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NEW ZEALAND.

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AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST

Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers'
Widows' Fund.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1901.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURERS
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
MINE AND GEMMINE
DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURERS

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

For the year ending 31st December, 1901.

IN accordance with Rule 9 of this Fund, the General Treasurers present to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference the following as their Report for the year ending 31st December, 1901:—

As a rule, fortnightly meetings of the full Board have been held, besides very many meetings of Sub-Committees.

The books and accounts have been duly audited. The Deeds and other securities 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.

The number of Supernumeraries on the 31st December, 1901, was 73; Widows, 84.

A further amount of £1644 1s. 9d. was received during the year for the purchase of benefits in the Fund from Ministers formerly belonging to the Bible Christian Church in South Australia, also the sum of £2643 18s. 8d. from Ministers who were connected with the Primitive Methodist Church in South Australia, and £7 6s. 6d. from a Minister in New Zealand previously connected with the United Methodist Free Church.

Owing to the continued difficulty in effecting loans on mortgage on suitable freehold properties, the Treasurers have during the year invested £5119 7s. 10d. in Victorian Government Stocks, and £7421 17s. 6d. in Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures.

The Treasurers have given much time and attention during the year to the position of the properties in possession, and have carefully looked into the arrears of interest in the case of properties not actually in possession. In many cases they have found it necessary to take possession of securities where no arrangement could be made for liquidation of the overdue interest. These points have given, and are still giving, the Treasurers much concern.

The maintenance of the properties in possession still requires a fairly large expenditure, but in many cases better rentals have been obtained. Some of the properties having been sold at a loss upon the original loans, the Reserve Fund has been correspondingly lessened.

The General Conference having appointed a Special Committee to deal with the future policy of the Fund, the Treasurers do not feel that it comes within their province to make any recommendations on the subject.

The following is a statement of the receipts for the year of Ministers' subscriptions and Circuit levies, and also of arrears of Ministers' subscriptions and fines:—

RECEIPTS.

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.

New South Wales	£884	15	0
Victoria and Tasmania	1041	19	0
South Australia	697	3	0
New Zealand	762	8	0
Queensland	490	15	6
Western Australia	393	2	6
	£4269	5	0

Circuit Levies.

New South Wales	£1942	10	0
Victoria and Tasmania	2016	12	10
South Australia	1058	8	0
New Zealand	1218	15	0
Queensland	518	14	3
Western Australia	457	10	0
	£7212	10	1
Less Expenses and other charges in remitting by Conference Treasurers ..	37	15	4
	£7174	14	9

ARREARS.

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.

	ARREARS.		FINES.		TOTALS.	
New South Wales ..	£899	7 6	£165	12 9	£1065	0 3
Victoria & Tasmania ..	1992	19 0	612	6 0	2605	5 0
South Australia ..	788	19 0	300	8 0	1089	7 0
New Zealand ..	370	13 0	62	10 0	433	3 0
Queensland ..	422	13 6	98	18 0	521	11 6
Western Australia ..	389	11 0	86	7 0	475	18 0
	£4864	3 0	£1326	1 9	£6190	4 9

The Treasurers regret that they are not in a position to furnish an exact statement of arrears of Circuit levies; but arrangements are being made by means of which they hope to be able to supply this information in the future. The amount received for Circuit levies is much larger than in any previous year, owing to the fact that, in addition to the levies for 1900, most of which were not paid to the General Treasurers until early in 1901, a very considerable proportion of the levies for the current year has been received. This would have been still larger if the rules laid down by the General Conferences of 1897 and 1901 had in all cases been observed. The Treasurers desire to remind all concerned that, by direction of the General Conference, the levies are to be sent promptly each quarter to the Conference Treasurers, and by them to be forwarded without delay to the General Treasurers. It need scarcely be said that regular attention to this will be of the greatest advantage to the Fund.

In accordance with a resolution of the Commission appointed by the last General Conference, and approved by the Board of Treasurers, every remittance should be accompanied by a detailed statement of the items of which it is made up.

The account of the Fund with the English Annuitant Societies is now in course of satisfactory settlement. A large sum on account has also been received from the Board of Missions, Sydney, since the Balance-sheet was made out.

THOMAS GROVE (Chairman)	} General Treasurers.
EDWARD WHITEHEAD	
EDWIN I. WATKIN	
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JAMES A. MARSLAND	
BENJAMIN DAWBORN	
E. WASON NYE	
THOMAS LOCKWOOD	

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN SUPERNUMERARY

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR

RECEIPTS.			
To Bank Balance, Dec. 31st, 1900	£2,945	16	2
„ Cash on hand „ „	470	19	5
„ Loans repaid			£3,416 15 7
„ Sales of Property			12,741 7 0
„ Rents, &c.—Properties in possession			3,446 1 0
„ Interest			1,658 6 7
„ Ministers' Subscriptions			8,309 0 0
„ Payments by New Zealand Ministers, for Annuities	£7	6	6
„ Payments by South Australian Ministers, for Annuities, formerly Bible Christians	1,599	19	0
„ Payments by South Australian Ministers, for Annuities, formerly Primitive Methodists	2,569	3	7
„ Levies on Circuits			4,176 9 1
„ Second Marriage Premiums			7,174 14 9
„ Dividends—Commercial Bank			139 12 7
„ Federal Bank, Adelaide			126 0 0
„ Exchanges			11 19 2
„ Suspense			1 1 3
„ Sutherland Bequest			4 2 10
„ Donation			20 0 0
			13 13 0
			<u>£45,508 7 10</u>

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. } AUDITORS.
H. G. M'CUTCHEON, A.I.A.V. }

MELBOURNE, 4th February, 1902.

MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1901.

EXPENDITURE.

By Ministers' Annuities	£5,892	10	3	
„ Widows' Annuities	3,301	18	0	
„ Loans	16,214	5	0	
„ Rates, Repairs, &c., on Properties in possession	547	15	11	
„ Furniture Grants	240	0	0	
„ Ministers' Subscriptions returned	171	18	0	
„ Actuarial Expenses	525	0	0	
„ Managing Treasurer—Salary	300	0	0	
„ „ „ Rent	78	0	0	
„ „ „ Furniture Allowance	10	0	0	
„ „ „ Travelling	5	11	0	
„ Clerk	£225	0	0	
„ Extra Clerical Assistance	17	2	0	
		242	2	0
„ Supply for Acting Treasurer	35	0	0	
„ Office Rent	100	0	0	
„ Office Cleaning	5	4	2	
„ Audit Fees	78	15	0	
„ Exchanges	31	7	6	
„ Sundry Expenses	20	14	7	
„ Expenses—Committee of Advice, Advertising, Collecting, &c.	72	0	6	
„ Stationery and Printing	88	9	7	
„ Postages	29	0	0	
„ Expenses General Conference	15	0	0	
„ Expenses of Commission and Special Committee	81	13	0	
„ Sundry Debtor	1	3	0	
„ Victorian Government Stock	5,119	7	10	
„ Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures	7,421	17	6	
„ Office Improvements	8	8	7	
„ Special Grant	10	0	0	
„ Bank Balances	£4,746	3	8	
„ Cash on hand	115	2	9	
		4,861	6	5
		£45,508	7	10

E. WASON NYE, ACTING MANAGING TREASURER.

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN SUPERNUMERARY

DR. REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

To Ministers' Annuities ..	£5,906	5	3	
„ Widows' Annuities ..	3,301	18	0	
				£9,208 3 3
„ Furniture Grants ..	..	..	..	290 0 0
„ Ministers' Subscriptions returned	£164	11	0	
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Arrears written off Ministers resigned		55	15 0	
				220 6 0
„ Special Grant ..	..	..	..	10 0 0
„ Audit Fees ..	..	..	..	52 10 0
„ Salaries ..	..	..	..	601 6 0
„ Rent House ..	..	..	..	78 0 0
„ Rent Office ..	..	..	..	100 0 0
„ Furniture Allowance ..	..	..	..	10 0 0
„ Travelling Expenses ..	..	..	..	10 11 6
„ Printing, Stationery, and Postages ..	..	..	..	119 12 1
„ Exchanges ..	..	..	..	104 17 11
„ Committees of Advice—New South Wales and Queensland ..	..	..	..	87 19 0
„ Office Expenses ..	..	..	..	20 14 7
„ Office Cleaning ..	..	..	..	5 4 2
„ Office Improvements ..	..	..	..	8 8 7
„ Expenses General Conference ..	..	..	..	15 0 0
„ Expenses Commission and Special Committee	..	..	..	81 13 0
„ Debentures' Premium, written off ..	..	..	..	51 5 4
„ Actuarial Expenses ..	..	..	..	525 0 0
„ Actuarial Formulæ, written off ..	..	..	..	350 0 0
„ Balance transferred to Capital Account ..	..	..	..	14,523 9 8
				<u>£26,474 1 1</u>

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.I.A.V. } AUDITORS.
H. G. M'CUTCHEON, A.I.A.V. }

MELBOURNE, 4th February, 1902.

MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1901.

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By English Annuitant Societies.. ..	£1,021	5	9
„ Interest	8,851	5	6
„ Rents on Properties in possession	1,223	15	10
„ Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines £4,804	15	3	
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Amount received from Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities in the Fund	4,251	4	2
		9,055	19 5
„ Collections and Levies	5,700	0	0
„ Mission Stations, in lieu of Collections and Levies	244	4	0
„ Second Marriage Premiums	117	17	7
„ Furniture Grants	60	0	0
„ Loans, Profit on	40	0	0
„ Sutherland Bequest	20	0	0
„ Donations	13	13	0
„ Dividends	126	0	0

£26,474 1 1

E. WASON NYE, ACTING MANAGING TREASURER.

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

BALANCE-SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1901.

LIABILITIES.			
To Capital	£236,485	18	1
Plus Balance of Revenue Account transferred ..	14,523	9	2
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	£251,009	7	3
„ Sundry Creditors		52	11 6
„ Suspense		4	2 10

ASSETS.			
By Investments—			
Loans on Mortgage and Interest	£174,952	13	10
Properties in possession ..	58,252	0	2
Preference Shares, Commercial Bank	1,800	0	0
Debentures, Victorian Government and Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	24,482	11	7
Interest and Dividend Accrued	240	2	4
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	£259,727	7	11
Less Provision for Shrinking in the Value of Securities and Losses of Interest, &c.	29,083	14	10
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	£230,643	13	1
„ Ministers' Subscriptions ..	£11,014	15	3
Less amount Paid in Advance ..	£92	7	0
„ amount to be paid by Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities in the Fund ..	4827	10	6
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	4,919	17	6
„ Collections and Levies			6,094 17 9
„ Mission Districts, in lieu of Collections			3,773 9 4
	£269	8	0
Arrears	846	16	3
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	1,116	4	3

MINUTES.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH,
NEW ZEALAND.



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MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE :

Rev. J. Orchard
 „ W. Morley, D.D.
 „ W. Lee
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 „ H. Bull
 „ J. S. Smalley, F.R.G.S.
 „ F. W. Isitt
 „ J. J. Lewis
 „ J. J. Pendray
 „ G. Bond
 „ H. R. Dewsbury
 „ J. Thomas
 „ P. W. Fairclough
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 „ S. F. Prior
 „ C. H. Standage
 „ W. Baumber
 „ S. J. Garlick
 „ J. A. Luxford
 „ T. E. Thomas, M.A.
 „ T. Fee
 „ S. Lawry
 „ A. Peters
 „ J. N. Buttle
 „ D. J. Murray

Rev. T. G. Brooke
 „ J. Dukes
 „ C. H. Garland
 „ B. H. Ginger
 „ A. C. Lawry
 „ J. Ward
 „ J. G. W. Ellis
 „ J. Blight
 „ T. A. Joughin
 „ C. H. Laws, B.A.
 „ W. Grigg
 „ T. Trestrail
 „ J. G. Chapman
 „ A. Mitchell
 „ W. A. Sinclair
 „ S. H. D. Peryman
 „ H. Beggs
 „ H. E. Bellhouse
 „ T. W. Vealie
 „ T. R. Richards
 „ J. A. Hosking
 „ W. Beckett
 „ R. Wilson
 „ F. W. Boys

CHAS' G CUNNOLD AGENT
 ELLISON ROAD HASTINGS

LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

NAME.	CIRCUIT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.
Mr G. Winstone	Auckland, Pitt St.	Mr W. H. Hall	Christchurch South
" J. E. Wheeler	" "	" W. Burley	" "
* " J. Tyler	Auck., Freeman's B	" R. M. Cresswell	Chch, St. Albans
* " E. J. White	" North Shore	" J. Cock	" "
* " T. Buddle	" Grafton Rd.	" W. Keith	Chch, Papanui
* " H. Gilmour	" "	" S. R. Webb	Lyttelton
* " F. Harrison	Mahurangi	" H. W. Peryman	Springston
" S. Hetherington	Thames	" R. Pitkin	" "
* " J. C. Allen	Upper Thames	" W. Watson	Leeston
" J. Laking	Manukau	" J. Wright	Kaipoi
" H. Hook	Paparoa	" T. B. Ward	" "
" F. Copeland	Whangarei	" C. Skevington	Rangiora
" J. Trounson	Northern Wairoa	" J. V. Chatterton	" "
" F. J. Tylee	Coromandel	" D. Hawke	Oxford
* " W. A. Collis	New Plymouth	" R. Orwin	Timaru
* " G. Pearce	Waitara	" J. Manchester	Waimate
* " J. C. Peach	" "	* " T. Buxton	Temuka
" E. Dixon	Hawera	" H. M. Jones	Ashburton
* " G. Watson	Opunake	" H. Grayburn	Willowby
* " C. A. Piper	Wanganui	" D. Patchett	Malvern
* " T. White	Wangitikei	" E. Rosevear	Dunedin, Trinity
* " J. Cobbe	Sandon & Feilding	" A King	" "
* " J. P. Leary	Palmerston North	" J. Knowles	Dunedin, Central Mission
" R. E. Dowe	" "	" D. Cameron	" "
* " F. S. Guy	Kiwitea	" J. B. Shacklock	Dunedin, Cargill Road
" G. Tiller	Well'n, Taranaki St	" W. R. Cole	" "
" H. Sanson	" "	" W. C. Allnutt	Dunedin, Morn'gt'n
* " J. Danks	Wellington South	" T. Harland	" "
" A. Andersen	Greytown	" G. L. Asher	Port Chalmers
" C. E. Daniels	Masterton	" W. Guest	Balclutha
* " B. Buttle	Napier	" R. Thompson	Milton
" J. Prouse	Otaki	" J. Harris	Lawrence
" A. Lucas	Nelson	" G. R. George	Invercargill
* " A. Sheat	Richmond	" N. Lane	Oamaru
" J. F. Griffen	Blenheim	" J. Allott	Gore
" J. Reynolds	Hokitika	" J. Merrifield	Riverton
" C. Hansen	Greymouth	" S. Uren	Roxburgh
" J. Ellery	Reefton	" R. Olds	Cromwell
" G. J. Smith,	" "		
" M.H.R.	Chch, Durham St		
" J. A. Flesher	Chch, Durham St		

REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONS.

Mr J. T. Smith	Connex Secretaryship	* Mr J. Edson	Wesley College, Three Kings
* Mr G. A. Buttle	Theological Institution		

TREASURERS OF CONNEXIONAL AND CONFERENCE FUNDS.

Mr W. Harris	Contingent Fund	* " J. H. Helliwell	Children's Fund
" G. H. Blackwell	Century Com-memor't'n Fund	* " T. Buddle	Supernumerary "
		* " F. L. Prime	Home Mission "

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 Conference

SECTION I.

PASTORAL SESSION.

QUESTION I.—Who are now Admitted as Ministers in Full Connexion with the Conference ?

ANSWER—William Beckett
Who has travelled four years.

QUESTION II.—What Preachers Remain on Trial ?

ANSWER—1. Robert Purcell Keall
William Wills
Who have travelled three years.

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

Who have travelled two years.

3. George Samuel Cook
Clarence Eaton
Walter John Oxbrow
Amos Reader

Who have travelled one year.

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

ANSWER—Joseph Belton
Charles E. Godbehear
M. A. Rugby Pratt
Henry H. Roget
T. Theodore Thomas
Frederick J. Tylee

N.B.—Henry H. Roget and Frederick J. Tylee are to be received into the College for training in 1903.

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

ANSWER—1. Ernest Patchett

Is continued for a third year.

2. Benjamin J. James
Angus McBean

Are continued for a second year.

3. Arthur C. Randerson } Students on Presi-
Alexander J. Reed } dent's List of Reserve

Are now received into Prince Albert College for training.

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

ANSWER—Frederick Copeland.
George Snaddon.

N.B.—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 Haddon (Ropata Tahu Potiki)
Hapeta 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—John M. Harris (Hone Hardi)

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—1. William Morley, D.D., transferred by the General Conference to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, and appointed Manager of the Supernumerary Fund.

1. The time having come when the decision of the General Conference necessitates the transfer of Dr. Morley to Victoria, this Conference expresses its deep sense of the loss New Zealand Methodism will thereby sustain. As a Minister of 39 years' standing, Dr. Morely has brought a ripe experience to bear upon his work, while his

natural gifts and devotion to his high calling have fitted him for the eminent services which he has ungrudgingly rendered to the church of his early choice and intelligent conviction. As an instructive and powerful preacher, a pastor who has endeared himself in the homes of our people, and an efficient administrator, he has taken our most important Circuits with the best results. Dr. Morley's unique qualifications, however, marked him out for departmental work with which his name has been most closely connected in recent years. Dr. Morley created, and has fostered, the Church Building and Loan Fund, which has been of such value in reducing and liquidating the debts on our building enterprises, and also brought into existence the Jubilee Fund. As a liberal and progressive ecclesiastical statesman Dr. Morley took a prominent part in the movement that resulted in Methodist union. He has been twice President of the New Zealand Conference, as well as President of the Australasian General Conference. As Connexional Secretary Dr. Morley's name has been prominently before the public, and his unremitting diligence, watchful care, and wise counsel in discharging the duties of the office have been of incalculable worth in safeguarding and developing the best interests of our Church. In bidding farewell to Dr. Morley the Conference gladly recognise that he continues a member of the same General Conference with ourselves; that he is entering on yet a wider sphere of usefulness, and that in connection with our Supernumerary Fund he will bring his special powers to bear on what is of vital import to the welfare of Australasian Methodism; and prays that he may be spared for many happy, useful, and prosperous years."

2. In connection with the transfer of the Rev. Dr. Morley by the General Conference to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference to occupy the position of Managing Treasurer of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, this Conference declares its readiness to receive Dr. Morley back into its ranks at any time he may see his way clear to return to this Colony, and it trusts the General Conference will give effect to his re-transfer whenever requested by Dr Morley to do so.

2. John W. Burton, to the New South Wales Conference for Foreign Mission Work.

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

ANSWER—M. A. Rugby Pratt

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers become Supernumeraries ?

ANSWER—1. John Orchard

The Conference, in regretfully acceding to Bro. Orchard's request to become a Supernumerary, desires to enter upon its records its high appreciation of his personal character and of the long and honourable service which he has rendered to the Church of Christ. The Conference notes that Bro. Orchard is the oldest minister of our church in active European work in New Zealand. His lengthy career has been one of exceptional strenuousness and power. As a pioneer of the Bible Christian Church in Victoria and in New Zealand his tact, geniality and business instinct,

together with his clear and earnest exposition of the gospel in his pulpit ministrations, and in his daily life have made his name beloved throughout an exceptionally wide area. In the United Church his large hearted brotherliness has endeared him to us all. Bro. Orchard as a Bible Christian Minister was for many years in the supreme position of Chairman of the District, and in the United Church, was by a practically unanimous vote elected to the Presidency in 1899. We follow him in his retirement with our sincere prayers that the God, Whom he has so earnestly served, may be about him as "light in eventide."

2. William G. Thomas

Bro. Thomas was received by the English Conference in 1868, coming almost immediately to New Zealand. During the last 34 years he has rendered earnest and faithful service as a minister of the gospel, chiefly in country circuits in this Colony. His spirituality, and integrity of character has commanded the respect and admiration of all his brethren during the whole term of his ministry. His kindness and high Christian life have secured for him the affectionate regard of his people in all his circuits. The Conference expresses its sincere sympathy with Bro. Thomas on his retiring from the active work of the ministry consequently on failing health, and prays rest and peace may abundantly invest the remaining years of his life.

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

ANSWER—None.

QUESTION XV.—What Ministers or Probationers request Foreign Mission Work ?

ANSWER—John W. Burton.

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

ANSWER—(1) Joseph H. Gray.

JOSEPH H. GRAY entered our New Zealand ministry in the year 1878, and for 24 years discharged the duties of a Methodist preacher with great faithfulness and acceptance. Blessed with remarkable physical energy and a conscientious devotion to duty, he made a good record in all his circuits. His fine musical gifts were a valuable aid in his work. He was a true soul-winner, and saw many revivals among his people. He was a man of excellent spirit, fond of work, evangelistic, fervent, tender, and sympathetic. A few years ago his health began to fail, and last year he was forced to seek a three months' rest. He resumed circuit duty in greatly improved health, and attended the last Nelson Synod, seeming fairly well, but a few weeks after returning home he was called to his heavenly reward at the age of 60 years. His passing away is a distinct loss to our Church, and the Conference expresses its high appreciation of his character and services to the cause of Christ and Methodism.

(2) Lawrence J. Ryan.

LAWRENCE J. RYAN was born on the Island of Jersey. While young he came with his parents to Christchurch, New Zealand, and became identified with the Bible Christian Church. While a scholar in

the Sunday School he was converted to God. He soon manifested signs of ability for great usefulness, and in a short time became an exhorter, and in due course his name appeared on the Preachers' Plan. The Church believing he was called to the work of the Christian ministry, his Pastor spoke to him on the subject, and found that the Spirit was leading him in that direction. He was unanimously received as a Candidate, and went to Way College, Adelaide, for two years at his own cost. The reports of the Head Master of the College and the Ministers of the Church with whom he laboured in the City and Suburbs of Adelaide were always satisfactory, and he came back well prepared for his work. The Circuits in which he laboured were Hawea, Eketahuna, Cromwell, and Roxburgh, in all of which he gave great satisfaction. His death was the result of a buggy accident. He lingered in great pain and weakness for about a month, fully resigned, realising the preciousness of that Gospel he had preached so faithfully to others, when God took him to Himself.

QUESTION XVII.—Are there any Objections to any of our Ministers or Home Missionaries ?

ANSWER—None.

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

ANSWER—None.

QUESTION XIX.—How are our Ministers and Preachers on Trial Stationed for the ensuing year ?

ANSWER—See next page.

LIST OF STATIONS

OF THE

NEW ZEALAND

WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE

1902.

President:
DANIEL J. MURRAY.

Secretary:
SAMUEL LAWRY.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1902.

[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 be deemed proper subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister.]

I. AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 1 **Auckland** (Pitt Street)—Charles H. Garland; William Ready (Ponsonby); S. Griffith (Mount Albert); T. Theodore Thomas (Mount Eden); John Law and William G. Thomas (*Sups.*)
Wesley College, Three Kings, Native Institution—Joseph H. Simmonds, Principal (Mount Eden).
Prince Albert College, Theological Training Institution—Joseph H. Simmonds, Governor.
Home Mission and Church Extension Fund—John J. Lewis, General Secretary.
- 2 **Auckland** (Freeman's Bay)—Colin C. Harrison.
- 3 **Auckland** (North Shore)—J. G. Chapman (Devonport); William Greenslade (Birkenhead); John S. Rishworth (Devonport) (*Sup.*).
- 4 **Auckland** (Grafton Road)—John J. Lewis. James T. Pinfold, F.G.S., (Newmarket); Henry H. Lawry (*Sup.*).
- 5 **Maori Mission** (Auckland)—William Gittos (Devonport), who shall superintend the Maori work in the Auckland District.
- 6 **Mahurangi**—George T. Marshall (Warkworth).
- 7 **Thames**—Joseph S. Smalley, F.R.G.S.
- 8 **Upper Thames**—Christopher Abernethy (Te Aroha); Robert P. Keall (Waihi); Joseph Belton (Paeroa); a Home Missionary (Waite-kauri).
- 9 **Manukau**—C. Griffin (Onehunga); W. J. Watkin (*Sup.*).
- 10 **Franklin**—Charles Penney (Pukekohe); a Home Missionary.
- 11 **Cambridge**—Samuel J. Gibson; a Home Missionary (Te Awamutu).
- 12 **Hamilton**—H. L. Blamires; a Home Missionary (Huntly).
- 13 **Paparoa**—Frederick T. Read.

- 14 Northern Wairoa—Robert Taylor (Mangawhare); a Home Missionary (Kaihu).
 15 Whangarei—John W. Griffin; a Home Missionary (Hikurangi).
 16 Tauranga—F. J. Tylee.
 17 Coromandel—Henry H. Roget; A Home Missionary (Kuaotunu).
 18 Helensville—A Home Missionary.

Maori Mission, Waiato—Wi Warena Pewa; Hamiora Kingi, Raglan.

Maori Mission, Kaipara—Hauraki Paul.

Maori Mission, Hokianga—Piripi Rakena, Mangamuka; Te Tuhi 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,

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.
 22 Hawera—Charles Porter; W. J. Oxbrow (Patea).
 23 Opunake—John G. W. Ellis.
 24 Wanganui—H. R. Dewsbury; Clarence Eaton (Aramoho).
 25 Rangitikei—William Keall (Marton).
 26 Sandon and Feilding—A. C. Lawry (Feilding); T. W. Vealie (Sanson).
 27 Palmerston North—Samuel Lawry (*Secretary of the Conference*), T. W. Newbold.
 28 Kiwitea—James Thomas (Kimbolton).
 29 West Coast Maori Mission—Thomas G. Hammond (Patea); Robert Haddon (Ropata Tahu Potiki, (Okaiawa).
Mangaweka—A Home Missionary.
Waimarino—A Home Missionary.
Eltham—A Home Missionary under the supervision of the Stratford Superintendent.

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, William R. Tuck (Petone); W. Kirk (*Sup.*).
 33 Greytown—J. J. Pendray, Charles E. Godbehear (Featherston).
 34 Masterton—Daniel J. Murray (*President of the Conference*) 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—John W. Worboys, 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—Samuel Barnett.
 Ormondville—A Home Missionary.

DANIEL J. MURRAY

(President of the Conference),

Chairman of the District.

IV. NELSON DISTRICT.

- 44 Nelson—William J. Williams, John Crump (*Sup.*)
 45 Richmond—Thomas G. Carr.
 46 Blenheim—G. W. J. Spence, a Home Missionary (Tua Marina).
 Maori Mission—Under supervision of Blenheim Superintendent.
 47 Hokitika—T. R. Richards.
 48 Greymouth—Thomas E. Trestrail.
 49 Motueka—William Wills.
 50 Reefton—William Grigg.
 51 Westport—E. P. Blamires.
 Murchison—A Home Missionary.
 Kumara—A Home Missionary under the supervision of the Hokitika Superintendent.
 Havelock—A Home Missionary.
 The Sounds—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS,

Chairman of the District.

V. CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- 52 Christchurch (Durham Street)—William Baumber, Charles H. Laws, B.A. (East Belt); T. Francis Jones (Woolston); Richard J. Murray; Major A. Rugby Pratt (Richmond); R. S. Bunn, J. Orchard, and John Smith (*Sups.*); Leonard M. Isitt (without Pastoral Charge).
 Connexional Secretary and Authorised Representative—Henry Bull.
 53 Christchurch (South)—William Lee (Sydenham); T. N. Griffin (Addington).
 54 Christchurch (St. Albans)—William G. Parsonson.
 55 Christchurch (Papanui)—William Dawson.
 56 Lyttelton—John A. Luxford.
 57 Springston—Joseph J. Mather, J. H. Haslam (Weedons).
 58 Leeston—William H. Beck.
 59 Kaiapoi—John Dukes, Harold E. Bellhouse (Belfast).
 60 Rangiora—Alfred Peters, T. A. Joughin (Woodend).
 61 Oxford—Thomas J. Wallis.

- 62 **Amberley and Waikari**—A Home Missionary.
 63 **Timaru**—J. Newman Buttle.
 64 **Waimate**—William Tinsley.
 65 **Temuka**—Joseph Blight.
 66 **Ashburton**—Thomas Fee, who shall exchange quarterly with the Methven Home Missionary.
 67 **Willowby**—J. 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.

WILLIAM LEE,

Chairman of the District.

VI. OTAGO DISTRICT.

- 69 **Dunedin (Trinity)**—Paul W. Fairclough, F.R.A.S.
 70 **Dunedin Central Mission**—William A. Sinclair.
 71 **Dunedin (Cargill Road)**—Josiah Ward; a Home Missionary, (Mosgiel); a Home Missionary (Peninsula).
 72 **Dunedin (Mornington)**—T. G. Brooke; Richard Wilson (Roslyn). Editor of the Methodist section of the "*Outlook*," T. G. Brooke.
 73 **Port Chalmers**—T. Eggleston Thomas, M.A.
 74 **Balclutha**—Arthur Mitchell.
 75 **Milton**—Charles H. Standage.
 76 **Lawrence**—Barton H. Ginger.
 77 **Invercargill**—Samuel F. Prior.
 78 **Oamaru**—David McNicoll.
 79 **Gore**—Hugh Beggs.
 80 **Riverton**—Frederick W. Boys (Otantau); a Home Missionary, Riverton.
 81 **Roxburgh**—William Beckett.
 82 **Cromwell**—James A. Hosking.
 Wakatipu—A Home Missionary.
 Tapanui—A Home Missionary.
 Palmerston—A Home Missionary.

PAUL W. FAIRCLOUGH,

Chairman of the District.

1. R. S. Bunn, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Australia.
2. G. Frost has permission to rest a year, and to visit England.
3. C. C. Harrison has permission to visit England during the year.
4. A. B. Chappell has permission to rest a year in order to pursue University studies.
5. Ministers are expected to arrive in their new Circuits between the second and third Sundays in April.
6. Probationers and Home Missionaries appointed to separate Stations are under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

HOME MISSION STATIONS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Bay of Islands	...	...	...	A. J. Seamer
Hokianga	...	...	...	Geo. Pearson
Whangaroa	..	...	...	W. Grantham
Kuaotunu	...	...	...	A. J. Tong
Kaihu	...	...	...	Edwin Cox
Huntly	...	...	...	W. C. Francis
Franklin	...	...	...	W. A. Porter
Helensville	...	...	...	W. H. Speer
Waitekauri	...	...	...	W. B. Scott
Hikurangi	...	...	...	F. Copeland
Te Awamutu	...	...	...	G. Elliott

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Mangaweka	...	...	...	G. F. Stockwell
Waimarino	...	...	...	Chas. Blair
Rahotu	J. H. White
Eltham	C. A. Foston

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Ormondville	John Oliver
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NELSON DISTRICT.

Havelock...	H. Foston
Kumara	J. R. Clark
Blenheim...	Leonard White
The Sounds	...	...	...	—

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Amberley	...	...	...	W. G. Fitzgerald
Methven	...	...	...	F. Robertson
Little River	...	...	...	Wm. Wills

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Tapanui	...	...	...	Chas. John Bush
Mosguel	...	...	...	Arthur Hopper
Peninsula	...	...	...	Wm. Williams
Wakatipu	...	...	...	J. Douglas Watsford
Palmerston	...	...	...	T. W. Graham
Riverton	...	...	...	Jas. L. Michaelis

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

ANSWER :

I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The following Appointments are made for the year 1902 :—

- Rev. G. T. Marshall : Secretary and Convener.
 Rev. J. J. Lewis : Section A of Candidates' Examination.
 Rev. J. H. Simmonds : Section B of Candidates' Examination.
 Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A. : Section C of Candidates' Examination,
 and Latin for Probationers.
 Rev. W. Gittos : Maori Language.
 Rev. H. R. Dewsbury : Hebrew and Greek for Probationers.
 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.
 Rev. J. Wrigley : Fisher's History of the Christian Church.
 Rev. C. H. Garland : 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. Beecroft : Liddon's "Divinity of our Lord."
 Rev. J. Dukes : Orr's "Christian View of God and the World."
 Rev. W. J. Williams : The Book of Laws and Regulations
 Rev. J. G. Chapman : Pope's Compendium of Theology.

II.—REGULATIONS.

1. The time allowed for each Examination Paper shall be three hours.
2. The questions for Probationers shall be so arranged as to require a general acquaintance with all the work prescribed in the Syllabus in any given subject, together with a particular knowledge of such portions as the Examiners may deem of greatest importance.
3. Probationers must themselves communicate with their respective examiners not later than the first week in May, stating the optional subjects in which they propose to be examined.
4. Immediately after the September Quarterly Meetings, each Chairman shall report to the Examiners for Candidates the names and scholastic status of all Candidates recommended in his District.
5. Examiners shall send to the Chairmen of Districts in closed envelopes copies of Probationers' and Candidates' Examination Papers, as notified, not later than November 1st.
6. Each Chairman is required to make arrangements for securing the strict supervision of all Examinations to be held in his District, and to himself transmit the answers to questions to the respective Examiners.
7. The Probationers' and Candidates' Examinations shall be held in each District immediately prior to the sitting of the Synod, the Students' Examination during the second week of December.
8. Each Examiner shall, not later than January 15th, send a written report on the several papers committed to his care to the Secretary of the Board.
9. The Secretary shall then prepare a General Report for the ensuing Conference.

10. That part of the Secretary's Report, which consists of a tabular statement of the marks gained in the several subjects by Probationers, Students, and Candidates, shall be printed on a separate paper for the use of the Conference, and shall afterwards be entered and preserved in the Conference Journal.
11. The persons appointed to hear Probationers', Students', and Candidates' Trial Sermons shall affix marks to their reports before submitting them to the Synod, using the numerals 1 to 6; 6 to represent the maximum.
12. The Chairman of each District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board a signed official report of the Trial Sermon of each Probationer, Student, or Candidate examined in his District, together with the Book List of each Probationer and the finding of the Synod thereon.
13. The Secretary of the Board shall assess and mark the Probationers' Book Lists, using the numerals 1 to 6; 6 to represent the maximum. The Book Lists must not include books taken for examination, and must be classified as follows: - 1, Theology; 2, Science and Philosophy; 3, History and Biography; 4, Poetry; 5, Miscellaneous.
14. Probationers are reminded that the Greek Testament is a compulsory subject through the whole course for all those who have passed through the College. With regard to any others, special provision shall be made for their examination in Greek up to their third year.
15. Each Probationer shall, at least a fortnight before the meeting of Synod, forward to the Chairman a list of the books he has read during the year. From this list the Chairman will select one in which the Probationer shall be examined orally in the Synod.
16. The report of Probationers' Examinations to be presented to Conference shall include, in the case of the Fourth Year Probationers, a summary of the results obtained in the four yearly examinations.
17. The Candidates on the Presidents' List of Reserve shall present Book Lists to, and preach trial sermons before, their respective Synods, the Synods reporting to the Conference as in the case of Probationers or Students.

III.—PROBATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY.

(AS DECIDED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE).

First Year.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—Proverbs viii.-xi., with Davidson's Hebrew Grammar; or *English*—1 Kings, Cambridge Bible Series.
2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—Acts xiii.-xix., Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools, with Green's Grammar; or *English*—Acts, Cambridge Bible Series.
3. Wesley's Sermons 1-20.
4. Beet's Through Christ to God.
5. Book of Laws: The laws of the Church relating to Church Membership, Circuit Officials, and Local Courts.
6. Gregory's History and Polity of Methodism, Part II.
7. Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 1-239.

Second Year.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—2 Kings, i., ii., with Davidson's Grammar; or *English*—Nahum, Zephaniah, and Habakkuk—Expositor's Bible.

2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—Galatians, Lightfoot's Edition, with Green's Grammar ; or *English*—Galatians, Expositor's Bible.
3. Wesley's Sermons, 21-53.
4. Pope's Compendium, Vol. I.
5. Book of Laws : The Ministry, District Courts, and Conferences.
6. Robertson's Early Religion of Israel.
7. Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 240-483.

Third Year.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—Joel ; or *English*—Book of Job, Expositor's Bible.
2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—Epistle St. James, Mayor's Edition ; or *English*—St. John's Gospel, Westcott's Edition.
3. Salmon's Introduction to the New Testament, first part, chapters i. to xvii.
4. Pope's Compendium, Vol. II.
5. Book of Laws : The Model Deed and Trust Acts, Funds, and Institutions of the Church.
6. Smyth's Christian Ethics, Part I., pp. 1-292.
7. Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 484 to end.
8. Orr's Christian View of God and the World ; first half of the book.

Fourth Year.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—Isaiah 1.-lv. ; or *English*—Book of Isaiah, xl.-lxvi., Expositor's Bible.
2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—Epistle to Hebrews, Westcott's Edition ; or *English*—Epistle to Hebrews, Expositor's Bible.
3. Salmon's Introduction to New Testament, second part, chapter xviii. to end.
4. Pope's Compendium, Vol. III.
5. The Book of Laws, as a whole.
6. Lightfoot's Essay on the Christian Ministry.
7. Liddon's Divinity of our Lord.
8. Orr's Christian View of God and the World, second half.

Nos. 1 to 5 to be compulsory. Probationers in each year to be examined in at least six subjects, and to pass in five.

N.B.—Probationers are informed that, according to the President's ruling, they must pass in the whole of the compulsory subjects.

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.

3. In addition to the Subjects required as above by the General Conference there shall be a course in Latin, special credit to be given to those Probationers who gain above 70 per cent. of marks in this subject. The Books set for 1902 are as follows :—

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

LIST OF WORKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS.

1. *Biblical Criticism and Exegesis*—

Westcott's Bible in the Church.
 Ryle's Canon of the Old Testament.
 Moulton's History of the English Bible.
 Fairbairn's Studies in the Life of Christ.
 Dale's Living Christ and the Four Gospels.
 Bruce's Humiliation of Christ.
 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 Books of the Prophets.
 Baxter's Sanctuary and Sacrifice.
 Green's Higher Criticism of the Pentateuch.
 Riehm's Messianic Prophecies.
 Ramsay's Church of the Roman Empire.
 Ramsay's St. Paul the Traveller.
 Nicol's Recent Archaeology and the Bible.
 Forrest's Christ of History and of Experience.
 R. J. Drummond's Relation of Apostolic Teaching to the Teaching of Christ.

2. *Theology*—

Wesley's Christian Perfection.
 Wesley's Original Sin.
 Fletcher's Checks to Antinomianism.
 The Fernley Lectures.
 Fairbairn's Christ in Modern Theology.
 Pearson on the Creed.
 Dale's The Atonement.
 Flint's Theism.
 Flint's Anti-Theistic Theories.
 Sanday's Lectures on Inspiration.
 Beet's Holiness.
 Gore's The Incarnation.
 John Hunt's Entire Sanctification.
 Beet's Through Christ to God.
 Beet's New Life in Christ.

Hort—The Way, The Truth, and The Life.
 Salmon's Christian Doctrine of Immortality.
 Denney's Studies of Theology.
 Dale's Christian Doctrine.
 Davison's Christian Interpretation of Life.
 Banks' Development of Doctrine in Early Church.
 Stevens' New Testament Theology.
 Clarke's Outline of Christian Theology.
 Walker's The Spirit and The Incarnation.
 Laidlaw's Bible Doctrine of Man.

3. *Apologetics*—

Butler's Analogy ; Gladstone's Essay.
 Paley's Evidences.
 Paley's *Horæ Paulinæ*.
 Brace's *Gesta 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' Thoughts on Religion.
 Balfour's Foundations of Belief.
 Pascal's Thoughts.
 Iverach's Christianity and Evolution.
 Ballard's Miracles of Unbelief.

4. *Church History and Polity*—

Wesley's Journals.
 Jacob's Ecclesiastical Polity of the New Testament.
 Lefroy's Christian Ministry.
 Schaff's Ecclesiastical History.
 Quick's Methodism ; a Parallel.
 Hatch's History of Early Church Organisations.
 D'Aubigné's History of the Reformation.
 Wylie's History of Protestantism.
 Slater's Faith and Life of the Early Church.
 Wake's Apostolic Fathers.
 Fairbairn's Religion and History in Modern Life.
 Abbey's and Overton's English Church in the Eighteenth Century.
 G. Smith's History of Missions.
 Dr. Steven's History of Methodism.
 Dr. Rigg's Comparative View of Church Organisations.
 Tyerman's Life and Times of John Wesley.
 Lindsay's Life of Luther.
 Eras of Church History.
 Dr. Waller's Constitution and Polity of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

5. *Pastoral Theology*—

Baxter's Reformed Pastor.
 Arthur's Tongue of Fire.
 Dale's Lectures on Preaching.
 Spurgeon's Lectures on Preaching.

Horton's Verbum Dei.
 Broadus' Homiletics.
 Stalker's Preacher and His Models.
 Beecher's Yale Lectures.
 Wesley's Address to the Clergy.

6. *Miscellaneous*—

Spiers' Methodist Temperance Manual.
 Buckley's Short History of the Physical Sciences.
 Rowntree and Sherwell's Temperance Problems.

IV.—STUDENTS' COURSE OF STUDY.

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

1. Systematic Theology.
2. Bible Exegesis.
3. Homiletics.
4. Ecclesiastical History.
5. Methodist Polity.
6. Elocution.
7. English Language and Literature.
8. Latin Language and Literature.
9. Greek Language and Literature, including the Greek Testament.
10. Mental and Moral Science.
11. Mathematics.

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

REGULATIONS.

1. That three Lecturers be appointed as follows :—
 - (a) Systematic Theology and Elocution—Rev. C. H. Garland
 - (b) Ecclesiastical History and Methodist Polity—Rev. J. J. Lewis.
 - (c) Homiletics and Bible Exegesis—Rev. J. H. Simmonds
2. That each of the Theological Students at Prince Albert College preach a Trial Sermon before one of the Ministers of the Auckland (Pitt Street, North Shore, and Grafton Road) and Manukau Circuits prior to the holding of the Auckland District Synod, and that a written report of each Sermon be presented to the said District Synod. The Chairman of the District to notify the Students respecting the time and place.
3. That 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.
4. 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.

5. 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.

V.—CANDIDATES' COURSE OF STUDY AND EXAMINATIONS.

SECTION A.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE, THEOLOGY, AND CHURCH HISTORY.

1. General Bible Knowledge.
2. Systematic Theology.—Second Catechism and Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine.
3. Church History.—Landmarks of Church History, by Henry Cowan.

N.B.—Candidates are required by Conference to have carefully read Wesley's first 53 Sermons and Notes on the New Testament; but questions on these will not be included in the Candidates' Written Examination.

SECTION B.

LANGUAGES, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, AND SCIENCE.

1. English.—(a) Nesfield's English Grammar Past and Present. Part I.—Modern English Grammar; Part II.—Idiom and Construction (b) An Essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner
2. Latin.—Via Latina, by Edwin A. Abbott. (a) Accidence to end of Verb Sum, p. 81. (b) Exercises i. to xxxii.
3. Greek.—Initia Graeca. (a) Accidence to end of comparison of Adjectives. (b) Exercises i. to xxvii., Greek into English only.
4. Geography.—Longmans' Geographical Series. Book II. The World: (a) Mathematical and Physical Geography. (b) Sections on the British Empire.
5. History.—General Knowledge of English History, and Special Knowledge of the period since the death of Elizabeth. Text Book, Ransom's History.
6. Science.—Macmillan's Science Primers, any one subject selected by the candidate.

SECTION C.

MATHEMATICS.

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

REGULATIONS.

1. That there be three Examiners, one for each Section of the subjects, A, B, and C.
2. That the Examination Papers be arranged as follows :—
 - a. General Bible Knowledge and Church History.
 - b. Systematic Theology.
 - c. English Grammar and Composition.
 - d. Latin and Greek.
 - e. Geography, History, and Science.
 - f. Arithmetic.
 - g. Euclid and Algebra.
3. That the results for each Paper be classed in the following manner :—
 - 75 to 100 per cent. of marks—First Class.
 - 55 to 74 per cent. of marks—Second Class.
 - 35 to 54 per cent. of marks—Third Class.
 - Below 35 per cent. of marks—*Failure*.
4. Section A ; also English, Geography, History, and Arithmetic to be compulsory.
5. That Graduates and Undergraduates of any Chartered University be required to take only Section A in this Examination.
6. That the Syllabus and Regulations for Candidates as above be printed from year to year in the Minutes of Conference.

N.B.—In the case of Candidates who are not Graduates or Undergraduates of a University, the preparation should commence at least two years before the date of intended presentation at the Synod.



PASTORAL ADDRESS.

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

DEAR BRETHREN,

According to long established custom, we again send you the greetings of our Conference.

You will be glad to know that on January 1, 1902, Methodist Union was consummated throughout the States of the Australian Commonwealth. In this Colony, for the present, the Primitive Methodists stand out. Arrangements are now being made to secure legal recognition of the name decided on by our Conference some years ago—viz., "The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand"; and we pray that with the return to the original name, there may be among us a revival of the intense devotion to Christ, and to the salvation of men that marked the lives of our fathers. But we are not only "the people called Methodists," we are now the Methodist *Church*, standing shoulder to shoulder with the old historic Churches of our Nation. We are no longer a mere Society, our places of worship are no longer known as chapels, and, with the disappearance of the nomenclature of inferiority, we must accept the new responsibilities which God has gradually thrust upon us, and in His strength seek to discharge them bravely. We cannot forget that to Methodism belongs the Christ-given honour of being the largest Protestant Communion in the world—except the Lutheran. That according to Census returns one-eleventh of the people of the United Kingdom, and one-fifth of the enormous populations of the United States and Canada, are Methodists; and that in these new lands we hold a high and honourable position. Thinking of these things what can we do but exclaim, "What hath God wrought," and pray—

"God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race."

During the year two of our ministers have died, and we find also that 140 of our church members have gone home to God. For those who have passed—

"To where beyond these voices there is peace."

We have no sorrow, for it is a proverb that our people die well. But our hearts are with our bereaved people, and we pray that the Divine consolation may abound to them.

Our returns show an increase for the year of 481 church members, and 1,399 attendants on public worship. For this we give thanks to God. Our hearts have been cheered and encouraged by hearing, in our conversation on the work of God, of seasons of special refreshing in some of our circuits and of quiet, successful work in many others. We cannot but feel that our labour is far from being in vain in the Lord, and we are resolved upon even greater earnestness and directness in our future work. In this, we, as ministers and local preachers and officers are very largely dependent upon you for sympathy and prayerful co-operation, and of this need we

have never been more conscious than now. We claim an interest in your prayers, and summon you to our side that you may know with us the joys of service. A consecrated membership is as essential as a consecrated ministry and we long, beyond all telling, for the power that comes from being surrounded by a praying and sanctified church. We therefore counsel you to seek the higher walks of the Christian life. Be not torn asunder by competing interests, do not grudgingly count every act of sacrifice to which you are called, go the whole length of the obedience and self-surrender Christ demands, ever mindful of his pierced hands and side, and you will know to the full the grandeur of the Christian life and how.

"It satisfies our longings
As nothing else can do."

To be a Christian means not merely to try to be good, to put a little more earnestness and striving into the effort to lead a pure life. It means the joyous surrender of the whole nature to Christ that He may make our trying effective, and work in us "to will and to do for his good pleasure." Be not afraid of the greater things that Christ can do for human souls and seek that *filling of the Spirit* to which the New Testament ever calls the people of God. Is not this the pre-eminent need of our Church to-day. Our feeble week-night services, our decadent fellowship meetings, the absence of so many of our members and officials from the Lord's table, the difficulty in raising local preachers, the infrequency of conversions from the outside world as distinguished from the conversion of young people within the Church—what are all these but symptoms of one common defect—an insufficiently keen spiritual life among us all. We are under the thalldrom of things material, we are putting our strength into worldly things to the detriment of our soul's good. Our hands are busy and our mind is full, but our inner life is in sore danger of missing the richest spiritual gifts. We counsel you to search your hearts as we are searching our own. We beseech you to remember that a Church cannot be conducted as a business concern is run, that there may be attractive preaching, good music, sufficient money, and full congregations, while as yet the true work of a Church is languishing. Our mission is to save men and to spread Scriptural holiness. To do that we must create an atmosphere of prayer and expectancy in our Churches, and beyond all else we must seek an individual and corporate Baptism of the Spirit. Let this be in our thoughts through the coming year, let us resolve to devote at least one night a week to attendance at some social means of grace, let us each engage in some direct work for Christ, and let "Holiness to the Lord" be written upon our lives.

Turning to the work in our Sunday Schools, we deplore the fact that we have to report a still further decline both in the number of scholars and teachers and in the average attendance of each. As compared with the returns of five years ago, there are 10 per cent. fewer scholars and considerably fewer teachers in our schools to-day. It may be that reasons can be found for this which, to some extent, make the decline seem less ominous; but, when all is said, we think the time has come when our Sunday School work claims very special care and consideration. The inducements to Sabbath-breaking are numerous and increasing, and the neglect of church ordinances by many of the parents is becoming so serious that nothing but the sanctified determination and earnestness of the Church will suffice to save the children. We counsel our people in every Circuit to give their best thought to providing suitable premises and the best appliances for our school work. Do not pursue too penurious a policy. Do not show less zeal in equipping our Sunday Schools than the State shows in the equipment of its educational institutions. We urge, too, that the work of teaching be not left to the young and

inexperienced, but that men and women who, by their years and knowledge of life, are able to compel respect and secure attention should be pressed into the service. We summon our teachers and officers to renewed consecration to their work, and to a realisation of the honorable and responsible position which they hold in our Church economy. Furthermore, let Junior Members' Classes or Junior Christian Endeavour Societies be formed in every Circuit, and the children gathered into them. Such classes are an invaluable preparation for full church membership, and no church should be without one. We rejoice that there has been an increase of 285 in the number of junior members during the year. Let the good work go on.

But when the Sunday School teacher has done all that consecrated earnestness can suggest, the *responsibility of the parent* remains. That cannot be shifted to another's shoulders. We beseech the Methodist fathers and mothers to think deeply on what they owe to their boys and girls. Do not let the shame be yours of handing over to others the care for the highest welfare of your own flesh and blood. Bring your children publicly to the Sacrament of Baptism, remembering that they are Christ's by right of birth, and that He claims as such. See that in every home family worship is regularly held. No Christian man can fail to gather his household about him for reading and prayer without incurring the gravest responsibility. Beyond even this, deal personally with your children about their souls. Watch for God's opportunities, and when the time comes take each apart and with prayer and pleading lead them to Jesus. This is *your duty and your privilege*. Why should you not jealously treasure it? But who can do such work as this except truly Christian parents? You must yourselves live sufficiently near to God to speak out of your own experience. Yet how many fail just here! It is the tragedy of many a home that though people love their children truly, and make genuine sacrifices for them, they do not love them enough to become Christians for their sake, and so the children grow up with no mention of God and Christ's salvation from the parents' lips. We urge the Methodist parents of this land to see to it that *they themselves* are faithful in training their children for Christ.

To the young men and women of the Church we send our greeting. We know how the vigour and success of a Church depends upon the consecrated enthusiasm of our young people, and we rejoice to hear of the loyalty and devotion of the various Bible and Fellowship Classes and Christian Endeavour Societies which you attend. Do not undervalue the privilege that is yours of living in these spacious times. This is the best of all the Christian ages. Never before has the Church of God been so alive to the needs of men, never before has she striven more faithfully to do her Master's work. The world is ripening for a great forward movement in the things of God. Modern materialism as an explanation of the universe is discredited, and the whole trend of the best thought of the day is towards the belief that man is a spirit operating through a body of material substance. It has been shown with irresistible logic how, bone for bone and muscle for muscle, he is allied to the beasts beneath him; now he is being shown, and in the name of science too, how faculty for faculty he is allied to the Divine. We need no longer fear that the brilliant generalisations of modern science have become our table talk. The searching examination of the Christian system of morals which recent ethical thought has been engaged in and the untrammelled criticism of the Scriptures themselves as literature have taken from us nothing which need move our faith. Nay, it cannot be doubted that the world is coming to truer conceptions of Deity, loftier ideals of human life, and nobler devotion to mankind as a result of the strain and stress of past days. And now a new era is at hand. The work of leading on the great religious move-

ments of the near future will fall to the youth of to-day. We counsel our young men and women to prepare themselves. Love the Truth and think upon the best things. Do not let the light and ephemeral in literature monopolise your reading. Sanctify your intellect unto the Lord and never forget that your thinking is shaping your life. Do not be afraid of honestly facing the difficulties that rise in your mind with regard to Faith. Seek the best guidance you can get, and, beyond all, remember that there is One above who is guiding every sincere mind into the Truth. Do not be carried away by the modern craze for sport and excessive recreation, and in all things questionable give Christ the benefit of the doubt. Consider whether God does not need you as a minister, a local preacher, a Sunday School worker, a visitor, and if He call, say instantly: "Here am I." Above all, watch very tenderly and jealously your own inner life; let nothing interfere with your secret fellowship with God, and feed your souls upon the word, so that in days to come it may be your treasure-house. So shall you be equipped in mind and heart for the work that is even now opening out to you, and the standards that fall from tired hands to-morrow you will uphold and carry on to victory.

Among the encouraging signs of the past year is the fact that our Church has raised the sum of over £1,280 for the Foreign Mission work. This is good, but we must seek to do even better. The needs of our Island Missions are imperative, and the call for both money and men must not be disregarded. Doors of usefulness are opening on every hand and we desire to attempt still greater things for God. The last General Conference was marked by a finely aggressive missionary spirit, and it was decided to open a Mission in the Solomon Islands, to commence work among the coolies of Fiji, and to take over the erstwhile Bible Christian Mission in China. Along with this there is a call for men and for missionary sisters which will surely touch the hearts of some of our young people. We appeal to our whole Church to be loyal to us, to consider well the claims of our own work amid the Christless heathen so near to us, and to display still greater liberality and prayerful sympathy with the Mission cause.

We feel bound to bring before you the state of our Supernumerary and Ministers' Widows' Fund. The very closest consideration was given to this matter at the General Conference, Brisbane, and an expert Committee was appointed to thoroughly investigate the state of the Fund. The findings of this Committee were before our Conference and were endorsed by us. They involve very considerable sacrifices on the part of our aged ministers and the widows of our ministers who may be claimants on the Fund. The grant in aid of furniture, hitherto made on a minister's retirement, is to be reduced, and the annuity payable is to be still further lessened, making a total decrease of some 45 per cent. since 1897. On the other hand, all ministers are to raise their personal payments to the Fund from £7 7s. to £8 17s., and the Circuits are to be asked to increase their payments from £10 to £11 10s. per minister. The way in which our people in Conference and out of it have supported this great Fund of our Church, emboldens us to ask that at this critical juncture in its history the sacrifices to be made on the part of the Ministry shall be answered by a willing and sympathetic increase of liberality on the part of the Church.

During this year a General Election will be held, and our people will also be asked to give their vote as to the continuance of the Liquor Traffic in this Colony. This brings very special responsibilities to every Christian man and woman, and we trust that the Methodists will vote, and vote consistently, in the cause of righteousness. As a Church, we take our stand above party, and our only counsel is as to the pre-eminent necessity that our public men should be men of the highest character and in sympathy with every cause that makes for the moral uplifting of men. With

reference to the "No-License Vote," we believe the vast majority of our people are in sympathy with genuine Temperance reform, and we again urge the Methodists of New Zealand to vote for the termination of a traffic which is a prolific source of evil in our midst, and an indescribable hindrance to the work of the Christian Church.

After 38 years of invaluable service to our work in this land, Dr. Morley leaves us for Melbourne in April next, having been appointed Managing Treasurer of our Supernumerary Fund. There is not a member of our Church but feels the loss we sustain, and Dr. Morley leaves our Conference with the love and admiration of all his brethren. We recognise the honour conferred upon him in his appointment to such an important position, and our whole Church prays that he may have Divine furtherance in his new work.

After very thorough consideration the Conference decided to continue the office of Connexional Secretary, and as a successor to Dr. Morley the Rev. H. Bull was appointed. We commend him and his work to our whole Church.

And now, brethren, we betake ourselves, in the spirit of these counsels, to the new year of Church work. We claim an interest in your sympathies and prayers, and are determined in the broadest and best sense of the words to "know nothing among men save Jesus Christ and Him Crucified."

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

DANIEL J. MURRAY, *President.*

SAMUEL LAWRY, *Secretary.*



SECTION II.

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION.

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

ANSWER—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

1. Hamilton Circuit.—That Huntly, Taupiri, and all places north of the range dividing the Upper and Lower Waikato remain part of the Hamilton Circuit, but be financially separate with a Home Missionary.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. That the residence of the Superintendent of the Sandon and Feilding Circuit be at Feilding instead of Sanson.
2. That the Stratford Circuit be divided, and Eltham, with Mangatoki, Mahoe, Rawhitiroa, and Mangawhero, be constituted a Home Mission Station, and a Home Missionary appointed.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. That the boundaries of the Blenheim Circuit be altered by taking Onamalutu, Gibson Town, Picton Road, and Picton from the Havelock Mission and adding them to the Blenheim Circuit, with the appointment of a Home Missionary, suitable grants to be made to the Blenheim Circuit and the Havelock Home Mission Station.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. That Lower High Street be transferred from the Christchurch (South) to the Christchurch (Durham Street) Circuit.

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

ANSWER—

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. The Sounds.—A Home Missionary to be appointed.

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

ANSWER—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. Upper Thames (Waihi) is due, but is relieved for another year.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. Motueka is due, but is relieved for another year.
2. Westport is due, but is relieved for another year.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. Springston (second) is due, but is relieved for another year.
2. Malvern is due, but is relieved for another year.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. Riverton is due, but is relieved for another year.
- N.B.—A Probationer, with a grant of £20, is to be appointed to Tauranga, instead of a Married Man.

QUESTION IV.—What Circuits ask for Additional Preachers?

ANSWER—

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. Greytown Circuit.—A Probationer, to reside at Featherston, with a suitable grant.

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

ANSWER:

COMMITTEES FOR 1902.

I.—FINANCIAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

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

II.—COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

1. The President, Ex-President, Secretary, the Ministers of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits, Rev. H. Bull, with Messrs T. Buddle, F. L. Prime, G. Tiller, H. Brittain, J. A. Flesher, G. H. Blackwell, J. C. Stephens, and J. B. Shacklock; Secretary of Conference, Convener and Secretary.
2. The above-named Ministers and Laymen of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits are a Committee of Exigency, the 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.

III.—PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE.

That a Public Morals Committee be appointed, to consist of the members of the Committee of Privileges resident in the 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. 1900	Sept. 1901	CIRCUITS.	Sept. 1900	Sept. 1901
AUCKLAND—			NELSON—		
Pitt Street ...	538	608	Nelson ...	140	152
Freeman's Bay ...	147	143	Richmond ..	123	141
North Shore ...	157	156	Blenheim ...	148	150
Grafton Road ...	243	215	Hokitika ...	60	59
Mahurangi ...	113	113	Greymouth ...	132	130
Thames ...	165	166	Motueka ...	85	103
Upper Thames ...	186	207	Reefton ...	64	76
Manukau ...	181	178	Westport ...	54	50
Franklin ...	201	209	Kumara ...	41	45
Cambridge ...	87	100	Havelock ...	32	34
Hamilton ..	129	148	Murehison ...	—	—
Paparoa ...	117	120	CANTERBURY—		
Northern Wairoa ...	126	129	Durham Street ...	663	694
Whangarei ...	90	103	Christchurch South ...	320	314
Tauranga ...	53	51	St. Albans ...	272	158
Coromandel ...	40	41	Papanui ...	—	125
Helensville ...	38	42	Lyttelton ...	90	76
Bay of Islands ...	33	50	Springston ...	200	210
Whangaroa ...	36	33	Leeston ..	181	174
Hokianga ..	18	18	Kaiapoi ...	334	343
Wade ...	16	16	Rangiora ..	266	258
WANGANUI—			Oxford ..	47	39
New Plymouth ...	280	302	Amberley ..	31	28
Waitara ...	305	309	Timaru ...	198	211
Stratford ...	117	119	Waimate ...	159	177
Hawera ...	157	151	Temuka ...	66	67
Opunake ...	75	74	Ashburton ...	160	163
Wanganui ..	180	189	Willowby ...	148	160
Rangitikei ...	51	49	Malvern ...	73	73
Sandon ...	188	190	Methven ...	38	36
Palmerston North ...	229	241	Cheviot ...	16	15
Kiwitea ...	52	59	Banks Peninsula ...	9	16
Mangaweka ...	39	48	OTAGO—		
Waimarino ..	25	22	Trinity ...	260	275
WELLINGTON—			Central Mission ...	283	290
Taranaki Street ...	465	464	Cargill Road ...	273	310
Wellington South ...	130	141	Mornington ...	217	240
Hutt ...	127	141	Port Chalmers ...	78	82
Greytown ...	121	134	Balclutha ...	49	55
Masterton ...	132	127	Milton ...	61	62
Napier ...	122	116	Lawrence ...	60	70
Hastings ...	78	80	Invercargill ...	129	138
Gisborne ...	45	42	Oamaru ...	106	108
Eketahuna ...	60	47	Gore ...	44	49
Otaki ...	107	107	Wakatipu ...	26	29
Dannevirke ...	17	30	Riverton ...	57	66
Waipawa ...	33	28	Roxburgh ...	58	58
Woodville ...	98	101	Cromwell ...	58	55
Pahiatua ...	62	67	Tapanui ...	22	22
Ormondville ...	44	45	Palmerston ...	29	39

MAORI MEMBERS.

CIRCUITS.	Sept. Sept.		CIRCUITS.	Sept. Sept.	
	1900	1901		1900	1901
Hokianga ...	350	500	Whangaroa ...	—	200
Kaipara ...	200	250	West Coast Mission ...	26	26
Waikato ...	340	200			

For General Recapitulation, showing increases, &c., see Appendix.

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

ANSWER—

I.—SALES REPORTED.

1. AUCKLAND (Pitt Street) CIRCUIT.—Property at Kingsland, originally bought for Church Site. Sold for £385 17s. 6d. Proceeds towards payment of mortgage.
2. AUCKLAND (Freeman's Bay).—Union Street Church and Site for £393 15s. Proceeds invested for purchase or erection of Parsonage.
3. AUCKLAND (North Shore) CIRCUIT.—(A) Takapuna, sale of old Church Site, £25. Proceeds towards purchase of new Site.
4. MAHURANGI CIRCUIT.—(A) Warkworth. Sale of old Church and Site, £104 10s. Proceeds towards erection of new Church.
5. CAMBRIDGE CIRCUIT.—(A) Pukerimu, sale of old Church Site. Proceeds towards re-roofing Church on removal.
6. HAWERA CIRCUIT.—Hawera, 6 to 8 perches, part of additional $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre, purchased during the year. Proceeds towards enlargement of Church for Sunday School purposes.
7. CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH.—Opawa Church Site, £50. Proceeds towards payment of loan.
8. SPRINGSTON CIRCUIT.—Templeton Parsonage and Site, £200. Proceeds devoted to payment of mortgage on the same, and debt on Church property.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES COMPLETED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. AUCKLAND (Pitt Street) CIRCUIT.—Surrey Hills Church Site, 52 x 115 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Cost or value, £130. Debt, £82 13s. 7d. (o.s.)
2. AUCKLAND (North Shore) CIRCUIT.—(1) Northcote, Church of Wood, 31 x 20 feet, to seat 120 persons. Cost or value, £205 6s. 6d. Debt, £65 12s. 6d. (L.F.)
(2) Takapuna, Church of Wood, 35 x 20 feet, to seat 130 persons. Including Site. Cost or value, £240 5s. 11d. Debt, £82 15s. (L.F.)
3. MAHURANGI CIRCUIT.—Warkworth new Church, 40 x 30 feet, to seat 166 persons. Cost or value, £384. Debt, £97 10s. (L.F.)

4. THAMES CIRCUIT.—Kopu, purchase of. $22\frac{6}{10}$ perches, and Church of wood thereon, 40 x 20 feet, to seat 120 persons. Cost or value, £58 10s. Debt, £40 (o.s.)
5. UPPER THAMES.—(1) Te Aroha, Church of wood, 45 x 30 feet, to seat 200 persons. Cost or value, £750. Debt, £225 (L.F.)
 - (2) Waitekauri Church Site, leased, 1r. $\frac{6}{10}$ p. Church of wood, 36 x 25 feet, to seat 120 persons. Cost or value, £298. Debt, £95 (L.F.). (Temporary debt to be paid in six months), £50 (o.s.)
 - (3) Waihi Parsonage Site, leased, 2 roods, £31. No debt.
6. MANUKAU CIRCUIT.—Woodside, new Church of wood, 35 x 20 feet, to seat 170 persons. Cost or value, £310 15s. 4d. Debt, £95 (L.F.)
7. CAMBRIDGE CIRCUIT.—Pukerimu, gift of new Church Site (c). Cost or value, £10.
8. NORTHERN WAIROA.—(c) Aratapu, Church of wood, 50 x 30 feet, to seat 230 persons, vestry 25 x 15 feet. Cost or value, £336. Debt, £96 17s. 6d. (L.F.)

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. WAITARA.—(B) (c) Midhirst—Gift of quarter-acre section by Mr. S. Sargeant.
2. HAWERA CIRCUIT.—(1) Hawera—Purchase of additional quarter-acre of land adjoining church. Cost or value, £180. No debt.
 - (2) Patea—Erection of Vestry, 18 x 14 feet. Cost or value, £51 10s. No debt.
 - (3) Okaiawa—House of wood for Native minister; five rooms. Cost or value, £150. No debt.
3. OPUNAKE CIRCUIT.—(1) Pihama—Church of wood, 24 x 17 feet, to seat 80 persons. Cost or value, £100. No debt.
 - (2) (c) Awatuna—Purchase of Church Site, 1 rood. Cost or value, £7. No debt.
4. WANGANUI CIRCUIT.—(B) Wanganui—Gymnasium of wood; size not given. (Trustees not indebted.) Cost or value, £300. Debt not reported.
5. SANDON AND FEILDING CIRCUIT.—Rongotea—Enlargement of Church and erection of transept for Sunday School purposes; 35 additional sittings. Cost or value, £151 19s. 11d. Debt, £30 (L.F.)
6. GREY INSTITUTE.—Purchase of Cottage and Outbuildings from tenant who held lease. Cost or value, £100. No debt

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. WELLINGTON (Taranaki Street) CIRCUIT.—(B) Taranaki Street—Addition to Schoolroom, 30 x 13 feet. Cost or value, £86. No additional debt.
2. HASTINGS CIRCUIT.—Purchase of Parsonage Site; 3 roods. Cost or value, £80. No debt.

3. OTAKI CIRCUIT.—Levin Century Hall and Sunday School—Gift of site, $14\frac{1}{16}$ perches. Erection of Central Hall and Sunday School of wood, 78 x 36 feet, with side room 30 x 14 feet. Cost or value, £682. Debt, £200 (L.F.) (Temporary debt to be met by rents of property and other subscriptions shortly). Debt, £170 14s. 4d. (o.s.)
4. DANNEVIRKE CIRCUIT.—Dannevirke Church—Enlargement for Sunday School purposes; two rooms, 25ft. x 13ft. 6in. and 25ft. x 12ft. Cost or value, £99. Debt, £33 (L.F.)
5. PAHIATUA CIRCUIT.—Pahiatua—Purchase of Parsonage Site, 2a. 2r. 8 $\frac{1}{10}$ p. Cost or value, £103 10s. 6d. Debt, 10s.
6. ORMONDVILLE H.M. CIRCUIT.—Norsewood—(B) Purchase of Site, 1 acre, with Parsonage of four rooms and scullery. Cost or value, £105. Debt, £105.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. HOKITIKA CIRCUIT.—Hokitika—Erection of New Vestry, 14 x 12 feet. Cost or value, £50. No debt.
2. HAVELOCK H.M. CIRCUIT.—(c) Canvastown—Purchase of Site, 1 chain square, and of Building formerly used as a day school, for Church purposes. Cost or value, £30. Debt, £30.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHRISTCHURCH (Durham Street) CIRCUIT.—(1) Sumner—Church of wood, to seat 150 persons. Cost or value, £750. Debt, £195.
(2) Linwood Church—Enlargement by adding 10 feet to the length; 20 additional sittings. Cost or value, £40. No additional debt.
2. RANGIORA CIRCUIT.—Rangiora—Purchase of additional land adjoining Church, 73 links x 231 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cost or value, £50. No debt.
3. WILLOWBY CIRCUIT.—Enlargement of Church to seat 30 additional. Cost or value, £307. Debt, £100 (L.F.)
4. MALVERN CIRCUIT.—(c) Darfield—Four acres, Parsonage Site. Cost or value, £28.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. DUNEDIN (Cargill Road) CIRCUIT.—Mosgiel—Church Enlargement by adding transept 30 x 22 feet. To seat 105 persons additional. Vestry 18 x 12 feet. Cost or value, £212 4s. 6d. Debt, £100 (L.F.)
2. RIVERTON CIRCUIT.—Purchase of Church Site, 2 roods. Cost or value, £12. No debt.

REFERENCES.—(A) Not reported in Schedule. (B) Not submitted to Loan Fund Committee, as per Regulations. (c) Deed not completed. (L.F.) Debt to Loan Fund. (o.s.) Debt on other securities.

SUMMARY.—NEW ERECTIONS, &c.

- 14 Sites and 2 additional pieces of land—2 sites being leasehold. Cost or value, £603. Debt, £82 13s. 7d.
- 10 Churches erected—1,505 sittings. Cost or value, £3,432 15s. 5d. Debt, £1,043 2s. 11d.

- 4 Churches enlarged—188 sittings. Cost or value, £711 4s. 5d. Debt, £230.
(Nett increase of sittings, after allowing for Churches displaced, about 1,333.)
- 2 Vestries erected. Cost or value, £101 10s.
- 1 Schoolroom and Hall, erected to accommodate 200 children. Cost or value, £607. Debt, £370 14s. 4d.
- 2 Schoolrooms enlarged. Cost or value, £185. Debt, £33.
- 2 Parsonages. Cost or value, £255. Debt, £105.
- Gymnasium erected. Cost or value, £300. Debt, not reported.
- 1 Cottage. Cost or value, £100. No debt.
- Total cost or value, £6,295 9s. 10d. Total debt, £1,864 10s. 10d.

III.—MINOR IMPROVEMENTS.

- Te Aroha, new organ. Cost, £26 10s.
- Paeroa Church. Cost, £56.
- Karangahake Church. Cost, £36.
- Rahotu Church. Cost, £25.
- Stratford Church. Cost, £24 12s. 2d.
- Patea Church. Cost, £11 9s.
- Aramoho Church. Cost, £30.
- Sanson Church. Cost, £22 7s. 6d.
- Cuba Street Church, Palmerston North. Cost, £21 14s. 2d.
- Bunnythorpe. Cost, £14 17s.
- Taranaki Street Church. Cost, £243 8s. 2d.
- Petone Church. Cost, £22 13s. 6d.
- Belvedere Church. Cost, £17 16s. 7d.
- Masterton Parsonage. Cost, £26 8s.
- Mauriceville Church. Cost, £14 3s. 5d.
- Dannevirke, organ. Cost, £25.
- Hope Church, Vestry. Cost, £19 3s. 3d.
- Hokitika Church. Cost, £21 0s. 6d.
- Westport Church. Cost, £32 15s.
- East Belt Church. Cost, £58 19s.
- Heathcote Valley Church. Cost, £40.
- Woodhaugh Church. Cost, £19 18s. 9d.
- Total cost, £809 15s. 9d.

IV. SALES, &c., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31, 1901.

1. CAMBRIDGE CIRCUIT.—Pukerimu, sale of old Site. Proceeds towards re-roofing Church.
2. HAMILTON CIRCUIT (Huntly).—Exchange of site for one offered by Government, present site being required for railway purposes.

3. WELLINGTON SOUTH (Newtown).—Strip of land to Wellington Corporation for street widening. Proceeds towards reduction of Church debt.
4. HUTT CIRCUIT (Lower Hutt).—Cemetery Site. Conveyance to Borough Council on Cemetery being closed.
5. CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH.—(1) Opawa Church Site, for £50. Proceeds towards repayment of loan.
(2) Willowbank Church and Site. Proceeds to be devoted to payment of debts.
6. CHRISTCHURCH (St. Albans).—Upper Riccarton, sale of strip of land. Proceeds towards improvement of Church.
7. MALVERN CIRCUIT.—Sheffield, sale of unoccupied Site. Proceeds towards Parsonage erection.

EXTENDED LEASES SANCTIONED.

1. Paparoa.—20 acres of Glebe land for 21 years.
2. Wellington (Taranaki Street).—Manners Street—Two shops for 14 years. £520 to £546 per annum.
3. Wellington (South).—Newtown—Part of land, 9 years. £5 per annum, increasing to £30.
4. Grey Institute.—In building sections. Perpetual lease, with re-valuations, on the conditions laid down by the Loan Fund Committee.

V. PROPOSED ERECTIONS, &c., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31, 1901.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. AUCKLAND (Pitt Street) CIRCUIT.—Kingsland, purchase of additional piece of land. Cost or value, £40. No additional debt.
2. AUCKLAND (North Shore) CIRCUIT.—(1) Birkenhead, new schoolroom of wood, 60 x 30 feet. Cost or value, £553. Debt, £150.
(2) Birkenhead, Parsonage Site, 1 acre.
3. THAMES CIRCUIT.—Kopu, purchase of Church Site, 40 x 150 feet, with building thereon. Cost or value, £52. Debt, £40.
4. CAMBRIDGE CIRCUIT.—Pukerimu, removal of Church to new site ne Ohaupo. Re-roofing, &c. Cost or value, £25. No debt.
- UPPER THAMES CIRCUIT.—Waitekauri, erection of Church, 36 x 24 feet. Cost or value, £275. Debt, £95.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. NEW PLYMOUTH CIRCUIT.—Coast Mission, Pungarehu, erection of Church of wood, 24 x 17. Cost or value, £100. No debt.
2. SANDON AND FEILDING CIRCUIT.—Cheltenham Church, Site given by Mr. Mills, 1 rood. Erection of Church, 27 x 21 feet. Cost or value, £190. Debt, £60.

3. HAWERA CIRCUIT.—(1) Purchase of additional land adjoining Church Site, $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre. Removal of Church and enlargement for Sunday School purposes by erection of eight class-rooms. Cost or value, £450. Debt, £150.
(2) Okaiawa, Native Minister's house, weatherboard, five rooms. Cost or value, £110. No debt.
4. MANGAWEKA HOME MISSION.—Utiku (Torere), purchase of Church Site and erection of Church.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. WELLINGTON (Taranaki Street) CIRCUIT.—(1) Mitchelltown, purchase of Site, erection of Mission Hall, 39 x 25 feet. Cost or value, £450. Debt, £150.
(2) Crofton Church Site, 50 x 100 feet. Gift of Mr. Holmes.
2. HASTINGS CIRCUIT.—Purchase of Parsonage Site, 3 roods, and erection of Parsonage of 7 rooms. Cost or value, £490. Debt, £290.
3. EKETAHUNA CIRCUIT.—Eketahuna—Erection of Parsonage of wood, 8 rooms. Cost or value, £400. Debt, £200.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. RICHMOND CIRCUIT.—Hope Church—Erection of Vestry, 15 x 12 feet. Cost or value, £25. No debt.
2. HOKITIKA CIRCUIT.—Erection of Vestry. Cost or value, £20. No debt.
3. HAVELOCK HOME MISSION.—Canvastown—Purchase of Site, one chain square, and of school building for Church purposes. Cost or value, £30. Debt, £30.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHRISTCHURCH (Durham Street) CIRCUIT.—Winchcombe Street—Purchase of land, 93 links x 200 links for £400. Erection of Mission Hall of wood (50 x 39 feet), with School (28ft. 6in. x 20ft), Infant Room (39 x 11 feet), and two class-rooms (20 x 10 feet and 14 x 10 feet). Cost or value, £1,900. No debt (£1,600 in hand from insurance St. Asaph Street Church and sale of site.)
2. ASHBURTON CIRCUIT.—Ashburton—Erection of Infant School in brick. Cost or value, £145. Debt, £45.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. DUNEDIN (Cargill Road) CIRCUIT.—Mosgiel Church—Enlargement by erection of Transept (30 x 22½ feet) and Vestry (12 x 18 feet). Cost or value, £200. Debt, £100.
2. DUNEDIN (Morningside) CIRCUIT.—Roslyn Church—Re-seating. Cost or value, £165. No debt.
3. RIVERTON CIRCUIT.—Otautau—(1) Purchase of Church Site, half-acre, and erection of Church (32 x 22 feet) and Vestry (14 x 16 feet). Cost or value, £250. Debt, £100.
(2) Purchase of Parsonage Site, 2 acres. Cost or value, £60. Debt, £60.
4. LAWRENCE CIRCUIT.—Enlargement of Parsonage and raising of the same, &c. Cost or value, £140. No debt.
5. CROMWELL CIRCUIT.—Purchase of Parsonage Site, 45 x 147 feet. Cost or value, £30. Not stated.

GENERAL REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1901.

As the last parcel of Circuit Schedules did not reach me until the 14th January there has been too short a time to undertake the full analysis of the various items that is desirable. A brief examination shows that there is considerable improvement in the accuracy of the returns, though complaint has still to be made of want of care in bringing forward the debit or credit balances. The District Secretaries also complain of difficulty in getting Superintendents to distinguish between debts on other securities and current debit balances.

The returns for the Auckland and Wellington Connexional Properties are lacking this year as last. This seriously interferes with the complete record. Returns from Auckland (Maori Mission), Whangaroa, Hokianga, and Mangaweka, and Maori Mission (West Coast), have not been furnished. Nor have the accounts from Pakuranga, Aratapu, Tutaenui, Bulls, Spring Creek, Lower High Street, and Eyreton Properties been sent on. These omissions lessen the value of the summaries.

There has been during the year a gratifying activity in church building. Fourteen freehold and two leasehold sites have been obtained. Ten churches have been erected, and four enlarged. After making allowance for former churches replaced by new ones, there is a net addition of 1323 sittings. A gymnasium has been erected, a Sunday School built, two churches enlarged for Sunday School purposes, and two vestries built. The total cost of these undertakings is reported as £6295 9s 10d, and there is a debt of £1864 10s 11d. Minor improvements as per list show a further outlay of £794 18s 9d.

The ordinary Trust accounts show a reduction of debt amounting to £6366 7s 7d, while debts have increased by £749 8s 4d. There is thus a net reduction of £5616 19s 3d. This is chiefly owing to subscriptions through the Century Fund, the larger part of these, under the regulations agreed to by Conference, having been allocated to the payment of church debts.

No insurance is reported in the case of Arapohue Church. A few of the Trusts report heavy overdrafts, Coromandel being £444 and Wanganui £514 18s 4d; Stratford Parsonage, £44 5s (besides mortgage of £320), and Balclutha £53. These cases, and those specially reported to the Loan Fund, emphasise the necessity of strict observance of Connexional regulations, otherwise burdens grow, which are disastrous.

In the following cases no church anniversary has been held:—Freeman's Bay, Sunnyside, Waiuku, Pukerimu, Wairere, Mareretu, all Northern Wairoa (Aratapu, Mangawhare, Arapohue, Redhill, and Kaihu), Kamo, Mangapai, Hikurangi, Kuaotunu, Kawakawa, Okaihau, Lepperton, Midhirst, Manaia, Alton, Opunake, Wanganui, Tutaenui, Bulls, Rangiwhia, Kimbolton, Ohakune, Karori, Wainui, Whiteman's, Kuripuni, Napier, Green Meadows, Clive, Mauriceville, Dannevirke, Ormondville, Stoke, Hope, Spring Grove, Spring Creek, Ross, Kanieri, Westport, Motueka, Dovedale, Stafford, Templeton, Prebbleton, all Leeston Circuit (Leeston, Brookside, Irwell, Southbridge, Doyleston, Taumutu), Raithby, Amberley, Waitchi, Wakanui, Darfield, Sheffield, Russell's Flat, Kimberley, Little River, Stafford Street Hall (Dunedin), Waitati, Kaitangata, Kakanui, Arrowtown, Queenstown, Bannockburn, Tapanui, and Waikouaiti. In other words, one-fourth of the Church Trusts have neglected this opportunity and means of raising revenue.

All the Districts must share in this condemnation. By the Home Mission rules a large number of circuits are thus excluded from the possibility of grants for non-compliance with this regulation. Such neglect also injures circuit finances, as in many cases the quarterly meetings are asked to meet expenses, which are not properly chargeable thereon. It is suggested that the Financial District Synods should in future direct attention to this matter and consider each case. In some instances the return for anniversaries is obviously inadequate. For example, Taranaki Street, Wellington, £12 19s 5d, and Newtown, £5 16s 9d. These compare unfavourably with Nelson (£27 18s), Blenheim (£34 11s 6d), and Hastings (£22 6s 2d).

Seven properties are reported as having been sold during the year for £1193 (see list). Steady progress is being made in the direction of freeing properties from debt. Most of those, which a few years ago seemed water-logged, are now out of danger. Oamaru is to be specially noted in this respect, the total debt there now amounting only to £554 5s 3d. This is a matter for thankfulness, and shows the advantage of steady persistence and work.

The following statement shows the position of the different Districts in this respect. In Auckland two Circuits and two Home Mission Stations have no debt. Thirty-four Trusts are free from liability, and 10 others are only indebted to the Loan Fund. In Wanganui no Circuit is free, but 24 Trusts are out of debt, and nine others to the Loan Fund only. Including the two Trusts in the Waipawa Circuit 17 are free in the Wellington District, and 14 others are indebted to the Loan Fund. Nelson has three Circuits and two Home Mission Stations free, and 17 Trusts out of 32. In Canterbury Papanui is the only Circuit without Trust debt, but 42 Trusts are free; in 10 others the liability is to the Loan Fund. The heavy debts in this District are in Christchurch City and Suburban Districts, being three-fourths of the whole. Otago has three Circuits and one Home Mission Station free, 26 Trusts with no debt, and 13 to the Loan Fund only. The percentage of debt to first cost in the various Districts is, Auckland, 10; Wanganui, 10½; Nelson, 10; Canterbury, 12½; Otago, 8½; Wellington percentage is 30 per cent., but in that are included valuable rent-producing properties. The percentage for the whole colony is 13.6.

While there has been considerable aggression in the country districts, there are large towns and cities which have not recently made much advancement, so far as the acquisition of new properties and opening of other churches is concerned. Some of these require the careful attention of the Conference. Unless this matter is kept clearly before us there is danger of the Church losing ground. The Wellington (Taranaki Street) Circuit, by the leasing of Manners Street, has a splendid income, and should be able not only to rapidly reduce its own Trust debt, but initiate plans for the extensions so greatly needed in that city. Should the proposed leasing of Grey Institute be successful, the income of the Home Mission Fund will be considerably increased.

On the whole the state of the Church property is most cheering. Oamaru, Gisborne, and Hokitika, which, a few years ago were heavily weighted, have now emerged from their difficulties. In the chief cities some large debts which have been long stagnant, have been attacked through the Century Fund, and it is to be hoped the office-bearers will not rest until they are entirely liquidated. It must be recognised that many of the churches, being of wood, they must in a few years be renewed. With the growth of the colony, there is great need for new

enterprise in the urban populations. But by care and forethought in securing sites, these needs can be met, and the Church do its share in the evangelisation of the people.

For four or five years past, the secretaries of Church property have seen the need of correcting the returns, in cases where there has been additional expenditure simply, or where new buildings have taken the place of old ones, so as to avoid reporting an undue first cost or value. Several such rectifications have been made this year, and this will explain apparent discrepancies in the Schedules of this and previous returns.

The District Secretaries have again done much tedious and painstaking work, and the Connexion is greatly indebted to them. Their work would be rendered much more effective if the chairmen of Districts, conferring with them beforehand, would arrange for investigation of cases requiring attention at the annual Synods.

A. Properties.

Cost as reported.

Sites.—Freehold, 521; leasehold, 26; vacant, 115; incomplete titles, 13	£ 52,437 1 11
Churches.—Brick or stone, 16; wood, 281; seating 52,389	155,126 17 5
Schoolrooms.—Brick or stone, 6; wood, 77; seating 16,070	34,585 14 7
Parsonages.—Brick or stone, 2; wood, 90	41,252 14 2
Other buildings, 52	9,536 0 0
Total cost of land and buildings	£292,928 8 1

B. Current Trust Accounts.

Receipts.—Credit Balances, £1,153 19s 11d; Seat Rents, £2,765 11s 7d; Trust Collections, £1,391 17s 3d; Anniversaries or Opening Services, £2,005 9s 3d; Subscriptions and Donations, £6,291 16s; Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund, £2,163; all other Income, £7,347 13s 3d;—total, £23,273 3s 8d. Credit Balances forward, £2,163 7s 10d.

Expenditure.—Debit Balances, £2,857 7s 4d; Lighting and Cleaning, £2,328 12s; Alterations and Repairs, £1,783 10s 9d; Enlargements and Minor Improvements, £2,615 18s 10d; Interest, £1,871 13s 3d; Insurance Premiums, £850 17s; Paid to Circuit Boards, £162 9s 2d; all other Expenditure, including Debts Repaid, £10,941 6s 8d;—total, £23,320 1s 3d. Debit Balances forward, £2,785 8s 6d.

In several cases cost of new erections is returned under the head of Enlargements and Minor Improvements. In addition Grey Institute and Kai-iwi Farm return income £368 12s 6d; expenditure, £353 5s 8d.

Debts.—To Loan Fund, £9,260 4s 9d; on other securities, £30,104 9s 1d; Debt Reductions reported, £6,366 7s 7d; Debt Increases reported, £749 8s 4d.

Insurances.—Total Amount Insured, £143,715.

WM. MORLEY,

Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the District Secretaries for their efficient services during the past year, and that the following be appointed for the ensuing year :—Mr W. D. Buttle, Auckland; Mr. J. P. Leary, Palmerston North; Mr. C. W. Benbow, Wellington; Mr. J. Boon, Nelson; Mr. G. J. Smith, M.H.R., Christchurch; and Mr. J. C. Stephens, Dunedin.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the General Secretary, and that the Rev. H. Bull be appointed for the ensuing year.
4. That the attention of the Trustees of the Connexional properties in the Auckland and Wellington districts be called to the rule requiring returns of annual income and expenditure to be made to the District Secretaries of Church properties.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. H. Gilling and the Maunder Brothers for material help afforded in the erection of Rev. Robert Haddon's house at Okaiawa.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

As per regulations, full reports were sent to each Financial District Synod for the year ending October 31, 1901, and copies of these are now placed on the Secretary's desk. Deeds of the following fourteen properties have been received—viz. :—Waihi Parsonage Site, Lincoln Road Church, Takapuna Church Site, Mornington New Church Site, Halswell Church, Northcote Church, Upper Riccarton Church, Hutt Parsonage and Church, Rangiora (additional land), Pahiatua Parsonage Site, Kopu Church, Woodville Church, Mitchelltown Church Site, and Cargill Road Parsonage Site.

I have also received from the Treasurers of the Loan Fund the deeds of the following ten properties on payment of loans being completed—viz. :—Queenstown, Inglewood, Apiti, Cromwell, Gore Parsonage, Grey-mouth Church, Masterton Church, Crescent Road Church, New Brighton Church, and Mosgiel Church.

Seven declarations of Trust were sent in, and thirty-three certificates of appointment of new and additional trustees.

During the year the followings deeds have been removed from my care :—For sale—Union Street, church and site; Upper Riccarton, a strip of land; East Oxford, Pukerimu, and Opawa Church sites. For legal purposes :—Deeds of Northcote and Rangiora.

To the Loan Fund Treasurers I have handed the deeds of the following in connection with loans granted :—Northcote, Takapuna, Omaru, Te Aroha, New Plymouth, Patea, Thorndon, Woodville, Have-lock, Willowby, Sheffield, Darfield, Dannevirke, and Woodside. Several appointments of trustees to properties on which loans are granted have also been transferred to the Treasurers.

Deeds are still incomplete in several cases, and there are others where the number of trustees is below the legal limit.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted.
2. That the Rev. H. Bull be appointed Custodian for the ensuing year.

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

REPORT OF THE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

For the year ending 31st December last nine additional Trusts have been placed upon the Church Register. Two at least of these should have been registered some years previously. At present five other properties reported to have been acquired, are still unregistered. This is a matter that demands prompt attention on the part of Superintendent. Forty-two appointments of new and additional trustees have also been registered. Most of these were sent shortly after the appointments took place, but in some cases there was an interval of nine months or more. This is most regrettable, as persons thus appointed cannot legally act until their names have been registered, and the fact certified to the Superintendent.

A credit balance of £10 8s 8d was brought forward from the previous year, and the fees received were £21 14s 6d, making a total of £32 3s 2d. Out of this sum £10 was voted to the Connexional Secretary's office, and £15 11s 6d for assistance; £2 4s 8d for stamps and telegrams, including expenses of the General Secretary of Church property, and there is a credit balance at present of £4 7s.

RESOLUTIONS

- (1) That the Report and Cash Statement be adopted with thanks to the Representative.
- (2) That in accordance with the provisions of "The Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887," the Rev. H. Bull 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 Cash Account, List of Loans, &c., see Appendix A.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND REPORT, 1901.

The year has been a very busy one. Twelve meetings of the Committee have been held. At each of these a large number of items have claimed and received patient, and in some cases, prolonged attention.

The usual Cash Accounts of General Fund and Special Branch, with notes appended, summary of Balance Sheets and lists of Loans, give full information respecting the Finance. It will be noted that 21 Loans have been closed by payment of the final instalment. Twenty additional Loans have been granted from the General Fund. Of these seven were for new erections, four for enlargements, and nine for the reduction or liquidation of debt. In the Special Branch nine Loans have been granted, four being for new erections, one for enlargement, and four for reduction or liquidation of debt. There are at present 101 Loans current on the General Account, and 33 in the Special Branch. In the two Branches of the Fund £1,212 have been received during the year through the Century Commemoration Fund for repayments, in addition to instalments coming directly from the Trusts. The sum of £44 11s 3d. has been added to the capital of the Special Branch, which now stands at £2,608.

The Committee has pleasure in stating that the following Trusts have during the year paid instalments in advance :—Oamaru, Woolston, Tinwald, Levin Parsonage, Thames, Reefton, Green Meadows, Waikuku, Okato, and Havelock. Such repayments have enabled the Committee to help other cases at an earlier period than would otherwise have been possible. In sundry other instances, as shown in Lists, payments from the Century Fund are in addition to ordinary instalments, and the Trusts will thus be able to discharge their liability earlier than would otherwise have been possible.

The Committee regrets to report that the arrears still amount to £750. More than half of this sum is due by half-a-dozen Trusts, but the whole are far too heavy. Trustee Boards should recognise and carry out their obligations to pay the instalments promptly. If this is not done, the working of the Fund is seriously hindered.

The Committee has also to call attention to the fact that the contributions from Trusts to Working Expenses are very irregularly paid, and some Trusts make no effort. The result is that year after year an encroachment is made on the balance standing to the credit of Profit and Loss.

The Committee has further to report that in a few cases there have been flagrant breaches of engagements entered into by the Trusts. These will probably involve the Connexion in serious difficulties hereafter, and will certainly impede Church progress in the districts concerned. A special report is submitted concerning these cases setting forth the facts.

In connection with the Century Commemoration Fund the following have been sanctioned as New Enterprises :—Erection of Churches at Pihama and Pungarehu; of Parsonages at Hastings, Cromwell and Woolston; purchase of a Parsonage Site at Cromwell; the addition of a new Classroom to the Church at Richmond (Christchurch); and purchase of land and alteration of Church for Sunday School purposes at Hawera have also been thus passed.

The following undertakings have been approved by the Committee :—Purchase of Church Sites at Pungarehu, Otautau, Torere, Canvastown, Kopu, and additional land at Kingsland and Hawera; also Parsonage Sites at Pahiataua, Hastings, Otautau, Cromwell, and Birkenhead. The following gifts of Church Sites have been reported and accepted, viz :—Pukerimu, Mayfield, Cheltenham, and Crofton. Sanction has been given to the erection of churches at Cheltenham, Waitekauri, Pungarehu, Otautau, Mitchelltown, and Torere; also for a Mission Hall at Christchurch, and the removal of the Pukerimu Church to a more suitable site. The erection of Parsonages at Okaiawa, Eketahuna, and Hastings has been approved, and the enlargement of the Parsonage at Lawrence. The building of a

Schoolroom at Birkenhead has been approved, and an Infant Room at Ashburton, the removal of Hawera Church, and addition of eight classrooms thereat for Sunday School purposes.

In accordance with the powers entrusted to the Committee the following sales have been sanctioned:—Newtown, a strip of land to the Wellington Corporation; Willowbank, Church and Site; Opawa, Church Site; and an unoccupied section at Sheffield. The exchange of the present site at Huntly required by the Government for railway purposes has also been approved.

Leases beyond the period of seven years have been approved at Manners Street, Wellington—two shops for 14 years; at Newtown, Wellington, part of land for nine years; and at Paparoa 20 acres of glebe land for 21 years. The application of the Grey Institute Trustees for permission to let that property for building purposes on leases with perpetual right of renewal, on valuations after periods of years, is recommended to the Conference.

In addition to the Loans paid during the year further help by way of Loan has also been promised in the following cases:—Otautau Parsonage Site; Spring Grove Church, renewal; Torere Church, erection; Fern Hill Parsonage and Nukuroa Church, reductions of debts; purchase of Parsonage Site at Birkenhead, and completion and re-roofing of Raithby Church.

Some applications have been necessarily declined, and other proposals and plans considered by the Committee have not yet come to fruition, although a good deal of time and thought were given thereto. The Committee is especially glad to report that the freehold of the Paeroa Church after long effort has been obtained. It also expresses its satisfaction at the substantial reduction of the heavy and long standing debt on the Oamaru property.

No progress has yet been made with regard to securing freehold sites in mining areas.

The Committee expresses its strong conviction that for the efficient working of the Loan Fund the appointment of a Minister as the General Secretary is essential, and concurs in the recommendations of the Connexional Secretaryship in the nominations for a successor to the present occupant of the office.

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

Signed on behalf of and by order of the Committee,

WM. MORLEY, SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Cash Accounts of the General Fund and Special Branch be adopted, and with the Lists of Loans, printed in the Minutes.

That the Conference has heard with regret of the breaches of the Loan Fund Regulations by the Wanganui, Feilding, and Coromandel Trusts in connection with loans granted, thus incurring undue and unnecessary burdens, and calls the attention of all ministers and trustees to the importance of the conditions of loans and guarantees being complied with.

3. That the thanks of Conference be presented to the Secretary (Rev. W. Morley, D.D.) and Treasurer (Mr. W. Harris) for their services.
4. That the Rev. H. Bull be appointed Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. W. Harris be re-appointed co-Treasurer.
5. That the Loan Fund Committee be enlarged so as to include five ministers and five laymen.
6. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Committee for their close and painstaking attention to the business of the Fund for the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the year 1902-3, viz.—the Secretary, the Superintendents of the first three Christchurch Circuits and the Lyttelton Circuit, with Messrs. W. Harris, G. H. Blackwell, C. W. Turner, N. Martin, and J. A. Flesher.
7. That the communication from the Kamo Circuit *in re* Trust matters be referred to the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund for favourable consideration.
8. That the proposal of the Grafton Road Quarterly Meeting to sell the present site of the Newmarket Church, with a view to removing the church to a more eligible site, be remitted to the Loan Fund Committee for consideration.
9. That the Rules and Regulations, pp. 37-39, Conference Minutes, 1901, be re-affirmed, with the exception provided for in Resolution 5 above.

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 16½ per cent.
6. That the levies for the Children's Fund and Contingent Fund shall be made upon the current "expenditure" of the Circuit, such expenditure to be reported to the Treasurers, and to be printed in the Minutes.
7. That the term "Circuit Expenditure" shall, as far as these Funds are concerned, be understood to be the amounts of Ministers' Stipend and Connexional Charges due for the year.

8. 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.
9. That for the purposes of the Children's Fund there shall be deducted from the expenditure so ascertained the sum of £120 for each Married Minister and £80 for each Single Minister in the Circuit, and the levy shall be made on the net amount.
10. That in future the Balance Sheet of the Children's Fund be duly audited.

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. Bull and T. Buddle for their services as Treasurers during the past year, and that the Rev. J. J. Lewis and Mr. T. Buddle be appointed Treasurers for 1902.
3. That the Reports of the General Treasurer be bound up with the copies of the Conference Minutes.
4. That attention be called to the Resolutions of the General Conference requiring that Circuit Levies be paid Quarterly to the Conference Treasurers, who shall remit as early as possible to the Board of Treasurers.

The Rev. W. Morley, D.D., presented the Report of the Special Committee of the General Conference on the Supernumerary and Ministers' Widows' Fund, and it was resolved—

1. That the report of the Committee, with the Appendices thereto, be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference approves of the recommendations of the Special Committee as follows:—

I.—FURNITURE GRANTS.

That Furniture Grants be reduced to £25 for ministers of over fifteen years' standing, and to £17 10s. for ministers of between eight and fifteen years' standing.

II.—MINISTERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CIRCUIT LEVIES.

That the sum of £3 per annum additional for each minister be contributed to the Fund in equal parts by ministers and Circuits—*i.e.*, ministers' subscriptions to be increased from £7 7s. to £8 17s. per annum. Circuit levies to be increased from £10 to £11 10s. per annum. That the increased payments be, in the case of Circuit levies, for and after the year 1902, and in the case of ministers who pay in advance, for and after the year 1903.

III.—REDUCTION OF ANNUITIES.

That until the next General Conference there shall be a reduction in the annuities of supernumeraries and widows of twenty (20) per cent. on the present scale of allowances (Scale C), such reduction taking effect from and after June 30, 1902.

PLAMPIN BEQUEST FUND.

The Rev. H. Bull, Treasurer, presented the Report and Balance Sheet, which showed :—

Balance in hand from 1901	..	...	... £ 0 6 2
Interest on Investment	...	...	... 45 0 0
Bank Interest	...	...	... 1 13 10
			£47 0 0

The following resolutions were passed :—

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the sum of £47 be voted to five needy cases.
3. That the Rev. H. R. Dewsbury be appointed agent in Wanganui to forward all moneys arising from interest on the investment to the Rev. H. Bull.

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 re-appointed.
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 the necessary amount be given to the Editor of "The Outlook" 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 4 per cent. upon the current expenditure of the Circuit, as reported to the Treasurers, and printed in the Minutes.

7. 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, &c., 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 Outlook."
8. That the matter of over-taxation on the amount paid for rent of parsonage in the Hastings Circuit be referred to the Treasurers of the Contingent and Children's Funds for re-adjustment.
 9. That the over-taxation of the Riverton Circuit be referred to the Treasurers of the Contingent and Children's Funds for re-adjustment.
 10. That a copy of the Minutes be supplied gratis to every minister and to each lay representative attending Conference.
 11. That the removal expenses of the Rev. H. Bull from Auckland to Christchurch, and also his successor to the Auckland (Grafton Road) Circuit, be paid from the Contingent Fund.
 12. That the sum of £10 be paid from the Funds to the Connexional Sunday School Union.

TARARUA FUND.

The Committee reported that after full consideration, and legal advice having been obtained, the management of the Australian portion of the Fund had been entrusted to the Public Trustee, in keeping with Clause 8, Minutes of Conference, 1901, p. 40.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report of the Committee be received and adopted.

IV.—CENTURY COMMEMORATION FUND.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix K.

CENTURY COMMEMORATION FUND.

REPORT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee has held several meetings during the year, and has sought, by means of correspondence with Circuits and District Committees, to secure the carrying out of the resolutions of the last Conference.

Although the statement of the General Treasurers will show that the subscriptions fall far short of the sum originally aimed at, and that the year's work has added little to the total amount, the Committee is grateful for the measure of success which has attended the effort.

During the year successful evangelistic services have been held in many of the Circuits, and the Committee believes that the results of these services will tell more powerfully on the work of the future than will the relief from financial burdens. The total amount promised to date is £18,350, and of this the treasurers have received £14,406.

About £14,600 has been allocated by subscribers to the various objects of the Fund, and the treasurers have already paid £10,491 to Church and other Trusts.

The Committee strongly urges that special efforts be put forth in each Circuit to collect the amounts still unpaid, and also to secure the signatures necessary to the completion of the Historic Roll.

In the event of sufficient unallocated amounts being available the Committee recommends that further grants be made as follows:—

- (a) £100 to the Home Mission Fund.
- (b) £50 to the Kamo Church for reduction of debt on condition that a further sum of £25 is raised locally.
- (c) £75 towards erection of parsonage at Papanui, on condition that £150 is raised locally, and that the erection is begun within twelve months from the Dunedin Conference.

A Committee will be necessary to carry on the work until the Fund is closed, and the appointment of the following is recommended:—The Superintendents of the Christchurch circuits, Revs. J. Orchard, C. H. Laws, B.A., and Messrs G. H. Blackwell, W. Harris, J. C. Prudhoe, J. T. Smith, C. W. Turner, C. E. Salter, and A. K. England.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Committee,

WM. BAUMBER,

Secretary.

Christchurch, January 24, 1902.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. W. Baumber, Secretary, and to the Rev. W. Lee and Mr. G. H. Blackwell, Treasurers, for their faithful services during the year, and that they be re-appointed.
3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Central Committee for their services, and that the following be the Committee for 1902:—The Revs. J. Orchard, H. Bull, W. Baumber, W. Lee, J. A. Luxford, W. G. Parsonson, C. H. Laws, B.A., with Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, A. F. Drayton, A. K. England, W. Harris, J. C. Prudhoe, C. E. Salter, W. H. Seed, and C. W. Turner.
4. That the Central Committee be empowered to settle all disputes with regard to allocations, and to deal with all unallocated amounts.

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.
- 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.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

7. Grey Institute.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D.
8. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

9. Wellington Native and Destitute Children's Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

10. Canterbury Home Mission Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D.

N.B.—Each of the above Balance Sheets was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS *RE* THE ABOVE TRUSTS.

1. That the Trustees of all our Connexional Properties be requested to consider the desirability of insuring properties in the Connexional Fire Insurance Office.
2. That a brief report of what has been done in connection with these properties be submitted with the Balance Sheets.
3. That attention be called to the resolution of last Conference that in each of the above Trusts two Treasurers be appointed.
4. That the Probert Trustees be recommended to take the necessary steps for the appointment of the Rev. J. H. Simmonds as a Trustee of the Probert Bequest in the place of the Rev. Dr Morley, transferred to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference

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

ANSWER—

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix F.

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE'S REPORT, 1901.

The Committee desires to report that the duties of the office, which have been rendered more onerous during the past year by increased work in some of its departments, have been discharged by the secretary with his usual assiduity and care.

The absence of Dr. Morley during the year in Melbourne, in connection with work imposed on him by the General Conference, has prevented him from visiting all the places that he intended. His place, however, in the various Circuits that he could not reach has been taken by arrangement by the Revs. C. H. Laws and Wm. Lee, whose services, we understand, have been appreciated by the places visited.

Your Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the important and valuable services of the Rev. Dr. Morley during the nine years that he has filled the office of Connexional Secretary.

In labours more abundant he has given his best to the Connexion, and the results of his work, both on the present and future interests of the Church, can only be fully estimated by those who have been closely associated with him in his work.

While deeply regretting his removal to another colony, the Committee is more than ever convinced that the office must be continued in the general interests of the Church.

Your Committee, in accordance with usage, recommends three names from which to select a successor—viz., Revs. Bull, Lee, and Parsonson. We also recommend the following appropriation for the necessary financial provision for the year—viz., Church Building and Loan Fund, £175; Contingent Fund, £175; Home Mission Fund, £90; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £30; Authorised Representative Office, £10. Typist as during the past year.

WM. HARRIS, TREASURER.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet of the Committee and the Report of the Connexional Secretary be received and adopted.
2. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. Morley, D.D., for his valuable services as Connexional Secretary during the past year.
3. That the Rev. H. Bull be appointed to the office of Connexional Secretary for the ensuing year.
4. That the following appropriations be made in order to secure the necessary financial provision for the office :—Church Building and Loan Fund, £175; Contingent Fund, £175; Home Mission Fund, £90; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £30; Authorised Representative Office, £10; Typist as during the past year.

5. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch (South), Christchurch (St. Albans), Lyttelton, and Kaiapoi Circuits, together with Messrs. W. Harris, G. H. Blackwell, J. C. Prudhoe, J. T. Smith, J. T. Brown, E. C. Brown and the Connexional Secretary.
6. That the duties of the Connexional Secretary be:—(a) To act as general Secretary and as one of the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, and Secretary of the Fire Insurance Fund. (b) To act as General Secretary of Church Property, Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds. (c) To act as Corresponding Secretary of Home Missions. (d) To give attention to the spiritual needs of growing and neglected districts in the Colony. (e) To confer with and advise the Trustees of the various Connexional properties. (f) To correspond with the Government on all questions of Church property or titles. And (g) generally to take such other steps in conjunction with the Chairman of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits as will best conserve and extend the interests of the church in this Colony.

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

ANSWER—

The Report of the Home Mission Executive and the Balance Sheet for 1901, and also the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1902, were presented by the General Treasurers.

(*Vide Appendix.*)

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet for the past year, and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1902 be adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. H. Bull 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 the Rev. J. J. Lewis and Mr. F. L. Prime be appointed to these offices for 1902.
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 the Rev. H. Bull be appointed for the ensuing year.
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 1902—viz., the General and Financial Secretaries, the Rev. H. Bull, Corresponding Secretary, the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs. J. L. Wilson, T. Buddle, P. H. Mason, T. Allen, S. J. Ambury, A. C. Caughey, S. Parker, J. Heron, W. S. Allen. M.A., W. Gunson, J. Edson, J. E. Wheeler, R. Hobbs, J. W. Shackelford, T. McMaster, T. E. Montgomery and T. W. Jones.

5. That 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. That the 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 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 School, the Blake System, and our Endeavour Societies, and in other ways through the year, rather than by a spasmodic effort during two months of the year, to deepen the interest in this Fund.
10. That a copy of the Report be furnished to every subscriber of five shillings and over.
11. That efforts be made to have the income collected continuously and remitted immediately throughout the year instead of at its close.
12. That each Home Mission Station be under the supervision of the Superintendent of the nearest Circuit whenever so directed by Conference.
13. 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.
14. That the Home Mission Executive issue suitable cards, by which adults may solicit subscriptions to the Fund.
15. 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.
16. That the General Treasurers publish in "The Outlook," at least once a quarter, the amounts received by them from the several Circuit Treasurers up to date, in order that it may be seen whether the remittances have been promptly made; also that extracts from the reports of the agents be occasionally made through the paper.
17. That in our 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.
18. That in our large town and city congregations the employment of Deaconesses be encouraged.

19. That as soon as practicable, Ministers or Probationers be appointed to Home Mission Stations.
20. That the General Secretary be requested to report in the Connexiona organ items of news from the reports of Home Missionaries at least once a month.
21. 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 and claims of the Home Mission Fund.
22. That Deputations for 1902 be left to local arrangements.
23. That the Home Mission Executive be left free to exercise their judgment as to the general fitness of applicants for Home Mission work without being necessarily bound to select men who will regard Home Mission work as a stepping-stone to the Ministry.
24. That the matter of formulating a plan which shall ensure a retiring allowance for men who have served the Church as Home Missionaries be referred to the Executive Committee for their consideration and report.
25. That where possible Laymen be associated with Ministers in Home Mission Deputation Work.
26. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Southern Maori Mission Committee for allowing Noho Hemi Papakakura to accompany Mr. Gittos in his visits to our Circuits.
27. That instead of holding two missionary meetings during Conference, one meeting be held, at which the claims of both Home and Foreign Missions shall be advocated, the proceeds to be divided between the two Funds.
28. That the furniture belonging to the Tauranga Parsonage be sold, half the proceeds to be devoted to the Home Mission Fund, and the other half to the Circuit Fund.
29. A Financial Probationer is appointed to Pahiatua for one year, who shall have the use of the parsonage furniture. The grant is reduced from £35 appearing on the balance sheet to £25.
30. The £35 voted for married minister, and which appears on the balance sheet for Coromandel Circuit, remains on the understanding that the amount is used for the payment of instalments due to the Church Building and Loan Fund. The appointment of a Probationer is for one year only, and the Circuit Stewards are directed not to sell the furniture, but to have the same carefully stored for future use.
31. The sum of £5 is voted to pay for supplies to Wakatipu pending the arrival of the Home Missionary from Victoria.
32. That the Rules and Regulations of the Fund as found in Minutes of Conference, 1897, pp. 41-44, and in the Home Mission Report, 1901, p. 4, be re-affirmed.

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

ANSWER—

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix E.

A Statement of Income for 1901, and an Abstract of Minutes of the Board of Missions were presented by Rev. J. N. Buttle.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Statement of Income be received and adopted.
2. 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 Rev. J. N. Buttle and Mr. C. Hicks be appointed Secretaries to watch over the interests of Foreign Missions in New Zealand for the ensuing year.
3. 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.
4. That each District be recommended to form a Ladies' Foreign Mission Auxiliary with the object of supporting a Missionary Sister.
5. 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.
6. That at each District Synod the question be asked: "Have the amounts collected for the Foreign Missions been duly remitted to the General Treasurers?"
7. That with a view to promote the systematic support of Foreign Missions, our people be requested more generally to adopt the collecting cards and mercy boxes provided by the Mission House.
8. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the anonymous donor of \$50 in Cargill Road Circuit.
9. That the attention of the officials in Sunday Schools where nothing has been done in the interests of the Fund be drawn to the claims of Foreign Missions, with a view to institute efforts in aid of the same.
10. That the attention of Superintendents of circuits be directed to the law that all Foreign Mission income must be sent through the Chairmen of Districts.
11. That this Conference expresses its satisfaction at the establishment of a new Mission in the Solomon Islands group. We pray for its success and commend it as a fresh claim upon the generous support of our people.
12. That while approving generally of the action of the Board of Missions under present circumstances in regard to a mission in China, the Conference expresses a hope that steps will be taken as soon as possible to establish such a mission.

13. That the arrangements for deputation work in New Zealand by the Rev. W. Slade be left in the hands of the Rev. J. N. Buttle.
14. That the Conference expresses its gratification with the continued success and prosperity of our Missions in the South Seas, and its thankfulness for the blessing which has followed the labour of the agents employed. The Conference also recognises the urgent need for further efforts for the evangelisation of the Indian Coolies in Fiji, and the extension of the work in other parts of the mission field, and specially rejoices in the announcement of the proposal to commence work in New Georgia, Solomon Islands. The Conference further acknowledges the liberal contributions of our churches to this important branch of work, and commends it to the prayer and practical sympathy of all who desire the extension of Christ's Kingdom.
15. That in order to encourage Foreign Mission Collectors, the Mission office be requested to send to the circuits of each Conference, in addition to the present supply of the Annual Report, a liberal supply of the list of contributions within the bounds of that Conference.

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 Governor were presented to the Conference.

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 a Honorarium of not more than £15 per annum.
4. 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.
5. That the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits be a Committee of Discipline for the Theological Institution, and that meetings of the Committee be held in the months of June and October, in addition to any that may be specially summoned at other times; the Governor convener.
6. 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.

7. That all agreements with Students and Candidates for re-paying 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.
8. That the Treasurer be authorised to pay the fees for Theological Students attending University College Lectures.
9. That the Students be allowed to remain for a period of not less than three years at the College, unless called out in cases of necessity by the President.
10. That a copy of the Annual Report of the Theological Institution for the year ending October 31 be furnished by the Governor to each Chairman of District in time to lay before his Synod.
11. That quarterage be allowed to each Student at the rate of £2 per quarter.
12. That a separate account be presented showing the Income and Expenditure in connection with the Theological Institution.
13. That the sanction of the Conference be given to the necessary appropriations for the training of five European Students for the Ministry at Prince Albert College, and also for the training of one Maori Student for the Ministry, at the rate of £5 per quarter, at Three Kings College.
14. That Mr. G. A. Buttle be the Treasurer of the Theological Institution.

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.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Principal's report be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. H. Simmonds for his faithful and acceptable services in connection with the training of Native scholars at Three Kings College, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That the thanks of Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1902, viz:—The Ministers of 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.

That the school curriculum be arranged for instruction up to the Matriculation Grade.

5. The Conference expresses its gratification to learn that the sum of £631 8s 6d has been promised towards the erection of the new buildings, and that of this sum £520 4s 6d has been already received. The Conference commends this highly necessary work to the liberality of the people, and trusts that the time is not far distant when a sufficient sum will be in hand to warrant the Trustees in proceeding with the erection of the proposed new buildings.

II.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

The Report of Head Master was submitted to the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report 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.

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 G.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The Report and Balance Sheet of the Central Committee of the S.S. Union and the General Report on Sunday Schools were presented by the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet of the Central Committee and the General Report on Sunday Schools be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Secretary to the Central Committee, for his services during the past year, and that he be re-appointed.
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; and that the following be the Committee for 1902: The Rev. H. Bull, the Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch (South),

Christchurch (St. Albans), and Lyttelton Circuits, together with Mrs. Lockwood, Misses Chaplin and Kitchingman, Messrs J. Gamble, W. H. Bowen, W. A'Court, J. A. Flesher, C. S. Howard, S. Hulbert, J. C. Prudhoe, F. Thompson, the President and Secretary of the North Canterbury Branch, and the General Secretary of the S.S. Union.

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 Members ; (8) Number of Scholars Junior Members ; (9) Number of Volumes in Library ; (10) Number of Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets ; (11) Number of Schools which belong to the Connexional S.S. Union ; (12) Approximate Number of Methodist Children attending undenominational Sunday Schools.
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 Curriculum for Teachers' Examination, 1902, 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 Hand book," The Gospel of St. John (Cambridge Bible for Schools), Rev. C. A. Row's "A Manual of Christian Evidences."
8. 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.
9. That the Scholars' Examination be the International Lessons (afternoon) for the months of May, June, July, and August, and the Catechism Questions on the Tablets for the same period, and that the date of the Examination be the second Friday in September.
10. 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.
11. 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.

12. The Conference fixes the third Sunday in October as "The Young People's Sunday," upon which, throughout our Circuits, special services shall be held for the young, with a view of leading them to decision for Christ.
13. 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.
14. That the Sunday School accounts be audited annually.
15. That a grant of £10 be made to the Sunday School Union from the Contingent Fund.
16. That Superintendents be required to make a return showing the approximate number of Methodist children attending undenominational schools within their Circuits.
17. That in each of our larger towns a united meeting of Sunday School teachers and workers be convened by the Superintendent of the principal Circuit, and that in all other places Circuit gatherings of such workers be held for the following purposes :—
 - (a) To review the whole state of our Sunday School work, giving special consideration to any decline in the number of scholars and to the methods of school work employed.
 - (b) To consider the advisability of forming a branch of the Connexional Sunday School Union, or, in the event of that being deemed inadvisable, to consider the institution of a regular quarterly gathering of Methodist Sunday School teachers and workers for social intercourse and consultation about school methods.
18. That this Conference places on record its high appreciation of the work done by our Sunday School teachers and office-bearers during the past year, and at the same time calls their attention to the reported general decrease in scholars, with the hope that renewed efforts will be made to arrest such decrease, and generally to improve the efficiency of our schools.
19. That the Central Committee of the Sunday School Union forward a copy of their annual report to each District Synod.

QUESTION XVII.—What are Resolutions of the Conference respecting the "Outlook"?

ANSWER—

Report of Committee was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. G. Brooke for his services as Methodist Editor of the "Outlook," and that he be re-appointed
3. That the Committee consist of Revs. P. W. Fairclough, J. Ward, 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 an honorarium of £25 be voted to the Editor from the Contingent Fund.
5. That the Committee and Editor be elected at the Conference.
6. That Superintendents be directed to urge the claims of the "Outlook" in their pastoral visitations and in other ways.

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

ANSWER—

Rev. T. G. Brooke presented the General Report.

TEMPERANCE RETURNS, 1901.

Districts.	Bands of Hope.	Members.	S.S. Scholars in Non-Connexional Bands of Hope.
Auckland	21	1630	—
Wanganui	16	1177	133
Wellington	11	1217	—
Nelson	6	442	260
Canterbury	23	2267	886
Otago	7	421	12
Totals	84	7154	1291
Increase ... ..	...	...	78
Decrease... ..	18	1179	...

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. G. Brooke for his services as Temperance Secretary, and that he be reappointed.
3. That a New Zealand Methodist Temperance Society be formed, with branches in every Circuit and Home Mission Station, and that its name be "The New Zealand Methodist Temperance Society."
4. That the pledge be: "I promise by the help of God to abstain from all intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to do all in my power to lead others to abstain."

5. That in each Circuit a Temperance Committee be elected at the June Quarterly Meeting.
6. That a Temperance Meeting be held at least quarterly in each church and preaching place wherever practicable.
7. That a roll of members be kept in each Circuit, the number of members to be annually reported through the District Synods to the Conference.
8. That the Superintendent of the circuit be *ex officio* Chairman of the Committee.
9. That all Superintendents of Circuits be required to furnish returns to District Secretaries under the following heads :—Number of Connexional Temperance Societies, and Bands of Hope and members of same, and number of Sunday School scholars who are members of non-Connexional Bands of Hope.
10. That Conference directs that on the last Sunday in November sermons be preached in all our Churches on the subject of Temperance.
11. That the very best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. G. Brooke for his services as Sesecriary of the Temperance Committee, and that he be reappointed.
12. This Conference respectfully repeats its protest 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.
13. That Conference recommend the Chairman of each District to confer with the Ministers of his District, and if possible, to free one of them from Circuit work for a month for direct Temperance work prior to the next No-Licence Vote being taken.
14. That the attention of the Hon. the Minister of Railways be called to the frequent breaches of the regulations respecting persons under the influence of liquor who are often permitted to travel on the railways.
15. This Synod respectfully urges that the Government, before determining to grant increased facilities for getting liquor to any section of the Maori race, should appoint a Royal Commission as suggested in the Licensing Bill of 1900, to inquire into the whole question of the effect of liquor on the Maoris, in order that the facts may be known by the Members of the Legislative Chambers and the Electors of the Colony, so that they may be enabled to determine as to their duty in the matter.
16. That we give expression to our thankfulness for the earnest and hopeful spirit which prevails, and the united front which our Church presents on the Liquor Question; and recommend to Conference to urge all our Ministers to co-operate heartily with the N.Z. Alliance and other Temperance Workers to secure success at the next Local Option Poll.

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

ANSWER—

A brief report was presented showing

1. That the Rev. H. Bull had been re-appointed by the General Conference with the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., as his coadjutor.
2. That no further documents had been collected during the year.

QUESTION XX.—What are the Resolutions of this Conference on Matters remitted by last Conference to District Synods and other Committees?

ANSWER—

I.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON METHODIST UNION.

The Report of the Committee on this question appointed by last Conference was received.

II.—LOCAL PREACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

The report of the Committee on this subject appointed by the last Conference was presented by the Rev. J. J. Lewis. The following recommendations of the Committee are referred to the Local Preachers' September Quarterly Meetings for consideration. The recommendations of these meetings are to be sent to their respective Synods, and the findings of the Synods are to be sent 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, which Committee shall report to the Conference. Convener of the Committee, Rev. T. G. Brooke.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

1. That there be written as well as oral examinations before Local Preachers be received on Full Plan.
2. That Conference recommends a suitable Book or Books for candidates to pass their examinations in.
3. That Local Preachers be encouraged to pass examinations for three successive years, and that suitable certificates be awarded.
4. That any candidate who cannot show evidence that he has passed an examination equivalent to the Sixth Standard be requested to pass a written examination in English.
5. That training classes for Local Preachers be established in the principal centres and wherever practicable elsewhere.
6. That Local Preachers' Theological Libraries be established as far as practicable in all our Circuits.
7. That the Committee for the examination of candidates for the ministry be directed to prepare the papers for the written examination of Local Preachers.

III.—THE SPEECH AND SONG MISSION.

A report of the Committee appointed to manage the Speech and Song Mission conducted by Sister Elinor and Miss Layton was presented by Mr. E. Rosevear.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the heartiest thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. P. W. Fairclough, Mr. E. Rosevear, and the members of the Committee for their valuable services during the year. It also expresses its appreciation of the mission conducted by Sister Elinor and Miss Layton.

3. That the following Committee be appointed to arrange for the work of Sister Elinor and Miss Layton in Canterbury and any other districts to which they may be invited during the coming year :—
The Superintendents of the first three Christchurch Circuits, the Revs. H. Bull and C. H. Laws, B.A., Messrs. W. Harris, G. J. Smith, M.H.R., A. W. Bain, J. T. Brown, A. F. Drayton, J. C. Prudhoe. Convener and Secretary, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.

IV.—CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

The Report of the Committee was presented, and the following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. That the Conference re-affirms its strong conviction of the necessity for the establishment of a Methodist Orphanage and Home for destitute children and needy children in New Zealand.
2. That the Conference is also of opinion that the Funds of the Wellington Educational Trust should be available for this purpose, and urges upon the Trustees the necessity for prompt action.
3. That the Conference believes that a beginning should be made as early as possible by making provision for, say, six or twelve orphans or destitute children.
4. That the following Committee be appointed—viz., the Trustees, with the President and Secretary of the Conference, the Superintendents of the two Wellington Circuits, and Messrs W. Harris and G. H. Blackwell, and that the Committee be authorised to take all necessary action ; Rev. G. Bond, convener.

V.—EXTENSION IN WELLINGTON.

The Report of the Committee was received, and the following Committee was appointed to further consider the matter and to report to the Conference of 1903—viz., the President of the Conference, the Ministers of the Wellington Circuits, and Messrs. Moxham, Benbow, Tiller, McIntosh, Feild, Brittain, Salkeld, Green ; Rev. G. Bond, convener.

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

ANSWER—

This Conference, having reviewed the work of God in the Circuits of our Church during the past year, is profoundly thankful for the manifest signs of progress, as shown in the increase of 481 European and 260 Maori members. It is also delighted to hear of the spiritual revival which has taken place in many of our Circuits, and in looking forward to the future this Conference recognises, and would emphasise the need of a fuller reliance upon the Holy Spirit of God, and a fuller consecration to God and His service on the part of all our people. The Conference confidently looks for yet greater things, and prays that the largest expectations of the Church may be abundantly realised during the coming year.

For General Returns, see Appendix H.

The following were appointed Statistical Secretaries for 1902 :—

Auckland District	Rev. C. Griffin
Wanganui „	Rev. T. W. Vealie
Wellington „	Rev. S. H. D. Peryman
Nelson „	Rev. T. G. Carr
Canterbury „	Rev. R. J. Murray
Otago „	Rev. W. A. Sinclair

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

ANSWER—

The following report was submitted :—

1. The Committee has again the pleasing duty of reporting continued and increasing appreciation of the provision made by the Conference for Connexional Insurance.

2. Four meetings of Committee have been held. At these, applications from 32 Trusts have been approved. These have come from all parts of the colony.

3. The agreement made with the New Zealand Insurance Company has been continued, and the Committee has insured a very considerable portion, being desirous to safeguard the interests of the Connexion to the utmost.

4. Three hundred and four Trusts now pay levies to the Fund, and a list of these is placed on the table. It will be seen therefrom that there are a number of places which have not availed themselves of the Fund. The Committee believes that if the Superintendents would bring the matter before the Trustee Meetings most of these would be glad to utilise the Connexional Fund.

5. Two losses by fire have been reported—Rongotea to the amount of about £5 and Ross to about £40. Provision for payment of these is made in the balance carried forward.

6. Including deposits of £300, the balance brought forward from last year was £377 15s 10d.; levies paid amount to £504 4s. 2d.; interest on deposits, £9 4s.; amount received for exchange, 13s. 9d.;—total, £891 17s. 9d. Payments have been :—To New Zealand Insurance Company, £186 17s. 3d.; expenses of office, stationery, printing, stamps, exchange, &c., £37 12s. 3d., as per audited account submitted, leaving credit balance of £550 on deposit, and on current account at the bank £117 8s. 3d. Out of this balance provision must be made for losses reported.

Signed on behalf of and by order of the Committee.

WM. MORLEY, CHAIRMAN.

Christchurch, January 11, 1902.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report and financial statement be adopted.
2. The Conference expresses its gratification at the continued success of the undertaking, and expresses the hope that other Trusts will be found availing themselves of the advantages of the Fund.

3. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Committee for its services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee appointed for the ensuing year :—The Revs. H. Bull, W. Lee, W. Baumber, with Messrs. W. Harris, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, E. C. Brown, and H. Buttle.
4. That the Treasurers of the Connexional Trust Properties be requested to consider the advisability of effecting insurances in the Connexional Office.

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

ANSWER—

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

That in reference to arrears and fines, no fine shall be inflicted upon a minister who can show proof that his premium was paid to the Chairman of his District before February 1, and in such case the fine shall be imposed upon the delinquent Chairman.

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

ANSWER—

In the Durham Street Church, Christchurch, as near as possible to the last Tuesday in February, 1903, 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 Beloved Queen.

We desire too 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 you 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 and 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.

REPLY.

Downing Street, 26th June, 1901.

My Lord.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 4th May, enclosing a loyal address to the King from the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New Zealand. The address has been laid before the King, who commanded that his sincere thanks be conveyed to the senders for the loyal and sympathetic sentiments expressed therein.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Governor,
The Right Hon. the Earl of Ranfurly,
K.C.M.G., &c.

CHANGES IN METHODIST LAW.

The following changes in Methodist Law were made at the General Conference of 1901, held in Brisbane, and are printed here for information :—

REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFERENCE.

That representatives to Conference from Quarterly Meetings, Committees of Institutions and District Synods, shall be elected by an absolute majority of votes cast.

REPRESENTATIVE TO STATIONING COMMITTEE.

That paragraph 319, p. 84, "Book of Laws," be amended by the addition of the following words :— "A substitute representative shall also be elected, who shall be summoned by the Chairman of the District to attend the Stationing Committee on the elected representative notifying his inability to attend."

ADJOURNMENT OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

That the Connexional Law preventing the adjournment of Quarterly Meetings be rescinded, and that a Quarterly Meeting have the power to adjourn to some other day and place then and there to be specified, for the settlement of any business that may remain undetermined.

TRIAL OF MEMBERS.

That clause 34, "Book of Laws," be amended so as to read—"Any accusation made against a member upon which he is to be tried, must be made in writing, and forwarded to the Superintendent Minister; a copy of the charge or charges must be sent to the accused by the Superintendent Minister not less than seven clear days before the time appointed for the trial."

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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

INVITATIONS TO MINISTERS.

That in counting those present in Quarterly Meeting 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.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETIES.

1. That the members of Junior Societies be included in the statistics in a separate column.
2. That active members of the Junior Endeavour Societies be regarded as junior members of the church.
3. That, subject to the provisions of par. 6, "Book of Laws," active members of young people's societies be regarded as members of the church if they so desire.
4. That in the questions to be asked at Quarterly Meetings the additional question be inserted—"What is the state of the Christian Endeavour Societies in the Circuit?"
5. That the Superintendent of the Circuit, or one of his colleagues nominated by him, shall be *ex officio* President of each of the Christian Endeavour Societies within the Circuit.



MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

THANKS TO THE EX-PRESIDENT.

That the very cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. C. H. Garland for his able, kindly, and faithful discharge of the duties of President during the 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 year.

ORDINATION CHARGE.

That the very cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ex-President, Rev. C. H. Garland, for his faithful and timely charge delivered to the newly-ordained Probationer, and that he be respectfully requested to allow the same to be printed in the Outlook.

LETTERS OF SYMPATHY.

That letters of sympathy be sent to Mesdames Gray and Ryan, to the daughters of the late Rev. T. Nelson, to the Revs. W. G. Parsonson and G. Frost, and Mr. J. R. Clark, who have passed through bereavement during the year, and also to the Supernumeraries who are unable to attend the Conference.

DISASTER TO THE SEVENTH CONTINGENT.

This Conference learns with profound sorrow of the disaster that has overtaken the New Zealanders of the Seventh Contingent at Bothasburg. Upholding as it does the policy of the Home Government in prosecuting this war until the last rebel lays down his arms, believing such course to be the only one open for securing a peaceful settlement of the country, it recognises that New Zealand must bear its share of the horrors necessarily attendant on war, of which this sad calamity is one. It desires to express its admiration at the courage of the gallant lads who bravely fell, and its sympathy with their mourning relatives, and prays for the speedy cessation of hostilities in South Africa.

WORK OF LAYMEN IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

That the whole question of the rights of laymen in the annual Conferences, including the resolutions on the subject on p. 58, Min. of Conf., 1901, be submitted to the following Committee, who shall report on the subject to the Conference of 1903 through the District Synods:—The President and the Secretary of Conference, the Superintendents of the Christchurch, Lyttelton, and Kaiapoi Circuits, together with Connexional Secretary, and Messrs. J. T. Smith, W. Harris, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Fleisher, and S. R. Webb. Rev. W. G. Parsonson, convener.

REV. A. PETERS.

The Rev. Alfred Peters, who had recently returned from a visit to the Old Country, addressed the Conference, giving an account of his impressions of English religious life. The Conference heartily and unanimously welcomed Mr. Peters and thanked him for his address.

METHODISTS IN THE NINTH CONTINGENT.

That this Conference expresses its satisfaction at the appointment of the Rev. D. Dutton as Chaplain of the Ninth Contingent, and commends to his pastoral care and oversight any members of the Methodist Church attached to the Contingent.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

That the question of electing the President and Secretary of Conference twelve months prior to their taking office be referred to the following Committee to sit during the year and to report to the Conference of 1903 :—The Ministers of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Circuits, with Messrs. J. C. Stephens, E. Rosevear, T. E. Corkill, J. B. Shacklock, and A. King. Rev. J. Ward, Convener.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

That the proposal to form a Removal Expenses Fund be referred to the following Committee, who shall gather information during the year and report to the next Conference through the District Synods :—The Ministers of the Invercargill and Gore Circuits, with Messrs. J. J. Westney, J. Stead, and G. R. George, Convener.

DR. MORLEY'S REMOVAL.

In the Representative Session resolutions were passed expressive of the appreciation of the Conference of Dr. Morley's work in New Zealand and also of the willingness of the Conference to receive Dr. Morley back into its ranks whenever he may see his way clear to return.

(*Vide* Pastoral Session, Question XI.)

NAME OF THE CHURCH.

1. That steps be taken to obtain legislative sanction to the change of name of this Church to "The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand."
2. That a Committee be appointed to sit during the year and to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the passing of the necessary Act through the Legislature. The Committee to consist of the Revs. W. Lee, H. Bull, W. Baumber, Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, G. J. Smith, M.H.R., and J. A. Flesher. Rev. H. Bull, Convener.

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 require the accounts of the Circuit to be audited annually; the Quarterly Meetings to appoint their own auditors.

MEDICAL BOARD.

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

AGENDA BOOK.

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. C. H. Laws, B.A., and Mr. J. A. Flesher.

NOMINATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

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

RETIREMENT OF LAY REPRESENTATIVES 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.

MINISTERS' STIPENDS.

The Conference learns with sincere regret that so many Circuits are paying their ordained ministers less than £200 per annum, and directs that the Chairmen of Districts, with a Layman for each District, to be selected by the Chairman, visit each Circuit in their respective Districts where less than the above Stipend is paid, and confer with the officers on finance, and suggest the immediate increase to as near the above amount as possible.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

That in the judgment of this Conference the law should be so amended as to provide for the daily reading of the Bible in the Government day schools, with a text book containing necessary explanations, but with no sectarian bias, and for the daily use of the Lord's Prayer. Also, that the Rev. W. A. Sinclair be appointed to co-operate with the Rev. J. Gibb, Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly, to take the necessary steps to promote the success of what is thus sought.

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 this Conference request the Government to introduce a Bill making the totalisator illegal.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

That the Conference views with grave concern the prevailing and increasing desecration of the Sabbath by city and rural populations, and especially do we deplore the bad example set in this respect by our civil and military authorities. Realising the importance of the bearing of this question upon the physical, moral, and spiritual life of the nation, we urge our ministers and people to do their utmost, by precept and example, and the use of the franchise, to establish both public and private observance of and reverence for the Lord's Day.

DEACONESS MOVEMENT.

1. That the Conference sympathises with the proposal to establish a Training Home for "Sisters," and hopes that it will be done as soon as practicable, but regrets that it is not in a position at present to vote any grant for this object.

2. That the Conference rejoices to hear that several "Sisters of the People" are employed in the various Circuits, and are being supported by local contributions.

NAVAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

1. That the Conference apply to the Defence Minister for the creation of chaplaincies in each of the chief centres, in accordance with English practice, and that appointments to such chaplaincies be made by the Conference.
2. That the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church be communicated with in order, if possible, to secure united action.
3. That in accordance with the provisions of the General Conference (Minutes, pp. 71, 72), a Standing Committee be appointed to watch our interests as a Church.
4. That the Committee consist of Revs. H. Bull, W. Lee, W. Baumber, and J. A. Luxford (convener), with Captains G. J. Smith and A. F. Drayton; the President to exercise the powers of Conference in appointing chaplains during the present year.
5. That in the event of a Tenth Contingent being sent to South Africa, the Conference is willing to supply a chaplain to accompany the same, and should occasion arise, the above Committee communicate with the President and arrange necessary details.
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, in order that the naval authorities may be notified of the chaplaincies in these places.

CONNEXIONAL LEGACIES AND ENDOWMENTS.

That the Treasurers or Trustees of all Legacies or Endowments held for or on behalf of the Church furnish to each Conference a statement showing how the funds are invested, and any change which may have been made during the year, and an entry of the same be made yearly in the Journal, such return to be presented to Conference at the first Representative Session after the opening of Conference.

HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE.

In accordance with General Conference regulations, the following were appointed the Committee for New Zealand in connection with the new Hymn Book—viz., Revs. C. H. Garland and J. T. Pinfold, and Messrs. E. J. Gatland and W. Astley.

PROPORTIONATE GIVING.

The Conference commends to our people the principles of proportionate and systematic giving in support of the cause of God, and urges upon them the duty and privilege of liberality in this direction.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

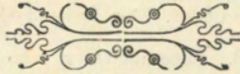
That it be an instruction to Connexional Committees to include in their Reports to Conference the number of attendances at meetings by each member of the Committee.

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE.

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

DANIEL J. MURRAY, *President.*

SAMUEL LAWRY, *Secretary.*



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- 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
 1857 Watkin, William J., President New Zealand Conference, 1889, Supernumerary
 1860 Bunn, Robert S., Supernumerary
 1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary
 1861 Orchard, John, President, New Zealand Conference, 1899, Supernumerary
 1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary
 1862 Smith, John, Supernumerary
 1864 Lee, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1880
 1864 Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary
 1867 Oliver, William C., President New Zealand Conference, 1887
 1868 Bull, Henry, President New Zealand Conference, 1886
 1868 Law, John, Supernumerary
 1868 McNicoll, David, President New Zealand Conference, 1894
 1868 Smalley, Joseph S., F.R.G.S., President New Zealand Conference, 1900
 1868 Thomas, William G.
 1869 Beck, William H.
 1869 Keall, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1893
 1869 Simmonds, Joseph H., President New Zealand Conference, 1895
 1870 Isitt, Frank Whitmore
 1870 Lewis, John J., President New Zealand Conference, 1890
 1870 Pendray, John J.
 1870 Williams, William J., President New Zealand Conference, 1888
 1871 Bond, George, President New Zealand Conference, 1892
 1871 Carr, Thomas G.
 1871 Dewsbury, Henry R., President New Zealand Conference, 1891
 1871 Thomas, James
 1871 Marten, William B.

- 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., F.R.A.S., President New Zealand Conference, 1897
 1874 Hammond, Thomas G.
 1874 Jory, John D.
 1874 Worboys, John W.
 1875 Prior, Samuel F.
 1875 Standage, Charles H.
 1876 Baumber, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1896
 1876 Garlick, Samuel J.
 1876 Luxford, John A.
 1876 Penney, Charles
 1876 Thomas, T. Eggleston, M.A.
 1877 Fee, Thomas
 1877 Griffin, Cornelius
 1877 Lawry, Samuel
 1877 Peters, Alfred
 1878 Buttle, J. Newman
 1879 Abernethy, Christopher
 1879 Hounsell, George
 1879 Isitt, Leonard M.
 1879 Murray, Daniel James, President New Zealand Conference, 1902
 1879 Spence, George William James
 1879 Tinsley, William
 1880 Brooke Thomas G.
 1880 Griffin, Thomas Nicholas
 1880 Dukes, John
 1881 Garland, Charles Hughlings, President New Zealand Conference, 1901
 1881 Parsonson, William George, President New Zealand Conference, 1898
 1881 Pinfold, James Thomas, F.G.S., F.R.M.S.
 1881 Gibson, Samuel J.
 1882 Griffith, Samuel
 1882 Jones, Thomas Francis
 1883 Marshall, George T.
 1883 Mather, Joseph J.
 1884 Serpell, Samuel J.
 1885 Ginger, Barton H.
 1885 Lawry, Albert C.
 1885 Ready, William
 1885 Rothwell, Benjamin F
 1885 Ward, Josiah
 1886 Ellis, John G. W.
 1886 Taylor, Robert
 1887 Blight, Joseph
 1887 Joughin, Thomas A.
 1887 Laws, Charles Henry, B.A.
 1887 Wrigley, James
 1888 Grigg, William
 1888 Trestrail, Thomas
 1889 Chapman, James G.
 1889 Murray, Richard J.
 1889 Read, Frederick T.
 1890 Mitchell, Arthur
 1890 Newbold, Thomas W.
 1891 Beecroft, Charles E.
 1891 Sinclair, William
 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D.
 1893 Elliott William J.

- 1893 Frost, George
 1893 Harrison, Colin C.
 1894 Beggs, Hugh
 1894 Bellhouse, Harold E.
 1894 Dawson, William
 1894 Porter, Charles
 1894 Vealie, Thomas W.
 1895 Ashcroft, Arthur
 1895 Griffin, John W.
 1895 Lochore, John A.
 1895 Richards, Thomas R.
 1896 Blamires, Henry L.
 1896 Bowie, William S.
 1896 Chappell, Albert B.
 1896 Hosking, James A.
 1898 Beckett, William
 1899 Keall, Robert P.
 1899 Wills, William
 1900 Blamires, Edgar P.
 1900 Greenslade, William
 1900 Haslam, Jonathan H.
 1900 Scotter, Adolphus N.
 1900 Tuck, William R.
 1900 Wilson, Richard
 1901 Barnett, Samuel
 1901 Boys, Frederick W.
 1901 Cook, George Samuel
 1901 Eaton, Clarence
 1901 Reader, Amos
 1901 Oxbrow, Walter John
 1902 Belton, Joseph
 1902 Godbehear, Charles E.
 1902 Pratt, M. A. Rugby
 1902 Roget, Henry H.
 1902 Thomas, T. Theodore
 1902 Tylee, Frederick J.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

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

APPENDIX.

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

- 1870 Beecroft, Charles E.

The following Minister, a Supernumerary of the English Conference, resides in New Zealand:—

- 1865 Turner, Thomas, Richmond, Christchurch

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH

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

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

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- 1879 Abernethy, Christopher, Te Aroha, 2
 1895 Ashcroft, Arthur, Waitara, 3
- 1901 Barnett, S., Pahiataua, 1
 1876 Baumber, William, Christchurch, Durham Street, 4.
 1869 Beck, William H., Leeston, 3
 1898 Beckett, William, Roxburgh, 1
 1891 Beecroft, Charles E., Napier, 2
 1902 Belton, Joseph, Upper Thames, 1
 1894 Beggs, Hugh, Gore, 3
 1894 Bellhouse, Harold E., Kaiapoi, 1
 1896 Blamires, Henry L., Hamilton, 3
 1900 Blamires, Edgar P., Westport, 1
 1887 Blight, Joseph, Temuka, 1
 1871 Bond, George, Wellington South, 2
 1896 Bowie, William S., Waipawa, 3
 1901 Boys, Frederick W., Riverton, 2
 1880 Brooke Thomas G., Dunedin (Mornington), 1
 1868 Bull, Henry, Connexional Secretary, 1
 1860 Bunn, Robert S., Supernumerary, 9
 1878 Buttle, J. Newman, Timaru, 5
- 1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary, New Plymouth, 3
 1871 Carr, Thomas G., Richmond, 4
 1889 Chapman, James G., Auckland, North Shore, 2
 1896 Chappell, Albert B. (resting), 1
 1901 Cook, George Samuel, Dannevirke, 2
 1857 Crump, John, Supernumerary. Nelson, 5
- 1894 Dawson, William, Papanui, 2
 1871 Dewsbury, Henry R., Wanganui, 2
 1880 Dukes, John, Kaiapoi, 1

- 1901 Eaton, Clarence, Wanganui, 1
 1893 Elliott, William J., Wellington, 2
 1886 Ellis, John G. W., Opunake, 1
 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., F.R.A.S., Dunedin Trinity, 4
 1877 Fee, Thomas, Ashburton, 3
 1893 Frost, George (resting), 1
- 1881 Garland, Charles H., Auckland, Pitt Street, 2
 1876 Garlick, Samuel J., Waitara, 3
 1881 Gibson, Samuel J., B Cambridge, 3
 1885 Ginger, Barton H., Lawrence, 1
 1856 Gittos, William, Auckland, Maori Mission, 9
 1902 Godbehear, Charles E.
 1900 Greenslade, William, Auckland, North Shore, 1
 1877 Griffin, Cornelius, Manukau, 3
 1895 Griffin, John W., Whangarei, 3
 1880 Griffin, Thomas N., Christchurch South, 2
 1882 Griffith, Samuel, Auckland, Pitt Street, 2
 1888 Grigg, William, Reefton, 4
- 1874 Hammond, Thomas G., Maori Mission, Patea, 16
 1893 Harrison Colin C., Auckland, Freeman's Bay, 4
 1900 Haslam, Jonathan H., Springston, 2
 1896 Hosking, James A., Cromwell, 2
 1879 Hounsell, George, Woodville, 3
- 1870 Isitt, Francis W., Wellington, without pastoral charge, 2
 1879 Isitt Leonard M., Christchurch, Durham Street, without pastoral charge, 6
- 1882 Jones, T. Francis, Christchurch, Durham Street, 2
 1874 Jory, John D., Willowby, 3
 1887 Joughin, Thomas A., Rangiora, 2
- 1899 Keall, Robert P., Upper Thames, 1
 1869 Keall, William, Rangitikei, 2
 1846 Kirk, William, Supernumerary, Hutt, 18
- 1868 Law, John, Supernumerary, Auckland, Pitt Street, 6
 1885 Lawry, Albert C., Sandon and Feilding, 2
 1845 Lawry, Henry H., Supernumerary, Auckland, Grafton Road, 39
 1877 Lawry, Samuel, Palmerston North, 3
 1887 Laws, Charles H., B.A., Christchurch, Durham Street, 4
 1864 Lee, William, Christchurch South, 2
- 1870 Lewis, John J., Auckland, Grafton Road, 1
 1895 Lochore, John A., Stratford, 3
 1876 Luxford, John A., Lyttelton, 1
- 1668 McNicoll, David, Oamaru, 1
 1883 Marshall, George T., Mahurangi, 1
 1871 Marten, William B., Hutt, 3
 1883 Mather, Joseph J., Springston, 3
 1890 Mitchell, Arthur, Balclutha, 1
 1879 Murray, Daniel J., Masterton, 1
 1889 Murray, Richard, Christchurch, Durham Street, 4
- 1890 Newbold, Thomas W., Palmerston North, 3

- 1867 Oliver, William C., Wellington, Taranaki Street, 4
 1861 Orchard, John, Supernumerary, Christchurch, Durham Street, 1
 1901 Oxbrow, Walter J., Hawera, 2

 1881 Parsonson, William G., Christchurch, St. Albans, 2
 1870 Pendray, John J., Greytown, 3
 1876 Penny, Charles, Franklin, 1
 1877 Peters, Alfred, Rangiora, 4
 1892 Peryman, Samuel D. H., Otaki, 3
 1881 Pinfold, James T., F.G.S., Auckland, Grafton Road, 4
 1894 Porter, Charles, Hawera, 1
 1902 Pratt, M. A. Rugby, Christchurch, Durham Street, 1
 1875 Prior, Samuel F., Invercargill, 1

 1889 Read, Frederick T., Paparua, 3
 1901 Reader, Amos, Malvern, 2
 1885 Ready, William, Auckland, Pitt Street, 4
 1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary, Wellington, Taranaki Street, 7
 1895 Richards, Thomas R., Hokitika, 4
 1864 Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary, North Shore, 5
 1902 Roget, Henry H., Coromandel, 1
 1885 Rothwell, Benjamin F., Gisborne, 2

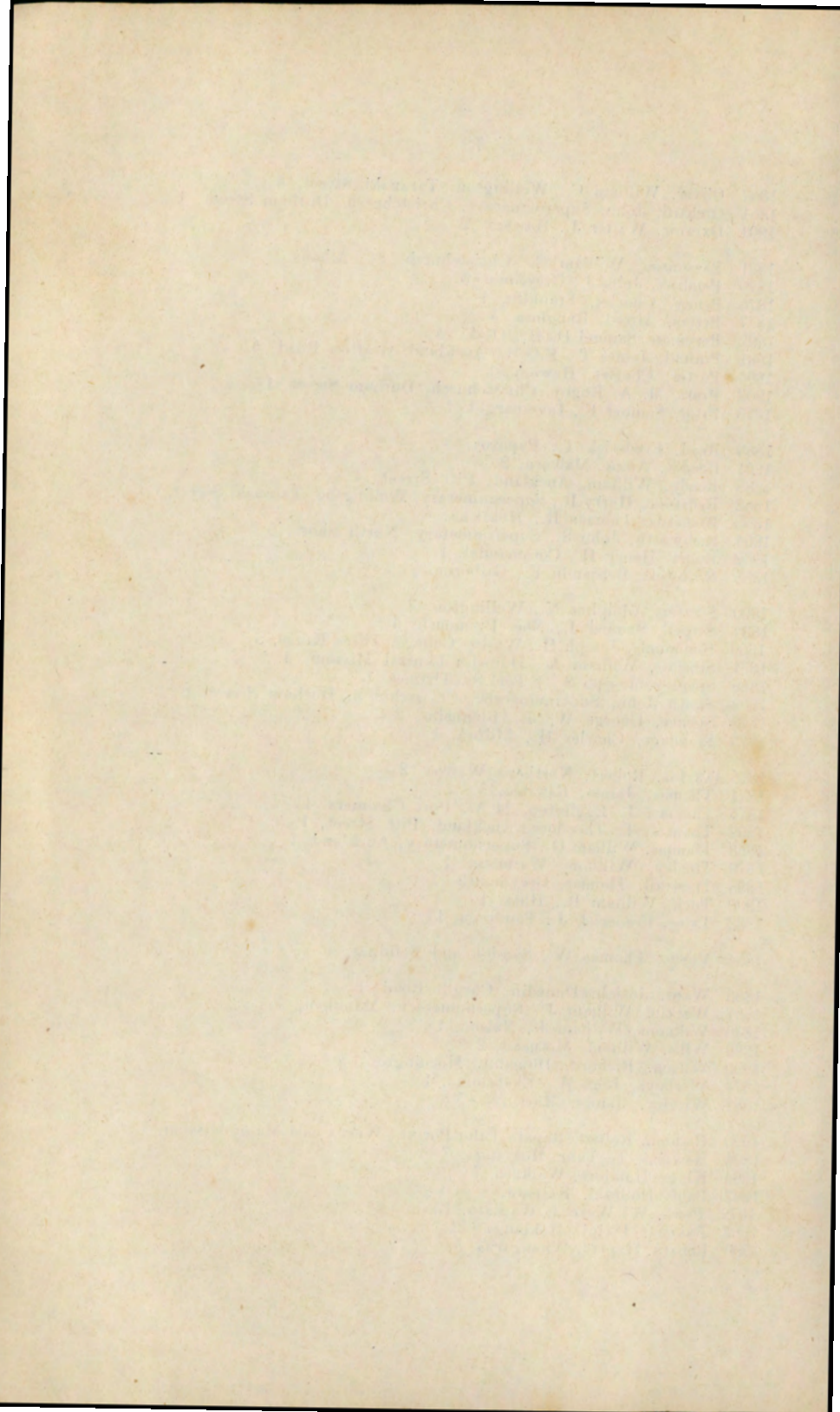
 1900 Scotter, Adolphus N., Wellington, 2
 1884 Serpell, Samuel J., New Plymouth, 4
 1869 Simmonds, Joseph H., Wesley College, Three Kings, 8
 1891 Sinclair, William A., Dunedin Central Mission, 4
 1868 Smalley, Joseph S., F.R.G.S., Thames, 1
 1862 Smith John, Supernumerary, Christchurch, Durham Street, 6
 1879 Spence, George W. J., Blenheim, 2
 1875 Standage, Charles H., Milton, 1

 1886 Taylor, Robert, Northern Wairoa, 2
 1871 Thomas, James, Kiwitea, 3
 1876 Thomas, T. Eggleston, M.A., Port Chalmers, 1
 1902 Thomas, T. Theodore, Auckland, Pitt Street, 1
 1868 Thomas, William G., Supernumerary, Auckland, 1
 1879 Tinsley, William, Waimate, 1
 1888 Trestrail, Thomas, Greymouth, 1
 1900 Tuck, William R., Hutt, 1
 1902 Tylee, Frederick J., Tauranga, 1

 1894 Vealie, Thomas W., Sandon and Feilding, 4

 1885 Ward, Josiah, Dunedin, Cargill Road, 1
 1857 Watkin, William J., Supernumerary, Manukau, 9
 1870 Williams, William J., Nelson, 1
 1899 Wills, William, Motueka, 2
 1900 Wilson, Richard, Dunedin, Mornington, 3
 1874 Worboys, John W., Eketahuna, 1
 1887 Wrigley, James, Hastings, 3

 1900 Haddon, Robert (Ropata Tahu Potiki), West Coast Maori Mission, 3
 1896 Heretini, Te Tuhi, Hokianga, 7
 1894 Kingi, Hamiora, Waikato, 7
 1882 Paul, Hauraki, Kaipara, 4
 1879 Pawa, Wi Warena, Waikato, 12
 1882 Rakena, Piripi, Hokianga, 21
 1900 Renata, Hapeta, Whangaroa, 3



APPENDICES.

CHURCH BUILDING AND TOWN LAND

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND. CASH ACCOUNT.

From January 16, 1901, to January 16, 1902.

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

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.			
To Balance brought forward—Deposits	£ 700	0	0	By Loans Granted—		
Less Debit Current Account...	168	9	7	Aratapu Church, Erection, Balance of Loan	£ 25 0 0	
	£ 531 10 5			Northcote Church, Erection, Balance of Loan	20 0 0	
To Loan Instalments paid by Trusts	1430	10	9	Okato Church, Erection, Balance of Loan	10 0 0	
Loan Instalments through Century Committee Fund	912	4	2	Dannevirke Church, Enlargement for Sunday School...	33 0 0	
	2342 14 11			Sumner Church, Erection, Balance of Loan	50 0 0	
Repayments on account Jubilee Fund Loan		37	10	0	Richmond Church, Liquidation of Debt	50 0 0
Amount overpaid by Cromwell Church Trust		2	10	4	Willowby Church, Enlargement	100 0 0
Interest on Deposits	24	10	0	Warkworth Church, Erection	100 0 0	
Interest on overdue Instalments	3	17	1	Takapuna Church, Erection ...	85 0 0	
Fees on Loans	31	19	6	Woodside Church, Erection ...	100 0 0	
Excess Payments	0	5	8	Woodville Church, Liquidation of Debt	115 0 0	
Contributions from Trusts, 1901	73	9	6	Little River Church, Liquidation of Debt	30 0 0	
Levies from Trusts, 1900 ...	18	11	0	Hamilton Church, Liquidation of Debt	150 0 0	
Levies from Trusts, 1899 ...	2	5	0	Prebbleton Church, Liquidation of Debt	50 0 0	
Levies from Trusts, 1898 ...	1	5	0	Waitekauri Church, Erection...	75 0 0	
Levies from Trusts, 1897 ...	2	0	0	Addington Church, Reduction of Debt	150 0 0	
Levies from Trusts, 1896 ...	1	0	0	Mosgiel Church, Enlargement	80 0 0	
Amount received for Bank Exchange	3	3	8	Rongotea Church, Enlargement	30 0 0	
	162 6 5			East Belt Church, Reduction of Debt	250 0 0	
				Marshland Church, Liquidation of Debt	25 0 0	
				Levin Century Hall and Sun-		

Ponsonby Church, Reduction of Debt	400	0	0
Eketahuna Parsonage, Erection, on account	100	0	0
Birkenhead Sunday School, Erection, on account	120	0	0
			<u>2348 0 0</u>
By Payments to Capital Account, Special Branch, from Jubilee Fund	38	1	3
Methodist Union Thanksgiving Fund Balance	1	5	0
			<u>39 6 9</u>
By Grant towards Secretary's Stipend	160	0	0
Stamps and Telegrams	8	7	10
Stationery and Printing	4	3	6
Bank Exchange	4	0	3
Cheque Book	0	12	0
Bank Fee for keeping Account	0	10	0
			<u>177 13 7</u>
Balance Deposits	700	0	0
Less Debit Balance Current Account	188	8	3
			<u>511 11 9</u>
			<u><u>£3076 12 1</u></u>

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Examined and found correct.

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

January 22, 1902.

- N.B.—1. Credit Balance as above includes £2 10s 4d held on account of Cromwell Trust.
 2. Capital Account was also submitted, showing the Capital to be the same as last year, £8571 4s 10d.
 3. Profit and Loss Account submitted shows Credit £353 4s 2d, which is included in Credit Balance shown in Cash Account.
 4. Wesleyan Jubilee Fund, £37 10s, has been repaid on account of Three Kings Loan during the past year, and with 11s 9d brought forward and paid to Capital Account, Special Branch. £75 of the Loan to Three Kings is still owing.
 5. Methodist Union Thanksgiving Fund. Balance of £1 5s paid to Capital Account, Special Branch.
 6. Amounts larger than Credit Balance reported, are promised as loans to undertakings now in progress.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—SPECIAL BRANCH.

Cash Account from January 16, 1901, to January 16, 1902.

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

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
To Bank Balance brought forward... £340 16 1	By Loans Granted
Deposits brought forward ... 300 0 0	Woodville Church, Liquidation of Debt ... £ 35 0 0
£ 640 16 1	Little River Church and Parsonage, Liquidation of Debt 40 0 0
To Loan Instalments repaid ... 138 0 11	Hamilton Church, Liquidation of Debt ... 100 0 0
Loan Instalments through Century Commemoration Fund 309 11 0	Waitekauri Church, Erection ... 20 0 0
Sale of Opawa Church Site ... 44 0 0	Prebbleton Church, Liquidation of Debt ... 30 0 0
491 11 11	Mosgiel Church, Enlargement... 20 0 0
Surplus from Opawa Site towards Capital ... 5 4 6	Kopu, purchase of Church and Site ... 60 0 0
Payment from Jubilee Fund towards Capital ... 38 1 9	Canvastown, purchase of Church and Site ... 30 0 0
Balance from Methodist Union Thanksgiving Fund towards Capital ... 1 5 0	Arrowtown Church, Balance, cost of Erection ... 6 4 1
44 11 3	Seddon Township, Lease of Church Site ... 2 5 0
Interest on Deposits ... 10 10 0	Blackball Township, Lease of Church and Site ... 1 10 0
Fees on Loans ... 3 8 6	£344 19 1
Amount received for Bank Exchange ... 0 6 0	By Grant towards Secretary's Stipend ... 15 0 0
14 4 6	Balance Deposits ... 500 0 0
	Balance Credit Current Account Bank of N.Z. ... 331 4 8
<u>£1191 3 9</u>	831 4 8
	<u>£1191 3 9</u>

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Examined and found correct.

Christchurch, January 22, 1902.

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

- N.B.—1. The Capital Account, duly audited, is submitted, showing an increase of £44 11s 3d during the year, the total being £2608 11s 3d.
2. Profit and Loss Account, submitted, shows credit of £28 14s 1d, which is included in Credit Cash Balance shown above.
3. A large part of Credit Balance now shown is promised as loans to undertakings now in progress.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

LIST OF LOANS.

DATE.		PLACE.	OBJECT.	PERIOD.	AMOUNT.	INSTALMENTS PAID DURING 1901	AMOUNT YET UNPAID.	AMOUNT OF INSTALMENTS OVERDUE JAN. 16, 1902	
				Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
July	1888.	5	Queenstown Church	Erection	5	70	8 10 0 (C.F.)	Nil	Nil
March	1891.	3	Gisborne Church and Parsonage ..	Erection	11½	500	43 4 0 (C.F.)	260 6 9	235 6 9
January	1892.	5	Blenheim Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	500	46 17 6	15 12 6	15 12 6
April		12	Patea Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	60	6 0 0	3 0 0	1 10 0
July		1	Ngaruawahia Church	Erection	12½	99/4/0	6 0 0	30 14 0	13 10 0
							12 10 0 (C.F.)		
January	1893.	12	Marton Church	Erection	10	230	3 10 0	58 7 1	29 12 1
							37 12 1 (C.F.)		
February		7	Balclutha Parsonage	Erection	10	120	3 0 0	27 0 0	12 0 0
March		23	Ashburton Church	Purchase Site, Removal and Enlargement	10	350	77 10 0	58 2 6	9 13 9
March	1894.	16	Opunake Parsonage	Purchase	8	112	3 10 0	1 14 1	..
							15 15 11 (C.F.)		
July		5	Devonport Church and Parsonage ..	Reduction of Debt	8	250	54 13 9 (C.F.)	Nil	Nil
July		27	Wanganui Church	Liquidation of Debt	7	350	37 10 0	Nil	..
August		21	Palmerston N. Parsonage (Church St.)	Liquidation of Debt	8	300	9 7 6	159 0 4	130 17 10
							36 18 0 (C.F.)		
October		18	Feilding Church	Erection	8½	190	8 10 8 (C.F.)	48 2 8	15 16 0
December		14	Crescent Road Church	Liquidation of Debt	7	100	4 7 8	Nil	Nil
							21 9 4 (C.F.)		
December		30	Roslyn Church	Purchase	10	150	12 10 0	66 0 10	12 10 0
							26 2 11 (C.F.)		
January	1895.	4	Inglewood Church	Erection	6	100	4 3 4	Nil	..
April		30	Cargill Road Church	Erection	10	500	62 10 0	175 0 0	..
August		13	Invercargill Parsonage	Erection	7½	225	10 10 0	9 11 9	..
							57 12 10 (C.F.)		

August	15	Karori Church	Erection	6	80	11 0 0	Nil	..
November	13	Newtown Church (1)	Reduction of Debt	8	150	28 15 0 (C.F.)	46 17 6	9 7 6
December	1	East Belt Church	Reduction of Debt	6	250	18 15 0	Nil	..
1896.						41 13 4		
January	16	Greymouth Church	Erection of Schoolroom	5	50	7 10 0 (C.F.)	Nil	..
February	12	Bombay Church	Liquidation of Debt	7	140	33 16 10 (C.F.)	1 3 2	..
May	13	Paraparaumu Church	Erection	6	25	5 5 0	3 18 9	1 6 3
July	1	Mosgiel Church	Erection	7	75	0 12 2	Nil	..
						28 16 11 (C.F.)		
July	29	St. Albans Church	Erection	9	650	120 0 0	280 0 0	..
August	12	Southbrook Church	Removal and Enlargement	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	100	27 8 9	29 13 11	5 7 2
September	29	Newtown Church (2)	Reduction of Debt	8	150	18 15 0	60 18 9	9 7 6
October	8	Belmont Church	Erection	5	30	6 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0
October	8	Rangiora Church	Enlargement	6	75	12 10 0	18 15 0	9 7 6
October	12	Riverton Church	Enlargement	3	30	15 0 0	Nil	..
December	2	Cromwell Church	Reduction of Debt	9	95	5 5 8	Nil	..
						52 14 8 (C.F.)		
1897.								
January	18	Featherston Church	Liquidation of Debt	5	70	14 0 0	Nil	..
February	11	New Brighton Church	Enlargement	6	48	4 0 0	Nil	..
						16 0 0 (C.F.)		
March	1	Kilbirnie Church	Erection	5	40	6 0 0	10 0 0	8 0 0
March	2	Hawera Parsonage	Erection	8	280	43 15 0	113 15 0	..
May	12	Oamaru Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	110	22 10 0	Nil	..
May	31	Ohakune Church	Erection	8	55	5 0 0	35 0 0	8 10 0
June	7	Balclutha Church	Erection	8	130	4 8 0	23 2 7	..
						56 1 5 (C.F.)		
June	17	Kimbolton Church	Liquidation of Debt	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	60	..	37 19 5	27 1 11
June	21	Woolston Church	Erection	8	300	20 0 0	157 10 0	..
June	29	Newtown Church (3)	Reduction of Debt	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	6 18 0	22 8 0	3 9 0
Augus	6	Hastings Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	93/15/0	12 2 4	63 8 8	21 4 4
September	16	Tinwald Church	Erection	8	60	8 0 0	24 0 0	..
October	21	Kuaotunu Church	Erection	7	120	12 17 3	64 5 3	12 17 3
October	22	Kingsland Church	Erection	8	270	36 16 10 (C.F.)	95 6 11	..
1898.								
January	14	Rakaia Church	Removal, &c.	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	15	4 0 0	Nil	..
January	27	Milton Parsonage	Erection	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	120	12 10 0	73 2 6	..
February	23	Onhunga Church	Erection of Sunday School	8	150	23 8 9	24 3 6	..
						55 10 3 (C.F.)		
May	4	Karangahake Church	Erection	8	100	10 0 0	67 10 0	2 10 0
June	10	Mangaweka Church	Erection	8	60	..	55 12 11	20 0 1
June	25	Waihi Church	Erection	8	100	10 0 0	67 10 0	2 10 0
June	28	Manukau Church	Erection	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	7 10 0	28 15 0	..

July	13	Mangatainoka Church	Re-erection	4	20	5 10 0	2 19 2	..	
September	22	Mount Albert Church	Enlargement of Sunday School ..	4	130	2 15 10 (C.F.)	32 10 0	..	
September	27	Waitara Church	Liquidation of Debt	5	37/10/0	7 10 0	15 0 0	..	
October	15	Levin Parsonage	Erection	8	150	18 15 0	48 8 9	..	
November	8	Nikau Church	Erection	8	50	1 11 3	42 3 9	1 11 3	
1899.									
January	13	Greymouth Parsonage	Enlargement	7	90	73 18 4 (C.F.)	Nil	..	
January	21	Henderson Church	Erection	6	50	8 0 0	31 10 0	..	
January	27	Timaru Parsonage	Reduction of Debt	5	125	25 0 0	62 10 0	..	
February	1	Thames Church	Erection of Sunday School ..	8	300	77 6 5	Nil	..	
February	17	Masterton Church	Enlargement of Sunday School ..	2½	50	41 12 4 (C.F.)	Nil	..	
March	30	New Plymouth Church	Erection	10	600	15 0 0	Nil	..	
April	8	Whangarei Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	70	72 18 6	400 1 6	..	
June	5	Kaeo Parsonage	Erection	8	75	4 7 6	52 10 0	4 7 6	
June	6	Raetihi Church	Erection	9½	40	11 15 0	34 8 10	..	
July	1	Coromandel Church	Erection	8	250	17 1 2 (C.F.)	See S.B.	..	
August	18	Coromandel Church (special) ..	Erection	2	25	Nil	40 0 0	..	
August	28	Reefton Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	115	14 8 0	208 2 6	..	
September	6	Hamilton Parsonage	Erection	8	100	Nil	25 0 0	..	
September	10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8	135	31 17 10 (C.F.)	50 13 8	..	
September	11	Grafton Road Church	Reduction of Debt	7	100	12 10 0	71 17 6	..	
September	30	Carterton Church	Enlargement	5	40	5 7 6	113 4 0	5 11 6	
November	3	Aparima Church	Erection	5	40	21 18 9 (C.F.)	60 3 9	..	
November	11	Sheffield Church	Enlargement	2½	12/10/0	10 0 0	24 0 0	2 0	
November	25	Huntly Church	Erection	8	50	8 0 0	22 0 0	..	
December	21	Kimbolton Parsonage	Erection	10	125	5 0 0	2 10 0	..	
December	30	Oxford Church	Purchase	8	60	3 0 0	44 0 0	..	
January	18	Warkworth Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	10	150	8 6 8	99 6 6	1	
January	27	Ballance Church	Erection of Vestry	2½	16	11 1 10 (C.F.)	36 15 0	..	
February	5	Mount Eden Church	Erection	7	150	4 10 0 (C.F.)	113 13 1	..	
February	13	Feilding Parsonage	Erection	9	280	15 0 0	6 12 6	..	
February	16	Darfield Church	Erection of Vestry	2	10	6 6 11 (C.F.)	6 12 6	..	
February	21	Greenmeadows Church	Enlargement	3	20	7 10 0	137 10 0	..	
February	26	Timaru Parsonage (2)	Reduction of Debt	2yrs after 1st Loan	50	7 10 0	255 0 9	25 0 0	
March	3	Waikuku Church	Erection	7	75	6 4 3 (C.F.)	5 0 0	5 0 0	

April	20	Arrowtown Church	Erection	10	85	2 15 0	70 14 11	2 15 0
April	30	Taikorea Church	Erection	8	50	8 15 1 (C.F.) 2 3 3	42 10 0	..
May	18	Mount Albert Parsonage	Erection	7	150	2 16 9 (C.F.) 10 0 0	137 10 0	..
May	28	Dannevirke Church	Erection	5	70	14 0 0	49 0 0	..
July	16	Coromandel Parsonage	Erection	8	100	3 2 6	93 15 0	9 7 6
September	6	Omaru Church	Erection	5	25	7 16 8 (C.F.)	17 3 4	..
September	8	Upper Wakefield Church	Erection	6	45	5 0 0	40 0 0	..
September	14	Oxford Parsonage	Erection	9	100	8 7 0 7 13 6 (C.F.)	83 19 6	..
September	17	Totaramaka Church	Erection	4	40	10 0 0	30 0 0	2 10 0
October	21	Okato Church	Erection	9	75	14 2 0	60 18 0	..
November	30	Marshland Church	Reduction of Debt	5	25	5 0 0	20 0 0	..
1901.								
January	1	Sydenham Church	Reduction of Debt	8	200	31 5 0 12 10 0 (C.F.)	156 5 0	..
January	7	Halswell Church	Liquidation of Debt	7	60	10 15 0	49 5 0	..
January	10	Te Aroha Church	Erection	8	225	11 5 0	213 15 0	..
January	25	Aratapu Church	Erection	8	100	6 5 0	93 15 0	3 2 6
January	25	Northcote Church	Erection	8	70	6 11 3	63 8 9	..
January	27	Havelock Church	Erection	10	80	12 0 0	68 0 0	..
February	1	Nelson Parsonage	Erection	8	250	23 8 9	226 11 3	..
March	19	Dannevirke Church (2)	Enlargement	2yrs aftr form'r L	33	..	33 0 0	..
April	1	Sumner Church	Erection	10	200	15 0 0	185 0 0	..
April	12	Thorndon Church	Renovations and Additions	4	80	10 0 0	70 0 0	5 0 0
April	23	Richmond Church	Liquidation of Debt	4	50	Nil	50 0 0	6 5 0
April	26	Willowby Church	Enlargement	6	100	8 7 0	91 13 0	..
May	3	Warkworth Church	Erection	8	100	5 0 0	95 0 0	..
May	9	Takapuna Church	Erection	8	85	4 10 0	80 10 0	..
May	23	Woodside Church	Erection	5	100	10 0 0	90 0 0	..
August	17	Woodville Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	115	3 15 0	111 5 0	..
August	27	Little River Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	8	30	See S.B.	30 0 0	..
September	16	Hamilton Church	Liquidation of Debt	6	150	6 5 0	143 15 0	..
September	29	Prebbleton Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	50	See S.B.	50 0 0	..
September	24	Waitekauri Church	Erection	8	75	2 10 0	72 10 0	..
September	30	Addington Church	Reduction of Debt	8	150	4 13 9	145 6 3	..
October	11	Eketahuna Parsonage	On A/c of Erection	8	100	..	100 0 9	..
October	22	Mosgiel Church	Enlargement	8	80	See S.B.	80 0 0	..
October	30	Rongotea Church	Enlargement	3	30	Nil	30 0 0	..
December	1	East Belt Church	Reduction of Debt	6	250	Nil	250 0 0	..
December	2	Marshland Church (2)	Liquidation of Debt	5	25	Nil	25 0 0	..
December	23	Birkenhead Church	Erection of Sunday School, on A/c	8	120	..	120 0 0	..
December	30	Levin Century Hall and Sunday School	Erection	8	200	Nil	200 0 0	..
1902.								
January	10	Ponsonby Church	Reduction of Debt	8	400	Nil	400 0 0	..

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

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—SPECIAL BRANCH.

LIST OF LOANS.

DATE.	PLACE.	OBJECT.	PERIOD.	AMOUNT.	INSTALMENTS PAID DURING 1901.	AMOUNTS YET UNPAID.	AMOUNT OF INSTALMENTS OVERDUE JAN. 16, 1902
			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1892.							
August 11	Tapanui Church	Liquidation of Debt	11	200	20 0 0	40 0 0	..
October 24	Waipuku Church Site	Purchase .. ..	..	9/1/0	Nil	9 1 0	..
December 26	Hokitika Church	Reduction of Debt and Repairs	10	225	10 10 0	21 8 0	21 8 0
					38 0 0 (C.F.)		
1893.							
July 18	Blackball Townshio	Lease of Church Site .. ..	..	15/15/0	Nil	15 15 0	..
November 22	Mackenzie Church Site	Purchase .. ..	..	31	Nil	31 0 0	..
1894.							
December 30	Roslyn Church	Purchase	10	100	6 5 0	55 8 9	12 10 0
1895.							
January 10	Stratford Church	Erection	10	130	Nil	57 5 6	24 16 0
July 12	Patea Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	7½	300	30 0 0	42 10 0	..
1896.							
October 17	Little River Church and Parsonage	Purchase of Additional Land	4½	14/4/0	1 15 6	Nil	..
October 22	Mackenzie Church	Purchase .. ..	..	109/14/6	3 0 0	159 6 4	..
December 1	Alexandra S. Church	Purchase Church Site .. ..	..	7	Nil	4 14 0	..
1897.							
January 1	Westport Church	Liquidation of Debt	4½	18/18/0	4 14 6	Nil	..
May 7	Pohangina Church	Purchase Church Site .. ..	..	9/3/0	Nil	9 1 0	..
May 12	Oamaru Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	12	917/10/0	28 10 0	531 19 3	..
					214 9 6 (C.F.)		..
August 6	Hastings Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	100	12 2 8	42 15 9	..
					26 17 9 (C.F.)		..
September 23	Dannevirke Parsonage	Purchase of Site.. ..	..	160	Nil	160 0 0	..
1898.							
June 2	Raetihi Church	Purchase of Site.. ..	8	23/10/9	Nil	4 15 0	4 15 0
August 6	Taihape Church	Purchase of Site.. ..	..	11/0/6	Nil	10 15 6	..
November 8	Nikau Church	Erection	8	10/0/0	3 2 6	0 12 6	..
1899.							
March 28	Highcliff Church	Exchange of Site	5/4/0	Nil	5 4 0	..

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April	18	Waituna West	Purchase Church Site	21/10/0	Nil	21 10 0	..
September	10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8	40/0/0	5 9 6 (C.F.)	23 11 6
November	11	Huntly Church	Erection	6	10/0/0	3 0 0	4 0 0
1900.							
February	5	Mount Eden Church	Erection	6	100/0/0	8 15 0	91 5 0
April	21	Arrowtown Church	Erection	10	106 4/1	5 10 0	82 19 10
						14 19 3 (C.F.)	..
August	12	Seddon Township	Lease of Church Site .. .. .	..	6/13/6	Nil	6 13 6
September	14	Oxford Parsonage	Erection	9	50/0/0	8 7 0	41 13 0
1901.							4 3 6
January	16	Opawa Church Site	Purchase .. .. .	..	44/0/0	44 0 0	Nil
August	17	Woodville Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	35/0/0	Nil	35 0 0
August	27	Little River Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	8	40/0/0	2 3 9	37 16 3
September	16	Hamilton Church	Liquidation of Debt	6	160/0/0	Nil	100 0 0
September	24	Waitekauri Church	Erection	8	20/0/0	Nil	20 0 0
September	26	Prebbleton Church	Liquidation of Debt	4	30/0/0	Nil	30 0 0
October	22	Mosgiel Church	Enlargement	8	20/0/0	Nil	20 0 0
November	14	Kopu Church	Purchase of Site and Church	3	60/0/0	Nil	60 0 0
November	20	Canvastown Church.. .. .	Purchase of Site and Church .. .. .	..	30/0/0	Nil	30 0 0

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

APPENDIX B.

SUPERNUMERARIES' AND WIDOWS' FUND, 1901-2.

TREASURERS—REV. H. BULL AND MR. T. BUDDLE.

SUMMARY OF BALANCE SHEET, 1901 (INCOMPLETE).

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.	
Auckland District ...	...	...	£321 6 0	Remitted to General Treasurers ..	... £901 11 2
Wanganui District...	...	...	70 15 10		
Wellington District	...	...	81 7 4		
Nelson District ...	...	...	35 0 0		
Canterbury District	...	...	348 2 0		
Otago District ...	...	..	45 0 0		
			<u>£901 11 2</u>		<u>£901 11 2</u>

MISSION, EDUCATIONAL, AND GENERAL CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS.

I.—MISSION PROPERTY TRUST BALANCE SHEET, 1901.

* TREASURER—MR. F. L. PRIME.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
1900.—	To Rents, Parliament Street, No. 1	.. 78 0 0	1900.—	By Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	22 15 2
Oct.	„ „ „ „ No. 2	... 104 0 0	Oct.	„ City and Other Rates	... 36 0 4
1901.	„ „ „ „ No. 3	... 55 0 0	1901.	„ Fire Insurance	... 13 12 4
„	„ „ Beach Road	... 77 9 6	„	„ Whirinaki Maori Church	... 50 0 0
„	„ „ Kaeo Land	... 20 10 0	„	„ Home Mission Fund	... 246 2 2
„	„ „ Mount Wesley	... 6 0 0	„	„ Supervision of Estate and Collection	
„	„ „ Whatawhata	... 2 10 0		of Rents, &c.	... 18 1 6
„	„ „ Newark	... 12 0 0			
„	„ „ Tarawhau	... 6 2 0			
„	„ Sale of Timber	... 25 0 0			
		<u>£386 11 6</u>			<u>£386 11 6</u>

Audited and found correct,

November 21, 1901.

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

II.—NATIVE EDUCATION TRUST BALANCE SHEET, 1901.

TREASURER—MR. J. EDSON.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
1900.—To Rents, Three Kings	...	361	0 0	1900.—By Three Kings Committee	...	730	14 9
Oct. „ Waikowai	...	5	0 0	Oct. „ Fire Insurance	...	8	14 9
1901. „ Grafton Road	...	513	2 0	1901. „ Grafton Road — Repairs, &c, and	...	80	0 9
„ Kawhia	...	1	0 0	Maintenance of Buildings	...	13	0 0
				„ Fire Insurance	...	21	0 9
				„ City and Other Rates	...	0	17 0
				„ Sundries	...	25	14
				„ Supervision of Estates, Collecting of	...		
				Rents, &c.	...		
		<u>£880</u>	<u>2 0</u>			<u>£880</u>	<u>2 0</u>

Audited and found correct,

November 21, 1901.

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

III.—EMSLY THEOLOGICAL ENDOWMENT TRUST BALANCE SHEET, 1901.

TREASURER—MR. F. L. PRIME.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
1900.—	For Rents, Mount Eden	...	32 10 0	1900.—	By Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	...	49 10 8
Oct.	„ „ Curran Street	...	31 4 0	Oct.	„ Land Tax	...	0 8 4
1901.	„ „ Sarsfield Street	...	26 0 0	1901.	„ City and Water Rates	...	9 15 8
					„ Fire Insurance	...	4 7 6
					„ Commission	...	4 9 8
					„ Treasurer Theological Institution	...	21 2 2
			<u>£89 14 0</u>				<u>£89 14 0</u>

Andited and found correct,

November 21, 1901.

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

Real Estate Account year ended October 31, 1901.

October 31, 1900—To Valuation £12,132 2 0 October 31, 1901—Less Proceeds of Sale to date 935 10 3 <p align="right"><u>£11,196 11 9</u></p> To Balance, £11,196 11s 9d.	October 31, 1901—By Balance £11,196 11 9 <p align="right"><u>£11,196 11 9</u></p>
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Investment Account.

1901. Oct. 31—To Real Estate Account—Proceeds of Land Transferred £935 10 3 Balance 470 8 3 <p align="right"><u>£1405 18 6</u></p>	1901. Oct. 31—By Investments— Angelsea Street Purchase £ 52 2 0 Newton Road Cottages 622 15 6 Arney Street Cottage 431 1 0 Freehold Mortgage 300 0 0 <p align="right"><u>£1405 18 6</u></p> By Balance, £470 8s 3d.
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Auckland, 31st October, 1901.

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

November 27, 1901

VI.—THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

Balance Sheet for Year ending 31st December, 1901.

TREASURER—MR. G. A. BUTTLE.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
December 31, 1900—To Cash Balance on hand	£ 8 8 0	Dec. 31, 1901—	
December 31, 1901—To Cash Probert's Trustees	511 18 8	By Cash—	
December 31, 1901—Emsly Trust	21 2 2	Treasurer Prince Albert College, balance	
		owing for third term of year 1900 ...	£ 72 6 5
		Two Lecturers for year 1900	30 0 0
		Treasurer Prince Albert College for Board,	
		Residence, and Training of Students...	338 6 8
		Students' Quarterages	40 0 0
		Three Lecturers	45 0 0
		University Fees	15 14 0
		Balance on hand	0 1 9
	<u>£541 8 10</u>		<u>£541 8 10</u>

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Audited and found correct.

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

Auckland, January 6, 1902.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

VII.—GENERAL CONNEXIONAL MISSION PROPERTY TRUSTS.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST—TREASURERS, MR. JAMES C. GEORGE AND REV. S. J. SERPELL.

Balance Sheet for Year ended September 30, 1901.

DR.	CR.
To Balance from last year £ 3 17 10	By Land Tax £ 13 7 10
Rents 108 0 0	Cottage Purchased 100 0 0
Interest 32 8 0	Fire Premiums 2 18 6
Loans Repaid 100 0 0	General Treasurer 110 0 0
	Commission 5 8 0
	Balance 12 11 6
<u>£244 5 10</u>	<u>£244 5 10</u>

Audited and found correct.

October 15, 1901.

ALFRED H. ARNOLD.

VIII. - KAI-IWI MISSION ESTATE.

TREASURERS—REV. H. R. DEWSBURY AND MR. F. G. BEAVEN.

Balance Sheet for Year ending 30th September, 1901.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
To Balance forward December 31, 1900 £ 7 6 6	By Bank Keeping Account, March £ 0 5 0
Rent due 31st March 58 10 0	Remittance to Treasurer, May 17 58 10 0
Rent due 30th September 58 10 0	Remittance to Treasurer, September 30 50 0 0
	Bank Keeping Account, September 0 5 0
	Land Tax, December 11 12 11 4
	Balance in Bank N.S.W. 2 15 2
<u>£124 6 6</u>	<u>£124 6 6</u>
Balance 31st December, 1901, £2 15s 2d.	

Wanganui, December 31, 1901.

Audited and found correct, February 18, 1902.

WILLIAM BROWN.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

IX.—WELLINGTON WESLEYAN EDUCATION TRUST.

TREASURER—MR. W. J. HARLAND.

Revenue Account for the Year ending 30th September, 1901.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
To Amount of Funds at 1st October, 1900 ... £8170 4 0	By Fencing at Moutoa £ 4 7 0
Interest 257 12 8	Advertising for Tenders 0 7 6
Rent 129 8 0	Postage and Duty Stamps, Exchange, &c... 2 10 0
Sale of Desks 5 0 0	Deed Box 0 19 0
	Fire Premiums on Kaiwarra Hall 2 0 0
	Rates on Kaiwarra Hall 2 11 4
	Stationery and Printing 0 13 2
	Bank Charge for Account 0 10 0
	Cheque Book 0 2 6
	Balance 8548 4 2
<u>£8562 4 8</u>	<u>£8562 4 8</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1901.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
To Balance Fund per Revenue Account ... £8548 4 2	By Loans on Mortgage £6200 0 0
	Interest accrued 83 9 9
	Interest in Arrear 7 10 9
	Rents Accrued 31 7 0
	Rents in Arrear 100 0 0
	Freehold Land 1963 6 11
	Bank of Australasia 162 9 9
<u>£8548 4 2</u>	<u>£8548 4 2</u>

Cash Account for Year ending 30th September, 1901.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
To Bank Balance 1st October, 1900 £1800 6 7	By Loans on Mortgage Granted £2085 0 0
Interest 201 15 8	Expenses as per Revenue Account 14 0 6
Rent 69 8 0	Balance in Bank 30th September, 1901 162 9 9
Sale of Desks 5 0 0	
Mortgage Repaid 185 0 0	
<u>£2261 10 3</u>	<u>£2261 10 3</u>

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and found it to be correct, after checking the Cash Account, seeing Vouchers for all Payments, and examining the Securities. Interest and rent have been duly charged. Deed of Trafalgar Terrace Property is said to be in the Deeds Registry Office.

Wellington, 22nd October, 1901.

HENRY R. LAWRY.

W. J. HARLAND, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Wellington, 17th October, 1901.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

X.—CANTERBURY HOME MISSION TRUST.

TREASURER—MR. W. HARRIS.

INCOME.	EXPENDITURE.
To Interest on Investment	By Amount Remitted to Home Mission Treasurer
£ s. d. 50 0 0	£ s. d. 50 0 0
<u>£50 0 0</u>	<u>£50 0 0</u>

FOREIGN MISSION FUND, 1901.

	INCOME.		
	GENERAL.	COCOA PALM SCRIP.	
	£	s.	d.
AUCKLAND DISTRICT—			
Auckland (Pitt Street)...	87	16	2
„ (Freeman's Bay)	10	12	1 1 2 0
„ (North Shore)	19	12	8 1 8 0
„ (Grafton Road)	33	10	6
Mahurangi ...	4	13	0
Thames ...	11	0	9 0 12 0
Upper Thames...	15	1	4 4 10 0
Manukau ...	35	12	11
Franklin ...	12	7	6 1 0 0
Cambridge ...	7	6	3
Hamilton ...	7	0	0
Paparoa ...	3	1	4
Northern Wairoa ...	2	10	0 1 5 6
Whangarei ...	17	10	6
Tauranga ...	1	9	7 0 12 0
Coromandel ...	2	0	0
„ for 1900 ...	3	0	0
Helensville ...	0	9	0
Bay of Islands ...	0	12	0
	275	5	7 10 9 6
Sale of Stamps, per Mr. C. Hicks ...	0	17	2
			£286 12 3

WANGANUI DISTRICT—			
New Plymouth ...	22	3	7

	INCOME—Continued.		
	GENERAL.		
	£	s.	d.
WANGANUI DISTRICT—Continued—			
Waitara ...	17	4	0
Stratford ...	3	14	6
Hawera ...	14	18	1
Opunake ...	4	10	0
Wanganui ...	12	19	0
Rangitikei ...	12	0	7
Sandon and Feilding ...	13	19	3
Palmerston North ...	14	12	6
Kiwitea ...	3	14	3
			119 15 9
WELLINGTON DISTRICT—			
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	52	0	0
„ (South) ...	6	13	5
Hutt ...	22	0	6
Greytown ...	5	2	9
Masterton ...	4	2	5
Napier ...	13	8	3
Hastings ...	5	7	4
Gisborne ...	3	12	0
Eketahuna ...	8	10	0
Otaki ...	4	9	6
Dannevirke ...	2	6	0
Waipawa ...	3	12	6
Woodville ...	5	1	8
Pahiatua ...	3	6	0
	139	12	4
Fern Cards, per Mr. Hicks ...	4	15	0
			144 7 4

NELSON DISTRICT—

Nelson ..	...	...	37	10	0
Richmond ..	...	...	3	0	0
Blenheim ..	...	...	48	7	8
Hokitika ..	...	...	6	3	6
Greymouth ..	...	...	6	0	0
Motueka ..	...	...	3	2	5
Reefton ..	...	...	4	0	0
Westport ..	...	...	6	0	0
Havelock ..	...	...	1	0	0
Kumara ..	...	...	1	2	0
			<hr/>		
			116	5	7

CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Christchurch (Durham Street)	...	...	121	10	7
„ (South)	...	...	28	13	5
„ (St. Albans)	...	...	13	19	6
„ (Papanui)	...	...	4	0	1
Lyttelton ..	...	...	8	16	7
Springston ..	...	...	22	10	0
Leeston ..	...	...	40	3	10
Kaiapoi ..	...	...	36	13	0
Rangiora ..	...	...	22	0	0
Oxford ...	...	...	3	5	0
Amberley ..	...	...	2	2	9
Timaru ..	...	...	19	12	7
Waimate ..	...	...	37	9	1
Temuka ..	...	...	5	9	3
Ashburton ..	...	...	12	9	5
Willowby ..	...	...	21	1	6
Malvern ..	...	...	2	12	0
Methven ..	...	...	1	9	7

Cheviot ..	...	...	—
Banks Peninsula ..	...	...	—
			<hr/>
			403 18 2

OTAGO DISTRICT—

Dunedin (Trinity)	...	...	40	0	0
„ (Central Mission)	...	...	35	0	0
„ (Cargill Road)	...	...	21	0	0
„ (Mornington)	...	...	9	10	3
Port Chalmers ..	...	...	4	3	6
Balclutha ..	...	...	2	5	9
Milton ..	...	...	3	5	1
Lawrence ..	...	...	2	0	0
Invercargill ..	...	...	17	14	1
Oamaru ..	...	...	5	11	9
Gore ..	...	...	2	0	0
Wakatipu ..	...	...	3	12	0
Riverton ..	...	...	1	17	5
Roxburgh ..	...	...	2	4	2
Cromwell ..	...	...	9	1	3
Tapanni ..	...	...	—	—	—
Palmerston ..	...	...	—	—	—
Cargill Road (special donation)	...	...	50	0	0
			<hr/>		
			209	5	

EXPENDITURE.

Remitted to General Treasurers, Sydney,	...	...	£1280	4	4
less Exchange ..	...	...	

HOME MISSION AND

ESTIMATES OF INCOME AN

INCOME.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland (Pitt Street) ..	140	0	0			
" (Freeman's Bay) ..	7	0	0			
" (North Shore) ..	35	0	0			
" (Grafton Road) ..	60	0	0			
Maori Mission Waikato ..	15	0	0			
" Kaipara ..	20	0	0			
" Hokianga ..	20	0	0			
" Whangaroa ..	10	0	0			
Mahurangi ..	10	0	0			
Thames ..	30	0	0			
Upper Thames ..	17	10	0			
Manukau ..	50	0	0			
Franklin ..	20	0	0			
Cambridge ..	12	0	0			
Hamilton ..	10	0	0			
Paparoa ..	12	0	0			
Northern Wairoa ..	10	0	0			
Whangarei ..	12	0	0			
Tauranga ..	4	0	0			
Coromandel ..	8	0	0			
Helensville ..	6	0	0			
Bay of Islands ..	5	0	0			
Whangaroa ..	4	0	0			
Hokianga ..	5	0	0			
Huntley ..	2	0	0			
				524	10	0

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	30	0	0			
Waitara ..	15	0	0			
Stratford ..	8	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 ..	30	0	0			
Kiwiata ..	7	10	0			
West Coast Maori Mission ..	15	0	0			
Mangaweka ..	1	0	0			
Waimarino ..	1	0	0			
				199	0	0

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington (Taranaki St.) ..	90	0	0			
" (South) ..	20	0	0			
Hutt ..	20	0	0			
Greytown ..	12	0	0			
Masterton ..	20	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			
Waipaw ..	7	0	0			
Woodville ..	7	0	0			
Pahiatua ..	5	0	0			
Ormondville ..	4	0	0			
				244	10	0

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson ..	28	0	0			
Richmond ..	7	10	0			
Blenheim ..	35	0	0			
Hokitika ..	8	0	0			
Greymouth ..	12	0	0			
Motueka ..	5	0	0			
Carried forward ..				968	0	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ..				968	0	0
Reefton ..	10	0	0			
Westport ..	6	0	0			
Havelock ..	2	0	0			
Kumara ..	3	0	0			
				116	10	0

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch (Durham St) ..	120	0	0			
" (South) ..	40	0	0			
" (St. Albans) ..	20	0	0			
" (Papanui) ..	13	0	0			
Lyttelton ..	17	10	0			
Springston ..	25	0	0			
Leoston ..	35	0	0			
Kaipoi ..	35	0	0			
Rangiora ..	25	0	0			
Oxford ..	5	0	0			
Amberley ..	6	0	0			
Timaru ..	35	0	0			
Waimate ..	18	0	0			
Temuka ..	15	0	0			
Ashburton ..	25	0	0			
Willowby ..	20	0	0			
Malvern ..	7	0	0			
Methven ..	3	0	0			
Bank's Peninsula ..	1	0	0			
				463	10	0

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin (Trinity) ..	55	0	0			
" (Central Mission) ..	25	0	0			
" (Cargill Road) ..	30	0	0			
" (Morningside) ..	20	0	0			
Port Chalmers ..	10	0	0			
Balclutha ..	9	0	0			
Milton ..	5	0	0			
Lawrence ..	8	0	0			
Invercargill ..	17	10	0			
Oamaru ..	10	0	0			
Gore ..	5	0	0			
Riverton ..	7	10	0			
Roxburgh ..	5	0	0			
Cromwell ..	7	10	0			
Wakatipu ..	2	0	0			
Tapanui ..	2	0	0			
Palmerston ..	3	0	0			
				221	10	0
Birthday League ..				80	0	0

CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.

Auckland ..	250	0	0			
Grey Institute ..	110	0	0			
Kai-Iwi ..	110	0	0			
				470	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 ..				100	0	0
Board of Foreign Missions ..				100	0	0
Donation, Mr. A. ..				5	0	0

£2704 10

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

EXPENDITURE, AS RECOMMENDED FOR 1902.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Debit Balance, 1901	..	..	..	261	3	10		Brought forward	..	..	1660	19	6
GRANTS TO MAORI MISSION.													
AUCKLAND.													
Missionary Superintendent	225	0	0					New Plymouth	..	..	15	0	0
Connexional Funds	..	..	..	44	9	7		Stratford (Eltham)	..	..	15	0	0
House Rent	..	..	..	52	0	0		NELSON.					
Travelling and Horse Keep	35	0	0					Blenheim	..	..	25	0	0
HOKIANGA.													
Active Minister	..	..	..	60	0	0		OTAGO.					
Active Minister	..	..	..	40	0	0		Cargill Road (Peninsula)	..	..	10	0	0
KAIPARA.													
Active Minister	..	..	..	60	0	0		" (Mosgiel)	..	..	10	0	0
" " Travelling	10	0	0					Riverton Home Missionary	20	0	0		
WAIKATO.													
Active Minister	..	..	..	60	0	0					230	0	0
Active Minister	..	..	..	40	0	0		AIDED CIRCUITS.					
WHANGAROA.													
Active Probationer	..	..	..	40	0	0		AUCKLAND.					
WEST COAST.													
Missionary	..	..	..	200	0	0		Mahurangi	..	..	20	0	0
Connexional Funds	..	..	..	38	6	1		Tauranga	..	..	15	0	0
Travelling and Horse Keep	15	0	0					Tauranga	..	..	15	0	0
Active Probationer	75	0	0					WANGANUI.					
atea House—Loan Fund	30	0	0					Opunake	..	..	10	0	0
				1024	15	8		Rangitikei	..	..	30	0	0
HOME MISSION STATIONS.													
AUCKLAND.													
Bay of Islands	..	..	..	15	0	0		Kiwitea	..	..	30	0	0
Whangaroa	..	..	..	15	0	0		WELLINGTON.					
Hokianga	..	..	..	35	0	0		Greytown	..	..	20	0	0
Clensville	..	..	..	15	0	0		Hutt	..	..	15	0	0
Awamutu	..	..	..	15	0	0		Hastings	..	..	25	0	0
oro-o-tarao	..	..	..	15	0	0		Gisborne	..	..	70	0	0
WANGANUI.													
Angaweka	..	..	..	40	0	0		Eketahuna	..	..	40	0	0
Almarino	..	..	..	20	0	0		Dannevirke	..	..	15	0	0
WELLINGTON.													
Remondville	..	..	..	15	0	0		Waipawa	..	..	25	0	0
NELSON.													
avelock	..	..	..	25	0	0		Woodville	..	..	30	0	0
urchison	..	..	..	10	0	0		Pahiatua	..	..	35	0	0
ie Sounds	..	..	..	20	0	0		NELSON.					
CANTERBURY.													
amberley	..	..	..	10	0	0		Richmond	..	..	15	0	0
ethven	..	..	..	15	0	0		Motueka	..	..	10	0	0
eviot	..	..	..	40	0	0		Hokitika	..	..	20	0	0
ank's Peninsula	..	..	..	25	0	0		Westport	..	..	20	0	0
OTAGO.													
akatipu	..	..	..	30	0	0		CANTERBURY.					
apanui	..	..	..	10	0	0		Papanui	..	..	30	0	0
lmerston	..	..	..	5	0	0		Springston	..	..	15	0	0
				375	0	0		Oxford	..	..	35	0	0
AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARY.													
AUCKLAND.													
amilton (Huntly)	..	..	..	15	0	0		OTAGO.					
orthern Wairoa (Kaihu)	..	..	..	10	0	0		Mornington	..	..	20	0	0
hangarei (Hikurangi)	..	..	..	30	0	0		Milton	..	..	20	0	0
romandel	..	..	..	35	0	0		Gore	..	..	10	0	0
naotunu	..	..	..	15	0	0		Roxburgh	..	..	20	0	0
pper Thames	..	..	..	30	0	0		Cromwell	..	..	30	0	0
				1660	19	6					590	0	0
Carried forward	..	..	..	1660	19	6		SPECIAL.					
GENERAL.													
Printing Report	..	..	..	40	0	0		Binding Maori Books	..	..	30	0	0
Interest and Exchange	..	..	..	50	0	0		Wakatipu Retir. Allowance	10	0	0		
Office Rent	..	..	..	21	0	0		Corresponding Secretary	90	0	0		
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	100	0	0		Ministerial Supply	45	0	0		
				211	0	0		Removal Expenses Minister	..	..	25	0	0
				£2901	19	6		from Melbourne	10	0	0		
								Compassionate Allowance	..	..	210	0	0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION

TREASURERS—REV. HENRY BU

INCOME.

1.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
	£	s.	d.
Auckland (Pitt Street)	140	13	5
" (Freeman's Bay)	5	11	1
" (North Shore)	32	3	3
" (Grafton Road)	55	0	0
Maori Missions Waikato	10	0	0
" " Kaipara	20	0	0
" " Hokianga	10	0	0
" " Whangaroa	6	0	0
Mahurangi	10	0	0
Thames	30	0	0
Upper Thames	17	7	6
Manukau	50	0	0
Franklin	20	8	6
Cambridge	12	10	9
Hamilton	9	17	9
Paparoa	12	1	9
Northern Wairoa	8	15	3
Whangarei	11	4	0
Tauranga	3	15	0
Coromandel	8	0	0
Helensville	6	16	0
Bay of Islands	4	19	2
Hokianga	5	0	3
Whangaroa	4	1	0
Huntly	1	15	0
Donation for Special Work	40	0	0
Special Donations for Maori Agents	60	0	0
			595 19 8

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.			
New Plymouth	30	19	7
Waitara	15	10	0
Stratford	9	0	0
Hawera	17	0	0
Opunake	7	10	0
Wanganui	33	0	0
Rangitikei	10	0	8
Sandon and Feilding	19	15	0
Palmerston North	33	0	0
Kiwitea	5	0	0
West Coast Maori Mission	15	0	0
Mangaweka	0	0	0
Waimarino	1	10	0
			197 5 3

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
Wellington (Taranaki St.)	65	14	1
" (South)	20	0	8
Hutt	19	10	5
Greytown	14	7	6
Masterton	19	1	6
Napier	18	19	0
Hastings	9	0	5
Gisborne	8	0	0
Eketahuna	5	2	9
Otaki	12	0	0
Dannevirke	4	10	0
Waipawa	6	12	0
Woodville	7	0	6
Pahiatua	2	6	0
Ormondville	4	0	0
Wellington Conference Meeting	3	9	3
			219 14 1

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.			
Nelson	28	2	10
Richmond	7	10	0
Blenheim	41	6	10
Hokitika	6	11	0
Carried forward			1012 19 0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				1012	19	0
Greymouth	10	10	4			
Motueka	3	5	3			
Reefton	10	0	0			
Westport	4	10	0			
Havelock	2	0	0			
Kumara	3	1	6			
						116 17

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
Christchurch (Durham St.)	104	7	11			
" (South)	35	0	0			
" (St. Albans)	17	16	7			
" (Papanui)	8	10	0			
Lyttelton	17	10	0			
Springston	27	10	0			
Leeston	30	15	2			
Kaipoi	33	11	2			
Rangiora	25	0	0			
Oxford	4	3	0			
Amberley	6	0	0			
Timaru	28	9	6			
Waimate	16	0	4			
Temuka	12	0	6			
Ashburton	25	2	1			
Willowby	20	0	0			
Malvern	5	0	0			
Methven	2	18	0			
Bank's Peninsula	0	0	0			
						419 14

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.						
Dunedin (Trinity)	55	0	0			
" (Central Mission)	25	6	1			
" (Cargill Road)	29	4	9			
" Special Donation	50	0	0			
" (Morningside)	20	0	0			
Port Chalmers	7	7	11			
Balclutha	8	9	5			
Milton	4	15	11			
Lawrence	8	0	0			
Invercargill	23	10	1			
Oamaru	13	2	3			
Gore	5	0	0			
Wakatipu	1	10	9			
Riverton	7	10	0			
Roxburgh	5	0	0			
Cromwell	6	0	0			
Tapanui	2	0	0			
Palmerston South	3	0	0			
						274 17

Birthday League						73 5
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CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.						
Auckland	246	2	2			
Grey Institute	110	0	0			
Kai-Iwi	108	10	0			
						464 12

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.						
Auckland	120	0	0			
Canterbury	50	0	0			
						170 0
Maori Service Books						29 6
Century Fund						250 0
Legacy late Mrs M. A. Black						50 0

	£2,852	11	
Deficit 1901	261	3	
	£3,113	14	

UND.—BALANCE SHEET FOR 1901.

By MR. F. L. PRIME.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Deficit Balance 1901 ..				499	19	4			
GRANTS TO MAORI MISSIONS.									
AUCKLAND.									
Missionary Superintendent	225	0	0						
Missionary Funds	27	16	2						
House Rent	52	0	0						
Travelling and Horse Keep	35	0	0						
HOKIANGA.									
Divine Minister	60	0	0						
"	40	0	0						
KAIPARA.									
Divine Minister	60	0	0						
Travelling	10	0	0						
WAIKATO.									
Divine Minister	60	0	0						
"	40	0	0						
WHANGAREWA.									
Divine Probationer	35	0	0						
Special for Native Agents	60	0	0						
WANGANUI—WEST COAST.									
Missionary	200	0	0						
Missionary Funds	33	5	10						
Travelling and Horse Keep	15	0	0						
Divine Probationer	50	0	0						
Sea House—Loan Fund	30	0	0						
				1033	2	0			
HOME MISSION STATIONS.									
AUCKLAND.									
Mission of Islands	15	0	0						
Whangaroa	18	14	6						
Whangarei	25	0	0						
Whangarei	15	0	0						
Awamutu	29	0	0						
Waikaremoana	49	11	0						
WANGANUI.									
Ngawaka	16	13	4						
Marino	20	6	0						
WELLINGTON.									
Woodville	10	0	0						
NELSON.									
Belmont	15	0	0						
Marine	10	0	0						
CANTERBURY.									
Lyttelton	10	0	0						
Christchurch	10	0	0						
Marine Peninsula	30	0	0						
OTAGO.									
Waiatapu	15	0	0						
Waiatapu	10	0	0						
Waiatapu South	7	10	0						
				297	8	10			
AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARY.									
AUCKLAND.									
Whangarei	11	5	0						
Whangarei (Huntly)	16	3	0						
Whangarei (Kaihu)	10	0	0						
Whangarei (Hikurangi)	20	0	0						
Whangarei	30	0	0						
Whangarei	11	5	0						
WANGANUI.									
Whangarei (Coast Mission)	10	0	0						
Carried forward				1830	10	2			
Brought forward									
WELLINGTON.									
Greytown (Featherstone)	10	0	0						
OTAGO.									
Cargill Road (Mosgiel)	10	0	0						
							128	13	0
AIDED CIRCUITS.									
AUCKLAND.									
Mahurangi	15	0	0						
Tauranga	60	0	0						
WANGANUI.									
Waitara	10	0	0						
Hawera	15	0	0						
Opunake	15	0	0						
Rangitikei	15	0	0						
Palmerston North	30	0	0						
Kiwitea	25	0	0						
WELLINGTON.									
Wellington (Taranaki St.)	20	0	0						
Hutt	25	0	0						
Hastings	25	0	0						
Gisborne	25	0	0						
Eketahuna	67	10	0						
Otaki	11	5	0						
Dannevirke	20	0	0						
Waipawa	15	0	0						
Woodville	30	0	0						
Pahiatua	25	0	0						
NELSON.									
Richmond	15	0	0						
Hokitika	25	0	0						
Motueka	10	0	0						
Westport	25	0	0						
CANTERBURY.									
Springston	20	0	0						
Oxford	35	0	0						
Papanui	22	10	0						
OTAGO.									
Mornington	20	0	0						
Milton	7	10	0						
Oamaru	15	0	0						
Gore	15	0	0						
Riverton	25	0	0						
Roxburgh	20	0	0						
Cromwell	30	0	0						
							733	15	0
SPECIAL.									
Corresponding Secretary	120	0	0						
Ministerial Supply	43	7	2						
Mr. Bridgeman Retiring	25	0	0						
Birthday League Expenses	4	10	8						
Maori Candidates' Expenses to Conference	6	9	6						
							199	7	4
GENERAL.									
Printing Reports, &c.	39	12	5						
Office Rent	21	0	0						
Interest and Exchange	62	17	11						
Financial Sec. Travelling to Conference	5	0	0						
Advertisements, &c.	3	9	0						
Land Tax	4	3	4						
Cheque Book	0	10	0						
Deputations	59	1	4						
H.M.T. to D.S.	22	16	1						
Postage and Stationery	3	0	0						
							221	10	1
							£3113	15	7

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP.

Balance Sheet for Year ending December 31, 1901.

TREASURER—MR. W. HARRIS.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
To Amount brought forward	£ 2 1 9	By Secretary's Stipend	£ 300 0 0
Contributions from Funds—		House Rent	76 0 0
Church Building and Loan Fund ...	175 0 0	Connexional Funds—	
Contingent Fund	175 0 0	Supernumerary Fund ... £10 0 0	
Home Mission Fund	120 0 0	Children's Fund	32 13 0
Authorised Representative's Office ...	10 0 0	Contingent Fund	13 0 0
Part Collections from Blenheim ...	1 11 0		<u>55 13 0</u>
		Allowance for Furniture Renewal and Insurance	15 0 0
		Stamps and Telegrams	3 11 9
		Stationery	1 9 6
		Travelling	31 1 9
			<u>£482 16 0</u>
		Balance forward	0 16 9
	<u>£483 12 9</u>		<u>£483 12 9</u>

TYPIST ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Contributions from Funds—		By Payments	£44 7 6
Connexional Fire Insurance	£28 15 0		
Authorised Representative Office ...	15 12 6		
	<u>£44 7 6</u>		<u>£44 7 6</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, 1901.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	No. of Teachers.		Average Attendance of Teachers.		No. of Teachers who are Church Members.		No. of Scholars who are Church Members.		No. of Scholars who are Junior Members.	No. of Volumes in Libraries.	No. of Schools using Conference Catechisms.	No. of Schools belonging to Sunday S. Union.	Income.	Expenditure.	Scholars.		Teachers.		
				No. of Teachers.	Average Attendance of Teachers.	No. of Teachers who are Church Members.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.											
Auckland ...	72	4707	*3157	531	*441	414	274	357	11072	30	...	...	£ s d.	£ s d.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wanganui ...	47	2703	1855	271	219	232	114	192	4715	23	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wellington ...	47	3608	2331	332	283	264	185	181	6345	31	...	...	483 16 3	465 11 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nelson ...	23	1644	1097	193	147	164	118	223	4149	7	1	...	206 11 2	...	...	...	...	37	...	22	...	...
Canterbury ...	61	5440	3994	589	485	491	212	388	11651	35	23	...	...	833 19 5	...	...	...	...	103	...	60	...
Otago ...	29	2086	1460	253	219	155	185	171	4721	19	3	...	...	319 12 11	...	...	...	...	173	1	...	...
Totals ...	279	20188	13894	2169	1794	1720	1088	1512	42653	145	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	1253	29	123	...
Totals last year	277	21212	14372	2248	1860	1764	1171	1227	40310	143	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Increase ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	285	2343	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease ...	...	1024	478	79	66	44	83	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Incomplete.

MAORI WORK.

Schools, 7; Scholars, 227; Teachers, 8.

C. H. LAWS, B.A., GENERAL SECRETARY.

GENERAL RETURNS, 1901.

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.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
Auckland—Pitt Street	7	3	6	...	27	23	608	8	125	102	14	8	133	1311	3580
Wesley College ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Freeman's Bay	1	...	1	...	4	5	143	9	20	70	...	1	25	235	800
North Shore	5	4	3	...	9	...	156	9	37	12	2	5	47	365	750
Grafton Road	5	5	3	...	7	3	215	16	20	37	2	6	62	566	1400
Maori Mission ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mahurangi	3	10	1	...	8	2	113	...	27	13	3	3	11	149	500
Thames	2	3	1	...	5	4	166	13	16	60	1	2	34	291	800
Upper Thames	5	12	3	1	13	4	207	1	20	26	1	5	43	311	1573
Manukau	6	1	2	...	10	8	178	...	50	29	4	5	33	241	950
Franklin	7	12	1	1	7	2	209	7	30	33	4	4	20	152	1100
Cambridge	4	5	1	1	4	...	100	1	3	...	2	4	12	115	650
Hamilton	3	15	1	1	7	3	148	18	33	...	...	3	15	119	900
Paparoa	5	5	1	...	7	...	120	...	16	...	2	4	13	72	530
Northern Wairoa	5	5	1	1	14	...	129	...	...	...	...	5	23	232	1060
Whangarei	4	6	1	1	3	...	103	5	30	...	...	3	21	189	650
Tauranga	1	4	1	...	3	...	51	7	...	...	1	1	6	40	250
Coromandel	2	9	1	1	3	1	41	...	10	22	1	1	8	60	250
Helensville	2	5	...	1	4	...	42	...	...	...	...	2	3	24	220
Bay of Islands	2	6	...	1	4	...	50	...	...	...	1	4	8	124	520
Whangaroa	1	8	...	1	3	...	33	...	...	...	...	1	4	30	267
Hokianga	2	6	...	1	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	2	6	30	300
Wade	2	3	...	...	...	...	16	2	5	...	...	3	4	51	75
Totals	74	127	30	11	142	55	2846	89	449	404	38	72	531	4707	17,125

New Plymouth	...	...	5	11	2	1	18	7	302	...	40	35	4	7	44	356	1150
Waitara	...	...	5	9	2	...	10	3	309	3	15	20	1	8	48	488	1400
Stratford	...	...	2	6	1	...	9	...	119	12	12	18	1	2	10	102	542
Hawera	...	...	4	13	2	...	15	1	151	...	20	30	3	3	19	197	850
Opunake	...	...	3	8	1	...	7	1	74	...	...	...	...	1	3	22	480
Wanganui	...	...	3	3	2	...	7	2	189	...	25	60	2	3	30	346	1200
Rangitikei	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	49	...	6	...	...	2	8	60	190
Sandon and Feilding	...	...	5	2	2	...	7	...	190	1	20	30	...	6	39	343	820
Palmerston North	...	...	6	1	2	...	13	...	241	5	25	3	3	6	50	513	1410
Kiwitea	...	...	3	4	1	...	5	...	59	...	20	...	1	4	10	116	350
Mangaweka	...	...	1	6	...	1	4	...	48	...	...	...	...	3	7	120	275
Waimarino	...	...	2	1	...	1	2	...	22	...	...	...	...	2	3	40	250
West Coast Mission	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	42	64	17	3	98	13	1753	21	183	196	15	47	271	2703	8917

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—III.

Wellington—Taranaki Street	...	...	5	3	5	...	21	4	464	...	...	104	8	6	83	1106	3000
„ South	...	...	2	1	1	...	3	...	141	3	20	6	...	2	31	292	640
Hutt	...	...	5	2	3	...	5	...	141	2	2	32	4	6	46	396	800
Greytown	...	...	6	3	1	1	2	1	134	10	8	10	1	7	34	286	725
Masterton	...	...	2	3	1	...	10	...	127	...	8	...	...	3	27	302	890
Napier	...	...	4	1	1	...	3	1	116	3	5	27	1	4	24	221	620
Hastings	...	...	1	1	1	...	6	1	80	...	10	...	1	1	11	120	350
Gisborne	...	...	1	3	1	...	2	2	42	6	10	...	1	1	10	108	360
Eketahuna	...	...	2	6	1	...	4	...	47	...	2	...	...	4	13	132	400
Otaki	...	...	4	2	1	...	3	...	107	6	6	...	1	4	13	155	435
Dannevirke	...	...	1	7	1	...	2	...	30	3	14	...	...	1	9	120	400
Waipawa	...	...	2	5	1	...	...	...	28	...	16	...	...	1	2	20	400
Woodville	...	...	2	...	1	...	3	...	101	2	2	...	1	2	10	99	250
Pahiatua	...	...	3	5	1	...	4	1	67	1	4	4	1	4	16	221	475
Ormondville	...	...	2	3	...	1	5	2	45	...	...	...	...	1	3	30	280
Totals	...	...	42	45	20	2	73	12	1670	36	107	183	19	47	332	3608	10,025

MARSOP DISTRICT—IA

NELSON DISTRICT—IV.

Nelson	...	...	...	1	..	2	...	4	...	152	...	...	75	2	1	17	212	500
Richmond	...	...	...	6	2	1	...	6	...	141	6	19	46	1	6	33	234	602
Blenheim	...	...	...	4	3	1	...	8	4	150	18	..	45	2	4	46	406	1026
Hokitika	...	...	...	3	2	1	...	5	1	59	...	61	...	...	2	8	64	349
Greymouth	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	6	5	130	...	5	30	...	2	30	270	700
Motueka	...	...	...	2	4	1	...	4	...	103	39	..	19	...	3	19	131	490
Reefton	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	1	...	76	...	6	...	...	2	18	173	508
Westport	...	...	...	1	..	1	...	...	...	50	...	...	8	2	1	8	70	180
Kumara	...	...	...	2	6	...	1	2	...	45	...	...	3	...	1	6	56	175
Havelock	...	...	...	1	10	...	1	...	...	34	1	...	...	1	1	8	28	420
Murchison	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	..	...	..	24	31	9	2	36	10	940	64	91	226	8	23	193	1644	4890

CANTERBURY DISTRICT—V.

Christchurch—Durham Street	..	8	2	8	...	22	6	694	60	44	68	9	9	126	1431	3830
„ South	...	6	1	2	...	10	5	314	19	...	43	4	5	94	903	2325
„ St Albans	...	2	...	1	...	6	...	158	...	15	..	2	2	42	358	750
„ Papanui	...	4	...	1	...	4	...	125	...	50	...	...	3	23	228	500
Lyttelton	...	2	...	1	...	3	1	76	...	6	34	4	2	23	227	535
Springston	...	9	1	2	...	10	...	210	...	16	20	2	5	34	227	950
Leeston	...	4	2	1	...	5	1	174	...	30	...	2	5	27	139	875
Kaiapoi	...	7	1	2	...	8	6	343	5	...	62	7	8	48	545	1400
Rangiora	...	7	1	2	...	11	3	258	17	...	...	6	6	35	316	1056
Oxford	...	2	5	1	...	2	...	39	...	14	...	1	2	9	74	350
Amberley and Waikari	...	1	5	...	1	2	...	28	...	13	...	...	1	5	48	350
Timaru	...	2	6	1	...	13	1	211	6	23	52	2	1	23	270	950
Waimate	...	2	2	1	..	9	2	177	3	5	37	1	2	22	154	600
Temuka	...	2	3	1	...	4	...	67	...	5	...	...	2	11	85	400
Ashburton	...	3	2	1	...	4	...	163	2	12	50	1	1	30	175	604
Willowby	...	4	6	1	...	12	2	160	9	12	18	1	4	26	188	580
Malvern	...	4	4	1	...	6	...	73	...	40	4	1	3	11	72	294
Methven	...	1	7	...	1	..	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	191
Cheviot	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	16	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Banks Peninsula	...	1	2	...	1	...	1	15	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	113

OTAGO DISTRICT—VI.

Dunedin—Trinity	2	...	1	...	6	5	275	10	10	30	2	2	32	283	950
„ Central Mission	1	...	1	...	1	2	290	5	10	35	3	1	17	240	2300
„ Cargill Road	3	9	1	2	12	5	310	...	...	...	1	4	41	324	1431
„ Mornington	3	...	2	...	7	3	240	2	12	40	1	3	46	352	875
Port Chalmers	2	2	1	...	5	3	82	12	7	3	1	2	15	95	400
Balclutha	2	1	1	...	1	1	55	...	...	20	1	2	10	95	430
Milton	1	5	1	...	1	...	62	5	5	...	...	1	10	66	350
Lawrence	3	2	1	...	3	...	70	...	...	...	...	2	8	47	250
Invercargill... ..	1	3	1	...	6	3	138	...	30	50	3	1	17	130	560
Oamaru	2	5	1	...	7	3	108	25	22	23	1	1	20	114	550
Gore	1	4	1	...	3	...	49	...	12	...	1	1	7	62	305
Wakatipu	2	3	...	...	3	1	29	...	6	...	...	1	3	26	250
Riverton	3	4	1	...	2	...	66	10	7	...	...	3	13	118	500
Roxburgh	3	1	1	...	5	...	58	...	18	...	...	3	6	51	300
Cromwell	2	4	1	...	2	1	55	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	280
Tapanui	1	4	...	1	2	...	22	...	...	...	2	1	3	25	200
Palmerston South	2	1	...	1	...	...	39	...	...	...	1	1	6	58	240
Totals	34	48	15	4	66	27	1948	69	141	201	17	29	253	2086	10,171

MAORI WORK.

Hokianga	4	18	2	1	24	4	500	42	...	...	8	2	5	155	1900
Kaipara	5	7	1	1	13	1	250	...	12	...	8	...	...	...	350
Waikato ... ..	...	16	2	2	10	2	200	...	...	...	16	2	2	30	1925
Whangaroa	2	...	1	...	...	...	200	...	...	...	...	1	1	12	300
West Coast... ..	2	30	1	...	4	...	26	...	30	...	...	2	...	30	650
Wairau ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	13	71	7	4	51	7	1176	42	42	...	32	7	8	227	5125

GENERAL SUMMARY OF DISTRICTS, 1901.

I.—EUROPEAN.

Auckland	74	127	30	11	142	55	2846	89	449	404	38	72	531	4707	17125
Wanganui	42	64	17	3	98	13	1753	21	183	196	15	47	271	2703	8917
Wellington	42	45	20	2	73	12	1670	36	107	183	19	47	332	3608	10025
Nelson	24	31	9	2	36	10	940	64	91	226	8	23	193	1644	4890
Canterbury	72	50	27	3	131	28	3337	121	297	388	43	61	589	5440	16653
Otago	34	48	15	4	66	27	1948	69	141	201	17	29	253	2086	10171
Totals	288	365	118	25	546	145	12494	400	1268	1598	140	279	2169	20,188	67,781

II.—MAORI.

Auckland	11	41	6	4	47	7	1150	42	12	...	32	5	8	197	4475
Wanganui	2	30	1	...	4	...	26	...	30	...	...	2	...	30	650
Nelson ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	13	71	7	4	51	7	1176	42	42	...	32	7	8	227	5125

EUROPEAN.

Increase	5	...	2	...	16	...	481	...	...	49	14	2	...	...	1399
Decrease ... ..	...	10	...	...	...	9	...	47	70	...	...	...	79	1024	...

MAORI.

Increase ... ..	...	...	1	3	...	1	260	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	1105
Decrease	1	3	...	...	4	...	...	57	50	...	...	8	2	208	...

GENERAL RECAPITULATION, 1900-1901.

I.—MEMBERS.

DISTRICTS.	1900.	1901.	Increase.	Decrease.	On Trial.
Auckland	2714	2846	132	—	89
Wanganui	1698	1753	55	—	21
Wellington	1641	1670	29	—	36
Nelson	879	940	61	—	64
Canterbury	3271	3337	66	—	121
Otago	1810	1948	138	—	69
Maori Members	916	1176	260	—	42
Totals	12,929	13,670	741	—	442

II.—MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

DISTRICTS.	European Ministers.	Maori Ministers.	Super-numeraries.	Probationers.	Totals.
Auckland	22	6	4	3	35
Wanganui	14	1	1	2	18
Wellington	15	—	2	2	19
Nelson	6	—	1	2	9
Canterbury	25	—	2	2	29
Otago	14	—	—	1	15
Totals	96	7	10	12	125

APPENDIX I.

CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance Sheet for Year ending December 31, 1901.

TREASURERS — REV. W. BAUMBER AND MR. W. HARRIS.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Balance from 1900	£ 462 7 2	By Travelling of Chairmen and Representatives to Wellington Conference	£ 46 4 8
Children's Fund, Treasurer's Refund	100 0 0	Travelling of Probationers for Ordination	£ 12 19 6
Sale of Agenda	12 15 0	Ordination Bibles	1 11 6
Circuit Levies—		Conference Stationery	4 13 7
Auckland District	£194 7 6	Conference Telegrams & Postage	6 2 7
Wanganui District	120 19 9	Conference Printing, &c.	1 7 6
Wellington District	117 3 5	Conference Loyal Address	1 5 0
Nelson District	65 4 10		
Canterbury District	212 5 8	Printing Society Tickets	8 0 0
Otago District	116 12 7	Conference Minutes	71 13 6
			13 8 8
	826 13 9	Grant to Revs. Thomas and Jory	79 13 6
Minutes of Conference Sold—		Refund to Greytown and Pahiataua	15 0 0
Auckland District	1 10 4	Editor of Advocate, 1900	3 6 9
Wanganui District	0 10 6	Connexional Secretaryship Fund	25 0 0
Wellington District	1 0 6	General Conference, including Inter-Conferential Exchanges	175 0 0
Nelson District	0 8 0	Half cost of supply Disabled Ministers	399 2 6
Canterbury District	1 17 6	President and Secretary's Allowance for	46 19 8
Otago District	0 17 6		
	6 4 4		
Otago Roll Book Sold	0 4 0		

Address of Loyalty to Duke and Duchess of York	5 6 0
Medical Examination Fees (4)	2 2 0
Cost of Circuit Returns, Bank, Postage, & Exchange	1 15 0
Local Expenses—Travelling to District Synods—	
Auckland District	20 5 10
Wanganui District	14 17 2
Wellington District	15 2 10
Nelson District	14 9 0
Canterbury District	6 7 2
Otago District	10 17 6
	81 19 6
Travelling of Chairmen and District Expenses—	
Auckland District	19 13 9
Wanganui District	18 4 10
Wellington District	16 19 6
Nelson District	21 8 6
Canterbury District	14 0 0
Otago District	12 1 0
	102 7 7
	£1032 6 10
Balance forward	375 17 5
	£1408 4 3

£1408 4 3

WM. BAUMBER, }
W. HARRIS, } Treasurers.

APPENDIX J.

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

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurer.	Contingent Fund Levy, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	Taxable Amount for Children's Fund.	Children's Fund Levy, 16½ per cent.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland—Pitt Street	862 14 0	34 9 5	440 0 0	422 14 0	69 14 11
" Freeman's Bay	178 16 0	7 3 1	120 0 0	58 16 0	9 14 1
" Three Kings	237 3 0	9 9 9	120 0 0	117 3 0	19 6 7
" North Shore	293 6 2	11 13 10	200 0 0	93 6 2	15 8 0
" Grafton Road	474 7 0	18 19 6	240 0 0	234 7 0	38 13 4
" Maori Mission	264 15 3	10 11 10	120 0 0	144 15 3	23 17 9
Mahurangi	178 14 7	7 3 0	120 0 0	58 14 7	9 13 10
Thames	272 10 10	10 18 0	120 0 0	152 10 10	25 3 5
Upper Thames	485 15 8	19 8 8	280 0 0	205 15 8	33 19 2
Manukau	249 4 4	9 19 5	120 0 0	129 4 9	21 6 5
Franklin	209 15 0	8 7 10	120 0 0	89 15 0	14 16 2
Cambridge	190 12 10	7 12 6	120 0 0	70 12 10	11 13 2
Hamilton	174 12 0	6 19 8	120 0 0	54 12 0	9 0 2
Paparoa	176 5 8	7 1 0	120 0 0	56 5 8	9 5 9
Northern Wairoa	213 2 10	8 10 6	120 0 0	93 2 10	15 7 5
Whangarei	180 12 0	7 4 6	120 0 0	60 12 0	10 0 0
Tauranga	146 5 3	5 17 0	120 0 0	26 5 3	4 6 8
Coromandel	190 13 3	7 12 6	120 0 0	70 13 3	11 13 2

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	291 12 6	11 13 5	120 0 0	171 12 6	28 6 4
Waitara	341 9 4	13 3 4	240 0 0	101 9 4	16 4 10
Stratford	161 12 3	6 9 4	120 0 0	41 12 3	6 17 4
Hawera	251 5 9	10 0 9	200 0 0	51 5 9	8 9 3
Opunake	190 13 9	7 12 7	120 0 0	70 13 9	11 13 4
Wanganui	389 17 9	15 12 0	200 0 0	189 17 9	31 6 8
Rangitikei	220 11 0	8 16 6	120 0 0	100 11 0	16 11 10
Sandon and Feilding	407 8 8	16 6 0	240 0 0	167 8 8	27 12 6
Palmerston North	415 0 0	16 12 0	240 0 0	175 0 0	28 17 6
Kiwitea	168 5 9	6 14 8	120 0 0	48 5 9	7 19 4
West Coast Mission	234 13 3	9 7 9	120 0 0	114 13 3	18 18 4

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington—Taranaki Street	599 19 2	24 0 0	320 0 0	279 19 2	46 3 10
„ South	252 8 4	10 2 0	120 0 0	132 8 4	21 17 0
Hutt	276 13 3	11 1 4	200 0 0	76 13 3	12 13 0
Greytown	197 2 8	7 17 8	120 0 0	77 2 8	12 14 6
Masterton	265 17 7	10 12 9	120 0 0	145 17 7	24 1 6
Napier	238 8 4	9 10 9	120 0 0	118 8 4	19 10 9
Hastings	214 5 0	8 11 5	120 0 0	94 5 0	15 11 0
Gisborne	173 5 11	6 18 8	120 0 0	53 5 11	8 16 0
Eketahuna	135 5 3	5 8 3	120 0 0	15 5 3	2 10 4
Otaki	176 12 10	7 1 4	120 0 0	56 12 10	9 7 0
Dannevirke	135 8 1	5 8 4	80 0 0	55 8 1	9 2 10
Waipawa	142 7 2	5 13 11	80 0 0	62 7 2	10 5 9
Woodville	142 18 0	5 14 4	120 0 0	22 18 0	3 15 7
Pahiatua	172 0 5	6 17 7	120 0 0	52 0 5	8 11 7

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson	301 9 0	12 1 2	120 0 0	181 9 0	29 18 9
Richmond	180 6 5	7 4 3	120 0 0	60 6 5	9 19 1
Blenheim	249 12 5	9 19 8	120 0 0	129 12 5	21 7 9
Hokitika	206 6 10	8 5 0	120 0 0	86 6 10	14 4 11
Greymouth	198 19 8	7 19 3	120 0 0	78 19 8	13 0 8
Motueka	117 18 2	4 14 4	80 0 0	37 18 2	6 5 1
Reefton	205 16 8	8 4 8	120 0 0	85 16 8	14 3 3
Westport	145 6 6	5 16 3	80 0 0	65 6 6	10 15 6

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch—Durham Street ...	1061 3 0	42 8 11	560 0 0	501 3 0	82 13 9
„ Connexional Secretary	358 12 2	14 6 11	120 0 0	238 12 2	39 7 5
„ South	457 12 9	18 6 1	240 0 0	217 12 9	35 18 2
„ St. Albans	238 15 8	9 11 0	120 0 0	118 15 8	19 12 0
„ Papanui	158 12 4	6 6 11	120 0 0	38 12 4	6 7 5
Lyttelton	235 14 0	9 8 7	120 0 0	115 14 0	19 1 10
Springston	369 14 0	14 15 9	200 0 0	169 14 0	28 0 0
Leeston	242 18 3	9 14 4	120 0 0	122 18 3	20 5 7
Kaiapoi	423 5 8	16 18 8	240 0 0	183 5 8	30 4 11
Rangiora	382 11 5	15 16 1	240 0 0	142 11 5	23 10 7
Oxford	177 14 2	7 2 2	120 0 0	57 14 2	9 10 5
Timaru	306 15 8	12 5 5	120 0 0	186 15 8	30 16 4
Waimate	222 10 0	8 18 0	120 0 0	102 10 0	16 18 3
Temuka	211 15 5	8 9 5	120 0 0	91 15 5	15 2 10
Ashburton	219 10 6	8 15 8	120 0 0	99 10 6	16 8 6
Willowby	194 1 0	7 15 3	120 0 0	74 1 0	12 4 4
Malvern	134 12 3	5 7 8	80 0 0	54 12 3	9 0 2

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin—Trinity	330	8	0	13	4	4	120	0	0	210	8	0	34	14	4
„ Central Mission	301	7	2	12	1	1	120	0	0	181	7	2	29	18	6
„ Cargill Road	239	18	0	9	11	11	120	0	0	119	18	0	19	15	8
„ Mornington	326	19	5	13	1	7	200	0	0	126	19	5	20	19	0
Port Chalmers	184	11	9	7	7	8	120	0	0	64	11	9	10	13	2
Balclutha	194	8	0	7	15	6	120	0	0	74	8	0	12	5	6
Milton	181	4	3	7	4	11	120	0	0	61	4	3	10	1	11
Lawrence	191	4	8	7	13	0	120	0	0	71	4	8	11	15	1
Invercargill	232	17	6	9	6	4	120	0	0	112	17	6	18	12	7
Oamaru	243	7	6	9	14	9	120	0	0	123	7	6	20	7	2
Gore	175	10	6	7	0	6	120	0	0	55	10	6	9	3	3
Riverton	165	8	0	6	12	4	80	0	0	85	8	0	14	1	10
Roxburgh	150	8	0	6	0	4	120	0	0	30	8	0	5	0	4
Cromwell	139	18	0	5	12	0	120	0	0	19	18	0	3	5	8

APPENDIX K.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CENTURY FUND.

Balance Sheet for year ending December 31, 1901.

TREASURERS—REV. W. LEE AND MR. G. H. BLACKWELL.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Cash Balance brought forward	£1151 9 8	General Secretary—	
Deposits brought forward	4000 0 0	Stipend, four months	£ 91 13 4
Contributions from Auckland District	1371 8 5	House Rent	26 8 10
" " Wanganui District	807 2 0	Postage & Travelling	24 15 5
" " Wellington District	577 16 2	Connexional Funds	25 1 5
" " Nelson District	257 4 0		£ 167 19 0
" " Canterbury District	1567 13 9	Miscellaneous—	
" " Otago District	982 10 11	Safe	10 1 10
Sale of Furniture	46 3 6	Expenses General Committee and Treasurers	19 18 1
Interest on Deposits	125 0 0	Printing & Stationery	1 7 6
		Bank Exchange & Postage	16 19 7
		Bonus to Rev. H. Bull	25 0 0
			73 7 0
		Paid to Church Trusts	6987 12 1
		Paid to Home Missions	455 0 0
		Paid to Three Kings	224 16 6
			7667 8 7
		Deposits Bank of New Zealand	1000 0 0
		Deposits Mutual Building	1000 0 0
		Cash Balance in Bank	954 13 10
		Cash in hand	23 0 0
			2977 13 10
			£10,886 8 5
	£10,886 8 5		£10,886 8 5

INCOME.	
Contributions from—	
Auckland District	£3796 4 11
Wanganui District	1313 1 8
Wellington District	1636 14 1
Nelson District	885 14 1
Canterbury	4446 9 1
Otago	2039 7 7
Fiji	6 6 0
England	11 11 0
Sale of Furniture	46 3 6
Interest on Deposits	170 0 0

£14,351 11 11

EXPENDITURE.	
General Secretary—	
Furniture and Insurance ...	£137 15 8
House Rent	151 8 10
Removal Expenses	24 2 3
Stipend	550 0 0
Travelling, Postage, &c. ...	159 8 3
Connexional Funds	96 0 5
	<u>£1118 15 5</u>
Miscellaneous—	
Expenses of Deputations ...	11 12 0
Cost of Books, Printing and Stationery	97 14 1
New Zealand Express Co. ...	3 19 1
Safe	10 1 10
Expenses General Committee and Treasurer	66 13 3
Bank Exchange, Interest, &c	30 5 3
Bonus to Rev. H. Bull	25 0 0
	<u>245 5 6</u>
Paid to Church Trusts	9171 3 8
Paid to Home Mission Fund	500 0 0
Paid to Three Kings College	224 16 6
Paid to Prince Albert College	113 17 0
	<u>10,009 17 2</u>
Deposits Bank of New Zealand	1000 0 0
„ Mutual Building Society	1000 0 0
Cash Balance at Bank	954 13 10
Cash in hand	23 0 0
	<u>2977 13 10</u>
	<u>£14,351 11 11</u>

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Examined and found correct.

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

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