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MINUTES.

Twenty-Eighth Annual Conference.

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NOTE 1—The Circuits not enumerated in the foregoing list did not elect a Lay Representative.
2—The Representatives to whose name an asterisk is affixed were not present at the Conference.

SECTION I.

PASTORAL SESSION.

Question I.—Who are now Admitted as Ministers in Full Connection with the Conference ?

ANSWER—William S. Bowie
John W. Burton

Question II.—What Preachers Remain on Trial ?

ANSWER—1. William Beckett
Who has travelled three years.

2. Matthew K. Gilmour
Robert Purcell Keall
David Weatherall
William Wills

Who have travelled two years.

3. Edgar Percy Blamires
William Greenslade
Jonathan Henry Haslam
Adolphus Nelson Scotter
William Robert Tuck
Richard Wilson

Who have travelled one year.

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

ANSWER—George Samuel Cook.
Clarence Eaton
Walter John Oxbrow
Amos Reader

Question IV.—What Students are to continue to have Theological Training ?

ANSWER—Joseph Belton
Ernest David Patchett

Are continued for a second year.

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

- ANSWER—1. Charles Edwin Godbehere
Benjamin J. James
Angus McBean
2. Arthur Cyril Randerson
Alexander John Reed

NOTE 2.—These are received for training at Prince Albert College as vacancies arise.

Question VI.—Who are Admitted as Native Ministers?

ANSWER—None.

Question VII.—Who Remain on Trial as Native Ministers?

ANSWER—Robert Hadden (Rapata Tahu Potiki)
Hapita Renata.

Question VIII.—Who are now Received on Trial as Native Ministers?

ANSWER—None.

Question IX.—Who are now Received as Students for the Native Ministry?

ANSWER—None.

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

ANSWER—None.

Question XI.—What Ministers is it agreed to Transfer to other Conferences?

ANSWER—Frederick B. Oldham to South Australia.
M. K. Gilmour to N.S. Wales Conference for Mission Work.

Question XII.—What Ministers is it agreed to Receive from any other Conference or Church?

ANSWER—Thos. Trestrail, from the South Australian Conference.
Samuel Barnett
Fredk. W. Boys

Question XIII.—What Ministers become Supernumeraries?

ANSWER—None.

Question XIV.—What Supernumeraries Return to the Regular Work?

ANSWER—None.

- N.B.—1. Rev. W. J. Williams has permission to rest for a year, and to visit England.
2. Rev. A. Peters has permission to rest for a year, to have a supply, and to visit England.
3. Rev. F. W. Isitt is without Pastoral Charge.
4. Rev. L. M. Isitt is left without Pastoral charge for another year.

Question XV.—What Ministers or Probationers Request Foreign Mission Work?

ANSWER—Matthew K. Gilmour.

Question XVI.—What Ministers have Died since the last Conference?

ANSWER—Edward Best.

EDWARD BEST, born November 27th, 1825. Entered Ministry of our Church in Ireland in 1848. In 1879 he came to New Zealand and laboured with acceptance in Dunedin, Christchurch, Thames, Auckland, and Napier circuits. After a year's visit to Europe and America he returned to New Zealand in 1892, and resided as a Supernumerary in the city of Auckland, where he was in labours more abundant until his death, which took place suddenly in the Union Free Baptist Church, Auckland, when about to commence service on the evening of Sunday, November 18th, 1900. Mr. Best was a devout student of nature, with a firm belief in the inspiration of Scripture. He was pre-eminently a soul winner, and in his case an ideal Christian life was closed by an ideal death.

Question XVII.—Are there any objections to any of our Ministers or Home Missionaries?

ANSWER—None.

Question XVIII.—What Ministers who were in Full Connection with this Conference have Ceased to be Recognised as such?

ANSWER—James T. Burrows, who has voluntarily retired.

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

ANSWER—

LIST OF STATIONS

OF THE

NEW ZEALAND

Wesleyan Methodist Conference.

1901.

President:
CHARLES H. GARLAND.

Secretary:
DANIEL J. MURRAY.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1901.

[N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations, and numbered consecutively 1 to 82, is the head of a Circuit, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent and other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits, is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist Discipline in each and every one of the Wesleyan 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 deem proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister.]

I. AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 1 **Auckland** (Pitt Street)—Charles H. Garland (President of the Conference), William Ready (Ponsonby), S. Griffith (Mount Albert), W. Beckett (Mount Eden), J. Law (*Sup.*)
Wesley College. Three Kings, Native Institution—Joseph H. Simmonds, Principal.
Prince Albert College—Theological Training Institution—Joseph H. Simmonds, Governor.
Home Mission and Church Extension Fund—Henry Bull, General Secretary.
- 2 **Auckland** (Freeman's Bay)—Colin C. Harrison.
- 3 **Auckland** (North Shore)—J. G. Chapman, A. B. Chappell (Birkenhead), J. S. Rishworth (Devonport). *Sup.*
- 4 **Auckland** (Grafton Road)—H. Bull, James T. Pinfold, F.G.S. (Parnell); Henry H. Lawry (*Sup.*)
- 5 **Maori Mission** (Auckland)—William Gittos (Devonport), who shall superintend the Maori work in the Auckland District. D. Weatherall, who shall act under the direction of Rev. W. Gittos.
- 6 **Mahurangi**—G. Frost (Warkworth).
- 7 **Thames**—Daniel J. Murray (*Secretary of Conference*).
- 8 **Upper Thames**—C. Abernethy (Te Aroha), William Greenslade, Clarence Eaton (Waihi); a Home Missionary (Waitekauri).
- 9 **Manukau**—C. Griffin (Onehunga), W. J. Watkin (*Sup.*)
- 10 **Franklin**—George T. Marshall (Pukekohe); a Home Missionary.
- 11 **Cambridge**—S. J. Gibson; a Home Missionary (Te Awamutu).
- 12 **Hamilton**—H. L. Blamires; a Home Missionary (Huntly).
- 13 **Paparoa**—Frederick T. Read.
- 14 **Northern Wairoa**—R. Taylor (Mangawhare); a Home Missionary (Kaihu).
- 15 **Whangarei**—J. W. Griffin; a Home Missionary (Hikurangi).

- 16 **Tauranga**—John W. Worboys
 17 **Coromandel**—Arthur Mitchell; a Home Missionary (Kuaotunu)
 18 **Helensville**—A Home Missionary
 Maori Mission, Waikato—Wi Warena Pewa, Hami Kingi
 (Raglan)
 Maori Mission, Kaipara—Hauraki Paul
 Maori Mission, Hokianga—Piripi Rakena (Mangamuku), Te
 Tubi Heretini (Whirinaki)
 Maori Mission, Whangaroa—Hapeta Renata
 Raglan, Aotea, Kawhia—
 Bay of Islands—A Home Missionary
 Hokianga—A Home Missionary
 Whangaroa—A Home Missionary (Kaeo)
 Wade—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the North
 Shore Superintendent

CHARLES H. GARLAND,
President of the Conference, Chairman of the District.

II. WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- 19 **New Plymouth**—Samuel J. Serpell, W. Cannell (*Sup.*); a Home
 Missionary (Rahotu)
 20 **Waitara**—S. J. Garlick, Arthur Ashcroft (Inglewood)
 21 **Stratford**—J. A. Lochore; a Home Missionary (Eltham)
 22 **Hawera**—John Dukes, W. J. Oxbrow (Patea)
 23 **Opunake**—Charles Penney
 24 **Wanganui**—H. R. Dewsbury, W. R. Tuck (Aramoho)
 25 **Rangitikei**—W. Keall (Marton)
 26 **Sandon and Feilding**—A. C. Lawry (Sandon), T. W. Vealie
 (Feilding)
 27 **Palmerston North**—Samuel Lawry, T. W. Newbold
 28 **Kiwitea**—James Thomas (Kimbolton)
 29 **West Coast Maori Mission**—Thomas G. Hammond (Patea), Robert
 Hadden (Ropata Tahu Potiki)
 Mangaweka—A Home Missionary
 Waimarino—A Home Missionary

H. R. DEWSBURY,
Chairman of the District.

III. WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 30 **Wellington** (Taranaki Street)—William C. Oliver, William J. Elliott
 (Thorndon), A. N. Scotter (Karori), Harry B. Redstone (*Sup.*),
 F. W. Isitt, without pastoral charge
 Wellington Central Mission—One wanted
 31 **Wellington South**—George Bond (Newtown)
 32 **Hutt**—W. B. Marten, E. P. Blamires (Petone), W. Kirk (*Sup.*)
 33 **Greytown**—J. J. Pendray; a Home Missionary (Featherston)
 34 **Masterton**—Samuel F. Prior, who shall exchange once a quarter with
 the Greytown Minister
 35 **Napier**—C. E. Beecroft
 36 **Hastings**—James Wrigley
 37 **Gisborne**—B. F. Rothwell
 38 **Eketahuna**—Thomas Trestrail, who shall exchange once a quarter
 with the minister of the Masterton Circuit
 39 **Otaki**—Samuel H. D. Peryman (Levin)
 40 **Dannevirke**—G. S. Cook

- 41 **Waipawa**—W. S. Bowie
 42 **Woodville**—George Hounsell
 43 **Pahiatua**—W. G. Thomas
 Ormondville—A Home Missionary

WILLIAM C. OLIVER,
Chairman of the District.

IV. NELSON DISTRICT.

- 44 **Nelson**—Joseph S. Smalley, F.R.G.S., John Crump (*Sup.*)
 45 **Richmond**—Thomas G. Carr
 46 **Blenheim**—G. W. J. Spence
 Maori Mission—Under supervision of Blenheim Superintendent
 47 **Hokitika**—Thomas R. Richards
 48 **Greymouth**—Joseph H. Gray
 49 **Motueka**—W. Wills
 50 **Reefton**—William Grigg
 51 **Westport**—R. P. Keall
 Murchison—A Home Missionary
 Kumara—A Home Missionary under the supervision of the
 Hokitika Superintendent
 Havelock—A Home Missionary

JOSEPH H. SMALLEY, F.R.G.S.,
Chairman of the District.

V. CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- 52 **Christchurch** (Durham Street)—William Baumber, Charles H. Laws,
 B.A. (East Belt), T. F. Jones (Woolston), Richard J. Murray,
 J. W. Burton (Richmond), R. S. Bunn, and John Smith (*Sups.*),
 Leonard M. Isitt (without pastoral charge for another year).
 *Connexional Secretary, Custodian of Deeds, and Authorised
 Representative*—William Morley, D.D.
 53 **Christchurch** (South)—Wm. Lee (Sydenham), T. N. Griffin (Adding-
 ton)
 54 **Christchurch** (St. Albans)—W. G. Parsonson
 55 **Christchurch** (Papanui)—W. Dawson
 56 **Lyttelton**—David McNicoll
 57 **Springston**—Joseph J. Mather, J. H. Haslam (Templeton)
 58 **Leeston**—William H. Beck
 59 **Kaiapoi**—John Orchard, Charles Porter (Belfast)
 60 **Rangiora**—Alfred Peters, S. Barnett (Supply), T. A. Joughin
 (Woodend)
 61 **Oxford**—Baron H. Ginger
 62 **Amberley and Waikari**—A Home Missionary
 63 **Timaru**—J. Newman Buttle
 64 **Waimate**—Joseph Blight
 65 **Temuka**—William Tinsley
 66 **Ashburton**—Thomas Fee, who shall exchange quarterly with the
 Methven Home Missionary
 67 **Willowby**—John D. Jory
 68 **Malvern**—A. Reader (Darfield), who shall exchange quarterly with the
 Springston Superintendent
 Methven—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the
 Ashburton minister
 Cheviot—A Home Missionary
 Banks Peninsula—A Home Missionary

W. MORLEY, D.D.,
Chairman of the District.

VI. OTAGO DISTRICT.

- 69 **Dunedin (Trinity)**—Paul W. Fairclough
 70 **Dunedin Central Mission**—William A. Sinclair
 71 **Dunedin (Cargill Road)**—Thomas G. Brook
 Editor of the Methodist Section of "The Outlook," T. G. Brooke
 Mosgiel—A Home Missionary
 Peninsula—A Home Missionary
 72 **Dunedin (Mornington)**—John J. Lewis, Richard Wilson (Roslyn)
 73 **Port Chalmers**—Charles H. Standage
 74 **Salclutha**—T. E. Thomas, M.A.
 75 **Milton**—Harold E. Bellhouse
 76 **Lawrence**—John G. W. Ellis
 77 **Invercargill**—John A. Luxford
 78 **Oamaru**—Josiah Ward
 79 **Gore**—H. Beggs
 Wakatipu—A Home Missionary
 80 **Riverton**—F. W. Boys (Otautau); a Home Missionary (Riverton)
 81 **Roxburgh**—L. J. Ryan
 82 **Cromwell**—J. A. Hosking
 Tapanui—A Home Missionary
 Palmerston—A Home Missionary

PAUL W. FAIRCLOUGH,
Chairman of the District.

R. S. Bunn (Supernumerary) is permitted to reside in Australia.

W. J. Williams is permitted to rest for a year and visit England.

A Peters is permitted to visit England with a supply for his circuit.

Leonard M. Isitt is without pastoral charge, and permitted to reside in England for one year.

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

The Probationers appointed to separate Circuits are under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

For List of Home Missionaries and their Stations, see page 17.

Question XX.—Who are the Members of the Board of Examiners for 1901?

ANSWER—

**PROBATIONERS', STUDENTS', AND CANDIDATES'
EXAMINATION.**

Resolved—1. That the following be the Board of Examiners for 1901, with the subjects in which they shall examine, and that the Rev. G. T. Marshall be the Secretary and Convener :—

- Rev. H. Bull : Theological Paper for Candidates, and Pope's Compendium.
 Rev. J. H. Simmonds : General Knowledge Paper for Candidates, and Latin.
 Rev. W. Gittos : Maori Language.
 Rev. H. R. Dewsbury : Hebrew and Greek.
 Rev. T. E. Thomas, M.A. : English Bible—Old Testament.
 Rev. G. W. J. Spence : English Bible—New Testament.
 Rev. J. T. Pinfold, Ph.B. : Wesley's Sermons.
 Rev. D. McNicoll : Beet's "Through Christ to God."
 Rev. W. B. Marten : Gregory's History and Polity of Methodism and Laws of Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church.
 Rev. J. Wrigley : Fisher's History of the Christian Church.
 Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A. : Salmon's Introduction to the New Testament.
 Rev. W. A. Sinclair : Smyth's Christian Ethics.
 Rev. S. Lawry : Robertson's Early Religion of Israel.
 Rev. J. A. Luxford : Lightfoot's Essay on the Christian Ministry.
 Rev. C. E. Beercoft : Liddon's Divinity of Our Lord.
 Rev. J. Dukes : Orr's Christian View of God and the World.

2. That in addition to the subjects required by the General Conference for Probationers' Examination, a course of study in Latin be also prepared, and that the Conference will attach "Special Honour" marks to those who take this examination. That the following be the course of study in this subject :—1ST YEAR : CÆsar, De Bello Gallico, Book V. 2ND YEAR : Virgil, Æneid, Book II. 3RD YEAR : Cicero, De Amicitia. 4TH YEAR : Horace, Odes, Book I., and Cicero, De Senectute.

3. That the laws of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church be taken by Probationers in conjunction with Gregory's History and Polity of Methodism.

4. That each examiner prepare a written report on the several papers committed to his care, and transmit such report to the Secretary, the Rev. G. T. Marshall, not later than 15th January.

5. That the Secretary of the Board of Examiners prepare a general report for the ensuing Conference.

6. That the Probationers be required to communicate with their respective Examiners not later than the first week in May, stating what subjects they propose to take for examination.

7. That the Probationers meet for examination immediately prior to the sitting of the District Synod, and at the place where the District Synod is held; and that the examination be conducted under a supervisor appointed by the Chairman.

8. That the persons appointed to hear Probationers', Students', and Candidates' trial sermons affix marks to the reports before submitting them to the District Synod. The numerals 1 to 6 are used: 6 to represent the maximum.

9. That the Secretary of the Board of Examiners assess and mark the Probationers' book lists, using the numerals 1 to 6: 6 to represent the maximum.

10. That the Chairman of each District Synod be required to forward to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners a signed official report of the trial sermon of each Probationer, Candidate, or Student examined in his district, together with the book list of each Probationer and the finding of the District Synod thereon.

11. That the questions for Probationers be so arranged as to require a general acquaintance with all the work prescribed in the Syllabus in any given subject, together with a particular knowledge of such portions as the examiners may deem of greatest importance.

12. That each Probationer, immediately upon the completion of the examination send to the Secretary of the Board a list of the subjects he has taken.

13. That Probationers be reminded that the Greek Testament is a compulsory subject through the whole of the course for all those who have passed through the College. With regard to any others, special provision shall be made for their examination up to their third year.

14. That each Probationer shall be examined orally in the District Synod in some book selected by the Chairman from his book list. Such book lists to be sent to the Chairman a fortnight before such Synod.

15. That three hours be allowed for each examination paper.

16. That the written examination of candidates for the Ministry be taken during the third week in November, so that the results of the examination may be known at the District Synods, the Chairman to arrange for supervision.

17. That Probationers' and Students' papers be sent to Chairmen of Districts not later than 1st November, and the Candidates' papers not later than 20th October.

18. That the marks obtained by Probationers, Students, and Candidates be printed on a separate slip for the use of the Conference.

19. That the list of marks gained by Probationers in the various subjects of the Conference curriculum be inserted in the Conference Journal from year to year.

20. That it be a standing order that arrangements be made that Candidates for ordination preach either during the session of Conference or prior thereto.

21. That a certificate of matriculation, together with a list of subjects in which the Candidate has passed, exempt a Candidate from passing the General Knowledge Examination.

22. That the curriculum and list of books recommended by the General Conference be printed in the Minutes of Conference each year.

23. In order to promote uniformity of date in the Probationers' and Candidates' examinations, and bring them into line with examinations of like importance elsewhere, Conference directs that these examinations be held in every District during the third week of November.

PROBATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY.

(AS DECIDED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.)

First Year of Probation.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—1 Samuel xvi., xvii., with Davidson's Hebrew Grammar; or *English*, the whole book of 1 Samuel, Cambridge Bible Series.
2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—Mark xi., xii., xiii., Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools, with Green's Grammar; or *English*—Mark's Gospel, Cambridge Bible for Schools.
3. Wesley's Sermon's, 1-20.
4. Beet's "Through Christ to God."
5. Gregory's History and Polity of Methodism, Part II.
6. Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 1-239.

Second Year of Probation.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—1 Kings xvii., xviii., xix., with Davidson's Grammar: or *English*—Genesis, Cambridge Bible for Schools.
2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—John i., iv., Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools, with Green's Grammar; or *English*—the Gospel of John, Cambridge Bible for Schools.
3. Wesley's Sermon's, 21-53.
4. Pope's Compendium, Vol. I.
5. Robertson's Early Religion of Israel.
6. Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 240-483.

Third Year of Probation.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—Psalms xi., xx., with Driver's Tenses of the Hebrew Verb; or *English*—Psalms, Vol. I., Cambridge Bible for Schools.
2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—Epistles of St. John, Westcott's Edition; or *English*—St. John's Epistles, with Cambridge Bible for Schools.
3. Salmon's Introduction to the New Testament, First Part—Chapters i. to xvii.
4. Pope's Compendium, Vol. II.
5. Smyth's Christian Ethics—Part I., pp. 1-292.
6. Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 484 to end.
7. Orr's Christian View of God and the World, first half of the book.

Fourth Year of Probation.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—Isaiah l-iv., with Driver's Tenses of the Hebrew Verb, Delitzsch's Commentary; or *English*—Isaiah, Orelli's Commentary.
 2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—Colossians and Philemon, Cambridge Greek Bible for Schools; or *English*—Epistle to the Hebrews, Cambridge Bible for Schools.
 3. Salmon's Introduction to New Testament—Second Part, Chapter xviii. to end.
 4. Pope's Compendium, Vol. III.
 5. Lightfoot's Essay on the Christian Ministry.
 6. Liddon's Divinity of our Lord.
 7. Orr's Christian view of God and the World, second half.
- Nos. 1 to 4 to be compulsory. Probationers in each year to be examined in at least five subjects, and to pass in four.

EXPLANATORY REMARKS.

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

2. Annual Conferences shall have power to make exceptions in the above course of study in favour of Probationers who have matriculated, and are pursuing a University course.

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS.

1. *Biblical Criticism and Exegesis*—

Westcott's Bible in the Church.
 Ryle's Canon of the Old Testament.
 Geikie's The Bible by Modern Light.
 Moulton's History of the English Bible.
 Fairbairn's Studies in the Life of Christ.
 Dale's Living Christ and the Four Gospels
 Bruce's Humiliation of Christ.
 Bruce's Training of the Twelve.
 Farrar's Life of Christ.
 Geikie's Life of Christ.
 Edersheim's Life of Christ.
 Andrew's Life of Christ.
 Farrar's Life and Work of St. Paul.
 Farrar's Early Days of Christianity.
 Findlay's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.
 Westcott's Introduction to the Study of the Gospels.
 Westcott's Canon of the New Testament.
 The Expositor's Bible.
 Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.
 Davison's Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.
 Findlay's Book of the Prophets.
 Sayce's Higher Criticism and the Monuments.
 Kirkpatrick's Divine Library of the Old Testament.
 Baxter's Sanctuary and Sacrifice.
 Green's Higher Criticism of the Pentateuch.
 Riehm's Messianic Prophecies.
 Ramsay's Church in the Roman Empire.
 Ramsay's St. Paul the Traveller.
 Kirkpatrick's Doctrine of the Prophets.

2. *Theology*—

Wesley's Christian Perfection.
 Wesley's Original Sin.
 Fletcher's Checks to Antinomianism.
 The Fernley Lectures.
 Fairbairn's Christ in Modern Theology.
 Pearson on The Creed.
 Dale's The Atonement.
 Flint's Theism.
 Flint's Anti-Theistic Theories.
 Sanday's Lectures on Inspiration.
 Faith and Criticism.
 Beet's Holiness.

Gore's The Incarnation.
 John Hunt's Entire Sanctification.
 Crawford's Brotherhood of Man.
 Beet's Through Christ to God
 Beet's New Life in Christ.
 Hort's The Way, the Truth, and the Life.
 Salmon's Christian Doctrine of Immortality.
 Denney's Studies in Theology.
 Dale's Christian Doctrine.

3. *Apologetics*—

Butler's Analogy.
 Paley's Evidences.
 Paley's *Horæ Paulinæ*.
 Bruce's *Gestæ Christi*.
 Row's Manual of Christian Evidences.
 Bruce's Apologetics.
 Roger's Superhuman Origin of the Bible.
 Godet's Defence of the Christian Faith.
 Boyd Carpenter's Permanent Elements of Religion.
 Martineau's Study of Religion.
 Romanes Thought on Religion.
 Balfour's Foundations of Belief.
 Pascal's Thoughts.
 Iverach's Christianity and Evolution.

4. *Church's History and Polity*--

Wesley's Journals.
 Jacob's Ecclesiastical Polity of the New Testament.
 Lefroy's Christian Ministry.
 Schaff's Ecclesiastical History.
 Quick's Methodism : A Parallel.
 Hatch's History of the Early Church Organisations.
 Farrar's Father's of the Church.
 D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation.
 Wyllie's History of Protestantism.
 Slater's Faith and Life of the Early Church.
 Wake's Apostolic Fathers.
 Fairbairn's Religion and History in Modern Life.
 Abbey and Overton's English Church in the Eighteenth Century.
 Boyce's Holy Roman Empire.
 G. Smith's History of Missions.
 Dr. Steven's History of Methodism.
 Dr. Rigg's Comparative View of Church Organisations.

5. *Pastoral Theology*—

Baxter's Reformed Pastor.
 Arthur's Tongue of Fire.
 Dale's Lectures on Preaching.
 Spurgeon's Lectures to My Students.
 Horton's *Verbum Dei*.
 Broadus' Homiletics.
 Stalker's Preacher and His Models.
 Beecher's Yale Lectures.
 Wesley's Address to the Clergy.
 Watson's Cure of Souls.
 Spiers' Methodist Temperance Manual.

The Conference recommends Probationers in their general reading to acquaint themselves with the best classics of English and other literatures: and refers them for guidance to *Lubbock's Hundred Best Books*.

HOME MISSION STATIONS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Bay of Islands	...	...	...	A. J. Reed
Hokianga	...	...	..	G. Pearson
Whangaroa	...	...	...	W. C. Moyle
Kuaotunu	...	...	...	J. H. Tylee
Kaihu ...	...	...	...	C. Francis
Huntly ...	...	...	...	A. C. Randerson
Franklin ...	...	...	...
Helensville	...	...	...	W. Grantham
Waitekauri	...	...	...	W. B. Scott
Hikurangi	...	...	...	F. Copeland
Por-o-tarao	...	...	...	J. Roget
Te Awamutu	...	...	...	G. Elliott

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Mangaweka	...	...	...	J. H. Langdon
Waimarino	...	...	...	— Williams
Rahotu ...	...	...	...	J. H. White

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Ormondville	...	...	...	C. A. Foston
Featherston	...	...	...	G. W. Cobb

NELSON DISTRICT.

Havelock	...	...	...	H. Foston
Kumara ...	...	...	...	J. R. Clark
Murchison	...	...	...

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Amberley...	...	...	...	F. Robertson
Methven ...	...	..	...	Paul S. Latham
Little River	...	...	...
Cheviot ...	...	...	...

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Tapanui ...	...	...	...	T. W. Graham
Mosgiel ...	...	...	...	C. Hopper
Peninsula	...	...	...
Wakatipu	...	...	...	A. E. Stevens
Palmerston	...	...	...	J. Oliver
Riverton ...	...	...	...

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

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

DEAR BRETHREN,

The dawn of the 20th century is upon us, and while we are thereby reminded of the swift passing of the years with all their opportunities for service, we recognise a special call to look at the future which presses on us with all its urgent claims. Everywhere the need is clamant, and on every hand there is heard a loud call for consecrated service. God is saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Our response to this appeal will influence the history of the century. We desire that our Church shall do its share in the great work for God and humanity which lies immediately before us, and we urge you to prepare yourselves to act a worthy part. Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Sanctify yourselves, for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you." So everyone of us should prepare for the manifestation of God's wonder-working power.

The report of the Century Commemoration Fund showed that upwards of £17,000 had been promised, and more than £11,000 paid in. The application of this Fund to the relief of burdened Churches, and to the starting of new enterprises in the way of Church extension and philanthropy, should give a decided impetus to the work of our Church throughout the Colony. It has been decided to keep this Fund open for further contributions for another year, and we hope that many more will thus be able to help a movement which is of great importance to the welfare of the Church.

THE WORK OF HOME MISSIONS

has also received the careful attention of the Conference. The conditions under which much of the new settlement is going on make it necessary that we should help freely in the establishment of Church agencies in the outlying districts. To many of the settlers we are bound by the strongest ties of natural and spiritual relationship, and we dare not accept the responsibility of neglecting them. At the same time many of the circuits already established are making heroic struggles to maintain and improve their position. Help in this critical period of their existence is of great importance, and may be expected to yield a good return in time to come. We urge our people to look upon our Home Mission work with large sympathies.

All will not be equally interested in every phase of the work undertaken; but where all is so worthy and so needy, let there be no carping criticism and refusal to help, just because the object in which we are specially interested cannot be more largely helped at the expense of the other objects. Let us remember the broad basis on which from the very beginning this Fund has been built up, and that its general object is "the support and extension of the Church throughout the Colony."

The statistics of Church membership and of our general work have been passed under careful review. In some respects they are decidedly disappointing. For the first time for many years we report a

DECREASE OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

While the Maori membership shows an increase of 104, the European membership shows a decrease of 172, or a net decrease of 68. There is also

a serious falling off in the number returned as "junior" members, 260 less being reported this year than last year. We have reason for saying that to a large extent these decreases represent different methods of computation, rather than actual loss. In spite of all our desires, resolutions, and efforts we can no longer regard attendance at the class-meeting as the working test of membership. At the same time we have so far failed to adopt any other method which is at once effective and capable of general application. This necessarily leads to some laxity in the compilation of our returns. But when we have made all possible allowance for these things we feel sure that even a nominal decrease cannot be looked upon with satisfaction.

We are glad, however, to have had reports from circuits which have been favoured with gracious visitations of converting power, and many have been turned to the Lord.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

is being carried on with unabated vigor, and gives valuable opportunity for consecrated energy in the service of the children's Lord. We venture to suggest to the teachers the desirability of making greater efforts to secure the regular attendance of their scholars at the public services of the Church. If we are to be saved from the evils consequent on the general neglect of the house of God, we must not only secure the children for the school, but also urge upon them the duty of joining with the adult congregation in the public worship of God.

Let us above all regard the Sunday School as an ever-ripening field from which it is both our privilege and our duty to continually reap a rich harvest for our Master. The greatest and most urgent need of our time is the intelligent and decisive dedication of our young people to Christ and His service.

In this connection we desire to remind the parents of their great responsibility. You, and not the Sunday School teacher, stand in closest relation to your children, and you can never discharge your responsibilities by simply sending your children to Church and Sunday School.

YOU OWE TO YOUR CHILDREN

the best religious training it is in your power to give them. We know that many difficulties stand in the way of doing all that some of you would like to do; but no success in your worldly affairs, and no gratification of earthly ambitions, can compensate for failure to train up your children in the fear of the Lord. Therefore, let your family life be constantly "sanctified by the word of God and prayer," and make the consecration of your children to Christ the supreme purpose of your life, devoting to it your most prayerful effort and sanctified intelligence.

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES

we send a word of exhortation. Many of us had the unspeakable privilege of being early led into the path of piety, and Christ has been our life-long friend. By all the joy which this has brought to us, and by all the love which Jesus has for you, we entreat you to give yourselves at once to Him. Those who love you best pray for this, and the answer of their prayer would make them very happy, while to you it would bring the richest of all blessings. Jesus Christ looks for this, and your whole-hearted consent to be His disciples would bring gladness to His loving heart. He is waiting for your answer. Do not refuse. Say to Him, "I will," and at once act on your resolve, and keep your promise to Christ. Then will He give Himself to you to be yours for evermore.

Those of you who are already devoted to Christ we exhort to "stand fast in the Lord," and "let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ." We look to you to fulfil our best hopes and to give us our richest joy. "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of glorying? Are not even ye before our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?"

Looking on the needs of the world around us we are impressed with the importance of everywhere proclaiming

"THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM."

A revival of faith in "the Kingdom of God" as a working force in the world cannot come too soon. Our efforts to proclaim this Gospel should be stimulated by the modern growth of social ideas. Extreme views of individualism are giving place to doctrines which recognise the organic unity of society, and the solidarity of the human race. This is but an approximation to the teachings of the New Testament. We must everywhere insist that in all the organisation of social and public life the Kingship of Jesus shall be recognised, and that the brotherhood of men shall become a reality through the unifying influence of Him who is at once "Son of God" and "Son of Man." Then public positions will not be sought for selfish or party ends, but for the advancement of the common good, always recognising that it is righteousness which exalteth a nation. Believing this we must, with greater determination and wiser adjustment of our forces, labour so that every social reform shall also be a moral reform. Why should not this first year of the century be the beginning of a new era of social progress on distinctively Christian lines?

One practical suggestion we should like to see taken up heartily, and worked systematically and vigorously, is that an effort be made to secure

20,000 NEW PLEDGES

during this year to the sacred cause of total abstinence from the use of intoxicants. This is not too much for the Churches of New Zealand to attempt. Can we not as a Church accept the responsibility of making a united and determined effort to obtain 5000 new pledges? If this were taken up by every Sunday School and Band of Hope, and by every congregation, it could be done, and who will dare to say what blessing would be the result?

But while we seek to develop the humanitarian side of our religion, let us not forget that the most central and essential feature of our religion is

INDIVIDUAL LOYALTY TO JESUS CHRIST,

and that our supreme efforts must be given to the great work of persuading men to be reconciled to God. With this in view let us seek by all means to save some. But in view of the history of our Church does it not appear desirable that we seek to promote everywhere an old-fashioned revival? For this there must be tender compassion for them that are out of the way, and an intense sympathy with the saving purposes of Jesus Christ. We must not in this matter be afraid of being too optimistic. Our fathers used to sing—

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to that alone,
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries, It shall be done."

Let us sing it till we enter deeply into its spirit of sublime contempt of all opposing forces. So shall we work and pray in constant expectation of saving results. Let us fulfil all reasonable conditions of success, and then trust in Him who has said, "They that wait for me shall not be ashamed."

While we thus remind ourselves of the necessity of expecting success in our work, we wish to speak a word to and in behalf of our Local Preachers. We gladly recognise the faithful work of these "our fellow-helpers in the Gospel," and heartily commend them and their work to the practical sympathy of all our people. Their work is often done in circumstances of great difficulty and discouragement, and should be the more appreciated on

this account. We trust our brethren will continue to hold their office and their work in very high regard. Let them never come to regard themselves as so many "stop-gaps," and their work of no importance. Let them understand that they are called to deliver God's message to the people, and not merely to conduct a service. We urge our brethren to seek that endowment of spiritual power which is essential to successful preaching of the word. If they are diligent students of the Bible, men of faith and prayer, living holy lives, and preaching the Gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, they will vindicate their position before the world, approve themselves to the Church, and bring glory to God by turning many to righteousness. But while we urge the workers and members of our Church to look for a revival, we must not forget that an essential condition of this is

PERSONAL HOLINESS.

We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that there is great danger of being satisfied with a Christian experience far below that which is the birthright of every child of God. Instead of asking how little spiritual life is compatible with a profession of religion, let everyone rather ask how much is possible. Our Lord declared that He came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. If by the possession of this abundant life we "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour," we shall possess an influence which must result in the truest prosperity of the Church. In this matter let us be "imitators of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises," and endeavour to reproduce the holy lives of those who did so much to make Methodism a power in the land.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

C. H. GARLAND, PRESIDENT,

DANIEL J. MURRAY, SECRETARY.



SECTION II.

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION.

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

ANSWER:

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. That in the Stratford Circuit a Home Missionary reside at Eltham, and work Eltham, Mangatoki, Mahoi, Rawhitoroa, Mangawhero, etc.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. That St. Albans Circuit be divided. Papanui to be the head of New Circuit, which shall include Papanui, Upper Riccarton, Riccarton Village, and Frieston. The New Circuit to be called "Papanui Circuit."
2. That St. Alban's Circuit pay to the New Circuit £20 per annum for two years, and £10 for the third year. Conference is recommended to direct the Home Mission Fund to pay the New Circuit £30 per annum for one year, and recommend that £30 be granted for another year. The Minister for the New Circuit to give to St. Alban's Circuit two services per quarter.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. That no division of Riverton Circuit take place this year, but that a Home Missionary be sent to reside at Riverton, the Minister to reside at Otatau.

Question II.—What New Stations is it Proposed to Occupy?

ANSWER:

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. That Home Missionaries be appointed to Waitekauri and Hikurangi.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. The cases of Whangamomona and Mokau, also Pongaroa and East Coast District were referred to the Home Mission Executive.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. Murchison.—A Probationer to be sent.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. Alexandra.—The Conference recommends the Ministers of the adjacent Circuits to visit it.

Question III.—What Circuits are Due to take a Married instead of a Single Minister?

ANSWER:

1. St. Albans (second) fulfils its obligation on the creation of Papanui Circuit.
2. Springston, Malvern, Westport, and Upper Thames are due, but are relieved in the above order.

Question IV.—What Circuits ask for Additional Preachers?

ANSWER:

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. Hawera.—A Probationer to reside at Patea.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. Wellington (Taranaki Street).—A Probationer.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. Christchurch (Durham Street).—A Probationer as fifth Minister to reside at Richmond.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. Riverton.—A Probationer for this year to be appointed instead of a married Minister, to reside at Otautau.

Question V.—Who are the Members of the following Connexional Committees?

ANSWER :

COMMITTEES FOR 1901.

I.—FINANCIAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

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

II.—COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

1. The President, Ex-President, Secretary, the Ministers of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits, Rev. Dr. Morley, with Messrs. T. Buddle, F. L. Prime, G. Tiller, H. Brittain, W. Harris, G. H. Blackwell, J. C. Stephens, and W. Wardrop; Secretary of Conference, Convener and Secretary.
2. The above-named Ministers and Laymen of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits are a Committee of Exigency, the second Minister of the Wellington (Taranaki Street) Circuit to be Convener and Secretary.
3. The Committee of Exigency is specially directed to take steps to secure the rights of the Church and its official representatives at all public functions, and in regard to the Chaplaincies of all public institutions, and that by correspondence and otherwise they obtain the co-operation and hearty support of the Committee of Privileges.
4. That a Special Committee be appointed to secure the rights of the men and officers in connection with the Permanent Force and Volunteers of the colony in regard to religious services.
5. That the following be the Special Committee:—Revs. Dr. Morley and W. Baumber, with Captains G. J. Smith and Drayton.
6. That the names of the Superintendent Ministers in the ports of the colony visited by His Majesty's ships of war be annually reported to the Rev. R. W. Allen, Senior Chaplain of the Army and Navy Committee in England, in order that the Naval authorities may be notified of the chaplaincies in these places.

III.—PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE.

That a Public Morals Committee be appointed, to consist of the members of the Committee of Privileges resident in Wellington and Hutt Circuits, with power to add to their number. That this Committee shall confer with the representatives of other Churches, with a view to combined and vigorous action in the cause of moral reform; and that the second Minister of the Wellington (Taranaki Street) Circuit be the Convener.

Question VI.—What is the Number of Members in our Churches

ANSWER:—

CIRCUITS.		Sept.	Sept.	CIRCUITS.		Sept.	Sept.
		1899.	1900			1900	1900
AUCKLAND—				NELSON—			
Pitt Street	543	538	Richmond	135	140		
Freeman's Bay	159	147	Blenheim	151	148		
North Shore	147	157	Hokitika	66	60		
Grafton Road.....	230	243	Greymouth.....	132	132		
Mahurangi	121	113	Motueka	94	85		
Thames	163	165	Reefton	60	64		
Upper Thames	178	186	Westport	57	54		
Manukau	190	181	Kumara	39	41		
Franklin	197	201	Havelock	25	32		
Cambridge	58	87	Murchison	—	—		
Hamilton	230	129					
Paparoa	119	117					
Northern Wairoa	125	126	CHRISTCHURCH—				
Whangarei	88	90	Durham Street	661	663		
Tauranga	49	53	Christchurch South ..	382	320		
Coromandel	80	40	St. Albans	268	272		
Helosville	38	38	Lyttelton	96	90		
Bay of Islands	32	33	Springston	218	200		
Whangaroa.....	41	36	Leeston	181	181		
Hokianga	18	18	Kaiapoi	327	334		
Wade	16	16	Rangiora.....	274	266		
			Oxford.....	45	47		
NEW PLYMOUTH—				Amberley	30	31	
Waitara	303	305	Timaru	200	198		
Stratford.....	122	117	Waimate	157	159		
Hawera	132	157	Temuka	75	66		
Opunake	69	75	Ashburton	169	160		
Wanganui	170	180	Willowby	120	148		
Rangitikei	59	51	Malvern	75	73		
Sandon	188	188	Methven	74	38		
Palmerston North.....	217	229	Cheviot	16	16		
Kiwitea	57	52	Bank's Peninsula	20	9		
Mangaweka	43	39					
Waimarino	30	25	DUNEDIN—				
			Trinity	249	260		
WELLINGTON—				Central Mission.....	273	283	
Taranaki Street	539	465	Cargill Road	264	273		
Wellington South	119	130	Mornington.....	194	217		
Hutt.....	126	127	Port Chalmers	76	78		
Greytown	110	121	Balclutha	49	49		
Masterton	132	132	Milton	61	61		
Napier.....	126	122	Lawrence	59	60		
Hastings.....	77	78	Invercargill	132	129		
Gisborne	49	45	Oamaru	93	106		
Eketahuna	58	60	Gore	46	44		
Otaki	103	107	Wakatipu	29	26		
Dannevirke.....	10	17	Riverton	60	57		
Waipawa	37	33	Roxburgh	54	58		
Woodville	93	98	Cromwell	52	58		
Pahiatua	64	62	Tapanui	24	22		
Ormondville	44	44	Palmerston.....	23	29		

CIRCUITS.		MAORI MEMBERS.		CIRCUITS.		
		Sept.	Sept.			
		1899	1900	Sept.	Sept.	
		1899	1900	1899	1900	
Hokianga		321	350	Waikato	295	340
Kaipara		168	200	West Coast Mission	28	26

For GENERAL RECAPITULATION, showing increases, etc., see Appendix H.

Question VII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Church and other Trust Properties?

ANSWER:

I.—SALES REPORTED.

1. AUCKLAND (PITT AND VINCENT STREETS)—Balance of property. Proceeds towards liquidation of debt, £350.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES COMPLETED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	Cost or Value.			Debt.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
1. AUCKLAND (PITT STREET) CIRCUIT.—						
(1.) Mount Albert, Parsonage site, one acre. Gift of Mr A. C. Caughey	120	0	0			
Erection of Parsonage of wood, 8 rooms	573	0	0	500	0	0
(2.) Mount Eden. Purchase Church site, 58 x 190 feet ...	160	0	0			
Erection of Church of wood, 40 x 30 feet, to seat 200 persons, and Schoolroom (part of same building), 40 x 27 feet...	990	0	0	730	0	0
2. AUCKLAND (NORTH SHORE) CIRCUIT.—						
Takapuna, purchase of new Church site, 1r. 32p.	36	0	0	Not stated		
3. AUCKLAND (GRAFTON ROAD) CIRCUIT.—						
Parnell, purchase of house of wood, 8 rooms, as Parsonage, with site	725	0	0	375	0	0
4. FRANKLIN CIRCUIT.—Pukekohe Parsonage, enlargement, 2 additional rooms						
	38	0	0	Not stated		
5. PAPAROA CIRCUIT.—Omaru, gift of Church site, 3r. 32p., by Mr H. Smith						
	5	0	0			
Erection of Church of wood, 28 x 18 feet, to seat 80 persons ...	121	0	0	25	0	0
	£	s	d	£	s	d
6. COROMANDEL CIRCUIT.—Coromandel, erection of Parsonage of wood, 7 rooms						
	506	0	0	300	0	0
WANGANUI DISTRICT.						
1. NEW PLYMOUTH CIRCUIT.—Tataraimaka, Church of wood, 30 x 17 feet, to seat 70 persons						
	175	0	0	40	0	0

	Cost or Value.			Debt.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
2. HAWERA CIRCUIT.—Normanby (Grey Street), Purchase of site, with S. School thereon, 35 x 18 feet	30	0	0	Not stated		
3. SANDON AND FEILDING CIRCUIT.—						
(1) Feilding, erection of Parsonage of 7 rooms	405	0	0	280	0	0
(2) Taikorea, Church of wood, 30 x 22 feet, to seat 100 persons...	190	0	0	50	0	0
(3) Sanson Parsonage, enlargement	63	0	0	Nil		
4. PALMERSTON NORTH CIRCUIT.—Cuba Street, Church enlargement, 100 additional sittings	155	0	0	200	0	0
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.						
1. WELLINGTON (TARANAKI STREET) CIRCUIT.—						
(1) Brick shops, Manners Street, property taken over at valuation on expiration of lease ...	2800	0	0	3240	0	0
(2) Thorndon, renewal of Church exterior, and addition of vestry, etc.	475	0	0	168	0	0
2. NAPIER CIRCUIT. — Greenmeadows Church, enlargement, 60 additional sittings	72	0	0	16	13	4
3. DANNEVIRKE CIRCUIT. — Dannevirke, erection of Church of wood, to seat 160 persons	221	0	0	41	10	0
NELSON DISTRICT.						
1. NELSON CIRCUIT.—Erection of new Parsonage of wood, 10 rooms ...	510	0	0	250	0	0
2. RICHMOND CIRCUIT.—Upper Wakefield, new site of 1 rood, in exchange for old erection of Church of wood, 35 x 20 feet, to seat 130 persons, with vestry	160	0	0	45	0	0
3. HAVELOCK HOME MISSION STATION.—Havelock, erection of Church of wood, 40 x 20 feet, to seat 120 persons	200	0	0	91	0	0
CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
1. CHRISTCHURCH (DURHAM STREET) CIRCUIT. — Sumner, purchase of Church site, 1 rood	99	0	0	Nil		
2. CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH.—Addington S. School, new infant room, 24 x 18 feet, and class rooms	150	0	0	100	0	0
3. RANGIORA CIRCUIT.—Waikuku, erection of Church of wood, 24 x 20 feet, to seat 80 persons	265	0	0	53	11	4
4. OXFORD CIRCUIT.—Purchase of site of 1 acre, with small house, altered and enlarged for Parsonage of 7 rooms	280	0	0	150	0	0
5. WAIMATE CIRCUIT.—Nukuroa, acquisition of site of 1 rood, and erection of Church of wood, 36 x 24 feet, to seat 150 persons; also vestry	346	0	0	200	5	9

	Cost or Value.			Debt.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
6. MALVERN CIRCUIT.—						
(1) Sheffield Church, enlargement, 12 x 24 feet	57	13	6	12	10	0
(2) Springfield Church, site se- cured, 1 rood, with cottage ...	70	0	0	Nil.		
7. BANKS PENINSULA HOME MISSION.— House of 4 rooms						

OTAGO DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN (MORNINGTON) CIRCUIT.— Belleknowes, erection of Church of wood, 30 x 20 feet, to seat 120 persons, cost, exclusive of land ...	165	17	0	Nil		
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SUMMARY.—NEW ERECTIONS, Etc.

9 Church and Parsonage sites acquired	460	0	0			
10 Churches erected, 3 enlarged, addi- tional sittings 1,425	2,756	0	0	1,491	0	0
5 Parsonages built and two enlarged.....	2,457	0	0	1,893	0	0
1 Sunday School purchased and 1 en- larged	170	0	0	100	0	0
4 Brick Shops, Manners Street, Wellin- ton, taken over on expiration of lease	2,800	0	0	3,240	0	0
Totals	8,643	0	0	6,724	0	0

III.—MINOR IMPROVEMENTS.

	Cost.			Debt.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
WAIHI.—Shelter Shed	11	0	0	7	0	0
HIKURANGI.—Lining Church	32	0	0	Not stated		
DOME VALLEY.—New Organ	19	0	0	Nil		
COROMANDEL.—Church, erection of Gal- lery	80	0	0	80	0	0
COROMANDEL.—Church Piano	60	0	0			
RANGIWAHIA.—Church Porch	8	0	0	Nil		
MANGAWEKA.—Shelter Shed	5	0	0	Nil		
RAETIHI.—Church Lining	14	0	0	Nil		
BELMONT.—Church Organ	27	0	0	20	0	0
BALLANCE.—Church Vestry	43	0	0	21	0	0
ORMONVILLE.—Church Vestry	33	0	0	26	0	0
MOTUEKA.—Organ	27	0	0	Nil		
DARFIELD.—Vestry and Stable	44	10	0	10	0	0
LYTTELTON.—Church renovation	146	0	0	100	0	0
CENTRAL MISSION.—Club Room	45	0	0	Nil		

IV.—SALES, Etc., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31st, 1900.

1. MAHURANGI CIRCUIT.—
 - (a) Old Church site at Kaipara Flats.
 - (b) Dome Valley, old Church site.
 - (c) Warkworth Church and site. Proceeds towards erection of new Church on part of Parsonage site.
 - (d) Albert Town, unoccupied sections (conditionally).
2. PAPAROA CIRCUIT.—(1) Paparoa, half-acre of land for Post Office. Proceeds towards Church debt.
3. HAWERA CIRCUIT.—(1) Normanby, sale of section, Mawhitiwhiti Road. Proceeds towards purchase of more central site.

4. CHRISTCHURCH (DURHAM STREET) CIRCUIT.—
 (a) South-east Belt Parsonage property. Proceeds towards Church debts and new enterprises.
 (b) St. Asaph Street Church site. Proceeds to be funded for new enterprise.
5. SPRINGSTON CIRCUIT.—Templeton Parsonage property. Proceeds to be applied to liquidation of Church and Parsonage debt.
1. EXTENDED LEASE.—Normanby, Hunter Street section. Proceeds towards purchase of new site.

V.—PROPOSED ERECTIONS, Etc.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.		Cost or Value.			Debt.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
1. AUCKLAND NORTH SHORE CIRCUIT.—							
(a) Takapuna.—Church of wood, 30 x 20; estimated cost		240	0	0	85	0	0
(b) Northcote. — Erection of Church, 30 x 20; estimated cost, exclusive of land		160	0	0	70	0	0
2. AUCKLAND (GRAFTON ROAD) CIRCUIT.—Parnell, purchase of site, 60 x 120, with house of wood, 8 rooms, as Parsonage		725	0	0	375	0	0
3. UPPER THAMES CIRCUIT.—Waihi, addition to Parsonage site, $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre							
4. MANUKAU CIRCUIT.—Woodside, new Church of wood, 35 x 20. Conference regulations to be observed		200	0	0			
5. FRANKLIN CIRCUIT.—Pukekohe, enlargement of Parsonage, 2 rooms		38	0	0	No debt		
6. NORTHERN Wairoa CIRCUIT.—Aratapu, Church of wood, 50 x 34; estimated cost		350	0	0	100	0	0
WANGANUI DISTRICT.							
7. WAITARA CIRCUIT.—Inglewood, Parsonage site, 5 acres		150	0	0	120	0	0
8. HAWERA CIRCUIT.—							
(a) Normanby (Grey Street)—Purchase of site and Sunday School, 30 x 18 feet		30	0	0			
(b) Patea—Erection of Church vestry					No debt		
9. OPUNAKE CIRCUIT.—							
(a) Awatuna, purchase of site and erection of Church, 24 x 17.... Conference regulations to be observed		150	0	0			
(b) Pihama—Erection of Church, 24 x 17		100	0	0	No debt		
10. SANDON AND FEILDING CIRCUIT.—							
(a) Sanson Parsonage enlargement		63	0	0	No debt		
(b) Sanson—Purchase three quarter-acre sections adjoining Parsonage		25	0	0	No debt		
(c) Rongotea — Enlargement of Church by adding transept for Sunday School		70	0	0	No debt		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	Cost or Value.			Debt.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
11. WELLINGTON (TARANAKI STREET) CIRCUIT.—						
(a) Thorndon Church, renovating and additions	400	0	0	100	0	0
(b) Karori—Erection of vestry ...				No	debt	
12. HUTT CIRCUIT.—Petone, erection of vestry	40	0	0	No	debt	
13. OTAKI CIRCUIT.—Levin, Century Hall, 48 x 34, with 4 Class Rooms, for Sunday School, etc; estimated cost, including site	500	0	0	200	0	0
14. DANNEVIRKE CIRCUIT.—Enlargement of Church for Sunday School purposes	100	0	0	33	0	0
15. PAHIATUA CIRCUIT.—Purchase of Parsonage site, 2½ acres						

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

16. CHRISTCHURCH (DURHAM STREET) CIRCUIT.—						
(a) Linwood — Enlargement of Church and erection of vestry	90	0	0	30	0	0
(b) Sumner—Purchase of site and erection of Church of wood to seat 125 persons	700	0	0	200	0	0
17. CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH CIRCUIT.—						
(a) Addington—Erection of Infant School, 24 x 18, and alterations. No permanent debt	150	0	0			
(b) Heathcote Valley—Erection of vestry, belfry, and new choir seats	70	0	0	No	debt	
18. OXFORD CIRCUIT.—Purchase of one acre, with small house, alterations and enlargement for Parsonage, 7 rooms	250	0	0	150	0	0
19. ASHBURTON CIRCUIT.—Erection of Infant School, etc.	90	0	0	30	0	0
20. WILLOWBY CIRCUIT.—Willowby, enlargement of Church; two-thirds to be raised	200	0	0			
21. MALVERN CIRCUIT.—Darfield, purchase Parsonage site, 4 acres	28	0	0			

GENERAL REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1900.

I am glad to state that the whole of the Reports of the District Secretaries came into my hands by January 2nd. This shows that the Superintendents must have been much more prompt in their returns. For the care and thoroughness with which the District Secretaries do their work, the whole Connexion is their debtor. The returns, however, from Connexional Properties have not yet been received, and are therefore not included in the figures referred to in this report.

A gratifying improvement is to be recorded in the accuracy of the Schedules. Only in one case this year has a Superintendent achieved the feat of bringing forward a credit and debit balance at the same time, and the mistakes in carrying out the totals are comparatively few.

The usual Summaries of the A. and B. Schedules are appended. With respect to the former, the most gratifying fact is that out of 512 properties 163, on which Churches or Parsonages have been built, enter the new century entirely free from debt. A comparison between the returns of September, 1885, and September, 1900, is also most gratifying. At the former date there were 325 freehold properties held; there were 173 Churches, providing for 32,604 persons, 45 Schoolrooms with accommodation for 8,990 scholars, and 58 Parsonages. The total cost for land and buildings was reported as £180,228. The debt to Loan and Building Fund was £3,920, and on other securities £40,539, or a total of £44,259. There are now 512 freeholds held. Two hundred and ninety-three Churches have been erected, with 51,045 sittings; 78 Sunday Schools provide for 15,340 children of the congregations; and there are 94 Parsonages. The first cost or value of the buildings is £289,835; debt to Loan and Building Fund, £9,679; on other securities, £34,269; or a total of £43,948.

In connection with the Union of 1896, 36 Churches, 7 Schoolrooms, and 16 Parsonages of the former United Free Methodist and Bible Christian Churches were placed on the Register. Including these additions, there has been during the fifteen years an increase of 63 per cent in the number of Trust properties, 58 per cent in the number of Churches, 57 per cent in the Schools, and 62 per cent in the Parsonages. The Churches provide sitting accommodation for 18,441 persons additional, and in the Schools there is room for 6,350 more children. The increase in first cost or value of land and buildings is 62 per cent, but the debt has decreased by £511. At that time it averaged 25 per cent of the first cost; now 15 per cent. If the debt on Connexional properties be added, it would still amount to less than 20 per cent, a result for which the Church may be devoutly thankful. It should not, however, be forgotten that 90 per cent of our properties are built of wood, and will need to be renewed. It seems desirable that, wherever practicable, brick or stone should now be used in new erections. The rapid advance of our towns and cities, and the improvement in public taste, will also demand better architectural designs than in the past, and attention may well be called to this.

It will be noted that only one property is reported as sold. Possibly one or two others were disposed of before September, but they have not been returned.

In connection with the B. Schedules, Auckland District reports a reduction of debt on 21 properties, amounting to £934; Wanganui on 20, of £444; Wellington on 16, of £211; Nelson on 6, of £68; Canterbury on 17, of £957; Otago on 15, of £364; a total of £2,981. Additions to the debt stand at £6,107, most of this amount being expenditure on new erections. There are, however, a few cases which need explanation. Coromandel, with only £80 spent on additions, reports an increase in its debit balance of nearly £300; Taranaki Street, Wellington, in purchasing property, value £2,800, has increased its debt by £3,240; Temuka, while discharging its obligations to the Loan Fund, has borrowed, without sanction, £200 more, of which only about £50 is represented by repairs; and Trinity Church, Dunedin, has a heavy debit balance, the whole of which is not represented by additions to the property.

Comparing the totals of B Schedules of 1885 and 1900, the amount for seat rents in the former year was £3,298; Trust collections, £1,333; Anniversaries or Opening Services, £1,511. For 1900 the figures are—Seat rents, £2,684; Trust Collections, £1,334; Anniversary and Opening Services, £1,702. The payments

in 1885 were for lighting and cleaning, £2,110; interest, £2,759; insurance, £514; payments to Circuit Boards, £139. In 1900 there was paid for lighting and cleaning, £2,450; interest, £1,928; insurance, £755; to Circuit Boards, £186. In the former year the debts had been reduced by £1,912, and increased by £2,267; in the latter the reductions were £2,981; the increase, £6,107. The insurances in the former year were £98,090; in the latter, £142,697. A considerable reduction in seat rents will be noticed. In some cases these have been abandoned, with the result that an improper burden has been placed on the Circuit Fund. The Trust collections and Anniversary Services do not show an increase proportionate to the additional Churches, and it is obvious that in many places no attempt is made to keep up a Trust income. On the expenditure side there is a satisfactory decrease in the amount paid for interest, while the insurance premiums are necessarily increased. The amount paid to Circuit Boards ought to be much larger.

In the case of no less than 78 Church Trusts no Anniversaries have been held, and by the operation of Rule 9 the following places are excluded from receiving help from the Home Mission Fund, namely:—Freeman's Bay, Franklin, Hamilton, Northern Wairoa, Whangarei, Coromandel, Helensville, Waitara, Stratford, Hawera, Wanganui, Rangitikei, Sanson, Kiwitea, Greytown, Eketahuna, Otaki, Ormondville, Richmond, Hokitika, Motueka, Kumara, Little River, Methven, Oamaru, Riverton, Wakatipu, and Palmerston.

The history of the Otago District Property during the past fifteen years may be cited as an instance of the beneficent operations of the Loan Fund. In 1885 its debts to the Loan Fund were £417; on other securities, £6,055; or a total of £6,472; on which interest was paid to the amount of £490. Though 30 further properties have been acquired and additions made to the total value of £9,121 meanwhile, the debts now owing are only £2,028, viz., Loan Fund £1,881, and other securities £147. The improvement is due to a steady and persistent effort, and, by making use of the Loan Fund, lessening the payments for interest, and so reducing the indebtedness. Had some other Districts pursued the same policy, a better record on the whole would have been shown.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULES.

A.—PROPERTIES.

	Cost as Reported.		
	£	s	d
SITES—Freehold, 512; Leasehold, 26; Vacant, 127; Incomplete Titles, 18	53,256	11	5
CHURCHES—Brick or Stone, 16; Wood, 277; Seating, 51,045	151,429	18	10
SCHOOLROOMS—Brick or Stone, 7; Wood, 71; Seating, 15,340	35,600	11	4
PARSONAGES—Brick or stone, 2; Wood, 92	41,200	13	1
OTHER BUILDINGS—60	6,754	0	0
Total Cost of Land and Buildings	£289,835	1	2

B.—CURRENT TRUST ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS—Credit Balances, £990 14s 10d; Seat Rents, £2,684; Trust Collections, £1,334 19s 7d; Anniversary or Opening Services, £1,702 5s 11d; Donations, £3,797 6s 2d; Loans, £10,534 13s 8d; all other Income, £5,709 15s 11d; Credit Balances forwarded, £1,146, 11s 11d. Total Receipts, £26,591 14s 6d.

EXPENDITURE—Debit Balances, £2,448 19s 6d; Lighting, etc., £2,450 17s 9d; Repairs, £1,828 5s 3d; Enlargements, etc., £6,137 3s 2d; Interest, £1,928 7s 3d; Insurance Premiums, £755 14s 10d; Circuit Boards, £186 0s 7d; all other Expenditure, £12,813 1s 7d; Debit Balances Forward, £3,052 10s 9d. Total Expenditure, £28,453 12s 8d.

DEBTS—To Loan Fund, £9,679 1s 1d; on other Securities, £33,549 3s 7d; Debt Reductions Reported, £2,981 16s 2d; Debt Increases Reported, £6,107 9s 5d.

INSURANCE—Total Amount Insured, £142,697.

WM. MORLEY,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the best thanks of the Conference be given to the following donors of land—Messrs A. C. Caughey and H. Smith.
3. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to District Secretaries of Church Property for the faithful discharge of their important duties during the past year, and that the following be appointed as District Secretaries for the ensuing year, viz.:—Mr. W. D. Buttle, Auckland; Mr. J. P. Leary, Palmerston North; Mr. C. W. Benbow, Wellington; Mr. J. Boon, Nelson; Mr. G. J. Smith, Christchurch; and Mr. J. C. Stephens, Dunedin; also that thanks be tendered to Mr. A. K. England, acting Secretary Canterbury District, for his services during the past year.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the General Secretary, and that he be re-appointed.
5. That the Regulation which required that the new Trustees should be reported to the District Secretaries of Church Property be rescinded, as these are required to be sent to the Authorised Representative for entry in the Church Register, and copies of that Register are legal evidence.
6. That the Revs. W. Morley, W. Lee, Messrs J. C. Stephens and G. J. Smith be a committee to consider and report on any necessary or desirable alterations of the form of the present A and B Schedules.

RETURN FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE.

293 Churches; 78 Schoolrooms; 94 Parsonages; 3 Colleges.

CHURCH PROPERTY REGULATIONS.

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

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

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

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

3. The scale of Fees in connection with the registration of Trustees is as follows:—

- (1) For Registration of any Trust—

If value of property is £100,0 or ever	£1 1 0
" " under £,1000	10 6

- (2) For Registration of new Trustees, 2s 6d each name; with a maximum charge of 10s.

- (3) For certified copy of Register, or any part thereof, supplied for any purpose 5s.

4. That in order to secure accuracy in the returns the District Secretary be empowered to compare the figures supplied to him on the A and B annual returns, with the entries in the Circuit Schedule Books, Superintendents being directed to produce their Schedule Books at the Financial District Synod for this purpose.
5. That the question of completing Titles where necessary be referred to the General Secretary of Church Properties in conjunction with the Superintendent of the Circuit concerned.
6. The sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee shall be obtained for all purchases, sales, and for leases of Church property over seven years, and for all erections, enlargements, or structural alterations of buildings, and that Committee is empowered and directed to require that plans and specifications of all buildings and alterations be furnished before the work is begun, and that no building be erected until a proper Title to the land has been secured.

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee shall supply to the Financial District Synods the replies to Questions 2, 3 and 4, respecting Church property, and also report any cases where the Regulations have not been observed. The same Committee shall supply to the Conference the replies to Question 7, as to (a) sales sanctioned, (b) proposed erections sanctioned, (c) new erections and purchases, also reporting any cases where the Regulations have not been observed. In the case of sales the written consent of the Committee shall be supplied to the President of the Conference.

7. That the General Secretary or District Secretaries of Church Properties be directed by the Conference to communicate with the respective Superintendents of Circuits where discrepancies occur, with a view to explanation and adjustment.

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

In accordance with the Regulations, I sent to each Financial District Synod full Report for the year ending 31st October, 1900. Copies of these, as directed, are now placed on the Secretary's desk. From them it will be seen that Deeds of twelve properties have been received by the Custodian, viz.: Waipuku, Papakura, Waikuku, Belleknowes, Oamaru, Western Spit, Nukuroa, Sumner, and Springfield Churches; Coromandel and Oxford Parsonages, and Gouldsbank Church site. The Deeds of ten properties were also received from Treasurers of the Loan Fund on payment of Loans being completed. Ten declarations of Trust were sent in, and forty-six Certificates of appointment of new and additional Trustees. The following Deeds have been removed from my custody:—For Mortgage: Cuba Street Church and Parsonage, and Coromandel Parsonage. For Sale: Warkworth Church; Normanby, Mawhitiwhiti Road; Takapuna Church site; Ferry Road Parsonage; Upper Wakefield. For Lease: Normanby and Papakura; and to Loan Fund Treasurers: Gouldsbank Deed.

To the Loan Fund Treasurers I have handed eleven Deeds in connection with Loans granted. Four Declarations of Trust and five appointments of additional Trustees have been received in connection with Deeds they hold; while the Deeds of eleven properties have been returned to the Custodian.

Deeds are still incomplete in more than a score of cases. I have again to call attention to cases where the number of Trustees is below the legal limit.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Wm. Morley, D.D., for his services during the past year, and that he be reappointed

REGULATION.

That the Custodian be directed to keep a Register of Deeds, and to report annually to the Financial District Synod and the Conference.

REPORT OF THE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

During the year ending the 31st December, 1900, twenty Trusts have been placed upon the Church Register. Some of these were cases where the Registration had been neglected for years past. Forty-three appointments of new and additional Trustees were registered. As some of these were not sent for six or eight months after the appointments, it is feared that the persons named acted as Trustees in the meantime. It cannot be too strongly represented that no Trustee can legally act until his appointment has been entered on the Church Register and the fact certified to the Superintendent. Some properties are known to have been acquired many months since, but they have not been entered on the Church Register.

The Fees received during the year amounted to £27 10s, which, with a Credit Balance of £1 10s 4d brought forward, make a total of £29 0s 4d. The payments have been:—Per expenditure for assistance to Secretary (three quarters), £11; new Deed Registers, £2 16s; Stamps and Telegrams, including expense of General Secretary of Church Property, £2 9s 11d; Stationery, £1 10s 9d; Advertising, 3s 6d; Carriage of Documents from Napier, 11s 6d. Total, £18 11s 8d; leaving Credit Balance of £10 8s 8d.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Cash Statement be adopted, with thanks to the Authorised Representative.
2. That, in accordance with the provisions of "The Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887," the Rev. Wm. Morley, D.D., be appointed Authorised Representative for the coming year.

REGULATIONS.

1. That the Authorised Representative enter on the Church Register all new Trusts and such alterations in Trusts as are certified by Circuit Superintendents, and that he report thereon to the Conference.
- 2 That the Authorised Representative be appointed to correspond with the Government on all questions of Church property or titles.

Question VIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Church Building and Loan Fund ?

ANSWER :

For Balance-sheet see Appendix A.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND REPORT.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

As the Connexion grows, and more properties are acquired, the business devolving upon this Committee necessarily becomes heavier each year. During the past year the duty of dealing with the new enterprises under the Century Commemoration Fund has also brought additional work and responsibility. Eleven meetings have been held, at each of which close attention has been given to the consideration of the various cases brought forward.

The usual Cash Accounts of General Fund and Special Branch, together with notes appended, Summary of Balance-sheets, and list of Loans give detailed information respecting the Finance. In connection with the General Fund twelve Loans have been closed by payment of the final instalment. In one case the Committee regretfully assented to a Mortgage being taken up in lieu of the Loan. Twenty-three additional Loans have been granted from the General Fund, and five from the Special Branch, and there are now 107 Loans current in the former, and 28 in the latter. It will be noted that £500 more has been paid away in Loans from the General Fund than was received by the Committee from the repayment of instalments. The sum of £214 has been added to the Capital of the Special Branch from the Jubilee Fund. The demands during the past year have been more numerous than usual through the new enterprises sanctioned under the Century Fund. In the coming twelve months they will probably be heavier still. Already Loans have been promised to an amount exceeding the entire balances in hand.

The Committee is glad to report that the Aparima, Hope, Woodhaugh, Belleknowes, Waikuku, Woolston, Levin Parsonage, Tinwald, Thames, and Ponsonby Trusts have during the year paid instalments in advance. The Committee has thus been able to help needy cases with Loans much earlier than could have been done otherwise.

It is with great regret that the Committee again calls attention to the fact that so many of the Trusts are in arrears, the total now overdue being over £1,000. In England, with a very much larger number of Loans, the arrears are nominal. The Committee recognises that there are differences between Great Britain and the Colony, and that in a

few cases the fluctuation of population has interfered with the Income of Trusts. But in all cases there ought to be earnest effort to meet the obligations to the Fund, and in some instances this is not put forth. A column has been added this year to the list of Loans, showing the amount of arrears overdue on January 16th.

The following undertakings have been approved:—Acquisition of Parsonage sites at Inglewood, Oxford, Parnell, Pahiatua, Darfield, and additions to the sites at Sanson and Waihi; erection of Churches at Te Aroha, Sumner, Aratapu, Takapuna, Northcote, Pihama, Awatuna, Woodside, and Warkworth; building of Parsonage at Oxford, and purchase of one at Parnell; enlargement of Parsonages at Pukekohe and Sanson; erection or enlargement of Sunday Schools at Ashburton, Addington, Dannevirke, and Levin; enlargement of Churches at Thorndon, Rongotea, Linwood; purchase of site and Sunday School at Normanby; erection of Vestries at Petone, Patea, Heathcote Valley; enlargement of Willowby Church, and purchase of strip of land at Upper Riccarton.

Loans have been granted or promised towards the erection of the Huntly, Mount Eden, Dannevirke, Arrowton, Havelock, Awatuna, Te Aroha, Sumner, Oamaru, Upper Wakefield, Thorndon, Aratapu, Takapuna, Northcote, and Warkworth Churches; building of Parsonages at Oxford and Cargill Road; Sunday Schools at Normanby, Dannevirke, and Levin; enlargement of School at Ashburton; enlargement of Thorndon, Linwood, and Willowby Churches, and reduction or liquidation of debt at Halswell, Marshlands, Sydenham, Woodville, Devonport, and East Belt Churches.

The following sales of property have been sanctioned:—St. Asaph Street Church Site, Christchurch; Mawhitiwhiti Road Site, Normanby; Albert Town Sections (conditionally); Kaipara Flats Church Site; Dome Valley do.; Warkworth Church and Site; South East Belt Parsonage Property, Christchurch; Paparoa, half-acre of land; Templeton Parsonage and Site; and part of the present site at Upper Riccarton. An extended Lease has also been granted of Hunter Street Section, Normanby.

In accordance with the resolution of last Conference, the following have been sanctioned as "New Enterprises" in connection with the Century Commemoration Fund:—Thorndon Church, renovation and additions; Lyttelton, do.; Woodend Church, re-roofing; erection of Churches at Awatuna, Te Aroha, Sumner, Mornington, Belleknowes, Aratapu, Takapuna, Northcote, Golden Cross, Waitekauri, Midhirst, Waitara, Warkworth, Pihama, Woodside, and Normanby; enlargement or improvement of Churches at Willowby, Reefton, Ōhoka, Swannanoa, Waikouaiti, Johnsonville, Karori, Heathcote Valley, Patea, Rongotea, Kaiapoi, Eyreton, Tapanui; building or enlargement of Parsonages at Parnell, Cargill Road (Dunedin), Oxford, Waihi, Pukekohe, Lawrence; Sunday Schools erection or enlargement, Ashburton, Birkenhead, Dannevirke, Hawera, Normanby, and Levin; Church Debts at Paeroa, Cuba Street (Palmerston North); acquisition of sites or purchase of additional land at Rangiora, Darfield, Hinds, Inglewood, Sanson, Otautau, Russell, Mitchelltown, and Normanby. In some of these cases of erection the plans have yet to be approved. No direction having been given by the Conference, the Committee resolved that all the New Enterprises must be begun during 1901.

Some proposals were necessarily declined during the year, and thought and consideration have been given to others which are not yet matured.

Receipts on account of the Levy for Working Expenses are about the same as last year, but the Committee regrets to find that a good number have not yet been sent on. A list of Trusts in arrears is submitted.

The Committee has been unable to do anything during the year in the direction of securing Freeholds in mining areas.

The Report of the General Secretary of Church Property has been submitted and approved.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Committee.

WM. MORLEY, SECRETARY.

Christchurch, January 19th, 1901.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Cash Accounts of the General Fund and Special Branch be adopted, and, with the List of Loans, printed in the "Minutes."
2. That the thanks of Conference be presented to the Secretary (Rev. Wm. Morley, D.D.), and Treasurer (Mr. W. Harris) for their services, and that they be reappointed.
3. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Members of the Committee for their faithful and assiduous services, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Secretary, the Superintendents of the three Christchurch Circuits, with Messrs W. Harris, G. H. Blackwell, R. W. England, and C. W. Turner.
4. A Special Committee was set up to consider a proposal to divide the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund, and abolish the Central Committee by which the same is managed. The Committee reported as follows:—
 - (1) That it is undesirable to divide the Church Building and Loan Fund, or abolish the Central Committee by which the same is managed.
 - (2) That any change in the location of the Committee is unnecessary and undesirable.
 - (3) That in regard to the Secretariat, the Committee does not recommend any change.

The Conference adopted this report.

REGULATIONS.

1. That the Conference directs the Superintendents of Circuits to see that whenever application is made to the Church Building and Loan Fund the financial position and prospects of the Trust be stated with perfect accuracy, and to see to it that communications from the Loan Fund Committee receive prompt and proper attention.
2. That a list of delinquent Trusts be posted up during the Conference, and that the Corresponding Secretary communicate with those Superintendents that are absent from the Conference.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

I.—SOURCES OF THE FUND.

1. The amount obtained in connection with the special effort for this purpose authorised by the Conference of 1882, and the amount received in connection with the Jubilee Fund of 1891.
2. Donations, bequests, grants from Trustees, etc.

3. That the Superintendent Minister be instructed to urge Trustees to contribute to the Fund in proportion to the number of the congregation—

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

4. Such contributions to be made to the Treasurer of the Church Building and Loan Fund not later than 31st October in each year.

II. OBJECTS OF THE FUND.

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

III.—COMMITTEE.

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

IV.—DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

1. To meet at least once a quarter.
2. To receive applications for, and determine upon the amounts of loans, and the times of repayment.
3. To approve of the plans and specifications of all proposed erections, enlargements, and purchases; to sanction sales of Wesleyan Trust properties, and afford advice to Trustees in difficult cases.
4. To receive the Annual Report from General Secretary of Church Property and to report to District Synods.
5. To see that proper Deeds be obtained from all Trusts as soon as possible, and to provide for their safe custody.
6. To take such steps as may be necessary to secure the Connexion against permanent debt.
7. To transact generally all the business entrusted to it by the Conference, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations relating to the Church property, and to present an Annual Report to the Conference.

V.—CONDITIONS OF LOANS.

1. No application will be entertained by the Committee until it has been approved by the Quarterly Meeting.
2. In making applications for a loan, the questions contained in the printed form must be answered.
3. The Connexional collections, as appointed by the Conference, shall be duly made.
4. A reasonable system of seat-rents shall be maintained in the Churches.
5. All applicants shall agree to devote a portion of the income from their Trust property (so far as circumstances will justify) to the funds of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, or the funds of our general institutions.
6. Satisfactory security shall be given by Trustees and other responsible persons for the repayment of the loans, and on the terms and at the times agreed upon with the Committee.
7. Satisfactory assurance shall be given that the land on which it is proposed to build has been legally secured for the intended object.
8. All Trusts shall provide a suitable set of Cash and Minute Books.

9. Each Trust shall, in accordance with the Model Deed, hold a special meeting for the audit of accounts; Minutes of such meeting to be taken and preserved.
10. Each Trust receiving a loan for liquidation of debt shall raise a sum at least equal to such loan before they shall be entitled to claim it from the Committee. In case of erection, the Connexional rule that two thirds shall be raised by the local Trust shall be complied with before a loan for the remainder, or any part thereof, shall be granted.
11. All loans to be repaid in quarterly or half-yearly instalments, as may be agreed upon.
12. Every Trust receiving aid from this fund shall make and carry out arrangements for the extinction of its debt within a period not exceeding ten years.
13. When loans are granted, Deeds of the property shall be lodged with the Treasurers of the Fund.

Form of a Bequest to the Building and Loan Fund.

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

Question IX. — What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Various Connexional Funds?

ANSWER:

I.—The CHILDREN'S FUND.

For Balance-sheet see Appendix C.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet now presented be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. C. Oliver and Mr. J. H. Helliwell for their services as Treasurers of the Fund during the past year, and that they be reappointed.
3. That the payments on account of the Children's Fund be £8 10s for each child per year, as per General Conference Regulations.
4. That the Three Kings Institution and the Connexional Secretary's Committee be assessed in the interests of the Children's and Contingent Funds on the basis of Circuits.
5. That the Assessment for the ensuing year be 13 per cent.
6. Conference is recommended to authorise the withholding of £4 14s 10d from this year's amount to refund the Chairman for moneys paid on behalf of the Hamilton Circuit for last year.

II.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

For Balance-sheet see Appendix B.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet now read be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. H. R. Dewsbury and Mr. T. Buddle for their services as Treasurers during the past year, and that the Rev. H. Bull and Mr. T. Buddle were appointed Treasurers for 1901.

3. That the Conference expresses its regret that the Report and Balance Sheet of the General Treasurer was not received in time for the copies to be placed in the hands of members of the Conference.
4. That the Reports be cabled for, and be bound up with the copies of the Conference Minutes.
5. That receipts be sent by the General Treasurers to all Ministers paying into the Fund.
6. That the attention of the General Treasurers be directed to their neglect in forwarding accounts in time for the District Synods, much to the inconvenience of the same.
7. That the attention of the Treasurers of the Fund be called to the omission to forward the Annual Report of the Fund to be bound with the Conference Minutes; and, further, that the Report has not yet been received.
8. That attention be directed to the omission of the Board of Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund to forward copies of agreement for signature by some of the Ministers joining the Fund under the plan of Methodist Union.

TARARUA FUND.

The reports of the Committee and Trustees were presented and adopted. The Committee reported that during the year opinion of counsel had been obtained as directed by the previous Conference. A Special Committee was then set up to consider counsel's opinion on the disposition of the capital sum of the Australian portion of the Fund. After two sittings, the Committee reported that the legal opinion was very distinct that a Trust was created by the resolution of the Conference of 1882, which provided that the amount received in subscriptions from Australia must be kept "intact," and the interest only applied to the families concerned. The report was received, and the Conference resolved as follows:—

1. That provision be made for the continuance of the Trust, and for carrying out its provisions so far as relief is concerned should the necessity for this arise.
2. That the Trustees be directed to use the interest already in hand and accruing for the purpose of raising the principal sum to the amount originally received from Australia, and to invest the same in such securities as are required by the Trustee Act of 1891. Also, to invest any further sum received for interest, and not required for relief, in the same way.
3. That legal expenses already incurred, and any other expenditure necessary in carrying out the resolutions of the Conference in connection with the Fund, be paid by this Trust.
4. That Messrs. R. W. England and J. C. Prudhoe be thanked for their services as Trustees during the past year, and re-appointed for the ensuing year.
5. That a copy of counsel's opinion and of the special committees report be entered in the journal of the Conference.
6. That in the event of a vacancy occurring in the Trusteeship during the intervals of the Conference, the President for the time being be authorised to appoint a successor.
7. That the following be the Committee for the ensuing year, which shall report to the next Conference, viz.—Revs. Dr. Morley, W. Lee, W. Baumber; Messrs. R. W. England, J. C. Prudhoe, and J. T. Smith.
WM. BAUMBER, Convener.
8. That the Committee take into consideration, and if deemed necessary obtain legal advice during the year *re* the question of entrusting to the Public Trustee the management of the Australian portion of the Fund, and if the Committee deem it expedient to do so that it be authorised to hand over the Fund accordingly.

PLAMPIN BEQUEST FUNDS.

The Rev. H. Bull, Treasurer, presented the Report and Balance-Sheet, which were adopted.

1. Balance from previous year	...	£5	1	0	
Bank Interest	...		5	2	
Interest on Investments	...	45	0	0	
		-----			£50 6 2
2. Voted to four needy cases	...	50	0	0	
3. Balance in hand	...		6	2	
		-----			50 6 2

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. The Rev. H. E. Dewsbury is appointed Conference agent to forward all moneys arising from interest on investment to the Rev. H. Bull, Treasurer.

III.—THE CONTINGENT FUND.

For Balance-sheet see Appendix I.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance-sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. W. Baumber and Mr. W. Harris for their services as Treasurers of the Fund during the past year, and that they be reappointed.
3. That in every Circuit where a Home Missionary is employed under the charge of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, the expenditure on behalf of the Home Missionary be deducted from the taxable amount.
4. That £10 be given to the Editor of *The Advocate* for contingent expenses.
5. That special cases of ministerial affliction, when such claims are not paid by the Quarterly Meetings, be recognised as having a claim upon the Contingent Fund.
6. That the levy for the present year be 3½ per cent. upon the current income of the Circuit, as reported to the Treasurers, and printed in the Minutes.
7. That in future the levies for the Children's Fund and Contingent Fund shall be made upon the current "expenditure" of the Circuit, such expenditure to be reported to the Treasurers, and to be printed in the Minutes in place of the "Income" as hitherto.
8. That the term "Circuit Expenditure" shall, as far as these Funds are concerned, be understood to be the amounts of Ministers' stipend and Connexional charges due for the year.
9. It shall be understood to exclude all payments made or amounts due for house rent for Ministers, furnishing Ministers' houses, and costs of removal of Ministers, and all other items of Circuit expenditure.
10. That, as hitherto, for the purposes of the Children's Fund, there shall be deducted from the expenditure so ascertained the sum of £120 for each Married Minister, and £80 for each Single Minister in the Circuit, and the levy shall be made on the net amount.
11. That the above resolutions take effect as from 1902.
12. That the levy for 1902 be based upon the average expenditure of the previous three years.
13. That the Treasurers be authorised to consider and deal with certain claims in connection with Greytown, Pahiataua, and Gore Circuits.

14. That a compassionate allowance be made on account of heavy expenditure in a case of family affliction.
15. That a case of refund for parsonage furniture be remitted to the H.M. Executive.
16. That the Treasurers of the Children's Fund be directed to repay the sum of £100 to the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund.
17. The following are the ordinary charges on this Fund, as sanctioned by Conference:—
 - (1) Expenses of Chairman, Representatives, Secretary of Conference, and the General Secretary of Church Property travelling to Conference, steamer fares, with official charges, and incidental expenses.
 - (2) Travelling expenses to General Conference.
 - (3) Postage, etc., for President and Secretary (£5 each).
 - (4) Probationers travelling to Conference for ordination when directed by District Synods.
 - (5) Printing Minutes of Conference and Society tickets.
 - (6) Ministers travelling to District Synod.
 - (7) Chairmen's Postage (£2 each)
 - (8) District Synod stationery.
 - (9) Chairmen travelling in Districts.
 - (10) Expenses of District Secretaries of Church Property travelling to District Synods.
 - (11) Amount required for Supernumerary Fund for Ministers coming from England.
 - (12) To furnish half the cost of supplies for deceased and disabled Ministers.
 - (13) Travelling expenses to Conference, Editor of *The Advocate*.

IV.—CENTURY COMMEMORATION FUND.

For Balance-sheet see Appendix K.

REPORT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee has held regular meetings during the year, and by carrying out the directions of the last Conference has sought to promote the success of the Fund throughout the colony. Shortly after Conference, copies of the Historic Roll were sent to the circuits through the District Secretaries, and a supply of cards provided for purposes of allocation. Whit Sunday was generally observed as Century Fund Sunday, and special sermons were preached in most of the Churches on behalf of the Fund.

The General Secretary has visited a large number of circuits, and by his advocacy has sought to enlist the sympathy of the congregations. In some cases he has good reason to complain, not only of the want of preparation for his visits, but also of the lack of co-operation.

An attempt was made through the District Committees to secure the visit of a minister to canvass in each district, and so assist the General Secretary, but with only partial success.

The Committee regrets that in some cases there has been great delay in furnishing lists of promises, and in forwarding monies in hand to the General Treasurers. This has caused a large amount of correspondence, which ought to have been unnecessary.

The total amount reported as having been promised up to January 28th is £16,568 14s 6d, of which sum £10,064 14s 6d has been received by the General Treasurers. In too many circuits there has been an almost complete lack of organisation and scarcely any attempt at personal canvass, and the Committee is confident that the comparative failure of the effort is largely due to this.

The Conference, by its resolution of last year, altered the original basis of the Fund by permitting distinct allocation to Church Trusts and other objects. The result of this will probably be that more than two-thirds of the subscriptions will be allocated to trust objects, and by far the larger moiety to trusts that are in comparatively easy circumstances. The Committee being aware that there are trusts, the condition of which is serious and which must have help in some form from the Connexion, and also that there are other cases where help from this Fund will greatly aid Connexional working in the future, recommends—that while keeping in view the other objects set forth in Resolution 5, page 60, Minutes 1899, the Conference give assistance from the unallocated portion of the Fund as follows :—

- (a) A sum of £250 (less amount allocated) to the Home Mission Fund to repay a similar amount borrowed by the Committee on account of a promise from this Fund. This to be a first charge.
- (b) Napier, £240, and Pitt and Vincent Street, Auckland, £168 15s (less allocation in each case) to pay debts left after sale of U.M.F. Churches.
- (c) Gisborne, £200 (including amounts allocated) with recommendation to Loan Fund Committee to re-arrange balance of loan.
- (d) Lower High Street, Christchurch S., £260 (including amounts allocated), amount now owing on notes of hand.
- (e) Woodville, £50, towards the further reduction of debt.
- (f) Arrowtown, £50, towards reduction of debt.
- (g) Little River, £70, on condition that they raise an additional £30.
- (h) Tauranga, Pahiataua, and Riverton, £100 each; Eketahuna and Malvern, £75 each; Hastings, Oxford, and Inglewood, £50 each towards purchase or erection of parsonage.

The Committee, after careful consideration of District Synod resolutions, further recommends :—

1. That the Fund be not closed till the Conference of 1902, and that the personal canvass in each circuit be completed.
2. That no agent be specially set apart, but that Conference be recommended seriously to consider the necessity of making arrangements with suitable ministers and laymen for the further prosecution of the work during the year, and the completion of the canvass in each circuit.
3. That a General Committee be appointed, and also District Committees, and that the General Committee arrange with the District Committees the necessary details of the year's work.
4. That subscribers desiring to allocate promises already made must do so before June 30th next, after which time promises unallocated will be treated as belonging to the General Fund; and that subsequent contributors who intend allocating their subscriptions be requested to do so at the time of making their promises.
5. That as early as practicable in this first year of the new century arrangements be made for holding Evangelistic services in all our circuits for the purpose of quickening the spiritual life of our members and securing decision for Christ on the part of the unconverted.
6. That the following constitute the General Committee :—Revs. W. Morley, D.D., the Superintendents of the Christchurch and Kaiapoi Circuits, C. H. Laws, B.A., and Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, W. Harris, J. C. Prudhoe, G. J. Smith, G. Bowron, W. Ballantyne, J. T. Smith, C. W. Turner, C. E. Salter, A. C. Reid, A. K. England, and J. L. Scott.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Committee,

WM. BAUMBER, SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That this Conference records its gratitude to Almighty God for the measure of success which has attended the Century Fund, and that in connection with the effort there has been already promised a sum considerably exceeding £17,000, of which £11,000 have been received by the Treasurers
2. The Conference also expresses its thankfulness to subscribers in all parts of the colony. It recognises that in many instances there has been very generous giving, and in some great self-sacrifice.
3. That from reports submitted it is clear that a large number of our members and adherents have not yet aided in this effort, and that in view of the importance to the Church of the objects sought to be accomplished by the Fund, and in remembrance of the great blessings received during the century just closed, these be affectionately and earnestly urged to help during the coming year.
4. That the Central Committee act in conjunction with the District Committees in making the best arrangements possible for carrying to a successful issue the canvass of all members of our congregations in Circuits where it has been already begun, and that they pay particular attention to those Circuits where in the past the organisation has been defective or where local difficulties have prevented this work being completed.
5. That Superintendents and other Ministers, with members of all local committees, be strongly urged to put their utmost energy into this work during the coming year, and that Circuit special meetings be held from time to time for the purpose of giving information, and that every effort be made to secure the signing of the Historic Roll by subscribers who have complied with the conditions.
6. That the Central and District Committees be also charged with the duty of making definite arrangements for special evangelistic services recommended in the report of the Committee.
7. That the special thanks of the Conference be given to Mr. G. H. Blackwell and the Rev. H. Bull for their arduous and continuous labours during the past year, and that Mr. Blackwell and the Rev. W. Lee be appointed the General Treasurers for the coming year.
8. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. W. Baumber, the Secretary of the General Committee, for his diligent services during the past year, and that he be re-appointed.
9. The cordial thanks of the Conference are presented to the General Secretary of the Fund, the Rev. C. H. Garland, for his indefatigable and successful labours as General Secretary.
10. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the General Committee for their faithful and devoted services, and the following constitute the General Committee:—Revs. J. Orchard, W. Morley, D. D., Wm. Baumber, Wm. Lee, C. H. Laws, B.A., and Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, Wm. Harris, J. C. Prudhoe, G. J. Smith, G. Bowron, Wm. Ballantyne, J. T. Smith, C. W. Turner, C. E. Salter, A. C. Reed, A. K. England, and J. L. Scott.
11. It was resolved that it shall be optional for subscribers to allocate their subscriptions for the purpose of assisting new enterprises, providing such new enterprises shall receive the sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee not later than July 1, 1901.
12. That all new enterprises towards which contributions have been allocated through the Century Fund must be commenced before December 31, 1902.

CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

1. That a Committee be appointed to collect information, prepare report, and make suggestions to the Conference of 1902, as to the best way of inaugurating and founding an Orphanage.
2. The following to be the Committee:—The Ministers of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits, with Messrs. Benbow, Helliwell, Tiller, Moxham, Harland, Brittain, and Field. Rev. G. Bond, convener.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

The following District Committees were re-appointed; each Committee to have power to add to its membership:—

Auckland.—Revs. the President, H. Bull, W. Ready, J. H. Simmonds, and Messrs. T. Buddle, John Burton, A. C. Caughey, C. C. Fleming, W. Gunson, J. L. Wilson, G. Winstone. Rev. H. Bull, convener.

Wanganui.—Rev. H. R. Dewsbury (convener) and Rev. S. Lawry, W. G. Bassett, O. G. A. Harvey, J. Stevenson, F. M. Spurdle, and G. H. Bennett.

Taranaki.—Rev. S. J. Serpell (convener), Rev. W. Cannell, and Messrs. C. Carter, A. Pikett, E. Oakey, J. T. White, and J. H. White. The Taranaki District to consist of Hawera and that portion of the Wanganui District North of Hawera.

Wellington.—Ministers of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits, Messrs. C. W. Benbow, H. Brittain, J. Danks, E. B. Jones, W. Moxham, G. Tiller. Convener, Rev. G. Bond.

Canterbury.—The General Committee shall act as the Canterbury District Committee.

Nelson.—Ministers of Nelson and Richmond Circuits, Messrs. J. Boon, W. Haddow, W. H. Hodson, A. A. Lucas, and R. Snodgrass. Convener, Rev. J. Crump.

Otago.—Ministers of the four Dunedin Circuits, Messrs. W. C. Crane, S. C. Phillips, E. Rosevear, J. Shacklock, J. P. Simon, Jos. Sparrow, J. C. Stephens, W. Wardrop. Convener, Mr. T. E. Corkill.

Question X.—What is the Condition of the Various Mission, Educational, and General Connexional Trust Properties in the Colony?

ANSWER:

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. General Connexional Mission Property Trust.
For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.
2. Native Education Trust.
For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.
3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.
For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.
4. Three Kings College.
For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.
5. Probert Trust.
For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.
6. Prince Albert College.
Balance-sheet to be laid on the table.
7. Theological Institution.
For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

8. Grey Institute.
For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.
9. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.
For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

10. Wellington Native and Destitute Children's Trust.
For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

11. Canterbury Home Mission Trust.
For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.

N.B.—In each of the above Trusts two Treasurers are to be appointed.

Question XI. — What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Connexional Secretaryship?

ANSWER:

For Balance-sheet see Appendix F.

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT, 1900.

The varied duties connected with the office of Connexional Secretary have been faithfully and efficiently discharged during the year by Dr. Morley.

In addition to the work of former years, Dr. Morley has this year, by Conference arrangement, undertaken the onerous duties previously discharged by the General Secretary of Church Property. While this arrangement necessitates a considerable increase of painstaking labour, it gives completeness to the management of an important department of Church work by associating in the one office the records of Church Property enterprises, the custodianship of deeds, and the legal duties of the Authorised Representative.

Your committee have much pleasure in again recommending the re-appointment of Dr. Morley as Connexional Secretary, and that the appropriation for the necessary financial provision be as follows, viz.:—Home Mission Fund, £120; Contingent Fund, £175; and Church Building and Loan Fund, £175.

The Balance-sheet for the past year is herewith attached.

W. HARRIS, TREASURER.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Connexional Secretary Committee's Report, 1900, and the Report of the Connexional Secretary were read, received, and adopted.
2. The Rev. Dr. Morley was very heartily thanked for his valuable services during the past year as Connexional Secretary, and he was re-appointed for the ensuing year.
3. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. W. Harris, for his services as Treasurer during the past year, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Superintendents of Christchurch, Durham Street, Christchurch South, Christchurch, St. Albans, Lyttelton, and Kaiapoi Circuits, with Messrs. W. Harris, G. H. Blackwell, J. C. Prudhoe, J. T. Smith, J. T. Brown, H. Buttle, and the Connexional Secretary.
5. For duties of Connexional Secretary (*See Minutes of Conference, 1897 p. 40*).

6. That the following appropriations be made in order to secure the necessary financial provision for the office:—Home Mission Fund, £120; Contingent Fund, £175; Church Building and Loan Fund, £175.

Question XII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Home Mission Fund?

ANSWER:

The Report of the Home Mission Executive for 1900, the Balance-sheet for 1900, and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1901, were presented by the General Treasurers. See Appendix —

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance-sheet for the past year and the estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1900 be adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. J. Williams and Mr. F. L. Prime for their services as General and Financial Secretaries, and also as Treasurers of the Fund for the past year, and that Rev. H. Bull and Mr. F. L. Prime be Treasurers for 1901.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Dr. Morley, Corresponding Secretary, for his able and efficient work in connection with this Fund, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Executive Committee for their services during the past year; and that the following gentlemen be the Executive Committee for 1901, viz., the General and Financial Secretaries, the Rev. Dr. Morley, Corresponding Secretary, the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs J. L. Wilson, T. Buddle, G. A. Buttle, P. H. Mason, T. Allen, S. J. Ambury, A. C. Caughey, S. Parker, J. Heron, W. S. Allen, M.A., C. C. Fleming, W. Gunson, J. E. Wheeler, J. Edson, and R. Hobbs.
5. In adopting the Balance-sheet, the Conference expresses its gratification at the spirit of liberality manifested by the Churches in the contributions to this important Fund.
6. That the Home Mission Executive be requested to issue the Annual Reports as soon as possible after the close of Conference.
7. Conference recommends to every Circuit Auxiliary to this Fund the system of appointing a sufficient number of Collectors, to whom collecting-books shall be supplied, and who shall wait on subscribers weekly or monthly to receive their contributions. Also, that a system of juvenile collectors be established, and that the Ministers of Circuits watch the interests of this Fund, particularly in the Sabbath Schools.
8. That no grant be made from the Home Mission Fund to any Circuit where Church Anniversary Services have not been held.
9. That the Rules and Regulations of the Fund as amended be affirmed. See Minutes, 1897, pp. 41-44.
10. That the Conference recognises the necessity of more heartily supporting the Home Mission Fund, and that an effort be made in all our Circuits to increase the number of annual subscribers, and by efforts through the Sunday Schools, the Blake System, and our Endeavour Societies, and in other ways through the year, rather than by a spasmodic effort during the two months of the year, to deepen the interest in this Fund.
11. That a copy of the Report be furnished to every subscriber of five shillings and over.

12. That efforts be made to have the income collected continuously and remitted immediately throughout the year instead of at its close.
13. That the Regulation regarding the employment of Home Missionaries, and the sanctioning of new Home Mission Stations be amended, so that instead of leaving these cases to the individual judgment of Chairmen of Districts, all such cases be submitted to the Executive Committee of Home Missions, and this Committee shall determine the expediency or otherwise of occupying such stations, and consider the credentials of any candidates for the work of Home Missionary, and decide as to their employment.
14. That each Home Mission Station be under the supervision of the Superintendent of the nearest Circuit whenever so directed by Conference.
15. That before any new Station is opened or Home Missionary placed in charge of such Station, steps be taken to ascertain what sum is available for paying his stipend.
16. That the Home Mission Executive issue suitable cards, by which adults may solicit subscriptions to the Fund.
17. That with a view to overtake the needs of new districts constantly being opened up, in making the ordinary grants to Circuits, the precedent of the English Conference be followed and that they be made on a sliding scale, diminishing from year to year, such intimation being printed with the grant.
18. That the General Treasurers shall publish in *The Advocate*, at least once a quarter, the amounts received by them from the several Circuit Treasurers up to date, in order that it may be seen whether the remittances have been promptly made; also that extracts from the reports of the agents be occasionally made through the paper.
19. That in our Home Mission operations in the principal cities, particular attention be given to the various philanthropic agencies, especially to the establishment of a Connexional Orphanage, when practicable.
20. That in our large town and city congregations the employment of Deaconesses be encouraged.
21. That as soon as practicable, Ministers or Probationers be appointed to Home Mission Stations.
22. That a retiring allowance of £15 be made to Mr. George Bridgman, Home Missionary.
23. That the matter of an additional grant to Tauranga through its retaining a married Minister be referred to the favourable consideration of the Home Mission Executive.
24. That on condition of £200 being raised, Rev. D. Weatherall be appointed to the Maori work.
25. That Rev. D. Weatherall be located in Auckland, and study and travel under the direction of the Rev. W. Gittos.
26. That the Auckland Synod be directed to take into consideration the future location of the Rev. D. Weatherall.
27. That £250 be voted from the unallotted portion of the Century Fund towards meeting the difficulty in the Home Mission accounts.
28. That under expenditure another heading be adopted, viz., Circuits with Home Missionaries, and that what are now known as Home Mission Circuits be in future described as Aided Circuits.
29. That the General Secretary be requested to report in the Connexional organ items of news from the reports of Home Missionaries at least once a month.
30. That a circular signed by the President and Secretary be sent to the various Circuit Stewards and Sunday School Superintendents calling attention to the needs any claims of the Home Mission Fund.

31. That Deputations for 1901 be as follows:—Auckland District, local arrangements; Wanganui District, Rev. Robert Hadden; Wellington District, Rev. T. G. Hammond; Nelson District, Rev. Dr. Morley; Canterbury and Otago Districts, Rev. W. Gittos.

Question XIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Foreign Missions?

ANSWER:

For Balance-sheet see Appendix E.

A Statement of Income for 1900, and an Abstract of Minutes of the Board of Missions were presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rev. J. A. Crump act as deputation in the Wellington District, as also in the Blenheim Circuit; Rev. T. J. Wallis, for the Auckland and Wanganui Districts; also, the Rev. S. B. Fellows or the Rev. Wm. Slade (with the concurrence of Board of Missions) be the deputation for Otago, Canterbury, Westland and Nelson; and that the Rev. C. Griffin draw up the plan of work for the colony.
2. The Conference directs that in each Circuit and Home Mission Station sermons be preached on one Sunday in each year in all our Churches, and collections made at such services in aid of Foreign Missions; also, that public meetings for the advocacy of Foreign Missions be held in each Church, at which collections shall be made for the Fund; also, that wherever practicable, subscriptions be solicited.
3. That the question of the New Zealand Church supporting a Missionary Sister be commended to the Ladies' Auxiliary in Auckland.
4. That the Foreign Mission Sunday be the first Sunday in August, and that meetings held during that week shall bear relation to Foreign Mission work.
5. That at each District Synod the question be asked: "Have the amounts collected for the Foreign Missions been duly remitted to the General Treasurers?"
6. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. C. Griffin and Mr. C. Hicks for their efficient work as Secretaries during the past year, and that they be re-appointed Secretaries to watch over the interests of Foreign Missions in New Zealand.
7. This Conference has heard with great concern of the heavy debt now owing by the Foreign Mission Society, and which so seriously hampers its operations. The Conference strongly urges upon the Members and Adherents of the Church the necessity of providing an enlarged income, so that the present openings for extension may be taken advantage of, and the existing Stations may be more efficiently manned.
8. That with a view to promote the systematic support of Foreign Missions, our people be requested more generally to adopt the collection cards and mercy boxes already provided by the Mission House.
9. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the anonymous donor of £100 in Cargill Road Circuit.
10. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. C. E. Williams and Josepha (Native teacher) for the deputation work during the past year.
11. That the attention of the officials in Sunday Schools where nothing has been done in the interests of the Fund, with a view to institute efforts in aid of the same.

12. That the attention of Superintendents of Circuits be directed to the law that all Foreign Mission income must be sent through the Chairmen of Districts.
13. That the Conference heartily reciprocates the catholic expression of opinion on the part of the General Synod of the Anglican Church recently held in Napier, in relation to the Foreign Mission work of other Churches, and agrees with that Synod that it will be for the best interests of Christ's Kingdom, that where heathen territory is being adequately ministered to by a Christian Church, no other Church should enter into rivalry with it.
14. That the Conference expresses the gratification with which it has heard of the continued prosperity of our Missions in the South Seas, and the blessing which has followed the labour of the agents employed. The Conference also recognises the urgent need for further efforts for the evangelization of the Indian Coolies in Fiji, and the appointment of additional Missionaries to New Britain. The Conference records its thankfulness to God for the increased contributions received from the members and adherents of our Church in this Colony for this important branch of our Church work, and in view of the openings which present themselves, again heartily commends the Foreign Mission enterprise to the sympathy and liberality of our members and adherents.

Question XIV. — What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Theological and Training Institution ?

ANSWER :

For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.

Reports of the Treasurer and Principal were presented by the Rev. J. H. Simmonds.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted.
2. That the Minister appointed to the pastoral oversight of the students be known as Governor of the Theological and Training Institution.
3. That the theological training of the students be provided for by the appointment of Ministers as Lecturers, each Lecturer to receive an honorarium of not more than £15 per annum.
4. That three Lecturers be appointed as follows :—
 - (1) Systematic Theology—Rev. C. H. Garland.
 - (2) Ecclesiastical History and Methodist Polity—Rev. H. Bull.
 - (3) Homiletics and Bible Exegesis—Rev. J. H. Simmonds.
5. That the Principal of Wesley College, Three Kings, be appointed to the Governorship of the Theological Institution, and be empowered to arrange the students' preaching services.
6. That the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits be a Committee of Discipline for the Theological Institution, the Governor, Convener.
7. That all students be expected to contribute towards their cost of College training, provided each case be considered and dealt with upon its own merits, and provided further that in cases where students are unable to contribute during their College course, they be not expected to do so during their probation.
8. That all agreements with students and candidates for repaying the cost of their training in the event of their retiring from the Ministry of the Church within a period of ten years from the time of their being received into the Ministry be drawn up in legal form and kept in the custody of the Governor, who shall be responsible for the signing of the same by each candidate received.

9. That the Treasurer be authorised to pay the fees for Theological students attending University College Lectures.
10. That the students be allowed to remain for a period of not less than three years at the College, unless called out in case of necessity by the President.
11. That each of the Theological students at Prince Albert College preach a trial sermon before one of the Ministers of the Auckland (Pitt Street, North Shore, and Grafton Road) and Manukau Circuits, prior to the holding of the Auckland District Synod, and that a written report of each sermon be presented to the said District Synod. The Chairman of the District to notify the students respecting the time and place.
12. That arrangements be made so that the students, in addition to trial sermons provided for, shall preach at least once a year, before each of the Superintendent Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits.
13. That the students be permitted, subject to the approval of the Committee of Discipline, to substitute Maori for one of the other subjects of study.
14. That the Chairman of the District furnish the Secretary of the Probationers' Examining Committee with the complete results of the Students' Examinations, including examiners' reports and marks gained, as soon as possible after the holding of such examinations.
15. That a copy of the Annual Report of the Theological Institution for the year ending October 31st be furnished by the Governor to each Chairman of District in time to lay before his Synod.
16. That the Students' Examination take place during the second week in December.
17. That quarterage be allowed to each student at the rate of £2 per quarter.
18. That a separate account be presented showing the Income and Expenditure in connection with the Theological Institution.
19. That Mr. G. A. Buttle be the Treasurer of the Theological Institution.

PROBERT TRUST.

For Balance-sheet see Appendix D.

The Report and Balance Sheet were received and adopted, the Balance Sheet to be printed in the Minutes.

Question XV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting our Educational Institutions?

ANSWER:

I.—THREE KINGS NATIVE TRAINING INSTITUTION.

The Report of the Principal was presented by the Rev. J. H. Simmonds.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Principal's Report be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. H. Simmonds for the faithful and acceptable services in connection with the training of Native scholars at Three Kings College, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That the thanks of Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1901, viz.:—The Ministers for the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs. J. Heron, F. L. Prime, J. Edson, J. L. Wilson, R. Hobbs, T. Buddle, T. McMaster, G. Winstone, S. J. Ambury, P. H. Mason, A. C. Caughey, F. A. White, T. Allen, and W. Gunson.

4. That it is desirable that the system of Industrial Training be continued.
5. That the school curriculum be arranged for instruction up to the Matriculation Grade.
6. That, having heard the proposal of the Committee respecting a new building, generally approve of the erection, but strongly urge that the building should be of brick, costing £750 or £800 as part of the proposed scheme.

II.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

The Balance Sheet and Report of Head Master and also the Report of the Board of Governors were submitted to the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be given to the Board of Governors for the successful administration of the affairs of the College during the year.
3. That the Conference learns with much satisfaction of the continued success of the Prince Albert College, and warmly commends the Institution to the hearty support of parents and guardians desiring to secure for their children a high-class education on a sound, moral, and religious basis.
4. That, in accordance with the rule relating to the government of the College, the following be the members of the Board of Governors appointed by the Conference:—Revs. H. Bull, J. H. Simmonds, C. Griffin, and Messrs. T. Buddle, W. S. Allen, M.A., and S. J. Ambury.

Question XVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Sunday Schools?

ANSWER:

For General Returns see Appendix H.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Report of Central Committee was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Central Committee be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. E. Thomas, M.A., General Secretary of Sunday Schools, and Secretary to the Central Committee, for his services during the past year, and that the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., be appointed General Secretary for 1901.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Central Committee of the Sunday School Union for their valuable services rendered during the year.
4. That the Statistical Secretaries forward their reports with regard to Sunday School matters, immediately after the several District Synods, to the General Secretary, who shall prepare statistics and a Sunday School Report of the whole colony, to be laid before the Annual Conference.
5. That the following inquiries be made, and returns obtained from every Circuit by the Statistical Secretaries:—(1) Number of Schools; (2) Number of Scholars; (3) Average attendance; (4) Number of Teachers; (5) Average attendance; (6) Number of Teachers Church Members; (7) Number of Scholars Church Mem-

- bers; (8) Number of Scholars Catechumens; (9) Number of Volumes in the Library; (10) Number of Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets; (11) Number of Schools which belong to the Connexional S.S. Union; (12) Income and Expenditure.
6. The Conference affectionately urges upon parents the importance of daily and systematic reading of the Holy Scriptures in their homes, and suggests to the Superintendents and Teachers of our Sunday Schools the importance of encouraging their scholars to commit to memory regularly portions of God's Holy Word.
 7. That the following be the Central Committee for 1901:—The Rev. Dr. Morley, the Superintendents of the Christchurch Circuits, Mrs. Lockwood, Miss Kitchingman, and Messrs. Prudhoe, Howard, Flesher, Bowen, A'Court, Hulbert, and the President and Secretary of the North Canterbury Branch, together with the General Secretary of the S.S. Union.
 8. That the curriculum for Teachers' Examination, 1901, be:—
Grade I.—The Book of Exodus (Facts and History), The Gospel of St. Mark (Cambridge Smaller Bible), Dr. Beet's "Firm Foundation of the Christian Faith."
Grade II.—Dr. Morrison's "The Sunday School Teacher's Handbook," The Gospel of St. John, (Cambridge Bible for Schools), Rev. C. A. Row's "A Manual of Christian Evidences."
 9. Teachers shall be allowed to take up one or more books at a time, and two examinations shall be held during the year in May and October.
 10. That the Scholars' Examination be the International Lessons (afternoon) for the months of July, August, and September, and and the Catechism Questions on the Tablets for the same period, and that the dates of the examination be the second Friday in October.
 11. The Conference regrets to observe that in a large number of our schools neither the Conference Catechisms nor the Tablets are used. It calls the attention of our Ministers and of the Teachers' Meetings to this matter, and recommends the adoption of the International Lessons and Tablets.
 12. Recognising the importance of the work that is being carried on by our Sunday School Union, the Conference urges upon the attention of all our Sunday Schools the importance of being connected with it, and of securing thereby the valuable aid in Bible instruction that is rendered by the system of Teachers' and Scholars' Examinations. The Conference asks our Ministers to bring the matter forward from time to time in the Teachers' Meetings of their several Circuits.
 13. The Conference fixes the third Sunday in October, to be called "The Young People's Sunday," upon which, throughout our Circuits, special services shall be held for the young, with a view of leading them to decision for Christ.
 14. Profoundly impressed with the desirability of gaining our Sunday Scholars for Christ and His Church, the Conference affectionately directs the attention of the Teachers' and Leaders' Meetings to the provision whereby the boys and girls of our Church, who have intelligently accepted Christ, may be reckoned as Junior Members, and advises the formation, wherever practicable, of Junior Society Classes.
 15. That the Sunday School accounts be audited annually.
 16. The Rev. H. R. Dewsbury was instructed to pay over the whole of the amount in hand belonging to the Auckland branch of our Sunday School Union to the Connexional Union.

Question XVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the “Advocate?”

ANSWER :

The Report of the Committee was presented to the Conference by Mr. E. Rosevear.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference amalgamate with the Presbyterians and Congregationalists in making the “*Outlook*” the official weekly organ of the three Churches in terms of Dr. Rutherford Waddell’s offer.
2. That a Committee be set up in Dunedin to arrange all details.
3. That the Committee consist of Revs. P. W. Fairclough, J. J. Lewis, T. G. Brooke, and W. A. Sinclair, Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. C. Stephens, J. B. Shacklock, and T. E. Corkill.
The Committee to report each year to the Conference.
4. That the Editor for this year be the Rev. T. G. Brooke.
5. That the Committee and Editor be elected at each Annual Conference.
6. That the Dunedin Committee be empowered to release Messrs. McKee and Co. from their engagement to publish the “*Advocate*” at a date to be fixed by them, and in such a manner as to protect our Church and subscribers who may have paid their subscriptions in advance.
7. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Editor (Rev. W. C. Oliver) for his services during the past year, and that an honorarium of £25 be voted to him from the Contingent Fund.
8. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. A. C. Lawry for his services during the past year.
9. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Wellington Committee for their services during the past year.
10. That Superintendents be directed to urge the claims of the “*Outlook*” in their pastoral visitations and in other ways.
11. That the questions regarding our Connexional paper asked in Quarterly Meetings and Synods be retained, with the required alteration from *Advocate to Outlook*.

Question XVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Temperance ?

ANSWER—Rev. T. G. Brooke presents the General Report.

TEMPERANCE RETURNS, 1900.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Connexional Bands of Hope.	Members.	S.S. Scholars in Non-Connexional Bands of Hope.
Auckland - - -	14	1540	572
„ Maori - - -	...	...	...
Wairangi - - -	18	1184	270
Wellington - - -	17	1085	150
Nelson - - -	9	636	65
Canterbury - - -	35	3300	136
Otago - - -	9	588	20
Totals - - -	102	8333	1213
Increases - - -	...	...	...
Decreases - - -	9	451	125

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted.
2. That the Conference urge upon all Superintendents the necessity of organising societies as opportunity is afforded, so that our young people may have the advantage of instruction in Temperance principles in connection with our own Church.
3. That all Superintendents of Circuits be required to furnish returns to District Secretaries under the following heads:—Number of Connexional Bands of Hope and members of same, and number of Sunday School scholars who are members of non-Connexional Bands of Hope.
4. That Conference directs that on the last Sunday in November sermons be preached in all our Churches on the subject of Temperance.
5. That the very best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. G. Brooke for his services as Secretary of the Temperance Committee, and that he be reappointed.
6. That in the opinion of this Conference it is desirable to form a Wesleyan Methodist Temperance Society for the Colony, with branches in all Circuit and Home Mission Stations, and that a Committee be appointed to consider the details of such a scheme, and to report to next Conference.
7. That the Committee be the Revs. Lewis and Brooke (convener), with Messrs. Rosevear and Dowland
8. This Conference respectfully protests against any attempt to legalise the sale of alcoholic drink in the King Country, believing that such a step would be seriously detrimental to the welfare of the Native Race.
9. It further protests against any attempt to deprive the people of this colony of any of the power they now possess for dealing with the liquor traffic, and it hereby expresses its protest in the form of a petition to Parliament.
10. Wanganui, Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury, and Otago Synods protested against any alteration in the Licensing Laws, and signed petitions against introducing Liquor Licenses into the King Country.
11. This Conference urges the Government to take the proper steps to stop the scandalous "sly-grog" selling in the King Country, which illicit sale was proved by the evidence given before a Committee of Representatives last session.

Question XIX. — What is there to Report on Early Church Records ?

ANSWER :

The Rev. H. Bull presented a statement, and it was resolved:—

1. The Conference has learned with great pleasure of the completion by Dr. Morley of the "History of Methodism in New Zealand," the Conference thanks Dr. Morley for his painstaking and able editorship of this most excellent work. It commends the volume to the favour of Methodist readers, and trust it will have a wide circulation in the homes of the people.
2. That the Revs. Dr. Morley and H. Bull be the Committee on Early Church Records.

Question XX.—What are the Recommendations of District Synods on Matters Remitted by the Conference ?

ANSWER :

1. ST. ASAPH STREET.—(1). The Conference approves of the arrangement whereby the St. Asaph Street and Lower High Street congregations worship in the Lower High Street, Christchurch. The St. Asaph Street Trustees to pay £45 as rent from interest on money held; (2). The Finance Committee to aid in meeting the interest on the Church debt, and to be responsible for lighting, cleaning, insurance, and repairs; (3). This arrangement to continue until the way is open for further extension.
2. GENERAL CHURCH EXTENSION.—(1). The Report of the Committee was read and adopted; (2). That a Special Sub-committee be appointed by the Home Mission Executive to watch the advance of settlement in New Districts, and to take the best means of providing them with religious ordinances; (3). The Home Mission Committee to report on the subject next year.
3. CHURCH EXTENSION IN WELLINGTON.—(1). The Report of this Committee was read and adopted; (2). It was resolved to further remit the matter to a Committee to sit during the year to consider the whole subject, and report to the Conference of 1902; (3). The following to be the Committee:—The Ministers of the Wellington Circuits, with Messrs. Moxham, Benbow, Tiller, McIntosh, Field, Brittain, Salkeld, Norbury, the President of the Conference, and Rev. Dr. Morley.

REV. G. BOND, Convener.

Question XXI.—What is the Resolution of the Conference on the State of the Work of God ?

ANSWER :

For General Returns see Appendix H.

The Conference having carefully reviewed the work of God during the past year, feels that the decrease of 172 Church Members, of 596 Sunday School Scholars, and of 676 attendants on public worship, calls for heart searching self examination. At the same time the increase of 355 Church Members among our Sunday School Scholars is an encouraging evidence of the vitality of the work being done in that sphere of Christian effort. The gracious revivals of religion in some of our circuits proves that the God of our fathers is still with us, and the fruitfulness of the Maori Mission as shown by the increase of 104 members, and the fact that the last seven years show an increase of 100 per cent. of Church Members in that Mission calls for devout gratitude to God. In going forward to the duties of another connexional year, the Conference, while depending on the power of the Holy Spirit, recognises among the conditions of success the need of clearly enforcing those essential truths that have been the strength of Methodism, an expansion of city Mission effort and out door preaching, a diligent improvement of the class meeting and other social means of grace, close dealing with individual cases, greater attention to the children, and above all, unreserved personal consecration to God.

The following were appointed Statistical Secretaries in the various districts:—

Auckland	...	...	...	Rev. C. Griffin
Wanganui	...	...	...	Rev. J. Dukes
Wellington	...	...	...	Rev. W. B. Marten
Nelson	...	...	...	Rev. T. G. Carr
Canterbury	...	...	...	Rev. R. J. Murray
Otago	...	...	...	Rev. H. E. Bellhouse

Question XXII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Fire Insurance Fund?

ANSWER:

The Report of the Committee of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference expresses its satisfaction at the practical way in which this new undertaking has been supported by the Church Trusts throughout the colony, and expresses the hope that such support will become general.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Committee for the work done during the past year, and that the following be appointed as the Committee for the ensuing year:—Revs. Dr. Morley, W. Lee, W. Baumber, with Messrs. W. Harris, G. J. Smith, J. C. Prudhoe, J. Jackson, and J. A. Fleisher.
4. That the special thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Dr. Morley for his services in connection with this Fund during the year.
5. For, object, rules, regulations, &c., see Minutes of Conference, 1900, pp. 66-69.
6. That there be added to the District Synod business the following question: "On what properties in this District has the levy been paid to the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund?"

Question XXIII.—Has the Conference any Recommendations to make to the General Conference?

ANSWER:

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

Ex Officio.—Rev. C. H. Garland, President; Rev. D. J. Murray, Secretary; Rev. W. Lee and Mr. W. Harris, Treasurers Children's Fund.

(a) MINISTERIAL.—Revs. W. Morley, D.D., H. Bull, P. W. Fairclough, J. S. Smalley, H. R. Dewsbury, J. J. Lewis, W. Baumber, G. Bond, J. Orchard, and J. H. Simmonds.

(b) LAY.—Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, E. Rosevear, A. C. Caughey, T. Allen, G. J. Smith, W. Harding, J. C. Prudhoe, T. E. Corkhill, C. W. Benbow, T. Buddle, J. Manchester, and F. L. Prime.

N.B.—Should any of the above find it inconvenient for them to attend the Conference, they are expected to inform the President of their inability to take their places *not later than the 1st of May*.

SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES.

(a) MINISTERIAL.—Revs. W. Ready, S. Lawry, W. C. Oliver, S. J. Serpell, J. Dukes, C. E. Beecroft, T. G. Brooke, W. G. Parsonson, W. Gittos, and D. McNicoll.

(b) LAY.—Messrs. J. C. Stephens, E. Dixon, J. T. Smith, E. Holdgate, J. P. Leary, R. Snodgrass, J. W. Shackleford, W. G. Bassett, G. Tiller, J. Edson, W. H. Hodson, and Jas. Prouse.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

COUNTING QUARTERLY MEETING VOTES.

That in the counting of those present in Quarterly Meetings for the purpose of determining whether there be an absolute or a two-thirds majority, as the case may be, on an invitation, the minister concerned, if he desire it, be not counted.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

That the General Conference be recommended to consider what steps should be taken to increase the capital of the Supernumerary Fund, so as to make more adequate provision for our supernumerary preachers and preachers' widows.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

That the constitution of the annual Conference be so amended by the General Conference as to allow laymen equal rights and privileges with ministers on all questions except those of a ministerial character.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

1. That paragraph 2, Book of Laws, be amended by the substitution of the words "*earnestly recommended*" for the word "required," and that reference be also made to the observance of the Lord's Supper, the entire paragraph to read as follows:—"The members of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church have their names inserted on the Church roll. They are expected to participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, in obedience to Christ's command. They are also earnestly recommended to meet in class."
2. That the several paragraphs in the Book of Laws relating to Church membership be amended in harmony with the above recommendation.
3. That Class Leaders be elected or re-elected annually.

MIXED DISTRICT SYNOD.

That the General Conference revise the regulations relating to the Mixed District Synod, so that the words "has broken any of the rules above mentioned" (twice) shall be deleted, and the following be put in their place: "has failed to observe or administer the discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church."

NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

That the present law be revised so as to allow of the President and Secretary of an Annual Conference being elected by the Conference preceding.

RIGHTS OF LAYMEN.

1. That in order to allow Lay Representatives a seat at the first Meeting of the Stationing Committee, they, as at present, be elected at the opening session of the Conference and the first Meeting of the Committee to be held on the morning of the second day.
2. That the 1st Reading of the Stations be given on the evening of the second day.
3. That the Lay Representatives to Conference be permitted to exercise their vote on each draft of the Stations.

ADJOURNMENT OF QUARTERLY MEETING.

That the Connexional law preventing the adjournment of Quarterly Meetings be rescinded.

DIRECT REPRESENTATION IN THE QUARTERLY MEETING.

That the constitution of the Quarterly Meeting be so amended as to provide for an equitable proportion of its members being annually elected by the members of the Church.

INVITATION TO MINISTERS.

That the invitation to Ministers be given at the December Quarterly Meeting, instead of September.

CONNEXIONAL PRIMER.

That the General Conference cause to be prepared a Shorter Catechism or Primer, which can be placed in the hands of our young people on the History, Doctrines, and Polity of the Methodist Church.

LOCAL PREACHERS' MEETING.

That when several adjoining Circuits are comprised within a convenient area, it shall be legal for all, or any, of them to hold a United Local Preachers' Meeting. The option of meeting unitedly or separately to be left to the Local Preachers' Meeting concerned. The Superintendent of the Circuit in which such meeting is held to be its Chairman.

SACRAMENTS ADMINISTERED BY HOME MISSIONARIES.

That Chairmen of Districts shall have discretionary power to allow Home Missionaries under their charge to administer the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism.

DEACONESSES.

That Conference be recommended to recognise an order of Deaconesses, that their names appear on the Conference Minutes, and that they have a seat on the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit in which they are employed. Also, that there be some uniform method of admission, and that they be publicly ordained to their work.

ALTERATION OF RULE.

That the General Conference be recommended to alter Rule 258, Book of Laws p. 62, so as to add after the words "President's List of Reserve"—
(a) To be appointed to a Circuit; (b) to be admitted to the Theological Institution.

NEW HYMN BOOK.

That the General Conference be recommended to take steps for the publication of a Hymn Book better suited to the needs of our Churches than the one at present in use, by arrangement with the Wesleyan Book Room in London. or by the compilation of a new collection as may be most expedient.

VACANCIES BETWEEN GENERAL CONFERENCE.

That the provision already made for filling a vacancy in the Secretaryship of Foreign Missions (see Books of Laws as amended by General Conference of 1897, and p. 7 of Pamphlet) shall also apply to any vacancy in the Managing Treasurership of the Supernumerary and Ministers' Widow's Fund which may occur in the interval between the meetings of the General Conference.

VISIT OF THE REV. H. P. HUGHES, M.A.

1. That a cordial invitation be given to the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, M.A., to visit the colonies comprised in the Conferences of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, for the purpose of preaching and conducting evangelistic services.
2. That the General Conference be recommended to arrange an itinerary for Mr. Hughes's visit, and to arrange that such visit extend over a period of at least six months.

Question XXIV.—When and Where shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER:—In Trinity Church, Dunedin, as near as possible to the 1st of March, 1902, the President to fix the exact date.

LOYAL ADDRESS.

TO HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY, KING EDWARD VII., KING OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND IRELAND, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, EMPEROR OF INDIA,
SUPREME RULER OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF
AUSTRALASIA, AND ALL THE COLONIES OF THE EMPIRE.

May it please Your Most Gracious Majesty,—

We, the Ministers and Laymen constituting the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Colony of New Zealand, assembled in Wellington, desire most humbly to express for ourselves and the people whom we have the honour to represent, the profoundest sympathy with Your Majesty and all the members of the Royal Family on the irreparable loss sustained by the death of Your Majesty's beloved Mother, our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, of precious memory and immortal fame as "Victoria the Good."

We pray that in this time of bereavement Your Majesty, with Your Majesty's Consort, Queen Alexandra, may be sustained and comforted by those Divine consolations which for so many years and in every variety of experience were the strength and solace of our late Beloved Queen.

We desire to express our gratitude to Almighty God that in times of affliction and great danger He spared Your Majesty's life, and has in His Merciful Providence permitted to ascend the Throne as our Most Gracious Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

In accordance with that spirit of loyalty which has always characterised the members and adherents of the Wesleyan Church at home and abroad, we welcome Your Majesty's accession and pledge our fealty and devotion, and we will ever pray that Your Majesty may long live to reign over a free, prosperous, and righteous people.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

CHARLES H. GARLAND, PRESIDENT,

JOSEPH S. SMALLEY, EX-PRESIDENT,

DANIEL J. MURRAY, SECRETARY.

Wellington, N.Z., March, 1901.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

THANKS TO THE EX-PRESIDENT.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Retiring President, the Rev. J. S. Smalley, for the energetic, courteous, and tactful discharge of his duties as President during the past year.

THANKS TO THE SECRETARY.

That the hearty thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Secretary, the Rev. D. J. Murray, for the courteous, diligent, and able manner in which he has fulfilled his duties during the past year.

LETTERS OF SYMPATHY.

That letters of sympathy be sent to the Supernumeraries who were unable to be present at the Conference:—Revs. J. Law, H. H. Lawry, J. S. Rishworth, W. Cannell, J. W. Watkin, J. Crump, W. Kirk, J. Smith, R. S. Bunn, J. Nelson, and Thomas Turner; and of condolence to Mrs. Best, Revs. Tinsley, Newbold, Harrison, and Gittos, who have been called to pass through bereavement during the year.

ORDINATION CHARGE.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ex-President, Rev. J. S. Smalley, for his faithful and timely charge delivered to the newly-ordained Probationers, and that he be respectfully requested to allow the same to be printed in the *Advocate*.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

Fraternal greetings were received from, and suitable replies sent to, the sister Conferences of New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, South Australia, Queensland, and West Australia.

REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER CONFERENCES.

The Rev. W. J. Williams and W. S. Allen, Esq., M.A., are appointed representatives to the Ecumenical Conference, London, 1901.

The Rev. W. J. Williams is also appointed representative to the British and Irish Conferences, and accredited representative to the Free Methodist Assembly and the Bible Christian Conference.

W. S. Allen, Esq., M.A. is appointed Lay representative to the British Conference.

REV. W. B. MARTEN.

The Rev. W. B. Marten requested permission to rest and visit England during 1902, and the Conference cordially recommended the request to the favourable consideration of the Conference of 1902.

MINISTERS' STIPENDS.

That the office-bearers and members of our Churches be affectionately and earnestly urged to do their utmost to so organise the finance of the Circuits that the ministers in the poorer Circuits may be more adequately supported, and that they may thus be enabled to do their work more efficiently.

METHODIST UNION.

1. That in view of the arrangements made for effecting Methodist union in all the other colonies of the Australasian group in 1902, and the desirability of it in New Zealand, communications be opened up with the President and executive of the Primitive Methodist Conference of New Zealand for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Primitive Methodist Church in this colony is now prepared to accept the basis of union adopted by the General Conference and accepted by the Primitive Methodists in the colonies of Australia, and so bring about complete union in the colony, and the establishment of one Methodist Church throughout Australasia.
2. The Rev. J. J. Lewis prepared the communication of the above to the Primitive Methodist Church, and the following committee is appointed to conduct any further negotiations during the year, and report to the Conference of 1902:—Committee—The President and Secretary of Conference, the Superintendents of the Grafton Road, North Shore, and Freeman's Bay Circuits, the Revs. J. H. Simmonds and W. Ready, with Messrs. Caughey, G. A. Buttle, T. Allen, S. Parker, and J. Edson. Rev. W. Ready, Convener.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

1. That a strong protest against the prevailing public desecration of the Lord's Day on our railways and against recent glaring instances in connection with the visit of Imperial and Indian troops be sent from this Conference to the Minister of Railways and the Defence Minister, and that the Revs. Lewis and Dewsbury be asked to draft the protest.
2. The Conference having learned that the Imperial troops were conducted by certain Cabinet Ministers by a Sunday excursion train from Auckland to Rotorua, that the Indian troops were brought overland by a special train on the Sunday, and that goods trains are frequently run on Sundays, passes the following resolution:—The Conference protests against such desecration of the Lord's Day as being a breach of the Divine law, and an affront to the most sacred convictions of the community, while even on humanitarian grounds it is unjust as depriving hard worked labourers of their day of rest, and directs that a copy of this protest be sent to the Honourable the Minister of Railways and the Defence Minister.

ORDER OF SESSIONS.

That in order to prevent the waste of time and money to which laymen attending Conference are subjected, a committee be appointed to consider whether the ministers could not meet three days prior to the opening of Conference, and so far despatch the business of the Pastoral Sessions, in a committee of the whole, that the greater part of that business could be formally ratified, without further discussion, in the Pastoral Sessions of the Conference. The committee to consist of the Chairman of Districts, with the Secretary of the Conference, who shall be the convener.

NEXT CONFERENCE PLAN.

That the Superintendent of the Circuit in which the Conference of 1902 is appointed to be held be directed to make arrangements on the Conference Plan for holding public meetings on behalf of both the Home and Foreign Missions of the Church, and that the President of the Conference be requested to ensure that three evenings be left free for the transaction of Conference business.

METHODIST COUNCILS.

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

AUDIT OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS.

That the Conference insist on the accounts of the Circuit being audited annually. The Quarterly Meetings to appoint their own auditors.

LOCAL PREACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

That the matter of Local Preachers' Examinations be remitted to the Annual Synods of 1901, and that Local Preachers' Meetings be invited to send recommendations from the September Meetings to their respective Synods. And the Synods send their findings to a Committee consisting of the Superintendents of the Dunedin Circuits, together with an equal number of local preachers chosen by the united Local Preachers' Meeting of Dunedin in September. That such Committee prepare from the findings of the Synods a report with recommendations to the Conference of 1902.

REV. J. J. LEWIS, Convener.

LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND.

That the Conference expresses its pleasure at hearing of the formation of the Methodist Local Preachers' Association of New Zealand, and that in accordance with the practice of British and Victorian Wesleyan Conferences, we recommend that in the neighbourhoods where the Annual Councils are held, the pulpits of our churches be opened to the visiting delegates on the Lord's Day, and collections be taken up in aid of the Association Funds; also that an Annual Public Meeting be held in the principal church of the neighbourhood, and a collection made in aid of the funds.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

The Churches of New Zealand having by a remarkable consensus of opinion supported the movement in favour of daily Bible reading with the Lord's Prayer, and a conscience clause in the Government schools, the Conference believes that the time has come to afford the general public such an opportunity of giving expression to their wish on the subject, as shall ensure the Legislature giving effect to what is sought. The members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church are therefore recommended to support the introduction into Parliament of a Bill to decide by the Referendum whether it is the will of the people of this Colony to give the Word of God its right place in the Government day schools.

REV. H. P. HUGHES, M.A.

1. That a cordial invitation be given to Rev. H. P. Hughes, M.A. to visit the Colonies, comprised in the Conferences of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, for the purpose of preaching and conducting Evangelistic Services.
2. That the General Conference be recommended to arrange an itinerary for Mr. Hughes' visit, and also that such visit extend over a period of at least six months.
3. That the following Committee be appointed to co-operate with those in other Colonies, and to take any steps necessary to carry it out. The President and Secretary of the Conference, Rev. W. Morley, D.D., Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, and S. Coverdale.

DR. MORLEY, Convener.

SPECIAL EVANGELISTS.

A letter from Rev. G. E. Rowe, Westralia, was read, recommending Sister Eleanor and Miss Leyton for employment in New Zealand as Special Evangelists.

The following Committee was appointed to conduct any further negotiations, and if necessary arrange an itinerary for these ladies:—
The Superintendents of the four Dunedin Circuits, with Messrs. Rosevear, Corkill, Shacklock and Bagshaw. E. Rosevear, Convener.

ADDITIONAL MAORI AGENTS.

1. The Conference having heard the £200 for the additional Missionary to the Maoris is guaranteed, recommended the Pastoral Session to appoint Rev. D. Weatherall this year to the Maori work, and send a suitable Supply to Waihi.
2. That the Chairmen of the Wanganui, Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury and Otago Districts co-operate with the Revs. W. Gittos and W. Ready in securing the balance required for the support of the assistant to Mr. Gittos, and that donors be urged to make their donations annual.

CHURCH SITES.

That the Conference respectfully requests the Government in connection with the land held on perpetual lease under village settlement conditions to legislate and make provision for the sale of sites for churches as may be required.

CHURCH SITES IN MINING DISTRICTS.

That the C.B. and L. Fund Committee be requested to take into special consideration the possibility of securing provision under the Mining Act whereby Church sites in the Mining Districts may be secured to the Connexion rent free, and request Messrs. T. Buddle and J. A. Miller to co-operate with the C.B. and L. Fund Committee on this matter.

GAMBLING.

That in view of the great and growing evil of Gambling all our people be urged to discountenance the practice by every means in their power, and that the Government be requested to introduce a Bill making the Totalisator illegal, and that all our Ministers be directed to preach on the subject of Gambling on one Sunday of each year.

MEDICAL BOARD.

Drs. Parkes and McDowell, of Auckland, are appointed a Medical Board, in accordance with General Conference Regulations.

CONNEXIONAL LEGACIES AND ENDOWMENTS.

That the Treasurers or Trustees of all Legacies and Endowments, held for or on behalf of the Church, lay upon the Table of the Conference on the first day of the Session of 1901 a Statement of the Investments or Properties then held on behalf of the said Trusts, and that this be reported to the Conference, and that, in future Conferences, on the first day of each Session, a Statement be furnished, showing any change in such investments, and that an entry of such properties or investments, or the changes, be made yearly in the journal.

AGENDA BOOK.

1. That with a view to placing necessary information before members of future Conferences, and saving time when in Session, it is desirable that an Agenda Book be prepared, to contain Balance Sheets of Connexional Properties, of Connexional Conference Funds, and Reports of the same; also Tables of Statistics, Reports of Special Committees, and such other items as may be necessary to facilitate the business of the Conference.
2. That the following Committee be appointed to prepare and issue the Agenda Book, and supply the same to the Members of the Conference at 2s. each:—The Secretary of the Conference with Rev. T. G. Brooke and Mr. E. Rosevear (convener).

ELECTION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

That the President and Secretary of the Conference, with two Ministers and two Laymen, to be appointed by the President, such Ministers and Laymen being members of the next Conference, be a Committee to nominate the several members of the Conference Committees, and to make the necessary arrangements for holding meetings of the same prior to the assembling of the Conference.

LAY REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES.

That in connection with all standing Connexional Committees, it be a regulation of Conference making it obligatory that not less than one of the lay members retire annually from each Committee having less than eight lay members and not less than two from each Committee having eight or more lay members, the retiring member or members to be ineligible for re-election for at least one year.

APPOINTMENT OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. That in the interim of Conferences the calling into the work and appointment of Home Missionaries be subject to the approval of the President.
2. To clear the way for a consistent Rule with regard to the employment of Home Missionaries, it is recommended that Rule 16, sub-section 1, Resolution 15 of Conference, 1898. (Minutes, p. 47), and Resolution of Conference, 1899 (Minutes, p. 77), be rescinded. It is further recommended that the following be adopted as a Rule:—"When Local Preachers are paid by this Fund, or by Circuits or Home Mission Stations, they shall be known as Home Missionaries. No Circuit or Home Mission Station shall employ any additional paid agent during the interval of Conferences without the approval of the Chairman of the District within which such Circuit or Home Mission Station is situated, and the Executive Committee; and no new Home Mission Station shall be constituted during the interval of Conferences without their approval. This Committee shall also consider the credentials of all applicants for Home Mission Work, and decide as to their employment."

ORDER OF DISTRICT SYNOD BUSINESS.

For order of business for the Annual District Synods, see Minutes of Conference, 1899, pp. 68-72.

CHARLES H. GARLAND, *President*.

DANIEL J. MURRAY, *Secretary*.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST
OF THE
Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
Wesleyan Methodist Church, New Zealand.

- 1845 Lawry, Henry H., Supernumerary
 1846 Kirk, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1877, Supernumerary
 1856 Gittos, William
 1857 Crump, John, President New Zealand Conference, 1878, Supernumerary
 „ Watkin, William J., President New Zealand Conference, 1889, Supernumerary
 1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary
 „ Orchard, John, President New Zealand Conference, 1899
 1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary
 „ Smith, John, Supernumerary
 1863 Morley, Wm., D.D., President General Conference, 1894, President New Zealand Conference, 1879 and 1884
 1864 Lee, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1880
 „ Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary
 1867 Oliver, William C., President New Zealand Conference, 1887
 1868 Bull, Henry, President New Zealand Conference, 1886
 „ Law, John, Supernumerary
 „ McNicoll, David, President New Zealand Conference, 1894
 „ Smalley, Joseph S., F.R.G.S., President New Zealand Conference, 1900
 „ Thomas, William G.
 1869 Beck, William H.
 „ Keall, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1893
 „ Simmonds, Joseph H., President New Zealand Conference, 1895
 1870 Isitt, Frank Whitmore
 „ Lewis, John J., President New Zealand Conference, 1890
 „ Pendray, John J.
 „ Williams, William J., President New Zealand Conference, 1888
 1871 Bond, George, President New Zealand Conference, 1892
 „ Carr, Thomas G.
 „ Dewsbury, Henry R., President New Zealand Conference, 1891
 „ Thomas, James
 „ Marten, William B.
 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., President New Zealand Conference, 1897
 „ Hammond, Thomas G.
 „ Jory, John D.
 „ Worboys, John W.
 1875 Prior, Samuel F.
 „ Standage, Charles H.

- 1876 Baumber, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1896
 " Garlick, Samuel J.
 " Luxford, John A.
 " Penney, Charles
 " Thomas, T. Eggleston, M.A.
 1877 Fee, Thomas
 " Griffin, Cornelius
 " Lawry, Samuel
 " Peters, Alfred
 1878 Buttle, J. Newman
 " Gray, Joseph H.
 1879 Abernethy, Christopher
 " Hounsell, George
 " Isitt, Leonard M.
 " Murray, Daniel James
 " Spence, George William James
 " Tinsley, William
 1880 Brooke, Thomas G.
 " Griffin, Thomas Nicholas
 " Dukes, John
 1881 Garland, Charles Hughlings, President New Zealand Conference, 1901
 " Parsonson, William George, President New Zealand Conference, 1898
 " Pinfold, James Thomas, F.G.S., F.R.M.S.
 " Gibson, Samuel J.
 1882 Griffith, Samuel
 " Jones, Thomas Francis
 1883 Marshall, George T.
 " Mather, Joseph J.
 1884 Serpell, Samuel J.
 1885 Ginger, Barton H.
 " Lawry, Albert C.
 " Ready, William
 " Rothwell, Benjamin F
 " Ward, Josiah
 1886 Ellis, John G. W.
 " Taylor, Robert
 1887 Blight, Joseph
 " Joughin, Thomas A.
 " Laws, Charles Henry, B.A.
 " Wrigley, James
 1888 Grigg, William
 " Trestrail, Thomas
 1889 Chapman, James G.
 " Murray, Richard J.
 " Read, Frederick T.
 1890 Mitchell, Arthur
 " Newbold, Thomas W.
 1891 Beecroft, Charles E.
 " Sinclair, William
 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D.
 1893 Elliott William J.
 " Frost, George
 " Harrison, Colin C.
 " Ryan, Lawrence J.
 1894 Beggs, Hugh
 " Bellhouse, Harold E.
 " Dawson, William
 " Griffin, John W.
 " Porter, Charles

1894	Vealie, Thomas W.
1895	Ashcroft, Arthur
"	Lochore, John A.
"	Richards, Thomas R.
1896	Blamires, Henry L.
"	Bowie, William S.
"	Chappell, Albert B.
"	Hosking, James A.
1897	Burton, John W.
1898	Beckett, William
1899	Keall, Robert P.
"	Weatherall, David
"	Wills, William
1900	Blamires, Edgar P.
"	Greenslade, William
"	Haslam, Jonathan H.
"	Scotter, Adolphus N.
"	Tuck, William R.
"	Wilson, Richard
1901	Barnett, Samuel
"	Boys, Fredk. W.
"	Cook, George Samuel
"	Eaton, Clarence
"	Reader, Amos
"	Oxbrow, Walter John

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1879	Pewa, Wi Warena
1882	Paul, Hauraki
"	Rakena, Piripi
1894	Kingi, Hami
1896	Te Tuhi, Heretini
1900	Haddon, Robert (Rapata Tahu Potiki)
"	Renata, Hapita

APPENDIX.

The following Minister was received by the English Conference in the undermentioned year:—

1870	Beecroft, Charles E.
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The following Ministers, Supernumeraries of the English Conference, are residents in New Zealand:—

1847	Nelson, John, Tologa Bay, Gisborne
1863	Turner, Thomas, Richmond, Christchurch

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST
OF THE
Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
**New Zealand Conference of the Australasian
Wesleyan Methodist Church.**

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

- 1879 Abernethy, Christopher, Te Aroha, 1.
1895 Ashcroft, Arthur, Waitara, 2.
- 1901 Barnett, S., Rangiora, Supply, 1.
1876 Baumber, William, Christchurch, Durham Street, 3.
1869 Beck, William H., Leeston, 2.
1898 Beckett, William, Auckland, Pitt Street, 2.
1891 Beecroft, C. E., Napier, 1.
1894 Beggs, Hugh, Gore, 2.
1894 Bellhouse, Harold E., Milton, 2.
1896 Blamires, Henry L., Hamilton, 2.
1887 Blight, Joseph, Waimate, 3.
1871 Bond, George, Wellington South, 1.
1896 Bowie, William S., Waipawa, 2.
1901 Boys, F. W., Riverton, 1.
1880 Brooke, Thomas G., Dunedin, Cargill Road, 5.
1868 Bull, Henry, Auckland, Grafton Road, 1.
1860 Bunn, Robert S., Supernumerary, 8
1897 Burton, John W., Christchurch, Durham Street, 1.
1878 Buttle, J. Newman, Timaru, 4.
- 1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary, New Plymouth, 2.
1871 Carr, Thomas G., Richmond, 3.
1889 Chapman, James G., Auckland, North Shore, 1.
1896 Chappell, Albert B., Auckland, North Shore, 2.
1901 Cook, George Samuel, Dannevirke, 1
1857 Crump, John, Supernumerary, Nelson, 4.
- 1894 Dawson, William, Papanui, 1.
1871 Dewsbury, Hy. R., Wanganni, 1.
1880 Dukes, John, Hawera, 3.
- 1901 Eaton, Clarence, Upper Thames, 1.
1893 Elliot, William J., Wellington, 1.
1886 Ellis, John G. W., Lawrence, 3.

- 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., Dunedin Trinity, 3.
 1877 Fee, Thomas, Ashburton, 2.
 1893 Frost, George, Mahurangi, 3.
- 1881 Garland, Charles H., Auckland, Pitt Street, 1.
 1876 Garlick, Samuel J., Waitara, 2.
 1881 Gibson, Samuel J., Cambridge, 2.
 1885 Ginger, Barton H., Oxford, 3.
 1856 Gittos, William, Auckland, Maori Mission, 8.
 1878 Gray, Joseph H., Greymouth, 2.
 1900 Greenslade, William, Upper Thames, 2.
 1877 Griffin, Cornelius, Manukau, 2.
 1894 Griffin, John W., Whangarei, 2.
 1880 Griffin, Thomas N., Christchurch South, 1.
 1882 Griffith, Samuel, Auckland, Pitt Street, 1.
 1888 Grigg, William, Reefton, 3.
- 1874 Hammond, Thomas G., Maori Mission, Patea, 15.
 1893 Harrison, Colin C., Auckland, Freeman's Bay, 3.
 1900 Haslam, Jonathan H., Springston, 1.
 1896 Hosking, James A., Cromwell, 1.
 1879 Hounsell, George, Woodville 2.
- 1870 Isitt, Francis W., Wellington, without pastoral charge, 1.
 1879 Isitt, Leonard M., Christchurch, Durham Street, without pastoral charge, 5.
- 1882 Jones, T. Francis, Christchurch, Durham Street, 1.
 1874 Jory, John D., Willowby, 2.
 1887 Joughin, Thomas A., Rangiora, 1.
- 1899 Keall, Robert P., Westport, 1.
 1869 Keall, William, Rangitikei, 1.
 1846 Kirk, William, Supernumerary, Hutt, 17.
- 1868 Law John, Supernumerary, Auckland, Pitt Street, 5.
 1885 Lawry, Albert C., Sandon and Feilding, 1.
 1845 Lawry, Henry H., Supernumerary, Auckland, Grafton Road, 38.
 1877 Lawry, Samuel, Palmerston North, 2.
 1887 Laws, Charles H., B.A., Christchurch, Durham Street, 3.
 1864 Lee, William, Christchurch South, 1.
- 1870 Lewis, John J., Dunedin, Mornington, 3.
 1895 Lochore, John A., Stratford, 2.
 1876 Luxford, John A., Invercargill, 4.
- 1868 M'Nicoll, David, Lyttelton, 3.
 1883 Marshall, George T., Franklin, 3.
 1871 Marten, William B., Hutt, 2.
 1883 Mather, Joseph J., Springston, 2.
 1890 Mitchell, Arthur, Coromandel, 3.
 1863 Morley, William, D.D., Connexional Secretary, Christchurch, 9.
 1879 Murray, Daniel J., Thames, 3.
 1889 Murray, Richard, Christchurch, Durham Street, 3.
- 1890 Newbold, T. W., Palmerston North, 2.

- 1867 Oliver, William C., Wellington, Taranaki Street, 3.
 1861 Orchard, John, Kaiapoi, 3.
- 1881 Parsonson, William G, Christchurch, St. Albans, 1.
 1870 Pendray, John J., Greytown, 2.
 1876 Penny, Charles, Opunake, 4.
 1877 Peters, Alfred, Rangiora, 3.
 1892 Peryman, S. D. H., Otaki, 2.
 1881 Pinfold, James T., F.G.S., Auckland, Crafton Road, 3.
 1894 Porter, Charles, Kaiapoi, 3.
 1875 Prior, S. F., Masterton, 3.
- 1889 Read, Frederick T., Paparoa, 2.
 1885 Ready, William, Auckland, Pitt Street, 3.
 1892 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary, Wellington, Taranaki Street, 6.
 1895 Richards, Thomas R., Hokitika, 3.
 1864 Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary, North Shore, 4.
 1885 Rothwell, Benjamin F., Gisborne, 1.
 1893 Ryan, Lawrence J., Roxburgh, 1.
- 1900 Scotter, Adolphus N., Wellington, 1.
 1884 Serpell, Samuel J., New Plymouth, 3.
 1869 Simmonds, Joseph H., Wesley College, Three Kings, 7.
 1891 Sinclair, William A., Dunedin Central Mission, 3.
 1868 Smalley, Joseph S, F.R.G.S., Nelson, 3.
 1862 Smith, John, Supernumerary, Christchurch, Durham Street, 5.
 1879 Spence, George W. J., Blenheim, 1.
 1875 Standage, Charles H., Port Chalmers, 4.
- 1886 Taylor, Robert, Northern Wairoa, 1.
 1871 Thomas, James, Kiwitea, 2.
 1876 Thomas, T. Eggleston, M.A., Balclutha, 1.
 1868 Thomas, William G., Pahiatua, 2.
 1879 Tinsley, William, Temuka, 4.
 1888 Trestrail, Thomas, Eketahuna, 1.
 1900 Tuck, William R., Wanganui, 2.
- 1894 Vealie, Thomas W., Sandon and Feilding, 3.
- 1885 Ward, Josiah, Oamaru, 5.
 1857 Watkin, William J., Supernumerary, Manukau, 8.
 1899 Weatherall, David, Auckland Maori Mission, 1.
 1870 Williams, William J., resting, 1.
 1899 Wills, William, Motueka, 1.
 1900 Wilson, Richard, Dunedin, Mornington, 2.
 1874 Worboys, John W., Tauranga, 3.
 1887 Wrigley, James, Hastings, 2.
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- 1900 Haddon, Robert (Rapata Tahu Potiki), West Coast Maori Mission, 2.
 1898 Heretini, Te Tuhi, Hokianga, 6.
 1894 Kingi, Hami, Waikato, 6.
 1882 Paul, Hauraki, Kaipara, 3.
 1879 Pewa, Wi Warena, Waikato, 11.
 1882 Rakena, Piripi, Hokianga, 20.
 1900 Renata, Hapita, Whangaroa, 2.

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APPENDIX A.

CHURCH BUILDING

CASH

From January 21st, 1900,

TREASURERS—MR. W. HARRIS

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, Deposit...	...	850	0	0			
Less Debit Current Account	...	23	7	4			
					826	12	8
Loan Instalments Repaid by Trusts	...	1651	8	3			
Loan Instalments through Century Com. Fund	...	291	8	6			
					1942	16	9
Subscriptions and Repayments to Jubilee Fund	...				34	11	9
Subscriptions to Union Thanksgiving Fund	...				1	5	0
Amount from Special Branch A/cs Transferred	...				47	6	0
Interest on Deposits	...	30	10	2			
Interest on Overdue Instalments	...	10	14	3			
Fees on Loans	...	30	6	0			
Excess Payments	...	0	2	0			
Conference Levy, 1900	...	65	11	0			
" " 1899	...	20	0	0			
" " 1898	...	3	0	0			
" " 1897	...	0	15	0			
" " 1896	...	0	10	0			
Amount received for Bank Exchange	...	4	2	10			
					165	11	3

 £3018 3 5

Examined and found correct.

January 24th, 1901.

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

AND LOAN FUND.

ACCOUNT.

to January 16th, 1901.

AND REV. W. MORLEY.

	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Loans Granted—								
Ballance Church, Erection of Vestry	16	0	0			
Taikorea Church, Erection	50	0	0			
Nelson Parsonage, Erection (balance)	100	0	0			
Feilding Parsonage, Erection (balance)	130	0	0			
Darfield Church, Erection of Vestry, etc.	10	0	0			
Mount Eden Church, Erection	150	0	0			
Tataraimaka Church, Erection	40	0	0			
Greenmeadows Church, Enlargement	20	0	0			
Timaru Parsonage, Reduction of Debt	50	0	0			
Waikuku Church, Erection	75	0	0			
Arrowtown Church, Erection	85	0	0			
Dannevirke Church, Erection (balance)	45	0	0			
Mount Albert Parsonage, Erection...	150	0	0			
Oxford Parsonage, Erection	100	0	0			
Seddon Township Site, Lease	1	2	6			
Coromandel Parsonage, Erection	100	0	0			
New Plymouth Church, Erection (balance)	50	0	0			
Havelock Church, Erection	80	0	0			
Oamaru Church, Erection	25	0	0			
Upper Wakefield Church, Erection	45	0	0			
Thorndon Church, Renovation and Additions	80	0	0			
Eketahuna Church, Erection (balance)	25	0	0			
Carterton Church, Purchase of Land & Additions	19	5	0			
Aratapu Church, Erection (on account)	75	0	0			
Marshland Church, Reduction of Debt	25	0	0			
Te Aroha Church, Erection	225	0	0			
Sydenham Church, Reduction of Debt	200	0	0			
Halswell Church, Liquidation of Debt	60	0	0			
Sumner Church, Erection (on account)	150	0	0			
Northcote Church, Erection (on account)	50	0	0			
						2231	7	6
Payments on a/c Union Thanksgiving Fund				43	13	10
Payments to Special Branch, Capital from Jubilee Fund				34	0	0
Grant towards Secretary's Stipend	160	0	0			
Stamps and Telegrams	9	10	11			
Stationery	1	13	9			
Printing	1	5	6			
Bank Exchange	4	6	6			
Refund, Levy overpaid	0	5	0			
Bank Fee for keeping Account	0	10	0			
						177	11	8
Balance Deposits	700	0	0			
Less Debit Balance Current Account	168	9	7			
						531	10	5
						<u>£3018</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

N.B.—1. Credit Balance as above includes £1 5s held on account of Methodist Union Thanksgiving Fund, and 11s 9d on account of Wesleyan Jubilee Fund.

2. A statement of the separate account required to be kept of the Jubilee Fund is also submitted, showing credit balance 11s 9d as above, and amounts due to the Fund £112 10s.

3. Balance Sheet duly audited is submitted, showing the capital of the Fund to be the same as last year, £8571 4s 10d.

4. Profit and Loss Account shows credit of £368 11s 4d, which is included in credit balance shown in Cash Account.

5. Loans amounting to more than double the credit balance shown have been promised.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

LIST OF LOANS.

DATE.	PLACE.	OBJECT.	PERIOD.	AMOUNTS.	INSTALMENTS	YET UNPAID.	AMOUNT OF
					PAID DURING 1900.		INSTALMENTS OVRDUE JAN. 16, 1901.
			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1888							
July 5	Queenstown Church	Erection	5	70	Nil.	8 10 0	8 10 0
1889							
Mar. 30	Temuka Church	Erection	10	300	10 0 0	Nil.	...
1890							
June 17	Willowby Parsonage	Erection	10	300	12 10 0	Nil.	...
Sept. 30	Gore Parsonage	Erection	8½	100	22 19 5	Nil.	Interest
Nov. 8	Opunaki Church	Erection	7	110	22 16 11	Nil.	...
1891							
Mar. 3	Gisborne Church and Parsonage ...	Erection	11¼	500	Nil.	303 10 9	229 0 9
1892							
Jan. 5	Blenheim Church	Liquidation of Debt ...	10	500	93 15 0	62 10 0	...
Mar. 30	Hawera Church	Liquidation of Debt ...	8	180	16 17 6	Nil.	...
April 13	Patea Church	Liquidation of Debt ...	10	60	7 10 0	9 0 0	1 10 0
July 1	Ngaruawahia Church	Erection	12½	99¼/0	2 0 0	49 4 0	18 0 0
1893							
Jan. 12	Marlon Church	Erection	10	230	64 0 10	99 9 2	53 9 2
Feb. 7	Balclutha Parsonage	Erection	10	120	12 0 0	30 0 0	3 0 0
Mar. 23	Ashburton Church	Pur. Site, Remv'l & Enlar.	10	350	Nil.	135 12 6	48 8 9
Dec. 27	Roslyn Church	Purchase	10	150	12 10 0	104 13 9	6 5 0
1894							
Mar. 16	Opunake Parsonage	Purchase	8	112	10 10 0	21 0 0	3 10 0
July 5	Devonport Church and Parsonage	Reduction of Debt ...	8	250	31 5 0	54 13 9	7 16 3
" 26	Apiti Church	Erection	6	50	10 6 9	Nil.	...
" 27	Wanganui Church	Liquidation of Debt ...	7	350	50 0 0	37 10 0	...
Aug. 21	Palmerston North Parsonage ...	Liquidation of Debt ...	8	300	31 1 0	205 5 10	139 13 4
Oct. 18	Feilding Church	Erection	8½	190	23 6 8	56 13 4	...
Dec. 14	Crescent Road Church	Liquidation of Debt ...	7	100	8 0 0	25 17 0	9 13 0

1895								
Jan. 4	Inglewood Church ...	...	Erection ...	6	100	4 3 4	4 3 4	4 13 4
Jan. 25	Ponsonby Church ...	...	Reduction of Debt	8	300	121 17 6	Nil.	..
April 30	Cargill Road Church ...	...	Erection ...	10	500	37 10 0	237 10 0	12 10 0
June 17	Rangiwahia Church ...	...	Erection ...	5	40	18 0 0	Nil.	..
Aug. 13	Invercargill Parsonage	...	Erection ...	7½	225	57 5 5	77 14 7	2 14 7
Aug. 15	Karori Church ...	...	Erection ...	6	80	7 0 0	39 15 0	28 10 0
Nov. 13	Newtown Church ...	...	Reduction of Debt	8	150	14 1 3	£5 12 6	9 7 6
Dec. 1	East Belt (Christchurch) Church...	...	Reduction of Debt	6	250	41 13 4	41 13 4	..
1896								
Jan. 16	Greymouth Church ...	...	Erection of Schoolroom...	5	50	5 0 0	7 10 0	7 10 0
Feb. 8	Hope Church ...	...	Erection ...	5	25	6 5 0	Nil.	..
Feb. 19	Bombay Church ...	...	Liquidation of Debt	7	140	20 0 0	35 0 0	..
April 25	Woodhaugh Mission Hall	...	Erection ...	7	70	12 10 0	Nil.	..
May 13	Paraparaumu Church ...	...	Erection ...	6	25	3 18 9	9 3 9	1 6 3
July 1	Mosgiel Church ...	...	Erection ...	7	75	10 14 4	29 9 1	2 13 7
July 29	St. Albans Church ...	...	Erection ...	9	650	62 10 0	400 0 0	20 0 0
Aug. 8	Ballance Church ...	...	Erection ...	4	30	5 12 6	Nil.	..
Aug. 12	Southbrook Church ...	...	Removal & Enlargement	9½	100	8 0 9	57 2 8	2 13 7
Sept. 29	Newtown Church (2) ...	...	Reduction of Debt	8	150	14 1 3	79 13 9	9 7 6
Oct. 8	Belmont Church ...	...	Erection ...	5	30	6 0 0	9 0 0	4 10 0
Oct. 8	Rangiora Church ...	...	Enlargement	6	75	9 7 6	31 5 0	9 7 6
Oct. 12	Riverton Church ...	...	Enlargement	3	30	5 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0
Dec. 2	Cromwell Church ...	...	Reduction of Debt	9	95	5 5 8	58 0 4	5 5 8
1897								
Jan. 18	Featherston Church ...	...	Liquidation of Debt	5	70	17 10 0	14 0 0	..
Jan. 29	Cuba St. Church (Palmerston N.)...	...	Liquidation of Debt	5	70	52 10 0	Nil.	..
Feb. 11	New Brighton Church	...	Enlargement	6	48	8 0 0	20 0 0	2 0 0
Mar. 1	Kilbirnie Church ...	...	Erection ...	5	40	6 0 0	16 0 0	6 0 0
Mar. 2	Hawera Parsonage ...	...	Erection ...	8	280	35 0 0	157 10 0	8 15 0
May 12	Oamaru Church and Parsonage	...	Liquidation of Debt	4½	110	25 0 0	22 10 0	..
May 31	Ohakune Church ...	...	Erection ...	8	55	4 15 0	40 0 0	4 0 0
June 7	Balclutha Church ...	...	Erection ...	8	130	14 18 0	83 12 0	4 8 0
June 15	Opawa Church Site ...	...	Purchase ...	...	44	44 0 0	Nil.	..
June 17	Kimbolton Church ...	...	Liquidation of Debt	5½	60	2 18 6	37 19 5	16 3 7

June 21	Woolston Church	...	Erection	8	300	15 0 0	177 10 0	..	
June 29	Newtown Church (3)	...	Reduction of Debt	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	50	5 3 6	29 6 0	3 9 0	
Aug. 6	Hastings Church	...	Liquidation of Debt	8	93/15/0	6 1 4	75 11 0	21 3 8	
Aug. 16	Tinwald Church	...	Erection	8	60	8 0 0	32 0 0	..	
Oct. 21	Kuaotunu Church	...	Erection	7	120	4 5 9	77 2 6	9 11 6	
Oct. 22	Kingsland Church	...	Erection	8	270	25 6 3	132 3 9	8 8 9	
1898									
Jan. 14	Rakaia Church	...	Removal of Church, &c...	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	15	4 0 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	
Jan. 27	Milton Parsonage	...	Erection	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	120	12 10 0	85 12 6	..	
Feb. 23	Onehunga Church	...	Erection Sunday School	8	150	14 1 3	103 2 6	4 13 9	
May 4	Karangahake Church	...	Erection	8	100	10 0 0	77 10 0	2 10 0	
June 10	Mangaweka Church	...	Erection	8	60	4 7 1	55 12 11	7 3 9	
" 21	Mangatainoka Church	...	Re-Erection	4	20	5 0 0	11 5 0	..	
" 25	Waibi Church	...	Erection	8	100	7 10 0	77 10 0	2 10 0	
" 28	Manakau Church	...	Erection	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	6 5 0	36 5 0	..	
Sep. 11	Masterton Church	...	Enlargement S. School	3	50	25 0 0	15 0 0	..	
Sep. 22	Mt. Albert Church	...	Enlargement S. School	4	130	32 10 0	65 0 0	..	
Sep. 27	Waitara Church	...	Liquidation of Debt	5	37/10/0	7 10 0	22 10 0	..	
Oct. 15	Levin Parsonage	...	Erection	8	150	64 1 3	67 3 9	..	
Nov. 8	Nikau Church	...	Erection	8	50	3 2 6	43 15 0	..	
Dec. 30	Oxford Church	...	Purchase and Removal	8	60	Nil.	41 5 0	..	
1899									
Jan. 12	Greymouth Parsonage	...	Enlargement	7	90	3 4 4	73 18 4	9 13 0	
" 21	Henderson Church	...	Erection	6	50	7 0 0	39 10 0	..	
" 27	Timaru Parsonage	...	Reduction of Debt	5	125	25 0 0	87 10 0	..	
Feb. 1	Thames Sunday School	...	Erection	8	300	151 1 3	118 18 9	..	
" 13	Thames Sunday School (Special)	...	Erection	3	100	100 0 0	Nil.	..	
Mar. 30	New Plymouth Church	...	On Account of Erection	10	600	82 0 0	473 0 0	10 0	
April 8	Whangarei Church	...	Liquidation of Debt	8	70	8 15 0	56 17 6	2 3 9	
June 5	Kaeo Parsonage	...	Erection	8	75	7 1 0	63 5 0	2 7 0	
" 6	Raetihi Church	...	Erection	8	40	See S. B.	40 0 0	..	
July 1	Coromandel Church	...	Erection	8	250	39 1 3	203 2 6	..	
Aug. 12	Seddon Township	...	Acquisition of Site	...	3/6/0	3 6 0	Nil.	..	
" 18	Coromandel Church (Special)	...	Erection	1	25	Nil.	25 0 0	25 0 0	
" 28	Reefton Church	...	Liquidation of Debt	8	115	14 8 0	96 19 6	..	
Sep. 6	Hamilton Parsonage	...	Erection	8	100	12 10 0	84 7 6	..	
" 10	Eketahuna Church	...	Erection	8	135	16 8 6	118 11 6	..	

Sept. 11	Grafton Road Church (Auckland)	Reduction of Debt	...	7	100	14 6 0	82 2 6	...	
" 30	Carterton Church	Enlargement	...	5	40	6 0 0	34 0 0	4 0 0	
Nov. 3	Aparima Church	Erection	...	5	40	10 0 0	30 0 0	...	
" 11	Sheffield Church	Enlargement	...	2½	12/10/0	5 0 0	7 10 0	...	
" 25	Huntly Church	Erection	...	8	50	3 0 0	47 0 0	...	
Dec. 21	Kimbolton Parsonage...	Erection	...	10	125	6 5 0	118 15 0	2 1 8	
1900									
Jan. 18	Warkworth Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	...	10	150	15 0 0	135 0 0	..	
Jan. 27	Ballance Church	Erection of Vestry	...	3	16	1 17 6	14 2 6	..	
Feb. 1	Nelson Parsonage	Erection	...	9	250	Nil.	250 0 0	..	
Feb. 5	Mount Eden Church	Erection	...	6	150	5 0 0	145 0 0	..	
Feb. 13	Feilding Parsonage	Erection	...	9	280	18 15 0	261 5 0	..	
Feb. 16	Darfield Church	Erection of Vestry	...	2	10	5 0 0	5 0 0	..	
Feb. 21	Greenmeadows Church	Enlargement	...	3	20	3 6 8	16 13 4	..	
Feb. 26	Timaru Parsonage	Reduction of Debt	...	2	50	Nil.	50 0 0	..	
Mar. 3	Waikuku Church	Erection	...	7	75	21 8 8	53 11 4	..	
April 20	Arrowtown Church	Erection	...	10	85	2 15 0	82 5 0	..	
April 30	Taikorea Church	Erection	...	6	50	2 10 0	47 10 0	..	
May 18	Mount Albert Parsonage	Erection	...	7	150	2 10 0	147 10 0	2 10 0	
May 28	Dannevirke Church	Erection	...	5	70	7 0 0	63 0 0	..	
July 7	Coromandel Parsonage	Erection	...	8	100	3 2 6	96 17 6	3 2 6	
Sept. 6	Oamaru Church	Erection	...	5	25	Nil.	25 0 0	2 10 0	
Sept. 8	Upper Wakefield Church	Erection	...	6	45	Nil.	45 0 0	..	
Sept. 14	Oxford Parsonage	Erection	...	9	100	Nil.	100 0 0	4 3 6	
Sept. 17	Tataraimaka Church	Erection	...	5	40	Nil.	40 0 0	2 0 0	
Oct. 21	Okato Church	Erection	...	8	65	Nil.	65 0 0	..	
Nov. 30	Marshland Church	Reduction of Debt	...	5	25	Nil.	25 0 0	..	
1901									
Jan. 1	Sydenham Church	Reduction of Debt	...	8	200	Nil.	200 0 0	..	
Jan. 7	Halswell Church	Liquidation of Debt	...	7	60	Nil.	60 0 0	..	
Jan. 10	Te Aroha Church	Erection	...	8	225	Nil.	225 0 0	..	
Jan. 27	Havelock Church	Erection	...	10	80	Nil.	80 0 0	..	
..	Thorndon Church	Renovation & Additions...	...	..	80	Nil.	80 0 0	..
..	Aratapu Church	On Account of Erection...	...	..	75	Nil.	75 0 0	..
..	Northcote Church	On Account of Erection...	...	..	50	Nil.	50 0 0	..
..	Sumner Church	On Account of Erection...	...	..	150	Nil.	150 0 0	..

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—SPECIAL BRANCH.

CASH ACCOUNT FROM JANUARY 21ST, 1900, TO JANUARY 16TH, 1901.

TREASURERS—MR. WM. HARRIS AND REV. WM. MORLEY.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Bank Balance brought forward ...	222	12	1						
Deposits brought forward ...	300	0	0						
				522	12	1			
Loan Instalments repaid ...				213	19	10			
Payment from Jubilee Fund towards Capital ...				214	0	0			
Interest on Deposits ...	10	10	0						
Fees on Loans ...	4	6	0						
Amount received for Bank Exchange ...	0	6	8						
				15	2	8			
				£965	14	7			
By Loans Granted—									
Huntly Church, Erection ...	10	0	0						
Mount Eden Church, Erection ...	100	0	0						
Arrowtown Church, Erection ...	100	0	0						
Oxford Parsonage, Erection ...	50	0	0						
Blackball, Rent of Church Site	1	10	0						
Seddon, Rent of Church Site ...	1	2	6						
Seddon, Account transferred from General Fund ...	3	6	0						
Opawa, Account transferred from General Fund ...	44	0	0						
							309	18	6
Grant towards Secretary's Stipend							15	0	0
Balance—Credit Current Account									
Bank of New Zealand ...	340	16	1						
„ Deposits—Mutual Building Society ...	300	0	0						
							640	16	1
							£965	14	7

N.B.—1. The Capital Account, duly audited, is submitted, showing an increase as above of £214 during the year, the total being £2564.

2. The amount to credit of Profit and Loss, included in Credit Balance of Cash Account as above, is £29 9s 7d.

3. The larger part of Credit Balance now shown is promised as Loans to undertakings now in progress.

January 24th, 1901.

Examined and found correct.

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

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—SPECIAL BRANCH.—List of Loans.

DATE.	PLACE.	OBJECT.	PERIOD.	AMOUNT.		Instalments Paid during rooo.		YET UNPAID.		Amount of Instalments over-due Jan. 16, 01.	
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1892.											
August 11	Tapanui Church	Liquidation of Debt	10 years	200	0 0			60	0 0	5	0 0
October 24	Waipuku Church Site	Purchase of Church Site		9	1 0	Nil		9	1 0		
December 27	Hokitika Church	Reduction of Debt and Repairs	10 "	225	0 0	16	5 0	69	18 0	24	0 0
1893.											
July 18	Blackball Township	Lease of Church Site		14	5 0	Nil		14	5 0		
November 22	Mackenzie Township	Purchase of Church Site		31	0 0	Nil		31	0 0		
December 27	Roslyn Church	Purchase	10 "	100	0 0	6	5 0	61	13 9	6	5 0
1895.											
January 10	Stratford Church	Purchase of Site and Erection ...	10 "	130	0 0	38	2 6	57	5 6		3 6
July 12	Patea Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	7½ "	300	0 0	30	0 0	72	10 0		
1896.											
October 17	Little River Parsonage	Purchase Additional Land	4½ "	14	4 0	3	11 0	1	15 6		
October 22	Mackenzie Church	Purchase		199	14 6	5	1 3	162	6 4		
December 1	Alexandra South	Purchase of Church Site		7	0 0	Nil		4	14 0		
1897.											
January 4	Westport Church	Liquidation of Debt	4½ "	18	18 0	4	14 6	4	14 6	2	7 3
May 7	Pohangina Church	Purchase of Church Site		9	1 0	Nil		9	1 0		
May 12	Oamaru Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	12 "	917	10 0	25	0 0	774	18 9	44	18 9
August 6	Hastings Church	Liquidation of Debt	8 "	100	0 0	6	1 4	81	16 2	21	4 10
September 23	Dannevirke Church	Purchase of Church Site		160	0 0	Nil		160	0 0		
1898.											
June 6	Raetihi Church Site	Purchase of Church Site		23	10 9	5	5 0	4	15 0	2	12 6
June 10	Mangaweka Church	Purchase of Site	1¼ "	10	10 0	3	17 9	Nil			
August 6	Taihape Church Site	Purchase of Church Site		11	0 6	Nil		10	15 6		
November 8	Nikau Church	Erection	8 "	10	0 0	3	2 6	3	15 0		
1899.											
March 28	Highcliff Church Site	Exchange of Site	8 "	5	4 0	Nil		5	4 0		
April 18	Waituna Church Site	Purchase		21	10 0	Nil		21	10 0		
September 10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8 "	40	0 0	10	19 0	29	1 0		
October 5	Belleknoves Church Site	Purchase		50	0 0	50	0 0	Nil			
November 11	Huntly Church	Erection	6 "	10	0 0	3	0 0	7	0 0		
1900.											
February 5	Mt. Eden Church	Erection	6 "	100	0 0	Nil		100	0 0	2	10 0
April 20	Arrowtown Church	Erection	10 "	100	0 0	2	15 0	97	5 0		
August 12	Seddon Church Site	Purchase		4	8 6	Nil		4	8 6		
September 14	Oxford Parsonage		9 "	50	0 0	Nil		50	0 0		
1901.											
January 16	Opawa Church Site	Transferred from General Fund...		44	0 0	Nil		44	0 0		

Mission, Educational and General Connexional Trusts.

I. MISSION PROPERTY TRUST BALANCE SHEET, 1900.

TREASURER—MR. F. L. PRIME.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
1899.	To Rents, Parliament Street,	No. 1	... 79 10 0	1899.	By Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings		52 9 0
1900.	" " " "	No. 2	... 104 0 0	1900.	" City and other Rates	...	34 15 9
	" " " "	No. 3	... 55 0 0		" Fire Insurance	...	12 4 10
	" " Beach Road, (3)	...	... 93 12 0		" Home Mission Fund, 1899	...	50 0 0
	" " Kaeo Land	...	... 21 0 0		" " " " 1900	...	245 0 0
	" " Mount Wesley	...	... 6 0 0		" Supervision of " Estates, Collecting		
	" " Whatawhata...	...	... 2 10 0		Rents, etc.	... ..	18 2 5
	" " Tarawhau	...	... 1 0 0				
	M.P. Reserve	...	... 50 0 0				
			<u>£412 12 0</u>				<u>£412 12 0</u>

Audited and found correct,

Auckland, 16th November, 1900.

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

II.—NATIVE EDUCATION TRUST BALANCE SHEET, 1900.

TREASURER—MR. J. EDSON.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.									
				£	s.	d.							
1899.	To Balance ...	...	...	0	8	0	1899, Oct.	By Three Kings Committee ...		760	13	2
Oct.	To Rents, Three Kings ...	...	...	349	0	0	"	"	"	6	18	9
1900.	"	"	Waikowai ...	5	0	0	1900.	"	"	41	19	5	
"	"	"	Grafton Road ...	510	13	10	"	"	"	11	12	6	
"	"	"	Donation Mr. Joughin ...	5	0	0	"	"	"	20	19	0	
				£870 1 10							£870 1 10		

Audited and found correct.

Auckland, November 16th, 1900.

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

IV.—BALANCE SHEET, WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1900.

TREASURER—MR. A. C. CAUGHEY.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Educational Trust	...	...	760 13 2	By Debit Balance at Bank	...	...	38 5 2
" Probert Trust	...	...	10 0 0	" Stipend	...	...	200 0 0
" Discounts	...	...	16 4	" Wages and Labour	...	...	145 0 0
" Produce sold	...	...	75 1 2	" Connexional Charges	...	...	37 11 5
				" Repayments to Loan Fund	...	...	25 0 0
				" Repairs and Improvements	...	...	25 0 0
				" Maintenance	...	...	260 16 11
				" Farm Expenses	...	...	50 0 0
				" Cash and Clothing Native Student	...	...	25 0 0
				" Interest and Commission	...	...	1 17 6
				" Sundries as per Book Audited	...	...	28 17 5
				Balance	...	...	9 2 3
			<u>£846 10 8</u>				<u>£846 10 8</u>
Credit Balance	...	...	£9 2 3				

Audited and found correct,

Auckland,
November 13th, 1900.

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

WANGANUI DISTRICT.—PLAMPIN TRUST, 1900.

REV. G. BOND IN A/C WITH REV. H. BULL, TREASURER.

DR.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	CR.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	
	To Interest on Investment for 1900	...	45	0	0	By Remittance to Rev. H. Bull	...	45	0	0
			<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

January 8th, 1901.

GEORGE BOND,
SECRETARY TO TRUST.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

IX.—WELLINGTON WESLEYAN EDUCATION TRUST.

TREASURER, MR. W. J. HARLAND.

Revenue Account for the Year ending 30th September, 1900.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.												
				£	s.	d.										
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.							
Amount of Funds at 1st October, 1899	..			8343	16	2	Salaries	169	0	0						
Interest			233	14	6	Rent of Schoolroom	100	0	0						
Rents			138	13	5	Repairs 13s 9d, Exchange, etc., £2 6s, Rates and Insurance £4 19s 7d	7	19	4						
School Fees			69	15	6	School Requisites £4 4s 9d, Picnic £4 11s 6d	8	16	3						
							Hokitika Church Trust Loan Irrecoverable	330	0	0						
							Balance	8170	4	0						
											<u>£8785</u>			<u>19</u>		<u>7</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1900.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.												
				£	s.	d.										
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.							
Balance			8170	4	0	Loans on Mortgage	4300	0	0						
							Freehold Property, Foxton	45	0	0						
							" " Moutoa	475	0	0						
							" " Wellington	1200	0	0						
							" " Kaiwarra	243	6	11						
							Bank of Australasia	1800	6	7						
							Rent in Arrear	40	0	0						
							Rent accrued due at 30th September	31	7	0						
							Interest " " " "	35	3	6						
											<u>£8170</u>			<u>4</u>		<u>0</u>

Cash Account for Year ending 30th September, 1900.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance at 1st October, 1899	...	...	179 5 3	Salaries	...	...	169 0 0
Interest	...	...	244 15 10	Repairs 13s 9d, Exchange £2 6s, Rates, etc. £4 19s 7d	...	...	7 19 4
Rents	...	...	133 13 5	School Requisites £4 4s. 9d., Picnic £4 11s. 6d.	...	...	8 16 3
School Fees	...	...	69 15 6	Loans on Mortgage	...	...	2846 7 10
Mortgages Repaid	...	...	4205 0 0	Balance in Bank 30th September, 1900	...	...	1800 6 7
			<u>£4832 10 0</u>				<u>£4832 10 0</u>

Wellington, 26th November, 1900.

Audited and found correct.

HENRY R. LAWRY, Auditor.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

X.—CANTERBURY HOME MISSION TRUST.

TREASURER, MR. W. HARRIS.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Interest on Investment	...	...	62 10 0	By Amount remitted to Home Mission Treasurer	...	...	62 10 0
			<u>£62 10 0</u>				<u>£62 10 0</u>

FOREIGN MISSION FUND, 1900.

INCOME.				INCOME—Continued.						
AUCKLAND DISTRICT—				WANGANUI DISTRICT—Continued—						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Auckland (Pitt Street) ...	89	19	11	Opunake ...	4	0	0			
" (Freeman's Bay) ...	5	9	0	Wanganui ...	12	4	0			
" (North Shore) ...	23	10	0	Rangitikei ...	20	0	0			
" (Grafton Road) ...	36	0	0	Sandon and Feilding ...	13	0	0			
Mahurangi ...	3	4	10	Palmerston North ...	12	9	1			
Thames ...	13	8	8	Kiwitea ...	4	0	0			
Upper Thames ...	20	3	6	Mangaweka ...	...	...	...
Manukau ...	30	0	0	Waimarina ...	...	...	...
Franklin ...	13	18	6					106	18	8
Cambridge ...	5	5	0							
Hamilton ...	5	13	0	WELLINGTON DISTRICT—						
Paparoa ...	1	4	6	Wellington (Taranaki Street) ...	84	3	11			
Northern Wairoa ...	2	0	0	" (South) ...	3	12	1			
Whangarei ...	16	6	0	Hutt ...	15	15	0			
Tauranga ...	2	12	6	Greytown ...	4	0	0			
Coromandel ...	3	4	3	Masterton ...	9	1	0			
Helensville ...	...	...	...	Napier ...	12	3	0		
Bay of Islands ...	...	...	...	Hastings ...	4	19	4		
Whangaroa ...	2	7	9	Gisborne ...	3	4	0			
Hokianga ...	...	...	...	Eketahuna ...	1	10	0		
Wade ...	...	...	...	Otaki ...	3	12	4		
			274	Dannevirke ...	2	6	0			
			7	Waipawa ...	2	15	0			
			5	Woodville ...	1	8	6			
WANGANUI DISTRICT—				Pahiatua ...	...	...	...
New Plymouth ...	17	10	2	Ormondville ...	...	...	...
Waitara ...	12	18	8					148	10	2
Stratford ...	1	18	6							
Hawera ...	8	18	3							

NELSON DISTRICT—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson ...	...	...	24	14	3			
Richmond ...	...	...	3	0	0			
Blenheim ...	...	...	11	10	0			
Hokitika ...	...	...	4	13	0			
Greymouth ...	...	...	14	15	3			
Motueka ...	...	...	0	10	6			
Reefton ...	...	...	5	1	0			
Westport ...	...	...	5	14	5			
Havelock ...	...	...	1	0	0			
Kumara ...	...	...	1	10	0			
			<hr/>			74	8	5

CANTERBURY DISTRICT—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham Street)	...	...	96	13	8			
" (South)	...	...	32	12	10			
" (St. Albans)	...	...	26	19	10			
Lyttelton ...	...	...	9	18	1			
Springton ...	...	...	20	0	0			
Leeston ...	...	...	35	0	7			
Kaiapoi ...	...	...	34	3	11			
Rangiora ...	...	...	24	1	5			
Oxford ...	...	...	2	2	7			
Amberley and Waikari	...	...	3	5	5			
Timaru ...	...	...	24	2	7			
Waimate ...	...	...	38	12	0			
Temuka ...	...	...	3	11	10			
Ashburton ...	...	...	20	0	0			
Willowby ...	...	...	13	16	6			
Malvern ...	...	...	2	5	9			
" for 1899 ...	...	...	1	0	0			
Methven ...	...	...	3	1	7			
Banks Peninsula ...	...	...				
			<hr/>			391	8	7

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. E. Baker, ChCh., for Native Teacher	10	0	0			
Subscription, Rev. D. O'Donnell	1	0	0			
			<hr/>			402 8 7

OTAGO DISTRICT—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity)	...	...	30	0	0			
" (Central Mission)	...	...	35	0	0			
" (Cargill Road)	...	...	20	0	0			
" Special	...	...	100	0	0			
" Mosgiel, }	...	...	1	0	0			
" Peninsula }	...	...				
" Mornington	...	...	15	0	0			
Port Chalmers	...	...	5	0	11			
Balclutha	...	...	3	16	0			
Milton	...	...	4	6	5			
Lawrence	...	...	2	0	0			
Invercargill	...	...	9	0	0			
Oamaru	...	...	4	12	1			
Gore	...	...	2	0	0			
Wakatipu	...	...				
Riverton	...	...	5	9	3			
Roxburgh	...	...	2	10	0			
Cromwell	...	...	4	14	9			
Tapanui	...	...				
Palmerston South	...	...				
			<hr/>			243	9	5
						<hr/>		
						£1235	6	11

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Remitted to General Treasurer, Sydney, less			
Exchange	1221	2	2

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION

APPENDIX E 1.

TREASURERS—REVS. W. J. WILLIAMS

INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.							
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland, Pitt Street ..	145	15	3				
" Freeman's Bay ..	5	10	0				
" North Shore ...	32	12	2				
" Grafton Road ..	45	0	0				
Maori Mission, Waikato ..	13	19	9				
" Kaipara ...	20	2	6				
" Hokianga ..	9	10	0				
" Whangaroa ..	3	0	0				
Mahurangi	6	0	10				
Thames	30	0	0				
Upper Thames	20	0	0				
Manukau	50	0	0				
Franklin	24	9	7				
Cambridge	10	0	2				
Hamilton	10	10	0				
Paparoa	11	8	11				
Northern Wairoa	6	13	8				
Whangarei	8	18	0				
Tauranga	5	5	0				
Coromandel	7	0	0				
Helensville	5	11	2				
Bay of Islands	1	10	0				
Whangaroa	3	2	5				
Hokianga	2	0	0				
Wade	2	0	0				
Huntley	1	0	0				
Kuaotunu	2	0	0				
Auckland Conference Meeting ..	15	11	3				
Special Donation for Maori Agents ..	38	17	0				
				537	2	8	
II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.							
New Plymouth	32	0	0				
Waitara	20	13	4				
Stratford	6	2	0				
Hawera	15	0	0				
Opunake	7	10	0				
Wanganui	35	10	0				
Rangitikei	8	17	11				
Sandon and Feilding ..	23	13	0				
Palmerston North	26	0	0				
Kiwitea	5	0	0				
West Coast Maori Mission	5	10	0				
Mangaweka	3	0	0				
Waimarino	1	10	0				
				190	6	3	
III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.							
Wellington (Taranaki Street) ..	76	0	7				
Wellington (South) ..	20	0	0				
Hutt	23	1	2				
Greytown	14	5	6				
Masterton	17	0	0				
Napier	12	7	5				
Hastings	8	15	10				
Gisborne	8	15	0				
Eketahuna	5	0	6				
Otaki	10	10	3				
Dannevirke	4	2	1				
Waipawa	7	5	3				
Woodville	7	0	0				
Pahiatua	2	9	5				
Ormondville	2	10	0				
				219	3	0	
IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.							
Nelson	23	16	9				
Richmond	7	10	0				
Blenheim	32	1	0				
Hokitika	7	0	0				
Carried forward ..				£1016	19	8	
V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.							
Christchurch (Durham Street) ..	108	10	9				
Christchurch (South) ..	40	1	0				
" (St. Albans) ..	30	0	0				
Lyttelton	17	10	0				
Springton	27	10	0				
Leeston	33	5	3				
Kaipoi	35	0	0				
Rangiora	25	0	0				
Oxford	3	10	0				
Amberley	7	17	8				
Timaru	27	16	6				
Waimate	15	0	0				
Temuka	7	10	0				
Ashburton	20	0	0				
Willowby	20	0	0				
Malvern	5	2	5				
Methven	2	3	3				
Banks Peninsula	1	11	0				
				427	7	10	
VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.							
Dunedin, Trinity	55	0	0				
" Central Mission ..	26	17	9				
" Cargill Road ..	31	4	6				
" Special Don't'n ..	100	0	0				
" Mornington	20	0	0				
Port Chalmers	7	2	9				
Balclutha	8	14	4				
Milton	6	6	3				
Lawrence	7	0	0				
Invercargill	12	8	3				
Oamaru	10	2	3				
Gore	5	0	0				
Riverton	0	0	0				
Roxburgh	5	0	0				
Cromwell	6	14	0				
Wakatipu	2	0	0				
Tapanui	0	0	0				
Palmerston S.	2	13	0				
Birthday League				806	3	1	
				85	6	10	
CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.							
Auckland	245	0	0				
Grey Institute	115	0	0				
Kal Iwi	115	0	0				
				475	0	0	
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.							
Auckland	120	0	0				
Canterbury	62	10	0				
				182	10	0	
Maori Service Books sold ..							8 14 0
Century Fund, Repayment of Loan ..							250 0 0
Deficit, 1900							2786 11 3
							496 17 4
							£3283 3 7

FUND.—BALANCE SHEET, 1900.

AND MR. F. L. PRIME.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Debit Balance 1899				268	10	1						
GRANTS TO MAORI MISSIONS.												
<i>Auckland</i>												
Missionary Superintendent	225	0	0									
Connexional Funds	41	1	11									
House Rent	52	0	0									
Travelling & Horse Keep	85	0	0									
for Maoris	15	0	0									
<i>Hokianga.</i>												
Native Minister	60	0	0									
Native Minister	35	0	0									
<i>Raipara.</i>												
Native Minister	60	0	0									
Travelling	10	0	0									
<i>Waikato.</i>												
Native Minister	60	0	0									
Native Minister	45	0	0									
<i>Whangaroa.</i>												
Native Probationer	22	10	0									
Special for Native Agents	38	17	0									
<i>West Coast.</i>												
Missionary	200	0	0									
Connexional Funds	85	13	2									
Travelling & Horse Keep	15	0	0									
Native Probationer	35	0	0									
Patea House—Loan Fund	30	0	0									
				1015	2	1						
HOME MISSION STATIONS.												
<i>Auckland.</i>												
Bay of Islands	16	2	6									
Whangaroa	20	0	0									
Hokianga	85	0	0									
Kaihu	15	0	0									
Te Awamutu	15	0	0									
Huntley	15	0	0									
Kuaotunu	16	0	0									
<i>Wanganui.</i>												
Mangaweka	25	0	0									
Waimarino	25	0	0									
<i>Wellington.</i>												
Ormondville	10	0	0									
Featherston	10	0	0									
<i>Nelson.</i>												
Havelock	15	0	0									
Kumara	22	10	0									
<i>Canterbury.</i>												
Methven	12	1	8									
Banks Peninsula	37	10	0									
Amberley	15	0	0									
<i>Otago.</i>												
Wakatipu	15	0	0									
Tapanui	10	0	0									
Palmerston S.	7	10	0									
Mosgiel	12	0	0									
Peninsula	5	0	0									
				353	14	2						
HOME MISSION CIRCUITS.												
<i>Auckland.</i>												
Freeman's Bay	10	0	0									
Mahurangi	30	0	0									
Upper Thames	10	0	0									
Whangarei	15	0	0									
Tauranga	70	0	0									
Carried forward				1772	6	4						
<i>Lrought forward</i> ... 1772 6 4												
<i>Coromandel</i> ... 25 0												
<i>Helensville</i> ... 20 0 0												
<i>Franklin</i> ... 20 0 0												
<i>Wanganui.</i>												
<i>New Plymouth C.M.</i> ... 15 0 0												
<i>Waitara</i> ... 80 0 0												
<i>Stratford</i> ... 25 0 0												
<i>Wanganui</i> ... 20 0 0												
<i>Rangitikei</i> ... 20 0 0												
<i>Sandon and Feilding</i> ... 25 0 0												
<i>Palmerston North</i> ... 40 0 0												
<i>Kiwitea</i> ... 30 0 0												
<i>Opunake</i> ... 20 0 0												
<i>Wellington.</i>												
<i>Hutt</i> ... 30 0 0												
<i>Hastings</i> ... 35 0 0												
<i>Gisborne</i> ... 35 0 0												
<i>Eketahuna</i> ... 20 0 0												
<i>Otaki</i> ... 20 0 0												
<i>Dannevirke</i> ... 30 0 0												
<i>Waipawa</i> ... 25 0 0												
<i>Woodville</i> ... 30 0 0												
<i>Pahiatua</i> ... 20 0 0												
<i>Nelson.</i>												
<i>Richmond</i> ... 20 0 0												
<i>Hokitika</i> ... 30 0 0												
<i>Motueka</i> ... 15 0 0												
<i>Westport</i> ... 20 0 0												
<i>Canterbury.</i>												
<i>Springston</i> ... 25 0 0												
<i>Oxford</i> ... 35 0 0												
<i>Otago.</i>												
<i>Mornington</i> ... 30 0 0												
<i>Milton</i> ... 10 0 0												
<i>Oamaru</i> ... 20 0 0												
<i>Gore</i> ... 15 0 0												
<i>Riverton</i> ... 25 0 0												
<i>Roxburgh</i> ... 30 0 0												
<i>Cromwell</i> ... 30 0 0												
Loan Re-paid							975	0	0			
							250	0	0			
SPECIAL.												
Mr. J. Rapley, Retiring	30	0	0									
Corresponding Secretary	140	0	0									
Ministerial Supply	40	5	9									
Birthday League Exp'ns's	5	2	8									
							215	8	5			
GENERAL.												
Printing Reports, &c.	37	9	11									
Office Rent	21	0	0									
Interest and Exchange	68	9	9									
Advertisement, <i>Advocate</i>	4	4	0									
Land Tax	4	3	4									
Home Mission Boxes	4	15	0									
Cheque Book	0	10	0									
Deputations	41	13	8									
H. M. T. to D. S.	20	3	2									
Postage and Stationery	3	0	0									
							205	8	10			
				43283	3	7						

HOME MISSION AND

ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND

INCOME.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland, Pitt Street ..	150	0	0			
" Freeman's Bay ..	7	0	0			
" North Shore ...	85	0	0			
" Grafton Road ..	65	0	0			
Maori Mission, Waikato ..	15	0	0			
" " Kaipara ...	20	0	0			
" " Hokianga ..	20	0	0			
" " Whangaroa ..	10	0	0			
Mahurangi ..	7	0	0			
Thames ..	30	0	0			
Upper Thames ..	20	0	0			
Manukau ..	50	0	0			
Franklin ..	20	0	0			
Cambridge ..	10	0	0			
Hamilton ..	10	0	0			
Paparoa ..	12	0	0			
Northern Wairoa ..	15	0	0			
Whangarei ..	10	0	0			
Tauranga ..	6	0	0			
Coromandel ..	8	0	0			
Helensville ..	6	0	0			
Bay of Islands ..	4	0	0			
Hokianga ..	4	0	0			
Whangaroa ..	4	0	0			
Wade ..	2	0	0			
Huntley ..	1	0	0			
Kuaotunu ..	2	0	0			
Donation for Special Work ..	40	0	0			
				583	0	0

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	30	0	0			
Waitara ..	15	0	0			
Stratford ..	7	0	0			
Hawera ..	17	0	0			
Opunake ..	7	10	0			
Wanganui ..	35	0	0			
Rangitikei ..	10	0	0			
Sandon and Feilding ..	22	0	0			
Palmerston North ..	25	0	0			
Kiwitea ..	7	10	0			
West Coast Maori Mission ..	15	0	0			
Mangaweka ..	3	0	0			
Waimarino ..	1	10	0			
				195	10	0

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington (Taranaki Street) ..	85	0	0			
Wellington (South) ..	20	0	0			
Hutt ..	20	0	0			
Greytown ..	12	0	0			
Masterton ..	17	0	0			
Napier ..	18	0	0			
Hastings ..	10	0	0			
Gisborne ..	10	0	0			
Eketahuna ..	5	0	0			
Otaki ..	12	0	0			
Dannevirke ..	4	10	0			
Waipawa ..	4	0	0			
Woodville ..	7	0	0			
Pahiatua ..	5	0	0			
Ormondville ..	5	0	0			
Wellington Conference Meeting ..	3	9	3			
				257	19	3

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson ..	25	0	0			
Richmond ..	7	10	0			
Blenheim ..	32	0	0			
Hokitika ..	8	0	0			

Carried forward .. £1088 19 3

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ..				1088	19	3
Greymouth ..	15	0	0			
Motueka ..	5	0	0			
Reefton ..	10	0	0			
Westport ..	6	0	0			
Havelock ..	2	0	0			
Kumara ..	3	0	0			
				113	10	0

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch (Durham Street) ..	120	0	0			
Christchurch (South) ..	40	0	0			
" (St. Albans) ..	30	0	0			
Lyttelton ..	17	10	0			
Springston ..	25	0	0			
Leeston ..	40	0	0			
Kalapoi ..	40	0	0			
Rangiora ..	30	0	0			
Oxford ..	5	0	0			
Amberley ..	6	0	0			
Timaru ..	35	0	0			
Waimate ..	20	0	0			
Temuka ..	14	0	0			
Ashburton ..	25	0	0			
Willowby ..	20	0	0			
Malvern ..	7	0	0			
Methven ..	3	0	0			
Banks Peninsula ..	1	0	0			
Cheviot ..						
				478	10	0

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin, Trinity ..	55	0	0			
" Central Mission ..	25	0	0			
" Cargill Road ..	30	0	0			
" Morningson ..	26	0	0			
Port Chalmers ..	10	0	0			
Balclutha ..	8	0	0			
Milton ..	7	0	0			
Lawrence ..	8	0	0			
Invercargill ..	17	10	0			
Oamaru ..	13	0	0			
Gore ..	5	0	0			
Wakatipu ..	2	0	0			
Riverton ..	7	10	0			
Roxburgh ..	4	0	0			
Cromwell ..	5	0	0			
Tapanui ..	2	0	0			
Palmerston S. ..	3	0	0			
				222	0	0
Birthday League ..				100	0	0

CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.

Auckland ..	250	0	0			
Grey Institute ..	120	0	0			
Kai Iwi ..	110	0	0			
				480	0	0

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.

Auckland ..	120	0	0			
Canterbury ..	50	0	0			
				170	0	0
Maori Service Books Sold ..				10	0	0
Century Fund ..				250	0	0

£2840 9 3

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

EXPENDITURE, AS RECOMMENDED FOR 1901.

EXPENDITURE.

Debit Balance 1900 £ s. d. £ s. d.
 496 12 4

GRANTS TO MAORI MISSIONS.

Auckland	
Missionary Superintendent	225 0 0
Connexional Funds	41 0 0
House Rent	52 0 0
Travelling & Horse Keep	35 0 0
Hokianga.	
Native Minister	60 0 0
Native Minister	40 0 0
Raipara.	
Native Minister	60 0 0
Travelling	10 0 0
Whangaroa.	
Native Probationer	35 0 0
Wanganui, West Coast.	
Missionary	200 0 0
Connexional Funds	36 0 0
Travelling & Horse Keep	15 0 0
Native Probationer	50 0 0
Patea House—Loan Fund	30 0 0
	989 0 0

HOME MISSION STATIONS.

Auckland.	
Bay of Islands	15 0 0
Whangaroa	15 0 0
Hokianga	25 0 0
Helensville	15 0 0
Te Awamutu	20 0 0
Tauranga	37 10 0
Poro-o-tarao	40 0 0
Wanganui.	
Mangaweka	20 0 0
Waimarino	20 0 0
Wellington.	
Ormondville	10 0 0
Nelson.	
Havelock	15 0 0
Kumara	10 0 0
Canterbury.	
Amberley	10 0 0
Methven	10 0 0
Cheviot (3 quarters)	30 0 0
Banks Peninsula	25 0 0
Otago.	
Wakatipu	15 0 0
Tapanui	10 0 0
Palmerston	7 10 0
	350 0 0

AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARY.

Auckland.	
Franklin	15 0 0
Hamilton (Huntly)	15 0 0
Northern Wairoa (Kaihu)	10 0 0
Whangarei (Hokianga)	20 0 0
Coromandel	30 0 0
Kuaotunu	10 0 0
Wanganui.	
New Plymouth Coast Mission	10 0 0
Wellington.	
Greytown-Featherston	10 0 0

Carried forward 1955 12 4

Brought forward ... £ s. d. £ s. d.
 1955 12 4

Otago.

Cargill Road-Mosgiel .. 10 0 0
 190 0 0

AIDED CIRCUITS.

Auckland.	
Mahurangi	15 0 0
Wanganui.	
Waitara	10 0 0
Wanganui	20 0 0
Hawera (3 Quarters)	15 0 0
Opunake	15 0 0
Rangitikei	15 0 0
Palmerston North	30 0 0
Kiwitea	25 0 0
Wellington.	
Wellington, Taranaki St. (3 quarters)	20 0 0
Hutt	25 0 0
Hastings	25 0 0
Gisborne	25 0 0
Eketahuna	20 0 0
Otaki (3 quarters)	11 5 0
Dannevirke	20 0 0
Waipawa	15 0 0
Woodville	30 0 0
Pahiataua	25 0 0

Nelson.

Richmond	15 0 0
Hokitika	25 0 0
Motueka	10 0 0
Westport	25 0 0
Murchison	10 0 0

Canterbury.

Springton	20 0 0
Oxford	35 0 0
Papanui (3 quarters)	22 10 0

Otago.

Mornington	20 0 0
Milton	7 10 0
Oamaru	15 0 0
Gore	15 0 0
Riverton	30 0 0
Roxburgh	20 0 0
Cromwell	30 0 0
	641 5 0

SPECIAL.

Corresponding Secretary	120 0 0
Ministerial Supply	40 0 0
Eketahuna, Furniture	25 0 0
Mr. Bridgeman, Retiring	15 0 0
	200 0 0

GENERAL.

Printing Reports, &c.	40 0 0
Interest and Exchange	50 0 0
Office Rent	21 0 0
Miscellaneous	100 0 0
	211 0 0

£3017 17 4

APPENDIX F.

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE.

TREASURER—MR. W. HARRIS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1900.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Contributions from Funds—				By Dr. Balance from 1899	...	1 8 0
Church Building and Loan Fund	...	175	0 0	Secretary's Stipend	...	300 0 0
Contingent Fund	...	175	0 0	Secretary's House Rent	...	76 0 0
Home Mission Fund	...	140	0 0	Connexional Funds—		
				Supernumerary Fund	...	10 0 0
				Children's Fund	...	36 1 8
				Contingent Fund	...	12 12 4
						<u>58 14 0</u>
				Allowance for Furniture Renewal	...	15 0 0
				and Insurance	...	15 7 4
				Secretary's Travelling Expenses	...	4 8 11
				" Postage, Telegrams etc.	...	17 0 0
				Repayment Jubilee Fund Loan	...	
						<u>487 18 3</u>
				Credit Balance forward		2 1 9
						<u>£490 0 0</u>
						<u>£490 0 0</u>

TYPEWRITER LOAN ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Loan from Wesleyan Jubilee Fund ...	22	0	0	By Repayments, 1899 ...	5	0	0			
				" 1900 ...	17	0	0	22	0	0
	<u>£22</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>					<u>£22</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

TYPIST ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Contributions from Funds—							By Payments, 3 quarters ...	29	15	0
Connexional Fire Insurance 3										
quarters ...	18	15	0							
Authorised Representative Dep.	11	0	0	29	15	0				
				<u>£29</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>				
								<u>£29</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, 1900.

APPENDIX G.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Scholars.	Average Atten- dance of Scholars.	No. of Teachers.	Average Atten- dance of Teachers.	No. of Teachers who are Members.	No. of Scholars who are Members.	No. of Scholars who are Junior Members.	No. of Volumes in the Library.	No. of Schools using Conference Catechisms.	No. of Schools belonging to Sunday S. Union.	Income.			Expenditure.			Scholars.		Teachers.		
												£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	
Auckland	72	5231	3443	567	466	453	373	168	8114	28	...	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	...	52	13	...	...
Wanganui	50	2837	1926	283	227	222	121	188	4670	18	1	...	...	...	734	18	5	...	138	...	13	...
Wellington .. .	41	3735	2410	326	276	217	159	210	6511	26	1	608	15	7	564	2	6	66	...	11	...	...
Nelson	22	1607	1076	171	139	152	68	140	4689	10	...	157	13	1	157	13	1	...	57	...	21	...
Canterbury .. .	61	5543	3873	649	537	495	237	270	11507	43	28	893	19	9	845	6	10	...	480	...	5	...
Otago	31	2259	1644	252	215	225	213	251	4819	18	2	52	18	0	266	17	0	65	...	...	10	...
Totals	277	21212	14372	2248	1860	1764	1171	1227	40310	143	32	...	...	...	2848	18	11	131	727	24	49	...
Totals last year ..	282	21808	14859	2273	1892	1866	816	1484	39596	134	33	2594	8	8	2569	8	9	...	...	...	...	...
Increase .. .. .	...	...	...	...	...	...	355	...	714	9	...	...	...	...	279	10	2	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease	5	596	487	25	32	102	...	167	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

MAORI WORK (Totals Only).

Schools, 13; Scholars, 405; Teachers, 10.

THOMAS E. THOMAS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

GENERAL RETURNS, 1900.

APPENDIX H.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—I.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Members.	On Trial.	Communicants.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Su-day Schools.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S. S. Scholars.
Auckland—Pitt Street	7	3	6	...	21	20	538	139	75	29	3	7	138	1278	3550
Wesley College	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Freeman's Bay	1	1	1	...	5	4	147	12	20	76	...	1	29	289	800
North Shore	4	5	3	...	8	3	157	5	46	35	4	5	52	342	715
Grafton Road	5	4	3	...	13	4	243	9	36	74	7	6	77	745	1400
Maori Mission	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mahurangi	3	10	1	...	6	2	113	1	30	14	...	4	14	150	500
Thames	1	4	1	...	6	4	165	9	16	8	...	1	32	340	900
Upper Thames	4	15	3	1	12	4	186	2	22	16	...	4	30	285	1573
Manukau	5	2	2	...	8	8	181	3	55	15	4	5	33	250	850
Franklin	7	10	1	1	5	2	201	3	30	32	4	4	18	166	950
Cambridge	4	4	1	1	6	...	87	...	...	...	...	4	11	98	415
Hamilton	3	15	1	1	6	3	129	9	20	...	...	2	13	95	890
Paparoa	5	5	1	...	7	...	117	...	15	...	5	3	11	67	530
Northern Waioira	4	14	1	1	14	...	126	3	8	...	1	9	31	445	1060
Whangarei	4	4	1	...	6	...	90	...	25	...	...	3	21	189	600
Tauranga	1	4	1	...	6	...	53	...	8	...	2	1	7	60	300
Coromandel	2	6	1	1	5	1	40	10	50	32	...	1	13	107	200
Helensville	2	5	...	1	2	...	38	...	...	...	...	2	11	67	210
Bay of Islands	2	8	...	1	4	...	33	15	...	...	...	5	12	142	400
Whangaroa	1	10	...	1	3	...	36	...	...	...	...	1	5	50	387
Hokianga	2	6	...	1	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	2	6	30	300
Wade	2	3	...	...	...	...	16	2	5	...	...	3	4	51	75
Totals	69	138	30	10	143	55	2714	222	461	331	30	73	568	5246	16,605

WANGANUI DISTRICT. II.

New Plymouth	5	10	2	1	14	6	280	15	25	40	3	9	54	437	1150
Waitara	5	10	2	...	10	3	305	3	20	30	...	8	50	505	1500
Stratford	2	6	1	...	5	...	117	...	10	13	1	2	12	102	535
Hawera... ..	4	7	1	...	12	2	157	9	10	15	...	3	20	200	800
Opunake	2	7	1	..	7	...	75	6	...	...	...	2	7	52	490
Wanganui	3	4	2	...	7	2	180	...	25	60	...	3	30	346	1200
Rangitikei	3	...	1	...	2	...	51	...	...	...	...	2	8	80	285
Sandon and Feilding	5	2	2	...	5	...	188	1	17	30	2	6	34	343	750
Palmerston North	6	1	2	...	12	...	229	2	10	...	1	6	49	509	1400
Kiwitea	3	4	1	...	4	...	52	...	...	...	...	4	10	107	387
Mangaweka	1	6	...	1	4	...	39	1	...	...	1	3	7	120	200
Waimarino	2	2	...	1	...	...	25	...	25	...	...	2	2	36	150
West Coast Mission ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	41	59	15	3	82	13	1698	37	142	188	8	50	283	2837	8847

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—III.

Wellington (Taranaki Street)	..	..	5	3	3	..	21	4	465	4	..	44	6	4	83	1171	2800
" (South)	..	..	2	1	1	..	3	..	130	2	20	..	2	2	30	305	640
Hutt ..	..	..	5	2	3	..	5	..	127	..	8	..	..	6	44	378	800
Greytown ..	..	..	6	2	1	1	3	1	121	5	12	..	..	6	37	327	700
Masterton ..	..	..	2	3	1	..	9	..	132	..	..	..	2	3	28	328	600
Napier ..	..	..	4	1	1	..	5	1	122	..	7	..	1	4	26	296	650
Hastings ..	..	..	1	1	1	..	4	2	78	..	10	..	1	1	12	130	350
Gisborne ..	..	..	1	3	1	..	..	1	45	..	5	..	2	1	9	100	250
Eketahuna ..	..	..	2	6	1	..	6	..	60	1	30	..	..	4	11	127	420
Otaki ..	..	..	4	3	1	..	5	1	107	..	16	..	1	3	11	115	415
Dannevirke ..	..	..	1	7	1	..	..	1	17	..	4	..	1	1	7	105	385
Waipawa ..	..	..	2	5	1	..	..	..	33	..	16	..	..	1	2	20	400
Woodville ..	..	..	2	..	1	..	5	..	98	4	3	..	..	2	10	99	250
Pahiatua ..	..	..	3	4	1	..	4	1	62	3	1	3	..	2	13	170	456
Ormondville ..	..	..	2	3	..	1	4	2	44	..	..	..	..	1	3	64	300
Totals ..	..	..	42	44	18	2	74	14	1641	19	132	47	16	42	326	3735	9416

NELSON DISTRICT—IV.

Nelson ..	..	..	1	..	2	..	3	..	140	..	..	75	4	1	16	175	440
Richmond ..	..	..	6	2	1	..	6	..	123	3	19	15	2	7	33	231	571
Blenheim ..	..	..	4	3	1	..	7	3	148	..	11	40	2	4	38	389	796
Hokitika ..	..	..	3	2	1	..	8	1	60	1	61	..	1	2	8	64	350
Greymouth ..	..	..	2	2	1	..	7	5	132	4	5	30	1	2	26	307	700
Motueka ..	..	..	2	3	1	..	4	..	85	..	..	..	2	2	12	103	460
Reefton ..	..	..	2	2	1	..	1	..	64	1	4	..	1	2	16	153	400
Westport ..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	54	10	..	..	1	1	9	100	250
Kumara ..	..	..	2	4	..	1	2	..	41	2	..	..	..	1	6	56	175
Havelock ..	..	..	1	11	..	1	1	..	32	..	..	..	..	1	7	9	420
Murchison ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	..	..	24	29	9	2	40	9	879	21	100	160	14	23	171	1607	4562

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.—V.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	7	3	9	...	22	4	663	13	42	38	10	8	138	1356	3740
" (South)	7	1	2	...	10	5	320	5	28	19	3	7	116	968	2300
" (St. Albans)	6	...	2	...	8	3	272	5	50	65	2	5	69	580	1270
Lyttelton	2	...	1	...	3	3	90	...	6	10	2	2	24	233	523
Springston	9	1	2	...	10	...	200	24	20	...	2	5	34	256	1000
Leeston	4	2	1	...	5	1	181	...	40	...	1	5	28	141	875
Kaiapoi	7	1	2	...	9	7	334	5	...	...	5	8	57	589	1400
Rangiora	7	1	2	...	11	3	266	7	...	...	3	6	46	354	1100
Oxford	2	4	1	...	4	...	47	...	14	...	2	3	9	100	350
Amberley and Waikari	1	7	...	1	2	...	31	...	15	...	1	1	7	69	350
Timaru	2	6	1	...	11	1	198	8	25	58	5	1	27	250	950
Waimate	2	3	1	...	8	1	159	...	10	30	...	1	17	102	620
Temuka	2	3	2	...	3	...	66	...	3	...	3	2	13	84	400
Ashburton	3	2	1	...	4	2	160	3	...	44	...	1	23	184	609
Willowby	4	5	1	...	11	2	148	14	15	15	1	4	27	183	580
Malvern	5	4	1	...	7	...	73	...	20	...	...	3	12	95	380
Methven	1	6	...	1	...	1	38	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	250
Cheviot	1	3	...	...	3	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Banks Peninsula	1	2	...	1	...	...	9	...	12	...	...	1	2	18	150
Totals	73	54	29	3	131	33	3271	84	300	279	41	63	649	5562	16907

OTAGO DISTRICT—VI.

Dunedin—Trinity	2	...	1	...	7	4	260	5	10	20	2	2	31	298	600
Central Mission	1	...	1	...	2	1	283	15	20	48	1	1	17	205	2300
Cargill Road	3	10	1	2	10	5	273	3	...	...	4	4	46	377	1460
Mornington	3	...	2	...	5	5	217	5	...	40	2	3	46	346	850
Port Chalmers	2	2	1	...	5	3	78	6	6	3	1	2	15	110	420
Balclutha	2	1	1	...	1	1	49	...	12	...	...	2	11	104	330
Milton	1	5	1	...	2	...	61	6	13	15	...	1	5	68	350
Lawrence	3	2	1	...	2	1	60	...	...	...	1	2	8	55	250
Invercargill	1	3	1	...	6	2	129	...	20	50	3	1	17	152	550
Oamaru	2	5	1	...	5	4	106	24	35	38	1	1	19	138	550
Gore	1	4	1	...	3	...	44	...	12	...	...	1	7	61	305
Wakatipu	2	6	...	1	2	3	26	...	...	...	...	4	6	84	300
Riverton... ..	3	4	1	...	2	...	57	...	22	...	2	2	8	101	500
Roxburgh	3	1	1	...	4	3	58	...	24	...	...	3	7	65	300
Cromwell	2	4	1	...	2	1	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
Tapanui	1	3	...	1	2	...	22	...	...	...	...	1	3	25	200
Palmerston South	2	1	...	1	...	...	29	...	29	...	...	1	6	70	230
Totals	34	51	15	5	60	33	1810	64	203	214	17	31	252	2259	10045

MAORI WORK.

Hokianga	...	...	...	...	4	18	3	...	19	2	350	50	50	...	14	8	5	165	1020
Kaipara	...	...	...	...	5	5	1	1	10	2	200	...	12	...	3	3	3	100	500
Waikato	...	...	...	...	1	21	...	...	22	2	340	49	...	...	5	2	2	140	1900
Whangaroa	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Coast	...	...	...	...	2	30	2	...	4	...	26	...	30	...	2	...	...	30	600
Wairau	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	14	74	6	1	55	6	916	99	92	...	19	15	10	435	4020

GENERAL SUMMARY OF DISTRICTS, 1900.

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I.—EUROPEAN.

Auckland	69	138	30	10	143	55	2714	222	461	331	30	73	568	5246	16605
Wanganui	41	59	15	3	82	13	1698	37	142	188	8	50	283	2837	8847
Wellington	...	...	...	...	42	44	18	2	74	14	1641	19	132	47	16	42	326	3735	9416
Nelson	...	...	...	...	24	29	9	2	40	9	879	21	100	160	14	23	171	1607	4562
Canterbury	...	...	...	...	73	54	29	3	131	33	3271	84	300	279	41	63	649	5562	16907
Otago	...	...	...	...	34	51	15	5	60	33	1810	64	203	214	17	31	252	2259	10045
Totals	...	...	...	...	283	375	116	25	530	157	12013	447	1338	1219	126	282	2247	21206	66382

II.—MAORI.

Auckland	...	...	...	12	44	4	1	51	6	890	99	62	...	19	13	10	405	3420
Wanganui	...	...	...	2	30	2	...	4	...	26	...	30	...	...	2	...	30	600
Nelson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	14	74	6	1	55	6	916	99	92	...	19	15	10	435	4020

EUROPEAN.

Increase ...	...	...	...	8	...	1	4	5	...	...	157	35	...	29	...	...	...	...
Decrease...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	21	172	...	...	260	...	2	28	202	676

MAORI.

Increase	2	...	1	104	52
Decrease...	2	...	3	2	15	...	32	198	...	24	8	20	70	...

GENERAL RECAPITULATION, 1899-00.

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I.—MEMBERS.

DISTRICTS.	1899.	1900.	Increase.	Decrease.	On Trial.
Auckland	2822	2714	..	108	222
Wanganui	1669	1698	29	..	37
Wellington	1687	1641	..	46	19
Nelson	881	879	..	2	21
Canterbury	3388	3271	..	117	84
Otago	1738	1810	72	..	64
Maori Members	812	916	104	..	99
Totals	12,997	12,929	205	273	546

II.—MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

DISTRICTS.	European Ministers.	Maori Ministers.	Super-numeraries.	Probationers.	Totals
Auckland	22	6	4	3	35
Wanganui	14	1	1	1	17
Wellington	13	..	2	3	18
Nelson	6	..	1	2	9
Canterbury	25	..	2	3	30
Otago	13	..	..	1	14
Totals	93	7	10	13	123

„ Advocate—Incidental Expenses ...	9 5 9	
	<u> </u>	34 5 9
„ Printing Circuit Returns, Cheque Book, Bank, and Exchange ...		2 7 8
„ Refund Chairman on a/c Hamilton Circuit ...		15 0 0
„ Local Expenses—Travelling to Dis- trict Synods—		
Auckland District ...	21 4 0	
Wanganui District ...	11 1 0	
Wellington District ...	22 9 10	
Nelson District ...	26 4 11	
Canterbury District ...	8 3 2	
Otago District ...	10 4 7	
	<u> </u>	99 7 6
„ Travelling of Chairmen and Dis- trict Expenses—		
Auckland District ...	19 19 4	
Wanganui District ...	16 13 6	
Wellington District ...	17 0 3	
Nelson District ...	14 6 6	
Canterbury District ...	14 18 2	
Otago District ...	10 6 2	
	<u> </u>	93 3 11
„ Balance forward ...		462 7 2
		<u> </u>
		£1357 2 0

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Examined and found correct.

January 22nd, 1901.

J. T. SMITH, }
C. E. SALTER, } Auditors.

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

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Income Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy 3½ per cent.	Deductions.	Taxable Income for Children's Fund.	Children's Fund Levy 13 per cent.
	£ s d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland (Pitt Street) ...	917 8 2	32 2 2	440 0 0	477 8 2	62 1 4
" (Freeman's Bay) ...	196 11 11	6 17 8	120 0 0	76 11 11	9 19 2
" (Three Kings) ...	247 10 2	8 13 3	120 0 0	127 10 2	16 11 6
" (North Shore) ...	357 8 9	12 10 2	200 0 0	157 8 9	20 9 5
" (Grafton Road) ...	472 14 4	16 11 0	240 0 0	232 14 4	30 4 11
" (Maori Mission) ...	266 2 0	9 6 3	120 0 0	146 2 0	18 9 11
Mahurangi ...	178 13 3	6 5 0	120 0 0	58 13 3	7 12 7
Thames ...	293 5 5	10 5 4	120 0 0	173 5 5	22 10 6
Upper Thames ...	581 15 3	20 7 3	280 0 0	301 15 3	39 4 6
Manukau ...	324 3 9	11 6 11	120 0 0	204 3 9	26 10 10
Franklin ...	220 12 8	7 14 6	120 0 0	100 12 8	13 1 6
Cambridge ...	212 11 1	7 8 9	120 0 0	92 11 1	12 0 7
Hamilton ...	192 11 11	6 14 9	120 0 0	72 11 11	9 8 8
Paparoa ...	204 10 2	7 3 3	120 0 0	84 10 2	10 19 9
Northern Wairoa ...	253 15 7	8 17 8	120 0 0	133 15 7	17 7 10
Whangarei ...	222 18 5	7 16 0	120 0 0	102 18 5	13 7 7
Tauranga ...	176 6 9	6 3 5	120 0 0	56 6 9	7 6 5
Coromandel ...	234 10 7	8 4 2	120 0 0	114 10 7	14 17 10

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	...	...	333 1 9	11 13 2	120 0 0	213 1 9	27 13 11
Waitara	...	...	398 3 4	13 18 8	200 0 0	198 3 4	25 15 4
Stratford	...	...	209 18 6	7 6 11	120 0 0	89 18 6	11 13 10
Hawera	...	...	253 9 8	8 17 5	120 0 0	133 9 8	17 7 0
Opunake	...	...	197 17 2	6 18 6	120 0 0	77 17 2	10 2 6
Wanganui	...	...	402 3 5	14 1 6	200 0 0	202 3 5	26 5 7
Rangitikei	...	...	289 4 10	10 2 6	120 0 0	169 4 10	22 0 0
Sandon and Feilding	...	...	496 15 9	17 7 8	240 0 0	256 15 9	33 7 7
Palmerston North	...	...	450 10 6	15 15 4	240 0 0	210 10 6	27 7 4
Kiwitea	...	...	190 2 0	6 13 1	120 0 0	70 2 0	9 2 2
West Coast Mission	235 13 2	8 5 0	120 0 0	115 13 2	15 0 10

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

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Wellington (Taranaki Street)	588 3 2	20 11 9	240 0 0	384 3 2	49 18 10
„ (South)	258 14 11	9 1 2	120 0 0	138 14 11	18 0 9
Hutt	...	...	293 5 6	10 5 4	200 0 0	93 5 6	12 2 7
Greytown	...	...	231 4 7	8 1 10	120 0 0	111 4 7	14 9 2
Masterton	...	...	290 12 8	10 3 6	120 0 0	170 12 8	22 3 6
Napier	...	...	244 1 9	8 10 10	120 0 0	124 1 9	16 2 8
Hastings	...	...	289 1 3	10 2 4	120 0 0	169 1 3	21 19 7
Gisborne	...	...	170 17 2	5 19 7	120 0 0	50 17 2	6 12 3
Eketahuna	...	...	167 4 5	5 17 0	120 0 0	47 4 5	6 2 8
Otaki	...	...	202 0 0	7 1 4	120 0 0	82 0 0	10 13 3
Dannevirke	...	...	132 13 2	4 12 10	80 0 0	52 13 2	6 16 10
Waipawa	...	...	156 6 4	5 9 4	80 0 0	76 6 4	9 18 5
Woodville	...	...	147 11 3	5 3 3	120 0 0	27 11 2	3 11 7
Pahiatua	...	...	176 5 9	6 3 4	120 0 0	56 5 9	7 6 4

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson	...	...	342 12 3	11 19 10	120 0 0	222 12 3	28 18 9
Richmond	...	...	192 3 9	6 14 6	120 0 0	72 3 9	9 7 7
Blenheim	...	...	335 1 0	11 14 6	120 0 0	215 1 0	27 19 1
Hokitika	...	...	230 9 5	8 1 4	120 0 0	110 9 5	14 7 2
Greymouth	...	...	239 9 0	8 7 7	120 0 0	119 9 0	15 10 8
Motueka	...	...	121 17 11	4 5 4	80 0 0	41 17 11	5 8 9
Reefton	...	...	254 10 7	8 18 2	120 0 0	134 10 7	17 9 10
Westport	...	...	147 18 0	5 3 7	80 0 0	67 18 0	8 10 7

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	...	1223 17 9	42 16 8	480 0 0	743 17 9	96 14 0
" (Connexional Secretary)	...	371 3 0	12 19 9	120 0 0	251 3 0	32 13 1
" (Century Fund Secretary, One Quarter)	...	325 19 0	2 11 0	120 0 0	205 19 0	26 15 5
" (South)	...	569 15 8	19 18 10	240 0 0	329 15 8	42 17 4
" (St. Albans)	...	414 10 4	14 10 2	200 0 0	214 10 4	27 17 9
Lyttelton	...	243 12 8	8 10 6	120 0 0	143 12 8	18 13 6
Springston	...	380 4 2	13 6 2	200 0 0	180 4 2	23 8 5
Leeston	...	295 10 2	10 5 10	120 0 0	175 10 2	22 16 3
Kaiapoi	...	472 18 7	16 11 0	240 0 0	232 18 7	30 5 7
Rangiora	...	402 13 11	14 1 10	240 0 0	162 13 11	21 2 11
Oxford	...	192 13 5	6 14 10	120 0 0	72 13 5	9 8 10
Timaru	...	338 4 8	11 16 9	120 0 0	218 4 8	28 7 6
Waimate	...	240 5 3	8 8 2	120 0 0	120 5 3	15 12 9
Temuka	...	204 2 10	7 2 10	120 0 0	84 2 10	10 18 9
Ashburton	...	260 13 3	9 2 6	120 0 0	140 13 3	18 5 10
Willowby	...	233 5 5	8 3 3	120 0 0	113 5 5	14 14 6
Malvern	...	134 0 10	4 13 10	80 0 0	54 0 10	7 0 7

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin (Trinity)	377 13 0	13 4 4	120 0 0	257 13 0	33 9 10
„ (Central Mission)	329 14 11	11 10 10	120 0 0	209 14 11	27 5 3
„ (Cargill Road)	246 13 2	8 12 8	120 0 0	126 13 2	16 9 4
„ (Mornington)	324 0 0	11 6 9	200 0 0	124 0 0	16 2 6
Port Chalmers... ..	182 1 5	6 7 6	120 0 0	62 1 5	8 1 5
Balclutha	227 4 2	7 19 0	120 0 0	107 4 2	13 18 6
Milton	209 18 9	7 6 11	120 0 0	89 18 9	11 11 10
Lawrence	209 6 0	7 6 5	120 0 0	89 6 0	11 12 1
Invercargill	218 16 3	7 13 2	120 0 0	98 16 3	12 16 10
Oamaru	305 2 3	10 13 7	120 0 0	185 2 3	24 1 3
Gore	160 3 4	5 12 1	120 0 0	40 3 4	5 4 4
Riverton	187 17 4	6 11 6	120 0 0	67 17 4	8 16 6
Roxburgh	161 11 10	5 13 0	120 0 0	41 11 10	5 8 2
Cromwell	192 13 6	6 14 10	120 0 0	72 13 6	9 8 10

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AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST

Supernumerary Ministers' & Ministers'
Widows' Fund.



REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1900.

'BEALE' SEWING MACHINES
W. G. CUNNOLD AGENT
ELLSDON ROAD HASTINGS

AUSTRALASIAN WESTERN METHODIST

Secretary, Ministers & Ministers
Widows Fund.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1884

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURERS OF
THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND
MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND

For the Year ending 31st December, 1900.

IN accordance with Rule 9 of this Fund, the General Conference Treasurers present to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference the following as their Report for the year ending 31st December, 1900:—

1. The books and accounts have been duly audited. The Deeds have been inspected and compared with the Mortgages. The Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure, Revenue Account, and Balance-sheet, signed by the Auditors, are appended hereto.

2. The number of Supernumeraries on the 31st December, 1900, was 68; Widows, 84.

3. The sum of £3631 15s. 10d. was received during the year for the purchase of benefits in the Fund from those who

were Bible Christian Ministers, but are now members of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, connected with the South Australia Conference in consequence of Methodist Union.

4. Owing to the great difficulty in obtaining suitable freehold properties on which to effect loans on mortgage, the Treasurers have during the year invested £7573 6s. 10d. in Victorian Government Stocks, and £2057 19s. 8d. in Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures.

5. The properties in possession would have returned more net income, but for heavy expenditure which has had to be incurred in sewerage and general repairs.

6. After carefully considering the properties in possession, the Board of Treasurers have decided to write back to capital the sum of £4000 from the Reserve Fund, which provided for losses. The properties sold during the year were up to their values, as written down by the Treasurers.

7. Mr. Graham, F.I.A., F.F.A., has not yet completed his valuation report, &c. As soon as it is received it will be printed, and with any resolutions of the Board of Treasurers, will be forwarded to all members of the Annual Conferences.

8. In view of the importance of the Special Report which the Treasurers must send to the next General Conference, they suggest that each Annual Conference of 1901 appoint a Committee, by which the Special Report of the Treasurers shall be considered prior to the meeting of the next General Conference.

9. The rules of the Conference require that two of the Board of Treasurers shall retire at each General Conference.

The Rev. W. Williams, F.L.S., and Mr. James Callaghan have to retire. The Treasurers nominate the Rev. James A. Marsland and Mr. Thomas Lockwood to succeed those gentlemen on the Board of Treasurers.

10. The Treasurers nominate Mr. W. A. Mewton, F.I.A.V., and Mr. H. G. M'Cutcheon, A.I.V.A., as Auditors.

EDWIN I. WATKIN	} General Treasurers.
JAMES CALLAGHAN	
WILLIAM WILLIAMS	
EDWARD WHITEHEAD	
WILLIAM L. BLAMIRE	
WILLIAM R. BENNETTS	
THOMAS GROVE	
BENJAMIN DAWBORN	

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN SUPERNUMERARY

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR

RECEIPTS.

To Bank Balances, Dec. 31st, 1899	£5,969	9	7	
„ Cash in hand	399	16	2	
				£6,369 5 9
„ Loans repaid				11,393 18 9
„ Sales of Property				765 0 0
„ Rents, &c.—Properties in possession				1,429 17 10
„ Interest				8,226 12 9
„ Ministers' Subscriptions				3,212 7 4
„ South Australian Ministers, for Annuities				3,631 15 10
„ Levies on Circuits				4,931 8 2
„ Second Marriage Premiums				45 0 0
„ Ministers' Annuity returned				25 12 6
„ Furniture Grants				40 0 0
„ Exchanges				0 8 0
„ Interest on Debentures				210 5 0

£40,275 11 11

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

WM. A. MEWTON, F.I.A.V. }
B. D. SMITH, F.I.A.V. } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 26th February, 1901.

MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1900.

EXPENDITURE.				
By	Ministers' Annuities	..	..	£5,598 7 1
..	Widows' Annuities	..	..	3,326 3 10
..	Loans	..	..	16,226 10 5
..	Rates, Repairs, &c., on Properties in possession			676 8 3
..	Furniture Grants	..	..	380 0 0
..	Ministers' Subscriptions Returned	..	..	76 9 0
..	Actuarial Expenses	..	..	42 19 0
..	Acting Treasurer—Salary	..	..	300 0 0
..	.. .. Rent	..	..	78 0 0
..	.. .. Furniture Allowance	..	..	10 0 0
..	.. .. Travelling Expenses	..	..	5 11 0
..	Clerk	..	..	225 0 0
..	Office Rent	..	..	100 0 0
..	Office Cleaning	..	..	5 0 0
..	Audit Fees	..	..	13 2 6
..	Exchanges	..	..	30 2 10
..	Sundry Expenses	..	..	9 17 1
..	Expenses—Committees of Advice, Advertising, Collecting, &c.	..	..	58 7 8
..	Stationery and Printing	..	..	24 9 11
..	Postage	..	..	20 18 6
..	Victorian Government Debentures	..	..	7,573 6 10
..	Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures	..	..	2,057 19 8
..	Commission and Brokerage	..	..	20 2 9
..	Bank Balances	..	£2,945 16 2	
..	Cash on hand	..	470 19 5	
				3,416 15 7
				£40,275 11 11

EDWIN I. WATKIN, MANAGING TREASURER.

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN SUPERNUMERARY

DR. REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

To Ministers' Annuities ..	£5,572 14 7	
„ Widows' Annuities ..	3,326 3 10	
	£8,898 18 5	
Less English Societies ..	1,062 0 10	£7,836 17 7
„ Furniture Grants ..	.. ..	330 0 0
„ Ministers' Subscriptions returned	£76 9 0	
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Arrears written off Ministers resigned	89 10 0	
„ Auditors' Fees, part 1899 and 1900 ..	.. ..	165 19 0
„ Salaries ..	.. ..	65 12 6
„ Rent House ..	.. ..	525 0 0
„ Rent Office ..	.. ..	78 0 0
„ Furniture (Depreciation and Allowance)	.. ..	100 0 0
„ Travelling Expenses (Acting Treasurer)	.. ..	30 0 0
„ Printing, Stationery, and Postages ..	.. ..	5 11 0
„ Exchanges ..	.. ..	45 8 5
„ Committees of Advice—New South Wales and Queensland ..	.. ..	29 14 10
„ Office Expenses ..	.. ..	58 7 8
„ Office Cleaning ..	.. ..	9 17 1
„ Office Cleaning ..	.. ..	5 0 0
„ Actuarial Expenses ..	.. ..	42 19 0
„ Balance transferred to Capital Account ..	.. ..	12,722 15 8
„ Premium on Debentures, portion written off ..	.. ..	44 14 11
„ Commission and Brokerage ..	.. ..	20 2 9
		£22,116 0 5

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

WM. A. MEWTON, F.L.A.V. } AUDITORS.
B. D. SMITH, F.L.A.V. }

MELBOURNE, 26th February, 1901.

MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1900.

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By Interest Charged	£7,835	1	3	
Less Written off	969	18	4	
					£6,865 2 11
.. Rents on Properties in possession				995 10 8
.. Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines	£4,428	17	0		
.. Ministers' Subscriptions—Amount received from Ministers in South Australia, who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities in the Fund		3,631	15	10	
					8,060 12 10
.. Collections and Levies	.. ..				5,537 10 0
.. Mission Stations, in lieu of Collections and Levies	.. ..				249 8 0
.. Interest, Debentures	.. ..				371 16 0
.. Dividends	.. ..				36 0 0

 £22,116 0 5

EDWIN I. WATKIN, MANAGING TREASURER.

THE AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

BALANCE-SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1900.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
To Capital	£219,763 2 5	By Investments—	
Plus Balance of Revenue Account transferred ..	12,722 15 8	Loans on Mortgage	£177,667 2 1
Transfer from Reserve ..	4,000 0 0	Properties in possession ..	59,981 11 11
	£236,485 18 1	Preference Shares, Commercial Bank	1,800 0 0
Sundry Creditors	52 10 0	Debentures, Metropolitan Board of Works and Victorian Government	11,992 11 7
			£251,441 5 7
		Less Provision for Shrinking in the Value of Securities and Losses of Interest, &c.	33,850 14 0
			£217,590 11 7
		„ Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines	£12,224 17 3
		Less amount Paid in Advance ..	£118 12 7
		„ amount to be paid by Ministers in New Zealand, who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities in the Fund ..	1,076 19 1
		„ do do South Australia	5,357 16 11
			6,553 8 7
		„ Collections and Levies	5,671 8 8
		„ Mission District, in lieu of Collections	5,194 15 6
		Arrears	249 8 0
			622 12 3
			872 0 3