committee unless a dispensation has been applied for and granted by the Chairman of the District.

7. May Meetings of Committee, page 72 of Law Book.

Delete (3) and substitute :—In cases where a minister or probationer has been granted a dispensation of absence from the May meeting of the Committee, the Chairman shall visit such minister’s circuit during the year. The Chairman may summon any Home Missionary or Home Missionary Probationer to attend the meeting.

That Clause 9, page 38 (Emergency Regulations) Amendments and additions to Laws and Regulations be repealed.

8. Agenda of Synod.

- 15a (1) What is the report of the District Statistical Secretary regarding the increase or decrease in the number of Churches or preaching places in any Circuit or Home Mission Station in the District ?

- (2) What explanation has the Superintendent Minister or Home Missionary to give to the Synod regarding the closing of any preaching place or Sunday School ?

Alter 16 to—

16. What are the recommendations of the Synod on the Spiritual Welfare of the Church ?

- 16a. (1) What are our recommendations concerning the Bible Classes, Sunday Schools and Young People’s Societies ?

- (2) What are our recommendations concerning the reports of the Youth Department ? (see also Mins. Conf. 1934 page 165).

3) What amount has been raised in each Circuit in the District for the Sunday School Executive Council?

16b. What are our recommendations concerning social, industrial, moral and other public questions?

16c. What is the report of the Local Preachers' Association?

16d. What is the report of the Men's Fellowship?

24. (1) As at present.

(2) What are the reports on any special Trust Funds administered in the District?

Page 70. 3 (5) delete and substitute (5) Questionnaire presented by the Superintendent.

N.B. (1) Delete.

9. Powers of Conference.

Page 76, par. 246, Alter to read:—The Conference shall assemble annually and shall have the following powers:—

(1) To fix the time place and duration of its meetings

(1a) (at present 1).

(3) The constitution division or amalgamation of circuits or districts, or alteration of their boundaries.

(7) The appointment of ministers and probationers to circuits missions departments and institutions.

(9) The direction control and management of connexional departments institutions and funds.

(10a) To impose levies for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and carrying on any activity connected with the conference and to direct quarterly meetings to make collections from time to time on behalf of any object specified by the Conference and generally to exercise all other powers necessary for carrying on the work under its control.

Par. 248 Delete "The Conference shall assembleits sessions."

10. Conference Committees of Details (Altered Heading).

Repeal first Par. of 249, page 77 Law Book and substitute:—The Conference may from time to time constitute Committees of Details which shall consider the various matters allotted to them and report to Conference thereon. These Committees and their conveners shall be nominated by the President and the Secretary of Conference. Lists of the Committees shall be prepared and members of Conference notified as to the Committee to which they have been appointed.

Such Committees shall meet for the transaction of business on the day fixed for the opening of Conference, except the Examination Committee which shall sit on the day prior to the opening of Conference. These Committees shall be regarded as the advisory committees of the Conference. The Committees shall also meet during the sessions of the Conference as often as may be considered necessary. (delete 249 (c) Subclause 2, page 78, Law Book).

11. Business of Conference.

The Conference shall upon assembling be opened by the retiring President and shall (a) proceed to the induction of the President, the reception of the Secretary and the appointment of officials (b) adopt standing orders, (c) make arrangements for the transaction of its business, (d) elect the Vice-President who shall be welcomed by the retiring Vice-President, (e) elect the President and Secretary of the next succeeding Conference.

The business of the Conference shall be conducted under the following questions and under such further questions as the Conference may from time to time prescribe:—the answers to such questions shall be recorded in the minutes of Conference.

(Here follow the questions).

That the par. headed "Conduct of Conference Business" pages 20 and 21 in the Amendments to the Law Book be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

The reports of the respective Conference Committees, Councils and Boards, and the reports directed to be presented to the Conference by any appointee to a Conference department shall, except as herein-after provided, be submitted to the Conference by the persons authorised in that behalf by the laws and where not so authorised by such persons as the Conference may from time to time determine.

Provided that where Committees of Details have been appointed according to par. 249 the reports referred to shall be forwarded as early as possible by the persons authorised as aforesaid to the Secretary of Conference for submission to the Conveners of such Committees. The Conveners shall submit the subject reports to the Conference unless otherwise determined by the Conference.

Page 78 Law Book, Heading be altered to—

The following are the Conference Committees of Details:—

A. General Purposes Committee.

B. Complaints and Appeals Committee, etc.

Page 97—A General heading be inserted as follows:—

Standing Committees of the Conference.

1. Committee of Privileges.

2. Committee of Exigency.

3. President's Committee of Advice. A President's committee of advice shall be appointed at each conference consisting of the ex-President, the President-elect, the Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, and four other senior ministers together with the Vice-President, the ex-Vice-President, the President's Legal Adviser, and five other laymen.

4. Law Revision Committee. The Conference shall appoint a Committee on laws which shall consider rulings by the President since the previous Conference and any suggested alterations of the laws arising therefrom and any recommendations for the alteration or clarifying of the laws of the Church.

12. Board of Examiners.

A Board of Examiners shall be appointed, and shall consist of the President and Secretary of Conference, the Principal and Resident Tutor of the Theological College, the examiners for probationers, native probationers, students, candidates, home missionary probationers, local preachers, and also the correspondence tutors for probationers; and such other ministers as shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board.

One of their number shall be appointed as Secretary and Convener. He shall call the Board together during Conference when it is deemed necessary.

The duties of the Board shall be to arrange the course of studies for probationers, native probationers, candidates, home missionary probationers, and local preachers, and recommend for appointment such examiners and tutors as may be necessary.

13. Examination Committee. Law Book, page 78.

1. The examination committee shall be appointed and shall consist of the President, the President-elect, and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the General Secretaries of Home and Foreign Missions, the Senior Youth Director, the Chairmen of Districts, such members of the Board of Examiners as may be attending Conference, ten other ministers who shall be chosen by the President from those attending Conference and three laymen, who shall be appointed by the President from the list of those who are members of Conference, in consultation with the Secretary of Conference, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and the Principal of the Theological College.

Delete par. 2.

Law Book, page 78 and after par. 3.

On the recommendation of the Board of Examiners Conference shall appoint each year an examiner for the Oral Examination at the succeeding Conference. In the event of such examiner not being able to attend the Conference, a substitute shall be appointed by the President. In every alternate year the oral examiner shall be either the Principal or the Resident Tutor of the Theological College; in other years the examiner shall be chosen from the district in or contiguous to that where the Conference shall meet.

Par. 6, repeal (d) and substitute therefor (d) to issue a brochure embodying the book-lists, (e) To act generally as executive officer of the Board of Examiners between Conferences in consultation with the President and with the Board of Studies of the Theological College.

Page 80 par. 7. Delete last sentence and substitute therefore as second sentence: "All reports of medical examinations shall be sent by the Chairman of the District to the Connexional Secretary."

Pages 80-81 (Law Book)—Par. 8. Delete in first sentence the words:—"and in all other cases in the order in which they appear in the Minutes of Conference."

Page 82, add heading:—Regulations for Probationers.

Par. 2 to read: Any probationer who gains an average of 80 per cent. of marks will be mentioned in the Minutes of Conference as having passed with Honours.

Par. 3. Adopt resolutions of Conference Minutes 1938, pages 25 and 26, pars. 1-8.

Pages 82 and 83 delete pars. 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Par. 9, delete and substitute as in Amendments page 5, under headings "Probationers taking University Work" and "Grants to Probationers pursuing a University Course." Delete Par. "Probationers and University Work" in Amendments, page 5.

Foreign Missionary Probationers. (page 84).

Alter 10 to read: Probationers accepted for Foreign Mission work shall not marry without the permission of the Board of Missions. The application for such permission to marry during his probation shall be forwarded to Conference through the Board of Missions, which shall consider the application and give its finding thereon.

Home Missionary Probationers, pages 86-87. in pars. 2 and 5 alter "three" to "four."

Examination of Candidates, pages 88-89.

Delete 1 as not now necessary.

2. see Minutes of Conference, 1938, pages 27 and 28.

3. Alter to read:—The minimum number of marks required for a pass in any subject shall be 50 per cent. Any candidate securing an average of 80 per cent. of marks shall be credited with Honours.

in pars. 4 and 5 alter "Matriculation" to "University Entrance," and add "or such examination as shall be judged by the Secretary of the Board to be its equivalent." Delete the words "Science" and "C" in par. 4.

After par. 7 insert from Minutes of Conference 1935, page 28, 2, (a), (b), (c), (d).

Trial Sermons, pages 90-91. Alter par. 4 to read:—The Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall collect and assess candidates' written sermons, marking them with the numerals 1 to 10, 10 to be the maximum, and shall report thereon to the District Ministerial Committee.

(See also under Question 23).

Book Lists, pages 91-92.

Alter 1 to read:—Each Probationer shall forward to his chairman not later than October 15th, a classified book list embodying in addition to more general reading the bibliography of his studies during the year. The Chairman or a minister of the District appointed by him may conduct an oral examination thereon, except in the fourth year, when the examination shall be in Theology only.

Alter 2, in accord with the new classification of the Book Lists.

15. Home Mission Stations (to be inserted in Law Book, page 128, before 24).

A Home Mission station consists of one or more Churches, or preaching places—constituted as such by the Conference—to which station an appointment may be made by the Conference or by the Home Mission Department.

The Conference may at any time fix the boundaries of a home mission station and when so fixed such boundaries shall not be altered except in accordance with the procedure referred to in pars. 211 and 212.

Every separate home mission station shall be under the superintendence of the Chairman of the District except where the Conference shall place a station under the supervision of a superintendent minister of the same district.

Preachers' Meetings, Leaders' meetings, Church meetings and Quarterly meetings shall be constituted in home mission stations and held in the same manner as in circuits, and the officers shall be similarly appointed.

Part 5 page 62.—

Par. 225 (d) delete all words after "station."

Par. 227. Delete the whole par. as it is already provided for in 24 (9) page 129.

Par. 225 add (1) Maori Representatives (as per Mins. Conf. 1937, page 174).

And on page 75 add after par. 242 Maori Representatives (as provided for in Mins. Conf. 1937, page 174).

16. Combined Preachers' Meetings.

That where Circuit Preachers Meetings so desire two or more Circuits may hold a combined Preachers Meeting. This meeting shall have all the functions of the Circuit Preachers Meeting, and shall send its recommendations to the Circuit Quarterly Meetings concerned.

17. Constitution of Synod.

That Regulation 225, Constitution of Synod, page 62, Law Book be amended to include District Secretary for Home Missions as a member of Synod ex officio.

18. Matters referred to the Committee for consideration.

- (a) That the Law be altered so that answers to Q. 25, Synod Agenda (Law Book, page 66) be given at the Ministerial Committee instead of at the annual Synod.
- (b) **Notices of Motion.**—That the matter of presenting these at the opening night of Conference be referred to the Committee.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

The main event of the year has been that steps have been taken to form a World Council of Churches. Our Committee has met and recommends that our Church in N.Z. give its approval. Also that this Committee be authorised to act in co-operation with other churches, when any meetings may be called to constitute a New Zealand Council of Churches. This would be a national unit in the Ecumenical Movement, the development of which is the most significant event in our time among the Christian churches of the world.

The annual contribution of £5 plus exchange from the Contingent Fund is recommended.

E. P. BLAMIRE, Convener.

An invitation was received from the Secretary of the Provincial Committee of the World Council of Churches (in process of formation) to join its membership. This was presented to the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That a Grant of £5 be made by the Contingent Fund.
- 3. That the Committee consider the question of becoming a member of the proposed World Council of Churches.
- 4. That the Committee for 1939 be :—The President, Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, H. E. Bellhouse, M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. P. Blamires, J. H. Haslam, F. Greenwood; Messrs. H. E. Pacey, A. H. Reed, R. S. Maunder, A. E. Hurley. Convener, to be appointed.

N.Z. CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.

In connection with the N.Z. Centennial Exhibition opening in Wellington in November, 1939, the Protestant Churches have united in taking the whole of the large Court No. 13. The different denominations have bought varying amounts of space for display at 12/6 per square foot. The Methodist Church, as one of the oldest missionary Churches in the Dominion, has through the President and a Committee set up by the District Executive, bought equal space with the Anglicans and Presbyterians. The Committee, which had to act quickly, is grateful for the money subscribed for this purpose by the Home Mission, Foreign Mission, and Contingent Funds. Donations from Church Trusts, Departments and other Funds, and personal subscriptions will be gratefully received for this fine piece of publicity.

Within the United Churches' Court will be a Lecture Hall where lectures, missionary moving pictures, church drama, etc., will be given; and where distinguished religious leaders from overseas will be heard. It is also hoped to have a Chapel of Quiet.

The Methodist section of the Court includes a corner, and will provide a fine opportunity for the Home and Maori and Solomon Islands Mission work, Deaconess Service, Book Depot, College, School, Bible Class, Connexional Departments, Social Service, and other work of the Church to be shown.

The fact that all the Churches will have their displays in the one Court will be a fine gesture of unity. The Rev. E. P. Blamires, from whom all information may be received, is joint-secretary of the combined churches' committee in Wellington which is making all preliminary arrangements.

Conference will be asked to set up a strong and representative committee for the management and control of the Methodist section of the United Churches' Court.

PERCY PARIS,

President of the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference tender its thanks to those responsible for having our Church represented at the Exhibition.
3. That a Committee be set up to manage the Methodist section of the United Church's Court—the Committee to be composed of three persons nominated by each of the Contributing Boards or Departments. The Committee to be have power to co-opt other members, and to elect a Convener—The Chairman of the Wellington District to convene the first meeting.

Personnel of Special Conference Committees.

In order that the work of such Committees be more evenly distributed over the members of Conference, the movers of motions constituting them are directed to confer with the Secretary as to their personnel before submitting the motions to Conference.

Conversation on the Work of God—Conference 1940.

That the following be a Committee to make arrangements :—Revs. L. B. Neale, W. A. Burley, M. A. Rugby Pratt, H. L. Fiebig, H. S. Kings, Wesley Parker and W. E. A. Carr. Convener, Rev. W. A. Burley.

Women in the Ministry.

That this question be referred to the Board of Studies with a view to exploration of the possibilities of an Ordained Order of Women on the lines adopted by the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Corresponding Members :—Sister Rita Snowden, Mrs. H. J. Steptoe, Misses L. Hodder, A. Firth, Joyce Winstone, D. Sheat and A. C. Tocker.

President's Committee of Advice.

Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, E. D. Patchett, M. A. Rugby Pratt, F. Copeland, L. B. Neale, P. R. Paris, the Secretary of Conference, Vice-President of Conference : Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher, E. H. Burton, C. E. Taylor, H. Chapman and J. H. Blackwell.

Legal Adviser.

That Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B., be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

Centenary Fund Appeal.

That an Appeal for £150,000 be made in 1940 and that the Home Mission Board be empowered to set up strong Committees in each District.

Visit by Prof. A. E. Albiston.

That Conference endeavour to arrange that Prof. A. E. Albiston, President-General of the Methodist Church of Australia, visit New Zealand during his term as President-General.

Methodist Ecumenical Conference, (Oxford, England, 1941).

That Conference arrange a delegation of members likely to be in England in 1941.

Watch Night Services.

That the attentions of ministers be drawn to part 50. (sub-section 4): that in City Churches such services be held and in smaller centres—combined services be held.

Church Architecture.

That the matter be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

Cinema Christian Council.

1. That the Rev. J. H. Haslam be our representative.
2. That a Grant of £1 be made to expenses of Council.

Wider Fellowship.

1. That Trinity College Council be a Committee to consider how best the section in the Plan of Separation (Law Book p. 204) providing for the maintenance of fraternal relations between the Methodist Church in Australia and New Zealand may be made more effective.
2. That the Council give consideration to the further matter of short ministerial exchanges between the ministers of the N.Z. Conference and those of overseas Conferences.

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

TRINITY CHURCH, DUNEDIN, on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1940, at 7 p.m.

VOTES OF THANKS.

President.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Angus McBean, President of the Conference, for his able, inspiring and comprehensive inaugural address and that he be requested to allow it to be printed in the "Methodist Times."

Vice-President.—That the Vice-President, Mr. Mark Kershaw, be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. Percy R. Paris for his valuable services during the year.

Ex-Vice-President.—That the hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to the retiring Vice-President, Mr. J. C. Tietjens, for valuable and devoted services during his term of office.

Ordination Charge.—That the Ex-President, the Rev. Percy R. Paris be heartily thanked for his inspiring Ordination Charge; and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed in the "Methodist Times."

Secretaries.—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Secretary and his Assistants, and to the Precentor, for their services to the Conference.

Trustees Hosts, Etc.—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Trustees of Durham Street Church for the use of premises for Conference sessions and functions; also to the Hosts and Hostesses for their generous hospitality to Conference Representatives; to the Conference Arrangements Committee; and the members of the Equalisation Fund Committee, and to the Floral Decorators of the Conference Church.

Press.—That the Press Secretaries be thanked for their services; that the Press Association and the Daily Papers be thanked for reporting the business.

Musical Festival and Youth Demonstration.—The Conference cordially congratulates the Organisers of the Musical Festival and the Youth Demonstration on the excellent programme rendered.

Form of Bequest

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 _____
(Here insert the name of the Institution or Fund to be benefited)*

*sum of _____ pounds sterling to be paid out of my
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 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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UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES.

PLACE	YEAR	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY
Christchurch	1875	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1876	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Christchurch	1877	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1878	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Wellington	1879	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1880	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Christchurch	1881	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Wellington	1882	J. White	W. Flesher
Napier	1883	R. Taylor	E. O. Perry
Auckland	1884	C. W. Worboys	E. O. Perry
Christchurch	1885	E. O. Perry	G. Bowron
Rangiora	1886	H. B. Redstone	E. O. Perry
Wellington	1887	J. Parkin	W. Flesher
Christchurch	1888	H. B. Redstone	W. Flesher
Auckland	1889	E. O. Perry	W. Flesher
Addington	1890	A. Peters	J. A. Flesher
Wellington	1891	S. Macfarlane	J. A. Flesher
Rangiora	1892	J. W. Worboys	A. Peters
Woodville	1893	C. Penney	A. Peters
Christchurch	1894	J. Hosking	J. A. Flesher
Christchurch	1895	J. J. Pendray	J. A. Flesher
Auckland	1896	A. Peters	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

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

PLACE	YEAR	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
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

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

PLACE	YEAR	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
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
PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT
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.

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	Chas. H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rothwell	H. Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas R. Richards	H. P. Mourant	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight, B.A.	D. C. Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt: D.	J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J. W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John F. Goldie	T. P. Hughson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.	Arch. Peak	Jonathan H. Haslam
Dunedin*	1931	Ernest D. Patchett	Wm. S. Mackay	Jonathan H. Haslam
Christchurch	1932	M. A. Rugby Pratt	J. Voss	Jonathan H. Haslam
Auckland	1933	Arthur J. Seamer	S. T. S. Martin	Jonathan H. Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J. T. Johnson	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H. Haslam	W. Charles Francis	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1936	E. Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1937	Fred. Copeland	Henry R. French	William A. Burley, M.A.
Wellington	1938	Percy R. Paris	John C. Tietjens	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A. Burley, M.A.

*William Greenslade, President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August, 1931.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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| <p>1875—Nixon, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)</p> <p> " Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Wallis, T. Jackson (Sup.)</p> <p>1887—Clement, George (Sup.)</p> <p> " Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
 (Sup.) Fellow of Trinity Col.</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)</p> <p> " Olphert, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1890—Mitchell, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Raine, Robert (Sup.)</p> <p> " Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward (Sup.)</p> <p> " Elliott, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Frost, George (Sup.)</p> <p> " Harrison, Colin C. (Sup.)</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Henderson, Samuel (Sup.)</p> <p> " Vealie, Thomas W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p> " Richards, Thomas R. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,
 F.R.E.S</p> | <p>1897—Goldie, John Francis</p> <p> " Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Pybus, T. Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1898—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P.</p> <p> " Wills, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy</p> <p> " Haslam, Jonathan H.</p> <p> " Hunt, George P.</p> <p> " Leadley, Frank E.</p> <p> " Liversedge, Arthur</p> <p> " Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel</p> <p> " Cook, George S. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Eaton, Clarence</p> <p> " Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)</p> <p> " Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.</p> <p> " Woolloxall, Thomas R. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas</p> <p> " Oxbrow, Walter J. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Patchett, Ernest D.</p> <p> " Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S.</p> <p>1903—Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.</p> <p> " James, Benjamin J.</p> <p> " Liddell, Ralph J.</p> <p> " Seamer, Arthur J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O.</p> <p> " McBean, Angus</p> <p> " Stockwell, George F.</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred.</p> <p> " Metson, Basil</p> <p> " Richards, Raymond</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W.</p> <p> " Paris, Percy R.</p> <p> " Roberts, Charles M.</p> <p> " Ryan, Henry</p> <p> " White, Hedley</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—*continued*

- 1907—Blair, Charles
- 1908—Jordan, Chas. B.,
M.A., B.D. (Hons.), F.R.E.S.
" Martin, J. Frederick
" Speer, William H. (Sup.)
" 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.
" Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)
" Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S.
" Richards, H. Leslie
" Rowe, William
- 1912—Gosnell, Robert B.
" Hinton, George B.
" Lawrence, Frederick B.
" Scrivin, Arthur H.
" Walker, William
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
" Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Binet, Vincent le C.
" Burnet, Oswald
" Foston, Charles A. (Sup.)
" Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.
" Olds, E. Thomas
" Odell, Henry J.
" Slade, William G., M.A.
- 1916—Brown, George E.
" Fordyce, Robert E.
" Harkness, Edwin S.
" Kendon, Charles H.
" Metcalfe, John R.
" Sage, Ernest E.
- 1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
(Sup.)
" Chambers, Ernest B.
" Dennis, John
" Nelson, John R.
" Parker, Fredk. J.
- 1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
" Neal, Wallace S. (Sup.)
" Parker, James W.
" Skuse, Thomas
- 1919—Cuming, William B.
" Ford, Herbert
" Gatman, William
" Jefferson, Alfred E.
- 1920—Orchard, Hector C.
" Pickering, William B.
- 1921—Benny, Henry
" Cropp, Allan H.
- 1922—Allen, J. Henry
" Brooks, Leslie A. G.
" Jack, J. Francis
- 1923—Blakemore, Albert
" Hames, Eric W., M.A.
" Spencer, Herbert
- 1924—Ayrton, Moses
" Bailey, John H.
" Bateup, Frank
" Brown, Hubert G.
" Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
" Kings, Harry S.
" McGregor, Robert
" Taylor, Cecil R.
- 1925—Brown, F. Gardner
" Peterson, Gordon R. H.
- 1926—Hall, James H.
" Harris, G. Raymond
" Voyce, Arthur H.
- 1927—Larsen, Norman P.
" Laurenson, George I.
" Penn, Athol R.
" Raynor, Ivo M.
" Silvester, A. Wharton E.
" Utting, Harry V.
- 1928—Grocott, John D.
" Hailwood, Charlie O.
" Handy, Francis J.
" Hayman, Frank H.
" Jeffreys, Howard H.
" Mead, Victor, L.Th.
- 1929—Dickens, Charles E.
" Horwood, Leonard C.
" Kent, Arthur T.
" Parker, Walter

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—continued

- 1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
 „ Draper, Joseph C.
 „ Leadley, E. Clarence
 „ McDowell, Matthew A.
 „ Parker, Wesley, M.A.
 „ Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D.
- 1931—Carr, Thomas H.
 „ Carr, W. E. Allon
 „ Dudley, Raymond, M.A.
 „ F.R.E.S.
 „ Greenslade, William W. H.
 „ Moore, William E.
 „ Parker, Gordon, B.A.
 „ Payne, Herbert W.
 „ Williams, David O., M.A.
- 1932—Alley, Donald C.
 „ Day, Reginald
 „ Hickman, D. J. Donald
 „ Jamieson, V. Roy
 „ Jenkin, William C.
 „ Williamson, Ivan S.
- 1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M., B.A.
 „ Daglish, J. Ainsley
 „ Mitchell, John L.
 „ Orr, A. Everil
 „ Patchett, Ralph E.
 „ Waite, Alfred, E.
- 1934—Goodman, George H.
 „ John, John
 „ Johnston, Andrew, J.
 „ Matthews, Howard C.
 „ Tozer, Henry J., M.A.
- 1935—Barton, Ormond E. M.A.
 „ Duder, Clifford L.
 „ Hanna, L. Gordon
 „ Luxton, Clarence T. J.
 „ Mills, William A.
 „ Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip.
 „ Soc.Sc.
 „ Witheford, Arthur R.
- 1936—Beckingsale, George E.
 „ Hopper, H. Ian K.
 „ Tasker, Bert. M., B.A., Dip.
 „ Soc. Sc.
 „ Willoughby, James S.
- 1937—Churchill, John
 „ Francis, William R.
 „ Mayson, Robert W., B.A.
 „ Norwell, Leslie T.
 „ Sanft, Alfred
- 1938—Clements, Leslie C.
 „ Harkness, Howard E., M.A.
 „ Hoddinott, Ernest S.
 „ Laws, William R.
 „ Long, Wesley L.
 „ Petch, Ashleigh K.
 „ Silvester, John
 „ Whitfield, Harris
 „ Williams, J. C. Aldwyn
- 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.
 „ Grice, Reginald
 „ Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Sc.
 „ (Agric.)
 „ Lucas, Campbell P.
 „ Oldfield, Charles B.
 „ Waite, J. Stanley
 „ Watson, John K.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| 1911—Te Tuhi, Eruera | 1930—Gina, Belshazzar |
| 1914—Rakena, Rakena P. | 1931—Havea, Paul |
| 1920—Tauroa, Matarae | 1932—Kotosoma, Aaron |
| 1928—Keepa, Matene | 1933—Kera, Nathan |
| | 1933—Sotutu, Uziah |

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 Station Sheet is denoted in the right hand column. The Foreign Mission and Maori 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. Y.P. = Young Peoples' Department. Th.C. = Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1922	.. 5	Allen, J. Henry, 78 West St., Feilding	.. 69
1932	.. 4	Alley, Donald, C., Methodist Mission, Teop, via Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.. (8)
1895	.. S	Ashcroft, Arthur, 30 Alfred St., Palmerston N. (1935)	.. 66
1906	.. 4	Avery, William W., Willowby, R.M.D., Ashburton	.. 119
1924	.. 2	Ayrton, Moses, Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	.. 85
1924	.. 2	Bailey, John H., 12 Domet St., Opunake	.. 53
1901	.. 1	Bailey, Samuel, Scotia Rd., Port Chalmers	.. 130
1924	.. 4	Bateup, Frank, Kaeo, North Auckland	.. 20
1936	.. 1	Beckingsale, George, E. Kaikohe, Bay of Islands	.. 24
1894	.. S	Bellhouse, Harold E., 46 Clifton Terrace, Sumner Christchurch, (1934)	.. 96
1921	.. 4	Benny, Henry, Ohoka, Canterbury	.. 107
1913	.. 1	Bensley, Arthur A., Franklin St., Greymouth	.. 91
1914	.. 3	Binet, Vincent le C., Queen St., Waiuku, Auckland	.. 13
1907	.. 4	Blair, Charles, 142 North Street, Timaru	.. 113
1923	.. 4	Blakemore, Albert, 58 Waldegrave St., Palmerston North	.. 67
1900	.. 1	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St., Devonport, Auckland N.Z.	.. 6
1904	.. 5	Blamires, Ernest O., Beerehaven Road, Seatoun, Wellington E.5.	.. 71
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.I. (1930)	.. 93
1930	.. 3	Blight, J. Montgomery, Riverton, Southland	.. 138
1917	.. S	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., C/o. 288 Little Collins Street, Melbourne (1939)	.. 4
1922	.. 1	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Church St., Te Aroha	.. 31
1925	.. 1	Brown, F. Gardner, 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland S.I.	.. 1
1916	.. 4	Brown, George E., 68 Firth Street, Hamilton East	.. 35
1924	.. 2	Brown, Hubert G., Birkett St., Temuka	.. 116
1910	.. 4	Burley, William A., M.A., 3 Repton Street, Merivale, Christchurch, N.W.I.	.. 100

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1914	.. 2	Burnet, Oswald, 18 Matai Rd., Wellington, E.2.	.. 74
1935	.. 5	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., 22 Webb Street, Wellington	71
1931	.. 2	Carr, Thomas H., Tua Marina, Blenheim	.. 88
1931	.. 1	Carr, W. E. Allon, 22 Union St., New Brighton, Ch'ch.	94
1917	.. 1	Chambers, Ernest B., 33 Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	.. 54
1896	..23	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland, C.I.	.. 4
1933	.. 3	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.I.	.. 6
1937	.. 1	Churchill, John, Putaruru, Waikato	.. 38
1887	.. S	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin, S.I. (1923)	.. 122
1938	.. 2	Clements, Leslie C. Taihape	.. 58
1902	.. 3	Coatsworth, Thomas, 77 Grey Street, Woodville	.. 64
1939	.. 1	Cochrane, Herbert A., Rawene, Nth. Auckland	.. 26
1901	.. S	Cook, George S., Otaki Beach, Otaki, (1928)	.. 83
1915	.. 4	Cooke, Percy I., Station Road, Otahuhu	.. 10
1905	.. 2	Copeland, Fred., 17 Pukehana Avenue, Epsom, Auck., S.E.3.	4
1918	.. 4	Costain, Alfred M., 235 Main Rd., Wellington, W.3.	.. 72
1909	.. 2	Cottom, Harry, Springston, R.D., Canterbury	.. 103
1921	.. 1	Cropp, Allan H., Paparoa, North Auckland	.. 16
1919	.. 4	Cuming, William B., 53 Wellington Road, Marton	.. 57
1933	.. 3	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Johnson Street, Milton	.. 132
1932	.. 4	Day, Reginald, Waihi	.. 30
1917	.. 4	Dennis, John, Cambridge Street, Levin	.. 82
1929	.. 1	Dickens, Charles E., 8 Cambridge St., Wanganui	.. 56
1893	.. S	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.I. (1936)	.. 100
1930	.. 1	Draper, Joseph C., 1 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	.. 7
1935	.. 1	Duder, Clifford L., Otorohanga, King Country	.. 44
1898	.. S	Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S., "Oakley" 38 Colfe Rd., Forest Hill, London, S.E. 23, England (1938)	.. 93
1931	.. 1	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., F.R.E.S., 54 Chester Street, W., Christchurch, C.I.	.. 93
1901	.. 1	Eaton, Clarence, 524 Church St., Palmerston North	.. 66
1893	.. S	Elliott, William J., 8 Ascot Avenue, Devonport, Auckland, N.I. (1933)	.. 6
1903	.. 1	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland Auckland, S.W.I.	.. 1
1911	.. 4	Enticott, Walter J., 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton	.. 102
1901	.. S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel Street, Christchurch, E.I. (1931)	.. 94
1877	.. S	Fee, Thomas, 9 Aynsley Ter., Opawa, Christchurch, S.E.1. (1913)	.. 96
1924	.. 4	Fiebig, Herbert, L., B.A., 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch C.I.	.. 94
1919	.. 2	Ford, Herbert, Mowatt Street, Waitara	.. 48
1916	.. 1	Fordyce, Robert E., Clyde St., Balclutha	.. 131
1914	.. S	Foston, Charles A., Devon St., East, Levin (1939)	.. 82
1911	.. 2	Fowles, Albert H., Oxford, Canterbury	.. 111
1937	.. 1	Francis, William R., 35 Octagon, Dunedin, C.I.	.. 123
1893	.. S	Frost, George, 3 Gardner Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933)	.. 4
1919	.. 2	Gatman, William, Kirk Street, Otaki	.. 83
1897	..38	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. (5)
1934	.. 2	Goodman, George H., Queen St., Cambridge, Waikato	.. 33
1912	.. 2	Gosnell, Robert B., 93 Tinakori Rd., Thorndon, Wellington	72

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1931	.. 1	Greenslade, William W. H., 232 Spey St., Invercargill	.. 134
1897	.. S	Greenwood, Fred., 115 Marine Parade, Seatoun, Wellington	.. 74
		E.5 (1934)	.. 74
1939	.. 1	Grice, Reginald, Tawa Street, Te Kuiti	.. 45
1888	.. S	Grigg, William, 88 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch,	.. 93
		N.1. (1932)	.. 93
1928	.. 3	Grocott, John D., 50 Grey St., East, Onehunga, S.E.5	.. 9
1928	.. 5	Hailwood, Charlie O., Regan Street East, Stratford	.. 49
1926	.. 1	Hall, James H., Woodend, Canterbury	.. 102
1923	.. 1	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Leigh House, Trinity College, Grafton,	.. Th.C
		Auckland, C.3	.. Th.C
1928	.. 1	Handy, Francis J., 46 Radley St., Woolston, Christchurch,	.. 96
		S.E.1.	.. 96
1935	.. 1	Hanna, L. Gordon, Tancred Street, Hokitika	.. 92
1916	.. 3	Harkness, Edwin S., 8 King Edward St., Eltha	.. 50
1938	.. 2	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., Greytown	.. 78
1910	.. 3	Harris, Archer O., 15 Nelson St., Riccarton, Christchurch,	.. 99
		W.1.	.. 99
1926	.. 4	Harris, G. Raymond, 336 Selwyn St., Christchurch, S.W.1.	.. 98
1893	.. S	Harrison, Colin C., 64 Waripori St., Berhampore, Wellington	.. 74
		S.1 (1933)	.. 74
1900	.. 5	Haslam, Jonathan H., 39 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn,	.. 71
		Wellington, S.W.1	.. 71
1928	.. 1	Hayman, Frank H., 45 Haupapa Street, Rotorua	.. 39
1939	.. 1	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Sc. (Agr.), Huntly, Waikato	.. 36
1894	.. S	Henderson, Samuel, Shortland Street, Vogeltown, New	.. 47
		Plymouth (1934)	.. 47
1932	.. 5	Hickman, D. J. Donald, Bertram Street, Warkworth, North	.. 15
		Auckland	.. 15
1912	.. 4	Hinton, George B., 216 Earn Street, Invercargill	.. 135
1938	.. 2	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 62 Otaki Street, Miramar, Wellington	.. 74
		E.4.	.. 74
1911	.. S	Hopper, Arthur, 20 Bentfield Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland,	.. 5
		S.W.2 (1935)	.. 5
1936	.. 2	Hopper, H. Ian K., 119 King Street, Timaru	.. 114
1929	.. 5	Horwood, Leonard C., Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	.. 106
1900	.. 5	Hunt, George P., Devonport Road, Tauranga	.. 40
1922	.. 2	Jack, J. Francis, 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1.	.. 4
1903	.. 3	James, Benjamin J., 21 Butler Street, Timaru	.. 112
1932	.. 3	Jamieson, V. Roy., Normanby Street, Dargaville	.. 17
1919	.. 3	Jefferson, Alfred E., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin, N.1.	.. 124
1928	.. 2	Jeffreys, Howard H., Onewa St., Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5.	.. 8
1932	.. 2	Jenkin, William C., Port Albert, R. D. Wellsford, North	.. 22
		Auckland	.. 22
1934	.. 1	John, John, 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auck., W.1.	.. 3
1934	.. 2	Johnston, Andrew J., 27 Cambrai Avenue, Roskill, Auckland,	.. 1
		S.2.	.. 1
1882	.. S	Jones, T. Francis, 7 Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3.	.. 4
		(1919)	.. 4
1908	.. 4	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Roxburgh	.. 133
1887	.. S	Joughin, Thomas A., 7 Belmont Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland	.. 1
		S.W.2. (1922)	.. 1
1899	.. 2	Keall, R. Purcell, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	.. 81
1916	.. 2	Kendon, Charles H., 112 Derby St., Westport	.. 90
1929	.. 4	Kent, Arthur T., 5 William Street, Gore	.. 137
1924	.. 6	Kings, Harry S., 38 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch,	.. 100
		N.1.	.. 100

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1889	.. S	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 9 Kerr St., Devonport, Auckland, N.I. (1935)	3
1927	.. 2	Larsen, Norman P., Porirua Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington	75
1927	.. 1	Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Kakariki Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I.	H.M.
1912	.. 2	Lawrence, Frederick B., 305 Manchester St., Christchurch C.1	95
1885	.. S	Lawry, Albert C., 43 St. Albans Street, Christchurch, N.I. (1931)	100
1887	.. S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, 678 Remuera Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1931)	4
1938	.. 2	Laws, William R., 10 Crescent Road, Parnell, Auckland, C.4	4
1930	.. 6	Leadley, E. Clarence, Roviana, Solomon Islands	(5)
1900	.. 4	Leadley, Frank E., 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne	61
1903	.. 3	Liddell, Ralph J., West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	5
1900	.. 2	Liversedge, Arthur, 76 Halton St., Papanui Christchurch N.W.2	100
1938	.. 2	Long, Wesley L., Porirua, Wellington	75
1939	.. 1	Lucas, Campbell P., Whakatane, Bay of Plenty	41
1935	.. 1	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	(8)
1908	.. 2	Martin, J. Frederick, 138 Somme Parade, Aromoho, Wanganui	55
1934	.. 2	Matthews, Howard C., Naumai P.O., Northern Wairoa	18
1937	.. 3	Mayson, Robert W., B.A., Waitoa, Morrinsville	32
1909	.. 3	McArthur, John D., 71 High Street, Blenheim	88
1904	.. 4	McBean, Angus, Havelock Street, Ashburton	118
1930	.. 1	McDowell, Matthew A., P.O. Box 931, Christchurch	Y.P.
1924	.. 4	McGregor, Robert, Greendale, Canterbury	110
1928	.. 3	Mead, Victor, L.Th., Paynter's Ave., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	47
1916	.. 20	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, Choiseul, via Gizo, Solomon Islands	(7)
1905	.. 2	Metson, Basil, 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin, C.2	122
1935	.. 1	Mills, William A., Cashmere, Christchurch	93
1890	.. S	Mitchell, Arthur, 10 Gladstone Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1930)	4
1933	.. 1	Mitchell, John L., Thames Street, Morrinsville	32
1931	.. 2	Moore, William E., 64 Albert Street, Pahiatua	65
1918	.. S	Neal, Wallace S., 9 Alma Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, W.I. (1939)	99
1911	.. 9	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Ter., Dunedin, C2.	123
1917	.. 1	Nelson, John R., Arney Street, Paeroa	29
1875	.. S	Nixon, John, Eliot Street, New Plymouth (1907)	47
1937	.. 1	Norwell, Leslie T., Buller Road, Reefton	89
1915	.. 1	Odell, Henry J., 32 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.W.2	H.M.
1939	.. 1	Oldfield, Charles B., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	28
1910	.. 2	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 801E. Queen Street, Hastings	60
1915	.. 5	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2.	1
1888	.. S	Olphert, J., 39 View Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I. (1932)	1
1920	.. 4	Orchard, Hector C., 308 Macandrew Rd., Dunedin, S.I.	125
1933	.. 7	Orr, A. Everil, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.1	2
1902	.. S	Oxbrow, Walter J., Ngongotaha, Rotorua (1938)	39
1906	.. 5	Paris, Percy R., 38 Macfarlane Street, Wellington, E.I.	71
1917	.. 2	Parker, Frederick J., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	80
1931	.. 2	Parker, Gordon, B.A., Tai Tapu, Canterbury	104
1918	.. 2	Parker, James W., 38 Lake Rd., Frankton Junction	34
1930	.. 3	Parker, Wesley, M.A., 67 Brougham St., Sydenham, Christchurch, S.I.	97

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1929	.. 4	Parker, Walter, 24 Colombo Street, Wellington, S.1	.. 73
1902	.. 2	Patchett, Ernest D., Liardet Street, New Plymouth	.. 47
1933	.. 3	Patchett, Ralph E., 95 Fitzroy St., Kew., Dunedin, S.W.1	.. 127
1931	.. 1	Payne, Herbert W., Selwyn Street, Leeston	.. 105
1913	.. 4	Peat, Harold T., 1 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt	.. 76
1927	.. 2	Penn, Athol R., 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington, S.2	74
1892	.. S	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Railway Terrace, Johnsonville (1928)	.. 75
1938	.. 2	Petch, Ashleigh K., Wairoa Hawke's Bay	.. 62
1877	.. S	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2 (1920)	.. 95
1925	.. 4	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Taitua Street, Taumarunui	.. 46
1920	.. 2	Pickering, William B., Eden Street, Oamaru	.. 120
1902	..13	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S., 118 Knowles Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.I.	.. C.S.
1897	.. S	Pybus, T. Arthur, Delacey St., Ravensbourne, Dunedin (1939)	130
1892	.. S	Raine, Robert, 54 Apuka St., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1 (1932)	.. 71
1901	..17	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Richmond House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	.. Th.C.
1927	.. 4	Raynor, Ivo M., 35 Wood Street, Papakura, Auckland	.. 11
1911	.. 4	Richards, H. Leslie, Coronation Street, Waimate	.. 115
1910	.. 2	Richards, James, 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2	.. 101
1905	.. 1	Richards, Raymond, Ashhurst, Manawatu	.. 68
1895	.. S	Richards, Thomas R., 53 Clyde St., Island Bay, Wellington S.2 (1935)	.. 71
1906	.. 1	Roberts, Charles M., Sanson, Manawatu	.. 70
1911	.. 4	Rowe, William, 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	.. 84
1906	.. 3	Ryan, Henry, 162 King Street, Rangiora	.. 108
1916	.. 5	Sage, Ernest E., 37 Nelson St., Petone	.. 77
1937	.. 1	Sanft, Alfred, Greenmeadows, Napier	.. 59
1900	.. 3	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., Queen Street, Thames	.. 27
1912	.. 7	Scrivin, Arthur H. Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.I. (Private Address : 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, S.E.3)	.. F.M.
1903	.. S	Seamer, A. J., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.I. (1939)	.. 2
1910	.. 4	Sharp, Harold A., 774 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	.. 5
1927	.. 5	Silvester, A. Wharton, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. (6)
1938	.. 2	Silvester, John, 63 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt	.. 76
1891	.. S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland S.E.3 (1933)	.. 4
1918	.. 5	Skuse, Thomas, 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2	.. 126
1915	.. 2	Slade, William G., M.A., Wesley Street, Pukekohe	.. 12
1892	.. 3	Smith, G. Knowles, Elizabeth Street, Bluff	.. 136
1908	.. S	Speer, William H., Rotorua (1937)	.. 39
1923	.. 3	Spencer, Herbert, Bank Street, Te Awamutu	.. 43
1904	.. 2	Stockwell, George F. South Road, Hawera	.. 51
1930	.. 1	Symons, Clifford T., M.A.B.D., 75 Taranaki St., Wellington, C.3	.. Y.P.
1936	.. 1	Tasker, Bert M., B.A., N.Z. House, 415 The Strand, London, W.C.2 England	.. 123
1924	.. 1	Taylor, Cecil R., 88 Linwood Ave., Linwood, Christchurch	.. 94
1935	.. 2	Thornley, Robert, M.A., N.Z. House, 415 The Strand, London, W.C.2, England	.. 76

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1908	.. 4	Tinsley, Robert B., London Street, Hamilton ..	34
1934	.. 2	Tozer, Henry, J., M.A., 136 Bank Street, Whangarei ..	19
1927	.. 2	Utting, Harry, V., Pah Road, Motueka ..	87
1894	.. S	Vealie, Thomas W., 14 Wakefield Quay, The Port, Nelson (1934) ..	84
1926	..14	Voyce, Arthur H. Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea ..	(8)
1933	.. 3	Waite, Alfred E., 230 High Street, Dannevirke ..	63
1939	.. 1	Waite, J. Stanley, Rakaia, South Canterbury ..	121
1912	.. 5	Walker, William, 22 Station Ter., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	4
1885	.. S	Wallis, T. Jackson, 191 Lyttelton Rd., Spreydon, Christchurch S.W.1 (1928) ..	100
1939	.. 1	Watson, John K. Shirley, Christchurch ..	94
1914	.. 1	Werren, Samuel J., Madeira Steps, Napier ..	59
1906	.. 5	White, Hedley, High Street, Carterton ..	79
1938	.. 2	Whitfield, Harris, Lake Road, Kaitaia, Nth. Auckland	25
1931	.. 5	Williams, David O., M.A., 60 Lawrence St., Morningson, Dunedin, W.1. ..	128
1938	.. 2	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, Helensville, Auckland	14
1932	.. 4	Williamson, Ivan S., 46 Brighton St., Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.1 ..	129
1936	.. 2	Willoughby, James S., Avondale, Auckland ..	5
1899	.. S	Wills, William, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1939)	7
1935	.. 1	Witheyford, Arthur R., Matamata, Waikato ..	37
1901	.. S	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1937)	7

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1928	.. 9	Keepa, Matene, Ngaruawahia ..	(2)
1914	.. 4	Rakena, Rakena P., Waima, Hokianga ..	(1)
1920	.. 4	Tauroa, Matarae, Okaiawa, Taranaki ..	(4)
1911	.. 3	Te Tuhi, Eruera, c/o Home Mission Office, Auckland	(1)
1937	.. 2	Afu, John, Roviana, Solomon Islands ..	(5)
1930	.. 9	Gina, Belshazzar, Roviana, Solomon Islands ..	(5)
1931	.. 8	Havea, Paul, Marovo, Solomon Islands ..	(5)
1933	.. 6	Kera, Nathan, Roviana, Solomon Islands ..	(5)
1932	.. 7	Kotosoma, Aaron, Teop, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea ..	(8)
1933	.. 6	Sotutu, Uziah, Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea ..	(8)

MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

1938—Dr. A. G. Rutter Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Is.

YOUTH DIRECTOR.

1939—Bate, Arthur E., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.I. YP.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

1904	—C. Aker, Coromandel ..	2
1904	—W. T. Hooper (retired), 9 Alma St., Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1.	8
1907	—S. Keen (retired), Kirk Street, Otaki ..	1
1909	—C. W. Brown, (retired), 33 Sainsbury Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland S.W.2 ..	1
1909	—T. W. Featherstone (retired) 2 Roy Terrace, New Plymouth ..	2
1910	—C. Duncan, Inglewood ..	2
1911	—C. Strand (retired), Warden Street, Shirley, Christchurch, N.1.	9
1913	—J. Common (retired), Beach Road, Weraroa, Levin ..	4

HOME MISSIONARIES

1915—J. H. Edmondson (retired), Albany	6
1917—A. L. Witheford (retired) Ngaruawahia	5
1919—J. W. Bayliss (retired) Russell, Bay of Islands	1
1919—J. Belshaw (retired), 161 Blockhouse Bay Road, Avondale	8
1922—H. Ashworth (retired), South Road, New Plymouth	3
1922—C. Robinson, Hassard Street, Manaia	2
1924—R. T. Alexander, Paraparaumu	2
1924—G. Hall, Okato, Taranaki	4
1924—W. H. Wilson, (retired), Health Camp, Campbell's Bay, Auckland	1
1925—W. J. Henderson, Patea	1
1925—H. J. Malcolm, Waddington	3
1926—F. O. Prosser, Ferguson Street, Geraldine	2
1926—W. Sussex (retired) Campbell's Bay, Auckland	1
1928—R. Coombidge, Stanway Road, Halcombe	2
1929—F. Sanderson, Granity	4
1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, Apiti, Manawatu	2
1923-9—1937—W. Macdonald, Waikouaiti	1
1935—A. P. Dorrian, Kohukohu, North Auckland,	1
1937—A. O. Jones, Silverdale	3
1937—R. C. Patchett, Waipawa	1
1939—N. Challenger, Edendale, Southland	1
1939—G. Densem, Otautau, Southland	1
1939—H. R. Wright, St. Clair, Dunedin	1

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1937—G. W. Crammond, Murchison	3
1937—A. F. Attwood, Opotiki	1
1937—W. Falkingham, Ravensbourne, Dunedin	1
1938—H. M. Brasell, Nightcaps, Southland	1
1938—Clifford G. Brown, Havelock, Nelson	1
1938—N. R. Hooper, Wakefield, Nelson	1
1939—J. F. Amos, P.O. Bombay, Auckland	1
1939—B. H. Barnitt, M.Sc., Wanganui East	1
1939—A. T. Bartlett, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty	1
1939—V. J. Hayman, Ohura, King Country.	1
1939—A. A. L. Hutching, Ngaruawahia	1
1939—C. S. L. Oliver, Foxton	1
1939—W. G. Peate, Paparoa, North Auckland	1
1939—K. A. Robinson, Kawhia, King Country	1
1939—C. W. Tolley, Hukurangi, North Auckland	1
1939—T. A. Winn, Maori Hill, Dunedin	1

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

1918—Hone Tamati, Taumarere	6
1920—Te-Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Raglan	10
1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country	19
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland	12
1927—Hauotu Hapimana, Kawhia	1
1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	11
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	10
1930—Paahi Moke, New Plymouth	9
1930—Tupito Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki	10
1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	11
1930—Hikuroa Te Maaha, Waitotara, Taranaki	10
1931—Tame Tuari, Whananaki, North Auckland	9
1932—Hoani Hakaraia, Te Uawiri, Kai Iwi, Taranaki	9
1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	7

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

1932—Te Uira Tuteao, c/o H.M. Office	4
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Hawera	4
1934—Hamiora Kingi, Waimate North (Taheke)	6
1934—Huru Wiperi, Horeke	6
1934—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe	4
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	6
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata	6
1934—Heemi Rihimona, Pukeatua, King Country	1
1934—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai, Te Kuiti	4
1935—Honehone Kereopa, Raglan	5
1935—Hoani Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga	5
1935—Hori Te Awa, Huntly	5
1935—Tuheke Poihipi, Puru, Thames	5
1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	4
1936—Remi H. Kukutai, Te Kohanga	4
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau	4
1937—Tahuna Herangi, Te Kopua, Te Awamutu	3
1937—Paki Kinita, Tuakau	1
1937—Roi Moke, Aotea, Kawhia	3
1937—Taima Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia	3
1937—Hone Hira, Onewhero	2
1938—Paraire, Paraone Kena, Poutu, Kaipara Heads	2
1938—Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	2
1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Dargaville	2
1939—Harris, John, Matakana, North Auckland	1

MISSIONARY SISTERS

Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga	
Sister Nicholls, Selkirk Street, Hamilton	
Sister Hobbs, Ratana Pa	
Sister Ivy Jones, Probert Chambers, Auckland	
Sister Netta Gittos, Kurahuna School, Onehunga	
Sister Atawhai, New Plymouth	
Sister Rangimarie, c/o H.M. Office, Auckland (resting)	
Sister Olive Bott, Paihia, Bay of Islands, North Auckland	
Sister Marama Muriwai, H.M. Office, Auckland	
Sister Madeline Holland, Okaiawa, Taranaki.	
Sister Heeni Te Teira, Kawhia	
Sister Evelyn Marriott, Selkirk Street, Hamilton	
Sister Dorothy Pointon, Te Kuiti	
Sister Ethel McMillan, Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	
Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands	
Sister Elizabeth Common, Methodist Mission, Buka, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.	
Sister Grace McDonald, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	
Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.	
Sister Vera Cannon, Methodist Mission, Roviana, British Solomon Islands.	
Sister Effie Harkness, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Is.	
Sister Merle Farland, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Is.	
Sister Joy Whitehouse, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Is.	

Methodist Church of New Zealand

In Memoriam

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

Who have laboured in New Zealand and were still in the Methodist Ministry at the date of their death.

The following list of our honoured dead has been compiled by direction of the Conference. In some particulars it is incomplete. Information concerning any errors or omissions should be sent to the Rev. W. A. Burley, 3 Repton Street, Christchurch, N.W.I., New Zealand.

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Abernethy, Christopher	Shetland Islands	1845	1879	29th April, 1927	Christchurch
Aldred, John	Suffolk, England	1818	1839	14th January, 1894	Christchurch
Allen, Alexander	Christchurch, N.Z.	1884	1910	8th May, 1918	France
Armitage, John	Leeds, England	1834	1875	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Barley, Charles E.	Fincham, England	1851	1874	5th October, 1888	Hawera
Bathey, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2nd August, 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.
Baxter, Matthew				1st May, 1893	
Beck, William Henry	Sussex, England	1837	1869	20th November, 1922	Blenheim
Beecroft, Charles E.	Lowestoft, Suffolk	1844	1870	17th November, 1913	Auckland
Benning, Job	Wednesbury, England	1858	1905	22nd November, 1915	Waikouaiti
Berry, Joseph	Preston, England	1846	1865	9th July, 1907	Payneham, S. Aust.
Best, Edward	Newry, Ireland	1824	1848	18th November, 1900	Auckland
Blight, Joseph	Clare, South Australia	1858	1887	24th October, 1933	Auckland
Bond, George	Durham, England	1848	1871	6th November, 1931	Auckland
Bowie, William S.	Scarsdale, Victoria	1865	1896	19th December, 1914	Victoria
Brooke, Thomas G.	Berkshire, England	1849	1880	31st August, 1931	Auckland
Buddle, Thomas	Durham, England	1812	1835	26th June, 1883	Auckland
Bull, Henry	London, England	1843	1868	1st August, 1919	Christchurch
Buller, James	Cornwall, England	1812	1837	6th November, 1884	Christchurch
Bumby, John Hewgill	Thirsk, England	1808	1829	26th June, 1840.	Dr'wed, Hauraki Gulf
Bunn, Robert S.	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22nd June, 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.
Buttle, George	Yorkshire, England	1810	1838	10th July, 1874	Auckland

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Buttle, Joseph Newman	Waipa, N.Z.	1850	1878	23rd December, 1914	Christchurch
Cannell, William	Manchester, England	1836	1861	8th September, 1921	New Plymouth
Carr, Thomas Goodwill	Eastwood, Notts, England	1846	1871	2nd August, 1935	Auckland
Chapman, John G.	London, England	1889	1889	30th December, 1925	Wellington
Clark, James R.	Maysbury, Bucks, England	1854	1906	1st August, 1928	Christchurch
Clover, James	Suffolk, England	1850	1874	7th December, 1919	Hamilton
Cocker, James	Derbyshire, England	1862	1890	6th March, 1935	Masterton
Cossum, Percy J.	Kent, England	1869	1897	9th September, 1933	Wellington
Creed, Charles	Somerset, England	1812	1837	18th February, 1879	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Crump, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng.	1828	1857	28th May, 1912	Stoke, Nelson
Daniel, Herbert	London, England	1881	1906	21st February, 1939	Matamata
Dawson, John	Keighly, Yorkshire, England	1859	1888	13th September, 1925	Wellington
Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	24th July, 1906	Christchurch
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend
Dewsbury, Henry R.	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
Dukes, John	Staffordshire, England	1845	1880	16th August, 1919	Manurewa, Auckland
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28th September, 1923	Wellington
Eketone, Hare	Kawhia	1828	1857	1862	Mokau
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17th June, 1879	Woodend
Evans, Matthew Joseph	Thames, New Zealand	1882	1912	3rd May, 1920	Auckland
Fairclough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christchurch
Fellows, Samuel B.	Derbyshire, England	1858	1888	21st October, 1933	Mt. Barker, W. Aust.
Fletcher, Joseph Horner	St. Vincent, West Indies	1823	1847	30th June, 1890	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Fletcher, William, B.A.	Granada, West Indies	1829	1856	20th June, 1881	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Garland, Charles H.	London, England	1857	1881	4th November, 1918	Auckland
Garlick, Samuel J.	Greenwich, England	1848	1876	27th August, 1917	Wellington
Ginger, Barton H.	Watford, England	1861	1885	27th January, 1914	Hutt
Gittos, William	Durham, England	1829	1856	26th May, 1916	Auckland
Gordon, Aldwyn Remington, M.A.	St. Leonards, New Zealand	1890	1915	26th August, 1918	France
Gray, Joseph H.	Cornwall, England	1841	1878	3rd January, 1902	Greymouth
Greenslade, William	Nelson, New Zealand	1875	1900	19th August, 1931	Christchurch
Griffin, Cornelius	Oldbury, England	1851	1876	18th June, 1929	Auckland
Griffin, John Wesley	Ireland	1853	1894	6th January, 1932	Auckland
Griffin, Thomas N.	Whitehaven, England	1853	1880	20th August, 1924	Christchurch

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Griffith, Samuel	London, England	1859	1882	19th December, 1937	Auckland
Guy, James	Kent, England	1855	1875	6th March, 1934	Christchurch
Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki	Taranaki	1866	1900	5th November, 1936	Normanby
Hammond, Thomas Godfrey	Richmond, Nelson	1846	1874	15th December, 1926	Putaruru
Hana, Piripi	Wellington	..	1856	1857	Auckland
Harding, Arthur	Ludlow, Shropshire	1861	1890	25th November, 1938	Lower Hutt
Harding, Isaac	Wanstron, England	1815	1836	17th July, 1897	Toowong, Queensland
Harper, George S.	Yorkshire, England	1840	1864	24th September, 1911	Palmerston North
Harris, Francis Thomas	Christchurch	1888	1914	19th April, 1933	Christchurch
Harris, John	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27th August, 1936	Christchurch
Harris, Walter	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christchurch
Heretini, Te Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1896	9th October, 1933	
Hobbs, John	Kent, England	1800	1824	24th June, 1883	Auckland
Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1896	1st October, 1924	Auckland
Hounsell, George	Sussex, England	..	1879	3rd March, 1906	Gisborne, N.Z.
Hudson, Lewis			1879	13th April, 1922	Auckland
Innes, Jonathan	Newcastle-on-Tyne, England	1809	1845	6th May, 1864	Nelson, N.Z.
Ironside, Samuel	Sheffield, England	1814	1837	24th April, 1897	Hobart, Tasmania
Isitt, Frank Whitmore	Bedford, England	1846	1870	11th November, 1916	Dunedin
Jones, Peter W.	Cheshire, England	1846	1876	2nd December, 1929	Feilding
Jory, John D.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.				1880	
Kirk, William	Owston, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1825	1846	19th May, 1915	Wellington
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1879	6th May, 1891	Hokianga
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1868	1st August, 1908	Auckland
Lawry, Henry Hassall	New South Wales	1821	1845	8th May, 1906	Auckland
Lawry, Samuel	Cornwall, England	1854	1877	26th July, 1933	Christchurch
Lawry, Walter	Cornwall, England	1793	1817	30th March, 1859	Parramatta, N.S.W.
Laycock, William	Lancashire, England	1858	1884	13th November, 1927	Christchurch
Lee, William	Yorkshire, England	1841	1864	12th November, 1925	Auckland
Leigh, Samuel	Milton, England	1788	1812	2nd May, 1852	Reading, England
Lewis, John James	Abergavenny, Wales	1844	1870	12th June, 1931	Auckland
Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1895	2nd June, 1931	Dunedin

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Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1836	27th February, 1887	York, England
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christchurch
Mann, George Henry	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	26th October, 1918	Auckland
Marshall, George T.	England	1853	1883	August 2nd, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	8th November, 1921	Auckland
McNicol, David	Liverpool, England	1843	1868	8th June, 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1888	1920	7th December, 1923	Bluff
Morley, William, D.D.	Notts, England	1842	1863	24th May, 1926	Kew, Victoria
Murray, Daniel J.	Cambridge, England	1851	1875	27th Sept., 1928	Auckland
Murray, Richard James	London, England	1862	1896	26th March, 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Nielsen, Edward	Norway	1842	1877	12th June, 1894	Palmerston North
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Newbold, Thomas Walter	Auckland	1862	1886	19th October, 1930	Dunedin
Oliver, William C.	Sutherlandshire, Scotland	1842	1867	14th April, 1922	Christchurch
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1838	1861	6th January, 1907	Christchurch, N.Z.
Parsons, John Ernest	Birmingham, England	1885	1912	8th April, 1932	Palmerston North
Parsonson, William George	Lerwick, Shetland Islands	1854	1881	8th September, 1903	Christchurch
Patene, Wiremu	Waikato	1810	1859	December, 1884	Karakariki
Paul, Hauraki	Orakei		1882	1910	Kaipara
Pendray, John J.	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1845	1870	2nd July, 1914	Taumarunui
Penney, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1851	1875	17th March, 1917	Reefton
Pewa, Wiremu Warena	Waima	1852	1879	31st July, 1907	Waikato
Pinfold, James Thomas, D.D.	Manchester, England	1855	1881	30th July, 1933	Wellington
Potter, William Smith	London, England	1854	1876	30th January, 1929	Auckland
Prior, Samuel F.	Bedford, England	1851	1875	1919	Masterton, N.Z.
Purchon, Samuel R.	Leeds, England	1851	1875	24th January, 1878	Motueka
Rakana, Piripi			1882	25th March, 1934	Mangamuka
Rands, Frederick	Methven, New Zealand	1883	1908	14th February, 1919	Germany

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Ratou, W. Te Kote Te	Wairarapa	1820	1859	4th May, 1895	Lower Wairarapa
Read, Frederick T.	Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1867	1889	29th July, 1937	Christchurch
Reader, Amos	Northamptonshire, England	1875	1901	20th June, 1926	Dargaville
Ready, William	London, England	1860	1885	7th September, 1927	Auckland
Redstone, Harry B.	Tavistock, Devon, England	1836	1862	20th September, 1914	Wellington
Reed, Alexander John	Middlesex, England	1879	1904	5th May, 1912	Te Aroha
Reid, Alexander	Edinburgh, Scotland	1821	1848	25th August, 1891	Auckland
Richardson, John B.	Nottingham, England	1840	1864	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Rigg, Charles W.			1850	July, 1883	
Rishworth, John S.	Bingley, Yorkshire, England	1835	1864	21st October, 1918	Auckland
Rothwell, Benjamin Francis	Wexford, Ireland	1860	1885	11th September, 1924	Hamilton
Rowse, William	Cornwall, England	1835	1858	15th July, 1899	Greytown
Ryan, Lawrence J.	Island of Jersey		1893	4th January, 1902	Cromwell
Schnackenberg, Cort Henry	Hanover	1812	1853	10th August, 1880	Auckland
Scott, William Bramwell	Thames, New Zealand	1873	1907	13th March, 1935	Wellington
Serpell, Samuel J.	Victoria, Australia		1884	9th July, 1918	Thames
Sharp, Joseph	Maidstone, Kent, England	1849	1871	15th August, 1916	Auckland
Shaw, Joseph T.	Yorkshire, England	1826	1859	13th February, 1894	Hawthorn, Victoria
Simmonds, Joseph H.	Nelson	1845	1869	30th June, 1936	Auckland
Skevington, John	Nottingham, England	1814	1839	21st September, 1845	Auckland
Slade, William	Staffordshire, England	1859	1881	20th April, 1916	Onehunga
Smalley, Joseph S.	London, England	1845	1868	26th April, 1921	London
Smith, John	Prince Edward Island	1835	1862	19th August, 1926	Auckland
Southern, John	Oldham, England	1874	1899	23rd December, 1933	Christchurch
Spence, George W. J.	Dromore, Ireland	1852	1879	20th May, 1917	Auckland
Standage, Charles Henry	Campbell Town, Tasmania	1847	1875	8th June, 1936	Dunedin
Stannard, George	Yorkshire, England	1803	1844	8th December, 1888	Wanganui
Suckling, Joseph B.	Chelmsford, England	1880	1909	7th December, 1918	Nadroga, Fiji
Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lancashire, England	1839	1866	28th May, 1918	Auckland
Thomas, James	Hobart, Tasmania	1846	1871	14th May, 1926	Melbourne, Victoria
Thomas, Thomas E., M.A.	Auburn, S.A.	1851	1876	6th March, 1909	Christchurch
Thomas, William George	Milford Haven, South Wales	1843	1868	2nd December, 1909	Auckland

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Tinsley, William	Hertfordshire, England	1848	1869	22nd August, 1913	Levin
Trestrail, Thomas	Penwortham, S.A.	1859	1887	18th March, 1920	Woodville, S. Aust.
Turner, Nathaniel	Wednesbury, England	1793	1821	5th December, 1864	Toowong, Queensland
Turner, Nicholas	Kent, England	1863	1909	19th February, 1930	Christchurch
Waiti, Hoani	Kaipara	1820	1860	1879	Kaipara
Waiti, Karawini	Kaipara	1851	1878	25th May, 1878	Auckland
Waiti, Martini L.	Kaipara	1860	1880	1887	Kaipara
Wallis, James	Blackwell, England	1809	1833	5th July, 1895	Auckland
Wallis, James W.	Waingarua (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1846	1870	24th August, 1935	Christchurch
Ward, Josiah	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1848	1872	19th September, 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert,	Sporle, Norfolk, England	1816	1835	13th October, 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	Blenheim
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23rd November, 1883	Auckland
Watkin, James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14th May, 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28th September, 1909	Auckland
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1854	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plymouth
Whittaker, J. D.	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3rd October, 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga		1911	January, 1937	Waikare
Williams, William James	Redruth, Cornwall, England	1847	1870	11th May, 1936	Auckland
Wills, Peter	Staffordshire, England	1853	1879	29th September, 1884	Springston
Woon, William	Cornwall, England	1804	1830	22nd September, 1858	Wanganui
Worboys, John Wesley	London, England	1843	1874	10th July, 1908	Wellington
Worker, William	Cornwall, England	1817	1841	2nd February, 1900	Wellsford
Wrigley, James	Yorkshire, England	1857	1887	3rd June, 1937	Auckland

APPENDIX

GENERAL RETURNS for Year ending Sept. 30, 1938—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Auckland Central ..	6	..	4	4	9	..	1	18	..	827	..	321	361	700
„ Central Mission ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	1	3	..	138	2	50	55	112
„ West ..	4	..	4	1	2	..	..	3	..	183	..	112	74	140
„ East ..	8	1	6	3	11	..	..	23	..	856	..	184	81	600
„ Avondale ..	7	2	3	3	6	1	..	10	..	455	..	100	50	400
„ Devonport ..	3	..	1	1	2	..	..	2	..	163	..	14	52	140
„ Takapuna ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	165	..	10	..	150
„ Birkenhead ..	4	2	3	1	1	..	..	4	..	230	..	65	58	200
Onehunga ..	4	..	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	239	25	57	54	220
Otahuhu ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	8	6	265	..	80	70	199
Papakura ..	3	2	3	1	1	..	..	6	..	172	..	59	42	170
Pukekohe ..	5	1	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	142	..	53	43	185
Waiuku ..	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	78	5	49	24	58
Helensville ..	1	6	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	53	..	16	16	51
Mahurangi ..	3	11	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	91	..	36	18	133
Paparoa ..	5	10	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	73	..	14	25	30
Dargaville ..	6	7	..	2	1	1	..	8	..	163	..	52	56	100
Ruawai ..	1	8	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	105	..	32	35	110
Whangarei ..	2	4	1	1	2	..	..	6	..	152	..	..	..	80
Whangaroa ..	1	7	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	34	..	34	31	40
Bay of Islands ..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	21	..	12	9	30
Port Albert ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	58	..	31	36	60
Hikurangi ..	1	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	4	52	..	29	25	25
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai ..	2	6	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	55	..	32	35	30
Mangonui ..	6	4	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	61	..	14	7	48
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	5	..	1	..	1	..	9	3	116	..	37	42	90
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale ..	3	7	1	2	..	1	..	3	1	59	..	..	..	..
Albany (no returns)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hokianga (a) Rawene ..	2	9	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	53	..	12	25	62
„ (b) Kohu Kohu ..	2	11	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	52	..	40	44	58
TOTALS ..	93	119	43	33	51	6	2	155	16	5111	32	1545	1368	4221

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	115	..	26	17	80
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	65	..	35	25	72
Paeroa ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	53	..	16	15	73
Waihi ..	1	2	1	1	2	..	..	4	2	79	3	30	41	90
Te Aroha ..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	212	..	91	29	130
Morrinsville ..	3	4	1	1	2	..	..	6	2	185	20	94	25	150
Cambridge ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	128	..	24	22	90
Hamilton ..	4	3	2	1	2	..	..	17	..	393	..	49	46	199
Hamilton East ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	148	..	49	36	190
Huntly ..	1	6	..	..	1	..	..	5	2	115	..	38	49	120
Matamata ..	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	144	..	36	26	130
Putaruru ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	52	..	8	12	73
Rotorua ..	1	3	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	81	..	18	28	75
Tauranga ..	1	9	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	120	10	45	10	65
Whakatane ..	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	70	4	41	36	48
Opotiki ..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	2	1	33	..	33	11	50
Te Awamutu ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	153	..	31	39	160
Otorohanga ..	1	6	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	70	..	43	31	80
Te Kuiti ..	1	6	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	71	..	34	31	55
Taumararunui ..	1	6	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	85	7	30	36	90
Ngaruawahia ..	3	1	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	32	..	17	10	52
Kawhia ..	1	8	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	23	..	3	3	15
Te Puke ..	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	59	..	9	15	30
Coromandel ..	1	7	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	26	..	23	9	36
TOTALS ..	46	94	16	22	23	5	1	99	10	2512	44	823	602	2153

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TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
New Plymouth	9	3	3	2	4	2	..	14	..	455	..	114	95	250
Waitara	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	114	..	50	49	120
Stratford	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	173	..	22	44	85
Eltham-Kaponga	2	6	2	2	1	..	..	8	..	138	..	22	30	92
Hawera	3	3	2	1	2	..	..	9	..	242	..	40	40	220
Manaia	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	88	3	35	37	65
Opunake	6	7	3	3	1	1	..	11	..	183	13	55	77	190
Wanganui	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	345	..	83	60	200
Wanganui North	3	1	3	2	1	1	..	7	..	164	..	59	30	115
Marton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	69	..	39	44	75
Taihape	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	43	..	21	12	30
Inglewood	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	81	..	24	38	70
Raetihi-Ohakune	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	38	..	23	24	30
Gonville	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	118	..	53	27	81
Patea	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	59	..	21	20	38
Douglas	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ohura	3	6	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	44	..	16	6	40
TOTALS	51	41	21	21	14	10	..	83	..	2354	16	677	633	1701

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	18	..	386	10	110	112	300
Hastings	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	427	..	89	145	300
Gisborne	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	13	..	208	..	78	69	160
Wairoa	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	32	..	16	24	20
Dannevirke	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	130	..	21	63	22
Woodville	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	91	..	6	25	65
Pahiatua	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	76	9	25	23	85
Palmerston (St. Paul's)	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	8	..	251	..	38	39	160
Palmerston (Cuba Street)	2	..	3	1	1	..	..	5	..	189	..	56	49	160
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	77	..	4	24	75
Feilding	6	1	3	2	1	1	..	7	..	326	..	75	84	235
Sanson-Rongotea	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	97	4	14	45	70
Waipawa	2	4	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	56	..	14	18	36
Foxton-Shannon	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	69	..	9	20	45
Apiti	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	74	..	28	37	20
Norsewood	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	66	..	6	4	22
TOTALS	39	24	17	16	14	4	..	81	..	2555	23	589	781	1775

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central	4	..	4	3	9	..	..	8	..	487	..	44	30	350
" Thorndon	4	..	3	2	2	..	..	6	..	289	..	114	76	280
" South	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	184	..	58	43	250
" East	5	..	2	2	5	..	..	10	..	410	..	163	126	331
Johnsonville-Ngaio	4	4	2	2	3	..	..	9	..	215	..	62	40	125
Hutt	4	1	2	1	3	..	..	14	..	380	..	80	183	270
Petone	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	4	164	..	25	50	100
Greytown	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	60	..	31	17	45
Carterton	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	112	..	35	38	60
Masterton	3	3	2	1	1	1	..	6	..	263	..	178	84	255
Eketahuna	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	89	..	51	48	25
Levin	1	1	2	1	2	..	..	3	..	155	..	66	48	150
Otaki	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	89	..	..	..	50
Paraparaumu	4	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	2	53	..	12	14	41
Upper Hutt	1	1	1	..	1	..	49	..	10	39	40
TOTALS	43	21	24	19	31	2	1	77	6	2999	..	929	836	2372

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NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Nelson	1	1	4	1	2	..	..	11	..	277	..	43	..	215
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	12	..	160	..	43	15	160
Wakefield-Dovedale	5	1	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	43	..	16	11	50
Motueka	1	3	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	106	..	31	23	96
Blenheim	6	5	5	3	2	..	..	10	..	355	..	115	91	290
Reefton	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	76	..	42	63	31
Westport	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	102	..	63	59	65
Greymouth	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	197	..	74	101	125
Hokitika	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	87	..	27	21	58
Havelock	4	10	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	39	..	27	30	32
Murchison	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	27	2	14	25	31
Granity	3	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	39	..	20	55	34
TOTALS	33	43	20	12	11	3	..	65	..	1508	2	515	494	1187

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	3	1	6	..	..	7	..	295	..	39	14	201
Christchurch East	7	1	6	3	4	1	..	13	..	609	..	252	147	415
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	2	2	2	..	..	7	..	141	..	31	12	100
Woolston	5	..	5	1	3	..	..	6	..	314	..	135	56	266
Sydenham	2	..	3	2	1	..	..	6	..	215	..	80	100	190
Addington	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	265	..	142	69	265
Riccarton	3	1	2	2	1	1	..	4	..	147	..	62	24	130
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	6	..	..	11	..	417	..	107	97	325
Papanui	3	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	181	..	96	23	180
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	75	..	35	5	60
Springston	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	123	..	36	40	120
Tai Tapu	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	2	2	76	..	13	..	55
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	246	..	60	45	135
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	128	..	20	40	80
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	80	..	27	15	70
Rangiora	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	181	..	30	20	118
Woodend-Sefton	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	105	..	16	31	72
Greendale	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	60	12	17	35	30
Oxford	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	70	3	21	14	58
Hawarden	1	4	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	35	..	19	20	35
Waddington	4	1	..	1	..	1	..	47	..	11	8	30
TOTALS	67	16	40	28	35	4	..	100	2	3810	15	1267	815	2935

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SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Timaru (Banks Street) ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	203	..	75	54	185
Timaru (Woodlands Street) ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	225	..	75	50	190
Timaru South ..	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	91	..	50	49	80
Waimate ..	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	179	..	70	78	120
Temuka ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	93	..	40	26	60
Geraldine ..	1	3	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	79	..	21	22	73
Ashburton ..	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	14	..	308	..	89	60	225
Willowby ..	6	5	3	1	1	..	..	11	..	147	..	36	37	108
Oamaru ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	170	..	40	15	155
Rakaia-Methven ..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	62	..	25	18	36
TOTALS ..	24	18	12	9	9	1	1	49	..	1557	..	521	409	1232

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Trinity ..	3	..	3	1	2	1	..	10	..	260	..	63	25	198
Central Mission ..	1	..	1	1	2	..	2	1	..	170	..	2	10	130
Dundas Street ..	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	134	..	30	23	140
Cargill Road ..	2	1	3	1	1	1	..	5	..	183	..	45	55	150
St. Kilda ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	158	..	33	..	150
Caversham ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	159	..	7	..	110
Mornington ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	172	..	38	27	120
Roslyn ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	80	..	17	5	60
Port Chalmers ..	5	1	2	1	1	1	..	1	1	130	..	62	18	100
Balclutha ..	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	66	..	32	17	52
Milton ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	78	..	24	27	50
Roxburgh ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	63	3	22	15	69
Invercargill Central ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	308	..	119	62	200
Invercargill, St. Peters ..	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	182	..	71	55	159
Bluff ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	108	..	41	35	25
Gore ..	2	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	110	..	18	58	61
Riverton ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	82	3	20	22	60
Maori Hill ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	46	..	18	9	50
Waikouaiti ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	25	..	4	15	18
Mosgiel ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	45	..	12	10	23
Edendale ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	56	..	22	23	30
Kaitangata ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	23	..	17	..	16
Lawrence ..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	22	..	8	11	10
Cromwell ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	39	5	21	24	35
Otautau-Tuatapere ..	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	5	..	51	..	20	3	35
Nightcaps ..	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	36	..	18	12	20
TOTALS ..	48	20	26	27	19	11	2	47	6	2786	11	784	560	2071

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1938.

DISTRICTS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Auckland	93	119	43	33	51	6	2	155	16	5111	32	1545	1368	4221
South Auckland ..	46	94	16	22	23	5	1	99	10	2512	44	823	602	2153
Taranaki-Wanganui	51	41	21	21	14	10	..	83	..	2354	16	677	633	1701
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	39	24	17	16	14	4	..	81	..	2555	23	589	781	1775
Wellington	43	21	24	19	31	2	1	77	6	2999	..	929	836	2372
Nelson	33	43	20	12	11	3	..	65	..	1508	2	515	494	1187
North Canterbury ..	67	16	40	28	35	4	..	100	2	3810	15	1267	815	2935
South Canterbury ..	24	18	12	9	9	1	1	49	..	1557	..	521	409	1232
Otago-Southland ..	48	20	26	27	19	11	2	47	6	2786	11	780	560	2036
TOTALS, 1938	444	396	219	187	207	46	7	756	40	25192	143	7646	6498	19612
TOTALS, 1937	447	402	215	187	201	45	7	761	90	25339	118	7586	6018	19437
Increase .. ..	..	..	4	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	25	60	480	175
Decrease	3	6	..	..	..	..	..	5	50	147	..	..	..	..

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches .. ..	..	18	Deaconesses .. ..	..	13
Other Preaching Places	..	237	Local Preachers ..	..	136
Ministers .. ..	..	4	Members .. ..	..	3050
Home Missionaries ..	..	38	J. and Infant Members	..	2597

DISTRICT STATISTICAL RETURN—SUNDAY SCHOOL AND Y.P. SECTION

DISTRICT	No. of Schools	Cradle Roll		Sunday School										Junior Societies			Church Membership							
				No. Now on Roll					Average Attendance								Infant	Junior	Senior					
		No. on Roll	Recd. during year	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	No. of T'ch'rs and Officers		No. of Societies	Total No. on Rolls	Total ave. attend.	No. on Roll	Recd. during year	No. on Roll	Recd. during year	No. on Roll	Recd. during year
														Men	Women									
Auckland ..	97	725	155	531	1043	1256	1236	4066	323	663	877	866	2729	229	391	110	2217	1745	1089	205	1293	156	517	26
South Auckland ..	38	222	59	282	427	591	387	1687	147	244	394	261	1046	70	144	40	691	466	479	93	583	36	201	28
Taranaki-Wang'nui	57	552	122	358	431	578	520	1887	219	251	379	363	1212	79	149	24	401	281	497	66	608	105	227	2
Hawke's Bay-																								
Manawatu ..	38	432	79	324	323	492	516	1655	196	225	338	358	1117	71	131	35	735	547	619	104	469	57	182	9
Wellington ..	36	493	166	536	566	866	616	2584	318	336	573	443	1670	154	201	55	1196	846	795	293	754	133	307	44
Nelson ..	28	273	88	191	233	306	336	1066	113	142	218	228	701	53	98	20	260	193	450	73	366	5	122	..
North Canterbury	56	539	136	407	596	799	794	2596	227	420	529	628	1804	147	276	91	1970	1377	601	146	1125	140	372	21
South Canterbury	21	136	22	124	145	239	246	754	85	103	185	182	555	53	95	27	587	449	339	15	414	19	108	33
Otago-Southland	44	468	139	369	367	618	509	1863	248	257	458	390	1353	93	166	71	1496	1185	585	74	561	87	210	17
Total this Year ..	415	3840	966	3122	4131	5745	5160	18158	1876	2641	3951	3719	12187	949	1651	473	9553	7089	5454	1069	6173	738	2246	180
Total previous year	433	3565	813	3139	4449	5558	5799	18945	2099	2998	4059	4248	13404	736	1725	476	10153	7705	4981	715	5428	599	2198	213
Increase ..	..	275	153	..	..	187	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	213	..	..	..	..	473	354	745	139	48	..
Decrease ..	18	..	..	17	318	..	639	787	223	357	108	529	1217	..	74	3	600	616	..	..	..	..	..	33

STATISTICAL RETURN—BIBLE CLASS SECTION.

DISTRICT	No. of Classes	B.C. Membership												Church Membership			
		Y.W. Classes								Y.M. Classes				Senior		Junior	
		Membership				Average Attendance				Membership				Average Attendance		No. Members.	Reed. during year
		Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.		
Auckland	163	337	233	357	927	237	168	251	656	307	176	357	840	208	114	294	576
South Auckland	68	133	65	128	326	88	45	91	224	112	33	143	288	74	28	96	198
Taranaki-Wanganui	67	101	84	184	369	76	61	136	273	102	85	122	309	72	51	88	211
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	72	142	95	162	399	103	69	118	290	74	111	164	349	50	77	120	247
Wellington	105	182	113	214	509	120	78	151	349	176	134	210	520	124	90	140	354
Nelson	49	71	68	71	210	54	53	50	157	51	59	85	195	37	39	56	132
North Canterbury	109	173	134	158	465	114	98	116	328	141	110	195	446	106	78	141	325
South Canterbury	37	61	56	67	184	46	46	47	139	65	28	35	128	50	21	27	98
Otago-Southland	78	153	129	111	393	116	90	91	297	120	135	142	397	92	90	92	274
Total this Year	748	1353	977	1452	3782	954	708	1051	2713	1148	871	1453	3472	813	588	1014	2415
Total Previous Year	812	1488	1047	1735	4270	1098	793	1220	3111	1250	801	1474	3525	875	620	1010	2525
Increase .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	..	..	..	..	4	..
Decrease	64	135	70	283	488	144	85	169	398	102	..	21	53	62	32	..	90

1938 STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

	Roviana	Vella L.	Choiseul	Boug. Buka	Totals
Churches	32	21	32	133	198
Other Preaching Places ..	16	3	3	19	41
European Missionaries ..	2	1	1	3	7
Medical Missionary ..	0	1	0	0	1
Mission Sisters ..	3	2	1	2	8
Native Probationers ..	4	0	1	2	7
Catechists and Native Teachers	48	25	40	147	260
Local Preachers ..	68	40	9	11	128
Class Leaders ..	54	25	36	1	116
European Members ..	10	7	3	17	37
Native Members, (Senior) ..	2409	1184	1446	382	5421
Native Members, Junior ..	1363	808	872	142	3185
Native Members on Trial and Baptisms ..	148	148	199	114	609
Deaths ..	32	24	57	7	120
Sunday Schools ..	10	3	1	3	17
Sunday School Scholars ..	442	180	73	130	825
Day Schools ..	33	22	32	131	218
Day School Teachers ..	53	28	41	150	272
Day School Scholars ..	1141	456	900	1548	4045
Adherents ..	4020	2160	2848	7323	16351

NOTE.—“Members” have been divided into Senior and Junior grades, which explains the above alteration in the figures.

STATE OF CIRCUITS FUNDS (By Districts) as at September 30th, 1938.

DISTRICTS	DEBITS	CREDITS
Auckland	1074 19 9	238 13 10
South Auckland ..	787 18 6	128 10 8
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	561 14 7	176 14 6
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	652 0 10	20 11 7
Wellington ..	447 15 3	187 4 8
Nelson ..	253 12 3	61 17 6
North Canterbury ..	451 17 5	190 8 1
South Canterbury ..	188 10 6	129 17 4
Otago-Southland ..	735 14 6	137 5 6
Totals, 1938 ..	£5,154 3 7	£1,271 3 8
Totals, 1937 ..	£5,875 13 11	£1,069 3 10
Increase ..		201 19 10
Decrease ..	£721 10 4	

Improvement of Position.

1938 ..	923 10 2
1937 ..	2415 5 7
1936 ..	2159 17 11

N.Z. LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES.

Balance Sheet for the Year Ending December 31st, 1938.

EXPENDITURE					RECEIPTS				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
To Repairs	..	..	..	3 18 6	By Balance January, 1938	..	..	..	39 4 7
„ Rates	..	..	..	11 5 6	„ Interest Auckland Savings Bank	..	..	..	1 0 6
„ Water Rate	..	..	..	2 8 9	„ Rents	..	..	..	46 16 0
„ Paint for House	..	..	..	7 10 4					
„ Insurance	..	..	..	1 12 10					
„ Association Treasurer	..	..	..	20 0 0					
„ Balance in Hand	..	..	..	40 5 2					
				<u>£87 1 1</u>					<u>£87 1 1</u>

J. W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

Audited and found Correct,

13th January, 1939.

J. P. BLAIR

C. K. WIGGLESWORTH

} Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH BOARD.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1938.

EXPENDITURE					INCOME								
				£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	
To Salaries	..	..	..	364	10	10	By Allocations:						
„ General Expenses	..	..	..	17	5	3	S.S. Executive Council	..	155	0	0		
„ Preliminary Expenses—Youth Director Policy				6	12	0	Y.W.B.C. Movement	..	120	0	0		
„ Depreciation—Office Equipment	..			12	3	6	Y.M.B.C. Movement	..	120	0	0		
„ Grant to Sunday School Executive	..			75	0	0					395	0	0
							„ Connexional Fire Insurance Fund				75	0	0
							„ Post Office Savings Bank Interest				2	4	5
							„ Deficit—Excess of Expenditure over						
							Income	..	..	..	3	7	2
												</	

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1938.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund as at 1/10/37 ..	202	1	4	Office Furniture and Equipment ..	82	1	6
Less Deficit—Excess Expenditure over				Less Depreciation	12	3	6
Income	3	7	2				
				Sundry Debtors			69 18 0
				Cash : National Bank of N.Z. Ltd. ..	65	13	4
				Petty Cash	3	5	10
				P.O.S.B. Depreciation Fund ..	59	4	11
							128 4 1
					</		

I hereby certify that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Methodist Youth Board for the year ended 30th September, 1938. In my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true and correct position of the Board as disclosed by its Books as at the 30th September, 1938.

T. M. PACEY, Hon. Auditor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Receipts and Payments from 1st December, 1937 to 30th September, 1938.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Youth Board	75	0 0	By Debit Balance Forward	19	13 0
„ Conference Youth Demonstration	17	13 5	„ Salary	250	0 0
„ Council of Religious Education	20	0 0	„ House Allowance	125	0 0
„ Taranaki-Wanganui Youth Committee	5	0 0	„ Share Youth Office Expenses	25	0 0
„ Refund Melbourne Expenses	30	0 0	„ Accident Insurance	3	9 5
„ Literature Contribution	60	8 10	„ Telephone	4	5 0
„ Contributions from Circuits	418	12 11	„ Travelling Expenses	85	0 0
			„ Connexional Charges	38	5 0
			„ Postages, etc.	18	15 9
			„ Envelopes and Sundries	25	18 3
			„ Bank Charges and Interest	1	8 9
			„ Melbourne Expenses	30	0 0
	£625	15 2		£625	15 2

I Report that I have audited the Books and Vouchers of the Sunday School Executive Council for the period 1st December, 1937 to 30th September, 1938. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the above statement is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct record of the receipts and payments of the Council according to the best of the information and explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Council.

Wellington, 16th December, 1938.

H. C. MIDDLEBROOK, Registered Accountant,
Hon. Auditor.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1938.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Administration Expenses ..				36	8	7	
„ Convention Account ..				20	7	1	
„ Youth Board ..	120	0	0				
<i>Less</i> Surplus Trading Dept. ..	53	9	6				
				66	10	6	
„ Special Organising Expenses ..	13	0	0				
<i>Less</i> Reserve Unexpended ..	2	0	0				
				11	0	0	
„ Travelling Secretary :							
Salary, including Connexional							
Charges	94	14	11				
Expenses	31	13	4				
Stock of Books on hand, written							
off	3	0	10				
				129	9	1	
„ Foreign Mission Board ..				175	0	0	
„ Home Mission Department :							
Special Organising Fund ..	50	0	0				
<i>Less</i> Amount Expended ..	13	0	0				
				37	0	0	
„ Reserve, Youth Director Policy :							
Amount Budgeted	175	0	0				
Additional Amount required for							
6 months' contribution ..	37	10	0				
				212	10	0	
				£688	5	3	
							£688 5 3

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1938.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Banks, 1/10/37	977	5	5
Interest—Post Office Savings Bank	12	2	11
Leadership Schools—Balance on Schools 1936-37	3	0	10
Books—Travelling Secretary	5	12	10
Contributions from Unions	618	7	3
Donations—Youth Director Policy	37	18	6
Special Donations:							
Camp Deficiencies	2	0	0
Spanish Relief	6	14	10
Chinese Relief	3	2	3
					11	17	1

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Travelling Secretary:										
Salary	..	..	160	0	0					
Expenses	..	..	57	18	2					
								217	18	2
Home Missions:										
Deaconess Salary	..	..	135	0	0					
Part Expenses	..	..	25	0	0					
								160	0	0
Foreign Missions:										
Salary, etc. Sister Ada Lee	144	0	0							
Furlough Lodging Allowance	..	..	18	0	0					
Travelling Expenses from and to Solomon Islands	72	2	10							
Travelling Expenses Deputation Work	..	..	10	13	8					
Special Grant	..	..	10	0	0					
								254	16	6
Youth Board	..	..	120	0	0					
Less Amount from Trading Department	..	..	35	0	0					
								85	0	0
Sunday School Executive Council	..	..	25	0	0					
Youth Conference Expenses			2	10	0					
Fellowship Conference:										
Travelling Expenses	..	..	6	0	0					
Less Balance from Conf.			4	11	9					
								1	8	3
B.C. Link to Missionary Sisters Administration and General								0	8	0
								36	14	1
								783	15	0

New Zealand Methodist Y.W.B.C. Movement—*continued*

Special Donations:

Camp Deficiencies	..	2	0	0	
Spanish Relief	..	6	14	10	
Chinese Relief	..	3	2	3.	
					11 17 1

Cash in Banks:

Bank of New Zealand	245	5	0	
Post Office Savings Bank	625	7	9	
				870 12 9

£1,666 4 10

£1,666 4 10

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1938.

EXPENDITURE				
Church Sites Fund :				
Grants : Ngongotaha ..	..	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Tawa Flat ..	..	50	0 0	
South Brighton ..	..	75	0 0	
Kaitoke ..	..	35	0 0	
		30	0 0	
				190 0 0
Administration :				
Authorised Appropriation ..	..	215	0 0	
Stationery and General Expenses ..	..	68	3 9	
				283 3 9
Rates on Church Sites ..	..			63 13 5
				<u>£536 17 2</u>

INCOME				
Church Sites Fund :				
Grants : Fire Insurance Fund ..	..	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Home Mission Fund ..	..	50	0 0	
		50	0 0	
				100 0 0
Interest : Mortgages ..	..	26	8 7	
Deposits ..	..	12	4 7	
				38 13 2
Grants Exceeding Revenue ..	..			51 6 10
Administration :				
Working Expenses Repaid ..	..	141	0 9	
Trust Contributions ..	..	41	16 0	
Interest on Arrears ..	..	33	14 4	
Interest on Deposits ..	..	19	13 10	
Hymn Book Commission Account ..	..	50	18 9	
				287 3 8
Expenditure Exceeding Revenue ..	..			59 13 6
				<u>£536 17 2</u>

Loans Account as at 30th September, 1938.

		£	s. d.
To Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1937 ..	..	21,290	17 9
„ New Loans Advanced ..	..	2,895	11 3
		24,186	9 0
To Balance ..	..	£20,728	15 7

		£	s. d.
By Loans Repaid ..	..	3,457	13 5
„ Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1938 ..	..	20,728	15 7
		£24,186	9 0

Audited and found correct,

H. de R. FLESHER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

ARTHUR C. REED }
R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.I.A. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 18th October, 1938.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1938.

LIABILITIES				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Accumulated Funds ..	18,900	0	0	
Capital Account :				
Thomas Emsly Bequest 1500				
H. Herbert Wake Bequest 50				
David Graham Bequest 50				
Wm. H. Duke Bequest 100				
Samuel Lawry Bequest 50				
Geo. Winstone Bequest 1000				
	2,750	0	0	
				21,650 0 0
Trust Accounts (Properties Sold)				853 0 6
Church Sites Fund :				
As at 30th Sept., 1937 ..	328	14	0	
Trust properties for Invest. ..	800	0	0	
	1,128	14	0	
Decrease for 1938 ..	51	6	10	
				1077 7 2
Administration :				
Working Expenses Trust A/c.				300 0 0
Reserve Appropriation A/c.				
30/9/37 ..	223	18	9	
Less Transfer from Revenue A/c.	59	13	6	
				164 5 3
				<u>£24,044 12 11</u>

ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Outstanding Loans ..	22,173	0	8	
Less Working Exps. 1,210 5 7				
Less Interest .. 233 19 6				
	1,444	5	1	
				20,728 15 7
Deposits :				
Supernumerary Fund ..	700	7	4	
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	220	17	1	
				921 4 5
Invested for Church Sites Fund ..				800 0 0
Deposit—Supernumerary Fund ..				53 0 6
Church Sites Fund :				
Mortgage Investments ..				600 0 0
Interest due ..				15 0 0
Interest Accrued ..				6 12 10
Deposits Super. Fund ..	225	8	4	
P.O. Savings Bank ..	210	6	0	
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	20	0	0	
				455 14 4
Administration :				
Deposits Super. Fund ..	14	6	10	
P.O. Savings Bank ..	357	18	7	
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	91	19	10	
				464 5 3
				<u>£24,044 12 11</u>

Audited and found correct.

H. de R. FLESHER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 18th October, 1938.

ARTHUR C. REED }
R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.I.A. } Auditors.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1938.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account:				Freehold Properties:			
Balance as at 31st October, 1938	..	36,565	4 6	Great North Road	..	55,220 7 3	
Income Account:				Queen Street	..	24,312 5 0	
Balance as at 31st October, 1938	..	6,415	12 11				79,532 12 3
Auckland Sinking Fund Commissioners:				Balance of Purchase:			
Balance of Loan	.. ..	34,000	0 0	Avondale Property	..	..	200 0 0
Emsly Trust Deposit Account:							
At call	.. ..	1,500	0 0				
Bank of New Zealand:							
Balance at 31st October, 1938	.. ..	1,249	15 11				
Emsly Trust:							
Balance at 31st October, 1938	.. ..	1	18 11				
		<u>£79,732</u>	<u>12 3</u>				
Memo : Liability—Rates for year ending 31st							
May, 1939	.. ..	£669	16 4				<u>£79,732 12 3</u>

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1938, and certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on the 31st October, 1938 as shown by the books.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Auckland, 14th Nov., 1938

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1938.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1937, Oct. 31st—				1937, Oct. 31st—			
To Cash in Hand			17 10 0	By Balance due Bank of N.Z. ..		1,999 10 0	
1938, Oct. 31st—				1938, Oct. 31st—			
To Rents and Interest collected			3,992 12 11	By General Expenses :			
„ Bank of New Zealand :				Repairs and Maintenance	409 12 1		
Balance due			1,249 15 11	Rates	577 7 8		
„ Emsly Trust :				Insurance Premiums	153 18 0		
Receipts			93 0 0	Interest	1,511 4 6		
				Land Tax	91 3 3		
				Audit Fees	8 8 0		
				Secretary's Salary	50 0 0		
				Commission on Rents and			
				Interest collected	99 16 4		
				Sundries	7 0 9		
						2,908 10 7	
				„ Emsly Trust :			
				Disbursements		94 18 3	
				„ Theological College Trustees ..		350 0 0	
			<u>£5,352 18 10</u>			<u>£5,352 18 10</u>	

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.

Auditors

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Auckland, 14th November, 1938.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1938.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Maintenance :									
Block No. 1				87	13	8			
Block No. 2				7	6	3			
Block No. 3				39	13	5			
Cottages				5	9	6			
Probert Chambers :									
Caretaker	165	2	0						
Electric Power Board	20	11	8						
Lift Maintenance	44	12	0						
Repairs and Maintenance	39	3	7						
				269	9	3			
							409	12	1
Insurance Premiums :							153	18	0
Rates :							577	7	8
Interest :									
Bank of New Zealand	76	4	6						
Auckland Sinking Fund Commrs.				1360	0	0			
Emsly Trust				75	0	0			
							1511	4	6
Sundries :									
Audit Fee				8	8	0			
Land Tax				91	3	3			
Bank Charges				0	10	0			
Fares and Stamps				6	10	9			
Secretary's Salary				50	0	0			
2½% Commission on Rents and Interest collected				99	16	4			
							256	8	4
							£2,908	10	7

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. }

Auditors

14th November, 1938.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st October, 1938.

Examined and found correct.

} Auditors.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1938.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Repairs and Maintenance—Wgtn.	78	9	4			
„ General Expenses ..	225	10	2			
„ Joint Appeal Expenses ..	28	5	9			
„ Legal Expenses ..	41	8	6			
„ Insurances ..	18	4	4			
„ Depreciation Masterton Home ..	150	0	0			
„ Rates and Taxes ..	252	4	7			
				794	2	8
„ Remittances to Masterton Home				610	0	0
„ Grants for Maori Work:						
Home Missions Department ..	360	0	0			
Wesley College, Paerata ..	50	0	0			
				410	0	0
„ Scholarship				20	0	0
				£1,834	2	8

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Interest	508	17	9			
„ Rents	1,059	6	8			
				1,568	4	5
„ Excess of Expenditure over In- come Transferred to Capital Account						
				265	18	3
				£1,834	2	8

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1938.

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Wellington, 18th January, 1939.

C. W. CHARLESWORTH, F.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Balance Sheet, September 30th, 1938.

Treasurers : MESSRS. J. STANTON and J. W. SHACKELFORD.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Oct. 1st, 1937—							
Balance, Auckland Savings Bank	..	..	6 18 5	Interest on Mortgage	..	..	40 15 7
Rents to Sept. 30th	..	..	696 0 0	Paid off Mortgage	..	..	440 0 0
Interest	..	..	1 18 6	Trinity College	..	..	150 0 0
				Land Tax	..	..	41 7 7
				Commission	..	..	17 8 0
				Balance in Auckland Savings Bank, 1/10/38			15 5 9
			<u>£704 16 11</u>				<u>£704 16 11</u>

Mortgage Account—Auckland Savings Bank.

			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
October, 1st, 1937.				Paid off during year	..	..	440 0 0
Balance, Mortgage	..	..	1,070 0 0	September 30th, Balance due	..	..	630 0 0
			<u>£1,070 0 0</u>				<u>£1,070 0 0</u>

We have examined the Bank Book, Vouchers and Balance Sheet and Certify same to be correct.

C. K. WIGGLESWORTH }
JAS. P. BLAIR } Auditors.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December, 1938.

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances at Bankers at commencement				Cheque Book			2 0 0
of year:				Stamps			2 0 0
Bank of New Zealand	9	14	11	Bank Charges			0 10 0
Auckland Savings Bank	152	16	11	Secretary's Salary			25 0 0
			162 11 10	Rent			5 0 0
Interest—Auckland Savings Bank			4 11 3	Grants			354 0 0
Inscribed Stock Dividends			391 5 4	Balances at Bankers at end of year:			
				Bank of New Zealand	12	10	3
				Auckland Savings Bank	157	8	2
							169 18 5
			<u>£558 8 5</u>				<u>£558 8 5</u>

Balance Sheet for the Year Ending 31st December, 1938.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Trust Fund—Maturity Value	11,180	0	0	Inscribed Stock—Maturity Value	11,180	0	0
Income Account	169	18	5	Cash—Balances at Bankers	169	18	5
			<u>£11,349 18 5</u>				<u>£11,349 18 5</u>

J. S. CAUGHEY }
H. RANSTON } Treasurers.

376 Queen Street, Auckland, C.I.,
23rd January, 1939.

Audited and found correct.

JOHN E. ASTLEY, Auditor.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1938.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
1937, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.	1938, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	..	..	3 17 2	By Theological College .. .. .	..	..	90 0 0
1938, Oct. 31st—				„ Management to 31/10/37 .. .. .	..	..	4 18 3
To Interest from Mortgage .. .. .	..	..	18 0 0	„ Balance .. .. .	..	..	1 18 11
„ Interest from Deposit .. .. .	..	..	75 0 0				
			<u>£96 17 2</u>				<u>£96 17 2</u>

Investment Account.

1938, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.	1938, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.
To Capital .. .. .	..	..	1,900 0 0	By Freehold Mortgage .. .. .	..	..	400 0 0
			<u>£1,900 0 0</u>	„ Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board			1,500 0 0
							<u>£1,900 0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE, Auditor.
Auckland, N.Z.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUSTEES, NEW PLYMOUTH.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th September, 1938.

Chairman: REV. E. D. PATCHETT.

Secretary and Treasurer: HADDON G. SMITH, A.P.A. (N.Z.)

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Bank of N.S.W. 1/10/37 ..			9 17 7	By Salary	50	0	0
„ Current Rents (due 30/11/37 and and 30/5/38)	606	1	0	„ Remitted to Home Mission Fund ..	610	0	0
„ Outstanding Rents (due prior to 30/11/37)	92	3	6	„ Land Tax 1937/38	46	18	8
			698 4 6	„ Borough Rates, 1937-38	21	16	8
219 „ Interest			66 7 1	„ Audit Fee	2	2	0
Consent Fees			7 7 0	„ Stationery, Stamps, Exchange, Bank Charges and Sundries	6	12	5
				„ Fire Insurance on Mission House ..	1	2	5
				„ Repairs to Mission House	5	8	6
				„ Legal Expenses	8	2	0
				„ Balance at Bank of N.S.W. 30/9/38 ..	29	13	6
			<u>£781 16 2</u>				<u>£781 16 2</u>

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1938. 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.

HADDON C. SMITH, A.P.A., N.Z.
New Plymouth, 12/10/38

VAL. DUFF, Public Accountant,
New Plymouth, 22nd Oct., 1938,

KAI IWI MISSION FARM ACCOUNT.
Statement for Year Ended 30th September, 1938.

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
July 14th—Rent .. .. .	..	..	..	62 11 6	1938—				
Jan. 1938—Rent .. .. .	..	..	..	155 10 3	To Balance .. .. .	..	..	..	4 7 2
July, 1938—Rent .. .. .	..	..	..	155 10 3	„ Land Tax .. .. .	..	..	..	4 6 9
					„ Disbursements .. .. .	..	..	..	3 3 0
					„ Bank Charges .. .. .	..	..	..	0 10 0
					„ Bank Interest .. .. .	..	..	..	0 2 3
					„ Valuation Fee .. .. .	..	..	..	7 7 0
					Feb.—				
					To Treasurer .. .. .	..	..	..	100 0 0
					„ Legal Expenses Transfer Lease .. .. .	..	..	..	18 4 6
					„ Treasurer .. .. .	..	..	..	38 0 0
					July—				
					To Treasurer .. .. .	..	..	..	100 0 0
					„ Compensation, Assets left by E. Smith	34 0 0
					„ Balance	61 13 4
				<u>£373 12 0</u>					<u>£373 12 0</u>

22nd November, 1938.

C. J. SHARPE, Auditor.

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7th February, 1939.

T. M. JAMES,

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I hereby Certify that I have checked the Receipts and Payments Accounts, Vouchers, etc. of the Rest Home Trust to 31/10/38 and in my opinion the above Statement shows the position of the Trust correctly.

E. S. EMMITT, Auditor.

4th November, 1938.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1938.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Re-insurances				By Levies and Premiums		1,870	18 8
„ Office Expenses :				„ Mortgage Interest		348	2 0
Authorised Appropriation ..	375	0	0	„ Mortgage Interest Accrued ..		82	19 2
Stationery and General Exps. ..	36	9	8	„ Debenture Interest		769	7 8
			411 9 8	„ Debenture Interest Accrued ..		250	15 5
„ Fire Losses	1,098	7	6	„ Interest on Deposits		27	9 8
Less Re-insurance Cover ..	523	7	6				
Loss to Fund	575	0	0				
„ Investment Contingency Reserve							
Account		100	0 0				
„ Balance to P. and L. Appropria-							
tion Account		2,138	9 3				
			£3,349 12 7			£3,349	12 7

GEORGE J. SMITH }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 23rd November, 1938.

E. H. SMITH }
W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A. N.Z. } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1938.

LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
		£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	
Accumulated Fund	28,000	0	0			Mortgage Investments	8,900	5	3		
Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	3,140	0	0			Interest Accrued	82	19	2		
Fire Loss	575	0	0							8,983	4
						Debenture Investments ..	23,720	0	0		
	2,565	0	0			Interest Accrued	250	15	5		
Further Provision ..	1,000	0	0							23,970	15
					3,565	0	0				
Investment Contingency Reserve						Deposits :					
Account	1,082	9	7			P.O. Savings Bank ..	167	6	1		
P. and L. Appropriation Account	1,114	0	8			Supernumerary Fund ..	620	17	4		
Less Appropriations Voted :						Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	196	19	2		
(1) Ordinary Grants —										985	2
Home Acquirement Fund	326					Levies in Arrear				50	8
Deaconess House Fund	100										
Foreign Mission Fund	100										
Home Mission Fund ..	100										
Benevolent Fund ..	75										
Church Sites Fund ..	50										
Youth Department ..	50										
Methodist Times ..	50										
(2) Special Grants :											
Foreign Mission Fund	30										
Home Mission Fund ..	25										
Trinity College ..	125										
Youth Department ..	25										
					1,056	0	0				

Unappropriated Balance	£58	0	£		
Add Balance from Revenue A/c. ..	2,138	9	3		
	2,196	9	11		
Less Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	1,000	0	0		
				1,196	9 11
Levies Prepaid				145	10 11
				<u>£33,989</u>	<u>10 5</u>
					<u>£33,989 10 5</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. 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, 1938.

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GEORGE I. SMITH }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

E. H. SMITH }
W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A., N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 23rd November, 1938.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments, 31st December, 1938.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance carried forward ..			21 6 3	By Stipend			375 0 0
To Appropriations:				„ House Allowance	175	0	0
Church Building & Loan Fund 215 0 0	215	0	0	<i>Less</i> Charges	5	12	6
Connexional Fire Ins. Fund .. 375 0 0	375	0	0				169 7 6
Supernumerary & Allied Funds 466 0 0	466	0	0	„ Connexional Charges			59 19 3
"Methodist Times" Fund .. 170 0 0	170	0	0	„ Clerks' Salaries			627 10 8
Contingent Fund 180 0 0	180	0	0	„ Office Rent	150	0	0
			1406 0 0	<i>Less</i> Lettings	19	0	0
226 „ Registration Fees (per Authorised							131 0 0
Representative)			26 14 6	„ Telephone and Post Office Box ..			27 5 0
				„ Bank Charges			0 10 0
				„ Stationery and Gen. Expenses ..	17	15	11
				<i>Less</i> Contrs	9	14	6
							8 1 5
				„ Office Equipment			37 0 0
				„ Balance at Bank of New Zealand ..			18 6 11
			<u>£1,454 0 9</u>				<u>£1,454 0 9</u>

Christchurch,
5th January, 1939.

Audited and found correct,
W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z.,

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended October, 31st 1938.

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I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Theological College Council and compared same with Bank Books and I am of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1938.

F. E. SUTHERLAND, Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Reserve Fund.

Cash in Bank, November 1st, 1937	..	..	£32	19	6
Add Payments, E. H. Brooker	..	..	63	4	5
Interest .. ..	..	..	1	4	4
Cash in Bank, 31st October, 1938	..	..	£97	8	3

J. STUART CAUGHEY, Acting Hon. Treas.

New Organ Fund.

			£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund, November 1st, 1937	..	..	356	16	3
Dividends received	..	..	12	15	0
Bank Interest .. ..	..	..	1	11	3
Funds as at 31st October, 1938	..	..	£371	2	6

J. STUART CAUGHEY, Acting Hon. Treas.

Site Acquirement Fund.

				£	s.	d.
Bank Overdraft, 1st November, 1937	..	..		4343	3	6
Add Bank Interest and Charges	..	..		198	0	0
				<hr/>		
				4541	3	6
<i>Less</i> Deposits :—						
Hamilton Church Trust	50 0 0			
Estate S. J. Ambury	28 0 0			
Estate G. R. George	172 0 0			
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				250	0	0
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Bank Overdraft, 31st October, 1938	..			£4,291	3	6

J. STUART CAUGHEY, Acting Hon. Treas.

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Theological College Council and compared same with Bank Books and I am of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31/10/38.

F. E. SUTHERLAND, Auditor.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1938.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Wages and Salaries	1,628	18	3	By Gross Profit on:			
„ Stock Foods	500	13	9	Nos. 1 and 2 Dairy and Cattle ..	2,765	17	11
„ Seeds and Manure	471	2	5	No. 3 Dairy and Cattle	457	5	7
„ Lorry Expenses	264	10	7	Stud Sheep	512	7	7
„ Horse and Tractor Expenses	263	1	11	Pigs	250	15	2
„ Sundries, including Freight, Packing, Association Fees and Stock Dips ..	253	18	3	Poultry	208	17	10
„ Depreciation written off	133	11	3	Flock Sheep	68	3	5
„ Repairs and Maintenance	95	11	7	Garden	177	12	5
„ Power and Light	73	5	2	Bees	210	8	4
„ Rates and Insurance	33	10	8	No. 4 Dairy	219	0	0
„ Advertising—Live Stock	23	6	2				
„ Net Profit Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	1,128	18	3				
	<u>£4,870</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£4,870</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>

We have compared the above account with the Departmental Accounts kept by your office, and certify that it is in accordance with the books.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

Stock on Hand—Paerata:			
Live Stock at Valuation ..	7,573	0	0
Produce and Sundry Stocks ..	1,298	0	0
		8,871	0 0
Mount Albert Estate and Three Kings Estate Purchasers:			
Principal Outstanding ..	849	1	11
Plus Accrued Interest ..	27	2	9
		876	4 8
Loan on Mortgage ..	175	8	0
Plus Accrued Interest ..	2	5	6
		177	13 6
Sundry Debtors:			
For Rent and Rates ..	443	0	4
Fees ..	525	7	10
Sundries ..	1,218	4	7
	2,186	12	9
Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..	140	0	0
		2,046	12 9
Payments in Advance ..		467	13 3
Cash in Hand—Paerata and Office		28	19 8
		£146,324	5 8

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LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., etc., General 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 the 31st December, 1938, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak, Kirker and Newcomb, a certificate that all the Title Deeds and Securities are in order, and have been furnished with certified valuations of the Stock on Hand at Paerata, which we have accepted as correct.

Auckland, 26th January, 1939.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1938.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest	2,222	2	9	By Rents	2,850	18	0
„ Loss on College	1,525	11	2	„ Profit on Farm	1,128	18	3
„ General Expenses	845	9	2	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Capital Account	613	6	10
	<u>£4,593</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£4,593</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

Interest Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1938.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest on Overdraft	1,571	14	9	By Interest from :			
„ Interest on Long Term Mortgage Loan	460	8	7	Mount Albert Estate	13	5	11
„ Interest on Fixed Deposits	213	12	8	Three Kings Estate	19	0	6
„ Mount Albert Interest written back	18	1	3	Kawhia Property	9	8	1
	<u>£2,263</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>	„ Balance Transferred to Income and Ex- penditure Account	2,222	2	9
					<u>£2,263</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1938.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Advertising				70	1	2	By School Fees				5,146	7	4
„ Bad Debts Written off ..				66	3	2	„ Laboratory Expenses :						
„ Increase in Bad Debts Reserve				20	0	0	Income	45	12	6			
„ Beneficiary Work :							Less Expenditure ..	14	3	2			
European	283	0	0								31	9	4
Island	40	0	0				„ Piano Fees				7	11	3
Maori	999	0	0				„ Grants from Methodist Funds ..				50	0	0
				1,322	0	0	„ Net Loss Transferred to Income						
„ Depreciation				232	6	7	and Expenditure Account ..				1,525	11	2
„ Fuel and Light				478	8	10							
„ Insurance				51	1	11							
„ Provisions :													
Bread	276	19	6										
Dairy Produce	448	7	2										
Groceries	297	14	2										
Meat	253	16	2										
Sundries	165	17	11										
				1,442	14	11							
„ Repairs and Maintenance ..				298	12	6							
„ Salaries				1,588	16	4							
„ Sports				12	6	10							
„ Stationery and Books ..				9	17	10							
„ Boys' Stationery :													
Expenditure	54	8	4										
Less Income	52	17	6										
„ Sundry Expenses				262	13	11							
„ Wages				904	4	3							
				£6,760	19	1					£6,760	19	1

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1938.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Departmental Profits as under :	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Department Losses as under :							Bees	16	8	9			
Garden and Orchard ..	77	7	8				No. 1 Cattle and Dairy ..	1,238	6	10			
Pigs	65	7	8				No. 3 Cattle and Dairy ..	65	8	9			
Poultry	133	15	0				No. 4 Cattle and Dairy ..	9	4	6			
Flock Sheep	151	6	8				Stud Sheep	227	6	5			
				427	17	0					1,556	15	3
„ Net Profit Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ..				1,128	18	3							
				£1,556	15	3					£1,556	15	3

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1938.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Bad Debts written off	17	10	0	By Dividends	68	0	0
„ Audit Fees	21	0	0	„ Sale of Stone	13	5	0
„ Insurance	1	19	10	„ Reduction in Bad Debts Reserve ..	102	12	4
„ Rates	465	19	11	„ Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	845	9	2
„ Legal and Collection Expenses ..	46	6	7				
„ Office Expenses	17	16	2				
„ Printing, Stationery and Advertising ..	11	10	9				
„ Rent—Board Room	12	8	0				
„ Sundry Expenses	5	18	0				
„ Repairs and Maintenance	125	19	2				
„ Salary—Secretary	280	0	0				
„ Rent and Rates written back	22	18	1				
	£1,029	6	6		£1,029	6	6

Rent Received Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1938.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	2,850	18	0	By Rents Received from:			
				Grafton Road Property	1,008	17	9
				Three Kings Property	780	3	9
				Mount Albert Property	562	10	0
				Dominion Road Property	102	12	6
				Waikowhai Property	396	14	0
	<u>£2,850</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£2,850</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1938.

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as per							
Revenue Account ..	..	152,923	10	9			
Deposit Accounts :							
Allied Funds (5) ..	..	26,958	11	1			
Connexional Funds (6) ..	..	1,733	19	11			
Church Trusts (9) ..	..	3,725	7	8			
Personal (4) ..	..	323	8	6			
					32,741	7	2
Freeholds :							
Rates Accrued ..	..	356	8	0			
Lift Maintenance Accrued ..	..	4	6	8			
					360	14	8

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Investments :										
Mortgages ..	..	90,789	18	7						
Debentures ..	..	25,475	0	0						
					116,264	18	7			
<i>Less Investment Fluctuation and doubtful Debts</i>										
Reserve ..	..	3,205	16	11						
<i>plus further provision</i>		100	0	0						
					3,305	16	11			
<i>Less written off mortgages etc.</i>		2,473	2	4						
								832	14	7
								115,432	4	0
Freehold Properties :										
Epworth Chambers ..	..	48,602	5	11						
Worcester Street ..	..	4,118	15	8						
					52,721	1	7			
<i>Less Epworth Chambers Depreciation Reserve</i>		2,350	0	0						
<i>Plus further Reserve</i>		500	0	0						
								2,850	0	0
								49,871	1	7
Deposit :										
P.O. Savings Bank ..	..							45	1	8
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	..							902	3	5
Interest :										
Mortgages due	1,202	0	10							
Accrued ..	836	10	7							
Debentures accrued	301	9	11							
								2,340	1	4

Purchase of Benefits :				
Balance due	..	..	80 0 0	
Interest due	..	..	1 16 0	
				81 16 0
Circuit Levies :				
Arrears	..	..	121 17 8	
Accrued	..	..	431 17 4	
				553 15 0
Personal Subscriptions :				
Arrears	..	..	1,142 11 3	
Interest due	..	..	194 10 5	
				1,337 1 8
Freehold Properties :				
Rents due	..	..	390 5 3	
Rents accrued	..	..	144 1 1	
				534 6 4
Properties in Possession	..			12,150 4 6
Mortgagors' Stock and Farm				
Working Accounts		2,738 15 9
General Treasurers Melbourne—				
Prepaid		4 5 4
Epworth Press		34 16 0
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£186,025 12 7				£186,025 12 7

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. 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 30th November, 1938.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 14th December, 1938.

H. R. BEST & CO.
per H. R. ABBOTT, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1938.

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SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1938.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Grants .. ..	..	133	0 0	By Balance 30/11/1937 .. ..	..	725	11 11
„ Exchanges .. ..	..	0	7 6	„ Donations :			
„ Exchanges on Annuities ..	..	10	7 10	Fire Insurance Fund ..	..	75	0 0
			143 15 4	Special .. ..	..	27	1 0
„ Authorised Appropriation ..	..	5	0 0				102 1 0
„ Debenture Commission and Stationery	0 3 9			„ Interest :			
			5 3 9	Debenture Investments ..	..	42	10 0
„ Balances :				Super. Fund Deposit ..	..	24	3 7
Super. Fund Capital Account ..	400 0 0						66 13 7
Revenue Account	345 7 5						
			745 7 5				
			<u>£894 6 6</u>				<u>£894 6 6</u>

Benevolent Branch—Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1938.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Capital Account .. ..	..	..	1400 0 0	Plampin Bequest :			
Balance Revenue Account .. ..	..	..	345 7 5	Blenheim Borough Council ..	500	0 0	
				Christchurch Drainage Board Deb.	500	0 0	
							1000 0 0
				Penrose Bequest :			
				Capital Account—Deposit Super-			
				numerary Fund		400	0 0
				Revenue Account :			
				Deposit Supernumerary Fund ..		345	7 5
			<u>£1,745 7 5</u>				<u>£1,745 7 5</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and we certify to their correctness. We have had the securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1938.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1938.

H. R. BEST & CO.,
per H. R. ABBOTT, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Methodist Home Mission Department

ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1939

INCOME.

CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS, AND MAORI CIRCUITS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland District				1,305	0	0
South Auckland District				763	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui District				480	0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District				645	0	0
Wellington District				824	0	0
Nelson District				390	0	0
North Canterbury District				873	0	0
South Canterbury District				318	0	0
Otago-Southland District				553	0	0

6,151 0 0

PROPERTIES

1,300 0 0

INVESTMENTS

1,000 0 0

SPECIAL for Religious and Social Work amongst the Maoris:—

Methodist Women's Missionary Union	940	0	0
Young Women's Bible Class Movement	160	0	0
Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust	360	0	0

(The Sunday School contributions for the support of a Deaconess are included in the Circuit Estimates)

1,460 0 0

MISCELLANEOUS

250 0 0

Total estimated ordinary income

£10,161 0 0

EXPENDITURE.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Maori Work.			
Senior Supt.—Stipend	225	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	25	0	0
Invest. Funds			
Board Rent	30	0	0
Minister—Stipend	200	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	10	0	0
Investment Funds			
Board Rent	16	10	0
H.M.—Travelling	80	0	0
H.M.—Travelling	80	0	0
13 H.M.'s—Grant for Travel-ling	213	10	0
Deaconess—Stipend	145	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	140	0	0
Travelling	40	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	130	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Assistant Deaconess—Stipend	110	0	0
Travelling	15	0	0
	£1,845	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.
Hokianga (Rawene), M.P.	25	0	0
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale	20	0	0
Tuakau-Bombay (if M.H.M.)	40	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

	£	s.	d.
Mahurangi	30	0	0
Dargaville (if Second Agent Appointed)	30	0	0

Aided Circuits.

	£	s.	d.
Bay of Islands (H.M. Supply)	20	0	0
Hikurangi (if Outstanding Stipend Paid)	30	0	0
Paparoa (if M.O.M.) (H.M. Supply £15)	40	0	0
Whangaroa	80	0	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	40	0	0
Mangonui	55	0	0
Ruawai (if M.O.M.)	75	0	0
Port Albert (if Stipend in-creased)	25	0	0

£510 0 0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

	£	s.	d.
Minister—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
H.M.—Stipend ..	120	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
H.M.—Stipend ..	65	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
H.M.—Travelling ..	60	0	0
H.M.—Travelling ..	50	0	0
18 H.M.'s—Grant for Travelling ..	368	7	6
Deaconess—Stipend ..	145	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	30	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess Supply Travelling To Investment Funds Board for Rent ..	24	0	0
	139	7	6
	£1,921	15	0

Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel ..	60	0	0
Kawhia ..	50	0	0
Te Puke ..	10	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Waihi (if Stipend increased)	45	0	0
Taumarunui (if Stipend increased)	50	0	0
Te Kuiti (M.P.) ..	20	0	0
Otorohanga (if Stipend increased)	20	0	0
Rotorua (Conditional)	60	0	0
Paeroa (if Stipend increased)	45	0	0
Hauraki Plains ..	30	0	0
Whakatane (S.P.) ..	20	0	0
Opotiki ..	40	0	0
Putaruru ..	10	0	0
	£460	0	0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Minister—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
Investment Funds Board Rent ..	20	0	0
H.M.—Travelling ..	80	0	0
10 H.M.'s—Grant for Travelling ..	170	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	135	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	130	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	55	0	0
Grey Institute for Rent ..	39	0	0
	£1,114	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Raetihi-Ohakune ..	35	0	0
Patea (if Stipend increased)	40	0	0
Inglewood ..	25	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Wanganui North (for Appointment Wanganui East)	25	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Waitara (if Stipend increased)	20	0	0
Manaia ..	15	0	0
Marton ..	30	0	0
Taihape ..	35	0	0
Special, Wanganui (conditional) ..	500	0	0
	£725	0	0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa ..	40	0	0
Foxton ..	30	0	0
Apiti ..	45	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Woodville (if Stipend increased)	25	0	0
Pahiatua (if Stipend increased)	25	0	0
Wairoa ..	45	0	0
	£210	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	40	0	0
Upper Hutt ..	35	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Otaki ..	50	0	0
Eketahuna ..	40	0	0
Special ..	20	0	0
Wellington East ..	60	0	0
Greytown-Featherston ..	20	0	0
	£265	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock ..	20	0	0
Murchison ..	30	0	0
Granity ..	50	0	0

Aided Circuit.

Wakefield-Dovedale ..	30	0	0
	£130	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Station.

Waddington ..	35	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Christchurch East (for Fourth Agent) ..	35	0	0
Addington (Lincoln Road)	10	0	0
St. Albans (Bryndwr) ..	10	0	0
Lyttelton ..	40	0	0
Springston ..	30	0	0
Tai Tapu ..	45	0	0
" " Special ..	15	0	0
Oxford ..	40	0	0
Woodend - Sefton, Special (Conditional) ..	15	0	0
	£275	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.

Temuka ..	30	0	0
Maori ..	5	0	0
Geraldine (if M.O.M., otherwise £30) ..	55	0	0
Rakala-Methven ..	10	0	0
	£100	0	0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.				Ministerial Supplies ..	150	0	0
Home Mission Stations.				Theological College ..	100	0	0
Waikouaiti - Palmerston				Deaconess House ..	75	0	0
(M.H.M.)	75	0	0	Interest and Bank Charges..	175	0	0
Edendale	25	0	0	Church Sites' Fund..	50	0	0
Cromwell	10	0	0	Printing and Stationery ..	250	0	0
Special	20	0	0	Advertising Space, "Metho-			
Nightcaps	30	0	0	dist Times"	12	10	0
Special	25	0	0	Spiritual Advance	25	0	0
Lawrence	20	0	0	Subsidy, L. & C. Committee			
Circuits with Home Missionaries.				(Colporteur)	200	0	0
Port Chalmers	45	0	0	Subsidy, L. & C. Committee			
(Maori)	5	0	0	(Picture Department)	100	0	0
Ravensbourne				Honorarium, Maori Mission			
(if M.H.M.) ..	25	0	0	History	100	0	0
Ravensbourne				Contingencies	400	0	0
(Maori)	5	0	0	Gen. Sup. Adviser ..	£100		
				Gen. Sup. Adviser,			
				Travelling	25		
					125	0	0
					£2,262	10	0
Aided Circuits.				General Superintendent.			
Roxburgh	40	0	0	Stipend	275	0	0
Riverton	30	0	0	Travelling	100	0	0
(Maori)	5	0	0	Rent to Investment Funds			
Balclutha	20	0	0	Board	150	0	0
Special	15	0	0		£525	0	0
Milton	40	0	0	Assistant Superintendent.			
Special	10	0	0	Stipend	250	0	0
Bluff	40	0	0	Travelling	100	0	0
Dundas Street	10	0	0	Rent	150	0	0
Caversham	15	0	0		£500	0	0
Roslyn	10	0	0	Connexional Charges ..	91	10	0
	£520	0	0		£91	10	0
GENERAL.				General Treasurers.			
Maori Work.				Book-keeping	95	15	0
S.S. Material	10	0	0	Incidental Expenses ..	15	0	0
Printing New Edition Hymn					£110	15	0
and Leaflets	60	0	0	Office Expenses.			
Special, South Island Travel-				Secretarial	144	0	0
ling	30	0	0	Rent of Offices & Telephones	116	12	10
Student, Trinity and Dea-				Light and Heating	10	0	0
coness House	60	0	0	Postages and Telegrams, etc.	50	0	0
"Methodist Times" ..	5	0	0		£320	12	10
Car Depreciation Account							
Grant	100	0	0				
Contingencies	150	0	0				
	£415	0	0				
Miscellaneous.							
H.M. Retiring Fund ..	230	0	0				
Deaconess Retiring Fund ..	120	0	0				
H.M. Deputation Expenses..	150	0	0				

SUMMARY HOME MISSION ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1939.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Circuits	6,151	0	0	Maori	5,295	15	0
Properties	1,300	0	0	General	7,005	7	10
Investments	1,000	0	0		12,301	2	10
Special for Maori ..	1,460	0	0				
Miscellaneous	250	0	0				
Total, Ordinary Income ..	10,161	0	0				
Credit Balance, 1938 ..	543	1	9				
Est. Dr. Balance, 1939 ..	1,597	1	1				
	£12,301	2	10		£12,301	2	10

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 16th January, 1939.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. I. LAURENSEN and MR. FRANK PENN.

RECEIPTS.				
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.				
Circuits.				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Auckland Central	236	18	8	
Ditto, 1937 ..	0	17	6	
Auckland Central Mission	14	2	8	
Auckland West	33	6	0	
Ditto, 1937 ..	1	0	0	
Auckland East	386	7	5	
Ditto, 1937 ..	10	3	0	
Auckland - Avondale	114	2	5	
Ditto, 1937 ..	7	10	3	
Auckland-Devonport	27	18	5	
Auckland - Takapuna	32	11	10	
Ditto, 1937 ..	1	13	9	
Auckland - Birkenhead	26	3	6	
Onehunga	40	16	7	
Ditto, 1937 ..	0	15	0	
Otahuhu	51	3	3	
Papakura	26	1	11	
Pukekohe	27	12	4	
Ditto, 1937 ..	15	10	4	
Waiuku	45	19	8	
Ditto, 1937 ..	0	10	0	
Helensville	2	17	10	
Mahurangi	23	18	9	
Ditto, 1937 ..	2	19	7	
Paparoa	9	9	6	
Ditto, 1937 ..	1	0	0	
Dargaville	28	17	7	
Ruawai	16	9	0	
Whangarei	21	6	4	
Ditto, 1937 ..	3	14	5	
Whangaroa	18	12	7	
Bay of Islands	18	10	9	
Port Albert	30	0	0	
Hikurangi	0	0	0	
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	7	12	0	
Mangonui	10	14	7	
Maori Missions	37	14	3	
Sundries	33	4	3	

Home Mission Stations.

Bombay-Tuakau	0	0	0	
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale	13	4	7	
Hokianga-Rawene	9	11	6	
Hokianga-Kohukohu	2	14	7	
				1,393 13 7

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Thames	39	19	0	
Hauraki Plains	15	9	4	
Paeroa	17	3	4	
Waikato	2	0	0	
Te Aroha	53	12	7	
Morrinsville	98	8	8	
Ditto, 1937 ..	0	12	0	
Cambridge	50	17	5	
Hamilton	122	10	11	
Ditto, 1937 ..	13	10	7	
Hamilton East	42	9	1	
Huntly	7	14	10	
Ditto, 1937 ..	0	15	0	
Matamata	76	9	4	
Putaruru	7	14	4	

EXPENDITURE.				
MAORI MISSIONS.				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Stipends, Travelling & Rents				4,394 6 7
Special.				
Sunday School Material	10	0	0	
Printing New Hymn Book and Leaflets	60	0	0	
South Island Travelling	30	0	0	
Students	30	0	0	
"Methodist Times"	5	0	0	
Contingencies	150	0	0	
Bible Classes Camps	43	0	6	
				328 0 6
				£4,722 7 1

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Rawene	11	5	0	
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale	22	10	0	

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Mahurangi	37	10	0	
Dargaville	30	0	0	

Aided Circuits.

Auckland Central Mission	12	10	0	
Bay of Islands	28	15	0	
Hikurangi	32	10	0	
Paparoa	40	0	0	
Whangaroa	82	10	0	
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	45	0	0	
Ditto, Special	5	0	0	
Mangonui	41	5	0	
Ruawai	75	0	0	
				463 15 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel	55	0	0	
Ditto, Special	13	0	0	
Te Puke	37	10	0	
Kawhia	83	0	0	

Aided Circuits.

Whakatane	21	13	4	
Paeroa	48	15	0	
Tauranga	10	0	0	
Opotiki	51	5	0	
Taumarunui	50	0	0	
Otorohanga	23	15	0	
Huntly	5	0	0	
Hauraki Plains	36	5	0	
Te Kuiti	52	10	0	
Waikato	43	15	0	
Rotorua	40	0	0	
Putaruru	10	0	0	
Te Puke	12	10	0	
				593 18 4

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Raetihi-Ohakune	12	10	0	
Patea	30	0	0	
Ditto, Special	25	0	0	

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1938—Continued.

Wellington—	Circuits.		
Central ..	214	14	4
Thorndon ..	7	8	6
South ..	34	6	9

Christchurch East,				
Wainoni ..	6	13	4	
Addington, Lin-				
coln Road ..	11	5	0	
St. Albans,				
Bryndwr ..	11	5	0	
Lytellton ..	38	15	0	
Springston ..	20	0	0	
Tai Tapu ..	51	5	0	
Oxford ..	40	0	0	

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1938—Continued.

RECEIPTS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
East ..	103	10	5				
Ditto, 1937 ..	53	18	2				
Johnsonville-							
Ngalo ..	78	18	10				
Ditto, 1937 ..	0	19	0				
Hutt ..	75	19	0				
Petone ..	29	18	8				
Greytown-							
Featherston ..	11	10	7				
Carterton ..	19	13	6				
Masterton ..	85	11	4				
Eketahuna ..	19	16	11				
Levin ..	61	0	0				
Otaki ..	0	0	0				

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	10	12	6				
Upper Hutt ..	1	0	0				
				808	18	6	

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Nelson ..	124	15	0				
Richmond ..	21	3	6				
Wakefield-							
Dovedale ..	11	10	11				
Motueka ..	47	10	0				
Ditto, 1937 ..	0	10	0				
Blenheim ..	85	15	11				
Reefton ..	14	13	8				
Westport ..	25	2	9				
Greymouth ..	30	10	9				
Ditto, 1937 ..	1	6	9				
Hokitika ..	29	3	6				

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock ..	3	7	3				
Murchison ..	10	0	0				
Granity ..	11	4	1				
				416	14		

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Christchurch—							
Durham St. ..	87	15	11				
East ..	151	15	2				
Cambridge Ter. ..	27	9	11				
Woolston ..	79	12	4				
Ditto, 1937 ..	1	3	0				
Sydenham ..	28	9	1				
Addington ..	57	17	4				
Riccarton ..	29	12	0				
St. Albans ..	82	1	7				
Papanui ..	40	7	5				
Ditto, 1937 ..	1	4	1				
Lyttelton ..	13	16	11				
Springston ..	17	18	4				
Tai Tapu ..	12	10	0				
Leeston ..	46	10	3				
Kalapoi ..	51	4	3				
Ohoka ..	40	0	0				
Rangiora ..	35	10	4				
Woodend-Sefton ..	10	11	11				
Greendale ..	14	2	6				
Ditto, 1937 ..	6	4	0				
Oxford ..	13	3	9				

Home Mission Stations.

Hawarden ..	5	2	9				
Ditto, 1937 ..	5	1	0				
Waddington ..	9	0	7				
				868	4	5	

EXPENDITURE.

£ s. d. £ s. d.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.

Rakaia-Methven ..	10	0	0				
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0				
Geraldine ..	41	5	0				
Temuka ..	30	0	0				
Ditto, Maori ..	5	0	0				
				106	5	0	

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waikouaiti ..	28	15	0				
Edendale ..	15	0	0				
Nightcaps ..	31	5	0				
Kaitangata ..	18	15	0				

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Port Chalmers ..	50	0	0				
Ditto, Maori ..	5	0	0				
Ditto, Ravens-							
bourne ..	40	0	0				
Ditto, Maori ..	5	0	0				

Aided Circuits.

Roxburgh ..	40	0	0				
Riverton ..	30	0	0				
Ditto, Maori ..	5	0	0				
Milton ..	40	0	0				
Ditto, Special ..	10	0	0				
Caversham ..	13	15	0				
Bluff ..	43	15	0				
Balclutha ..	2	10	0				
Roslyn, Special ..	10	0	0				
				388	15	0	

Total for Circuits £2,607 1 8

GENERAL.

General Superintendent—							
Stipend ..	275	0	0				
House Allow-							
ance ..	150	0	0				
Travelling ..	82	16	0				
				507	16	0	
Assistant Superintendent—							
Stipend ..	250	0	0				
House Allow-							
ance ..	135	0	0				
Travelling ..	128	6	8				
				513	6	8	
Treasurers, Inci-							
dential Expenses ..				4	15	6	
Connexional							
Charges ..				91	10	0	

Office.

Rent ..	68	7	0				
Telephone ..	38	12	5				
Electric Power ..	10	5	4				
Book-keeping, etc. ..	89	19	10				
Secretarial Work ..	114	1	10				
Colporteur ..	198	0	0				
				519	6	5	

Interest, Etc.

Interest on							
Overdraft ..	150	13	10				
Cheque Book &							
Bank Charges ..	4	10	0				
Exchange, etc. ..	15	0	0				
				170	3	10	
Deputation Ex-							
penses ..				135	3	5	

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1938—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				Printing and Stationery.			
Circuits.				Annual Reports	71	8	6
Timaru—				Printing and Stationery	156	4	0
Bank St. . .	25	18	11	Postages, Telegrams, etc.	65	19	1
Woodlands St. . .	30	12	1				293 11 7
South . . .	18	9	5	"Lotu" (Home Mission Share of Cost)			17 1 0
Waimate . . .	25	0	0				
Temuka . . .	16	4	3	Retiring Funds.			
Geraldine . . .	13	0	5	Deaconess . . .	118	0	0
Ashburton . . .	117	9	10	Home Missionaries . . .	198	0	0
Willowby . . .	35	7	4				316 0 0
Ditto, 1937 . . .	5	5	7	Miscellaneous.			
Oamaru . . .	32	10	5	Theological College . . .	135	0	0
Rakala-Methven . . .	7	10	10	Deaconess Institution . . .	75	0	0
			327 9 1	Ministerial Supplies . . .	56	13	8
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.				Sites' Fund . . .	50	0	0
Circuits.				Code "Paipera" . . .	2	0	0
Dunedin—				"Methodist Times" . . .	12	10	0
Trinity . . .	97	11	7	Car Replacement . . .	100	0	0
Ditto, 1937 . . .	14	12	0	Office Equipment . . .	22	18	3
Central Mission . . .	51	0	6	Mission Documents, Copying, etc.	41	13	2
Dundas Street . . .	26	13	4	Compassionate Exhibition—Advance Payment for Space	83	7	8
Cargill Road . . .	30	4	0	Motor Car Expenses . . .	24	2	10
St. Kilda . . .	30	13	0	Removal Expenses . . .	6	0	0
Caversham . . .	27	7	1	Rates, Hawera & Spring Creek	2	18	7
Mornington . . .	17	2	6	Special for Maori Relief . . .	2	0	0
Roslyn . . .	19	1	0	Sundries . . .	2	3	9
Ditto, 1937 . . .	1	0	0				646 7 11
Port Chalmers . . .	33	13	5				5,822 4 0
Balclutha . . .	11	0	0	Maori . . .			4,722 7 1
Milton . . .	17	1	4				
Roxburgh . . .	23	14	5				
Invercargill—							
Central . . .	86	14	10				
St. Peter's . . .	56	10	2				
Bluff . . .	6	0	0				
Gore . . .	20	1	3				
Riverton . . .	7	0	8				
Home Mission Stations.							
Maori Hill . . .	5	6	6				
Waikouaiti . . .	12	2	6				
Mosgiel . . .	9	13	9				
Edendale . . .	10	1	1				
Kaitangata . . .	0	0	0				
Lawrence . . .	6	15	0				
Cromwell . . .	9	8	6				
Otautau—							
Tuatapere . . .	5	8	8				
Nightcaps . . .	10	10	6				
			646 7 7				
GENERAL.							
Connexional Properties.							
Auckland . . .	2,053	2	0				
Grey Institute . . .	592	0	0				
Kai Iwi . . .	238	0	0				
Spring Creek . . .	6	0	0				
			2,889 2 0				
Investments.							
H.M.C.E.I. Funds, Less £4/10/-							
Mornington, & £20 Nelson	1,094	10	11				
			1,094 10 11				
Special for Maori Work.							
Women's Auxiliaries (including Y.W.B.C. Movement)	1,070	0	0				
Special—							
Christchurch							
Auxiliary . . .	21	0	0				
Wanganui							
Auxiliary . . .	2	0	0				

Carried forward £10,544 11 1

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1938—Continued.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department for the year ended 16th January, 1939. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with, and in our opinion the above Statement correctly shows the position of the Fund as at the above-mentioned date.

P. DELLOW
J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 16th JANUARY, 1939.

To	Capital Awaiting Investment, 10/1/38	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By	Interest Transferred Direct to H.M. Fund ..	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
..	Cash on Account of Capital—				7,248	12	9	..	Interest per Nelson ..	1,094	10	11			
..	Estate late Mrs. G. Overton	100	0	0				..	Interest per Mornington ..	4	10	0			
..	.. A. B. C. Wills ..	93	15	0									1,119	0	11
..	.. W. G. Gordon ..	600	0	0				..	Interest Transferred to Mis- sion Property Trustees ..				2,018	7	10
..	.. Mrs. James ..	28	3	0				..	Capital Invested—						
..	.. Duncan McKenzie	60	0	0					Government Inscribed						
..	.. G. R. George ..	86	0	0					Stock ..	3,800	0	0			
..	.. Geo. Pearce ..	10	0	0					Mortgage ..	800	0	0			
..	.. R. J. Robinson	250	0	0					Properties ..	206	1	0			
..	.. W. Ferguson ..	25	0	0				..	Car Replacement Account				4,806	1	0
..	.. S. J. Ambury ..	18	0	0					(Loaned to Maori						
..	.. J. B. Veale ..	11	16	0					Workers' Car Account)				121	18	2
..	.. J. H. Sinclair ..	50	0	0				..	Capital Awaiting Investment				4,772	4	11
..	Further sum, S. Gorman ..	500	0	0											
..	Car Replacement Account	121	18	2											
..	Sale, Normanby Property	260	0	0											
..	Sinking Funds ..	236	19	2											
					2,451	11	4								
..	Interest from H.M. Fund ..	140	18	7											
..	Interest from Wake Estate ..	106	13	10											
..	Interest on Canterbury In- scribed Stock ..	45	11	8											
..	Interest on Gorman Stock ..	110	0	0											
..	Interest on Mornington In- vestment ..	4	10	0											
..	Interest on Memorial Gifts—														
..	Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim	4	10	0											
..	Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim	4	10	0											
..	Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim	4	10	0											
..	Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim ..	4	10	0											
..	Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson ..	4	10	0											
..	Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina ..	4	10	0											
..	Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim	4	10	0											
..	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cress- well, Lower Moutere	4	10	0											
..	Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Blenheim ..	4	10	0											
..	Mr. F. O. White, Blenheim	4	10	0											
..	Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim	4	10	0											
..	Rev. and Mrs. Baumber, Christchurch ..	4	10	0											
..	Interest from Auckland In- vestments ..	657	6	10											
..	Interest on Account Mission Property Trustees ..	2,018	7	10											
					3,137	8	9								
					£12,837	12	10						£12,837	12	10

Treasurers:
REV. G. I. LAURENSEN
and MR. F. PENN.

LEGACIES AND MEMORIAL GIFTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Probert Estate	1,000	0	0	Mrs. A. Rennie	50	0	0
Elmsley	1,000	0	0	Miss M. Graham	116	3	6
Meredith Wilson	325	0	0	Janet Cameron	50	0	0
Hammett Estate	300	0	0	G. J. Bridge	100	0	0
E. D. Collinson	300	0	0	Mrs. Easterbrook	150	0	0
Wilkinson Estate	300	0	0	Memorial Gifts (in detail) ..	1,100	0	0
Wm. Winstone	500	0	0	H. Brittain	200	0	0
Janet Snowden	401	10	8	Geo. Butler	50	0	0
Eliza Lucas	100	0	0	James Trounson	1,000	0	0
S. Stone	100	0	0	Mrs. Hansen	43	8	6
Jas. Wallace	100	0	0	Mrs. E. King	50	0	0
Jas. Elliott	100	0	0	J. W. Heward	100	0	0
F. L. Prime	100	0	0	Miss Nicholls	100	0	0
M. Sanson	90	0	0	Rev. and Mrs. Baumber ..	100	0	0
W. H. Scott	175	10	11	J. A. Smith	100	0	0
C. E. Beecroft	50	0	0	Wake Estate	1,763	14	2
Miss A. Porter	25	0	0	Amelia Smith	32	1	7
Wm. Goldsmith	25	0	0	Ellen Smith	10	0	0
Robson Estate	20	0	0	G. H. Ward	50	0	0
Benton Estate	20	0	0	Rev. S. Lawry	50	0	0
Miss Rogers	5	0	0	Geo. Winstone	1,000	0	0
J. Blakely	12	10	0	G. Sowerby	829	9	7
Nathan Robinson	100	0	0	J. Sheat	24	2	1
Mrs. W. A. Gifford ..	163	6	3	Mrs. Knell	50	0	0
Mrs. M. Westney	10	0	0	J. Allott	50	0	0
R. Pitken	12	10	0	Rev. G. Bond	50	0	0
Rev. J. J. Mather	50	0	0	R. B. H. Maxwell	100	0	0
Dorothy Dawson	325	0	0	Mrs. Gorman	450	0	0
Wesley Gordon	3,000	0	0	Uren Estate	500	0	0
Emily J. Martin	1,000	0	0	A. B. C. Wills	100	13	8
Thos. Burgin	50	0	0	S. Gorman	2,550	0	0
Elizabeth Spite	35	0	0	W. Phillips	100	0	0
Sarah Bennett	4	0	0	Charles Gibbs	100	0	0
Elizabeth Saunders ..	100	0	0	S. J. Ambury	48	0	0
George Buttle	50	0	0	S. Gillies	25	0	0
W. J. Cheverton	1,000	0	0	M. J. Phillips	50	0	0
Margaret Simson	200	0	0	Mrs. Ferguson	125	0	0
A. P. Queeree	25	0	0	Mrs. Jane C. Throp	25	0	0
Miss Butterwick	50	0	0	Mrs. Ferguson	62	10	0
John Smith	10	0	0	Mrs. Wood	5	0	0
Edward Holdgate	50	0	0	Mrs. C. Overton	100	0	0
Elizabeth Ward	25	0	0	Mrs. Ann James	28	3	0
Mrs. Fanny Hansen ..	71	0	7	Duncan McKenzie	60	0	0
Jas. Sinclair	10	0	0	G. R. George	86	0	0
Duncan McKenzie	1,025	0	0	G. Pearce	10	0	0
S. T. Cox (Opunake) ..	150	0	0	R. J. Robinson	250	0	0
Mrs. Jane Hoare	235	11	3	W. Ferguson	25	0	0
J. M. Brown	50	0	0	J. B. Veale	11	16	0
H. Ford	25	0	0	J. A. Sinclair	50	0	0
A. McKenzie	100	0	0				

(Abstracted from the aforegone Statement of Receipts and Payments.)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital at 10/1/38	2,500	0	0	By Interest to Home Mission Fund ..	110	0	0
„ New Capital Received during year ..	500	0	0	„ Capital as at 16/1/39	3,000	0	0
„ Interest Received	110	0	0				
	<u>£3,110</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£3,110</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Treasurers: REV. G. L. LAURENSEN and MR. F. PENN.

To Capital Lodged with Wesley Training College Board, at 10/1/38 ..	£	s.	d.	By Interest Transferred to "Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School Committee ..	£	s.	d.
.. Interest Received during the year ..	3,000	0	0	.. Capital Lodged with Wesley Training College Board ..	105	0	0
	105	0	0		3,000	0	0
	£3,105	0	0		£3,105	0	0

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT 16th JANUARY, 1939.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. I. LAURENSEN and MR. F. PENN.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Capital as at 10th January, 1938—							By Loans on Mortgage				8,525	0	0
Legacies and Memorial							Debentures				225	0	0
Gifts	28,706	16	5				Government Inscribed Stock						
Car Replacement Account	548	5	0				(Excluding Canterbury Investment)				7,320	0	0
Sinking Funds	493	17	7				Canterbury Inscribed Stock				1,100	0	0
				29,748	19	0	Properties				9,148	2	3
.. New Capital Received During year—							Lodged with Wesley Training College Board				350	0	0
Estate late Mrs. C. Overton	100	0	0				Car Replacement Account (Lodged with Maori Workers' Car Account)				670	3	2
" " A. B. C. Wills	93	15	0				Capital Awaiting Investment—						
" " W. G. Gordon	600	0	0				Sinking Funds	730	16	9			
" " Mrs. James	28	3	0				Taranaki Native Parsonage Account	170	0	0			
" " Duncan McKenzie	60	0	0				General	3,871	8	2	4,772	4	11
" " G. R. George	86	0	0										
" " Geo. Pearce	10	0	0										
" " R. J. Robinson	250	0	0										
" " W. Ferguson	25	0	0										
" " S. J. Ambury	18	0	0										
" " J. B. Veale	11	16	0										
" " J. A. Sinclair	50	0	0										
.. Mr. S. Gorman	500	0	0										
.. From Sale, Normanby Property	170	0	0										
.. Car Replacement Account	121	18	2										
.. Sinking Funds	236	19	2										
				2,361	11	4							
				£32,110	10	4					£32,110	10	

We have audited the Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Books and Vouchers, and in our opinion the above Statement correctly sets out the position of the Fund as at January 16th, 1939.

P. DELLOW

J. L. CRAWFORD ARANZ

1 Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 16th, 1939.

Treasurers: REV. G. I. LAURENSEN and MR. F. PENN.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance, as at January 10.				By Payments, H.M. Fund	2,053	2	0
1938			10 9 5	Reclamation, Opononi	70	12	0
„ Rents—				Office Rent	10	12	6
Kaeo	50	0	0	Rates	26	10	3
Newark	65	0	0	Water Rights	10	0	0
Waima	0	10	0	Secretarial Work	10	0	0
Mangawhare	33	8	0	Bank Charges, etc.	1	11	2
Mangungu	1	2	8				
			150 0 8	„ Credit Balance			2,182 7 11
From Loan on Mortgage ..	2,018	7	10				7 0 0
„ Fixed Deposit, W.T.C. ..	10	10	0				
			2,028 17 10				
			£2,189 7 11				£2,189 7 11

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Accumulated Funds ..	..	16,271	16 8	By Mortgages ..	..	11,500	0 0
.. Balance, Revenue Account ..	..	7	0 0	.. Properties ..	..	4,471	16 8
				.. Fixed Deposit, W.T.C. ..	..	300	0 0
				.. Credit Balance, Bank of New Zealand ..	..	7	0 0
		£16,278	16 8			£16,278	16 8

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW

J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z.

Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1938.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
To Stock	1,047	19	10								
.. Purchases	1,707	8	2								
						2,755	8	0					
.. Gross Profit				572	13	6					
						£3,328	1	6					
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PICTURE DEPARTMENT AND REVENUE ACCOUNT.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Sundry Expenses	(Printing,	Insurances,				By	Donations	10	15	9			
	Repairs, etc.)	..	..	68	13	10		Subsidy, H.M.	..	..	89	13	4			
..	Depreciation—							Takings	..	..	61	1	0			
	50% on Films	..	..	28	13	0								161	10	1
	20% on Plant	..	..	72	16	2		..	Transfer to Capital	..				8	12	11
				£170	3	0								£170	3	0

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

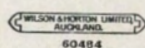
BALANCE SHEET, AS AT 31st JULY, 1938.

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
To Sundry Creditors ..				245	4	3		By Stock ..			1,080	11	11
„ Bad Debts Reserve ..				50	0	0		„ Office and Bookroom Expenses	129	15	5		
„ Capital Account ..	1,809	9	0					Less Depreciation ..	12	12	0		
„ Interest on Fixed Deposit ..		4	16	6							117	3	5
	1,814	5	10					„ Lantern Slides ..	11	8	0		
Less Loss on Pictures ..		8	12	41				Less Depreciation ..	2	10	0		
	1,805	12	11								8	18	0
Less Loss on Trading ..		5	7	8				„ Fixed Deposit ..	228	6	2		
					1,800	5	3	Plus Accrued Interest ..	4	16	6		
											233	2	8
								„ Commercial Bank, Credit Balance ..			47	10	7
								„ Picture Equipment ..	421	6	8		
								Less Depreciation ..	101	9	2		
											319	17	6
								„ Sundry Debtors ..			288	5	5
											£2,095	9	6
											£2,095	9	6

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and that, in our opinion, and subject to our report of even date, it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31st July, 1938. We have accepted the certificates of Mr. T. W. Hemer as to the value of the Stock on Hand and the amount of the Trade Creditors.

29th August, 1938.

(Signed) J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z.
A. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z.



HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1938.
Contributors' Account.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME			
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Retiring Allowances .. ..	..	423 10 8	By Balance as at 30/11/1937 ..	..	10,159 3 4	
„ Reserve Account .. ..	..	20 6 10	„ Personal Contributions ..	..	878 19 9	
„ Balance as at 30/11/1938 ..	..	11,257 10 1	„ Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy	326 0 0		
			<i>Less Subsidies in Suspense</i> ..	51 10 0		
				274 10 0		
			<i>Plus Subsidies ex Suspense A/c.</i>	27 0 0		
					301 10 0	
			„ Interest .. ..	..	361 14 6	
		<u>£11,701 7 7</u>			<u>£11,701 7 7</u>	

Reserve Account.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..	..	361 14 6	By Balance as at 30/11/1937 ..	..	2 9 3
„ Office Expenses :			„ Contributors' Account ..	..	20 6 10
Authorised Appropriation ..	56 0 0		„ Subsidies .. ..	..	58 10 0
Stationery and General Exps. ..	5 14 2		„ Interest—Supernumerary Fund ..	..	393 19 1
		61 14 2			
„ Balance as at 30/11/1938 ..	..	51 16 6			
		<u>£475 5 2</u>			<u>£475 5 2</u>

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1938.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Personal Accounts	..	..	11,257 10 1	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	..		11,360 16 7
Reserve Account	..	..	51 16 6				
Subsidy Suspense Account	..	..	51 10 0				
			<u>£11,360 16 7</u>				<u>£11,360 16 7</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund. 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 30th November, 1938.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

H. R. BEST & CO.,
per H. R. ABBOTT, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1938.

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1938.
Contributors' Account.

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME				
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances	2,281 1 3	By Balance as at 30/11/37	7,835 18 11	
„ Reserve Account	..	..	74 10 5	„ Contributions: Personal	..	250 0 0		
„ Balance as at 30/11/1938	..	..	6,332 9 10	„ Circuit	..	210 0 0		
				Home Mission Board	..	205 10 0		
						665 10 0		
				Less Refunded	..	73 10 0		
				„ Interest	..	..	592 0 0	
							260 2 7	
			<u>£8,688 1 6</u>				<u>£8,688 1 6</u>	

Reserve Account.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts	.. ..		260	2 7	By Balance as at 30/11/1937	.. ..	293 15 2
„ Office Expenses:					„ Interest Supernumerary Fund	.. ..	297 8 10
Authorised Appropriation	.. ..	56 0 0			„ Contributors' Account	.. ..	74 10 5
Stationery and General Exps.	.. ..	7 1 5					
			63	1 5			
„ Balance as at 30/11/1938	.. ..		342	10 5			
			£665	14 5			£665 14 5

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1938.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	.. ..			Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	.. ..	6,819	15 3
Reserve Fund	.. ..					
Accumulated Funds:							
Centenary Gift	.. ..	100	0 0				
Inscribed Stock Profits	.. ..	44	15 0				
			144 15 0				
			£6,819 15 3			£6,819 15 3	

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. 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 30th November, 1938.

G. S. SALTER
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

H. R. BEST & CO.,
per H. R. ABBOTT, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1938.

METHODIST DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1938.

Contributors' Account.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Retiring Allowances .. ..	..	..	9 5 0	By Balance as at 30/11/1937 ..	..		4,708 15 6
„ Reserve Account .. ..	..	..	11 11 2	„ Contributions:			
„ Balance as at 30/11/1938 ..	..	..	5,452 14 8	Personal .. ..	..	322 0 3	
				Circuit .. ..	..	66 5 0	
				Home Mission Board ..	..	70 0 0	
				Foreign Mission Board ..	..	135 0 0	
							593 5 3
				„ Interest .. ..	..		171 10 1
			<u>£5,473 10 10</u>				<u>£5,473 10 10</u>

Reserve Account.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..				171	10	1	By Balance as at 30/11/1937 ..			13	1	4
„ Office Expenses:							„ Contributors' Account ..			11	11	2
Authorised Appropriation ..	30	0	0				„ Interest—Supernumerary Fund ..			187	16	8
Stationery and General Exps. ..	3	17	3									
				33	17	3						
„ Balance as at 30/11/1938 ..				7	1	10						
				£212	9	2				£212	9	2

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1938.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
Personal Accounts	..	..	..	5,452	14	8	£ s. d.
Capital Account ..	..	..	..	100	0	0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund 5,559 16 6
Reserve Fund ..	..	..	..	7	1	10	

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (Inc.).

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1938.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest on Trust Deposit A/cs.				84	6	0	By Commission on Collections	..	..	1 3 8
„ Authorised Appropriation ..	4	0	0				„ Interest on Deposits ..	..	..	85 6 5
„ Stationery and General Exps...	0	1	3				„ Capital Account	1 17 2
				4	1	3				
				£88	7	3				£88 7 3

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1938.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Capital as at 30/11/1937	..	19	1 5	Debentures	1,210	0 0
Less Revenue Account	..	1	17 2	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	.. .	2,472	15 4
			17 4 3				
Deposits:							
Trusts (17) ..	..	2,816	11 9				
Personal (4) ..	..	848	19 4				
			3,665 11 1				
			£3,682 15 4				£3,682 15 4

We have examined the above Revenue Account and Balance Sheet and have compared them with the Books of the Fund and we certify to their correctness. We have had the securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1938.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1938.

H. R. BEST & CO.,
per H. R. ABBOTT, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1938.

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Audited and found correct.
 ERNEST HOBBS }
 J. M. DALE. } Auditors.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ending 31st December, 1938.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1st, 1938:							
To Balance					1,055	5	1
„ Current Levies—Districts:							
Auckland		518	1	6			
South Auckland		290	0	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui		200	10	3			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu		202	5	3			
Wellington		311	9	0			
Nelson		150	8	4			
North Canterbury		372	0	0			
South Canterbury		136	15	6			
Otago-Southland		302	19	0			
					2,484	8	10
„ Synod Collection:							
Auckland		7	14	3			
South Auckland		4	13	10			
Taranaki-Wanganui		3	16	8			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu							
Wellington		4	15	9			
Nelson		4	2	6			
North Canterbury		2	6	4			
South Canterbury		2	19	8			
Otago-Southland		7	3	8			
					37	12	8
„ Sales:							
Agenda		23	10	9			
Minutes		19	18	11			
Law Books, etc.		8	5	1			
					51	14	9
„ Refunds:							
Supply					33	2	0

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cost of Wellington Conference:							
(a) Travelling:							
Equalisation		194	9	0			
Official Representatives		105	19	5			
					300	8	5
(b) Printing:							
Agenda		114	11	0			
Minutes		113	17	0			
Other		10	7	6			
Stationery, etc.		20	5	8			
					259	1	2
„ District Expenses, Chairman's							
Travelling and Other:							
Auckland		59	15	10			
South Auckland		25	10	4			
Taranaki-Wanganui		26	3	9			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu		26	12	4			
Wellington		19	13	3			
Nelson		32	11	7			
North Canterbury		25	13	11			
South Canterbury		21	5	2			
Otago-Southland		37	11	3			
					274	17	5
„ Synod Expenses:							
Auckland		40	16	6			
South Auckland		22	11	8			
Taranaki-Wanganui		18	12	11			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu		19	17	0			
Wellington		12	1	5			
Nelson		25	1	11			
North Canterbury		9	2	9			
South Canterbury		9	16	5			
Otago-Southland		25	4	8			
					183	5	3

Methodist Church Contingent Fund—continued.

,, Ministerial Supply :						
Auckland	..	..	6 15 0			
Wellington	..	..	18 3 0			
Nelson	..	..	3 0 6			
Otago-Southland	..	..	6 7 2			
				34	5	8
,, Connexional Payments :						
President's Travelling	..	..	65 0 0			
Postages, &c.	..	..	12 10 0			
Supply	..	..	6 5 0			
Secretary of Conference :						
Postages, &c.	..	..	12 10 0			
Printing	..	..	89 15 10			
Examination Committee Exps.	..	..	11 10 6			
Exhibition Space	..	..	83 9 8			
				281	1	0
,, Grants :						
Theological College	..	..	740 0 0			
Connexional Sec. Dept.	..	..	180 0 0			
Deaconess Fund	..	..	75 0 0			
University Fees	..	..	40 0 0			
N.Z. Council of Religious Education	..	..	20 0 0			
"Methodist Times"	..	..	49 7 8			
"Faith and Order" Council	..	..	12 10 0			
Early Records	..	..	75 0 0			
				1,191	17	8
,, Hon. Treasurers :						
Bank Int., Charge, Exch., etc.	..	..	5 13 3			
Postages, Stationery, &c.	2 15 0			
				8	8	3

Methodist Church Contingent Fund—continued.

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	„ Balances due by Districts :			
	Auckland	130	0 0
	South Auckland	27	0 0
	Taranaki-Wanganui	20	0 0
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	..	68	11 8
	Wellington ..	..	21	13 10
	Nelson ..	..	10	0 0
	North Canterbury ..	..	69	9 8
	South Canterbury ..	..	9	13 7
	Otago-Southland ..	..	63	6 1
	„ Total Balances held by or due to			
	Chairmen ..	..	419	14 10
	„ Bank of N.Z. Kaiapoi Current A/c.	709	3 8	
			1,128	18 6
			£3,662	3 4

J. H. BLACKWELL }
L. C. HORWOOD } Hon. Treasurers.

I have to report that I have audited the foregoing statement and compared same with the books and vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund, and I hereby certify that in my opinion the statement is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the affairs of the Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

9th February, 1939.

ISAAC J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Statement Year Ending 31st December, 1938.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in hand 1/1/38	1110	9	6	Removal Expenses paid	1197	10	10
Circuit Levies Paid	771	6	3	Sundry Expenses	3	18	0
Interest earned	24	7	4	Cash in hand as per Balance Sheet	704	14	3
	<u>£1,906</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£1,906</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

Revenue Account Year Ending 31st December, 1938.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Circuit Levies	761	12	10	By Removal Expenses	1197	10	10
„ Interest Earned	24	7	4	„ Sundry Expenses	3	18	0
„ Transfer from Capital Account	415	8	8				
	<u>£1,201</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£1,201</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1938.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund 31/12/37	1359	8	1	Outstanding Levies					239	5	2
Less Transfer to Revenue Account	415	8	8	Cash in hand :							
				Supernumerary Fund Dep. ..	275	0	9				
				P.O.S.B.	426	5	11				
				Bank of N.Z.	3	7	7				
					<hr/>				704	14	3
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	£943	19	5						£943	19	5

Audited and found correct.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.

15th December, 1938.

H. CHAPMAN. }
H. L. FIEBIG } Treasurers,

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1938.

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Brought Forward ..			5,511 15 0	By New Zealand Contributions :			
„ Solomon Islands District :				General Fund 1937 Account		66 3 8	
Missionaries Stipends and				General Fund 1938 Account ..		8,522 18 5	
Allowances ..	5,728	8	8	„ Medical Fund less Gift Duty ..	735	10	5
Freight and Customs ..	484	10	10	„ Interest on Medical Fund ..	415	14	2
Boats and Travelling ..	2,058	11	4	„ Women's Auxiliaries (Including			
Colleges and Schools ..	937	18	7	Y.W.B.C. Movement) ..	1,527	10	4
Properties—Current Exps. ..	469	4	4	Young Men's Movement ..	175	0	0
Lands, Surveys, Rents ..	164	17	10	For Native Teachers ..	298	0	0
Hospital and Medical Exps. ..	751	19	8	For Orphans ..	57	4	9
Doctor and Nurses Stipends				Debt Reduction Fund ..	1	3	0
and Allowances ..	707	18	4	Interest ..	402	12	10
General Expenses ..	86	12	8	Publications Profit ..	41	8	4
			11,390 2 3	Interest Boat Insurance Fund			
„ Interest on Loans and Overdraft			270 12 9	(Contra) ..	25	12	6
„ Boat Insurance Fund ..	250	0	0			3,679 16 4	
„ Boat Insurance Fund Interest				„ Solomon Islands Contributions :			
(Contra) ..	25	12	6	Roviana Circuit ..	500	0	0
			275 12 6	Choiseul Circuit ..	318	15	2
„ New Zealand Office Working				Vella Lavella Circuit ..	215	9	4
Expenses :				Bougainville and Buka Circuit	220	8	11
Salaries ..	296	4	0	Produce—Less Plantation Exps.	187	19	11
Treasurer's Honorarium ..	50	0	0	Govt. Grants—Educational and			
Auditor's Fee ..	15	15	0	Medical ..	181	0	0
House Allowance ..	150	0	0			1,623 13 4	

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1938 (Exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

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£1515 N.Z. Govt. Stock 4%	..	1,515	0	0
£650 N.Z. Govt. Stock. 4%	..	650	0	0
Fuller and Sons Debentures	..	1,000	0	0
N.Z. Farmer's Dairy Union Shares		7	10	0
Loans on Mortgage	..	3,050	0	0
Auckland Savings Bank	..	700	17	0
				<hr/>
				8,823 7 0
General Secretary's Residence :				
Atherton Road Property and				
Furniture ..	..	1,755	0	0
Less Depreciation	70	0	0
				<hr/>
		1,685	0	0
 Less Mortgage Fire Insurance				
Board ..	£798	5	3	
Less Loan ..	525	0	0	
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		1,323	5	3
				<hr/>
				361 14 9
				<hr/>
				£29,121 14 0

J. B. GILMORE, F.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
General Secretary's Residence Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
258 To Interest	54	3	7	By Balance at January 1st, 1938	218	9	4
„ Rates, Insurance and Maintenance ..	28	17	0	„ House Allowance	150	0	0
„ Balance at December 31st, 1938 ..	285	8	9				
	<u>£368</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£368</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>

**CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOREIGN MISSION
FUND, 1938.**

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	..	..	..	..	256	19	2
Auckland Central, 1937	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Auckland Central Mission	..	..	..	..	20	17	3
Auckland West	..	..	..	..	52	8	9
Auckland East	..	..	..	..	493	19	0
Auckland East, 1937	..	..	..	..	4	0	0
Avondale	..	..	..	..	229	7	10
Avondale, 1937	..	..	..	..	3	3	0
Devonport	..	..	..	..	26	0	0
Takapuna	..	..	..	..	41	1	9
Birkenhead	..	..	..	..	86	8	1
Onehunga	..	..	..	..	84	16	1
Onehunga, 1937	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Otahuhu	..	..	..	..	63	10	9
Papakura	..	..	..	..	37	18	9
Pukekohe	..	..	..	..	50	12	4
Pukekohe, 1937	..	..	..	..	5	8	1
Waiuku	..	..	..	..	81	5	3
Mahurangi	..	..	..	..	22	9	3
Paparoa	..	..	..	..	16	17	6
Dargaville	..	..	..	..	21	14	5
Ruawai	..	..	..	..	13	1	6
Whangarei	..	..	..	..	23	5	10
Whangaroa	..	..	..	..	7	9	2
Bay of Islands	..	..	..	..	12	17	6
Port Albert	..	..	..	..	100	0	0
Hikurangi	..	..	..	..	1	10	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	..	..	..	..	5	6	0
Mangonui	..	..	..	..	16	11	9
Bombay-Tuakau	..	..	..	..	39	4	4
Kaukapakapa	..	..	..	..	9	5	0
Helensville	5	12	4
Hokianga-Rawene	9	13	0
Hokianga-Kohukohu	9	6	3
					<hr/>		
					£1,871	19	11
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SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Thames	55	5	0
Hauraki Plains	13	13	7
Te Aroha	85	8	7
Paeroa .. .. .	..	..	..	..	17	0	0
Morrinsville .. .. .	..	..	..	..	118	10	3
Cambridge .. .. .	..	..	..	..	62	16	1
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	99	12	8
Hamilton East .. .. .	..	..	..	..	61	19	9
Huntly .. .. .	..	..	..	..	16	3	8
Matamata .. .. .	..	..	..	..	80	7	2
Rotorua .. .. .	..	..	..	..	18	1	0
Tauranga .. .. .	..	..	..	..	40	12	4
Whakatane .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10	10	0
Whakatane, 1937 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	4	0
Opotiki .. .. .	..	..	..	..	14	5	1
Te Awamutu .. .. .	..	..	..	..	82	15	1
Otorohanga .. .. .	..	..	..	..	35	13	1
Te Kuiti .. .. .	..	..	..	..	13	19	6
Taumarunui .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15	2	2
Ngaruawahia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waihi .. .. .	..	..	..	..	34	10	0
Te Puke .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	19	9
Putaruru .. .. .	..	..	..	..	11	16	10
Coromandel .. .. .	..	..	..	..	11	7	6
					£902	14	1

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
New Plymouth .. .. .	..	..	..	..	114	4	7
Waitara .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15	9	8
Inglewood .. .. .	..	..	..	..	21	10	7
Stratford .. .. .	..	..	..	..	38	2	8
Eltham-Kaponga .. .. .	..	..	..	..	33	8	0
Hawera .. .. .	..	..	..	..	142	18	0
Manaia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	14	7	2
Opunake .. .. .	..	..	..	..	93	12	3
Wanganui .. .. .	..	..	..	..	122	0	11
Wanganui, 1937 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	1	0
Wanganui North .. .. .	..	..	..	..	54	0	0
Marton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	9	13	0
Taihape .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6	18	5
Raetihi-Ohakune .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3	14	0
Gonville .. .. .	..	..	..	..	13	8	0
Patea .. .. .	..	..	..	..	8	16	2
Ohura .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	10	0
					£695	14	5

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	133	17	5
Hastings	128	0	9
Gisborne	41	3	11
Wairoa	8	11	0
Dannevirke	14	14	0
Woodville	21	3	0
Pahiatua	30	8	11
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	134	11	5
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	138	16	6
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	41	0	3
Feilding	388	16	4
Sanson-Rongotea	50	17	9
Waipawa	29	5	8
Foxton-Shannon	21	7	3
Apiti	15	2	3
Norsewood	6	0	0
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	£1,203	16	5
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WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington Central, Taranaki Street	156	0	7
Wellington, Thorndon	97	15	9
Wellington South	84	8	0
Wellington East	131	14	11
Johnsonville-Ngaio	185	0	4
Hutt	120	11	3
Petone	32	10	2
Greytown-Featherston	20	18	0
Carterton	29	4	4
Masterton	121	14	9
Eketahuna	16	10	0
Levin	89	9	8
Otaki	5	5	6
Paraparaumu	12	19	2
Upper Hutt	9	5	9
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	£1,113	1	2
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NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson	134	6	6
Richmond	31	2	9
Richmond, 1937	15	6	9
Wakefield-Dovedale	26	12	0
Motueka	37	11	4
Blenheim	100	19	5
Reefton	17	8	0
Westport	20	15	11
Greymouth	31	15	0
Greymouth, 1937	0	14	7
Hokitika	33	7	10
Havelock	3	14	2
Murchison	11	11	3
Granity	4	2	10
	<u>£469</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Christchurch, Durham Street	103	9	6
Christchurch East	257	5	10
Christchurch, Cambridge Terrace	14	16	11
Christchurch, Woolston	110	15	7
Christchurch, Woolston, 1937	0	5	0
Christchurch, Sydenham	47	2	1
Christchurch, Addington	72	1	10
Christchurch, Riccarton	35	8	9
Christchurch, St. Albans	158	0	3
Christchurch, St. Albans, 1937	1	11	2
Christchurch, Papanui	95	15	0
Lyttelton	9	18	7
Springston	15	6	10
Tai Tapu	27	10	0
Tai Tapu, 1937	0	10	0
Leeston	37	6	6
Kaiapoi	55	7	4
Ohoka	49	12	7
Rangiora	59	10	5
Rangiora, 1937	0	10	0
Woodend-Sefton	36	16	2
Greendale	34	1	0
Greendale, 1937	2	11	4
Oxford	16	8	8
Hawarden	1	0	0
Waddington	15	16	8
	<u>£1,258</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Timaru, Banks Street	36	15	3
Timaru, Banks Street, 1937	2	10	0
Timaru, Woodlands Street	45	14	1
Timaru, Woodlands Street, 1937	12	8	1
Timaru South	23	11	9
Waimate	24	13	0
Temuka	33	2	6
Geraldine	22	17	4
Ashburton	113	0	11
Willowby	38	17	1
Oamaru	46	10	0
Rakaia-Methven	13	14	8
	£413	14	8

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin, Trinity	91	9	6
Dunedin Central Mission	57	0	10
Dunedin, Dundas Street	25	10	1
Dunedin, Cargill Road	45	11	0
Dunedin, St. Kilda	33	2	10
Dunedin, Caversham	33	7	5
Dunedin, Mornington	27	0	0
Dunedin, Roslyn	31	1	3
Port Chalmers	26	16	8
Balclutha	5	19	5
Milton	17	12	5
Roxburgh	13	8	4
Invercargill Central	74	4	7
Invercargill Central, 1937	3	0	0
Invercargill, St. Peters	67	7	9
Bluff	6	0	0
Gore	15	19	10
Riverton	4	6	0
Riverton, 1937	0	11	1
Maori Hill	15	1	6
Waikouaiti	10	5	6
Mosgiel	8	10	4
Edendale	18	14	11
Kaitangata .. .. .	..	..	..
Lawrence	8	1	9
Cromwell	7	13	1
Otautau-Tuatapere	8	7	5
Nightcaps	4	10	0
	£660	13	6

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Twelve months ended 31st August, 1938.

RECEIPTS			
Balances in hand, Aug. 31, 1937—			
Salaries	795	12	7
Medical	164	4	4
Stamp Fund	53	13	2
Kurahuna M.G. School ..	2	8	6
Doctor's Fund	189	15	11
Box Money	3	7	0
Executive Fund	81	0	2
	1290	1	8
Kurahuna Emergency Fund	669	0	7
Kurahuna Depreciation, Repairs and Replace- ments	335	0	11
	1004	1	6
	2294	3	2
Salaries	2128	3	6
Gleanings	66	0	8
N.Z.M.Y.W.B.C.M. (two Sisters)	304	0	0
Medical	193	5	4
Kurahuna	368	16	5
	3060	5	11
Affiliation Fees	20	18	3
Executive Fund	186	1	5
	206	19	8
Stamp Fund	111	1	5
Doctor's Fund	144	6	8
Deaconess House	6	9	0
Box Money	22	12	3
Donations, Sisters	10	13	0
Donations, Mrs. Rutter ..	12	4	0

PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.
(2 quarters) Solomon Island			
Sisters' Salaries ..	1660	12	6
(2 quarters) Home Sisters	1275	0	0
Kurahuna Maintenance	260	10	8
Kurahuna Depreciation	23	6	0
Kurahuna Repairs and Replacements	49	19	0
Medical Fund	164	4	4
Stamp Fund	53	13	2
Doctor's Fund	100	0	0
Deaconess House	6	9	0
	3593	14	8
Annie Overton Bequest to Kurahuna Emer. Fund	100	0	0
Box Money	25	19	3
Donations Sisters	10	13	0
Donations Mrs. Rutter ..	12	4	0
Donations Gina	3	13	6
Donations Home Mission Fund	25	0	0
Donations Kurahuna Capital Fund	35	0	0
Donations Solomon Island Girls' School	10	0	0
	222	9	9
Printing and Stationery	45	9	8
Executive Expenses (Rates on Section, 18/6)	81	19	11
	127	9	7
	3943	14	0

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.265

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1938.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Salaries	358	4	3	Credit Balances in Bank—			
Medical	193	5	4	General Account	1132	16	4
Kurahuna M.G. School	37	9	3	Kurahuna Emergency Fund ..	907	14	2
Stamp Fund	111	1	5	Kurahuna Depreciation Fund ..	328	6	1
Doctor Fund	234	2	7	Kurahuna Repairs and Replace-			
Other Objects	19	0	0	ments	27	4	10
Executive Fund	179	13	6				
					2396	1	5
					77	18	7
Kurahuna Emergency Fund ..	907	14	2	Kurahuna Treasurer's Cash Account			
Kurahuna Depreciation Fund ..	328	6	1	Deposits Supernumerary Fund—			
Kurahuna Repairs and Replacements	27	4	10	Solomon Island Girls' School ..	758	16	2
Solomon Island Girls' School ..	758	16	2	Doctor's Fund Investment Account	100	0	0
Doctor's Fund Investment Account	100	0	0	Kurahuna Capital Fund	221	9	10
Kurahuna Capital Fund	221	9	10				
Kurahuna Treasurer's Maintenance A/c.	77	18	7		1080	6	0
Accumulated Fund					500	0	0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	2557	0	0	Drainage Board Debentures ..			
				Kurahuna Maori Girls' School			
				Property	1790	6	0
				Less Depreciation	23	6	0
					1767	0	0
				Furniture	240	0	0
					2007	0	0
				Section, Auckland (¼-acre approx.) ..	50	0	0
					£6,111	6	0
					£6,111	6	0

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union with the exception of those relating to the Accounts of the Kurahuna Maori Girls' School a copy of the audited Accounts of which have been submitted for my inspection.

I have inspected the Post Office Savings Bank Pass Books and have accepted the Certificate of Deposit with the Supernumerary Fund Board and the Certificate of the Secretary of the General Purposes Trust Board with reference to the custody of the Title Deeds of the Kurahuna property, the Auckland Section and the Drainage Board Debentures.

I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet correctly sets out the position of the Union's Funds, as shown by its books, at 31st August, 1938.

Auckland, 22nd September, 1938.

IVY T. WALKER, Hon. Auditor,

AMOUNTS RAISED BY MISSIONARY AUXILIARIES.

				£	s.	d.
Ashburton	..	..	..	78	16	9
Auckland	..	..	..	647	5	5
Blenheim	..	..	..	35	0	0
Bluff ..	..	..	..	13	9	0
Cambridge	..	..	..	4	13	9
Christchurch	..	..	..	545	13	10
Dannevirke	..	..	..	30	5	0
Dunedin	..	..	..	228	14	6
Eketahuna	..	..	..	0	6	3
Eltham	..	..	..	15	7	0
Feilding ..	..	..	..	60	4	6
Gisborne	..	..	..	18	0	0
Greymouth	..	..	..	13	17	8
Gonville	..	..	..	10	12	9
Gore	..	..	..	8	2	6
Hamilton, St. P.	..	..	..	43	1	0
Hamilton, St. J.	..	..	..	11	2	10
Hastings	..	..	..	54	12	6
Hawera	..	..	..	73	17	6
Invercargill	..	..	..	116	8	10
Lower Hutt	..	..	..	23	7	0
Upper Hutt	..	..	..	3	10	4
Manaia	..	..	..	4	19	2
Masterton	..	..	..	34	6	0
Marton	..	..	..	4	19	10
Matamata	..	..	..	15	1	4
Millerton	..	..	..	0	5	0
Morrinsville	..	..	..	24	5	6
Motueka	..	..	..	4	5	0
Napier	..	..	..	78	5	0
Nelson	..	..	..	35	8	6
New Plymouth	..	..	..	40	4	2
Northern Wairoa	..	..	..	3	1	4
Oamaru	..	..	..	18	10	4
Otaki ..	..	..	..	3	12	6
Opunake	..	..	..	0	18	0
Oxford	..	..	..	6	16	8
Paeroa	..	..	..	0	2	6
Pahiatua	..	..	..	5	9	3
Palmerston North	..	..	..	86	19	0
Petone	..	..	..	42	2	6
Rangiora	..	..	..	70	12	1
Reefton	..	..	..	0	10	0
Raetihi	..	..	..	1	8	0
Richmond	..	..	..	16	18	6
Roxburgh	..	..	..	21	12	6
Riverton	..	..	..	3	14	6
Ruawai	..	..	..	18	15	2
Southbrook Y.P.	..	..	..	0	17	0
Stratford	..	..	..	5	14	0
Te Aroha	..	..	..	31	7	3
Te Awamutu	..	..	..	33	3	6
Thames	..	..	..	30	0	6
Timaru, Bank Street	..	..	..	44	7	6
Timaru, Woodlands Street	..	..	..	17	15	0
Taumarunui	..	..	..	1	1	0

Amounts Raised by Missionary Auxiliaries—continued.

Te Kuiti	..	..	..	..	8	17	8
Waimate	..	..	..	..	17	7	9
Waiuku	..	..	..	..	8	14	6
Waiwhetu	..	..	..	..	11	1	0
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	63	3	8
Wanganui North	..	..	..	..	20	5	10
Wanganui East	..	..	..	..	4	10	0
Willowby	..	..	..	..	26	6	9
Willowby Y.P.	..	..	..	..	0	16	8
Wellington	..	..	..	..	336	19	0

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th November, 1938.

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Assets and Liabilities as at 30th November, 1938.

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ARTHUR R. SHERRIS, A.R.A.N.Z.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

H. CHAPMAN, Treasurer.

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Treasurers : REV. GEO. FROST, MR. A. LEN CAUGHEY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 18th October, 1938.

1937, Oct. 19th—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Bank of N.Z.—						
Current Account				571	5	2
Capital Account				13	12	9

RECEIPTS

1938—October 18th—

Revenue :

General subs., per Treasurer ..	213	9	8
General subs., per Collector ..	122	0	6
Churches, Collections and Subs. ..	669	6	11
Sunday Schools & Y.P. Societies ..	8	11	10
Maintenance	1726	18	4
Discount and Exchange	21	2	3
Rents	236	1	2
Interest	731	0	6
Sales of Stock	1	0	6
Refunds	16	4	4
Street Appeal	108	15	0

3854 11 0

Capital :

Bequests :

J. C. M. Mallock Estate ..	37	9	10
J. C. Waby Estate ..	191	5	0
Sara Andrew Estate ..	40	0	0
J. H. Hannan Estate ..	933	9	4
Amy Hartley Estate ..	114	0	0
F. J. Bealing Estate ..	50	0	0
S. J. Ambury Estate ..	9	0	0
Mortgage Repaid ..	175	4	0
Withdrawals—Auckland Savings Bank	700	0	0

2250 8 2

£6,689 17 1

PAYMENTS

1938—October 18th—

Revenue :

Salaries and Commissions ..	1265	2	6
Provisions	788	3	1
Repairs	338	9	4
Boots, Drapery, Clothing ..	72	9	10
Fuel and Light	135	13	3
Farm and Garden	20	16	0
Printing and Stationery ..	48	6	2
Medical and Dental	46	14	1
Stamps and Telephone ..	37	4	6
Travelling Expenses	16	0	1
Insurance	47	18	6
Petty Cash—Matrons	49	7	0
Exchange	2	7	9
Sundry Expenses	26	16	3
Refunds of Board	13	5	5
Rent of Office	7	16	10
Rates	135	4	0

3051 14 7

Capital :

N.Z. Inscribed Stock	1517	2	6
Deposits Auckland Savings Bank ..	1502	0	0
Furnishings	14	12	2

3033 14 8

Balances :

Bank of New Zealand—			
Current Account			138 10 10
Capital Account			465 17 0

£6,689 17 1

Revenue Account for Year Ended 18th October, 1938.

212	1938—October 18th	£ s. d.	1938—October 18th	£ s. d.
	To Expenditure as per above Statement ..	3051 14 7	By Receipts as per above Statement ..	3854 11 0
	„ Depreciation—Furniture ..	77 19 2		
	„ Capital A/c—Excess Revenue Transferred	724 17 3		
		<u>£3,854 11 0</u>		<u>£3,854 11 0</u>

Balance Sheet as at 18th October, 1938.

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I have examined the books and vouchers relating to the above accounts and Balance Sheet of the Mt. Albert and Epsom Methodist Orphanages, which I consider are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true position of the trust as at the 18th October, 1938, as shown by the books of the Trust.

A. W. GREGORY, A.P.A.N.Z.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for 9 Months Ended 30th September, 1938.

RECEIPTS

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward	..	..			22	1	11
„ Maintenance :							
Donations	..	..	9	17	0		
Collections	..	..	284	0	5		
Fees—Maintenance	..	..	377	2	0		
Grant—Wellington Board	..	..	403	12	1		
					1074	11	6
„ Grant from Wellington Board for expenditure on the Board's behalf	..	..	..		75	12	11

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1938.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Sundry Creditors .. .. .	..	117	11 5	Cash Bank of New Zealand ..	..			44	19 1
Balance—Newcombe Endowment ..	..	0	2 9	Furnishings, etc. ..	..	268	0 0		
Balance—being excess of Assets over Liabilities		187	4 11	Renewals .. ..	..	18	0 0		
						286	0 0		
				Less Depreciation .. ..	..	26	0 0	260	0 0
		£304	19 1					£304	19 1

We certify that we have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account and Balance Sheet of the Methodist Children's Home, Masterton, with the books and vouchers, and are of the opinion that same are drawn up as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton on 30th September, 1938.

A. E. BATE, Treasurer.

Masterton, 17th October, 1938.

ARCH. H. DANIELL

F. E. WELLS

Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1938.

	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
General:					General:			
Salaries and Wages	947	4	4		Maintenance Fees	955	0	5
House Supplies	560	1	2		Donations and Collections ..	726	5	0
Light and Heat	136	15	10		Combined Orphanage Appeal ..	344	0	0
Fire and Accident Insurance ..	12	13	11		Estate —			
Drapery, Clothing, Boots ..	220	1	5		Louisa Baker	66	13	4
Stationery, Stamps, Telephone,					M. J. Maddren	20	0	0
Audit, Advertising, College Fees,					E. Slater	9	11	3
Bank Charges	151	11	4		Theresa Wisker	85	0	0
Renewals and Repairs	103	14	5		Mrs. Whittle	100	2	6
Drainage Alterations	19	5	0		James Malloch Bequest ..	37	9	10
Top Dressing, Potatoes, Manure,					Mrs. Overton	50	0	0
Trees, Ironwork, Tools, Timber,					Lily Richter	9	0	0
Cement, Sand, etc.	23	1	3		W. Ferguson	51	5	10
Petty Cash	81	18	8		J. C. Waby	121	2	6
Miscellaneous	81	0	6		Sara Andrew	40	0	0
				2337 7 10	A. B. C. Wills	43	15	0
Harewood Road Property Account:					A. M. E. Mickle	245	0	0
Rates	68	1	1		Duncan McKenzie	60	0	0
Land Tax	4	0	9		Mrs. Jarvis	10	0	0
Repairs	1	4	0		Christian Schmidt	10	0	0
				73 5 10	G. R. George	86	0	0
Matson's Road Section Account:					R. J. Robinson	205	9	10
Rates				4 6 8	Interest	240	11	1
Cheer Fund Account:					Miscellaneous	6	2	9
Sundries	56	10	3					3522 9 4
Balance in hand	12	15	11		Harewood Road Property Account:			
				69 6 2	Rents			114 2 8

Revenue Account—continued.

217	Clothing Fund Account :				Cheer Fund Account :			
	Materials, etc. ..	..	..	10 10 10	Donations ..	..	..	69 6 2
	Balance in hand ..	..	..	13 3 8	Clothing Fund Account :			
					Donations ..	..	..	23 14 6
	Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust Account			23 14 6	Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust Legacy			70 0 0
	Depreciation written off accounts ..			70 0 0	Capital Account :			
	Transfer to Capital Account ..			525 19 3	A. Cowie Trust ..	..	50 0 0	
	Transfer to Accumulated Funds ..			100 0 0	Estate A. B. C. Wills	50 0 0	
				695 12 5				100 0 0
				<u>£3,899 12 8</u>				<u>£3,899 12 8</u>

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M. KERSHAW, Treasurer

"METHODIST TIMES.

Revenue Account for 10 Months' Ended 31st October, 1938.

EXPENDITURE				RECEIPTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing	827	16	6	Subscriptions	855	8	3
Process Blocks	14	7	6	Less Agents' Commission	54	10	0
Distribution Charges	132	6	10				
			974 10 10	Advertisements			800 18 3
Editors' Honoraria	75	0	0	Interest			135 15 7
Editors' Incidental Expenses	4	7	8	Grant, Connexional Fire Ins. Fund ..			18 8 8
				Net Loss			50 0 0
							220 4 3
			79 7 8				
260 Less Refund from Contingent Fund ..	41	17	8				
			37 10 0				
Office Expenses :							
Authorised Appropriation	170	0	0				
Stationery and General Expenses ..	43	5	11				
			213 5 11				
			£1,225 6 9				£1,225 6 9

H. HOLLAND
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 6th December, 1938.

Audited and found correct.

E. H. SMITH
W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z., } Auditors.

"METHODIST TIMES."

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1938.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Unexpired Values :				Subscriptions Outstanding ..	..	288	6 2
Subscriptions .. ..	..	505	16 6	Less Prepaid .. ..	..	11	10 0
Advertisements .. ..	..	84	8 4				
			590 4 10			276	16 2
Contingent Reserve Account	..	500	0 0	Less Provision for Agents' Commission		19	0 6
Accumulated Funds 31/12/37	..	54	14 6				257 15 8
			554 14 6	Advertisement Accounts Outstanding			42 13 4
Net Loss 1938 .. ..	..	220	4 3	Contingent Fund .. ..	..		41 17 8
			334 10 3	Deposits :			
				Post Office Savings Bank	..	433	8 2
				Supernumerary Fund ..	..	19	1 1
							452 9 3
				Balance at Bank of New Zealand	..		129 19 2
							£924 15 1
							£924 15 1

Audited and found correct.

H. HOLLAND }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

E. H. SMITH }
W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 6th December, 1938.

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND CHILDREN'S FUND, 1939.

NOTE.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for the H.M. Retiring Fund is £6 for each Home Missionary employed. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 3 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

WHERE THE STATUS OF THE PREACHER APPOINTED IS
ALTERED THE CONTINGENT FUND TREASURERS
SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After Exemption	Children's
		Fund Levy 7%		Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland Central ..	1105 0 0	77 7 0	705 0 0	45 16 6
F.M. Dept. ..	296 5 0	20 14 9	196 5 0	12 15 0
H.M. Dept. ..	525 0 0	36 15 0	325 0 0	21 2 6
Central Mission ..	400 0 0	28 0 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Auckland West ..	238 0 0	16 13 3	138 0 0	8 19 5
Auckland East ..	900 0 0	63 0 0	600 0 0	39 0 0
Trinity College ..	765 0 0	53 11 0	565 0 0	36 14 6
Avondale ..	605 0 0	42 7 0	345 0 0	22 8 6
Devonport ..	200 0 0	14 0 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Takapuna ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Birkenhead ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Onehunga ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Otahuhu ..	243 15 0	17 1 0	143 15 0	9 7 0
Papakura ..	212 10 0	14 17 6	112 10 0	7 6 3
Pukekohe ..	222 0 0	15 11 0	122 0 0	7 18 9
Waiuku ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Helensville ..	150 0 0	10 10 0	90 0 0	5 17 0
Mahurangi ..	237 10 0	16 12 6	137 10 0	8 18 9
Paparoa ..	175 0 0	12 5 0	75 0 0	4 17 6
Dargaville ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Ruawai ..	200 0 0	14 0 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Whangarei ..	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Whangaroa ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Bay of Islands ..	140 0 0	9 16 0	80 0 0	5 4 0
Port Albert ..	200 0 0	14 0 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Hikurangi ..	140 0 0	9 16 0	80 0 0	5 4 0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai ..	140 0 0	9 16 0	80 0 0	5 4 0
Mangonui ..	180 0 0	12 12 0	120 0 0	7 16 0
Hokianga ..	160 0 0	..	100 0 0	6 10 0
Kohu Kohu ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
H.M. Stations :—				
Bombay-Tuakau ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Kauk'a-Silverdale ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
	9160 0 0	642 0 0	5490 0 0	356 17 2

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund		After Exemption	Children's Fund	
		Levy 7%			Levy 6½%	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Thames	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0		
Hauraki Plains	160 0 0	11 4 0	100 0 0	6 10 0		
Paeroa	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6		
Waihi	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6		
Te Aroha	260 0 0	18 4 0	160 0 0	10 8 0		
Morrinsville	410 0 0	28 14 0	250 0 0	16 5 0		
Cambridge	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6		
Hamilton	550 0 0	38 10 0	350 0 0	22 15 0		
Hamilton East	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0		
Ngaruawahia H.M. .. ..	.. ..	4 0 0	.. ..	.. ..
Huntly	160 0 0	11 4 0	100 0 0	6 10 0		
Matamata	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0		
Putaruru	160 0 0	11 4 0	100 0 0	6 10 0		
Rotorua	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6		
Tauranga	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6		
Whakatane	160 0 0	11 4 0	100 0 0	6 10 0		
Opotiki	180 0 0	12 12 0	120 0 0	7 16 0		
Te Awamutu	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0		
Otorohanga	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6		
Te Kuiti	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6		
Taumarunui	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6		
H.M. Stations :						
Kawhia		4 0 0				
Te Puke		4 0 0				
Coromandel		4 0 0				
	4840 0 0	354 16 0	2880 0 0	187 4 0		

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund		After Exemption	Children's Fund		
			Levy 7%			Levy 6½%		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
New Plymouth ..	495	0 0	34	13 0	295	0 0	19	3 6
New Plymouth H.M. ..			4	0 0				
Waitara ..	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
Stratford ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Eltham-Kaponga ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Hawera ..	300	0 0	21	0 0	200	0 0	13	0 0
Manaia ..	180	0 0	12	12 0	120	0 0	7	16 0
Opunake ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Opunake H.M. ..			4	0 0				
Wanganui ..	275	0 0	19	5 0	175	0 0	11	7 6
Wanganui North ..	238	10 0	16	14 0	138	10 0	8	19 3
Gonville ..	160	0 0			100	0 0	6	10 0
Marton ..	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
Taihape ..	160	0 0	11	4 0	100	0 0	6	10 0
H.M. Stations :								
Raetihi-Ohakune ..			4	0 0				
Patea ..			4	0 0				
Ohura ..			4	0 0				
Inglewood ..			4	0 0				
Wanganui North ..			4	0 0				
	3008	10 0	227	8 0	1828	10 0	118	16 3

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund Levy 7%	Exemption	Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Napier	430 0 0	30 2 0	270 0 0	17 11 0
Hastings	270 0 0	18 18 0	170 0 0	11 1 0
Gisborne	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Wairoa	140 0 0	9 16 0	80 0 0	5 4 0
Dannevirke	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Woodville	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Pahiatua	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	300 0 0	21 0 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
„ (Cuba St.)	270 0 0	18 18 0	170 0 0	11 1 0
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	230 0 0	16 2 0	130 0 0	8 9 0
Feilding	300 0 0	21 0 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Feilding H.M.		4 0 0		
Sanson-Rongotea ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
H.M. Stations :				
Waipawa		4 0 0		
Foxton-Shannon ..		4 0 0		
Apiti		4 0 0		
Norsewood		4 0 0		
	3140 0 0	239 16 0	1920 0 0	124 16 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund Levy 7%	Exemption	Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Central	810 0 0	56 14 0	510 0 0	33 3 0
Youth Dept.	300 0 0	21 0 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Thorndon	520 0 0	36 8 0	320 0 0	20 16 0
South	300 0 0	21 0 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
East	545 0 0	38 3 0	285 0 0	18 10 6
East H.M.		4 0 0		
Johnsonville-Ngaio ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Johnsonville-Ngaio H.M.		4 0 0		
Hutt	470 0 0	32 18 0	310 0 0	20 3 0
Petone	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Greytown-Featherston	80 0 0	5 12 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Carterton	215 0 0	15 1 0	115 0 0	7 9 6
Masterton	275 0 0	19 5 0	175 0 0	11 7 6
Masterton H.M.		4 0 0		
Eketahuna	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Levin	262 10 0	18 7 6	162 10 0	10 11 3
Otaki	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
H.M. Stations :				
Paraparaumu		4 0 0		
Upper Hutt		4 0 0		
	4752 10 0	352 13 6	2952 10 0	191 18 3

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 7%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nelson	325 0 0	22 15 0	225 0 0	14 12 6
Richmond	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Wakefield-Dovedale	162 0 0	11 6 6	102 0 0	6 12 6
Motueka	227 10 0	15 18 6	127 10 0	8 5 9
Blenheim	500 0 0	35 0 0	300 0 0	19 10 0
Reefton	205 0 0	14 7 0	105 0 0	6 16 6
Westport	232 10 0	16 5 6	132 10 0	8 12 3
Greymouth	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Hokitika	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
H.M. Stations:				
Havelock		4 0 0		
Murchison		4 0 0		
Granity		4 0 0		
	2352 0 0	176 12 6	1392 0 0	90 9 6

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 7%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Durham Street ..	510 0 0	35 14 0	350 0 0	22 15 0
Connexional Secretary	775 0 0	26 5 0	275 0 0	17 17 6
East	775 0 0	54 5 0	475 0 0	30 17 6
Cambridge Terrace ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Woolston	350 0 0	24 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Sydenham	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Addington	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Riccarton	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
St. Albans	550 0 0	38 10 0	350 0 0	22 15 0
Papanui	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Lyttelton	240 0 0	16 16 0	140 0 0	9 2 0
Springston	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Tai Tapu	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Leeston	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Kaiapoi	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Ohoka	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Rangiora	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Woodend-Sefton	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Greendale	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Oxford	200 0 0	14 0 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
H.M. Station:				
Waddington ..		4 0 0		
	6100 0 0	431 0 0	3640 0 0	236 12 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 7%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Timaru :				
Banks Street ..	275 0 0	19 5 0	175 0 0	11 7 6
Woodland Street ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
South ..	160 0 0	11 4 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Waimate ..	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Temuka ..	230 0 0	16 2 0	130 0 0	8 9 0
Geraldine ..	200 0 0	14 0 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Ashburton ..	300 0 0	21 0 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Willowby ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Oamaru ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Rakaia-Methven ..	160 0 0	11 4 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
	2300 0 0	161 0 0	1380 0 0	89 14 0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 7%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Trinity ..	275 0 0	19 5 0	175 0 0	11 7 6
Trinity H.M. ..		4 0 0		
Central Mission ..	460 0 0	32 4 0	300 0 0	19 10 0
Dundas Street ..	234 0 0	16 7 6	134 0 0	8 14 0
Cargill Road ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Cargill Road H.M. ..		4 0 0		
St. Kilda ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Caversham ..	227 10 0	15 18 6	127 10 0	8 5 9
Mornington ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Roslyn ..	206 5 0	14 8 9	106 5 0	6 18 6
Port Chalmers ..	216 15 0	15 3 6	116 15 0	7 11 9
Balclutha ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Milton ..	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Roxburgh ..	210 0 0	14 14 0	110 0 0	7 3 0
Invercargill Central ..	300 0 0	21 0 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Invercargill, St. Peter's ..	275 0 0	19 5 0	175 0 0	11 7 6
Bluff ..	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Gore ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Riverton ..	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
H.M. Stations :				
Maori Hill ..		4 0 0		
Waikouaiti ..		4 0 0		
Mosgiel ..		4 0 0		
Edendale ..		4 0 0		
Lawrence ..		4 0 0		
Cromwell ..		4 0 0		
Otautau-Tuatapere ..		4 0 0		
Nightcaps ..		4 0 0		
Ravensbourne ..		4 0 0		
	4329 10 0	347 1 3	2569 10 0	167 0 6

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