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OF THE

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

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

## SECTION I.

### PASTORAL SESSION.

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

Answer—Edgar P. Blamires  
 William Greenslade  
 Jonathan H. Haslam  
 Adolphus N. Scotter  
 William R. Tuck  
 Richard Wilson

Who have travelled four years.

**QUESTION II.**—What Preachers Remain on Trial ?

1. George S. Cook  
 Clarence Eaton  
 Amos Reader

Who have travelled three years.

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

Who have travelled two years.

3. Benjamin J. James  
 Major A. R. Pratt  
 Arthur J. Seamer

Who have travelled one year.

The following passed their examinations with honours:—A. N. Scotter, G. S. Cook, A. Reader, M. Pratt, and A. J. Seamer.

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

Answer—Ernest O. Blamires  
 Angus McBean  
 Harry Ramsbottom  
 Alexander J. Reed  
 George F. Stockwell  
 James Wilson

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

Answer—1. Arthur C. Randerson is continued for a third year.

2. William Wesley Avery  
 Frederick Copeland  
 Percy Reginald Paris  
 George Snaddon  
 Robert Henry Wylie

Are continued for a second year.

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

Answer—None.

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

Answer—Robert Tahu Potiki Haddon  
 Hapeta Renata

Who have travelled four years.

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

Answer—John M. Harris (Hone Hare), who has travelled one year.

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

Answer—Neho Hemi Papakakura.

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

Answer—None.

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

Answer—None.

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

Answer.—Samuel F. Prior, to Victoria, provided that a suitable exchange can be arranged.

Henry H. Roget, to New South Wales, for Foreign work.

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

Answer—None.

**QUESTION XIII.—Does any Minister or Preacher on Trial offer for Foreign Mission work ?**

Answer—Henry H. Roget.

**QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers become Supernumeraries ?**

Answer—Joseph S. Smalley, for another year.

William Baumber, for one year.

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

Answer—None.

**QUESTION XVI.—What Ministers are left without Pastoral Charge ?**

Answer—1. Frank W. Isitt, for another year.

2. Leonard M. Isitt, for another year.

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

Answer—W. G. Parsonson.

#### WILLIAM GEORGE PARSONSON

Closed his ministry on earth, and was promoted to higher service in heaven, on the 8th day of September. He was a son of the manse, born at Lerwick, Shetland Isles, in 1855. He had therefore the advantages of an early religious training. His father, an honoured minister of the English Conference, who entered the work in 1847, only pre-deceased him by a few months. Our departed brother was educated at Woodhouse Grove School, and entered upon a business career, in which his promotion was rapid. In the year 1876 he was soundly converted to God, and consecrated his talents to the service of the Master. He came to this colony and offered himself to our Conference. Unanimously accepted, he was appointed to the Feilding Circuit. Since that time he has laboured in the following Circuits:—Auckland (Grafton Road), North Shore, Dunedin (Trinity), Oamaru, Leeston, Christchurch South, Napier, and St. Albans, in all of which he is lovingly remembered. The fruits of a rich evangelical ministry are found wherever he has laboured, and the reward of his fidelity to our Church's polity has long been seen in the increasing attachment of the people to our distinctive institutions. He has magnified all the offices conferred upon him by the Conference, and he reached the Presidential chair in the seventeenth year of his ministry. His splendid business capacity specially qualified him for important Connexional offices, and his painstaking and intelligent study of intricate questions made him unspeakably valuable on important committees. His unsparing devotion to

the work—both pulpit and pastoral—was too exacting upon a constitution at all times frail, and the severe weather of August last forced him to desist. He took to his bed on Monday, 31st August, medical aid was summoned, and it was soon discovered that he was alarmingly ill. His affliction was of such a nature that he could leave no dying testimony, but his life was the best testimony, and in the swellings of Jordan the Lord Christ was unmistakably present, and took His servant home. His mortal remains were interred at Linwood Cemetery, and were followed to the grave by representatives of all the Protestant Churches of Christchurch.

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

Answer—They were examined one by one.

**QUESTION XIX.—What Persons who were in full connexion with the Conference now cease to be recognised as Ministers among us?**

Answer—None.

**QUESTION XX.—How are our Ministers and Preachers on Trial stationed for the ensuing year?**

Answer—See next page.



# List of Stations

OF THE

## METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA

### IN NEW ZEALAND

1904.

PRESIDENT :

REV. S. LAWRY.

SECRETARY :

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

### STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1904.

[N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations, and numbered consecutively 1 to 87, is the head of a Circuit, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent and other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits, is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, within the space of twelve months, at such time or times, and in such manner as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister.]

#### I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 1 **Auckland** (Pitt Street)—Charles H. Garland; J. A. Luxford (Ponsonby); W. Grigg (Mount Albert); T. W. Newbold (Kingsland); John Law and J. S. Smalley, F.R.G.S. (*Supernumeraries*).  
*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.  
*Chaplain to the New Zealand Militia*—John A. Luxford.
- 2 **Auckland** (Freeman's Bay)—B. F. Rothwell.
- 3 **Newton Methodist Mission**—James Wilson (under the direction of the Chairman of the District).
- 4 **Auckland** (North Shore)—S. Griffith (Devonport); W. Greenslade (Birkenhead); John S. Rishworth and W. G. Thomas (Devonport) (*Supernumeraries*).
- 5 **Auckland** (Grafton Road)—J. J. Lewis, Cornelius Griffin (Newmarket); Henry H. Lawry (*Supernumerary*).

- Maori Mission** (Auckland)—William Gittos (Devonport), who shall superintend the Maori work in the Auckland District; one wanted, and Hone Hare.
- 7 **Mahurangi**—George T. Marshall (Warkworth).
- 8 **Thames**—Robert Taylor.
- 9 **Upper Thames**—J. Blight (Te Aroha); Colin C. Harrison (Waihi); George F. Stockwell (Paeroa); a Home Missionary.
- 10 **Manukau**—William Slade (Onehunga); a Home Missionary (Otahuhu); W. J. Watkin (*Supernumerary*).
- 11 **Franklin**—Charles Penney (Pukekohe); a Home Missionary (Waiuku).
- 12 **Cambridge**—Samuel J. Gibson; a Home Missionary (Te Awamutu).
- 13 **Hamilton**—James T. Pinfold, F.G.S.; (A. J. Reed, *Supply*). A Home Missionary (Huntly); an additional Home Missionary.
- 14 **Paparoa**—Arthur Ashcroft.
- 15 **Northern Wairoa**—S. H. D. Peryman (Mangawhare); a Home Missionary (Kaihu).
- 16 **Whangarei**—F. T. Read; a Home Missionary (Hikurangi).
- 17 **Coromandel**—One wanted; a Home Missionary (Kuaotunu).
- 18 **Helensville**—A Home Missionary (Kaukapakapa).
- 19 **Rotorua**—A. J. Seamer.
- Maori Mission, Hokianga*—Piripi Rakena (Mangamuka), Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirinaki).
- Maori Mission, Kaipara*—Hauraki Paul.
- Maori Mission, Waikato*—Wi Warena Pewa, Hamiora Kingi (Raglan).
- Maori Mission, Lower Waikato*—One wanted.
- Maori Mission, Whangaroa*—Hapeta Renata.
- Tauranga*—A Home Missionary.
- Aotea and Kawhia*—
- Bay of Islands*—A Home Missionary (Kawakawa).
- Hokianga*—A Home Missionary (Rawene).
- Whangaroa*—A Home Missionary (Kaeo).

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

## II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- 20 **New Plymouth**—J. N. Buttle; W. Cannell (*Supernumerary*); a Home Missionary (Rahotu); an additional Home Missionary.
- 21 **Waitara**—J. J. Pendray, James Thomas (Inglewood).
- 22 **Stratford**—John W. Griffin.
- 23 **Eltham**—C. E. Godbehear.
- 24 **Hawera**—Charles Porter; E. D. Patchett (Patea).
- 25 **Opunake**—William B. Marten.
- 26 **Wanganui**—J. G. Chapman, A. McBean (Aramoho).
- 27 **Rangitikei**—W. Keall (Marton).
- 28 **Sandon**—J. G. W. Ellis.
- 29 **Feilding**—A. C. Lawry.
- 30 **Palmerston North**—J. J. Mather, H. Beggs (Cuba Street); G. S. Harper (*Supernumerary*).
- 31 **Kimbolton**—William Wills.
- 32 **West Coast Maori Mission**—Thomas G. Hammond (Patea); Robert Tahu Potiki, Haddon (Okaiawa); one wanted.
- Mangaweka*—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Rangitikei Circuit.
- Taihape*—A Home Missionary.
- Waimarino*—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM KEALL, *Chairman of the District.*

## III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington — (Taranaki Street)—P. W. Fairclough, H. L. Blamires (Thorndon); G. S. Cook (Johnsonville); Harry B. Redstone (*Supernumerary*); F. W. Isitt (without Pastoral Charge).

*Wellington Mission*—One wanted.

- 34 Wellington (South)—George Bond (Newtown).  
 35 Hutt—S. J. Garlick; W. R. Tuck (Petone); W. Kirk (*Supernumerary*).  
 36 Greytown—B. H. Ginger, C. Eaton (Carterton); a Home Missionary (Featherston).  
 37 Masterton—Daniel J. Murray.  
 38 Napier—C. E. Beecroft (E. O. Blamires, *Supply*).  
 39 Hastings—T. G. Carr.  
 40 Gisborne—G. Hounsell.  
 41 Eketahuna—J. W. Worboys.  
 42 Dannevirke—Richard Wilson.  
 43 Levin-Otaki—James Wrigley (Levin); a Home Missionary (Otaki).  
 44 Waipawa—G. Frost.  
 45 Woodville—W. S. Bowie.  
 46 Pahiatua—S. Barnett.

*Norsewood*—A Home Missionary.

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

## IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

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

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

## V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- 55 Christchurch (Durham Street)—H. R. Dewsbury; W. Ready (East Belt); T. R. Richards (Woolston); E. Percy Blamires (Richmond); R. S. Bunn, J. Orchard, John Smith and W. Baumber (*Supernumeraries*); Leonard M. Isitt (without Pastoral Charge); Albert B. Chappell, B.A. (resting).  
*Connexional Secretary and Authorised Representative*—Henry Bull.  
 56 Christchurch Mission—R. J. Murray.  
 57 Christchurch (South)—S. Lawry, President of the Conference (Sydenham); J. A. Lochore (Addington).  
 58 Christchurch (St. Albans)—W. C. Oliver.  
 59 Christchurch (Papanni)—T. N. Griffin.  
 60 Lyttelton—William Lee.  
 61 Springston—C. Abernethy.  
 62 Tai Tapu—T. Theodore Thomas, B.A.  
 63 Leeston—William H. Beck; J. Belton (resting).

- 64 **Kaiapoi**—John Dukes, Harold E. Bellhouse (Belfast).  
 65 **Rangiora**—Thomas Fee, T. A. Joughin (Woodend).  
 66 **Oxford**—R. P. Keall.  
 67 **Amberley and Waikari**—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Rangiora Circuit.  
 68 **Timaru**—S. J. Serpell.  
 69 **Waimate**—William Tinsley.  
 70 **Temuka**—Thomas F. Jones.  
 71 **Ashburton**—Alfred Peters, who shall exchange quarterly with the Methven Home Missionary.  
 72 **Willowby**—Thomas J. Wallis.  
 73 **Malvern**—Walter J. Oxbrow (Darfield), who shall exchange quarterly with the Springston Superintendent.  
*Methven*—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the Ashburton minister.  
*Cheviot*—  
*Banks Peninsula*—A Home Missionary.
- SAMUEL LAWRY (PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE),  
*Chairman of the District.*

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#### VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

- 74 **Dunedin (Trinity)**—C. H. Laws, B.A. (Secretary of the Conference).  
*Dunedin Central Mission*—William A. Sinclair (under the direction of the Chairman of the District).  
 75 **Dunedin (Cargill Road)**—Josiah Ward; H. Ramsbottom (St. Kilda); a Home Missionary (Mosgiel).  
 76 **Dunedin (Mornington)**—Thomas G. Brooke; A. N. Scotter (Roslyn).  
*Editor of the Methodist Section of the "Outlook"*—T. G. Brooke.  
 77 **Port Chalmers**—T. Eggleston Thomas, M. A.  
 78 **Balclutha**—Arthur Mitchell.  
 79 **Milton**—Charles H. Standage.  
 80 **Lawrence**—W. Dawson.  
 81 **Invercargill**—Samuel F. Prior.  
 82 **Oamaru**—David McNicoll.  
 83 **Gore**—J. A. Hosking.  
 84 **Otautau**—Frederick W. Boys.  
 85 **Roxburgh**—William Beckett.  
 86 **Riverton-Orepuki**—One wanted.  
 87 **Cromwell**—J. H. Haslam.  
*Tapanui*—A Home Missionary.  
*Palmerston*—A Home Missionary.

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

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1. R. S. Bunn, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Australia.
  2. C. E. Beecroft and J. T. Pinfold have permission to visit England.
  3. A. B. Chappell, B.A., has permission to rest for another year in order to pursue University studies.
  4. J. Belton rests for a year on account of ill-health.
  5. Neho Hemi Papakakura is under the direction of the Chairman of the Otago District, and has permission to labour in connection with the Southern Maori Mission.
  6. Ministers are expected to arrive in their new Circuits between the second and third Sundays in April.
  7. Probationers and Home Missionaries appointed to separate Stations are under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

## HOME MISSION STATIONS.

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

✓ Morrinsville	...	...	...	One wanted
✓ Franklin	...	...	...	W. A. Porter ✓
✓ Te Awamutu	...	...	...	<del>G. Elliott</del>
✓ Otahuhu	...	...	...	<del>Charles Blair</del>
✓ Coromandel	...	...	...	<del>D. H. Fawcett</del>
<del>Hamilton</del>	...	...	...	One wanted
✓ Huntly	...	...	...	W. C. Francis
✓ Hikurangi	...	...	...	O. P. Owen
✓ Kaihu	...	...	...	Alexander Hislop
✓ Tauranga	...	...	...	Rev. J. Richards
<del>Kuaotunu</del>	...	...	...	One wanted
✓ Helensville	...	...	...	W. H. Speer
✓ Bay of Islands	...	...	...	J. L. Michaelis
✓ Hokianga	...	...	...	George Pearson
✓ Whangaroa	...	...	...	J. A. Lamond
✓ Port Albert	...	...	...	One wanted

### WANGANUI DISTRICT.

✓ Rahotu	...	...	...	J. I. Turnbull
✓ Mangaweka	...	...	...	Jas. Richards
✓ Waimarino	...	...	...	Charles J. Bush
<del>Taihape</del>	...	...	...	One wanted
<del>New Plymouth</del>	...	...	...	One wanted

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

✓ Otaki	...	...	...	Raymond Richards ✓
✓ Norsewood	...	...	...	John Oliver
✓ Featherston	...	...	...	One wanted

### NELSON DISTRICT.

✓ Kumara	...	...	...	J. H. White
✓ Havelock	...	...	...	H. Foston
✓ Blackball	...	...	...	One wanted

### CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

✓ Amberley	...	...	...	W. B. Scott
<del>Methven</del>	...	...	...	L. A. White
✓ Banks' Peninsula	...	...	...	Christopher Aker

### OTAGO DISTRICT.

<del>Mosgiel</del>	...	...	...	Arthur Hopper
✓ Riverton	...	...	...	C. A. Foston
✓ Tapanui	...	...	...	Victor Bacon
✓ Palmerston	...	...	...	J. R. Clark

✓ Winton

**QUESTION XXI.—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 1904:—

- Rev. G. T. Marshall: Secretary and Convener.  
 Rev. S. Lawry: Section A for Candidates.  
 Rev. J. H. Simmonds: Section B for Candidates, and Latin for Probationers.  
 Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.: Section C for Candidates.  
 Rev. W. Gittos: Maori Language.  
 Rev. H. R. Dewsbury: Hebrew and Greek for Probationers.  
 Rev. J. Wrigley: English Bible—Old Testament.  
 Rev. G. W. J. Spence: English Bible—New Testament.  
 Rev. A. C. Lawry: Wesley's Sermons.  
 Rev. A. B. Chappell, B.A.: Beet's "Through Christ to God."  
 Rev. W. Slade: Gregory's History and Polity of Methodism.  
 Rev. H. E. Bellhouse: Fisher's History of the Christian Church.  
 Rev. W. A. Sinclair: Salmon's Introduction.  
 Rev. C. H. Garland: Smyth's Christian Ethics.  
 Rev. J. J. Lewis: Robertson's Early Religion of Israel.  
 Rev. D. J. Murray: Lightfoot's Essay.  
 Rev. C. H. Garland: Liddon's "Divinity of Our Lord."  
 Rev. W. J. Williams: Orr's "Christian View."  
 Rev. T. E. Thomas, M.A.: Book of Laws.  
 Rev. J. G. Chapman: Pope's Compendium.

**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, and also with their Chairmen, not later than the first week in May, stating the subjects in which they are preparing to be examined, and seeking any needed direction in their work.
4. Immediately after the September Quarterly Meetings, each 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 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' Examinations at the same time as the other Examinations in the Auckland District.

8. Each Examiner shall, not later than January 15th, send a written report on the several papers committed to his care to the Secretary of the Board.
9. The Secretary shall then prepare a General Report for the ensuing Conference.
10. That part of the Secretary's Report which consists of a tabular statement of the marks gained in the several subjects by Probationers, Students, and Candidates, shall be printed on a separate paper for the use of the Conference, and shall afterwards be entered and preserved in the Conference Journal.
11. The persons appointed to hear Probationers', Students', and Candidates' Trial Sermons shall affix marks to their reports before submitting them to the Synod, using the numerals 1 to 6; 6 to represent the maximum.
12. The Chairman of each District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board a signed official report of the Trial Sermon of each Probationer, Student, or Candidate examined in his District, together with the Book List of each Probationer and Candidate and the finding of the Synod thereon; and shall also report to the Secretary of the Board what Candidates have matriculated and what Probationers have been excused any part of the ordinary Examination.
13. The Secretary of the Board shall assess and mark the Probationers' Book List, using the numerals 1 to 6; 6 to represent the maximum. The Book List must not include books taken for examination, and must be classified as follows:—1, Theology; 2, Science and Philosophy; 3, History and Biography; 4, Poetry; 5, Miscellaneous.
14. Probationers are reminded that the Greek Testament is a compulsory subject through the whole course for all those who have passed through the College. With regard to any others, special provision shall be made for their examination in Greek up to their third year. This elementary Greek does not exempt from taking the New Testament in English, but it will count as one of the six subjects required to be taken.
15. Each Probationer shall, at least a fortnight before the meeting of Synod, forward to the Chairman a list of the books he has read during the year. From this list the Chairman will select one in which the Probationer shall be examined orally in the Synod.
16. The report of Probationers' Examinations to be presented to Conference shall include, in the case of the Fourth Year Probationers, a summary of the results obtained in the four yearly examinations.
17. The Candidates on the 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.
18. Any Probationer who gains an average of 80 per cent. of marks in six, or an average of 75 marks in 7 or more subjects will be mentioned in the Minutes of Conference as having passed with Honours; to take effect at this Conference.

N.B.—Probationers are advised not to aim at making long Book Lists, but to be sure that the books they read are by the best authors in each department, and that they are read with care and thoroughness. Some of them should be selected from the list on pages 16, 17, and 18.

## 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. Wesleys' 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 Habbakuk—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 of 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 l.-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.—It was resolved that this Conference rescind the President's ruling, given at last Conference, on the meaning of the word "compulsory," as used in connection with Probationers' Examinations, and directs Probationers that, while subjects 1 to 5 are compulsory in the sense that they must be taken, so long as they pass in any five out of the six subjects taken by them, they will pass the examination.

#### 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 Institutions 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 1904 are as follows:—

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

#### LIST OF WORKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS.

##### 1. *Biblical Criticism and Exegesis*—

- Westcott's Bible in the Church
- Ryle's Canon of the Old Testament
- Moulton's History of the English Bible
- Fairbairn's Studies in the Life of Christ
- Dale's Living Christ and the Four Gospels
- Bruce's Humiliation of Christ
- 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 Literature of the Pentateuch  
 Riehm's Messianic Prophecies  
 Ramsay's Church of the Roman Empire  
 Ramsay's St. Paul the Traveller  
 Nicol's Recent Archæology and the Bible  
 Forrest's Christ of History and 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 New Life in Christ  
 Hort—The Way, the Truth, and the Life  
 Salmond's Christian Doctrine of Immortality  
 Denney's Studies in Theology  
 Dale's Christian Doctrine  
 Davison's Christian Interpretation of Life  
 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. Stevens' History of Methodism
- Dr. Rigg's Comparative View of Church Organisations
- Tyerman's Life and Times of John Wesley
- Lindsay's Life of Luther
- Eras of Church History
- Dr. Waller's Constitution and Polity of the Wesleyan Methodist Church

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 Problem

## 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 Graton 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' Examination 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.
6. That it be an instruction to the Committee of Discipline to make arrangements, if possible, for the instruction of Students in Mental and Moral Science, in accordance with Regulation IV, "Students' Course of Study."

#### V.—CANDIDATES' COURSE OF STUDY AND EXAMINATIONS.

##### SECTION A.

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

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

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

## SECTION B.

## LANGUAGE, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, AND SCIENCE.

1. English—(a) Nesfield's English Grammar Past and Present; Part I. Modern English Grammar; Part II. Idiom and Construction. (b) An Essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner.
2. Latin—Via Latina, by Edwin A. Abbott. (a) Accidence to end of Verb Sum, p. 81. (b) Exercises i. to xxxii.
3. Greek—Initia Graeca. (a) Accidence to end of comparison of Adjectives. (b) Exercises i. to xxvii.; Greek into English only.
4. Geography—Longman's Geographical Series; Book II. The World. (a) Mathematical and Physical Geography. (b) Sections on the British Empire.
5. History—History of England from the accession of William III. to the accession of Victoria. (C. Ransome, J. R. Green.)
6. Science—Any one of the following subjects:—(a) Geology; (b) Zoology; (c) Botany; (d) Human Physiology; (e) Inorganic Chemistry; (f) Heat, Sound, and Light. (Longmans' Elementary Science Manuals.)

## SECTION C.

## MATHEMATICS.

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

## REGULATIONS.

1. There shall be three Examiners, one for each Section of the subjects, A, B, C.
2. The Examination Papers shall be arranged as follows:—
  - a. General Bible Knowledge and Church History.
  - b. Systematic Theology.
  - c. English Grammar and Composition.
  - d. Latin and Greek.
  - e. Geography, History and Science.
  - f. Arithmetic.
  - g. Euclid and Algebra.
3. The results for each subject shall be classed in the following manner:
  - 75 to 100 per cent. of marks: First Class.
  - 55 to 74 per cent. of marks: Second Class.
  - 35 to 54 per cent. of marks: Third Class.
  - Below 35 per cent. of marks: *Failure*.

4. Section A must be taken in all cases. All Candidates who have not matriculated must also take English, Geography, History, Science, and Arithmetic. Undergraduates and Graduates of a Chartered University will be excused from taking any part of Sections B and C.
5. The Syllabus and Regulations for Candidates as above shall be printed from year to year in the Minutes of Conference.

N.B.—It is the duty of each Superintendent Minister to see that all intending Candidates in his Circuit are made aware of the foregoing Regulations and duly prepared for the Examination. 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.

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

BRETHREN,—

We greet you in the name of our Master Christ, whose we are and whom we serve. "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labour of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father," and "we pray that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment."

We have held our Conference this year in a city rich in memories of the pioneer missionaries. The walls of the Conference Church recalled to our minds the names of those honoured men who spake the Word of God with power to their generation, and laid broad and deep the foundations of our Church in these lands. Memories were awakened, too, of no less honoured laymen who were associated with them in their noble work. Remembering these, and "considering the issue of their life," we would "imitate their faith."

During the year you have mourned with us the decease of W. G. Parsonson, one of our ablest and most devoted ministers, and we have mourned with you the loss of many a stalwart pillar of the Church, chief among these being William Harris, of Christchurch, who passed away while Conference was in the act of assembling. These sad events make us more acutely conscious of the grave responsibilities of our position, and strengthens our determination to labour more strenuously in the work whereunto God has called us.

The stress and strain of our work were never more apparent than during the past year. Many of the brethren have had to rest for a time in order to avoid a complete breakdown. The generous treatment which these cases received from their circuits

has been most praiseworthy; but our conviction is that these cases might be fewer if the annual ministerial holiday were the rule and not the exception.

With devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church, we this year record an increase of 652 members in the European work, and 49 in the Maori work, making a total membership of 13,430 in the former, and 1,245 in the latter. The attendants on public worship show an increase of 1,652, and now total 70,208 in the European and 5,380 in the Maori work.

There is, however, a serious decrease in the number of junior members and members on trial. We cannot, though, regard these decreases as indicative of lessened efficiency in our Church. Our present uncertain, and consequently unsatisfactory test of membership makes us chary of accepting these figures as accurately measuring the strength and vitality of our organisation. They suggest thought, however, and direct energy to improvements in the methods of using that organisation; and if the General Conference approves of our recommendation, we may hope to see a truer and healthier state of things in relation to the statistics of Church membership.

Our work among the Maoris has been carefully reviewed, and Conference expressed its satisfaction with what is being attempted by our European and Native ministers. The efficiency of our Agents received splendid illustration in the very impressive testimonies of the Native ministers at the Ordination Service. Taking into account the quickened interest in Foreign Missions, we confidently look for a more intelligent and practical sympathy with the needs of this field near at hand.

Our Sunday School returns show a gratifying increase in the number of scholars and teachers, and give evidence of much good work being accomplished. We are sure, though, that we are not doing all that we might easily do to make this department of our work more efficient, and to keep in view the true ideal of education in the Sunday School. In the majority of our schools the equipment is far from satisfactory, while in too many there is no adequate attempt made "to call out and strengthen the moral character, and to give large and profound ideas of duty in all the relationships of life. At a time when men are discussing and studying the best methods of teaching arithmetic and geography, we must not be slovenly in teaching religion, and when skilful men are teaching false doctrines attractively we must seek to bring out Truth in all her loveliness."

We would also point out a danger which all our Sunday Schools would do well to avoid, viz., regarding the Sunday School as a separate organisation apart from the Church. The Sunday School is the nursery of the Church, and no effort should be spared in cultivating the closest relationship between what are simply departments of a work that is a unity.

The Conference recognises the faithful, self-sacrificing labours of our local preachers in the past, and urges upon the educated young men of our congregations to cultivate their gifts in this honoured department of our work.

The more thorough education of our ministerial students is a matter of primary importance to us as a Church. No Church can hope to hold its own, to say nothing of increasing its aggressive power, that does not seek to attain a high standard in this particular. We therefore call your attention to the claims of our Theological and Training Institution. Provision should be made for an increased number of students who are preparing for the ministry, but to make this provision our present endowments are quite inadequate. We would also call your attention to the claims of Three Kings College for Maoris. We trust that during the year the Building Fund will be augmented sufficiently to enable the trustees to proceed with the erection of the new college and orphanage. A work of such practical philanthropy as this should elicit an immediate and adequate response.

Our Home Mission Fund shows an income of £2,873, and an expenditure of £2,985 8s. 6d., leaving a deficit of £112 8s. 6d. Seeing that this is barely half the estimated deficiency, it would appear that this Fund is growing in popular favour and successfully asserting its indisputable claims upon the liberality of the Church. Conference has very carefully reviewed the recommendations of the Synods, and its resolutions, if faithfully given effect to, must be to the great advantage of all concerned.

The income for Foreign Missions amounted to £1,400 15s. 10d., showing an increase of £97 14s. 2d. on the previous year's income. And if we included belated returns the increase would amount to £207 11s. 6d. We contribute now almost three times the amount contributed ten years ago. This we regard as satisfactory evidence of a deepening interest in this noble cause, and in view of the opportunities for the extension of this work that now offer, we trust that our Church may display still greater liberality and more prayerful sympathy.

During the past year we celebrated the bicentenary of the birth of John Wesley, and passed in review the wonderful results which sprang from that one consecrated life. We realised that we are sharers in the benefits of that life, and that by those very benefits our responsibilities are vastly increased.

Wesley's was no "twilight culture lighted through a chink," but the strenuous culture of every kind of gift. We would emulate his example. More especially would we do so in his efforts to lift the whole life of the people of his own land, as well as to do his duty to those in the regions beyond.

In this colony our labour for Christ's Kingdom is undoubtedly carried on under peculiar conditions. The coming together, especially in our country districts, of those who are wide as the poles asunder in nationality, moral ideas and religious beliefs, often means the disintegration of the results of past Christian labour, and the levelling down of the moral tone. Our climate, our political freedom, our sectarian rivalries, seem to exert an influence that induces laxity in regard to moral and religious duty. The growth of sacerdotalism still further complicates matters, though we believe that in this colony it is an exotic that cannot live if exposed to the free air of historical truth and evangelistic zeal. The drink traffic, with its vested interests and appalling consequences, still menaces the well-being of the colony. Gambling claims its victims in thousands of homes; impurity is all too rife, and Sabbath desecration all too common. Yet these conditions are vastly better than those under which Wesley worked and achieved such signal success. And in face of the failure of legislation to bring about what men hope for, and the failure of commercial prosperity to do away with poverty and wretchedness, the lesson that is being forced upon us is that no power is adequate to deal with the evils of our land save the Divine power, and that the grace of God that lifted the colliers of Kingswood can renew New Zealand.

It is not a spent Gospel that we preach to-day. The ethical revival that so many desiderate must come through the deepening and clarifying of our own religious life. Ours must be a spiritual Church. We must seek a deeper realisation of the Divine presence. We must live closer to the centre of spiritual life, and move less at its circumference. We must hold ourselves open to the unseen tides of grace and strength, so that they may flow freely into us. Then shall we, as a Church, have a deeper spiritual experience, a firmer religious trust, a sounder morality,

and a more passionate desire to see the Kingdom of God established upon earth.

In conclusion, we would affectionately urge upon you to be faithful to the means of grace, both private and public. Do not relegate YOUR responsibilities in regard to the work of God in your society to your minister. Remember the words of Scripture, "Ye are my witnesses." "And now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen."

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.

SAMUEL LAWRY, PRESIDENT.

CHARLES H. LAWS, SECRETARY.



## SECTION II.

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### REPRESENTATIVE SESSION.

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

Answer—

#### AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. *Auckland (Pitt Street)*—(1) That the Auckland Mission in connection with the Pitt Street Circuit be made a separate Mission, under the direction of the Chairman of the District, and that it be called the "Newton Methodist Mission."  
 (2) That the Pitt Street, Freeman's Bay, and Newton Mission Quarterly Meetings consider the question of the amalgamation of the Newton and Freeman's Bay Missions, and report to the Auckland Synod and Conference. (Convener, Chairman of the District.)
2. *Mahurangi and Paparoa*—The following Resolution of last Conference was reaffirmed:—"That the boundaries of the Mahurangi and Paparoa Circuits be altered so as to include Kaiwaka, and places east and south in the Mahurangi Circuit, providing a Home Missionary be appointed at Port Albert with a grant of £40."
3. *Wade*—Home Mission Station to be attached to the Helensville H.M. Station, under the supervision of the Helensville Home Missionary.

#### WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. *Kiwitea*—The name of this circuit to be altered to Kimbolton.
2. *Mangaweka Home Mission Station*—That the division of this Station, as resolved by last Conference, be given effect to, and that the new Station be called Taihape, and to include Taihape, Torere, Mataroa, Ngawaka, Tiriraukawa, Pukeokahu, Turangarere, Wainui.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- Otaki*—The name of this circuit to be altered to Levin-Otaki.

#### NELSON DISTRICT.

- Maori Mission*—This entry to be omitted from the minutes under Blenheim Circuit.

#### CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. *Christchurch (Durham Street)*—(1) That the Christchurch Mission, Durham St. South, be separated from the Christchurch (Durham Street) Circuit, and constituted a separate circuit, to be known as "The Christchurch Methodist Mission (Durham Street South)."

- (2) That the following financial arrangements, suggested by the Quarterly Meeting, be confirmed: That the sum of £175, available for another parsonage in the circuit, be transferred to the Mission for the same purpose; and that a subsidy of £200 be granted, spread over a period of five years.
2. *Springston*—That the Springston Circuit be divided, Tai Tapu, Halswell, Green Park, and Prebbleton being constituted a separate circuit, with a Probationer for three years in the new Tai Tapu Circuit.
3. *North Canterbury Circuit Boundaries*—That the following be a Commission to consider the re-adjustment of the boundaries of the North Canterbury Circuits, and to submit a plan to the Circuits affected, which shall report their findings thereon to the Commission for submission to the Canterbury District Synod and Conference:—The President of the Conference, the Superintendent of the Durham Street Circuit, Rev. H. Bull, Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe, and J. A. Flesher (convener).

OTAGO DISTRICT.

*Otautau* to be divided, the new circuit to be called the Riverton-Orepuki Circuit. Otautau Circuit to comprise Otautau, Drummond, Aparima, Nightcaps, and South Hillend; Riverton-Orepuki Circuit to comprise Riverton, Orepuki, Waimahiku, Wild Bush, Pahi, Te Tua, Papatora, and Clifden; and that a probationer be appointed to the new circuit.

QUESTION II.—What Circuits ask for Additional Preachers?

Answer—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. *Auckland Maori Mission*.—A European Probationer to be appointed as assistant to the Rev. W. Gittos.
2. *Upper Thames*.—It was resolved that the residence of the Home Missionary be determined by the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.
3. *Manukau*.—That a Home Missionary be appointed, to reside at Otahuhu.
4. *Hamilton*.—That an additional Home Missionary be appointed to this Circuit.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. *New Plymouth*.—That an additional Home Missionary be appointed to this Circuit.
2. *West Coast Maori Mission*.—An additional Native Agent to be employed in this Mission.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

*Greytown*.—That the Probationer reside at Carterton, and a Home Missionary be appointed to Featherston.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

*Cargill Road*.—A Probationer to be appointed instead of a Home Missionary.

**QUESTION III.—What New Stations are now Sanctioned ?**

Answer—

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

*Rotorua.*—A Probationer to be sent to Rotorua.

## WANGANUI DISTRICT.

*Eltham.*—To be constituted a Circuit, and a Probationer appointed.

## NELSON DISTRICT.

*Blackball.*—To be occupied as a Home Mission Station, provided a suitable agent be obtained, to be under the supervision of the Greymouth Superintendent.**QUESTION IV.—What Circuits are now due to provide for Married instead of Single Ministers ?**

Answer—

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. *Auckland (Pitt Street).*—4th. Fulfils its obligation.
2. *Auckland (North Shore).*—2nd. Fulfils its obligation.
3. *Upper Thames (Paeroa).*—Is due, but is relieved for another year.
4. *Tauranga.*—Resolved that Tauranga be constituted a Home Mission Station.
5. *Coromandel.*—Resolved that Coromandel, which now has a married minister, be relieved, and a Probationer appointed.

## WANGANUI DISTRICT.

6. *Wanganui.*—2nd. Is due, but is relieved for a year.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

7. *Hutt.*—2nd. Is due, but is relieved for a year.
8. *Dannevirke.*—Fulfils its obligation.
9. *Pahiatua.*—Is due, but is relieved for another year.

## NELSON DISTRICT.

10. *Motueka.*—Is due, but is relieved for another year.
11. *Westport.*—Is due, but is relieved for another year.

## CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

12. *Springston.*—2nd. Is due, but is relieved. See resolution under Question 1.
13. *Malvern.*—Is due, but is relieved for another year.

## OTAGO DISTRICT.

14. *Dunedin (Mornington).*—2nd. Fulfils its obligation.
15. *Otautau.*—Is due, but is relieved for another year.

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

Answer—

**I.—SALES REPORTED.**

1. Wanganui Circuit—Aramoho Church and land, £285. Applied to new church at Russell Vale.
2. Lawrence Circuit—Sale of Waipori Church and site, £50. Proceeds applied to new vestry at Lawrence.

**II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES COMPLETED.**

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

1. Auckland (Pitt Street) Circuit—1. Leasehold Parsonage site, Hope-toun Street, 50 ft. x 173 ft., for 50 years, at £14 15s. annual rental. 2. New Church site at Avondale, 66 ft. x 165 ft., £66.
2. Auckland (North Shore) Circuit—Church site at Mayfield, 2 roods, cost £12 10s.
3. Upper Thames Circuit—1. Church site at Waitoa, 1 rood, and erection thereon of Church of wood, 30 ft. x 20 ft., to seat 100: total, £250. Debt on securities, £100. 2. Church site at Morrinsville, 1 rood, and erection of Church thereon of wood, 40 ft. x 24 ft., to seat (at present) 120. Cost, £426; debt to Loan Fund, £150. 3. Parsonage at Waihi of wood, seven rooms. Cost of building, £360; debt to bank, £225.
4. Manukau Circuit—Sunday School site at Otahuhu, 90 ft. x 85 ft., with six-roomed cottage thereon. Cost, £260; present debt, £160.
5. Cambridge Circuit—Addition of three rooms to Cambridge Parsonage. Cost, £211 1s. 11d.; debt to Loan Fund, £100.

**WANGANUI DISTRICT.**

1. New Plymouth Circuit—Half an acre of land at Carrington Road and erection of Church thereon, 18 ft. x 26 ft., to seat 80. Cost, £174 10s. 1d.; debt to Loan Fund, £50.
2. Waitara Circuit—Enlargement of Church at Midhurst, 32 ft. x 18 ft., to seat 90. Cost of extension, £274 3s. 4d.; debt to Loan Fund, £40.
3. Wanganui Circuit—Church at Russell Vale. Cost, £260; no debt.
4. Feilding Circuit—Enlargement of Parsonage. Cost, £46; no debt.
5. Eltham Station—Church site, 23 4-10th perches. Cost £75; debt to Loan Fund, £75.

**WELLINGTON DISTRICT.**

1. Wellington (Taranaki Street) Circuit—1. Purchase of land, 37 ft. x 120 ft., Tory Street. Cost, £1,000. Church of wood, 23 ft. x 40 ft., to seat 120. Cost, £320; debt, £1,000.
2. Purchase of Site at Mitcheltown, 54 ft. x 120 ft. Cost, £170. Erection of Church-hall of wood, 26 ft. x 39 ft., to seat 200. Cost of building, £450; debt, £300.

3. Hutt Circuit—Purchase of two Church and Parsonage allotments, each 24 perches, at Petone. Cost £455; present debt on securities, £264 13s. 9d. Also additional class-room of wood, 21 ft. x 16 ft. Cost, £91 4s. 9d.
4. Greytown Circuit—New Vestry to Church. Cost, £34.

## NELSON DISTRICT.

1. Motueka Circuit—Church site, a gift, at Pangatotara, 1 rood 16 perches, valued at £20.
2. Havelock Mission—1. Purchase of Parsonage, 5 rooms. Cost, £289 19s. 5d. 2. New Church at Canvastown, 30 ft. x 18 ft., to seat 120. Cost, £336; debt to Loan Fund, £30; on other securities, £160.

## CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. Christchurch (Durham Street) Circuit—1. New School of brick and stone at East Belt, 67 ft. x. 33 ft.; old School placed at rear and formed into seven class-rooms. Cost, £1,700; debt, £500. 2. New School of wood at Woolston, 48 ft. x 24 ft., and six class-rooms. Cost, £400; debt to Loan Fund, £50. 3. New Site at Woolston, 1 rood 2-10th perches, cost, £70, and erection of Parsonage thereon, 7 rooms and outbuildings. Cost, £550; debt to Loan Fund, £300. 4. New Vestry at Linwood. Cost, £62; no debt.
2. St. Alban's Circuit—1. Erection of new School of brick. Cost, £1,846 0s. 9d. 2. Removal and renovation of Parsonage, £508 18s. 3d. Total debt on securities, £1,000, and bank overdraft, £45.
3. Papanui Circuit—New Parsonage on gifted site, 31 4-10th perches, seven rooms and outbuildings. Cost, £501 15s. 3d.; debt to Loan Fund, £100.
4. Timaru Circuit—Purchase of Site for proposed School erection, 1 rood 25 14-25th perches. Cost, £500.
5. Willowby Circuit—New Church at Mayfield, 40 ft. x 21 ft., to seat 120. Cost, £240; debt to Loan Fund, £50.

## OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. Central Mission—Erection of Sisters' Home, five rooms with outbuildings, in brick. Cost, £459 6s.; debt to Loan Fund, £200.
2. Dunedin (Cargill Road) Circuit—New Parsonage of brick. Cost, £987 14s. 6d.; debt to Loan Fund, £500.
3. Dunedin (Mornington) Circuit—1. Improvements to Parsonage, £83 2s.; no debt. 2. Purchase of Church Site at Maori Hill,  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre. Cost, £141; debt to Loan Fund, £50.
4. Port Chalmers Circuit—New Porch to Parsonage, £11 4s. 10d.
5. Lawrence Circuit—New Vestry to Lawrence Church, 24 ft. x 12 ft. Cost, £50; no debt.
6. Otautau Circuit—New Church and Site, 1 rood, at Drummond. Building, 22 ft. x 32 ft., to seat 150. Total cost, £249 5s.; debt to Loan Fund, £40.
7. Roxburgh Circuit—New Church of wood, 36 ft. x 24 ft., to seat 140. Cost, £339 9s. 6d. Present debt on Church and Site, £200. By July to be reduced to £123 and transferred to Loan Fund.

8. Cromwell Circuit—New Parsonage Site, 1 rood, in Donegal Street.  
Cost, £75. Outbuilding thereon valued at £30. Entire liability  
to be cleared shortly.

SUMMARY.—NEW ERECTIONS, &c.

19 Freehold sites.

1 Leasehold site.

10 Churches.

1 Church enlarged.

3 Parsonages.

3 Parsonages enlarged.

3 Schools.

1 Sisters' Home.

1 Cottage.

LAND PRESENTED.

Waitoa, 1 rood, value £20. Presented by Mr. J. Torrens.

Morrinsville, 1 rood, value £40. Presented by Mrs. W. S. Allen.

Pangatotara, 1 rood 16 perches, value £20. Presented by Mr. Inwood.

Papanui, Parsonage Site 31 4-10th perches, valued at £30. Gift of Mr.  
J. Campbell.

Mayfield, gift of Church Site, 2 roods, by Mr. W. Dellow.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be presented to donors  
of the above-named Sites for their acceptable gifts.

III.—MINOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Waihi, painting interior of Church, £23.

Waitekauri, new organ, £20 17s.

Hamilton, improvements to Parsonage, £30.

Whangarei, new sheds, £10.

Hikurangi, new porch, £24.

„ painting Church, £6 1s. 11d.

Kamo, new blocks, £2 2s.

Wanganui, new organ, £120.

Palmerston North, Cuba Street Church, renovation of interior, cost £30.

Havelock Church, £8 13s. 6d.

Havelock Parsonage, grounds, etc., £100.

Canvastown, organ, £10.

St. Alban's, fencing and grounds, £37 7s.

Lower High Street, organ, £35; also piano, £28.

Linwood, organ, £40.

Balelutha, organ, £12.

Oamaru, gas stoves, £27 10s.

Total, £527 1s. 5d.

## DISTRICT SUMMARY.

Auckland District, £116 0s. 11d.

Wanganui District, £150.

Nelson District, £109 3s. 6d.

Canterbury District, £112 7s.

Otago District, £39 10s.

Total, £527 1s. 5d.

## IV.—SALES, &amp;c., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1903.

1. *Thames Circuit*.—To sell Parsonage and site, proceeds to be devoted to purchase or erection of new and more suitable property.
2. *Upper Thames Circuit*.—To sell Parsonage and attached sections at Te Aroha, proceeds to be devoted to erection of a new house.
3. *Hawera Circuit*.—To sell Parsonage and site at Patea, proceeds to be devoted to purchase or erection of house in a more suitable locality.
4. *Rangitikei Circuit*.—To sell Church site at Crofton to the Wanganui Board of Education, proceeds to be invested for new site whenever required.
5. *Feilding Circuit*.—To sell the back portion, three acres, of the Parsonage lands, proceeds to be used for discharging debts.
6. *Wellington (Taranaki Street) Circuit*.—To sell by the Wellington Educational Property Trustees 29 perches and 4-10ths of a perch, with hall thereon, at Kaiwarra, to local Methodist Church Trustees for the sum of £244.
7. *Eketahuna Circuit*.—To sell strip of Church land 16½ feet deep to widen public road, proceeds to be devoted to Trust Fund.
8. *Durham Street Circuit*.—To sell old school at Woolston and devote proceeds to building new one.
9. *Amberley Circuit*.—To sell Waikari Parsonage and site, proceeds to be employed as directed by the Conference of 1903.
10. *Gore Circuit*.—To sell present Parsonage and site at Gore, proceeds to be devoted to purchase or erection of more suitable property.

## EXTENDED LEASES SANCTIONED.

1. *Thames Circuit*.—The lease, if unable to effect sale, of the Parsonage property for a period of not more than 21 years.
2. *Manukau Circuit*.—Lease of 4 acres and cottage at Woodside for 12 years.
3. *Hokitika Circuit*.—Lease for 10 years of a portion of Church land for tennis court, right of re-entry reserved.
4. *Havelock Station*.—Lease of old Parsonage for a period of 9 years.

V.—PROPOSED ERECTIONS, &c., SANCTIONED TO  
DECEMBER 31ST, 1903.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. *Auckland (Pitt Street) Circuit*.—(1) To purchase on 50 years' lease a Parsonage site in Hopetoun Street, 50ft. x 173ft., from the City Council at annual rental of £14 15s.
  - (2) To remove Parsonage from Pitt Street, and its re-erection, with improvements, at Hopetoun Street. Cost, £799.
  - (3) To erect ten shops in brick at Pitt Street, at an estimated cost of £9,000.
  - (4) To purchase Parsonage site at Kingsland, 80ft. x 130ft., for £220.
  - (5) To purchase Church site, 1 rood 66 ft. frontage, for £60, at Avondale.
  2. *Upper Thames Circuit*.—(1) New church at Waitoa, 30ft. x 20ft., to seat 120. Cost, £250. Loan of £100 promised.
  - (2) New church at Morrinsville, 41ft. x 24ft., to seat for the present 110. Land presented by Mrs. W. S. Allen. Cost of church, £426 16s.; £276 16s. raised locally, and £150 from Loan Fund.
- Manukau Circuit*.—To purchase Sunday School site at Otahuhu, 90ft. x 85ft., with cottage thereon, at rear of church site, for £260. £100 already in hand, and steps arranged for raising the balance.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. *New Plymouth Circuit*.—New Church at Carrington Road, 26ft. x 18ft., to cost £183. Debt to Loan Fund, £50.
2. *Waitara Circuit*.—Instead of improvements to old church, as previously arranged, erection of new one, 48ft. x 38ft., to cost £400. £300 to be raised locally, and £100 from Loan Fund.
3. *Wanganui Circuit*.—New Church at Russell Vale, 36ft. x 25ft., in place of old one at Aramoho, with vestry and storeroom. No debt to be incurred.
4. *Feilding Circuit*.—New Sunday School at Feilding in place of school destroyed by fire. Estimated cost, £300. No debt to be incurred.
5. *Kiwitea Circuit*.—New Church at Orona Valley, 25ft. x 15ft., at an estimated cost of £120, one-third from Loan Fund.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. *Hutt Circuit*.—To purchase section, 100ft. x 127ft., for Parsonage and for a new Church. Cost, £455.
2. *Norsewood Station*.—New Church at Makotuku, to cost £140. £100 to be raised locally and balance from Loan Fund.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. *Hokitika Circuit*.—To purchase two half-acre Church sections at Kokatahi at cost of £14 14s.
2. *Greymouth Circuit*.—Removal of old Church to adjoining portion of section and erection of new Church, 60ft. x 35ft., on cleared site at cost of £900, two-thirds to be raised locally and one-third from the Loan Fund.

3. *Murchison*.—To purchase Church section at Murchison with funds raised locally for the purpose.
4. *Havelock Station*.—(1) To erect new Church at Canvastown at cost of £120; debt, £20.  
(2) To purchase new Parsonage at Havelock, £280, through the Building Society, rent of present house to be devoted to sinking fund.

## CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. *Christchurch (Durham Street) Circuit*.—Instead of enlarging the Woolston School, to erect a new one at cost of £350. Conference regulations to be observed.
2. *Christchurch South Circuit*.—Enlargement and renovation of Addington Church, erection of new vestries and porch, the Church when completed to be 64ft. x 45ft. Total cost of improvements to be between £300 and £400. Conference regulations to be observed.
3. *Willowby Circuit*.—To erect new Church at Mayfield, 40ft. x 21ft., at cost of £250, seating 200 persons. £50 from Loan Fund, and balance to be raised locally.

## OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. *Dunedin (Morningson) Circuit*.—(1) To erect new brick Church, 55ft. x 37ft., at Morningson at a total estimated cost, including land (£100), of £1,800, to seat 350, with gallery space for accommodation of an additional 100. £1,200 to be raised locally, and £600 from Loan Fund.  
(2) To purchase Church site, 1 rood, at Maori Hill, for £150. £75 raised locally, and £75 as short period loan from Loan Fund.
2. *Lawrence Circuit*.—To erect new Vestry at Lawrence to cost £60. No debt.
3. *Cromwell Circuit*.—To purchase 1 rood of land adjoining present property as Parsonage site for £75.

GENERAL REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1903.

1. The regulations made by the last Conference for ensuring returns of Church properties at a stated period, although not in every case strictly observed, have proved generally effective in promoting the end desired.

2. The great majority of the Schedules afford evidence of careful preparation and accurate attention to detailed particulars. But there are not wanting instances where there are marked inaccuracies in dealing with credit or debit balances from year to year. Some of the inaccuracies probably arise from inexperience in filling up the forms.

3. In reviewing the subject of current income for the year, it is at once seen that the figures do not reach the high mark presented to the Conference of 1903. Increases are shown for seat rents, £23 7s. 9d.; Trust collections, £421 0s. 9d.; and Church anniversaries, £103 9s. 2d.; but subscriptions and donations show a decline of £1,489 2s. 2d., or a

net decrease on the entire income from these sources of £941 4s. 6d. The falling off under this head probably arises from the fact that payments from the Century Fund had practically ceased.

4. The debt on securities, other than to the Loan Fund, has increased during the year by £3,158 5s. 9d., allocated in districts as follows:—Auckland, £1,296 19s. 11d.; Wellington, £1,208 11s. 10d.; Nelson, £424 19s. 5d.; Canterbury, £551. Two districts show reductions. Wanganui, £156 11s.; Otago, £166 14s. 5d. The Auckland increase is not actually so large as apparent, seeing Coromandel, which is responsible for £712 4s. 11d., made last year no returns. This also reduces the total increase to £2,446 0s. 10d.

5. The debt to the Loan Fund varies little from year to year, and is this year £10,128 2s. 3d.

6. The total debt on securities upon the Church properties of the colony (not including the Loan Fund) amounts to £28,173 17s. 8d., and the total value of Church property amounts to £315,081 7s. 7d., being an increase of £15,057 2s. 8d. for the year. The debt on securities amounts to a little less than 9 per cent.—certainly a very moderate and safe proportion on such an ecclesiastical estate.

7. The total value of buildings, apart from land, is £259,524 3s. 8d. On £253,731 3s. 8d. of this there are insurances amounting to £156,599. This represents nearly 62 per cent. on cost value of the buildings covered from risk by fire.

8. Returns have come to hand this year from every circuit and mission station excepting Helensville and Methven; the absence of these, being minor trusts, does not materially affect the total results.

A.—PROPERTIES.	Cost as Reported.	
	£	s. d.
Sites—Freehold, 547; leasehold, 27; vacant, 115; incomplete titles, 15 .....	55,557	3 11
Churches—Brick or stone, 16; wood, 299; seating, 54,759 .....	162,133	7 6
Schoolrooms—Brick or stone, 8; wood, 77; seating, 17,020 .....	40,121	16 5
Parsonages—Brick or stone, 3; wood, 97 .....	47,167	0 9
Other buildings—56 .....	10,101	19 0
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Total cost of land and buildings .....	£315,081	7 7

Receipts.—Credit balances, £2,132 19s. 11d.; seat rents, £2,678 3s. 10d.; Trust collections, £1,973 6s. 8d.; Anniversaries or Opening services, £2,258 9s. 8d.; subscriptions and donations, £4,877 19s. 10d.; Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund, or other loans, £4,748 5s. 8d.; all other income, £6,386 11s. 2d.: total receipts, £25,055 16s. 9d. Credit balances carried forward, £1,701 14s. 11d.

Expenditure.—Debit balances brought forward, £3,083; lighting and cleaning, £2,459 12s. 2d.; alterations and repairs, £2,188 12s. 1d.; enlargements and minor improvements, £4,703 16s. 8d.; interest, £1,414 14s. 11d.; insurance premiums, £945 4s.; paid to Circuit Boards, £179 2s. 8d.; all other expenditure, including debts repaid, £12,061 6s. 5d.; total expenditure, £27,035 8s. 11½d. Debit balances carried forward, £3,233 7s. 4½d.

HENRY BULL, SECRETARY.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the District Secretaries for their services during the past year, and that the following be appointed for the ensuing year:—Mr. W. D. Buttle, Auckland; Mr. J. P. Leary, Palmerston North; Mr. C. W. Benbow, Wellington; Mr. J. Boon, Nelson; Mr. G. J. Smith, Christchurch; Mr. J. C. Stephens, Dunedin.
3. That the attention of the Trustees of 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.
4. That the Church Property Schedules be sent by Circuit Superintendents to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st; also that the revised Schedules, with Summaries and Reports, be sent by District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than December 15th.
5. That inquiry be made in the Synods concerning each Circuit and Home Mission Station as to the celebration of Church anniversaries; and that in the cases of dependent Circuits and Home Mission Stations where this is neglected a report be furnished by the Secretary of each Synod to the Home Mission Treasurers.
6. That with a view of making Church Property Returns as complete and accurate as possible, the District Secretaries be requested to correspond with Superintendents in cases where the Schedules are incompletely filled, or where the returns are manifestly incorrect.
7. A Committee consisting of the General Secretary of Church Property (convener), Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe and G. J. Smith, with Messrs. F. L. Prime and J. C. Stephens as corresponding members, be appointed to consider the question as to whether there should be a revaluation of the Church Property in New Zealand; with power also to consider and report to the Conference on any other matters relating to the subject of Church Property.

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 CHURCH PROPERTY REGULATIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) For Registration of any Trust—  
 If value of property is £1,000 or over .. .. . £1 1 0  
 " " under £1,000 .. .. . 0 10 6
- (2) For Registration of new Trustees, 2s. 6d. each name, with a maximum charge of 10s.
- (3) For certified copy of Register, or any part thereof, supplied for any purpose, 5s.

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

## REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

The following deeds have been received during the year ending October 31st, 1903:—Pukerimu Church; Auckland, Hopetoun Street Parsonage site; Carrington Road; Eltham Church site, with Declaration of Trust; Torere Church, with Declaration of Trust; Greytown Church and Parsonage site; Makotuku Church, with Declaration of Trust; Petone Church site, two deeds; Sheffield Church, with Declaration of Trust; Papanui Parsonage, with Declaration of Trust; Woolston Parsonage; old lease Chester Street Parsonage; Marshland Church; Drummond Church, with Declaration of Trust; Fernhill Parsonage.

The following deeds have been received from the Treasurers of the Loan Fund on repayment of loans:—Kingsland Church, Bombay Church, Patea Parsonage sections, Reefton Church, Reefton Parsonage, Willowby Church, Tinwald Church, Balclutha Parsonage, Tapanui Church, Invercargill Parsonage, Roslyn Church, Feilding Church.

The following deeds have been removed from the Custodian's care:—(1) Onehunga Paddock, for purpose of mortgage; Raglan Church, Raglan house site, Kaeo, Herd's Point Church, and Hokianga: the above five to Mr. T. Buddle to complete copy of Mission Grants in the colony; Feilding Church, for purpose of mortgage; Aromoho Church site, for sale, permission having been obtained; Tasman Street site, to Rev. W. C. Oliver; Havelock Cottage, as security for new Parsonage; Waipori Church, for sale, sanction having been secured.

(2) Handed to the Loan Fund Treasurers as security for loans advanced:—Cambridge Church, Midhirst Church, Eltham site, Torere Church, Karori Church, Papanui Parsonage, Woolston Parsonage, Cargill Road Parsonage, Drummond Church, Fernhill Parsonage.

A Declaration of Trust by the Midhirst West Church trustees has been received.

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

HENRY BULL,  
CUSTODIAN.

## RESOLUTIONS.

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

## REPORT OF THE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

The past year, ending December 31st, 1903, has been an exceptionally busy one in this department of Church work. There have been transactions with fifty-three deeds. Twelve additional Trusts have been placed upon the Register, and thirteen certified copies of Trusts issued. Two hundred and sixty-nine new and additional trustees, representing sixty Trusts, have been registered.

The following is the yearly Cash Statement:—Fees received during 1903, £32 1s. Debtor balance from last year, 9s. 8d.; voted to Connexional Secretary's Office, £20; cost of stamps, telegrams, stationery, and incidentals, £5 8s.; leaving a credit balance of £6 3s. 4d.

HENRY BULL,

AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Cash Statement be adopted.
2. That, in accordance with the provisions of "The Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887," the Rev. Henry Bull be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1904-5.
3. That the Authorised Representative enter on the Church Register all new Trusts and such alterations in Trusts as are certified by Circuit Superintendents, and that he report thereon to the Conference.
4. That the Authorised Representative be appointed to correspond with the Government on all questions of Church Property or Titles.
5. That it be an instruction to the Authorised Representative not to enter in the Register the names of new Trustees until the fees be paid.

#### CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

For Cash Account, *see* Appendix A, p. ii-iv.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1. Fourteen meetings have been held during the year.
2. Seventeen new loans have been granted, representing a total sum of £1,923 14s.
3. Final payments have been received from fourteen Trusts, viz.: Ashburton Church, Roslyn Church, Invercargill Parsonage, Bombay Church, Tinwald Church, Kingsland Church, Waitara Church, Darfield Church, Willowby Church, Tapanui Church, Hokitika Church, Patea Parsonage, Kopu Church, and Broadfield Church.
4. The following Trusts have discharged their obligations before the specified loan period:—Tinwald, Kingsland, Willowby, Broadfield, and Kopu.
5. The Committee regrets that the amount of overdue instalments has increased during the year, and now amounts to £926 4s. 2d. Of this sum, £882 9s. 1d. is due to the General Fund, and £43 15s. 1d. to the Special Branch. Nine Trusts are responsible for £673 17s. 6d. of this overdue amount.
6. There are now 141 loans current. Of these, 102 are with the General Fund, and 39 with the Special Branch.
7. The following undertakings have been approved by the Committee during the year, viz.: Purchase on 50-year lease of Parsonage site at Hopetoun Street, Auckland, and re-erection thereon of the Pitt Street Parsonage; erection of ten shops at Pitt Street and Karangahape Road; purchase of Parsonage sites at Kingsland and Cromwell;

purchase of Church sites at Avondale, Murchison, Maori Hill, Kokatahi and Petone (the latter to include provision for parsonage); School sites at Timaru and Otahuhu; erection of new Churches at Waitoa, Morrinsville, Carrington Road, Waitara, Russell Vale, Orona Valley, Makotuku, Greymouth, Canvastown, Mayfield, and Mornington; enlargement of Addington Church; new School at Feilding, and a Vestry at Lawrence.

8. The Committee has sanctioned sale of the following Church property:—Parsonage and site at Patea; Church site at Crofton, Rangitikei; Parsonage and site at Thames; three acres of Parsonage lands, Feilding; Parsonage and attached sections at Te Aroha; old Woolston School; Church site at Kaiwarra, from Educational trustees to local Church trustees; Parsonage and site at Gore; a strip of Church land at Eketahuna for public road purposes.

9. In accordance with report of the Wellington District Synod on the state of the Eketahuna Trust, the Committee recommends that the trustees be relieved from the payment of instalments for another year.

10. The following extended leases have been sanctioned:—Parsonage and site at Thames for 21 years; old cottage parsonage at Have-lock for 9 years; four acres and cottage at Woodside for 12 years; portion of Hokitika Church land for 10 years.

11. A special report will be presented on the Greymouth case.

12. The Committee desires to express its deep regret at the death of the Rev. W. G. Parsonson, which took place early in September. Mr. Parsonson was constant in his attention to the business of the Fund, and the services he rendered were of a valuable character.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

HENRY BULL, SECRETARY.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Cash Accounts of the General Fund and of the Special Branch be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Committee for their careful attention to the business of the fund during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1904-5, viz., the Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch (South), Christchurch (St. Albans), and Lyttelton circuits, with Messrs. G. H. Blackwell (Treasurer), C. W. Turner, J. A. Flesher, R. W. England, and John Brown.
3. That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Loan Fund Committee, the Eketahuna Parsonage Trustees be relieved from the payment of instalments for the year 1904.
4. That the urgent difficulties of the Coromandel Trust be referred to the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund for their special consideration.
5. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. G. P. Wake for his kind communication *re* his late brother's legacy;

and the Conference hereby places on record its grateful appreciation of the thoughtful benevolence of the late Mr. H. Herbert Wake in bequeathing the sum of fifty pounds for the extension of God's work in connection with the Church Building and Loan Fund.

#### THE LATE MR. WILLIAM HARRIS.

With deep regret the Conference places on record the death of Mr. William Harris, which took place at Christchurch on Saturday, February 27, 1904. The conspicuous business abilities of Mr. Harris were consecrated with rare devotion to the interests of the Church and the work of Christ. For many years Mr. Harris has occupied positions of highest importance in the Church, and every position has been filled and the duties discharged with unvarying fidelity. While deeply attached to the interests of the East Belt Church, of which he was a member and an official, and also to the welfare of its Sunday School, Mr. Harris took a wide ecclesiastical outlook, and was imbued with a large connexional spirit. He was an official member of both the Annual and General Conferences, and was not only a regular attendant at, but took a deep interest in the proceedings of those assemblies. He was a valued member of many important connexional committees. He rendered conspicuous service as Treasurer of the Church Building and Loan Fund, the Contingent Fund, and the Fire Insurance Fund. For twenty-one years his city office has been placed at the convenience of the Loan Fund, and the meetings of the Committee have been held there. As Treasurer of the Fire Insurance Fund from its commencement, the business experience and sagacity of Mr. Harris have been fully devoted to promote the interests of this fund, and its prosperity was to him a source of much gratification. The Conference mourns the loss of the departed, and prays that God will raise up others like-minded to carry forward the work of His Church.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

##### I.—SOURCES OF THE FUND.

1. The amount obtained in connection with the special effort for this purpose authorised by the Conference of 1882, and the amount received in connection with the Jubilee Fund of 1891.
2. Donations, bequests, grants from Trustees, etc.
3. That the Superintendent Minister be instructed to urge Trustees to contribute to the Fund in proportion to the number of the congregation—

If the congregation numbers less than 100, Five shillings.

"	"	"	100	"	200, Ten	"
"	"	"	200	"	400, Twenty	"
"	"	"	400	"	500, Forty	"
"	"	"	500 and over	"	Fifty	"

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

## II.—OBJECTS OF THE FUND.

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

## III.—COMMITTEE.

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

## IV.—DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

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

## V.—CONDITIONS OF LOANS.

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

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

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

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

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

Answer—

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix B, p. xi.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1. The Committee begs to report that, in connection with the business of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, the past year has been attended by a gratifying measure of progress and prosperity. Proposals from thirty-six Trusts for new insurances, or for additional amounts, consequent upon improvements or enlargements having been effected, have been received and approved. The amount of Church property upon which, for insurance against fire, levies are now paid is £101,335, as against £91,175 reported to the last Conference, showing an increase of £10,160 upon the year.

2. The properties represented and included in the above insurances are as follows:—Churches, 217; parsonages, 69; schools, 43; cottages, 7; shops, 5; halls, 3; gymnasium, 1: total, 345.

3. The losses by fire during the year have been light, amounting to the total sum of £1 10s. 5d., being £1 5s. 5d. on one of the Hamilton shops, and 5s. on the Gore Church.

4. Mr. C. E. Salter is recommended as the new member of the Committee in the place of Mr. W. Harris, deceased.

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

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

HENRY BULL,  
CHAIRMAN.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Committee for its services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—Rev. H. Bull, the Superintendent of the Christchurch (Durham Street), and Christchurch (South) Circuits, with Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, E. C. Brown, H. Buttle, and C. E. Salter.
3. The Conference expresses its gratification at the continued prosperity of this Connexional Fund, and commends its practical support to the Superintendents of Circuits and Trustees of Church Properties throughout the Colony.
4. That the Treasurers of the Connexional Trust Properties be requested to consider the advisability of effecting insurances in the Connexional Office.
5. That there be added to the District Synod business the following question: "On what properties in this District has the levy been paid to the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund?"

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

Answer—

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix C, p. xii.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee desires to report that the extensive and increasing duties of the Connexional Secretary's Office have been carefully and diligently performed by the Rev. H. Bull. Mr. Bull has during the year visited the West Coast, and also Otago, the latter place especially on behalf of Home Missions, and the meetings held have created additional interest in the Fund.

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

The following appropriations for the necessary financial provision for the year are recommended, viz.:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £175; Contingent Fund, £175; Home Mission Fund, £65; Fire Insurance Fund, £80; Authorised Representative's Office, £20.

Mr. A. K. England is recommended as the new member of the Committee.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet of the Committee, and the Report of the Connexional Secretary, be adopted.
2. That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. H. Bull for his valuable services as Connexional Secretary during the past year, and that he be re-appointed for the ensuing year; also that Mr. G. H. Blackwell be appointed Treasurer.
3. That the 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, £65; Fire Insurance Fund, £80; Authorised Representative's Office, £20.
4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch (South), Christchurch (St. Albans), Lyttelton and Kaiapoi Circuits, together with Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, J. C. Prudhoe, J. T. Smith, A. F. Drayton, E. C. Brown, A. K. England, and the Connexional Secretary.
5. 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 Chairmen of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits as will best conserve and extend the interests of the Church in this colony.

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

Answer—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. General Connexional Mission Property Trust.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xiii.

The application of the Mission Property Trustees to transfer the freehold of Mount Wesley property to Trustees appointed by the Northern Wairoa Circuit was granted, subject to the approval of the Loan Fund Committee.

2. Native Education Trust.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xiv.

## 3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.

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

## 4. Probert Trust.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, pp. xvi.-xvii.

Having heard the Report of the Probert Trustees with reference to the Galatea land, the Conference approves of the action taken by the Trustees, and confirms their decision that it is very undesirable that the Trust should be involved in a lawsuit with the Natives, and it therefore recommends and authorises the said Trustees to sell the land at the best price they can obtain for same, subject to the Natives' claim for possession, with special conditions protecting the Trust from all responsibility for possession or liability for title.

## 5. Auckland Book Association.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xviii.

## WANGANUI DISTRICT.

## 6. Grey Institute.

For Balance Sheet, see appendix D, p. xix.

A Report on this Institute was presented to Conference.

Resolved—1. That the Trust be enlarged during the year. 2. That the Executive section of the Committee of Privileges be directed to make representations to the Colonial Treasurer with a view to securing a refund of the amount of law expenses, £129 2s. 10d.

## 7. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.

For Cash Account, see Appendix D, xx.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

## 8. Native and Destitute Children's Education Trust.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, pp. xxi.-xxii.

A Report on this Trust was presented to Conference and it was Resolved:

(1) That the Trustees of the Wellington Native and Destitute Children's Endowment be authorised to obtain from the Supreme Court, by such procedure as may be necessary, permission to use the income of the said Endowment for carrying out the purposes of the Grant from the Crown dated 27th October, 1852, at Auckland, in connection with the Native and Destitute Children's Institution at the Three Kings, and under the same management.

(2) That the Trustees of the Auckland and Wellington Endowments be requested to prepare and agree upon a scheme to be submitted to the Supreme Court in connection with the above-mentioned application for permission to use at Auckland the income of the Wellington endowment.

## CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

## 9. Canterbury Home Mission Trust.

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

The Superintendent of Christchurch (Durham Street) and Mr. J. C. Prudhoe were appointed Treasurers of this Trust, and they were recommended to invest the funds in some form authorised by law for trust funds.

## RESOLUTIONS.

In reference to the above Trusts, it was resolved:

1. That the Balance Sheets be adopted.
2. That a brief report of what has been done in connection with these properties be submitted with the Balance Sheets.
3. That the Treasurers or Trustees of all Legacies or Endowments held on behalf of the Church should present each year a statement showing how the Funds are invested, and any change which may have been made during the year, and that an entry of the same be made annually in the Journal.

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

Answer—

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix E, p. xxiii.

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

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be adopted.
2. That the Minister appointed to the Pastoral oversight of the Students be known as Governor of the Theological and Training Institution.
3. That the Theological Training of the Students be provided for by the appointment of Ministers as Lecturers, each Lecturer to receive an honorarium of not more than £15 per annum.
4. That 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 convene.
6. That in order to assist in the support of additional Theological Students at Prince Albert College, and to aid in their higher education, this Conference trusts that some of our wealthy laymen will see their way to found bursaries or scholarships.
7. That all agreements with Students and Candidates for repaying the cost of their training in the event of their retiring from the Ministry of the Church within a period of ten years from the time of their being received into the Ministry be drawn up in legal form and kept in the custody of the Governor, who shall be responsible for the signing of the same by each Candidate received.
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 31st 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 six or more (as may be necessary) European Students for the Ministry at Prince Albert College, and also for the training of one Maori Student for the Ministry, if necessary, at the rate of £5 per quarter, at Three Kings College.
14. That Mr. G. A. Buttle, Treasurer of the Theological Institution, be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

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

Answer—

I.—WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix F, p. xxiv.

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 the Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1904, viz.:—The Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs. J. Heron, F. L. Prime, J. Edson, R. Hobbs, T. Buddle, T. McMaster, G. Winstone, S. J. Ambury, P. H. Mason, A. C. Caughey, T. Allen, J. Gunson, F. W. Wilson, G. Hatcher, and J. Veale.
4. That the school curriculum be arranged for instruction up to the Matriculation Grade.
5. That the Rev. J. H. Simmonds and Mr. A. C. Caughey, and any minister who may be able to assist, at periods convenient to themselves, visit the various circuits of the colony in the interests of the Building Fund of Three Kings, and that the Committee be empowered to carry out the above arrangements.

## II.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

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

### RESOLUTIONS.

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

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

Answer—

#### I.—THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix G, p. xxv.)

(For recommendations to General Conference, see pp. 68-70.)

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. J. J. Lewis and Mr. T. Buddle for their services as Treasurers during the past year, and that the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., and Mr. E. Rosevear be appointed for 1904.
3. That the Reports of the General Treasurer be bound up with the copies of the Conference Minutes. (The Conference expressed regret at the non-arrival of the copies of the report in time for this business.)
4. That attention be called to the Resolutions of the General Conference requiring that Circuit Levies be paid Quarterly to the Conference Treasurers, who shall remit as early as possible to the Board of Treasurers.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee appointed to consider the proposal to divide the Fund, and that special thanks be given to Mr. A. C. Caughey for the valuable services he has rendered in connection with this matter.
8. The following was adopted by the Conference of 1902, and is now in operation:—

## 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.

Rev. H. Bull, Treasurer, presented the Report and Balance Sheet, which showed:—Interest on investments for 1903, £47 5s. 4d.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-sheet be adopted.
2. That the sum of £45 be distributed to five needy cases.
3. That the Rev. J. G. Chapman be appointed Agent in Wanganui to forward all moneys arising from interest on the Wanganui investment.
4. That Mr. J. A. Flesher be appointed Treasurer in succession to the late Mr. William Harris.

## II.—THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

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

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet now presented be adopted.
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 the Rev. P. W. Fairclough and Mr. J. H. Helliwell be appointed Treasurers for the ensuing year.
3. That the payments on account of the Children's Fund be £8 10s. for each child per year.
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 15 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.

N.B.—It shall be understood to exclude all payments made or amounts due for house rent for Ministers, furnishing Ministers' houses, and costs of removal of Ministers, and all other items of Circuit expenditure.

8. That for the purposes of the Children's Fund there shall be deducted from the expenditure so ascertained the sum of £120 for each Married Minister and £80 for each Single Minister in the Circuit, and the levy shall be made on the net amount.
9. That all matters in dispute regarding this Fund be referred to the Treasurers for settlement.

### III.—THE CONTINGENT FUND.

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

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. W. Baumber for his services as Treasurer of the Fund during the past year.
3. That the Superintendent of the Durham Street Circuit and Mr. J. C. Prudhoe be the Treasurers for the ensuing year.
4. That in every Circuit where a Home Missionary is employed under the charge of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, the expenditure on behalf of the Home Missionary be deducted from the taxable amount.
5. That the necessary amount be given to the Editor of *The Outlook* for contingent expenses, and that the cost of connecting his residence with the telephone be defrayed from this Fund.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The following are the ordinary charges on this Fund, as sanctioned by Conference:—
  - a Expenses of Chairmen, Representatives, Secretary of Conference, General Secretary of Church Property, and Methodist Editor of *The Outlook*, travelling to Conference, steamer fares, with official charges, and incidental expenses.
  - b Travelling expenses to General Conference.
  - c Postage, &c., for President and Secretary (£5 each).
  - d Probationers travelling to Conference for ordination when directed by District Synods.

- e* Printing Minutes of Conference and Society tickets.
  - f* Ministers travelling to District Synod.
  - g* Chairmen's Postage (£2 each).
  - h* District Synod stationery.
  - j* Chairmen travelling in Districts.
  - k* Expenses of District Secretaries of Church Property travelling to District Synods.
  - l* Amount required for Supplementary Fund for Ministers coming from England.
  - m* To furnish half the cost of supplies for deceased and disabled Ministers.
9. That a copy of the Minutes be supplied gratis to every Minister and Home Missionary, to the Lay Treasurers of Connexional Funds, and to each Lay Representative attending Conference.
  10. That any cases of over-taxation be referred to the Treasurers of the Fund.
  11. That £10 be voted as a compassionate allowance to Rev. J. J. Lewis on account of personal affliction, and also that half the cost of supply for Rev. J. G. W. Ellis, necessitated by his illness, be a charge on this Fund.
  12. That the expenses of the attendance of the Maori Ministers at this Conference be a charge upon this Fund.
  13. That £2 10s. be voted towards the cost of Papakakura's travelling expenses to this Conference.
  14. That half the cost of the removal expenses of the ministers appointed to the Waipawa and Gore Circuits be a charge on this Fund.
  15. That a sum of £3 be voted toward the cost of publication of the Rev. P. W. Fairclough's pamphlet on the Otago Maori Mission.
  16. That a fresh supply of Baptismal Certificates be secured.

#### IV.—CENTURY COMMEMORATION FUND.

For Balance Sheets, see Appendix, pp. xxvii.-xxviii.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

In accordance with resolution of last Conference, a list of circuit promises was forwarded to each Superintendent, with the direction that the lists be returned to the Treasurers not later than September 30th, with an explanation of unredeemed promises. From only a limited number of circuits, however, have replies been received.

The amount received during the year on account of subscriptions has been £280 7s. 6d., and the amount paid by Treasurers to Church Trusts has been £593 5s. 7d. There has also been paid to Home Missions £50, to Foreign Missions £30, and to Inree Kings College £29 5s.

The balance in the hands of Treasurers, £765 11s. 8d., includes in addition to allocations to Trusts, £460 allocated to orphanage, and votes by Conference to Parsonages £205, which are payable as soon as conditions of votes are fulfilled.

Promises amounting to £2,380 stand on the Treasurers' books as unpaid. Of this amount, however, it is probable that at least £500 has been paid direct to local Trusts without any reference to the General Treasurers.

As some amounts will no doubt still be paid, it is deemed advisable that Treasurers and a small committee should be appointed for another year.

#### 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 the Rev. H. R. Dewsbury be appointed Secretary, and the Rev. W. Lee and Mr. G. H. Blackwell be re-appointed Treasurers.
3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Central Committee for their services, and that the following be the Committee for 1904:—The President, Rev. H. Bull, the Superintendents of the first three Christchurch Circuits, with Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, J. T. Smith, and A. K. England.
4. That the Committee be empowered to settle all disputes with regard to allocations, and to deal with all unallocated amounts.
5. That in view of the proposal to establish a Children's Home and Orphanage Branch at Three Kings in connection with the present Institution and under the same management, the Treasurers of the Century Commemoration Fund are authorised, at the winding up of the Fund, to pay over the sum of £460 now in their hands for Orphanage purposes to the Trustees of the Three Kings Institution, to be placed or invested at interest until such time as the said Three Kings Trustees shall require the money for proceeding with their scheme.

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

Answer—

(For Balance Sheet, see Appendix H, pp. xxxviii.-xxxix.)

A Statement of Income for 1903 was presented by the 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 the General Secretary (Rev. J. N. Buttle) and to Rev. J. N. Buttle and Mr. W. Ambury (Treasurers) for their services during the past year, and that they be re-appointed.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for its work during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1904:—The Superintendents of the New Plymouth and Waitara Circuits, the Rev. W. Cannell, and Messrs. J. Whittaker, R. Neal, S. B. White, F. Okey, W. Hooker, W. A. Collins, W. Ambury, G. Pearce, J. C. Peach, T. P. Hughson, and J. R. Chatterton, the Rev. W. Slade and Mr. C. Hicks to be corresponding members.

4. The Conference directs that in each Circuit and Home Mission Station sermons be preached on one Sunday in each year in all our churches, and collections made at such services, in aid of Foreign Missions; also, that public meetings for the advocacy of Foreign Missions be held in each church, at which collections shall be made for the Fund; also, that wherever practicable subscriptions be solicited.
5. That each District be recommended to form a Ladies' Foreign Mission Auxiliary, with the object of supporting a Missionary Sister.
6. That the Foreign Mission Sunday be the first Sunday in August, and that meetings held during that week bear relation to Foreign Mission Work.
7. That with a view to promote the systematic support of Foreign Missions, our people be requested more generally to adopt the Collecting Cards and Mercy Boxes provided by the Mission House.
8. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the anonymous donor of £50 in 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 Mission Office be asked to forward a new set of Missionary Lantern Slides, if possible of the Solomon Islands.
11. That the Foreign Mission Secretary's travelling expenses to Conference be paid out of the Missionary Income.
12. That all income, together with lists of contributors, be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Secretary not later than December 31st in each year, and that all moneys received after that date be carried forward into the following year.
13. That the General Secretary, in conjunction with Chairmen of Districts, arrange a plan of deputations to cover the whole of the Colony.
14. That Circuit Superintendents be requested to call the attention of congregations to our Mission literature, with a view to secure a wider circulation.
15. That the Conference direct Home Mission Stations to send in returns of amounts raised for this Fund separate from the returns of the Circuit to which they are attached.
16. That the duty of sending Maori Agents to assist in the evangelisation of the heathen of the South Seas be urged on our Maori congregations, and an opportunity afforded any suitable volunteers from among the Maori people to proceed to that work.
17. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Dunedin Ladies' Auxiliary for their zealous services in the interest of Foreign Missions.
18. The Conference desires to place on record its thankfulness to God for the growing interest manifested in the work of Foreign Missions, as evidenced in the encouraging increase in the contributions to the Fund, and once more places the claims of the "imperial cause" before our people for their generous support. The

Conference rejoices in the fact that no less than 38 Native Agents are supported by various C.E. Societies, Sunday Schools, and private friends in New Zealand. It commends this branch of the work to the favourable consideration of those who are stewards of the Lord's substance. The appeals for increased missionary help are urgent, and a great opportunity is presented to us of sending forward the Kingdom of God. The Conference urges the people of our churches to give themselves to prayer for success in this glorious enterprise.

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

Answer—

The Report of the Home Mission Executive and Balance Sheet for 1903, and also the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1904, were presented by the General Treasurers.

The Conference accepted the following answers to enquiries remitted by the last Conference to the consideration of the Executive:—

1. Whether the short service system in Home Mission work is good, and whether more senior men, not hoping to be candidates for the ministry, ought not to be employed?

No recommendation.

2. Whether the status of experienced Home Missionaries cannot be raised so as to give them a more personal interest in our work, and more assurance of continued employment?

The Executive and the Annual Conference are endeavouring to raise their status by allowing them to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and by providing retiring allowances for them.

3. Whether grants to Home Missionaries cannot be increased to something tangible by dropping stations that offer no prospect of becoming circuits.

Conference is strongly recommended to adopt this policy.

4. Whether, seeing our resources are inadequate, we are called upon to occupy fields not likely to become self-supporting within a reasonable time?

Certainly not.

5. Whether our Home Mission system has yielded satisfactory results in building up our work and founding circuits?

Our system has not yielded the satisfactory results it might have done, largely owing to the neglect of Rule 10: "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."

Conference is unanimously recommended to reappoint the Rev. J. J. Lewis and Mr. F. L. Prime as General and Financial Secretaries.

JNO. J. LEWIS,

GENERAL SECRETARY.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet for the past year, and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1904, be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

(See Appendix J. pp. xl. xliii.)

2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. J. Lewis and Mr. F. L. Prime for their services as General and Financial Secretaries, and also as Treasurers of the Fund for the past year, and that they be re-appointed to these offices for 1904.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Executive Committee for their services during the past year; and that the following gentlemen be the Executive Committee for 1904, viz.: The General and Financial Secretaries, the Rev. H. Bull (Corresponding Secretary), the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs. T. Buddle, P. H. Mason, T. Allen, S. J. Ambury, A. C. Caughey, J. Heron, W. S. Allen, M. A., J. Edson, J. E. Wheeler, J. W. Shackelford, T. McMaster, T. Montgomery, T. W. Jones, P. Crowe, J. Burton, J. Buttle, and G. H. Fleming.
4. In view of the fact that every District has exceeded the estimates, the Conference places on record its thanks to God for the prosperity of the country, and for the spirit which has prompted our people out of this prosperity to give increased support to the noble cause of Home Missions.
5. That the Home Mission Executive be requested to issue the Annual Reports as soon as possible after the close of Conference.
6. That the special attention of Superintendents be directed to the importance of adopting systematic methods in all our circuits, with a view of deepening the interest in and increasing the income of the Home Mission Fund. To this end the Conference recommends:—
  - (1) That wherever practicable Home Missionary Prayer Meetings be held.
  - (2) That interesting facts relating to the progress of Christian work in Home Mission Circuits, as well as on Home Mission Stations, be published in *The Outlook*.
  - (3) That Home Mission Boxes be introduced more freely into the homes of our people.
  - (4) That the Blake system be brought more extensively into use.
  - (5) And in particular that the services of Lady Collectors be employed in each of our Circuits and Home Missions Stations to secure personal subscriptions, and thus augment the income of the Fund.
7. That no grant be made from the Home Mission Fund to any Circuit where Church Anniversary Services have not been held.
8. That a copy of the Report be furnished to every subscriber of five shillings and over.

9. That each Home Mission Station be under the supervision of the Superintendent of the nearest Circuit whenever so directed by Conference.
10. 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.
11. That with a view to overtaking the needs of new districts constantly being opened up, in making the ordinary grants to Circuits, the precedent of the English Conference be followed, and that the grants be made on a sliding scale, diminishing from year to year, such intimation being printed in the Minutes.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. That in our large town and city congregations the employment of Deaconesses be encouraged.
15. That as soon as practicable, Ministers or Probationers be appointed to Home Mission Stations.
16. That the Rev. R. Haddon be sent as Deputation to the South Island for four months, his itinerancy to be arranged by the Chairmen of Districts, and the Organising Secretary, and that Deputations for the North Island be arranged by the Chairmen in connection with the Superintendents of Circuits, and that they be asked to associate Laymen in this work, and also to arrange for one of the Northern Native Ministers to visit the Circuits of the North Island.
17. 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.
18. That the various recommendations on Retiring Allowances for Home Missionaries be remitted to the Home Mission Executive for consideration during the year, with a view to submit a scheme to the next Synods and Annual Conference. Rev. F. W. Fairclough to be associated with the Executive as a corresponding member.
19. That, where possible, Laymen be associated with Ministers in Home Mission Deputation Work.
20. That in considering the Home Mission grants the Conference begin with the District in which the Conference for the time being sits.

21. Conference calls the attention of Christian Endeavour Societies to the urgent claims of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund, and appeals to them for financial help in the evangelisation of New Zealand. (See Resolution 6.)
22. The Conference directs the Chairmen of Districts to enforce the rule which requires every Home Missionary to furnish a report in duplicate half-yearly to the Executive Committee through the Chairman of the District.
23. That half the cost of supply for Rev. J. G. W. Ellis, necessitated through illness, be a charge on the Home Mission Fund, and that the application of Mr. Otto Christoffersen be remitted to the Home Mission Executive.
24. That there be printed a 4-page pamphlet dealing with Home Mission affairs, and that this be circulated in all our churches on the Sunday before the Home Mission Anniversary.
25. That the H.M. Executive Committee prepare sets of slides illustrating Home Mission and Maori work, and that each district be provided with a set for use at H.M. meetings.
26. That the Home Mission Executive Committee make a suitable grant to meet the special needs of the Waipawa Circuit.
27. That the Rules and Regulations of the Fund as found in Minutes of Conference, 1897, pp. 41-44, and in the Home Mission Report, 19 2 pp. 4, 5, 6, be re-affirmed, subject to the following alterations:—  
 Home Mission Report, 1903, p. 4, par. 2, clause 3, to read as follows:—"By supporting Lay Agents in outlying districts and among scattered populations, as well as among the dense populations of our cities. All such Agents to be approved by the H.M. Executive and Chairmen of Districts."  
 Page 4, par. 7, 3rd line, to read as follows:—"be appointed and a General and a Financial Secretary," etc. P. 6, par. 20, 2nd line, to read: "The Chairmen of Districts, the General Treasurers, the Connexional Secretary, and three other ministerial members," etc.
28. That £2 10s. be voted from the Home Mission Fund towards the cost of Noho Hemi Papakakura's travelling expenses to this Conference.
29. That Noho Hemi Papakakura being unable to take up his work in the West Coast Maori Mission, the sum voted towards his support be divided as follows:—£10 to the Southern Maori Mission, and £10 each towards the support of Hapeta Renata and Hone Hare.
30. That in view of the special difficulties of the Waipawa Circuit, the case be referred to the favourable consideration of the Home Mission Executive.
31. That the balance of cost of Methven civil action (£6 12s. 6d.) be a charge on this Fund.
32. That half the cost of the removal expenses of the ministers appointed to the Waipawa and Gore Circuits be paid from this Fund.

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

Sept. 1903.		Sept. 1902.	Sept. 1903.		Sept. 1902.
AUCKLAND DIST.					
645	Auckland (Pitt St.)	625	82	Hastings	83
138	" (Freeman's B.)	144	97	Gisborne	86
210	" (North Shore)	209	54	Eketahuna	53
239	" (Grafton Rd.)	242	98	Otaki	105
100	Mahurangi	106	58	Dannevirke	47
131	Thames	133	27	Waipawa	28
218	Upper Thames	200	107	Woodville	105
176	Manukau	180	73	Pahiatua	69
214	Franklin	214	50	Norsewood	46
138	Cambridge	130	1915 (Increase, 126)		1789
180	Hamilton	177	NELSON DIST.		
120	Paparoa	118	160	Nelson	170
127	Northern Wairoa	123	132	Richmond	148
95	Whangarei	96	163	Blenheim	159
44	Tauranga	44	66	Hokitika	64
58	Coromandel	46	157	Greymouth	112
47	Helensville	54	126	Motueka	127
55	Bay of Islands	53	107	Reefton	88
15	Hokianga	15	55	Westport	33
41	Whangaroa	41	35	Kumara	38
2991 (Increase, 41)		2950	35	Havelock	35
WANGANUI DIST.					
293	New Plymouth	306	1036 (Increase, 62)		974
270	Waitara	263	CANTERBURY DIST.		
101	Stratford	97	853	Ch'church (Durham St.)	739
155	Hawera	153	328	Ch'church (South)	320
73	Opunake	62	194	Ch'church (St. Albans)	193
223	Wanganui	206	136	Ch'church (Papanui)	128
39	Rangitikei	47	84	Lyttelton	72
108	Sandon		205	Springston	202
83	Feilding	191	170	Leeston	175
323	Palmerston North	275	299	Kaiapoi	267
49	Kiwitea	50	278	Rangiora	267
52	Mangaweka	56	29	Oxford	31
32	Waimarino	28	30	Amberley and Waikari	25
46	Eltham	33	207	Timaru	201
1847 (Increase, 80)		1767	178	Waimate	178
WELLINGTON DIST.					
496	Wellingt'n (Taranaki St.)	460	64	Temuka	69
166	Wellington South	147	177	Ashburton	168
170	Hutt	148	144	Willowby	141
154	Greytown	143	46	Malvern	46
160	Masterton	159	38	Methven	38
123	Napier	119	16	Cheviot	16
			25	Banks' Peninsula	15
			3501 (Increase, 210)		3291

Sept. 1903.		Sept. 1902.	Sept. 1903.		Sept. 1902.
	OTAGO DIST.			MAORI MEMBERS	
300	Dunedin (Trinity)	290	512	Hokianga	510
331	Dunedin (Central Mis'n)	291	256	Kaipara	250
314	Dunedin (Cargill Road)	308	236	Waikato	211
278	Dunedin (Mornington)	247	212	Whangaroa	200
88	Port Chalmers	87	29	West Coast Mission	25
57	Balclutha	50			
61	Milton	62			
81	Lawrence	72	1245	(Increase, 49)	1196
149	Invercargill	149			
133	Oamaru	134			
71	Gore	44			
91	Riverton	85			
65	Roxburgh	54			
66	Cromwell	64	13430	European members	12778
10	Wakatipu	18		(Increase, 652.)	
21	Tapanui	25	1245	Maori members	1196
24	Palmerston	27			
			14675		13974
2140	(Increase, 133)	2007		(Total increase, 701.)	

For General Returns, Summary, etc., see Appendix K, pp. xlv.-li.

#### STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Statistical Secretaries for their services during the past year, and that the following be appointed for 1904:—

Auckland District:	Rev. C. Griffin.
Wanganui District:	Rev. J. G. Chapman.
Wellington District:	Rev. H. L. Blamires.
Nelson District:	Rev. G. W. J. Spence.
Canterbury District:	Rev. R. J. Murray.
Otago District:	Rev. W. A. Sinclair.

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

Answer—

For Summary of Returns, see Appendix L, p. lii.

The Annual Sunday School Report and the Report and Balance Sheet of the Sunday School Union were presented by the General Secretary, 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.
3. That Rev. G. W. J. Spence be appointed General Secretary of Sunday Schools for the ensuing year.
4. That since after lengthened trial the Connexional Sunday School Union has failed to secure the general support of our Schools throughout the colony, it be discontinued.
5. That the Canterbury Branch of the Union be recommended to continue its work as a provincial institution.
6. That the balance in hand (£2 19s. 8d.) be handed over to the Canterbury Branch.
7. That to meet the case of those teachers who have passed part of their examination, and who may desire to complete their certificate, a Special Examination be held in May, under the direction of the late Secretary, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.
8. That the Statistical Secretaries forward their returns, together with a report on the state of the schools within their respective Districts, immediately after the Synods, to the General Secretary, who shall prepare statistics and a Sunday School Report of the whole Colony, to be laid before the Annual Conference.
9. 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 Scholar Junior Members; 9. Number of Volumes in Library; 10. Number of Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets; 11. Approximate Number of Methodist Children attending undenominational Sunday Schools.
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. 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.
12. The Conference directs all our preachers to earnestly and affectionately exhort parents to bring their children to the regular Church services.
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. 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 to leading them to decision for Christ.
15. That the Sunday School accounts be audited annually.

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

Answer—

For Summary of Returns, see Appendix M, p. liii.  
General Report was presented by Rev. W. A. Sinclair.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. A. Sinclair for his services as Convener of the Committee on Temperance and Public Morals, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That Conference directs that on the last Sunday in November sermons be preached in all our churches on the subject of Temperance.
4. That all Superintendents of Circuits be required to furnish returns to District Secretaries under the following heads:—Number of Connexional Bands of Hope and members of same, and number of Sunday School Scholars who are members of non-Connexional Bands of Hope.
5. In view of the annexation of the Cook Islands by this Colony, and its consequent assumption of responsibility for the welfare of the Native population, the Conference urges on the Government the duty of protecting them from the evils of alcoholic liquor by the introduction of Prohibition, such as exists in the Fiji Islands.
6. That our Sunday School officials be urged to make pledge-signing a part of their regular work.
7. That our Sunday School teachers be urged to give special attention to the Quarterly Temperance Lesson, and that they make pledge-signing a part of their regular school work.
8. That the Education Department be approached with the view of obtaining permission to hang temperance instructional charts on the walls of the public schools.
9. That the Government be earnestly requested to pass "The Regulation of Local Elections Amendment Bill," so as to make impossible the recurrence of a condition of affairs similar to that existing in Newtown and Bruce; also to abolish Refreshment Room Licenses, or at least to confine their hours and days of the sale of liquor to those observed by ordinary licensees.

10. That in view of the present critical position of the No-License movement in this colony, and in view also of the oft-repeated declaration of this Conference that the Liquor Traffic very seriously blocks the way of social, moral, and religious progress, the Conference earnestly calls upon all belonging to the Methodist Church to unite in active effort so as to turn the scale in favour of the complete overthrow of the licensed traffic in strong drink.
11. That a Committee on Temperance and Public Morals be appointed, whose duty it shall be to watch all movements affecting questions of public morality, to consider the Temperance Returns, and all Resolutions passed by District Synods relating to Temperance, Sabbath Observance, Gambling, etc., and present a Report with Recommendations to Conference. The Secretaries of District Synods shall forward all such Returns and Resolutions to this Committee not later than December 15th in each year. The following is the Committee for 1904:—The Superintendents of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Circuits, Messrs. E. Rosevear, S. C. Phillips, A. King, Dr. B. E. De Lautour, D. C. Cameron, J. B. Shacklock, E. Aslin, W. C. Allnutt, J. P. Simon, and Rev. W. A. Sinclair, convener.
12. That the Committee be empowered to incur expenditure to the amount of £5, and that this be a charge on the Contingent Fund.
13. That the Conference expresses its gratification at the amendments made by the Government in the Maori Councils Act, further protecting the Maoris from the liquor traffic, and that the Hon. J. Carroll, as the author of the Act, receive the thanks of the Conference.

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

Answer—

The work of the Church having been reviewed in its various aspects, Conference hereby places on record its profound gratitude to God for the success indicated by the statistical returns and for the spiritual advance which cannot be tabulated. The all-round increase of members and scholars, both in the Maori and European departments, is accepted as an evidence of earnest spiritual work in connection with the ordinary means of grace. We thank God for the number of men of both races who presented themselves for ordination. Conference rejoices in the uncompromising attitude of our Church towards the liquor traffic, and the bold and unbroken front which it presents to that and kindred evils. The success of the work amongst the Maoris, under trying circumstances, is a cause for special gratification. In the glad assurance that God is pledged to make effectual what we attempt in His Name, we look now for a special baptism of the Holy Spirit, that we may be "ready for all His perfect will."

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

Answer—

Report of the Committee was presented to Conference.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee consist of the Revs. J. Ward, T. G. Brooke, C. H. Laws, B.A., and W. A. Sinclair, Messrs. E. Rosevear (convener) J. C. Stephens, J. B. Shacklock, W. C. Allnutt, and D. Cameron.  
The Committee to report each year to the Conference.
3. That an honorarium of £25 be voted to the Editor from the Contingent Fund.
4. That the Committee and Editor be elected at the Conference.
5. That Superintendents be directed to urge the claims of *The Outlook* in their pastoral visitations and in other ways.

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

Answer—

**I.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.**

For Resolutions, see Recommendations to General Conference, pp. 68-76.

**II.—RETIRING ALLOWANCES TO HOME MISSIONARIES.**

Referred to Home Mission Executive. See p. 59.

**III.—WORK OF LAYMEN IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

For Recommendation to General Conference, see p. 70.

**IV.—NOMINATION, &c., OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.**

The Report of the Committee appointed by last Conference was presented to the Conference, and it was resolved:

1. That the mode of nomination be as at present, with the proviso that no person shall be nominated whose consent to attend the General Conference has not been obtained.
2. That no member of the Conference shall nominate more than two Ministers and two Laymen.

3. That ballot papers be printed, containing a complete list of those nominated, ministers and laymen in separate columns, with a statement in each case of the number required; the election to take place as soon as possible after the nominations close.
4. That those securing the highest number of votes be declared elected Representatives up to the number required.
5. That Substitute Representatives be balloted for from among those already nominated, the names of those already elected being struck off the ballot papers issued, and these to be notified of their appointment to fill vacancies in the order of votes received.

#### V.—EXTENSION IN WELLINGTON.

The Report of Committee was presented to Conference, and the Committee was thanked and discharged.

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

Answer—

No further records received.

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

Answer—

##### COMMITTEES FOR 1904.

##### 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 Minister of the Wellington (South) Circuit to be Convener and Secretary.
3. The Committee of Exigency is specially directed to take steps to secure the rights of the Church and its official representatives at all public functions, and in regard to the Chaplaincies of all public institutions, and that by correspondence and otherwise they obtain the co-operation and hearty support of the Committee of Privileges.

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

Answer—

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

*Ex officio.*—Rev. S. Lawry, President; Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., Secretary; Rev. W. Lee, Clerical Treasurer, Children's Fund; Mr. G. H. Blackwell, Lay Treasurer, Children's Fund.

- (a) *Ministerial.*—Revs. C. H. Garland, P. W. Fairclough, J. A. Luxford, T. G. Brooke, W. C. Oliver, W. Ready, H. Bull, W. A. Sinclair, H. R. Dewsbury, J. H. Simmonds, S. J. Serpell, W. J. Williams.
- (b) *Lay.*—Messrs. A. C. Caughey, J. W. Shackelford, E. Rosevear, T. Allen, J. A. Flesher, E. Dixon, A. A. Lucas, G. Tiller, J. Prouse, J. C. Allen, E. H. Penny, J. P. Leary, T. E. Corkill, E. Holdgate.

N.B.—The General Conference opens in Melbourne Thursday, 26th May, 1904. Should any of the above be unable to attend the Conference, they are expected to inform the President of their inability to take their places not later than the 1st of May.

SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES.

- (a) *Ministerial.*—Revs. D. McNicoll, G. Bond, J. Orchard, J. Dukes, A. C. Lawry, W. Gittos, G. W. J. Spence, S. J. Gibson, J. G. Chapman, S. J. Garlick, J. Law, T. Fee, D. J. Murray, R. Taylor, and C. Griffin.
- (b) *Lay.*—Messrs. E. N. Miller, A. King, J. Brown, H. Haydon, W. Dalley, D. Cameron, T. Masters, R. Evans, G. D. Smith, G. Andrews, J. E. Wheeler, J. F. Arnold, M.H.R., A. Pikett, S. Stone, G. Cliff, S. A. Scott.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.**

I.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

(a) *Re Arrears and Fines.*

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 1st, and in such case the fine shall be imposed upon the delinquent Chairman. (See Minutes of Conference, 1902, p. 65.)

(b) *Re Division of the Fund.*

1. As a basal principle, the Conference cannot recommend any scheme or method of administering the affairs of the S.M. and M.W. Fund that does not make provision for our aged ministers and ministers' widows on a scale equal to at least that provided under Table C.

2. The Conference cannot therefore recommend the confirmation of Mr. Actuary Graham's scheme as adopted by the Special Committee in Melbourne, and now in force, because of the inadequacy of its provision

for claimants. For example, a minister of 30 years receives £60 6s. 6d., and a widow of same standing £36 per annum, being lower than the allowances in England, although the contributions are larger here.

3. The Conference is also of opinion that, poor and inadequate as is the provision under Mr. Graham's scheme, even this scheme is impracticable, because if it is absolutely necessary, in order to render it actuarially sound, to immediately raise and add to the accumulated fund a sum of £30,000—an amount which, owing to the divided state of opinion on the matter, we do not think there is the least likelihood of the Church raising.

4. As a better basis of administering the fund, and in order to secure the best possible results on sound business lines, the Conference recommends that it be divided into three branches, to be known respectively as—(A) the Working Expenses Fund; (B) the Annuitant Fund; and (C) the Auxiliary Fund.

5. That a sum—say, £20,000 of the Accumulated Fund—shall be set apart as an endowment, the interest upon which shall be a provision for defraying the working expenses of the other branches of the Fund. This shall be known as the Working Expenses Fund.

6. That the subscriptions of ministers, together with a proportion of the Accumulated Fund—say, £150,000—shall form the basis of the Annuitant Fund, and that because of the *personal element involved*, the allowances from it be determined actuarially.

7. That the circuit levies and voluntary contributions, together with the balance of the capital—say, £100,000—shall constitute the sources of the income of the Auxiliary Fund, and that the yearly income of this fund be available for yearly distributions.

8. It being beyond dispute that an annual subscription of £8 17s. from each minister, together with the interest on approximately £150,000 will actuarially provide 40 per cent. of the amount necessary to maintain the allowances to Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows, as per Scale C, the Conference recommends that the Ministers' personal subscriptions remain as at present.

9. That the Auxiliary Branch of the Fund shall proceed on the assessment principle, and shall be raised by direct levies made on the Circuits from year to year, or groups of years, to be sufficient to provide for at least 60 per cent. of the Annuities under Scale C. The Conference is of the opinion that a levy of £10 would be ample to provide the requisite yearly amount. The Conference, however, is of opinion that even allowances under Scale C cannot be considered adequate, and with the view of making better provision, strongly recommends that the existing levy of £11 10s. be continued.

10. The Conference recommends that in order to safeguard the fund all future investments shall be limited to approved Government and municipal securities; and, further, that all properties now in the possession of the department be realised at the earliest favourable opportunity, and the proceeds of the same invested in the above manner. By this mode of investment the great reduction in the cost of management would compensate for any possible loss through a lessened rate of interest.

11. That whereas the reduction of 20 per cent. on Scale C of allowances to supernumeraries and ministers' widows was in our opinion altogether unnecessary, imposing on them great hardship, the Conference strongly recommends that the amount in full be refunded not later than June, 1904.

#### 2.—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

While deeply conscious of the value of the Class Meeting as a help in the Christian life, and urging all its members to encourage attendance at the same, the Conference recommends that the General Conference constitute attendance at the Lord's Table and Church enrolment as the only conditions of Church Membership; that no name be entered on the Roll until the Minister shall report to the Leaders' Meeting on the character of the candidate for membership; and that the Roll be revised and tickets given and renewed according to the present provision of the Church.

#### 3.—WORK OF LAYMEN IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

1. That Laymen have equal rights with the Ministers in dealing with every question in the Annual Conference, that of Ministerial character alone being excepted.
2. That the Stationing Committee shall consist of the President and Secretary of the Conference, the General Secretary or Secretaries of Missions, the Chairmen of Districts, together with one Minister for each district and Lay Representatives in the district proportion now obtaining, to be elected by the united votes of Ministers and Laymen at the Annual District Synod.

#### 4.—DIRECT REPRESENTATION IN QUARTERLY MEETING.

1. That the constitution of the Quarterly Meeting be so altered as to provide for a proportion of its members being elected by the members of the Church.
2. That a Quarterly Meeting of Church Members be held, and that the Society and Poor Stewards and the Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting be elected at the Quarterly Meeting of Church members held in the December quarter.

#### 5.—THE ITINERANCY.

That the General Conference be recommended to take into consideration the extension of the term of the itinerancy.

#### 6.—LAY REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFERENCE.

That the basis of Lay Representation to the Annual Conference be so altered as to provide that Circuits in which more than one minister is employed shall be entitled as far as possible to one Lay Representative for each minister in full connexion employed, providing that no one Circuit shall have more than three representatives, and that Book of Laws, Clause (2), paragraph 285, be amended in keeping with the above.

## 7.—NEW HYMN BOOK.

The New Zealand Conference is not favourable to the adoption of the Australasian Edition of the New Hymn Book, and recommends the ensuing General Conference to limit its sanction to the adoption of the English Edition for the Churches of Australasia. Also, that the General Conference represent to the English Book Room that the Australasian Churches should have an equitable share of profits arising from the sale of the book.

## 8.—SCHEDULE BOOKS.

This Conference strongly objects to the supercession or the alteration of the satisfactory and recently adopted N.Z. Circuit Schedule Book by the General Conference, and recommends that each Annual Conference, as heretofore, have authority to collect and tabulate such information respecting its trusts as it thinks fit and in its own way.

## 9.—HOME MISSIONARIES AND LORD'S SUPPER.

That Chairmen of Districts be empowered at their discretion to allow Home Missionaries to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

## 10.—PROBATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY.

*First Year—*

4. Substitute Denney's "Studies in Theology."
5. Substitute Row's "Christian Evidences in Relation to Modern Thought."
6. Substitute Slater's Fernley Lecture, "Methodism in the Light of the Early Church."

*Second Year—*

5. Substitute Fairbairn's "Philosophy of the Christian Religion" (First Half).
6. Substitute Moulton's "Literary Study of the English Bible."

*Third Year—*

1. Substitute "Cambridge Bible Series" for "Expositor's Bible."
2. Substitute (in Greek) "Cambridge Text, with Notes," for "Mayor's Edition."
5. Substitute Fairbairn's "Philosophy of the Christian Religion" (Second half).

*Fourth Year—*

2. Substitute (in Greek) "Cambridge Text, with Notes," for "Westcott's Edition."

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

Answer—

In Taranaki Street Church, Wellington, as near as possible possible to the last Tuesday in February, 1905; the exact date to be fixed by the President.

## NAVAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

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The Report of the Committee was presented by the Rev. H. Bull, and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That in connection with the name of the Rev. John A. Luxford there appear in the Minutes of Conference a notification of his official relation to the New Zealand Militia.
2. That in connection with the names of the Ministers appointed to the Auckland (Pitt Street), Wellington (Taranaki Street), Lyttelton, Dunedin (Trinity), and Port Chalmers Circuits, there appear in the Minutes of Conference a notification of their official appointment as Chaplains to Methodists on His Majesty's ships of war visiting the above-named ports of New Zealand. ..
3. That Superintendents of Circuits be requested to send to the Committee on Naval and Military Affairs information *re* all appointments of Methodist ministers that may have been made to battalions or companies within the bounds of their several circuits.
4. That the Committee consist of the Revs. J. A. Luxford (convener), C. H. Garland, and W. Slade, Messrs. S. J. Ambury, A. C. Caughey, and J. Gunson.
5. That the names of the Superintendent Ministers in the ports of the colony visited by His Majesty's ships of war be annually reported to the Rev. R. W. Allen by the convener, in order that the naval authorities may be notified of the chaplaincies in these places.
6. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. A. Luxford and the retiring Committee.



## UNION OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCHES.

### REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

(See Minutes, 1903, p. 66.)

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

The Central Committee appointed by the Conference of 1903, in response to a resolution of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, to sit during the year and consult with the committees of other churches as to the basis upon which a comprehensive union between Evangelical Churches may be carried out, begs to report as follows:—

The Committee has held six meetings during the year. It has also been in communication with the corresponding committees, and with the Rev. Dr. Gibb, convener of the Presbyterian Church Committee. No communications have been received from the Congregational Church. The attention of the Committee has been wholly devoted to the consideration of matters of doctrine, with a view of securing a basis that might prove acceptable in that respect to the churches concerned in the event of negotiations in favour of the proposed union reaching a satisfactory issue.

In the first place, a sub-committee was selected and appointed to prepare a basal statement of essential Christian doctrines in a brief form, leaving the elaboration of the same to be subsequently undertaken. The recommendations of the sub-committee having been adopted by the Committee proved also generally acceptable to the corresponding committees. The Otago Committee, however, while expressing approval of the Committee's doctrinal proposals, commended for acceptance a credal statement known as "Articles of the Faith," prepared by a committee of the Presbyterian Church of England, revised by the New Zealand Presbyterian Committee. These revised Articles of the Faith were carefully considered, and some minor emendations and additions made. Copies were then sent to the corresponding committees for their consideration, and the replies received indicated a very general approval. The Articles, having been further reviewed by the Central Committee, were adopted as a basal statement of doctrine, subject to a final revision and setting by a select and representative committee of the churches concerned whenever the time should arrive for such a committee to be appointed.

The annual sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand were held at Dunedin in October, when the question of Church Union was further considered, and the convener of the Presbyterian Church Committee on Union, the Rev. Dr. Gibb, has reported to the Central Committee thereon. From this communication it appears that the Articles of the Faith in their present form were not

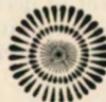
presented for discussion, but it was decided that the question of Union itself, without reference to questions of doctrine or polity, should be remitted to the Presbyteries and Sessions of the Church throughout the colony. An amendment to the motion for remitting the broad question of Union to the Lower Courts of the Church in favour of requesting the Committee to frame a basis of federation in preference to union was rejected, only ten voting for the amendment, as against more than a hundred for the motion.

The Committee recommends to the Conference, that in view of the somewhat altered aspects of the question, that no further active steps be taken for the present, but that a Central Committee be appointed to represent the Conference and to conduct such negotiations as may be rendered necessary by the report to be received from the authorities of the Presbyterian Church.

HENRY BULL, CONVENER.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference repeats its adherence to the convictions expressed a year ago with respect to the desirableness of union between the Evangelical Churches, and while highly appreciating the spirit of the overtures then made by the Presbyterian Church, and having regard also to the decision of the Assembly of 1903 to remit the consideration of the subject to Presbyteries and Sessions of the Church, resolves to follow the only course thus left open, viz., to await such developments as may arise, and in the meantime to cultivate such a fraternal spirit as will promote the object so dear to Christ Himself.
3. That the Central and Corresponding Committees be thanked for acceptable services rendered during the year, and that the following be appointed a Central Committee to receive the report of the Presbyterian Church, and to conduct such negotiations as may be necessary by the same, viz.: Revs. the President, J. Orchard, W. Lee, W. C. Oliver, H. Bull, H. R. Dewsbury, with Messrs J. T. Smith, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, E. C. Brown, C. E. Salter, and John Brown; Rev. H. Bull, convener.



## MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

## THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Resolved—That a Central Committee, with District Committees, be appointed to co-operate with other Churches for the purpose of selecting a text-book for use in the State Schools, and to take such other steps as may be deemed expedient to promote the interests of this movement.

## COMMITTEES.

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

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

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

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

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

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



## MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

### THANKS TO THE EX-PRESIDENT.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. John A. Luxford for the ability, fidelity, and devotion which have characterised his discharge of the important duties of the Presidential office during the past year.

### THANKS TO THE SECRETARY.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Samuel Lawry for the courteous, diligent, and able manner in which he has fulfilled his duties during the year.

### ORDINATION CHARGE.

That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ex-President, Rev. J. A. Luxford, for the able and impressive charge delivered to the newly-ordained ministers at this Conference, and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed in *The Outlook*.

### FOREIGN LITERARY DEGREES.

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

### THE LATE MR. W. HARRIS.

The Conference having heard with the deepest sorrow of the death of Mr. William Harris, a delegate to this Conference, and one of its most prominent and honoured Laymen, desires at this, its first session, to place on record its appreciation of the valued services which for many years he has rendered to the Church, and its keen sense of the irreparable loss which it has sustained, and expresses its sincerest sympathy with Mrs. Harris and the family in their sad affliction.

### CHARACTER OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

In response to the enquiry in the Conference, "Are there any objections to any of our Ministers or Preachers on trial?" the names of the Districts only shall be called, the Chairman of each District then giving the required information from the Minutes of the District Synod. The right to challenge any name or to bring a charge against any Minister or Preacher on trial shall not be affected by the foregoing resolution. (See English Book of Discipline, p. 364; Queensland Conference Minutes, 1903, p. 75.)

### CONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETINGS.

That it be an instruction to the Committee arranging the functions in connection with the next Conference that not less than two evenings be left free for Conference business, exclusive of the opening night, and the evening set apart for the conversation on the work of God.

### CONFERENCE MISSIONARY MEETING.

That a Public Meeting be held during Conference at which the claims of both Home and Foreign Missions shall be advocated, the offerings to be equally divided between the two Funds.

### CONVERSATION ON THE WORK OF GOD.

Seeing that the holding of the Conversation on the Work of God near the end of the Conference seriously interferes with the attendance thereat, it is desirable that this session be held not later than the third evening of the Conference.

### PASSIVE RESISTANCE.

This Conference watches with deep interest the struggle now in progress in England in opposition to the Education Act. It appreciates cordially the principle on which that opposition is based, viz., that it is a gross injustice that public funds should be devoted to purposes that favour any religious denomination, and are beyond public control. The Conference expresses its hearty sympathy with those passive resisters who are prepared to suffer loss and imprisonment in protesting against what they deem to be an unrighteous law.

### LOCAL PREACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

#### REGULATIONS.

1. That there be written as well as oral examinations before Local Preachers be received on full plan.
2. That Gregory's "Theological Student" and Catechism II. be the text books for such examinations.
3. That Local Preachers be encouraged to pass examinations for three successive years, and that suitable certificates be awarded; the examination to be held during the June quarter.
4. That any candidate who cannot show evidence that he has passed an examination equivalent to the Sixth Standard be requested to pass a written examination in English.
5. That the Local Preachers' Meeting appoint its own examiner for the written examination of a candidate prior to his reception on full plan, and that the Committee for the examination of candidates for the Ministry be directed to prepare the papers for the examinations recommended in Section 3.
6. That Training Classes and Libraries for Local Preachers be established wherever practicable.
7. That Local Preachers who have become fully accredited be recognised as such at a public service.

## RETIREMENT OF LAY MEMBERS OF CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES.

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

## METHODIST COUNCILS.

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

## ORPHANAGE.

That it is expedient that at the earliest opportunity an Orphanage should be established.

(See Century Commemoration Fund, Resolution 5. p. 55.)

## MEDICAL BOARD.

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

## PROTESTANT REFORMATION.

That this Conference is impressed with the growing need of emphasising the principles of the Protestant Reformation, and suggests to its preachers the occasional treatment in the pulpit of distinctly Protestant topics.

## RECOGNITION OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

That the question of arranging an order of service for the public recognition of Local Preachers be referred to the Dunedin Local Preachers' Meeting, and that they report to the Synods and Conference.

## CHAPLAINS OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

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

## GAMBLING.

That our Ministers and Local Preachers be asked to deal frequently with the question of Gambling.

## THE DAY OF REST.

That the disregard of Sunday as a day of rest through the holding of military manoeuvres, sham fights, and rifle practice on that day be brought under the notice of the volunteer authorities, with a request for their discontinuance.

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

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

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

## STATIONING, AND H.M. GRANTS.

That, in considering the Station Sheet and Home Mission Grants, the Conference begin with the District in which the Conference for the time being sits.

## ELECTION OF LAY MEMBERS OF STATIONING COMMITTEE.

That the following be the method of procedure in the election of Lay Members of the Stationing Committee: No nominations to be made, but the names of all the Lay Representatives to be printed, and copies of the list distributed to the members of Conference, who, in such manner as shall be decided by Conference, shall mark the names of those for whom they wish to vote, and the

lists shall then be collected, and the votes counted by the Secretaries of the Conference.

#### 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 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.

#### CONFERENCE MINUTES.

That the Connexional Secretary procure and keep in his possession a complete set of the Minutes of the N.Z. Conference from 1874 onwards, and of the General Conference from 1875 onwards, and of the Australasian Annual Conferences from 1855 to 1873.

#### CONNEXIONAL EVANGELIST.

That the following be a Committee to consider the proposal that a Connexional Evangelist be appointed at the ensuing Conference, and also to consider the advisability of inviting the Rev. T. Waugh, a Connexional Evangelist of the British Conference, to visit the colony, viz.: The Ministers and Circuit Stewards of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits, Rev. G. Bond convener.

#### BEQUEST OF MR. NOAH HOMER TO OAMARU CHURCH.

The Conference expresses its satisfaction that the late Mr. Noah Homer, of Oamaru, bequeathed to the Oamaru Wesleyan Church the sum of £108. The Conference directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. T. H. Milligan, Oamaru, executor of the estate.

#### DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

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

#### TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR DEACONESSES.

That the establishing of an Institution for the Training of Deaconesses be referred to the above-named Dunedin Central Mission Committee, who shall report to the Synods and Conference.

## HOME AND SCHOOL FOR IMBECILE CHILDREN.

The Conference, impressed with the urgent need of a Home and School for the imbecile children of New Zealand, learns with much satisfaction of the intention of the Government to establish the same; but as some anxiety exists lest the sum placed on the Estimates for the above may lapse from delay, the Conference would feel greatly obliged to the Minister of Education for some assurance that the sum is already secured by progress in this good work on behalf of the afflicted children of the colony.

## ORDER OF SERVICE.

That the matter of an Order of Service for the use of our churches be referred to a Committee consisting of the Ministers of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits, who shall report to the next Conference.  
Rev. P. W. Fairclough, Convener.

## AGENDA COMMITTEE.

That the Rev. G. Bond and Mr. W. J. Harland be the Agenda Committee for the next Conference.

SAMUEL LAWRY, *President.*

CHARLES H. LAWS, *Secretary.*



## ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL DISTRICT SYNODS.

### MINISTERIAL BUSINESS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(For Questions, *see* Par. 265. (5) Book of Laws, p. 65.)

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

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

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

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

Question 8.—Does the Synod recommend that any Minister be left without pastoral charge? (“Methodist Laws,” Par. 251*a*, pp. 59-60.)

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

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

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

- (1) Candidates must undergo a medical examination as per authorised form (Minutes General Conference, 1897, pp. 26-7). (2) Enquiry shall be made of Candidates respecting their ability to contribute towards their maintenance and tuition at Prince Albert College. (3) Reports of Trial Sermons (“Methodist Laws,” Par. 190-2).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(For Pastoral Resolutions to be read, *see* Minutes General Conference, 1894, pp. 98-101.)

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

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

Question 20.—When and where shall the next Synod be held?

#### FINANCIAL AND GENERAL BUSINESS.

For Members of Financial District Synod, *see* Methodist Laws, par. 268, p. 67. After devotional exercises and the delivery of the Chairman's Address, the business shall be conducted in the following order:—

##### I.—NAMES OF THOSE PRESENT.

##### II.—CHURCH PROPERTIES AND CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS.

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

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

What are the Resolutions of the Synod respecting the same?

Question 2.—Does the Synod sanction the purchase or erection of any property?

Question 3.—Does the Synod sanction the sale or lease of any property?

Question 4.—What is the Report of the Custodian of Deeds?

Question 5.—Have there been any appointments of new or additional Trustees? And have the same been reported to the authorised Representative and the Custodian of Deeds?

Question 6.—Has the Annual Audit been held in each Circuit in accordance with the provisions of the Model Deed?

Question 7.—Are there any cases where the Trust obligations are not regularly discharged or where from any cause the Trust Debts are increasing?

Question 8.—Are the buildings in each Circuit insured against fire? On what properties in this District has the levy been paid to the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund?

Question 9.—What Loans from the Church Loan Fund are now current in this District, and are the repayments being regularly made?

Question 10.—What is the Income and Expenditure of Connexional Trusts in this District?

### III.—CIRCUITS.

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

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

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

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

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

Question 6.—Has a Parsonage-Sanitation Certificate been received by each newly-appointed Minister?

### IV.—HOME MISSIONS.

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

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

Question 2.—What is the Expenditure?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question 6.—What is the state of the Maori work in the District?

#### V.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

#### VI.—CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

##### 1.—*Supernumerary Fund.*

- (a) What amount has been raised in the District?
- (1) From Circuits.
  - (2) From Ministers.
- (b) What are the claims on this Fund?

##### 2.—*Children's Fund.*

- (a) What is the Income from this Fund?
- (b) What is the Expenditure?

##### 3.—*Contingent Fund.*

- (a) What is the Income?
- (1) From Circuit Levies.
  - (2) From Sale of Conference Minutes.
  - (3) From any other source.
- (b) What is the Expenditure?
- (1) Ministers' travelling to the Synod.
  - (2) Chairman's travelling in the District.
  - (3) Chairman's Postage Allowance.
  - (4) District Synod Stationery.
  - (5) Any other expenditure.

#### VII.—THE CONFERENCE.

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

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

Question 3.—Are there any further Recommendations?

## VIII.—OUTLOOK AND LITERATURE.

Question 1.—Are Committees formed in each Circuit to promote the circulation of *The Outlook*, and What is the Number of Subscribers in the several Circuits?

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

Question 3.—Are diligent efforts made in each Circuit to circulate our Connexional literature?

## IX.—COLLEGES.

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

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

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

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

## X.—STATISTICS.

Question 1.—What are the Annual Statistical Returns?

(1) General.

(2) Sunday School.

(3) Temperance.

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



## A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

# Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH

The New Zealand Conference of the Methodist  
Church of Australasia.

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

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

- 1888 Grigg, William  
 „ Trestrail, Thomas
- 1889 Chapman, James G.  
 „ Murray, Richard J.  
 „ Read, Frederick T.
- 1890 Mitchell, Arthur  
 „ Newbold, Thomas W.
- 1891 Beecroft, Charles E.  
 „ Sinclair, William A.
- 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D.
- 1893 Elliott, William J.  
 „ Frost, George  
 „ Harrison, Colin C.
- 1894 Beggs, Hugh  
 „ Bellhouse, Harold E.  
 „ Dawson, William  
 „ Porter, Charles  
 „ Vealie, Thomas W.
- 1895 Ashcroft, Arthur  
 „ Griffin, John W.  
 „ Lochore, John A.  
 „ Richards, Thomas R.
- 1896 Blamires, Henry L.  
 „ Bowie, William S.  
 „ Chappell, Albert B.  
 „ Hosking, James A.
- 1898 Beckett, William
- 1899 Keall, Robert P.  
 „ Wills, William
- 1900 Blamires, Edward P.  
 „ Greenslade, William  
 „ Haslam, Jonathan H.  
 „ Scotter, Adolphus N.  
 „ Tuck, William R.  
 „ Wilson, Richard
- 1901 Barnett, Samuel  
 „ Boys, Frederick W.  
 „ Cook, George Samuel  
 „ Eaton, Clarence  
 „ Reader, Amos
- 1902 Belton, Joseph  
 „ Godbehear, Charles E.  
 „ Oxbrow, Walter J.  
 „ Patchett, Ernest D.  
 „ Thomas, T. Theodore, B.A.
- 1903 James, Benjamin J.  
 „ Pratt, Major A. R.  
 „ Seamer, Arthur J.
- 1904 Blamires, Ernest O.  
 „ McBean, Angus  
 „ Ramsbottom, Harry  
 „ Reed, Alex. J.  
 „ Stockwell, George F.  
 „ Wilson, James



NATIVE MINISTERS.

- 1879 Pawa, Wi Warena
- 1882 Paul, Hauraki
- „ Rakena, Piripi
- 1894 Kingi, Hami
- 1896 Te Tuhi, Heretini
- 1900 Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki
- „ Renata, Hapeta
- 1903 Hare, Hone

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:—

- 1863 Turner, Thomas, Richmond, Christchurch

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

- 1858 Blamires, Wm. L., Richmond, Christchurch



## AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

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IN CONNECTION WITH

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

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

- 
- 1879 Abernethy, Christopher, Springston, 1  
 1895 Ashcroft, Arthur, Paparua, 2
- 1901 Barnett, S., Pahiatua, 3  
 1876 Baumber, William, Supernumerary, Christchurch, Durham St., 1  
 1869 Beck, William H., Leeston, 5
- 1898 Beckett, William, Roxburgh, 3  
 1891 Beecroft, Charles E., Napier, 4  
 1902 Belton, Joseph, resting, 1  
 1894 Beggs, Hugh, Palmerston North, 1 (Cuba Street)  
 1894 Bellhouse, Harold E., Kaiapoi, 3 (Belfast)  
 1900 Blamires, Edgar P., Christchurch, Durham Street, 1 (Richmond)  
 1896 Blamires, Henry L., Wellington, Taranaki Street, 1 (Thorndon)  
 1904 Blamires, Ernest O., Napier, supply, 1  
 1887 Blight, Joseph, Upper Thames, 1 (Te Aroha)  
 1871 Bond, George, Wellington South, 4 (Newtown)  
 1896 Bowie, William S., Woodville, 1  
 1901 Boys, Frederick W., Otautau, 4  
 1880 Brooke, Thomas G., Dunedin, 3 (Mornington)  
 1868 Bull, Henry, Connexional Secretary, 3 (Armagh St., Christchurch)  
 1860 Bunn, Robert S., Supernumerary, 11 (Stanmore, N.S. Wales)  
 1878 Buttle, J. Newman, New Plymouth, 2
- 1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary, New Plymouth, 5  
 1871 Carr, Thomas G., Hastings, 2  
 1889 Chapman, James G., Wanganui, 1  
 1896 Chappell, Albert B., B.A. (resting), 3 (Christchurch)  
 1901 Cook, George Samuel, Wellington, Taranaki St., 2 (Johnsonville)  
 1857 Crump, John, Supernumerary, Nelson, 7

- 1894 Dawson, William, Lawrence, 1  
 1871 Dewsbury, Henry R., Christchurch (Durham Street), 1  
 1880 Dukes, John, Kaiapoi, 3  
 1901 Eaton, Clarence, Greytown, 1 (Carterton)  
 1893 Elliott, William J., Hokitika, 1  
 1886 Ellis, John G. W., Sandon, 1  
  
 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., Wellington, Taranaki Street, 1  
 1877 Fee, Thomas, Rangiora, 2  
 1893 Frost, George, Waipawa, 1  
  
 1881 Garland, Charles H., Auckland, Pitt Street, 4  
 1876 Garlick, Samuel J., Hutt, 1  
 1881 Gibson, Samuel J., Cambridge, 5  
 1885 Ginger, Barton H., Greytown, 1  
 1856 Gittos, William, Auckland, Maori Mission, 11 (Devonport)  
 1902 Godbehear, Charles E., Eltham, 1  
 1900 Greenslade, William, Auckland, North Shore, 3 (Birkenhead)  
 1877 Griffin, Cornelius, Auckland, Grafton Road, 2 (Parnell)  
 1895 Griffin, John W., Stratford, 1  
 1880 Griffin, Thomas N., Christchurch, Papanui, 1  
 1882 Griffith, Samuel, Auckland, North Shore, 1 (Devonport)  
 1888 Grigg, William, Auckland, Pitt Street, 1 (Mount Albert)  
  
 1874 Hammond, Thomas G., Maori Mission, Patea, 18  
 1864 Harper, George S., Supernumerary, Palmerston North, 26  
 1893 Harrison, Colin C., Upper Thames, 2 (Waihi)  
 1900 Haslam, Jonathan H., Cromwell, 1  
 1896 Hosking, James A., Gore, 1  
 1879 Hounsell, George, Gisborne, 1  
  
 1870 Isitt, Francis W., Wellington, without pastoral charge, 4  
 1879 Isitt, Leonard M., Christchurch, Durham Street, without pastoral charge, 8  
  
 1903 James, Benjamin J., Blenheim, 2 (Tua Marina)  
 1882 Jones, T. Francis, Temuka, 1  
 1874 Jory, John D., Richmond, 2  
 1887 Joughin, Thomas A., Rangiora, 4 (Woodend)  
  
 1899 Keall, Robert P., Oxford, 2  
 1869 Keall, William, Rangitikei, 4 (Marton)  
 1846 Kirk, William, Supernumerary, Hutt, 20 (Petone)  
  
 1868 Law, John, Supernumerary, Auckland, Pitt Street, 8 (Mt. Albert)  
 1885 Lawry, Albert C., Feilding, 4  
 1845 Lawry, Henry H., Supernumerary, Auckland, Grafton Road, 41, (Carlton Gore)  
 1877 Lawry, Samuel, Christchurch South, 1 (Sydenham)  
 1887 Laws, Charles H., B.A., Dunedin, Trinity, 1 (York Place)  
 1864 Lee, William, Lyttelton, 1  
 1870 Lewis, John J., Auckland, Grafton Road, 3  
 1895 Lochore, John A., Christchurch South, 1 (Addington)

- 1876 Luxford, John A., Auckland, Pitt Street, 1 (Ponsonby)  
 1904 McBean, Angus, Wanganui, 1 (Aramoho)
- 1868 McNicoll, David, Oamaru, 3  
 1883 Marshall, George T., Mahurangi, 3 (Warkworth)  
 1871 Marten, William B., Opunake, 1  
 1883 Mather, Joseph J., Palmerston North, 1 (Church Street)  
 1890 Mitchell, Arthur, Balclutha, 3  
 1879 Murray, Daniel J., Masterton, 3  
 1889 Murray, Richard J., Christchurch Mission, 1 (St. Asaph Street)
- 1890 Newbold, Thomas W., Auckland, Pitt Street, 1 (Kingsland)
- 1867 Oliver, William C., Christchurch, St. Albans, 1  
 1861 Orchard, John, Supernumerary, Christchurch, Durham Street, 3.  
 1902 Oxbrow, Walter J., Malvern, 2 (Darfield)
- 1903 Patchett, Ernest D., Hawera, 2 (Patea)  
 1870 Pendray, John J., Waitara, 1  
 1876 Penney, Charles, Franklin, 3 (Pukekohe)  
 1877 Peters, Alfred, Ashburton, 2  
 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D., Northern Wairoa, 1 (Mangawhare)  
 1881 Pinfold, James T., F.G.S., Hamilton, 2  
 1894 Porter, Charles, Hawera, 3  
 1903 Pratt, M. A. Rugby, Westport, 1  
 1875 Prior, Samuel F., Invercargill, 3  
 1904 Ramsbottom, Harry, Dunedin, Cargill Road, 1 (St. Kilda)
- 1889 Read, Frederick T., Whangarei, 1  
 1904 Reed, Alex. J., Hamilton, supply, 1  
 1901 Reader, Amos, Motueka, 2  
 1885 Ready, William, Christchurch, Durham Street, 1 (East Belt)  
 1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary, Wellington, 9 (Hawker St.)  
 1895 Richards, Thomas R., Christchurch, Durham Street, 1 (Woolston)  
 1864 Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary, North Shore, 7 (Devonport)  
 1885 Rothwell, Benjamin F., Auckland, Freeman's Bay, 1
- 1900 Scotter, Adolphus N., Dunedin, Mornington, 2 (Roslyn)  
 1903 Seamer, Arthur J., Rotorua, 1  
 1884 Serpell, Samuel J., Timaru, 2  
 1869 Simmonds, Joseph H., Wesley College, Three Kings (Mt. Eden), 10  
 1891 Sinclair, William A., Dunedin Central Mission, 6 (Fern Hill)  
 1868 Smalley, Joseph S., F.R.G.S., Supernumerary, Auckland, 2  
 1862 Smith, John, Supernumerary, Christchurch, Durham Street, 8  
 1879 Spence, George W. J., Blenheim, 4  
 1875 Standage, Charles H., Milton, 3  
 1904 Stockwell, George F., Upper Thames, 1 (Paeroa)
- 1886 Taylor, Robert, Thames, 2  
 1871 Thomas, James, Waitara, 2 (Inglewood)  
 1876 Thomas, T. Eggleston, M.A., Port Chalmers, 3  
 1902 Thomas, T. Theodore, B.A., Tai Tapu, 1  
 1868 Thomas, William G., Supernumerary, North Shore, 3 (Devonport)

- 1879 Tinsley, William, Waimate, 3  
 1888 Trestrail, Thomas, Greymouth, 3  
 1900 Tuck, William R., Hutt, 3 (Petone)
- 1894 Vealie, Thomas W., Reefton, 1
- 1885 Wallis, T. Jackson, Willowby, 2  
 1885 Ward, Josiah, Dunedin, Cargill Road, 3  
 1857 Watkin, William J., Supernumerary, Manukau, 11 (Onehunga)  
 1870 Williams, William J., Nelson, 3  
 1899 Wills, William, Kimbolton, 2  
 1900 Wilson, Richard, Dannevirke, 2  
 1904 Wilson, James, Auckland, Newton Mission, 1  
 1874 Worboys, John W., Eketahuna, 2  
 1887 Wrigley, James, Levin-Otaki, 2 (Levin)
- 1900 Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki, West Coast Maori Mission, 5  
 (Okaiawa)  
 1903 Hare, Hone, Maori Mission, 2  
 1896 Heretini, Te Tuhi, Hokianga, 4 (Whirinaki)
- 1894 Kingi, Hamiora, Waikato, 9 (Raglan)
- 1882 Paul, Hauraki, Kaipara, 6  
 1879 Pewa, Wi Warena, Waikato, 14 (Te Kopua)
- 1882 Rakena, Piripi, Hokianga, 23 (Mangamuka)  
 1900 Renata, Hapeta, Whangaroa, 5



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By Payment to Capital Account,			
Special Branch, from the			
Jubilee Fund ... ..			37 10 0
Grant to Secretary's Stipend ...	160	0 0	
Stamps and Telegrams ...	5	5 2	
Stationery and Printing ...	3	16 2	
Bank Exchange ... ..	3	1 10	
Bank Charge for Keeping Ac-			
count ... ..		0 10 0	
Cheque Book ... ..		0 8 0	
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Repayment to Cromwell Church			
Trust ... ..			2 10 4
Cash on Deposit ... ..	600	0 0	
Cash in Bank ... ..	58	1 0	
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Examined and found correct.

January 20th, 1904.

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

N.B.—1. The Capital Account is the same as last year—£8,571 4s. 10d. 2. Profit and Loss Account shows Credit, £291 9s. 7d., which is included in Credit Balance shown in Cash Account.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—SPECIAL BRANCH.

Cash Account—January 16th, 1903, to January 16th, 1904.

TREASURERS—Mr. WM. HARRIS and Rev. H. BULL.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Bank Balance brought forward ...	177	11 10			By Brightwater Church Site ...	30 0 0
Deposits brought forward ...	300	0 0			Maori Hill Church Site ...	75 0 0
			477	11 10	Kohatahi Church Site ...	14 14 0
Loan Fund Instalments repaid ...	291	5 6				119 14 0
Ditto, through the Century Fund	65	15 11			Seddon Township, Lease and Rates	2 3 4
				357 1 5	Blackball Lease ...	1 10 0
Sale of Waipuku Site ...				14 15 0	Torere Site Deed ...	1 12 0
Payment from Jubilee Fund to- wards Capital ...				37 10 0		5 5 4
Interest on Deposits ...	12	0 0			Grant towards Secretary's Stipend	15 0 0
Fees on Loans ...	0	15 0			Printing ...	0 15 0
Bank Exchange ...	0	5 6				15 15 0
			13	0 6	Cash on Deposit ...	300 0 0
					Cash in Bank ...	459 4 5
						759 4 5
						£899 18 9
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Examined and found correct.

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

January 20th, 1904.

- N.B.—1. The Capital Account has been increased by the transfer of £37 10s. from Jubilee Fund payments, and now stands at £2,646 1s. 3d.  
2. The Profit and Loss Account shows credit of £36 12s., which is included in Credit Cash Balance shown above.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

LIST OF LOANS.

DATE.	PLACE.	OBJECT.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid during 1903.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1904.
			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1891. March	3	Gisborne Church and Parsonage	Erection .. .. .	11½	500	37 10 0	122 16 9
1893. January	12	Marton Church .. ..	Erection .. .. .	10	230	7 1 0	48 12 1
1894. March	23	Ashburton Church .. ..	Purchase Site, Removal, etc. ..	10	350	53 10 0	Nil
1894. March	16	Opunake Parsonage .. ..	Purchase .. .. .	8	112	Nil	0 11 6
1894. August	21	Palmerston North Par onage ..	Liquidation of Debt .. .. .	8	300	25 0 0	110 2 4
1895. December	30	Roslyn Church .. .. .	Purchase .. .. .	10	150	53 10 10	Nil
1895. April	3	Cargill Road Church .. ..	Erection .. .. .	10	500	62 10 0	75 0 0
1896. August	13	Invercargill Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. .. .	7½	225	9 11 9	Nil
1896. February	19	Bombay Church .. .. .	Liquidation of Debt .. .. .	7	140	132 0 0	Nil
1897. July	29	St. Alban's Church .. ..	Erection .. .. .	9	650	Nil	155 0 0
1897. August	12	Southbrook Church .. ..	Removal and Enlargement .. ..	9½	100	Nil	5 16 5
1897. March	2	Hawera Parsonage .. .. .	Erection .. .. .	8	280	35 0 0	52 10 0
1897. May	31	Ohakune Church .. .. .	Erection .. .. .	8	55	Nil	20 2 2
1897. June	7	Balclutha Church .. .. .	Erection .. .. .	8	130	Nil	23 2 7
1897. June	17	Kimbolton Church .. .. .	Liquidation of Debt .. .. .	5½	60	Nil	36 19 5
1897. June	21	Woolston Church .. .. .	Erection .. .. .	8	300	37 10 0	87 10 0
1897. August	6	Hastings Church .. .. .	Liquidation of Debt .. .. .	11½	93/15/-	3 1 3	41 3 0
1897. September	16	Tinwald Church .. .. .	Erection .. .. .	8	60	11 1 0	Nil
1897. October	21	Kuaotunu Church .. .. .	Erection .. .. .	7	120	2 0 0	57 19 6
1898. October	22	Kingsland Church .. .. .	Erection .. .. .	8	270	35 14 2	Nil
1898. January	27	Milton Parsonage .. .. .	Erection .. .. .	9½	120	12 10 0	51 5 0
1898. May	4	Karangahake Church .. ..	Erection .. .. .	8	100	3 15 0	48 15 0
1898. June	10	Mangaweka Church .. ..	Erection .. .. .	8	60	6 0 0	49 12 11

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—Continued.

DATE.	PLACE.	OBJECT.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid during 1903.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1904.
1898.			Years.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
June 25	Waihi Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	100	16 14 0	43 6 0	5 16 0
June 28	Manakau Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	7½	50	7 10 0	13 15 0	..
September 27	Waitara Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	5	37/10/-	7 10 0	Nil	..
November 8	Nikau Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	50	2 15 3	30 12 6	..
1899.							
March 30	New Plymouth Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	10	600	60 0 0	278 1 6	..
April 8	Whangarei Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	8	70	6 5 9	36 15 11	8 7 2
June 5	Kaeo Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	75	9 8 0	17 19 10	..
June 6	Raetihi Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	9½	40	Nil	19 11 5	1 19 0
July 1	Coromandel Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	250	Nil	203 2 6	140 12 6
August 18	Coromandel Church—Special .. ..	Erection .. ..	2	25	Nil	25 0 0	25 0 0
September 6	Hamilton Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	100	15 12 6	46 17 6	..
September 10	Eketahuna Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	135	Nil	113 4 0	49 7 6
September 11	Grafton Road Church .. ..	Reduction of Debt .. ..	7	100	17 17 6	39 4 6	..
September 30	Carterton Church .. ..	Enlargement .. ..	5	40	10 0 0	9 17 0	3 7 0
November 25	Huntly Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	50	2 0 0	36 0 0	..
December 21	Kimbolton Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	10½	125	Nil	91 14 10	6 10 0
December 30	Oxford Church .. ..	Purchase .. ..	8	60	Nil	33 12 0	3 12 0
1900.							
January 18	Warkworth Parsonage .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	10	150	7 10 6	98 13 1	4 18 1
February 5	Mount Eden Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	7	150	6 5 0	118 15 0	30 5 0
February 13	Feilding Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	9	280	25 0 0	192 10 0	6 5 0
February 16	Darfield Church .. ..	Erection of Vestry .. ..	2	10	2 0 0	Nil	..
March 27	Waikuku Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	7	75	10 14 4	21 8 4	..
April 20	Arrowtown Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	10	85	30 0 0	12 19 11	..
April 30	Taikorea Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	50	6 13 4	26 13 4	..
May 18	Mount Albert Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	7	150	22 8 2	105 0 0	..
May 28	Dannevirke Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	5	70	10 10 0	27 0 0	6 0 0
July 16	Coromandel Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	100	10 11 0	48 4 0	..
September 6	Omaru Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	5	25	5 0 0	10 0 0	..
September 8	Upper Wakefield Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	6	45	2 10 0	32 10 0	2 10 0
September 14	Oxford Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	9	109	Nil	33 19 6	..
September 17	Tataramaka Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	40	Nil	25 0 0	..
October 21	Okato Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	9	75	6 0 0	39 18 0	..

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—Continued.

DATE.	PLACE.	OBJECT.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid during 1903.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1904.
			Years.		£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
November 30 1901.	Marshland Church .. ..	Reduction of Debt .. ..	5	25	5 0 0	10 0 0	..
January 1	Sydenham Church .. ..	Reduction of Debt .. ..	8	200	25 0 0	125 0 0	..
January 7	Halswell Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	7	60	10 15 0	32 1 0	..
January 10	Te Aroha Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	225	11 5 0	176 3 1	..
January 25	Aratapu Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	100	6 5 0	75 0 0	9 7 6
January 25	Northcote Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	70	8 15 0	45 18 9	..
January 27	Havelock Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	10	80	8 0 0	32 0 0	..
February 1	Nelson Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	250	31 5 0	164 1 3	..
March 19	Dannevirke Church (2) .. ..	Enlargement .. ..	2 years after F loan	33	Nil	33 0 0	..
April 1	Sumner Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	10	200	45 0 0	20 0 0	..
April 12	Thorndon Church .. ..	Renovations and Additions .. ..	4	80	2 15 3	40 0 0	15 0 0
April 23	Richmond Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	5	50	7 10 0	32 10 0	7 10 0
April 26	Wilowby Church .. ..	Enlargement .. ..	6	100	74 19 0	Nil	..
May 3	Warkworth Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	100	10 0 0	75 0 0	..
May 9	Takapuna Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	85	9 0 0	62 10 0	..
May 23	Woodside Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	5	100	20 0 0	50 0 0	..
August 17	Woodville Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	10	115	3 15 0	100 0 0	3 15 0
August 27	Little River Church and Parsonage .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	8	30	4 7 6	21 5 0	..
September 16	Hamilton Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	6	150	18 15 0	118 15 0	6 5 0
September 20	Prebbleton Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	10	50	10 0 0	35 0 0	..
September 24	Waitekauri Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	75	5 0 0	65 0 0	2 10 0
September 30	Addington Church .. ..	Reduction of Debt .. ..	8	150	18 15 0	112 10 0	4 13 9
October 11	Eketahuna Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	10	200	Nil.	200 0 0	30 0 0
October 22	Mosgiel Church .. ..	Enlargement .. ..	8	80	6 5 0	64 7 6	3 2 6
October 30	Rongotea Church .. ..	Enlargement .. ..	3	30	5 0 0	15 0 0	5 0 0
December 1	East Belt Church .. ..	Reduction of Debt .. ..	6	250	31 5 0	177 1 8	10 8 4
December 2	Marshland Church (2) .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	5	25	10 0 0	15 0 0	..
December 23	Birkenhead Church .. ..	Erection of Sunday School .. ..	7	150	21 8 8	117 7 0	..
December 30	Levin Century Hall and School .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	200	25 0 0	156 5 0	..

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—*Continued.*

DATE.	PLACE.	OBJECT.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1903.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1904.
1902.			Years.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January 10	Ponsonby Church .. ..	Reduction of Debt .. ..	8	400	37 10 0	312 10 0	12 10 0
February 17	Nukuroa Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	7	112	9 0 0	94 0 0	..
March 22	Hawera Church .. ..	Removal and Enlargement .. ..	8	150	11 5 0	131 5 0	3 15 0
March 30	Hastings Parsonage .. ..	Purchase of Land and Erection .. ..	10	200	9 10 0	181 0 0	..
June 18	Awatuna Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	5	35	7 0 0	28 0 0	..
June 18	Timaru Church .. ..	Reduction of Debt .. ..	8	375	46 17 6	304 13 9	..
June 18	Lawrence Parsonage .. ..	General Improvements .. ..	5	40	8 0 0	28 0 0	..
July 3	Ashburton School .. ..	Enlargement .. ..	6	45	7 10 0	37 10 0	..
July 8	Otautau Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	80	5 0 0	72 10 0	5 0 0
July 8	Cheltenham Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	6	60	6 0 0	51 0 0	3 0 0
September 1	Ngaruawahia Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	6	30	5 0 0	25 0 0	..
September 18	Grafton Road Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	8	150	23 8 9	126 11 3	..
November 17	Papanui Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	100	12 10 0	87 10 0	..
1903.							
March 11	Karori Church .. ..	Improvements .. ..	5	24	3 0 0	21 0 0	..
April 15	Midhurst Church .. ..	Improvements .. ..	5	50	10 0 0	40 0 0	..
May 13	Drummond Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	7	40	Nil.	40 0 0	2 17 2
June 13	Cargill Road Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	10	500	25 0 0	475 0 0	..
June 22	Cambridge Parsonage .. ..	Enlargement .. ..	7	100	7 3 0	92 17 0	..
June 22	Napier Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	7	100	3 11 6	96 8 6	3 11 6
July 1	C.M. Sisters' Home .. ..	Erection .. ..	6	200	6 5 0	193 15 0	6 5 0
July 10	Woolston Parsonage and Sunday School .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	350	25 0 0	325 0 0	..
July 23	Fernhill Parsonage .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	4	100	6 5 0	93 15 0	6 5 0
August 13	Te Aroha Parsonage .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	7	50	Nil	50 0 0	..
September 1	Carrington Road Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	6	50	2 1 8	47 18 4	..
November 12	Makotuku Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	5	40	Nil	40 0 0	..
November 21	Morrinsville Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	150	Nil	150 0 0	..
1904.							
January 5	Mayfield Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	6	50	Nil	50 0 0	..

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—SPECIAL BRANCH.

LIST OF LOANS.

DATE	PLACE	OBJECT	Period	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1903	Amount Yet Unpaid	Amount of Instalments Overdue, Jan. 16, '04
			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1892.							
August 11	Tapanui Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	11	200	10 10 0	Nil	..
October 24	Waipuku Church Site .. ..	Purchase .. ..		9/1/0	9 1 0	Nil	..
Dec'mb'r 26	Hokitika Church .. ..	Reduction of Debt .. ..	10	225	8 4 0	Nil	..
1893.							
July 18	Blackball Township .. ..	Lease of Church Site .. ..		18/15/0	Nil	18 15 0	..
Nov'mb'r 22	Mackenzie Church .. ..	Purchase of Site .. ..		31	Nil	31 0 0	..
1894.							
Dec'mb'r 30	Roslyn Church .. ..	Purchase .. ..	10	100	44 1 11	Nil	..
1895.							
January 10	Stratford Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	10	130	10 0 0	47 5 6	32 19 7
July 12	Patea Parsonage .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	7½	300	12 10 0	Nil	..
1896.							
October 22	Mackenzie Church .. ..	Purchase .. ..		199/14/6	4 7 6	152 6 10	..
December 1	Alexandra Street Church .. ..	Purchase of Site .. ..		7	Nil	4 14 0	..
1897.							
May 12	Oamaru Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	12	917/10/0	42 18 0	432 13 4	..
August 6	Hastings Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	8	100	13 10 0	26 1 5	..
Sept'mb'r 23	Dannevirke Parsonage .. ..	Purchase of Site .. ..		160	Nil	160 0 0	..
1898.							
June 2	Raetihi Church .. ..	Purchase of Site .. ..		23/10/9	Nil	4 15 0	..
August 6	Taihape Church .. ..	Purchase of Site .. ..		11/0/6	Nil	10 15 6	10 15 6
1899.							
March 28	Highcliffe Church .. ..	Exchange of Site .. ..		5/4/0	Nil	5 4 0	..
April 18	Waituna West Church .. ..	Purchase Church Site .. ..		21/10/0	Nil	21 10 0	..
Sept'mb'r 10	Eketahuna Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	40	Nil	23 11 6	..
Nov'mb'r 11	Huntly Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	6	10	4 0 0	Nil	..
1900.							
February 5	Mount Eden .. ..	Erection .. ..	6	100	7 10 0	73 15 0	..
April 21	Arrowtown .. ..	Erection .. ..	10	106/4/1	11 0 0	71 19 10	..

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—SPECIAL BRANCH—Continued.

DATE	PLACE	OBJECT	Period	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1903	Amount Yet Unpaid	Amount of Instalments Overdue, Jan. 16, '04
1900.							
August 12	Seddon Township .. ..	Lease of Church Site .. ..	Years.	£ 11/4/8	£ s. d. Nil	£ s. d. 11 4 8	£ s. d. ..
Sept'mb'r 14	Oxford Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	9	50	Nil	49 10 6	..
1901.							
August 17	Woodville Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	10	35	7 10 0	20 0 0	..
August 27	Little River Ch. and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	8	40	4 7 6	29 1 3	..
Sept'mb'r 16	Hamilton Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..	6	100	12 10 0	75 0 0	..
Sept'mb'r 24	Waitekauri Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	8	20	5 0 0	10 0 0	..
October 22	Mosgiel Church .. ..	Enlargement .. ..	8	20	3 2 6	13 15 0	..
Nov'mb'r 14	Kopu Church .. ..	Purchase Church and Site .. ..	3	60	45 0 0	Nil	..
Nov'mb'r 20	Canvastown Church .. ..	Purchase Church and Site .. ..		30	Nil	30 0 0	..
1902.							
February 17	Nukuroa Church .. ..	Erection .. ..	7	14	9 0 0	0 10 0	..
March 27	Torere Church .. ..	Purchase Site and Erection .. ..	7	31/12/0	Nil	31 12 0	..
March 30	Hastings Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..	10	90	9 10 0	80 16 0	..
May 1	Otautau Parsonage .. ..	Purchase of Site .. ..		50	Nil	50 0 0	..
May 8	Eketahuna Parsonage .. ..	Erection .. ..		50	Nil	50 0 0	..
May 15	Spring Grove Church .. ..	Renovation .. ..	5	25	5 0 0	17 10 0	..
May 19	Broadfield Church .. ..	Renovation .. ..	2	10	7 10 0	Nil	..
May 21	Birkenhead Parsonage .. ..	Purchase of Site .. ..	3	135	Nil	135 0 0	..
June 4	Kamo Church .. ..	Liquidation of Debt .. ..		109/14/6	50 0 0	59 14 6	..
July 8	Otautau Church .. ..	Purchase of Site and Erection .. ..	8	20	5 0 0	15 0 0	..
December 4	Eltham Church .. ..	Purchase of Site .. ..		75	Nil	75 0 0	..
1903.							
January 27	Brightwater Church .. ..	Purchase of Site .. ..		30	Nil	30 0 0	..
August 6	Maori Hill Church .. ..	Purchase of Site .. ..		75	25 0 0	50 0 0	..
Dec'mb'r 24	Kokatahi Church .. ..	Purchase of Site .. ..		14/14/0	Nil	14 14 0	..





APPENDIX D.

MISSION, EDUCATIONAL, AND GENERAL CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

I.—MISSION PROPERTY BALANCE SHEET,

For the Year ending September 30th, 1903.

TREASURER: Mr. F. L. PRIME.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
Oct. 1902-3.			£ s d.	Oct. 1902-3.			£ s d.
To Rents, Parliament Street, No. 1	...		104 0 0	By Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	...		13 3 10
„ „ „ No. 2	...		78 0 0	City and other Rates	...		36 11 6
„ „ „ No. 3	...		55 0 0	Fire Insurance	...		14 1 9
„ Beach Road (3)	...		71 8 0	Hapeta Kaeo House	...		10 0 0
„ Kaeo Land	...		20 0 0	Home Mission Fund	...		257 12 0
„ Mount Wesley	...		6 0 0	Superintending Estates and Collection of			
„ Whatawhata	...		2 10 0	Rents, etc.	...		17 8 11
„ Newark	...		12 0 0				
			<u>£348 18 0</u>				<u>£348 18 0</u>

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Audited and found correct.

November 23rd, 1903.

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

II.—NATIVE EDUCATION TRUST BALANCE SHEET, 1903.

Balance Sheet for the Year ending September 30th, 1903.

TREASURER—Mr. J. EDSON.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
To Rents, Three Kings	...	351 0 0	By Three Kings Committee	...	727 9 3
"    Waikowai	...	5 0 0	"    "    Fire Insurance	...	8 14 9
"    Grafton Road	...	518 0 8	"    "    Survey, etc.	...	8 12 6
			Grafton Road, Repairs and Maintenance of		
			Buildings	...	66 4 2
			"    "    Fire Insurance	...	13 8 3
			"    "    City and other Rates	...	22 13 9
			"    "    Cheque Book and Bank Account	...	1 0 0
			"    "    Superintending Estate and Col- lection of Rents, etc.	...	25 18 0
		<u>£874 0 8</u>			<u>£874 0 8</u>

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Audited and found correct.

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

November 23rd, 1903.







V.—THE AUCKLAND BOOK ASSOCIATION (ESTABLISHED 1870).

Balance Sheet for the Year ending September 30th, 1903.

TREASURER—Mr. JOHN EDSON.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1902.				1902.			
Sept. 30—To Cash Credit Balance at Auckland Savings Bank this date as per pass book	162	9	4	Nov. 2—By Deposit at Call Treasurer Three Kings	100	0	0
Dec. 31—To Interest Savings Bank	..	1	18 8	June 23—,, Purchase of Books (Forbes) ...	..	7	10 0
1903.				Sept. 3—,, ,, ,, ,, (S.S. Union)	..	1	14 0
Aug. 7—To Interest (5 quarters)	..	25	0 0	1903.			
				Jan. 23—,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,	..	27	16 6
				June 25—,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,	..	1	11 0
				Credit Balance ...	..	50	16 6
	<u>£189</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£189</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

XVIII.

MEMO.—Investment of £400 on mortgage at 5 per cent., interest payable quarterly. The first payment was due May 7th, 1900. On November 3rd, 1902, £100 was lodged with Treasurers of Three King's College at call, bearing Savings Bank interest. The above sums are the accumulation of profits, and interest, made by the Auckland Book Association. First grant made in 1893.

J. EDSON,

Treasurer.

Auckland, September 30th, 1903.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

VI.—GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Balance Sheet for the Year ended September 30th, 1903.

TREASURERS: Rev. J. N. BUTTLE and Mr. J. C. GEORGE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Rents...	427	9	1	Balance	67	11	3
"	58	4	2	Expenses <i>re</i> Auction Sale	121	0	3
Contractor's Deposit	10	0	0	Rent pending after Auction	58	4	2
Interest	28	0	0	Fire Insurance Premiums	4	12	0
Balance due Treasurer	167	6	4	Land Tax	12	0	0
				Account Books and Safe	16	0	3
				Contractor's Deposit returned	10	0	0
				Earthwork Contracts	135	1	0
				Rates	2	10	6
				Law Account	129	2	10
				General Treasurer H.M. Fund	110	0	0
Estimated Income for next year, £400 net.				Interest and Rent Collecting	24	12	2
				Registration New Trustee	0	5	2
	<u>£690</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£690</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>

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Audited and found correct.

ALFRED H. ARNOLD }  
 JOS. WHITAKER } Auditors.

October 5th, 1903.

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VII.—KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

Cash Account for Term from 1st January to 30th September, 1903.

TREASURERS—Rev. H. R. DEWSBURY and F. G. BEAVEN.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance Brought Forward ... ..	...	3 15 10	By Bank Keeping Account, March ... ..	...	0 5 0
Half-year's Rent due March 31st ... ..	...	58 10 0	Remittance to Treasurer H.M. Fund... ..	...	58 10 0
			Bank Keeping Account, September ... ..	...	0 5 0
			Commission ... ..	...	3 3 0
			Balance ... ..	...	0 2 10
		<u>£62 5 10</u>			<u>£62 5 10</u>

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Audited and found correct.

C. J. SHARPE  
WILLIAM BROWN } Auditors.

November 23rd, 1903.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Revenue Account for the Year ending September 30th, 1903.

TREASURER: Mr. W. J. HARLAND.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Amount of Funds, October 1st, 1902	...	...	...	8,955	3	10	Law Costs	...	2	8	6
Interest	...	...	...	292	5	2	Rates	...	2	12	7
Rents	...	...	...	133	11	3	Fire Premium	...	2	0	0
							Printing and Stationery	...	1	11	8
							Postage and Duty Stamps and Exchange	...	3	1	4
							Bank Charge	...	0	10	0
							Registration Fee for Trustees	...	0	10	6
							Copies of Model Deed and Postage	...	0	3	2
							Balance Funds at 30th September, 1903	...	9,368	2	6
				<u>£9,381</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>£9,381</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>

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**WELLINGTON DISTRICT—Continued.**

Balance Sheet as at September 30th, 1903.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance, per Revenue Account	9,368	2 6	Freehold Property	1,963	6 11
			Fixed Deposits	1,845	0 0
			Loans on Mortgage	5,340	0 0
			Bank of Australasia	94	1 7
			Interest Accrued	77	17 0
			Rent Accrued	32	17 0
			Rent in Arrear	15	0 0
	<u>£9,368</u>	<u>2 6</u>		<u>£9,368</u>	<u>2 6</u>

We have examined the within Balance-sheet, and find it to be correct, after checking the Cash Account, seeing Vouchers for all payments, and Messrs. Kirk and Wilson's (Solicitors) Certificate that they have examined all Securities and Title Deeds. Interest and rents have been duly charged.

Wellington, October 7th, 1903.

T. J. KENDALL } Auditors.  
W. E. FULLER }

**CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**IX.—CANTERBURY HOME MISSION TRUST.**

TREASURERS: Mr. WM. HARRIS and Rev. WM. BAUMBER.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Interest from deposit with Kaiapoi Woollen Co.	£50 0 0	By Amount remitted to Home Mission Treasurers	£50 0 0

January 21st, 1904.

Audited and found correct.

WILLIAM LEE, Auditor.



## APPENDIX F.

## WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.

Balance Sheet for Year ending 30th September, 1903.

TREASURERS—REV. J. H. SIMMONDS and Mr. A. C. CAUGHEY.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Education Trust ..	...	727	9 3			By Balance, 30th September, 1902 ...	129 0 5
Probert Trust ..	...	25	0 0			Drawing Lessons, 1902 ...	5 0 0
Produce Sold ..	...	46	11 2			Bank Interest and Commission, 1902	4 18 0
Discounts ..	...	3	3 10				9 18 0
Balance carried forward ...	...	162	7 0			Bank Interest and Commission, 1903	7 15 9
				964	11 3	Stipend ..	200 0 0
						Wages and Labour ..	176 0 6
						Connexional Charges ..	38 12 2
						Instalments Paid on Loan ..	25 0 0
						Tradesman's Accounts ..	358 19 1
						Sundries ..	13 5 4
						Expenses of Principal to Conference	6 0 0
				£964	11 3		£964 11 3
By Balance, 30th September, 1903 ...	...	£162	7 0			Balance due to Loan Fund, Sept. 30th, 1903, £37.	

Audited and found correct.

Auckland, December 7th, 1903.

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

Balance Sheet, 1903.

TREASURERS—Rev. J. J. LEWIS and Mr. T. BUDDLE.

RECEIPTS.				RECEIPTS— <i>continued.</i>			
To CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS—				To ARREARS AND FINES—			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland District	24 Ministers at	11	10 0=276 0 0	Auckland District	...	...	8 7 0
Wanganui	16 " "	11	10 0=184 0 0	Wanganui	...	...	9 18 8
Wellington	18½ " "	11	10 0=215 12 6	Wellington	...	...	54 17 0
Nelson	8½ " "	11	10 0=100 12 6	"	...	...	0 3 0
Canterbury	25 " "	11	10 0=287 10 0	Nelson	...	...	18 4 0
Otago	15 " "	11	10 0=172 10 0	Canterbury	...	...	18 4 0
			<u>£1,236 5 0</u>	Otago	...	...	0 10 0
							<u>£110 3 8</u>
To MINISTERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS—				TOTAL RECEIPTS.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Auckland District	20 Ministers at	8	17 0=177 0 0	£1,236	5 0		
"	2 do. resting at	11	10 0= 23 0 0	810	0 0		
Wanganui	11 " "	8	17 0= 97 7 0	110	3 8		
Wellington	16 Ministers at	8	17 0=141 12 0				
"	1 defic'nt. paym't.	7	17 0= 7 17 0	£2,156	8 8		
"	1 to balance a/c.	0	7 0= 0 7 0				
Nelson	7 Ministers at	8	17 0= 61 19 0				
Canterbury	21 " "	8	17 0=185 17 0				
Otago	13 " "	8	17 0=115 1 0				
			<u>£810 0 0</u>				
				EXPENDITURE.			
				By Remittances to General Treasurer... .. £2,156 8 8			

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March 22nd, 1904.

Examined and found correct.

G. A. BUTTLE }  
THOMAS ALLEN } Auditors.











	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ... ..	1,299	10	9
Compassionate Allowance to Rev. W. G. Thomas	15	0	0
Half Costs Methven Civil Action	6	12	6
Bank Charges, Printing and Post-Returns	1	2	6
Local Expenses—Travelling of Ministers to Synod—			
Auckland District...	23	3	11
Wanganui District	13	6	6
" " "	14	0	6
Nelson " "	31	0	3
Canterbury " "	6	9	10
Otago " "	10	16	10
Travelling of Chairmen, and District Expenses...			
Auckland District...	18	7	6
Wanganui " "	17	16	10
Wellington " "	14	11	2
Nelson " "	9	10	2
Canterbury " "	34	19	2
Otago " "	13	8	6
Balance forward ... ..	599	4	5
<b>£1,299 10 9</b>			

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ... ..	466	9	11
Law Costs, Change of Name of Church	3	10	3
Compassionate Allowance to Rev. W. G. Thomas	15	0	0
Half Costs Methven Civil Action	6	12	6
Bank Charges, Printing and Post-Returns	1	2	6
Local Expenses—Travelling of Ministers to Synod—			
Auckland District...	23	3	11
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Wellington " "	14	11	2
Nelson " "	9	10	2
Canterbury " "	34	19	2
Otago " "	13	8	6
Balance forward ... ..	599	4	5
<b>£1,299 10 9</b>			

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Examined and found correct.

WILLIAM LEE, Auditor.

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

I—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	CONTINGENT FUND LEVY. 4 per cent.	Deductions.	CHILDREN'S FUND.	
				Taxable Amount.	LEVY. 15 per cent.
	£ s d	£ s d	£	£ s d	£ s d
Auckland—Pitt Street ... ..	963 17 4	38 11 1	440	523 17 4	78 11 7
„ Freeman's Bay ... ..	177 3 0	7 1 9	120	57 3 0	8 11 6
„ Three Kings ... ..	238 10 8	9 10 10	120	118 10 8	17 15 7
„ North Shore ... ..	378 11 8	15 2 10	200	178 11 8	25 15 9
„ Grafton Road ... ..	485 13 0	19 8 6	240	245 13 0	36 17 0
„ Maori Mission... ..	269 18 4	10 16 0	120	149 18 4	22 9 9
Mahurangi ... ..	177 8 3	7 2 0	120	57 8 3	8 12 3
Thames ... ..	242 2 4	9 13 9	120	122 2 4	18 6 5
Upper Thames ... ..	488 15 9	20 0 0	320	168 15 9	25 6 5
Manukau... ..	264 11 4	10 11 8	120	144 11 4	21 13 9
Franklin ... ..	208 7 0	8 6 9	120	88 7 0	13 5 0
Cambridge ... ..	212 14 11	8 10 3	120	92 14 11	13 18 3
Hamilton ... ..	209 19 9	8 7 0	120	89 19 9	13 10 0
Paparoa ... ..	177 4 2	7 1 9	120	57 4 2	8 11 8
Northern Wairoa ... ..	214 14 0	8 11 9	120	94 14 0	14 4 2
Whangarei ... ..	177 9 0	7 2 0	120	57 9 0	8 12 4
Coromandel ... ..	188 0 0	7 10 5	120	68 0 0	10 4 0

RETURN OF CIRCUIT EXPENDITURE—Continued.

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	CONTINGENT FUND LEVY, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	CHILDREN'S FUND.	
				Taxable Amount.	LEVY. 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Plymouth ... ..	300 15 8	12 0 8	120	180 15 8	27 2 4
Waitara .. .. .	354 0 0	14 3 3	240	114 0 0	17 2 0
Stratford .. .. .	186 0 8	7 8 10	120	66 0 8	9 18 2
Hawera ... .. .	318 10 0	12 14 10	200	118 10 0	17 15 6
Opunake ... .. .	189 12 0	7 11 9	120	69 12 0	10 8 10
Wanganui ... .. .	422 13 6	16 18 2	200	222 13 6	33 8 2
Rangitikei ... .. .	215 9 1	8 12 4	120	95 9 1	14 6 5
Feilding ... .. .	222 18 4	8 18 4	120	102 18 4	15 6 9
Sandon ... .. .	210 12 0	8 8 6	120	90 12 0	13 11 10
Palmerston North .. ..	416 14 2	16 3 5	240	176 14 2	26 10 2
Kiwitea ... .. .	176 14 9	7 1 5	120	56 14 9	8 10 3
West Coast Mission ... ..	238 10 0	9 10 9	120	118 10 0	17 15 6

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RETURN OF CIRCUIT EXPENDITURE—Continued.

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	CONTINGENT FUND LEVY, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	CHILDREN'S FUND.	
				Taxable Amount.	LEVY, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington—Taranaki Street ...	687 3 8	27 8 9	320	367 3 8	55 1 7
"    South ...	263 8 4	10 10 9	120	143 8 4	21 10 3
Hutt ...	344 5 1	13 15 5	200	144 5 1	21 12 10
Greytown ...	353 12 0	14 2 10	200	153 12 0	23 0 10
Masterton ...	299 14 8	11 19 10	120	179 14 8	26 19 3
Napier ...	238 18 8	9 11 2	120	118 18 8	17 16 10
Hastings ...	178 4 2	7 2 7	120	58 4 2	8 14 8
Gisbourne ...	188 12 2	7 10 10	120	68 12 2	10 5 10
Eketahuna ...	175 13 0	7 0 6	120	55 13 0	8 7 0
Otaki ...	278 0 0	11 2 5	120	158 0 0	23 14 0
Dannevirke ...	146 0 8	5 16 10	80	66 0 8	9 18 2
Waipawa... ..	142 14 8	5 14 3	120	22 14 8	3 8 3
Woodville ...	173 6 3	6 18 8	120	53 6 3	8 0 0
Pahiatua ...	145 9 8	5 16 5	80	65 9 8	9 16 6

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RETURN OF CIRCUIT EXPENDITURE—Continued.

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure reported to Treasurers.	CONTINGENT FUND LEVY, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	CHILDREN'S FUND.	
				Taxable Amount.	LEVY, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nelson ... ..	301 3 10	12 1 0	120	181 3 10	27 3 7
Richmond ... ..	177 6 7	7 1 11	120	57 6 7	8 12 0
Blenheim ... ..	356 18 10	14 5 7	200	156 18 10	23 10 10
Hokitika ... ..	214 8 0	8 11 6	120	94 8 0	14 3 3
Greymouth ... ..	233 17 0	9 7 1	120	113 17 0	17 1 7
Motueka ... ..	122 11 4	4 18 1	80	42 11 4	6 7 9
Reefton ... ..	226 18 11	9 1 7	120	106 18 11	16 0 10
Westport ... ..	142 14 9	5 14 3	80	62 14 9	9 7 10

RETURN OF CIRCUIT EXPENDITURE—Continued.

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	CONTINGENT FUND LEVY, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	CHILDREN'S FUND.	
				Taxable Amount.	LEVY, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch—Durham Street ..	1,209 15 2	48 7 10	560	649 15 2	97 7 4
„ Connexional Secretary ..	362 13 0	14 10 2	120	242 13 0	36 8 0
„ South ... ..	447 2 9	17 17 9	240	207 2 9	31 1 5
„ St. Alban's ... ..	239 6 1	9 11 6	120	119 6 1	17 17 11
„ Papanui ... ..	175 19 7	7 0 10	120	55 19 7	8 7 10
Lyttelton... ..	238 19 3	9 11 2	120	118 19 3	17 16 11
Springston ... ..	373 17 2	14 19 1	200	173 17 2	26 1 7
Leeston ... ..	239 7 8	9 11 6	120	119 7 8	17 18 2
Kaiapoi ... ..	428 1 5	17 2 6	240	188 1 5	28 4 3
Rangiora ... ..	389 17 2	15 11 11	240	149 17 2	22 8 7
Oxford ... ..	177 8 2	7 2 0	120	57 8 2	8 12 3
Timaru ... ..	272 7 0	10 17 11	120	152 7 0	22 17 1
Waimate... ..	206 18 8	8 5 7	120	86 18 8	13 0 10
Temuka ... ..	214 4 6	8 11 5	120	94 4 6	14 2 8
Ashburton ... ..	237 10 6	9 10 0	120	117 10 6	17 12 10
Willowby ... ..	213 14 0	8 11 0	120	93 14 0	14 1 2
Malvern ... ..	134 9 4	5 7 7	80	54 9 4	8 3 5

RETURN OF CIRCUIT EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

VI—OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	CONTINGENT FUND LEVY. 4 per cent.	Deductions.	CHILDREN'S FUND.	
				Taxable Amount.	LEVY. 15 per cent.
	£ s d	£ s d	£	£ s d	£ s d
Dunedin—Trinity... ..	329 10 8	13 3 9	120	209 10 8	31 8 7
„ Central Mission ... ..	301 11 8	12 1 3	120	181 11 8	27 4 9
„ Cargill Road ... ..	239 11 3	9 11 8	120	119 11 3	17 18 9
„ Mornington ... ..	382 5 11	15 5 10	200	182 5 11	27 6 11
Port Chalmers ... ..	191 9 2	7 13 2	120	71 9 2	10 14 5
Balclutha ... ..	209 17 8	8 7 9	120	89 17 8	13 9 8
Milton ... ..	180 9 7	7 4 5	120	60 9 7	9 1 6
Lawrence ... ..	200 4 9	8 0 3	120	80 4 9	12 0 9
Invercargill ... ..	238 14 3	9 11 0	120	118 14 3	17 16 2
Oamaru ... ..	239 6 8	9 11 6	120	119 6 8	17 18 0
Gore ... ..	177 2 8	7 1 9	120	57 2 8	8 11 5
Otautau ... ..	171 16 4	6 17 6	80	91 16 4	13 15 6
Roxburgh ... ..	172 9 7	6 18 0	120	52 9 7	7 17 6
Cromwell... ..	164 14 9	6 11 10	120	44 14 9	6 14 3

## APPENDIX H.

## FOREIGN MISSION FUND, 1903.

TREASURERS—REV. J. N. BUTTLE AND MR. W. AMBURY.

INCOME.				INCOME.			
AUCKLAND DISTRICT—				NELSON DISTRICT ( <i>continued</i> )—			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland (Pitt Street) ...	...	108	18 11	Brought forward ...	...	76	17 8
„ (Freeman's Bay) No Returns	...	—	—	Motueka ...	...	4	16 0
„ (North Shore) ...	...	26	10 2	Reefton ...	...	4	8 2
„ (Grafton Road)...	...	5	0 0	Westport ...	...	8	17 8
Mahurangi ...	...	9	0 3	Kumara ...	...	1	2 6
Thames ...	...	9	11 0	Havelock ...	...	1	0 0
Upper Thames ...	...	20	4 2				
Maukai ...	...	38	18 0				97 2 0
Franklyn ...	...	18	12 0	CANTERBURY DISTRICT—			
Cambridge ...	...	6	3 2	Christchurch (Durham Street) ...	...	154	3 2
Hamilton ...	...	8	3 0	„ (South) ...	...	33	5 5
Paparoa ...	...	3	10 0	„ (St. Albans) ...	...	10	6 0
Northern Wairoa	6 16 3			„ (Papanui) ...	...	4	7 8
„ „ 1902	4 4 2	11	0 5	Lyttelton ...	...	5	7 5
Whangarei ...	...	22	1 2	Springston ...	...	20	0 0
Tauranga, 1902 ...	...	2	0 0	Leeston ...	...	33	8 7
Coromandel ...	...	1	10 0	Kaipoi ...	...	47	15 0
Helensville ...	...	2	11 6	Rangiora ...	...	25	0 0
Bay of Islands ...	...	2	15 0	Oxford ...	...	4	4 5
Whangaroa ...	...	0	5 0	Amberley ...	...	1	16 0
Huntly ...	...	1	10 0	Timaru ...	...	25	8 3
				Waimate ...	...	38	12 3
				Temuka ...	...	3	16 7
				Ashburton ...	...	31	4 3
			298 3 9	„ 1902 ...	...	6	0 0
WANGANUI DISTRICT—				Willowby ...	...	20	10 10
New Plymouth ...	...	31	19 7	Malvern ...	...	1	0 0
Waitara... ..	...	13	3 1				
Stratford ...	...	6	1 1				
Hawera... ..	...	10	7 9				
							466 5 10

WANGANUI DISTRICT (continued)—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Opunake	...	3	7	2			
Wanganui	...	7	2	3			
Rangitikei	...	12	5	0			
Sandon	...	5	5	6			
Feilding	...	5	4	0			
Palmerston North	...	23	2	10			
Kiwitea	...	2	17	0			
Mangaweka	...	1	1	3			
Waimarino	...	1	0	0			
		<hr/>			122	16	6

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	...	60	2	7			
„ (South)	...	8	12	0			
Hutt	...	29	17	6			
Greytown	...	5	14	6			
Masterton	...	6	19	8			
Napier	...	21	6	10			
Hastings	...	6	11	0			
Gisborne	...	5	0	0			
Eketahuna	...	5	0	0			
Dannevirke	...	2	11	7			
Otaki	...	8	3	4			
Waipawa	...						
Woodville	...	6	0	0			
Pahiatua	...	2	10	0			
		<hr/>			168	9	0

NELSON DISTRICT—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson	...	19	4	0			
Richmond	...	2	18	0			
Blenheim	...	37	18	3			
Hokitika	...	2	3	10			
Greymouth	...	14	13	7			

Carried forward ... 76 17 8 589 9 3

OTAGO DISTRICT—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity Church) No Returns	...	—					
„ (Central Mission)	...	27	13	3			
„ (Cargill Road)	...	31	11	2			
„ (Morningside)	...	22	7	6			
Port Chalmers	No Returns	—					
Balclutha	...	6	5	3			
Milton	...	3	10	9			
Lawrence	...	5	0	7			
Invercargill	...	31	13	5			
Oamaru	...	9	15	1			
Gore	...	3	6	4			
Otautau	...	4	0	0			
Roxburgh	...	8	5	5			
Cromwell	No Returns	—					

Total from Circuits ... 1,306 5 10

SPECIAL—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Donations per Century Fund	...	30	0	0			
A Friend, Cargill Rd. Circuit	...	50	0	0			
Donation, Mr. Bailey, Auckland	...	4	0	0			
N.Z. Ferns, sold in Australia, per C. Hicks	...	1	10	6			
Collection: Conf. Missy. Meeting	...	5	17	0			
Subscriptions: "Review"	...	3	2	6			
		<hr/>			94	10	0

Total ... £1,400 15 10

EXPENDITURE: Remitted to General Treasurers, Sydney, less exchange ... £1,400 15 10

NOTE.—The following amounts have been received since the accounts closed:—Waipawa, £1; Grafton Road (additional), £16 5s 11d; and will be carried forward to 1904.

## INCOME.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland, Pitt Street..	160	13	8
„ Freeman's Bay ..	5	0	0
„ North Shore ..	36	0	2
„ Grafton Road ..	65	15	9
Maori Mission, Waikato ..	12	3	0
„ Kaipara ..	20	0	0
„ Hokianga ..	15	0	0
„ Whangaroa ..	10	0	0
Maori Work, Special			
Donations ..	60	0	0
Mahurangi ..	10	0	0
Thames ..	19	9	0
Upper Thames ..	22	7	6
Manukau ..	50	0	0
Franklin ..	23	18	9
Cambridge ..	14	7	3
Hamilton ..	12	0	7
Paparoa ..	12	0	0
Northern Waioira ..	12	10	3
Whangarei ..	17	2	7
Tauranga ..	5	0	6
Coromandel ..	6	8	7
Helensville ..	8	13	6
Bay of Islands..	4	3	6
Hokianga ..	5	0	0
Whangaroa ..	5	17	10
Huntly..	1	12	0
			615 4 5

## II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	36	15	0
Waitara ..	13	18	0
Stratford ..	8	4	0
Hawera ..	33	7	9
Opunake ..	7	0	0
Wanganui ..	32	13	5
Rangitikei ..	5	19	7
Sandon ..	11	0	0
Feilding ..	8	0	0
Palmerston North ..	40	0	0
Kiwitea ..	8	17	4
West Coast Maori Mis'n ..	10	0	0
Mangaweka ..	3	17	7
Waimarino ..	2	10	0
Eltham ..	3	0	0
			225 2 8

## III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington, Taranaki St.	75	14	11
South ..	20	2	0
Hutt ..	23	1	4
Thankoffering ..	5	0	0
Greytown ..	14	7	2
Masterton ..	21	14	10
Napier ..	20	14	6
Hastings ..	5	4	4
Gisborne ..	10	0	0
Eketahuna ..	5	0	0
Otaki ..	11	11	8
Dannevirke ..	6	19	11
Waipawa ..	8	0	0
Woodville ..	10	0	6
Pahiatua ..	5	0	0
Norswood ..	5	0	0
			247 11 2

## IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson ..	30	0	0
Richmond ..	10	8	1
Blenheim ..	56	11	1
Hokitika ..	7	1	5
Greymouth ..	15	18	0
Carried forward..			£1,087 18 3

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Brought forward ..		1,087 18	
Motueka ..	5	2	0
Reefton ..	10	2	7
Westport ..	5	18	10
Havelock ..	2	0	1
Kumara ..	2	15	0
		145 17 1	

## V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christch'ch, Durham St.	126	0	5
South ..	32	0	0
St. Alban's ..	30	0	0
Papanui ..	13	18	1
Lytelton ..	17	10	0
Springston ..	31	10	0
Leeston ..	27	11	9
Kaiapoi ..	37	3	11
Rangiora ..	30	0	0
Oxford ..	3	15	9
Amberley ..	3	10	6
Timaru ..	29	3	10
Waimate ..	16	0	0
Temuka ..	10	12	5
Ashburton ..	27	10	0
Willowby ..	20	0	6
Malvern ..	5	10	0
Methven ..	6	0	0
Banks' Peninsula ..	3	9	9
Conference Meeting ..	5	17	0
			477 3 11

## VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin, Trinity ..	55	0	0
Central Mission ..	30	18	8
Cargill Road ..	26	1	7
Do., Special Do- nation ..	50	0	0
Mornington ..	22	18	0
Port Chalmers ..	8	4	3
Balclutha ..	14	18	9
Milton ..	7	10	0
Lawrence ..	8	0	0
Invercargill ..	19	13	0
Oamaru ..	12	0	0
Gore ..	5	1	6
Otautau ..	8	0	0
Roxburgh ..	6	3	0
Cromwell ..	8	3	10
Tapanui ..	2	6	1
Palmerston South ..	3	0	0
			287 18 8
Birthday League ..			60 9 6

## CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.

Auckland ..	257	12	0
Grey Institute..	110	0	0
Kai Iwi ..	103	10	0
			471 2 0

## INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.

Auckland ..	120	11	3
Canterbury ..	50	0	0
			170 11 3
Century Fund..			50 0 0
Returned Missionary ..			100 0 0
Treasurers of Children's Fund ..			12 12 5
Maori Books sold ..			10 7 0
			2,874 0 1
Deficit 1903 ..			111 8 5

£2,985 8 6

# CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—BALANCE SHEET, 1903.

AND MR. F. L. PRIME.

## EXPENDITURE.

By Debit Balance. 1902      £ s. d.      £ s. d.  
269 4 9

Brought forward ..      £ s. d.      £ s. d.  
1,736 5 7

### MAORI MISSIONS.

AUCKLAND.	
Missionary Super'tend't	225 0 0
Connexional Funds ..	44 18 4
House Rent ..	52 0 0
Travelling ..	40 0 10
Student, Probationer	20 0 0
.. Travelling ..	10 0 0
HOKIANGA.	
Native Minister ..	60 0 0
.. ..	40 0 0
KAIPARA.	
Native Minister ..	60 0 0
Travelling ..	10 0 0
WAIKATO.	
Native Minister ..	65 15 0
.. ..	42 0 0
WHANGAROA.	
Native Probationer ..	40 0 0
Special Native Agents	60 0 0
WANGANUI, WEST COAST.	
Missionary ..	200 0 0
Connexional Funds ..	38 10 0
Travelling ..	15 0 0
Native Probationer ..	75 0 0
Patea House—Loan F'd	12 10 0
	<u>1,110 14 2</u>

### HOME MISSION STATIONS.

AUCKLAND.	
Bay of Islands ..	15 0 0
Whangaroa ..	15 0 0
Hokianga ..	35 0 0
Helensville ..	20 0 0
Te Awamutu ..	10 0 0
Huntly ..	10 0 0
Kuaotunu ..	26 5 0
Wade ..	1 1 8
WANGANUI.	
Mangaweka ..	35 0 0
Waimarino ..	20 0 0
Eltham ..	30 0 0
WELLINGTON.	
Norswood ..	15 0 0
NELSON.	
Havelock ..	25 0 0
Kumara ..	10 0 0
CANTERBURY.	
Amberley ..	10 0 0
Methven ..	15 0 0
Banks' Peninsula ..	40 0 0
OTAGO.	
Tapanui ..	10 0 0
Palmerston South ..	5 0 0
Wakatipu ..	9 0 0
	<u>356 6 8</u>

### AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARIES.

AUCKLAND.	
N. Wairoa (Kaihu) ..	10 00
Whangarei (Hikurangi) ..	35 00
Upper Thames ..	38 34
Carried forward ..	<u>£1,736 5 7</u>

WANGANUI.	
N. Plym'th (Coast Mi's'n)	15 0 0
OTAGO.	
Cargill Road (Peninsula)	15 0 0
.. (Mosgiel) ..	5 0 0
Otautau (Riverton) ..	15 0 0
	<u>133 3 4</u>

### AIDED CIRCUITS.

AUCKLAND.	
Mahurangi ..	15 0 0
Coromandel ..	84 10 0
WANGANUI.	
Rangitikei ..	25 0 0
Kiwaita ..	90 0 0
WELLINGTON.	
Hutt ..	10 0 0
Greytown ..	20 0 0
Hastings ..	20 0 0
Gisborne ..	20 0 0
Eketahuna ..	50 0 0
Dannevirke ..	20 0 0
Waipawa ..	20 0 0
Woodville ..	25 0 0
Pahiatua ..	25 0 0
Otaki ..	12 10 0
NELSON.	
Richmond ..	15 0 0
Hokitika ..	20 0 0
Blenheim ..	30 0 0
Westport ..	30 0 0
CANTERBURY.	
Papanui ..	20 0 0
Springston ..	15 0 0
Oxford ..	60 0 0
OTAGO.	
Mornington ..	10 0 0
Milton ..	25 0 0
Gore ..	10 0 0
Roxburgh ..	22 2 8
Cromwell ..	25 0 0
	<u>719 2 8</u>
SPECIAL.	
Printing Maori Sheets	50 0 0
Compassionate Allowance to Rev. G. W. Thomas ..	15 0 0
Connexional Secretary	80 0 0
Ministerial Supply	39 2 3
Okaiawa—Water and Fire Insurance ..	6 12 0
Birthday League Expenses ..	5 8 1
	<u>196 2 5</u>
GENERAL.	
Printing Reports, etc.	32 19 1
Office Rent ..	21 0 0
Interest and Exchange	59 1 6
General Secretary to Conference ..	7 16 6
Advs. and Telegrams ..	2 14 0
Land Tax ..	1 5 0
Cheque Book ..	0 10 0
Mission Boxes ..	4 15 0
Students Travelling, Te Awamutu ..	3 19 2
Deputations ..	42 18 3
H.M. Travelling to D.S.	20 16 0
Postage and Stationery	3 0 0
	<u>200 14 6</u>

£2,985 8 6

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

## I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland, Pitt Street	150	0	0			
Freeman's Bay	5	0	0			
North Shore	35	0	0			
Grafton Road	60	0	0			
Maori Mission, Waikato	12	0	0			
Kaipara	20	0	0			
Hokianga	15	0	0			
Whangaroa	10	0	0			
Mahurangi	10	0	0			
Thames	20	0	0			
Upper Thames	20	0	0			
Manukau	55	0	0			
Franklin	20	0	0			
Cambridge	15	0	0			
Hamilton	12	0	0			
Paparoa	12	0	0			
Northern Wairoa	12	0	0			
Whangarei	17	0	0			
Tauranga	5	0	0			
Coromandel	6	0	0			
Helensville	6	0	0			
Bay of Islands	5	0	0			
Hokianga	5	0	0			
Whangaroa	5	0	0			
Huntly	2	0	0			
Te Awamutu	3	0	0			
Conference Meeting	3	15	0			
				540	15	0

## II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	35	0	0			
Waipara	15	0	0			
Stratford	10	0	0			
Hawera	35	0	0			
Opunake	10	0	0			
Wanganui	35	0	0			
Rangitikei	7	0	0			
Sandon	15	0	0			
Feilding	15	0	0			
Palmerston North	35	0	0			
Kimbolton	5	0	0			
West Coast Maori Mis.	10	0	0			
Mangaweka	3	0	0			
Waimarino	3	0	0			
Eltham	5	0	0			
				238	0	0

## III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington, Taranaki-st.	90	0	0			
South	20	0	0			
Hutt	25	0	0			
Greytown	12	0	0			
Masterton	20	0	0			
Napier	23	0	0			
Hastings	10	0	0			
Gisborne	10	0	0			
Eketahuna	5	0	0			
Levin-Otaki	12	0	0			
Dannevirke	7	0	0			
Waipawa	7	0	0			
Woodville	10	0	0			
Pahiatua	5	0	0			
Norsewood	5	0	0			
				261	0	0

## IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson	35	0	0			
Richmond	7	10	0			
Blenheim	55	0	0			
Hokitika	8	0	0			
Greymouth	17	0	0			
Carried forward	£1,039	15	0			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				1,039	15	0
Motueka	5	10	0			
Reefton	10	0	0			
Westport	7	0	0			
Kumara	3	0	0			
Havelock	2	0	0			
				150	0	0

## V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christch'ch, Durham-st.	130	0	0			
South	35	0	0			
St. Alban's	25	0	0			
Papanui	13	0	0			
Lyttelton	22	10	0			
Springston	30	0	0			
Leeston	25	0	0			
Kaipoi	35	0	0			
Rangiora	30	0	0			
Oxford	5	0	0			
Amberley & Waikari	4	0	0			
Timaru	30	0	0			
Waimate	21	0	0			
Temuka	12	0	0			
Ashburton	25	0	0			
Willowby	20	0	0			
Malvern	7	0	0			
Methven	3	0	0			
Bank' Peninsula	2	0	0			
				474	10	

## VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin, Trinity	65	0	0			
Central Mission	35	0	0			
Cargill Road	30	0	0			
Mornington	25	0	0			
Port Chalmers	8	0	0			
Balclutha	10	0	0			
Milton	8	0	0			
Lawrence	8	0	0			
Invercargill	17	10	0			
Oamaru	12	0	0			
Gore	6	0	0			
Otautau	7	10	0			
Roxburgh	5	0	0			
Cromwell	7	10	0			
Tapanui	2	0	0			
Palmerston	3	0	0			
				249	10	0
Birthday League				60	0	0

## CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.

Auckland	230	0	0			
Grey Institute	400	0	0			
Kai Iwi	110	0	0			
				740	0	0

## INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.

Auckland	120	0	0			
Canterbury	50	0	0			
				170	0	0
Maori Books out				10	0	0

£2,893 15 0

# CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

EXPENDITURE, AS RECOMMENDED FOR 1904.

## EXPENDITURE.

By Debit Balance, 1903 £ s. d. 111 8 5

### MAORI MISSIONS.

AUCKLAND.  
 Missionary Superind't 225 0 0  
 Connexional Funds .. 44 0 0  
 House Rent .. 52 0 0  
 Travelling .. 35 0 0  
 Student Probationer .. 30 0 0  
 Travelling .. 10 0 0  
 Assistant Probationer,  
 3 quarters .. 75 0 0  
 Travelling .. 7 10 0  
 Super. Fund .. 8 12 6

### HOKIANGA.

Native Minister.. 60 0 0  
 Native Minister.. 40 0 0

### KAIKAPARA.

Native Minister.. 60 0 0  
 Travelling .. 10 0 0

### WAIKATO.

Native Minister.. 60 0 0  
 Native Minister.. 40 0 0

### WHANGAROA.

Native Minister.. 40 0 0

### WANGANUI.

Missionary .. 200 0 0  
 Connexional Funds .. 38 2 6  
 Travelling .. 7 10 0  
 House Rent .. 35 0 0  
 Native Minister.. 100 0 0  
 Travelling .. 7 10 0  
 Native Probationer,  
 3 quarters .. 30 0 0

1,215 5 0

### HOME MISSION STATIONS.

#### AUCKLAND.

Bay of Islands .. 15 0 0  
 Whangaroa .. 15 0 0  
 Hokianga .. 30 0 0  
 Helensville .. 15 0 0  
 Kuaotunu and Mer-  
 cury Bay .. 20 0 0

#### WANGANUI.

Mangaweka .. 35 0 0  
 Taihape, 3 quarters .. 30 0 0  
 Waimarino .. 30 0 0

#### WELLINGTON.

Norswood .. 20 0 0

#### NELSON.

Kumara .. 10 0 0  
 Havelock .. 30 0 0

#### CANTERBURY.

Amberley .. 25 0 0  
 Methven .. 10 0 0  
 Banks' Peninsula .. 40 0 0

#### OTAGO.

Tapanui .. 20 0 0  
 Palmerston .. 10 0 0  
 Queenstown—as wanted 12 0 0

367 0 0

### AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARY.

#### AUCKLAND.

N. Wairoa (Kaihu) .. 20 0 0  
 Whangarei (Hikurangi) 40 0 0  
 Upper Thames, 3q'rters. 30 0 0  
 Cambridge (Te Aw'm'tu) 5 0 0

Carried forward .. £1,693 13 5

Brought forward .. £ s. d. 1,693 13 5

Hamilton (Huntly) .. 10 0 0  
 Grafton Road (Parnell),  
 3 quarters .. 22 10 0  
 Mahurangi (Port Albert)  
 3 quarters .. 30 0 0

#### WANGANUI.

New Plymouth (Rahotu) 15 0 0

#### WELLINGTON.

Levin-Otaki .. 20 0 0

#### NELSON.

Greymouth (Blackball),  
 3 quarters .. 37 10 0

#### OTAGO.

Cargill Road (Penin-  
 sula) 1 quarter .. 3 15 0  
 Mosgiel .. 5 0 0

238 15 0

### AIDED CIRCUITS.

#### AUCKLAND.

Mahurangi .. 15 0 0  
 Colomandel, 1 quarter 25 0 0  
 " 3 quarters 30 0 0  
 Rotorua, 3 quarters .. 30 0 0

#### WANGANUI.

Eltham .. 25 0 0  
 Rangitikei .. 25 0 0  
 Kimbolton .. 50 0 0

#### WELLINGTON.

Greytown .. 30 0 0  
 Hastings .. 20 0 0  
 Gisborne .. 15 0 0  
 Eketahuna .. 45 0 0  
 Dannevirke .. 30 0 0  
 Waipawa .. 50 0 0  
 Woodville.. 20 0 0  
 Pahiatua .. 20 0 0

#### NELSON.

Richmond .. 10 0 0  
 Blenheim .. 15 0 0  
 Hokitika .. 15 0 0  
 Westport .. 25 0 0

#### CANTERBURY.

Papanui .. 30 0 0  
 Springston, 1 quarter .. 3 15 0  
 Oxford .. 50 0 0

#### OTAGO.

Cargill Road, 3 quarters 37 10 0  
 Milton .. 25 0 0  
 Gore .. 20 0 0  
 Otautau .. 15 0 0  
 Riverton, 3 quarters .. 30 0 0  
 Roxburgh .. 25 0 0  
 Cromwell .. 30 0 0

761 5 0

### SPECIAL.

Methven, refund to ex-  
 President .. 6 12 6  
 Connexional Secretary 65 0 0  
 Ministerial Supply .. 40 0 0

111 12 6

### GENERAL.

Printing Reports, etc... 40 0 0  
 Interest and Exchange 50 0 0  
 Office Rent .. 21 0 0  
 Miscellaneous .. 100 0 0

211 0 0

£3,016 5 11

## I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT,

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Members.	On Trial.	Other Communicants.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
Auckland—Pitt Street ...	7	5	6	1	28	23	645	7	105	96	6	7	138	1286	3,800
Wesley College ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Freeman's Bay ...	1	...	1	...	5	1	138	...	...	...	1	1	23	210	570
North Shore ...	5	4	4	...	6	...	210	...	40	...	1	5	55	442	928
Grafton Road ...	5	2	3	...	7	3	239	...	10	37	...	4	52	453	1,375
Maori Mission ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mahurangi ...	3	10	1	...	7	...	100	...	20	...	...	4	8	112	500
Thames ...	2	2	1	...	2	3	131	8	...	11	...	2	33	234	800
Upper Thames ...	7	11	3	1	15	4	218	8	...	45	3	8	51	464	1,500
Manukau ...	6	1	2	...	10	6	176	...	50	12	1	4	31	260	1,000
Franklin ...	7	12	1	1	9	2	214	1	35	40	1	4	19	162	1,200
Cambridge ...	5	6	1	1	8	...	138	...	1	3	2	5	16	170	740
Hamilton ...	3	19	1	1	8	...	180	8	20	18	1	3	17	147	1,000
Paparoa ...	5	6	2	...	8	1	120	1	15	...	...	4	14	90	530
Northern Wairoa ...	5	9	1	1	15	...	127	...	10	...	...	6	25	220	1,070
Whangarei ...	4	6	1	1	6	...	95	5	30	...	...	3	26	271	750
Tauranga ...	1	2	...	1	2	1	44	...	44	...	...	1	6	46	280
Coromandel ...	2	4	1	1	1	1	58	...	10	...	...	2	14	91	360
Helensville ...	4	7	...	1	...	...	47	1	20	...	1	4	9	73	375
Bay of Islands ...	2	5	...	1	2	1	55	...	...	...	...	3	6	65	350
Hokianga ...	2	5	...	1	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	2	5	30	300
Whangaroa ...	1	8	...	1	2	...	41	...	...	...	...	1	3	24	320
Totals ...	77	124	31	13	141	46	2,991	39	410	262	18	73	551	4,850	17,748

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Members.	On Trial.	Other Communicants.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
New Plymouth .. .. .	7	10	2	1	18	4	293	1	24	20	...	8	48	410	1,350
Waitara... .. .	5	9	2	...	11	5	270	...	12	...	2	6	35	352	1,080
Stratford .. .. .	2	5	1	...	4	1	101	5	17	15	1	2	11	119	515
Hawera... .. .	4	5	2	...	9	1	155	...	20	25	1	2	16	183	950
Opunake .. .. .	4	5	1	...	6	...	73	3	...	4	1	1	4	40	480
Wanganui .. .. .	3	3	2	...	8	2	223	11	25	50	5	3	29	301	1,300
Rangitikei .. .. .	3	...	1	...	1	...	39	...	6	...	1	1	7	64	158
Sandon .. .. .	3	1	2	...	7	...	108	5	8	19	1	2	17	106	400
Feilding .. .. .	3	...	1	...	4	...	83	...	14	16	...	2	14	140	360
Palmerston North .. .. .	6	3	2	...	11	...	323	12	34	16	1	6	54	643	1,540
Kiwitea ... .. .	3	5	1	...	5	...	49	...	...	...	...	4	13	125	380
West Coast Maori Mission .. .. .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mangaweka .. .. .	3	5	...	1	4	...	52	...	...	...	1	3	5	52	313
Wainarino .. .. .	2	1	...	1	1	...	32	...	...	...	...	3	6	70	300
Eltham ... .. .	6	...	...	1	1	...	46	...	...	...	...	2	6	60	320
Totals .. .. .	48	58	18	4	90	13	1,847	37	160	165	14	45	265	2,665	9,446

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries.	Local Teachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Members.	On Trial.	Other Communicants.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
Wellington (Taranaki Street) ...	6	2	5	...	20	4	496	7	..	121	12	6	84	1,192	3,300
Wellington (South) ...	2	1	1	...	3	1	166	...	20	21	...	2	30	344	750
Hutt ...	5	2	4	...	8	...	170	1	...	35	...	6	44	350	850
Greytown ...	6	4	2	...	3	2	154	5	6	4	..	6	33	273	800
Masterton ...	2	3	1	...	9	...	160	8	12	...	2	3	27	350	900
Napier ..	4	1	1	...	3	1	123	7	9	36	...	4	25	274	630
Hastings ...	1	3	1	...	5	1	82	...	5	...	2	2	19	178	425
Gisborne ...	1	4	1	...	4	1	97	...	10	...	1	1	9	107	439
Eketahuna ...	2	7	1	...	3	...	54	...	7	...	...	4	12	132	400
Dannevirke ...	1	7	1	...	5	2	58	...	30	...	1	2	8	126	550
Otaki ...	4	3	1	1	4	...	98	...	12	10	1	4	13	147	500
Waipawa ...	2	5	1	...	...	...	27	...	16	...	1	1	2	12	400
Woodville ...	2	...	1	...	4	...	107	2	...	3	...	2	11	106	300
Pahiatua ...	3	4	1	...	3	...	73	10	20	8	...	2	7	71	475
Norsewood ...	3	3	...	1	6	2	50	4	6	...	1	1	6	103	330
Totals ...	44	49	22	2	80	14	1,915	44	153	238	21	46	330	3,765	11,049

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.				Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Members.	On Trial.	Other Communicants.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
Nelson ...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	4	...	160	20	...	20	6	1	18	179	500
Richmond	...	...	...	6	2	1	...	6	...	132	10	7	...	6	5	24	176	676
Blenheim	...	...	...	4	5	2	...	7	4	163	24	...	39	5	4	47	364	1,004
Hokotika	...	..	...	3	4	1	...	4	1	66	2	...	17	3	1	9	55	360
Greymouth	...	...	...	2	3	1	...	3	4	157	...	2	20	1	3	28	241	670
Motueka	...	...	...	2	4	1	...	2	...	126	...	10	17	1	4	26	175	620
Reefton	...	..	...	2	2	1	...	5	...	107	16	4	4	1	2	17	178	520
Westport	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	55	2	2	9	...	1	12	100	220
Kumara	...	..	...	2	6	...	1	1	..	35	2	..	10	1	1	6	53	160
Havelock	...	...	...	2	6	...	1	...	...	35	...	...	..	...	2	6	45	420
Totals ..	...	...	...	25	33	10	2	33	9	1,036	76	25	136	24	24	193	1,566	5,150

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Members.	On Trial.	Other Communicants.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S. S. Scholars.
Christchurch (Durham Street) ...	10	...	11	...	26	6	853	21	45	110	13	10	143	1,476	4,220
„ (South) ...	5	1	2	...	9	6	328	10	...	35	3	6	91	803	2,157
„ (St. Albans) ...	2	...	...	...	6	...	194	...	...	12	4	2	40	394	800
„ (Papanui) ...	4	...	1	...	4	1	136	...	16	...	3	4	24	205	520
Lyttelton ...	2	...	1	...	2	1	84	...	10	20	4	2	18	220	500
Springston ...	9	1	2	...	7	...	205	10	25	...	3	4	30	229	900
Leeston ...	5	1	1	...	5	1	170	...	15	...	...	5	22	149	900
Kaipoi ...	7	1	2	...	5	...	299	...	10	40	...	8	53	530	1,135
Rangiora ...	7	...	2	...	9	...	278	...	15	...	3	6	40	337	935
Oxford ...	2	2	1	...	1	...	29	...	14	...	...	3	11	102	300
Amberly and Waikari ...	1	3	...	1	1	...	30	...	10	...	...	1	6	40	260
Timaru ...	2	4	1	...	13	3	207	...	20	...	1	1	26	270	950
Waimate ...	2	1	1	...	10	2	178	1	...	30	2	1	17	121	650
Temuka ...	2	4	1	...	2	...	64	...	1	20	1	1	8	53	368
Ashburton ...	3	1	1	...	4	2	177	...	6	...	...	1	30	167	700
Willowby ...	5	5	1	...	14	2	144	1	12	19	2	4	25	150	600
Malvern ...	4	2	1	...	9	...	46	...	6	...	...	2	7	61	300
Methven ...	1	4	...	1	2	1	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
Cheviot ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Banks Peninsula ...	1	1	...	1	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
Totals ...	75	31	29	3	129	25	3,501	43	205	286	39	61	591	5,307	16,535

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.			Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Members.	On Trial.	Other Communicants.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S. S. Scholars.
Dunedin—Trinity	...	...	21	1	1	1	9	4	300	...	20	10	2	3	36	296	950
„ Central Mission	...	...		1	1	...	4	3	331	10	20	28	3	1	18	148	2,300
„ Cargill Road	...	...	3	9	1	2	12	5	314	13	...	35	6	5	52	437	1,560
„ Mornington	...	...	3	1	2	...	7	4	278	8	...	25	3	4	50	364	878
Port Chalmers	...	...	2	2	1	1	5	4	88	...	...	...	...	1	14	86	400
Balclutha	...	...	2	1	1	...	1	1	57	...	30	30	...	2	13	110	500
Milton	...	...	1	5	1	...	1	...	61	5	11	8	1	1	11	70	330
Lawrence	...	...	2	3	1	...	2	...	81	...	10	13	1	2	9	44	370
Invercargill	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	149	...	...	...	...	1	13	144	465
Oamaru	...	...	2	4	1	...	5	1	133	...	15	35	1	1	19	117	575
Gore	...	...	1	4	1	...	3	...	71	...	8	22	...	1	8	91	450
Otautau	...	...	5	6	1	...	2	2	91	20	20	...	1	4	16	168	550
Roxburgh	...	...	3	1	1	...	3	1	65	...	30	7	...	3	8	71	300
Cromwell	...	...	2	3	1	...	2	1	66	2	7	9	...	1	3	32	300
Wakatipu	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	1	2	12	22
Tapanui	...	...	1	3	...	1	1	...	24	...	...	...	1	1	3	23	190
Palmerston	...	...	2	1	...	1	2	...	24	1	9	...	2	1	6	45	200
Totals	...	...	35	45	15	6	61	26	2,140	59	180	222	21	33	281	2,258	10,280

MAORI WORK.

Auckland	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga	...	...	3	19	2	2	20	6	512	...	39	...	2	2	3	148	1,930	
Kaipara	...	...	5	10	1	1	14	2	256	43	30	...	7	3	2	50	450	
Waikato	...	...	...	20	2	2	19	2	236	10	25	...	14	2	2	80	2,000	
Whangaroa	...	...	2	7	1	...	9	9	212	...	25	...	18	1	1	80	350	
West Coast	...	...	2	32	1	...	5	...	29	...	35	...	...	3	...	50	650	
Totals	...	...	12	88	8	5	67	19	1,245	53	154	...	41	11	8	408	5,380	

GENERAL SUMMARY OF DISTRICTS.

I.—EUROPEAN WORK.

DISTRICTS.			Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Members.	On Trial.	Other Communicants.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
Auckland	...	...	77	124	30	13	141	46	2,991	39	410	262	18	73	551	4,850	17,748
Wanganui	...	...	48	58	18	4	90	13	1,847	37	160	165	13	45	265	2,665	9,446
Wellington	...	...	44	49	22	2	80	14	1,915	44	153	238	21	46	330	3,765	11,049
Nelson	...	...	25	33	10	2	33	9	1,036	76	25	136	24	24	193	1,566	5,150
Canterbury	...	...	75	31	29	3	129	25	3,501	43	205	286	39	61	591	5,307	16,535
Otago	...	...	35	45	15	6	61	26	2,140	59	180	222	21	33	281	2,258	10,280
Totals	...	...	304	340	124	30	534	133	13,430	298	1133	1309	136	282	2,211	20,411	70,208
Increase	...	...	8	...	2	2	28	...	652	...	...	...	22	5	48	488	1,652
Decrease	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	9	...	330	8	157	...	...	...	...	...

II.—MAORI WORK.

Auckland	...	...	10	56	7	5	62	19	1,216	53	119	...	41	8	8	358	4,730
Wanganui	...	...	2	32	1	...	5	...	29	...	35	...	...	3	...	50	650
Totals	...	...	12	88	8	5	67	19	1,245	53	154	...	41	11	8	408	5,380
Increase	...	...	...	9	...	1	14	12	49	11	102	...	25	4	..	191	205
Decrease	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

## GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

## I.—MEMBERS.

DISTRICTS.	1903.	1902.	Increase.	Decrease.	On Trial.
Auckland ... ..	2,991	2,950	41		39
Wanganui... ..	1,847	1,767	80		37
Wellington ... ..	1,915	1,789	126		44
Nelson ... ..	1,036	974	62		76
Canterbury ... ..	3,501	3,291	210		43
Otago ... ..	2,140	2,007	133		59
Maori Members ... ..	1,245	1,196	49		53
Totals ... ..	14,675	13,974	701		351

## II.—MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

DISTRICTS.	European Ministers.	European Probationers	Supernumeraries.	Maori Ministers.	Maori Probationers	Totals.
Auckland... ..	22	3	6	5	2	38
Wanganui ... ..	14	2	2		1	19
Wellington ... ..	15	5	2			22
Nelson ... ..	6	3	1			10
Canterbury ... ..	23	3	3			29
Otago ... ..	14	1				15
Totals ... ..	94	17	14	5	3	133

## APPENDIX L.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, 1903.

## GENERAL SUMMARY.

DISTRICT.	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 Connexional Sunday School Union.	Approximate No. of Meth. Children in Undernominational S. Schools.	Scholars.		Teachers.	
													Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Auckland ...	73	4,850	3,315	551	440	409	229	262	9,139	27	...	...	229	...	18	...
Wanganui ...	45	2,665	1,817	265	220	235	149	161	4,228	24	2	...	...	93	...	9
Wellington ...	46	3,765	2,418	330	278	294	125	224	6,033	30	...	5	163	...	6	...
Nelson ...	24	1,566	1,057	193	144	163	141	149	4,323	9	3	...	...	47	8	...
Canterbury ...	61	5,307	3,674	591	472	461	237	261	10,771	43	24	139	76	...	9	...
Otago ...	33	2,258	1,700	281	240	243	145	206	6,242	28	3	85	160	...	16	...
Totals ...	282	20,411	13,981	2,211	1,794	1,805	1,026	1,263	40,736	161	32	229	628	140	57	9
Totals last year	277	19,923	13,805	2,163	1,804	1,833	955	1,468	42,314	170	33	338	...	...	...	...
Increase ...	5	488	176	48	...	...	71	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease ...	...	...	...	...	10	28	...	205	1,578	9	1	109	...	...	...	...

## MAORI WORK.

Schools, 11 ; Scholars, 408 ; Teachers, 8.

## APPENDIX M.

## TEMPERANCE RETURNS, 1903.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Bands of Hope.	No. of Mem- bers.	No. of Sunday Scholars in Non-Connexional Bands of Hope.	No. of Con- nexional Tem- perance So- cieties.	No. of Mem- bers in Con- nexional Tem- perance So- cieties.
Auckland ... ..	25	1,494	...	...	...
Auckland (Maori)	...	1,600	...	...	...
Wanganui ... ..	13	1,040	190	...	...
Wellington ... ..	16	1,592	160	...	...
Nelson .. ...	7	495	35	...	...
Canterbury ... ..	25	2,156	425	...	...
Otago ... ..	8	477	76	...	...
Totals ... ..	94	8,854	886	...	...

N.B.—The Returns being in some particulars incomplete, no comparison of Increase or Decrease can be accurately made.

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Australasian Methodist Church  
Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers'  
Widows' Fund.

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURERS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1903;

ALSO FOR THE TRIENNIAL, 1901 TO 1903.

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

*For the Year ending 31st December, 1903.*

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As required by Rule 9 of the Fund, the Treasurers present to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference the following Report for the year ending 31st December, 1903 :—

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

In relation to the purchase of benefits under Methodist Union, 47 additional agreements have been signed, and returned to the office. The large amount of £9377 6s. has been received during the year on account of these and of the purchases previously reported. Of course, there is a corresponding amount of liability incurred. Every effort has been made to complete this business, but in nearly all the Conferences there are Ministers from whom agreements have not yet been obtained. In most cases where the agreement has been made and there is still a balance owing to the Fund, life policies or other securities have been deposited, pending the completion of the transaction.

The amount received from Ministers' subscriptions includes payments on account of arrears by some who have complied with the direction of the General Conference of 1897, but there are others who apparently make no effort to reduce their liabilities.

For Circuit Levies the receipts are considerably in advance of last year, but the regulation which requires Chairmen of Districts and Financial Secretaries to promptly remit these at the end of each quarter is not yet universally observed.

It has been found necessary to take possession of further properties during the year. These, however, were all old Loans, and the accounts had been in an unsatisfactory condition for some years previously.

The expenditure on these, and other properties in possession, for repairs and sewerage, is necessarily large, but by the employment of a competent working overseer, the Board has been enabled to put many of them in a satisfactory condition, at an outlay much less than would have been otherwise incurred. The amount received on account of rents is in excess of the previous year. All the properties in possession have been inspected and reported upon.

Some sales of vacant land and one or two small properties have been effected, but as the accounts with which they are connected have not yet been closed, no loss is for the present reported.

The inspection of properties in Victoria on which loans were previously granted and are still current has been continued during the year, and will be completed prior to the General Conference. The advantage of this is already apparent.

Weekly meetings of the Board or its Committees have been held, and careful and prolonged attention has been given to all the business. In addition to attending meetings, the Treasurers give a large amount of time to the inspection of properties on which loans are sought, all such properties being seen by members of the Board as well as the valuers employed.

During the year larger and more convenient offices have been secured in Collins-street, at a rent less than that previously paid. It has already been found of great advantage to the business of the Fund to be in the commercial centre of the city.

The Revenue Account shows that during the year £27,382 2s. 9d. has been added to the assets. More than a third of this is represented by the payments on account of Methodist Union. When it is remembered that the remaining two-thirds represent chiefly the payments made for, and on behalf of, over 720 men, as the provision for their future needs, the amount will not be deemed excessive.

The following Statement of Receipts from the several Annual Conferences on account of Ministers' subscriptions

and fines, and Circuit Levies, together with the list of arrears, is presented as directed:—

### RECEIPTS.

#### *Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.*

New South Wales Conference	..	£1313	2	6
Victoria and Tasmania	..	1925	14	11
South Australia	..	790	18	6
New Zealand	..	917	13	10
Queensland	..	321	3	1
Western Australia	..	331	16	11
		£5600	9	9

#### *Circuit Levies.*

New South Wales Conference	..	£1831	0	6
Victoria and Tasmania	..	2785	2	6
South Australia	..	1140	16	6
New Zealand	..	1350	2	10
Queensland	..	575	12	2
Western Australia	..	409	15	0
		£8092	9	6

Less Expenses of Remittances and other charges by Conference Treasurers	..	39	9	3
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### ARREARS.

#### *Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.*

	ARREARS.		FINES.		TOTALS.
N.S. Wales Conference	£1009 11 6	..	£281 9 9	..	£1291 1 3
Victoria & Tas. ,,	2335 10 6	..	783 15 0	..	3119 5 6
South Australia ,,	768 4 6	..	353 0 0	..	1121 4 6
New Zealand ,,	488 2 5	..	106 11 0	..	594 13 5
Queensland ,,	761 11 11	..	154 5 0	..	915 16 11
West. Australia ,,	435 13 10	..	152 17 0	..	588 10 10
	£5798 14 8	..	£1831 17 9	..	£7630 12 5

These arrears are larger even than last year, and as Ministers on their retirement can only claim super-numerary allowances for the years actually paid, and the same rule applies to their Widows, in the case of death, it is greatly to their own interest that they should pay the amounts owing.

The approximate amount of Circuit Levies due up to 30th September last, and including arrears, was £1428 2s. 6d. This should all have been in the hands of the General Treasurers by 31st October, and the delay in remittance means a loss of interest.

Five Supernumeraries and two of the Widow Annuitants have died during the year. The number on the books on 31st December was—Supernumeraries, 75; Widows, 92.

The Rev. E. W. Nye, on being appointed to Castlemaine, resigned his position on the Board, and the Conference appointed the Rev. W. Hunt to fill the vacancy. Shortly after the Conference, the Rev. T. Grove also resigned, and, with the approval of the President of the Conference, the Rev. W. Presley was elected in his place.

According to the Rules of the Fund, Mr. W. R. Bennetts, who has rendered admirable service as one of the Treasurers of the Fund for ten years past, must retire at the General Conference. The Treasurers nominate Mr. T. Bond as his successor.

Messrs. W. A. Mewton, F.I.A.V., and H. G. M'Cutcheon, F.I.A.V., are nominated by the Board as Auditors.

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

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS'  
WIDOWS' FUND.

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TRIENNIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF  
1904, AND TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES PRECEDING.

IN accordance with instructions in Rule 9, the Treasurers have the honour to submit the following Report:—

1. The Annual Reports and Statements of Accounts for the years 1901, 1902, and 1903 have been duly submitted to the Victoria and Tasmania Annual Conference as directed. Copies of these Reports and Accounts have also been sent to each of the Annual Conferences, and a supply has been furnished to be bound with the *Minutes*.

2. In view of the fact that Mr. Graham's valuation of the Fund and questions arising therefrom were remitted by the General Conference to a Special Committee, the Treasurers have not thought it necessary to obtain a further valuation during the triennium.

3. The Special Committee having decided to recommend an increase of the Ministers' Subscriptions and Circuit Levies to £8 17s. and £11 10s. respectively, and to reduce the allowances as per Scale C by 20 per cent., and the furniture grants to £25 for Ministers of over fifteen years' standing, and £17 10s. for those of between eight and fifteen years, and the Annual Conferences having endorsed this proposal by a vote of 498 to 247, the President of the General Conference issued Regulations to this effect, and such alterations have been carried out since June 30th, 1902. The effect of this has been to lessen the amount paid to Annuitants, and to increase the ordinary income, and thus prevent the actuarial deficit being seriously augmented.

4. The Special Committee endorsed the recommendation of the Actuary in regard to second marriages of Ministers,

and instead of preparing new tables, agreed that each application should be dealt with by the Treasurers on strictly actuarial principles. This has been acted upon, but the Regulation will need to be endorsed by the General Conference.

5. As directed by the last General Conference, New Tables for the purchase of Benefits in connection with Ministers coming in through Methodist Union have been prepared, and every effort made to have the agreements in connection therewith completed. According to the lists in the *Minutes*, 233 Ministers and Probationers have thus come into the Church since 1896. Twenty-nine of these were Supernumeraries, who did not come on the Fund. Of the others, under the Regulation of Conference, ten have been exempted from joining the Fund, and seven have retired from the work. From 153 the agreements have been received. In fourteen other cases purchases have been agreed to, but agreements are not yet furnished. Twenty have not yet entered into an agreement. Up to December 31st last, £23,884 5s. 9d. had been paid in by Ministers on this account, and corresponding liabilities had been incurred.

6. During the triennium it has been found necessary to take possession of a number of properties in which the interest was falling hopelessly into arrears. These were all old loans, and the Treasurers believe that it is unlikely any others of any magnitude will fall into their hands.

7. The oversight of these properties demands constant care and watchfulness, and a considerable expenditure has been necessary for repairs and sewerage. This is now being carried out more effectively and economically than formerly, by employing a competent tradesman as Working Overseer.

8. Sales of such properties have been effected wherever it was thought prudent. Vacant lands, non-rent-producing, have, as far as possible, been disposed of, and the heavy loss reported in 1902 arose chiefly from this. The Treasurers are not of opinion that those now held should be forced into the market, believing that by watching for opportunities better prices will be obtained. They have gone carefully through the list, and believe that the amount set aside for suspense account will meet all probable losses.

9. The greatest care has been exercised in regard to moneys advanced on mortgage, all properties offered as

securities being carefully inspected by the Board as well as by a paid Valuator. In New South Wales, where a considerable sum has been loaned, the same precautions are taken.

10. The Treasurers are glad to report that the rate of interest earned in each year of the triennium is in advance of that reported for 1900, also that the rate has hardened during the past few months.

11. From the yearly balance-sheets it will be seen that a considerable portion of the Funds is now invested in Victorian Government Stock, and Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures. The Treasurers do not think it desirable that investments should be confined to this class of security, but recommend that the area of such investments be enlarged, so that they may purchase securities of any of the Australian States or New Zealand, and approved municipal debentures.

12. A considerable amount has been lent on freehold security in New South Wales, and a small sum in Queensland. Otherwise the investments are in Victoria.

13. A resolution of the General Conference of 1897 requires that there should be shown therein "premiums at interest proper for the three years, with any variations thereof by payment of arrears, short payments, or payments in advance." This has not been included in the annual statements. A return for the three years past will be prepared for the use of the General Conference, but the Treasurers suggest some modification of this regulation.

14. The Treasurers also believe that the accounts will be better understood by leaving out the abstract of receipts and expenditure, and having a revenue account and balance-sheet only, and recommend accordingly.

15. The Treasurers have to report that there have been considerable changes in the *personnel* of the Board since the last General Conference. Dr. Morley took up his appointment as Managing Treasurer and Trustee at the date appointed. Mr. E. Whitehead, after a long and very effective service as Acting Treasurer and one of the Trustees, was obliged to retire on account of failure of health. The vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. Sweet. The Rev. J. A. Marsland also retired for the same reason, and Revs. E. W. Nye and T. Grove on account of being appointed to Circuits at a distance from Melbourne. The Revs. J. G. When, W. Hunt, and

W. Presley were duly appointed to fill these vacancies. In accordance with the rules, Mr. W. R. Bennetts, the senior lay Treasurer, must retire at the General Conference, after rendering excellent service both as a member of the Board and one of the Trustees. Mr. T. Bond is nominated by the Board as his successor.

16. The Board recommends that Messrs. W. A. Mewton, F.I.A.V., and H. G. M'Cutcheon, F.I.A.V., be the Auditors during the interval between the General Conference in May next and the subsequent one.

WILLIAM R. BENNETTS	} General Treasurers.
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WILLIAM PRESLEY	

AUSTRALASIAN  
SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS'

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR

RECEIPTS.

To Bank Balances at 31st Dec., 1902	£6,123 15 9		
„ Cash on hand „ „	65 14 1		
			£6,189 9 10
„ Loans repaid .. ..	.. ..		10,472 14 8
„ Sales of Property .. ..	.. ..		630 5 10
„ Rents, &c., <i>re</i> Properties in possession ..			1,852 9 0
„ Interest on Loans .. ..	£9,999 7 9		
„ „ Debentures and Gov. Stock .. ..	1,312 9 6		
			11,311 17 3
„ Dividend—Commercial Bank Shares .. ..			54 0 0
„ Ministers' Subscriptions .. ..			5,600 9 9
„ Purchase of Benefits, ex-Minor Methodist Ministers—			
Victoria & Tasmania Conference	£5,586 10 4		
New South Wales „	1,317 12 9		
South Australia „	1,430 18 11		
New Zealand „	368 19 10		
Queensland „	673 4 2		
			9,377 6 0
„ Circuit Levies .. ..			8,053 0 3
„ Mission Districts, in lieu of Circuit Levies ..			211 13 0
„ Second Marriage Premiums .. ..			412 5 5
„ English Annuitant Societies .. ..			978 5 0
„ Bills Receivable .. ..			2 10 0
„ Furniture Grant Refunds .. ..			52 10 0
„ Royal Bank, Brisbane, per Contra .. ..			200 0 0
„ Ministers' Annuities Adjustment .. ..			60 15 8
„ General Conference .. ..			321 8 6
„ Sandries—			
Refund Expenses <i>re</i> Inspections	£2 7 6		
„ <i>re</i> Office Fittings ..	3 10 0		
„ „ Rents ..	0 13 10		
Discount .. ..	0 1 6		
Rent Office sub-let .. ..	4 6 8		
Commission received .. ..	4 13 5		
Exchanges .. ..	2 5 0		
			17 17 11

£55,798 18 1

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.  
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MELBOURNE, 9th February, 1904.

METHODIST CHURCH  
AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.  
THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1903.

EXPENDITURE.			
By Ministers' Annuities .. ..	£5,207	10	1
„ „ „ Interest on			
„ „ „ Donation .. ..	90	0	0
„ Widows' Annuities .. ..	2,728	15	8
			£8,026 5 9
„ Furniture Grants .. ..			254 14 4
„ Loans—Victoria .. ..	£20,922	11	4
„ „ New South Wales .. ..	5,194	16	10
			26,117 8 2
„ Properties in possession—			
Repairs .. ..	£517	4	9
Sewerage Connections .. ..	154	3	11
Rates and Taxes .. ..	150	16	7
Insurance Premiums .. ..	67	16	1
			890 1 4
„ Debentures—Melb. and Met. Board of Works ..			11,775 4 0
„ „ „ „ Interest .. ..			
„ „ „ „ „ „ „ „ „ .. ..			45 9 2
„ Ministers' Subscriptions returned .. ..			415 18 6
„ Refunds re Purchase of Benefits .. ..			96 17 6
„ Salaries—Managing Treasurer, Accountant, and Clerk .. ..			559 8 4
„ Managing Treasurer—			
House Rent .. ..	£90	0	0
Furniture Allowance .. ..	10	0	0
Travelling Expenses .. ..	7	12	0
			107 12 0
Levies Children's Fund .. ..	£16	0	0
„ „ Supernumerary Fund .. ..	11	10	0
			27 10 0
„ Office Rent .. ..			96 10 10
„ „ „ Furniture .. ..			19 12 1
„ Commissions paid New South Wales and Queensland			101 1 2
„ Actuarial Expenses .. ..			14 14 0
„ Auditors' Fees (Melbourne and Sydney) .. ..			35 14 0
„ Legal Expenses .. ..			49 8 0
„ Printing and Stationery .. ..			65 8 0
„ Bank Charges .. ..			29 1 7
„ Travelling Expenses—Board .. ..			5 0 0
„ Petty Cash and Stamps .. ..			44 12 1
„ General Expenses .. ..			71 11 0
„ Royal Bank, Brisbane, per Contra .. ..			200 0 0
„ Balance at Bankers (Melbourne) .. ..	£5,656	16	8
„ „ „ „ (Sydney) .. ..	1,017	17	7
„ Cash in Hand .. ..	75	2	0
			6,749 16 3
			£55,798 18 1

AUSTRALASIAN  
SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS'

DR. REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

To	Ministers' Annuities and			
	Interest on Donation ..	£5,278	7 10	
	Widows' Annuities ..	2,921	8 3	
				£8,199 16 1
	Furniture Grants .. ..			176 13 4
	Ministers' Subscriptions returned	£399	2 0	
	Ministers' Subscriptions—Arrears written off Ministers resigned	258	6 9	
				657 8 9
	Auditors' Fees .. ..			67 4 0
	Salaries .. ..			559 8 4
	Rent—House .. ..			90 0 0
	Rent—Office .. ..	£95	17 0	
	Less Sub-Rents .. ..	4	6 8	
				91 10 4
	Furniture Allowance and Renewals ..			10 0 0
	Travelling Expenses .. ..			12 12 0
	Printing and Stationery .. ..			65 8 0
	Exchanges and Bank Charges .. ..			31 2 7
	Actuarial Fees .. ..			14 14 0
	Postages and Telegrams .. ..			33 1 0
	Legal Expenses .. ..			49 8 0
	General Expenses .. ..			151 16 6
	Commissions—New South Wales and Queens- land .. ..			106 13 4
	Connexional Levies—Managing Treasurer ..			27 10 0
	Balance transferred to Capital Account ..			27,382 2 9
				£37,726 9 0

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

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MELBOURNE, 9th February, 1904.

METHODIST CHURCH  
AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1903.

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By English Annuitant Societies .. ..	.. ..	£949 12 1
„ Interest on Mortgages .. ..	£9,746 11 3	
Less Interest in Suspense .. ..	263 15 0	
	£9,482 16 3	
„ Interest on Debentures and Govt. Stock .. ..	1,516 6 4	
„ Interest on General Conference Debt .. ..	59 0 6	
		11,058 3 1
„ Rents on Properties in possession .. ..	.. ..	1,183 3 2
„ Ministers' Subscriptions .. ..	£6,208 7 0	
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Fines .. ..	334 0 0	
	£6,542 7 0	
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Amount received from Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities in the Fund	9,286 5 6	
		15,828 12 6
„ Circuit Levies .. ..	.. ..	7,860 7 9
„ Mission Stations, in lieu of Levies .. ..	.. ..	370 8 0
„ Second Marriage Premiums .. ..	.. ..	333 6 2
„ Furniture Grants .. ..	.. ..	80 0 0
„ Dividends .. ..	.. ..	54 0 0
„ Commissions Received .. ..	.. ..	4 13 5
„ Suspense Cash .. ..	.. ..	4 2 10
		£37,726 9 0

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

AUSTRALASIAN METHODIST CHURCH  
 SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

BALANCE-SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1903.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
To Capital .. ..	£271,651 13 8	By Investments—	
Plus Balance of Revenue		Loans on Mortgage ..	£193,409 12 8
Account transferred ..	27,382 2 9	Interest—Arrears ..	2,443 12 8
	£299,033 16 5	„ Accrued ..	778 2 4
„ Sundry Creditors ..	84 15 6		£196,631 7 8
		Less Interest in Suspense	263 15 0
			£196,367 12 8
		Properties in possession	£52,255 15 8
		Bills Receivable ..	135 2 8
			£52,390 18 4
		Less Rent in suspense ..	135 2 8
			52,255 15 8
		Preference Shares, Commercial Bank ..	1,800 0 0
		Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of	
		Works Debentures .. ..	35,550 4 8
		Victorian Government Stock and Debentures .. ..	12,692 14 8
		Interest and Dividend Accrued ..	471 7 5
			£299,137 15 1
		Less Provision for Shrinkage in the	
		Value of Securities and Losses of	
		Interest .. .. ..	20,371 10 3
			£278,766 4 10
		„ Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines ..	£9,917 19 4
		Less amounts Paid in	
		Advance .. ..	£83 3 2

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

2,204 3 9

2,287 6 11

7,630 12 5

By Circuit Levies .. ..	..	..	..	..	3,684 11 1
„ Mission Districts, in lieu of Collections .. ..	..	..	..	..	382 11 0
„ Furniture Grants .. ..	..	..	..	..	410 0 0
„ Second Marriage Premiums .. ..	..	..	..	..	159 1 2
„ English Annuitant Societies .. ..	..	..	..	..	711 10 6
„ Committee of Advice, Sydney (Cash at Bank) .. ..	..	..	..	..	1,017 17 7
„ Bills Receivable .. ..	..	..	..	..	413 6 0
„ Furniture—House .. ..	..	..	..	..	130 0 0
„ „ Office .. ..	..	..	..	..	55 0 10
„ Federal Bank, Adelaide .. ..	..	..	..	..	11 10 5
„ Materials <i>re</i> Working Overseer .. ..	..	..	..	..	12 5 1
„ Petty Cash and Stamps .. ..	..	..	..	..	2 2 4
„ Cash on hand .. ..	..	..	..	..	75 2 0
„ „ Balance at Bankers .. ..	..	..	..	..	5,656 16 8

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£299,118 11 11

£299,118 11 11

DR.	RESERVE ACCOUNT.	(PROVISION FOR LOSSES).	CR.
1903—Dec. 31st.—To Balance (See Amount deducted from Investments on Balance-sheet) £20,371 10 3		1902—Dec. 31st.—By Balance .. .. £20,331 10 3	
		1903—Dec. 31st.—Amount recovered previously written-off .. .. 40 0 0	
	<u>£20,371 10 3</u>		<u>£20,371 10 3</u>
			<u>£20,371 10 3</u>

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and Reserve Account for Provision for Losses, compared them with the books of the Fund, and found them to agree herewith. We have also seen the securities, and found them in order, each advance being represented by a mortgage for its amount, with the following exceptions, viz.:—Connexional Buildings, £598 8s. 6d.; No. 126, £388; D, £52 10s.

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

MELBOURNE, 9th February, 1904.

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Temporary. All releases from  
Custody

7 Feb 1985

1000 ft

1200 dist.

24 x 24

great work in house

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Officers discouraged

