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The Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand assembled in the Pitt Street Church, Auckland, on Friday, February 28th, 1908, and concluded its sessions on Tuesday, March 10th, 1908.

The first session was opened by the Rev. W. Slade, the retiring President of the Conference.

The Rev. C. E. Beecroft was elected President of the Conference, and the Rev. S. Lawry was elected Secretary.

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 C. Roberts
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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 names 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?

Ernest O. Blamires
 Angus McBean
 Alexander J. Reed
 George F. Stockwell,

Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION II.—What Preachers Remain on Trial?

Fred Copeland
 Arthur C. Randerson, M.A.
 Raymond Richards,

Who have travelled three years.

James R. Clark
 Percy R. Paris
 Charles Roberts,

Who have travelled two years.

William H. E. Abbey
 William W. Avery
 Charles Blair
 Harry A. G. Keck
 William G. Maslin
 William B. Scott
 George Snadden
 Robert H. Wylie,

Who have travelled one year.

HONOURS LIST.

The following passed their examinations with honours:—E. O. Blamires, A. McBean, A. J. Reed, A. C. Randerson, M.A., C. Roberts, R. H. Wylie.

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

Edwin Cox
 Charles B. Jordan, B.A.
 J. Frederick Martin
 Frederick Rands
 William H. Speer
 Robert B. Tinsley.

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

Alexander Allen
 William A. Burley
 John D. McArthur,

Who have completed one year.

James Richards, } accepted 1906.
 Charles H. Olds }

Horace L. Richards, accepted 1907.

Who have been employed during the year as Home Missionaries, are to enter the Theological Institution.

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

John B. Beeche
 Hardy Couch
 Leslie B. Neale
 William Rowe,

Are to enter the Theological Institution as vacancies arise.

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

Neho Hemi Papakakura

Who has travelled four years.

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

None.

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

None.

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

Tupito Maruera.

QUESTION X.—Is any Minister or Preacher on Trial designated for Foreign Mission Work?

The offer of William W. Avery is not accepted for the present year.

QUESTION XI.—What Ministers become Supernumeraries?

James Thomas.

Rev. James Thomas entered our Ministry in 1871, and was transferred to the New Zealand Conference in 1885, and has travelled in the following Circuits in the Dominion:—Richmond, Whangarei, Hamilton, Rangitikei, Greytown, Kiwitea, and Waitara. On account of broken health, his name has been placed on the list of permanent Super-

numeraries by the present Conference. Mr. Thomas is a brother of unblemished character, and his earlier Ministry was crowned with success in the winning of souls. He is respected and beloved by those who know him best. He retires from the active work with the best wishes of his brethren, who pray that the God of all Grace may grant him a long eventide of light, rest, and comfort.

Samuel J. Garlick (for one year).

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

Hamiora Kingi, for the Native Ministry.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers or Preachers on Trial have permission to Rest during the Year?

1. A Supply is granted to the Rev. T. E. Thomas, M.A., for the year, on account of his ill-health.
2. Thomas Fee, with a view to engaging in Temperance work.
3. Thomas A. Joughin, owing to ill-health.
4. Charles H. Laws, B.A., has permission to visit England; a Supply to be sent to his Circuit.
5. George F. Stockwell has permission to visit England.

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

Francis W. Isitt.

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

The question was duly asked and answered.

QUESTION XVI.—What Persons who were in Full Connexion with the Conference now cease to be recognised as Ministers among us?

Leonard M. Isitt, who has voluntarily retired.

The Rev. Leonard M. Isitt having tendered his resignation as a Minister of our Church, on account of having entered into business, this Conference desires to place on record its deep regret that Mr. Isitt has felt it necessary to take this step, also its high appreciation of the services rendered by him to the Church during the fifteen years of his active Ministry. His work as an eloquent preacher of righteousness, especially in such centres as Wellington and Christchurch, will long continue to bear fruit. He was one of the leaders of the Prohibition Movement, and since 1894 has devoted his great gifts to the advocacy of this reform, both in England and in New Zealand. The Conference rejoices to know that the endeavour to secure "No License" for the Dominion will still have his whole-hearted support. The Conference desires to assure Mr. Isitt that in his retirement from the Ministry of the Methodist Church, he carries with him the love and respect of his brethren, and their prayers for a successful future.

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

I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The following appointments are made for the year 1908:—

- Rev. H. E. Bellhouse: Secretary and Convener.
- Rev. S. Lawry: Section A for Candidates.
- Rev. J. H. Simmonds: Section B for Candidates.
- Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A.: Section C for Candidates.
- Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.: Latin for Probationers.
- Rev. H. R. Dewsbury: Hebrew and Greek.
- Rev. T. J. Wallis: English Bible, Old Testament, First and Second Years.
- Rev. J. Wrigley: English Bible, Old Testament, Third and Fourth Years.
- Rev. G. T. Marshall: English Bible, New Testament.
- Rev. W. Grigg: Wesley's Sermons.
- Rev. J. A. Lochore: Banks' Manual.
- Rev. T. E. Thomas, M.A.: Pope's Compendium, Second and Third Years.
- Rev. W. J. Williams: Pope's Compendium, Fourth Year.
- Rev. D. J. Murray: Book of Laws.
- Rev. C. H. Garland: Peabody's Social Question.
- Rev. A. C. Lawry: Fitchett's Wesley.
- Rev. J. J. Lewis: Smyth's Christian Ethics.
- Rev. T. A. Joughin: Bruce's Apologetics.
- Rev. J. A. Luxford: Fisher's History, First and Second Years.
- Rev. T. Fee: Fisher's History, Third and Fourth Years.
- Rev. C. E. Beecroft: Shedd's Homiletics.
- Rev. W. A. Sinclair: Bennett's Primer.
- Rev. W. Slade: Orr's Problem.
- Rev. W. Gittos: Maori Language; also, Theology, and Wesley's Sermons for Maori Probationers.
- Rev. B. F. Rothwell: Cowan's Landmarks, The Citizen of To-morrow, Fitchett's Wesley, and Arthur's Tongue of Fire, for Maori Probationers.
- Rev. R. Haddon: Bible, Old and New Testaments, for Maori Probationers.

II.—REGULATIONS.

1. The time allowed for each Examination Paper shall be three hours in all cases.
 2. The questions for Probationers shall be so arranged as to require a knowledge of all the work prescribed in the Syllabus in any given subject.
 3. The Examination Papers for Candidates only shall be printed.
 4. Probationers must themselves communicate with their respective Examiners, and also with their Chairmen, not later than June 30th, stating the subjects in which they are preparing to be examined, and seeking any needed direction in their work.
- N.B.—This regulation must be strictly enforced, except in the case of students called out after May 31st.
5. Immediately after the September Quarterly Meetings, each Superintendent shall report to the Examiners for Candidates the names and scholastic status of all Candidates recommended in his Circuit.
 6. Examiners shall send to the Chairmen of Districts, in closed envelopes, copies of Probationers' and Candidates' Examination Papers, as notified, not later than November 10th.

7. 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. (Instructions to Supervisors have been drawn up by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and printed for use in future examinations.)
8. The Probationers' and Candidates' Examinations shall be held in the last week of November; the Students' Examinations at the same time as the other Examinations in the Auckland District.
9. 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; such written reports, in the case of Candidates only, to be sent on to Conference for reference.
10. The Secretary shall then prepare a General Report for the ensuing Conference.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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 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.
14. 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.
15. 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, they shall take, in their first year, *Initia Græca* up to regular verb; in their second year, *Initia* up to verbs in *Mi*; in their third year, easy grammar on the work set in *Minutes*; in their fourth year, the Greek Testament as prescribed. This elementary Greek does not exempt from taking the New Testament in English, but it will count as one of the six subjects required to be taken.
16. 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 is to select one, in which the Probationer shall be examined orally in the Synod.
17. 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.

18. The Candidates on the President's 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.
19. Any Probationer who gains an average of 80 per cent. of marks in six, or an average of 75 per cent. in seven or more, subjects, will be mentioned in the Minutes of Conference as having passed with Honours.

PROBATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY.

(AS DECIDED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.)

FIRST YEAR.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—HEBREW—Book of Genesis, chs. i.-iii., with Davidson's Hebrew Grammar. ENGLISH—Genesis, Dod's Commentary. (Bible Class Handbooks.)
2. Bible, New Testament.—GREEK—St. John's Gospel, chs. i.-iii. Cambridge Greek Testament. ENGLISH—St. John's Gospel. Cambridge Bible for Schools.
3. Wesley's Sermons, Nos. 1-20.
4. Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine.
5. Book of Laws:—Sections relating to Church Members, Circuit Officials, Local Courts, Ministers, District Courts and Conferences.
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 1-145.
7. Shedd's Homiletics and Pastoral Theology.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—HEBREW—1 Kings i.-iv., with Davidson's Hebrew Grammar. ENGLISH—Dods' Post-Exilian Prophets. (Bible Class Handbooks.)
2. Bible, New Testament.—GREEK—Ephesians, with Canon Armitage Robinson's Commentary. ENGLISH—1 and 2 Thessalonians. Cambridge Bible for Schools.
3. Wesley's Sermons, Nos. 21-53.
4. Pope's Compendium, Vol. ii., pp. 1-316, "Sin and the Mediatorial Ministry."
5. Peabody's "Jesus Christ and the Social Question."
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 144-286.
7. Bennett's Primer of the Bible.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—HEBREW—Isaiah, chs. i.-v. ENGLISH—Isaiah. Cambridge Bible for Schools.
2. Bible, New Testament.—GREEK—St. Mark, chs. xi.-xvi., with Swete's Commentary on St. Mark. ENGLISH—Romans. Cambridge Bible for Schools.
3. Smyth's Christian Ethics, pp. 1-292.
4. Pope's Compendium, Vol. ii., p. 320—Vol. iii., 147, "Administration of Redemption."
5. Fitchett's "Wesley and his Century."
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 287-483.
7. Orr's "Problem of the Old Testament," pp. 1-284.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—HEBREW—Psalms i.-x. ENGLISH—Book of Job. Cambridge Bible for Schools.
2. Bible, New Testament.—GREEK—Romans, chs. i.-v., with Sanday and Headlam's Commentary. ENGLISH—Hebrews, with Davidson's Commentary. (Bible Class Handbooks.)

3. Pope's Compendium, Vol. iii., pp. 148 to the end. "Christian Ethics," "The Church," "The Last Things."
4. Smyth's Christian Ethics, pp. 293-494.
5. Bruce's Apologetics.
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 483-664.
7. Orr's "Problem of the Old Testament," pp. 285 to end.

REGULATIONS.

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

2. Except as hereinafter provided, Probationers shall in each year be examined in at least six subjects, including Nos. 1 to 5, and they must pass in five subjects. Probationers for the first year shall be required to present themselves for examination in five subjects only, and must pass in four. (The New Zealand Conference has decided that so long as Probationers secure pass marks in ANY five subjects, or FOUR in the case of first-year Probationers, out of those taken by them, they will pass the examination.)

3. In any year in which a Probationer is keeping terms at a local University or University College, it shall be sufficient for him to be examined, and to pass in Nos. 2 and 3 only.

4. In the case of a Probationer who may desire to sit for the London University B.D. Examination, and who can satisfy the Board of Examiners that he has a reasonable prospect of gaining the B.D. Degree, it shall be sufficient for him to be examined and to pass in No. 3 only.

5. The New Zealand 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 College 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 College, are of opinion that these examinations cannot reasonably be required in his case.

LATIN.

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. This subject, it is to be noted, is an additional one, and must not be taken in place of one of the subjects set by the General Conference. The Books set for 1908 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.
 - Bruce's Training of the Twelve.
 - Edersheim's Life of Christ.

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.
 Forrest's The Authority of Christ.
 Smith's In the Days of His Flesh.
 Davidson's Old Testament Prophecy.
 Davidson's Old Testament Theology.
 Du-Bose's The Gospel in the Gospels.
 Sanday's Outlines of Life of Christ.
 Ramsay's Pauline and other Gospels.
 The Expositor's Bible.
 Davison's Wisdom Literature of Old Testament.
 Findlay's Books of the Prophets.
 Riehm's Messianic Prophecies.
 Ramsay's Church in the Roman Empire.
 Ramsay's St. Paul the Traveller.
 Nicol's Recent Archæology and the Bible.
 Forrest's Christ of History and of Experience.
 R. J. Drummond's Relation of Apostolic Teaching to the Teaching
 of Christ.
 Ramsay's Commentary on Galatians.
 Way's Letters of St. Paul.
 Somerville's St. Paul's Conception of Christ.
 Smith's Historical Geography of Holy Land.
 Ramsay's Was Christ Born at Bethlehem?
 Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.
 Pinche's Old Testament Records in the Light of Babylonian and
 Assyrian Records.
 Bennett and Adeney's Biblical Introduction.
 Dodd's The Bible, Its Origin and Nature.

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.
 Beet's Theology.
 Hort's The Way, The Truth, and The Life.
 Salmon's Christian Doctrine of Immortality.
 Denney's Studies of Theology.
 Dale's Christian Doctrine.
 Davison's Christian Interpretation of Life.
 Stevens' New Testament Theology.
 Walker's The Spirit and the Incarnation.
 Laidlaw's Bible Doctrine of Man.
 Fairbairn's Philosophy of the Christian Religion.
 Walker's Cross and Kingdom.
 Westcott's Gospel of Resurrection.
 Illingworth's Reason and Revelation.
 Illingworth's Divine Immanence.

Illingworth's Personality, Human and Divine.
 Denney's The Death of Christ.
 Denney's The Atonement in the Light of Modern Thought.
 Bruce's The Moral Order of the World.
 Lidgett's Spiritual Principle in the Atonement.
 Lidgett's Fatherhood of God.
 Caird's Fundamental Ideas of Christianity.
 Starbuck's Psychology of Religion.
 Lambert's Sacraments of the New Testament.
 James' Varieties of Religious Experience.
 King's Rational Living.
 Lofthouse's Ethics and the Atonement.
 Orr's God's Image in Man.
 Row's Manual of Christian Evidences.
 Peabody's Jesus Christ and Christian Character.
 Clark's Outlines of Theology.

3. APOLOGETICS.—

Fitchett's Unrealised Logic of Religion.
 Butler's Analogy; Gladstone's Essay.
 Gwatkin's Knowledge of God.
 Paley's *Horæ Paulinæ*.
 Brace's *Gesta Christi*.
 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.
 Orr's Christian View of God and the World.
 Schultz's Apologetics.
 Ballard's Miracles of Unbelief.
 Blackett's Not Without Witness.

4. CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY.—

Wesley's Journals.
 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.
 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.
 Lindsay's Reformation.
 Eras of Church History.
 Dr. Waller's Constitution and Polity of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.
 Lindsay's Church and Ministry in the Early Centuries.
 Workman's Church in the West in the Middle Ages.
 Green's J. Wesley, Evangelist.
 Winchester's Life of Wesley.
 Hart's Christian Ecclesia.
 Gregory's Church Principles, etc.
 Eightfoot's Christian Ministry.

Workman's Persecution in the Early Church.
 Fisher's History of Christian Doctrine.
 Wibberley's Marks of Methodism.

5. PASTORAL THEOLOGY.—

Gladden's Christian Pastor and the Working Church.
 Baxter's Reformed Pastor.
 Arthur's Tongue of Fire.
 Dale's Lectures on Preaching.
 Horton's Verbum Dei.
 Stalker's Preacher and His Models.
 Beecher's Yale Lectures.
 Wesley's Address to the Clergy.
 Phillips Brooks' Lectures on Preaching.
 Fletcher's Thoughts on Preaching.
 Garvie's Guide to Preachers.
 Kennard's Psychic Power in Preaching.

6. SOCIOLOGY.—

Eley's Socialism.
 Ensor's Socialism.
 Flint's Socialism.
 McKenzie's Introduction to Social Philosophy.
 Toynbee's Industrial Revolution.
 Gladden's Tools and the Man.
 Dennis' Social Progress of Christian Missions.
 Bussell's Christian Theology and Social Progress.

7. MISCELLANEOUS.—

Wallace's Darwinism.
 Rowntree and Sherwell's Temperance Problems.
 Black's Culture and Restraint.
 Coe's Education in Religion and Morals.
 Buckley's Short History of Natural Science.
 Smyth's Through Science to Faith.
 Rice's Christian Faith in an Age of Science.
 Waggett's Religion and Science.

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

Probationers are advised to consult, when possible, Hasting's new Bible Dictionary, and Hasting's Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels. Those who read Hebrew and Greek will find the volumes of the International Critical Commentary and of the Expositor's Greek Testament very useful.

The Reading List required to be supplied by each Probationer at the District Synod shall include at least one book in each of the first five sections under "Lists of works recommended to Probationers."

CURRICULUM FOR MAORI PROBATIONERS.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Eldridge's Theology (first half).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 1 to 12.
3. Bible, Old and New Testaments (Genesis, St. Mark), Expositor's Bible.
4. Cowan's "Landmarks of Church History."

SECOND YEAR.

1. Eldridge's Theology (second half).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 13 to 24.
3. Bible, Old and New Testaments (I. and II. Kings, St. John's Gospel), Expositor's Bible.
4. Keeble's "The Citizen of To-morrow."

THIRD YEAR.

1. Gregory's "Theological Student" (first half).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 25 to 37.
3. Bible, Old and New Testaments (Psalms, Acts), Expositor's Bible.
4. Fitchett's "Wesley and His Century."

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Gregory's "Theological Student" (second half).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 38 to 53.
3. Bible, Old and New Testaments (Isaiah, Romans), Expositor's Bible.
4. Arthur's "Tongue of Fire."

IV.—STUDENTS' COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study in the Theological Institution 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. Elocution.
5. English Language and Literature.
6. Latin Language and Literature.
7. Greek Language and Literature, including the Greek Testament.
8. Logic.
9. Mathematics.

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

REGULATIONS.

1. That the Rev. G. W. J. Spence be appointed Acting House-Master.
2. That two Lecturers be appointed as follows:—
 - (a) Systematic Theology—Rev. J. A. Luxford.
 - (b) Bible Exegesis and Homiletics—Rev. J. H. Simmonds.
3. That each of the Theological Students in the Institution preach a Trial Sermon before one of the Ministers of the Auckland, North Shore, 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. Also, that it be an instruction to the Governor that arrangements be made whereby the Students shall preach periodically before the Ministers of the Auckland 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 Board of Examiners with the complete results of the Students' Examinations, including Examiners' reports and marks gained, as soon as possible after the holding of such Examinations.

V.—CANDIDATES' COURSE OF STUDY AND EXAMINATIONS.

SECTION A.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE, THEOLOGY, AND CHURCH HISTORY.

1. General Bible Knowledge and Church History—Old and New Testaments, and "Landmarks of Church History" (Cowan).
2. Systematic Theology—Second Catechism and Gregory's "Theological Student."

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.

LANGUAGES, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, AND SCIENCE.

1. English—(a) Nesfield's English Grammar, Past and Present; Part I., Modern English Grammar; Part II., Idiom and Construction. (b) An Essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner.
2. Latin—Via Latina, by Edwin A. Abbott. (a) Accidence to end of Verb Sum, p. 81. (b) Exercises i. to xxxii.
3. Greek—Initia Græca. (a) Accidence to end of comparison of Adjectives. (b) Exercises i. to xxvii.; including English into Greek.
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. (Longman's 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. Hamblin Smith.)
2. Euclid—Book I.: (a) Definitions; (b) Propositions i. to xxvi. (Hall and Stevens.)
3. Algebra—Easy Examples and Problems to Simple Equations. (Hall and Knight, chapters i. to ix.)

REGULATIONS.

1. 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.
- (e) Greek.
- (f) Geography, History, and Science.
- (g) Arithmetic.
- (h) Euclid.
- (i) 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 passed the matriculation examination must also take English, Geography, History, Science, and Arithmetic. Others, including undergraduates and graduates of a Chartered University, will be excused from taking any part of Sections B and C.
5. 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. Superintendents must send to Examiners of Candidates for the Ministry a list of the subjects in which Candidates propose to be examined. In the case of Candidates who have not passed the matriculation examination, or are not graduates or undergraduates of a University, the preparation should commence at least two years before the date of intended presentation at the Synod.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR MAORI CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

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

SECTION B.

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

QUESTION XVIII.—Who are elected the Chairmen of Districts for the ensuing year?

- Auckland: George Bond.
 Wanganui: Charles E. Beecroft, President of the Conference, ex-officio.
 Wellington: William J. Williams.
 Nelson: Charles H. Garland.
 Canterbury: Samuel Lawry.
 Otago: William Slade.

N.B.—It was resolved that the questions relating to inter-Conferential Exchanges and the Stationing of Ministers be transferred to the Representative Session, under the powers of permissive legislation.

Resolutions.**1. 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.

2. EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

That the question of appointing an Examination Committee for Probationers and Candidates, who shall receive all reports, conduct the oral examinations, and make recommendations to Conference, be referred to the District Synods to report to the Conference of 1909.

CHARLES E. BEECROFT, President.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.



Pastoral Address.

To the Members and Adherents of the Methodist
Church of Australasia in New Zealand.

DEAR BRETHERN,—Once more in the name of our common Lord, we greet you. We record our devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the blessing which has attended you during the past year, and for the material and spiritual prosperity which you have enjoyed.

Your representatives during the sessions of this large and important Conference have had your deepest interests at heart; and in a spirit of loyal forbearance and Christian love, have done, as in the sight of God, what they believed to be for the welfare of our beloved Church and country.

In reviewing the year that is past we have again to mourn the loss of well-known standard bearers. The Angel of Death has claimed his customary toll. We have to mourn the death of the Rev. R. S. Bunn, a prominent minister of the passing generation, who has for some years been retired from active work and resident in Australia. Of our Maori brethren, also, Wi Warena Pewa has died. The decease of Mrs. W. Gittos has snapped another of the ties that bound us to our early Mission history. Through the long period of more than 50 years, her life was dedicated to the welfare of the Maori race. To her veteran husband, in the lonely eventide of his career, we accord our prayerful sympathy.

Mrs. A. Peters also, in the prime and vigour of a useful life, has been translated to the higher realm of service.

From the ranks of our prominent laymen there have fallen such well-known figures as J. A. Millar, P. H. Mason, G. Manchester, G. Watson, and J. T. Smith—representative men, men of Faith and Wisdom, who “in their generation served the counsel of God.”

There has fallen out from the ranks of the active ministry during the year, in a sister Conference, the striking figure of the Rev. George Brown, the pioneer missionary, who belongs, not to New South Wales alone, but to the Church of Australasia.

During the year has been held the General Conference in Sydney. It will become historic, not only for its extension of our field of missionary operations to the Continent of Asia, but for the broadening of our Church Constitution, so as to secure your larger representation in our Circuit Courts.

The General Returns which were presented to the Conference call for serious consideration. In some particulars the year has been marked by distinct advance. Two new Churches have been erected, and six Parsonages, while the Connexional Properties have increased in value by nearly £15,000. The acquisition of a Training Home for Deaconesses in Christchurch marks a welcome advance in social service.

There is an encouraging increase in our Church Membership of 293 Europeans and 108 Maoris. There is an increase of 31 in the ranks of the Local Preachers, and of 276 Maori adherents.

With these exceptions, however, boasting is excluded. The dwindling army of Class leaders is further depleted to the number of 22. Another painfully significant sign of the times is that the number of attendants on Public Worship has suffered a decrease of 1,822 on the year. Equally unsatisfactory are the Sunday School returns. Almost every item in these important columns shows a decrease. We record 69 less Teachers and 485 fewer Scholars than last year, and of the latter, the average attendance is less than 69 per cent. of the number on the rolls. These are disquieting figures. It is the more disconcerting that, with the exception of one of the smallest of our districts, the falling-off in all these items is evenly distributed over the whole Dominion. There is food here for grave reflection, and occasion for renewed and prayerful effort that God may revive us again. Is it not possible, brethren, that the failure in the one department of these statistics is responsible for that in the other? That the laxity of the parents in the matter of Church attendance is the cause of carelessness amongst the children? There is a germ of consolation in the fact that in the number of our Sunday School Scholars we are still in advance of the position of two years ago.

Judged, however, by its Missionary pulse, one of the most reliable indications of a Church's vitality, our Church is in a vigorous and hopeful condition. The memorable outburst of missionary enthusiasm and liberality at the Conference of 1907 has enabled us in our Home Mission enterprise to pursue, in several of our more important centres, a more aggressive policy. In Auckland and Christchurch our Missions are being strengthened, and in Wellington our field of operations is being extended. The response to the appeal

for special contributions towards the liquidation of the Home Mission debt has placed the finances in a sounder position. But the demands on this fund are increasing every year. The rapid growth of suburban population in our centres, the ceaseless stream of settlement flowing over the wide areas of land which from time to time are being offered to the people, and the line of pioneers following in the wake of the North Island Trunk Railway, impose ever-increasing responsibilities upon our Church. In our West Coast Maori Mission the opportunity to-day is unique. The death, during the year, of the notable Maori prophet, Te Whiti, has removed powerful influences, which had for a long time been opposed to Christian teaching, and has simplified the problem of our work there. The disillusionment of the Maoris, occasioned by the decease of this supposed immortal, is rendering them more amenable to religious instruction. The time is admittedly opportune for advance; and if we are prepared to seize the psychological moment, we may reasonably look for greater encouragement in this trying field. There never was a time in our Dominion's history when our people were under heavier obligation to grateful liberality; when they were better able to relieve our financial difficulties; or when their offerings could have presumably been invested to greater advantage. It is heart-breaking work for your leaders to stand paralysed for lack of funds, in the face of dire needs and unparalleled opportunities, and to witness on the part of other Churches a policy of vigorous enterprise which is not permitted to them.

Our Foreign Mission outlook is cheering. From our several South Sea districts the reports are encouraging. At the General Conference held last May in Sydney, a spirit of magnificent enthusiasm was manifested. In view of this cheering liberality, and the solemn needs of the millions of India, for whose evangelisation the Methodist Church of Australasia feels a share of responsibility, the Conference decided upon what will prove perhaps to be the most momentous step in the history of our Foreign Missionary Society—the extension of our work to that great land. This widening of our field of operations will involve an increase of 25 per cent. in the Foreign Mission expenditure. In our Dominion the contributions from all sources have realised the splendid total of £2,601, an increase on the previous year of £624. This buoyant condition of the finances is exhilarating. But there is ample need for all that we can give. From every district in the South Seas come demands for men. May God endow His people, in this department also, with such increasing liberality that they shall realise their worthiest ambitions among the heathen.

The important question of a Theological College is still in a most unsatisfactory condition. The need of adequate provision for the training of our Students is becoming yearly more acute. The present high standard of popular education, the freedom of Biblical criticism, and the rampant Agnosticism and unbelief of our time, demand the highest efficiency in our Ministry. Yet our Church enjoys barely the most elementary conveniences in her efforts to impart it. The Select Committee appointed by the last Conference to consider the matter has brought forward no definite scheme. Various devices have been suggested for the solution of the problem, but all are beset with difficulties. The one palpable solution which would level all barriers and relieve the anxiety of the Church, would be for some large-hearted steward of the solemn trust of money to endow the Church with such a College. The money is in Methodism. God has given many of you "power to get wealth." May He touch some heart among you, to say with David, "Of Thine own have I given Thee."

The Bible Class Movement, under the sane and energetic leadership of the Organising Secretary, has enjoyed another year of gratifying success. The Secretary has visited Circuits in all parts of our Dominion. Nineteen Missions have been conducted, and eleven Bible Classes formed, besides other important work; and the power of Christ's saving Grace has been manifested in many known cases of conversion. We again commend this cause to your prayerful and practical support.

You have, in common with ourselves, hailed as an encouraging augury the enlightened legislation which has marked the year. A distinct advance in moral reform has been gained, and is deserving of our appreciative recognition. But much of evil remains. We urge you to persist in your efforts and demands for yet more of consistent Christian government. And, especially in anticipation of the approaching General Election, and the opportunity which it will afford you of improving the position on the No-License question, we urge you most earnestly to realise and act upon your personal responsibility for the establishment of National Righteousness in the dissemination of His Spirit, Who came to "destroy the works of the Devil." As an incentive in this direction, we direct your attention to the incontestable evidence of the vast improvement in the moral, and even commercial, condition of those electorates where this reform has been adopted.

And now, brethren, in conclusion, we would offer you a loving word of exhortation in reference to your personal relationship with Christ, and your obligation to the Church.

We urge upon you the supreme importance of resisting all inclination to minimise the value of the Public Ordinances of religion. It is your duty, by precept, example, and influence, to stem if possible, the tide of indifference in this particular which is sweeping over the land.

The widespread neglect of public worship increases the responsibility of the home. As the foundation of national life, as the sphere affording the most hopeful opportunities, we would impress upon you more urgently than ever the incalculable importance of creating a distinctly religious atmosphere in the family circle. Set up your family altars. Devote a portion of each day to the solemn duty of instilling religious truth into the lives of your children. Let your conversation in the home be such as shall tend to the development of the highest type of character. Do your utmost to attach them to the Church, taking care to avoid speaking slightly of Churches and of Ministers, as is too much the fashion of the age. "And we beseech, you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love, for their work's sake."

"Give earnest heed to the things which ye have heard, lest ye drift away from them." Be ambitious of higher attainments in Grace. Keep the lamp of religious experience burning brightly in your hearts. Stand often at the Altar of Sacrifice, which speaks of Faith in the Great Offering for the sins of mankind. Bring daily therefrom glowing coals to kindle the incense of your souls' aspiration after God. In these days of insidious doubt, retain fast hold of the fundamentals of our Holy Religion. Treasure up as your most priceless possession, Faith in the present Power of Christ to save from sin.

And "may He which began a good work in you perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ," and make you worthy at last of that "inheritance which is . . . undefiled."

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

CHAS. E. BEECROFT, President.
SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

SECTION II.

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION.

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

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **BOUNDARIES OF AUCKLAND EAST AND MANUKAU CIRCUITS.**—That Conference confirm the following agreement as to boundaries between these Circuits:—Onslow Road on western side of Manukau Road, Manukau Road to Green Lane Road, thence along Green Lane Road to its junction with Great South Road.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. **WELLINGTON (Taranaki Street).**—That Thorndon be made a separate Circuit, with the following conditions:—Taranaki Street Circuit to pay a subsidy to the new Circuit for seven successive years, of £120, £110, £100, £80, £60, £40, £20, and to pay off £395 of the Parsonage Debt as follows:—£95 at once, and £75 a year for four successive years.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. **CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH.**—
 - (1) That the Circuit be divided as follows:—(1) Christchurch (Sydenham) to include Sydenham and Cashmere Hills, and (2) Christchurch (Addington) to include Addington, Selwyn Street South, Lincoln Road, and Clarence Road (Riccanton).
 - (2) That a Home Missionary be employed with the Minister to work the Addington Circuit, with a suitable grant from the Home Mission Fund.
 - (3) That the Circuit debt be divided as per resolution of the Quarterly Meeting, and that the amount due from the Durham Street Circuit be divided equally between the Circuits.

QUESTION II.—What Circuits ask for Additional Preachers?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **AUCKLAND EAST.**—A Probationer to reside at Newmarket. (Sanctioned by last Conference.)
2. **AUCKLAND MAORI MISSION.**—An additional Native Minister for Waikato.

3. MANUKAU.—A Probationer, if available; otherwise a Home Missionary.
4. UPPER THAMES.—A second Home Missionary to reside at Putaruru or Mamaku. (Sanctioned by last Conference.)
5. FRANKLIN.—A Probationer, to reside at Waiuku. (Previously sanctioned.)
6. MANGONUI COUNTY.—An additional Home Missionary for the Whangaroa Station, to reside at Awani.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. PALMERSTON NORTH.—A Probationer as Third Minister, with a suitable grant.
2. WAIMARINO.—A Probationer, with a suitable grant. (Sanctioned by Conference, 1906.)

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. WELLINGTON (Taranaki Street).—A Probationer.
2. WAIPUKURAU.—A Home Missionary. (Sanctioned by last Conference.)

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. BLENHEIM.—A Home Missionary, to reside at Tua Marina; the second Minister to reside at Picton, and work the Sounds.
2. GREYMOUTH.—A Home Missionary, to reside at Taylorville, with a suitable grant.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHRISTCHURCH (Addington).—A Home Missionary, with a suitable grant.
2. WILLOWBY.—A Probationer, with a suitable grant.

QUESTION III.—What new Stations are now Sanctioned?

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. OHURA.—That a Home Missionary be appointed.
2. TAUMARUNUI.—That a Home Missionary be appointed, with a suitable grant.
3. NORTH TARANAKI.—That a Saddle-bag Missionary be appointed, with a suitable grant.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHEVIOT AND KAIKOURA.—That the Chairman of the Canterbury District and the Superintendent of the Rangiora Circuit, visit these places, and report through Synod to Conference as to the prospects of Methodist Church work.

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

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

UPPER THAMES (Paeroa) is to take a married Minister, with a suitable grant.

ROTORUA is due, but is relieved for a year.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

ELTHAM is due, but is relieved for a year.

ARAMOHO is to take a married Minister, with a suitable grant.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA (2nd) is relieved for a THIRD year.

NELSON DISTRICT.

BLenheim (2nd) fulfils its obligation.

MOTUEKA, if necessary, is to take a married Minister, with a suitable grant.

WESTPORT is relieved for a NINTH year, but will be required, in all probability, to take a married Minister next year.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN (Cargill Road), 2nd, is due, but is relieved for a year.

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

I.—SALES REPORTED.

1. FRANKLIN CIRCUIT.—Parsonage and land, 12a. 1r. 18p., part of allotment 5, Parish of Waiuku. Also part of lot 49 and lot 50, Waiuku East, 2 acres, for £450. Balance after discharge of liabilities to be invested on trust for more suitable parsonage when required.
2. COROMANDEL HOME MISSION STATION.—Parsonage and land, 3 roods, at Coromandel, for £350. Proceeds towards discharge of debts.
3. PAHIATUA CIRCUIT.—Church and land, 1 rood, at Pahiataua, for £400. Proceeds towards erection of new building.
4. CHRISTCHURCH (DURHAM ST.) CIRCUIT.—Sale of pipe organ, Durham Street, for £350. Proceeds towards erection of a larger instrument.
5. DUNEDIN (ROSLYN) CIRCUIT.—Sale of strip of land (Maori Hill), 10 links, for £15, to the Borough Council for street adjustment.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES COMPLETED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. THAMES CIRCUIT.—Purchase of house for £520 at Shortland for parsonage, built of wood, containing eleven rooms; land, 66 feet x 165 feet. Mortgaged.
2. HAMILTON CIRCUIT.—(1) Two additional sections of land adjoining the parsonage, lots 7 and 8, of allotment 301, have been purchased, having an area of 1 rood 9 6-10 perches, cost £115. (2) Erection of church at Rototuna, land part of allotment 150, Parish of Kirikiriroa, presented by Mr. F. W. Thomas, to seat 120 persons. Cost £190; only debt, £60, to Loan Fund.
3. ROTORUA CIRCUIT.—Erection of church at Rotorua of wood, 45 feet x 30 feet, to seat 200, at cost of £680. Land, one rood, leasehold, costing £400, on which is situated a cottage of three rooms. £400 loaned privately free of interest for two years. Deed with mortgagee.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. NEW PLYMOUTH CIRCUIT.—Purchase of land, two roods, at cost of £625, at New Plymouth, and erection thereon of parsonage of wood, containing nine rooms. Cost £924; debt on securities.
2. INGLEWOOD CIRCUIT.—Purchase of land, subsection 16 of section 102, Inglewood, 2a 3r. 39.7p., with five-roomed house thereon, for £600. Debt on securities, £450.
3. KAPONGA CIRCUIT.—Purchase of land, two acres, at Kaponga, with house thereon of six rooms. Total cost, £575. Present debt, £522 4s.
4. WANGANUI CIRCUIT.—Erection of new pipe organ in Wanganui Church. Cost, £590; no debt.
5. PALMERSTON NORTH CIRCUIT.—Erection of church of wood at Pohangina, 36 feet x 20 feet, to seat 100. Cost, £216 5s. Only debt, £40, to Loan Fund.
6. WAIMARINO DISTRICT.—Erection of church porch at Raetihi. Cost, £17 10s; no debt.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. WELLINGTON (TARANAKI ST.) CIRCUIT.—Erection of two houses in wood on the Tasman Street section, each seven rooms. Cost of buildings, £1,400. Debt on securities, £1,000.
2. HUTT CIRCUIT.—Erection of new parsonage at the Hutt, in wood, of eight rooms. Cost, £865 17s 6d; debt, £450.
3. SOUTH WAIRARAPA CIRCUIT.—Purchase through special branch of Loan Fund of additional church land at Carterton, two roods, £100, repayable during ten years.
4. NAPIER CIRCUIT.—(1) Additional classrooms to Trinity Church, cost £192; also new porch, £49 3s 3d: total, £241 3s 3d. (2) Greenmeadows Church, new vestry of wood, 16 feet x 14 feet, cost, £35 0s 6d.

5. DANNEVIRKE CIRCUIT.—Erection of new parsonage of wood at Dannevirke. Cost, £869, land £250; debt, £740.
6. LEVIN CIRCUIT.—New church organ at Levin, £43.
7. WAIPAWA CIRCUIT.—(1) Acquisition by gift of Rev. A. C. Lawry of church site, one rood, at Elsthorpe. (2) Purchase by the Loan Fund of church site, two roods, £40, at Takapau.
8. PAHIATUA CIRCUIT.—Purchase by the Loan Fund, Special Branch, church site, 32 perches, £24, at Scarborough.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. NELSON CIRCUIT.—Purchase of church site, one rood, at Tahuna. Cost, £45; debt, £45.
2. BLENHEIM CIRCUIT.—Purchase for £250 of lot 174, one rood, adjoining Blenheim Sunday School. No debt.
3. WESTPORT CIRCUIT.—Erection at Westport of Young Men's Hall, 32 feet by 16 feet, to seat 80. Cost, £105; no debt.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHRISTCHURCH (DURHAM ST.) CIRCUIT.—(1) Purchase of deaconess house and land, 39½ perches, with brick building of eleven rooms thereon. Cost of house, £1,025, and of furniture about £200. The scheme contemplates when completed the extinction of debt. (2) Erection, on land the purchase of which was reported last year, of church at Opawa of brick, 70 feet by 33 feet, with provision for 200 sittings and Sunday School. Cost, £1,548 15s. Debt, £500 on securities. (3) Erection in Durham Street Church of new pipe organ, £1,354. (4) Heathcote Valley, addition to Sunday School, cost £116.
2. CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH CIRCUIT.—Purchase of church site at Cashmere, 30.4 perches. Cost, £174 16s, half cost being advanced by the Loan Fund.
3. TAI TAPU CIRCUIT.—Erection of new parsonage at Tai Tapu of wood, seven rooms. Cost of land, 1 acre 2 roods, and house, £763. Only debt to Loan Fund.
4. TIMARU CIRCUIT.—Erection of the Jackson Memorial Sunday School at Timaru on site 1 rood 25 perches. Cost, £500, and building, 60 feet x 90 feet, to seat 500, £2,409 16s 9d: total, £2,909 16s 9d. Only debt to Loan Fund.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. DUNEDIN (CARGILL ROAD) CIRCUIT.—Erection at St. Kilda of new church in brick, 40 feet x 30 feet, with vestries, to seat 220. Cost, £1,009. Only debt on building lent by Loan Fund.
2. MOSGIEL CIRCUIT.—Purchase of parsonage site at Mosgiel, one rood. Cost, £50. Debt on securities, £50.
3. OTAUTAU CIRCUIT.—(1) Erection of new parsonage of eight rooms at Otautau. Cost, £484 5s. Only debt to the Loan Fund. (2) Erection of church vestry at Aparima. Cost, £70. No debt.
4. CROMWELL CIRCUIT.—Erection of new parsonage at Cromwell. Materials of wood and stone. Cost, £250 4s 6d. Only debt to the Loan Fund.

IV.—SALES, ETC., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31st, 1908.

1. THAMES CIRCUIT.—The old parsonage and site at Shortland. Proceeds after defraying debts to be applied to the recently-acquired house.
2. CENTRAL MISSION, DUNEDIN.—Stafford Street property, proceeds towards Mission property recently acquired.
3. HAWERA CIRCUIT.—To sell present church site at Manaia, and with proceeds to secure more suitable section.
4. PALMERSTON NORTH CIRCUIT.—Taonui church and site, balance of proceeds after discharge of debt to be applied to erection of new church at Stoney Creek.

EXTENDED LEASES SANCTIONED.

UPPER THAMES CIRCUIT.—To lease 25 feet of church land at Paeroa for chemist's shop for twenty years, with right of renewal for a further term of ten years.

N.B.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE property leased for fifty years, from January 1st, 1908, at £58 per month.

Education Property Trustees have permission to lease to the Mt. Roskill Road Board, for the purpose of a Public Recreation Reserve, 30 acres of the Waikowhai property, on conditions agreed upon, for the term of 99 years, with right of renewal.

V.—PROPOSED ERECTIONS, ETC., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31st, 1908.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. CAMBRIDGE CIRCUIT.—Structural alterations of church at Cambridge. Assistance promised by the Loan Fund.
2. BAY OF PLENTY.—To purchase church site at Waimana.
3. UPPER THAMES CIRCUIT.—To erect new church at Mamuka. Conference Regulations to be observed.
4. BIRKENHEAD CIRCUIT.—To erect new church at Birkdale of wood, 34 feet by 23 feet, estimated cost, £273. £80 promised from the Loan Fund.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. HAWERA CIRCUIT.—To erect new church at Manaia. Conference Regulations to be observed.
2. FEILDING CIRCUIT.—To erect new pipe organ in church at Feilding. Estimated cost, £300.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. WELLINGTON SUBURBAN.—To erect church at Island Bay of ferro-concrete. Estimated cost, £1,000 to £1,250.
2. WELLINGTON SOUTH CIRCUIT.—To utilise the present parsonage property by erecting four shops, each containing residential quarters. Estimated cost, £3,000 to £3,500. The parsonage material to be used for Sunday School extension and classrooms.

3. HUTT CIRCUIT.—To erect new parsonage of wood at Petone. Estimated cost, £650.
4. SOUTH WAIRARAPA CIRCUIT.—To erect at Carterton a parsonage of nine rooms. Estimated cost, £800. Only debt to be to the Loan Fund.
5. LEVIN-OTAKI CIRCUIT.—To enlarge Levin Church at cost of £200. No permanent debt to be incurred.

N.B.—This application for sanction has been withdrawn by the Trust with the object of obtaining sanction for an entirely new building.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- CHRISTCHURCH (DURHAM ST.) CIRCUIT.—To erect pipe organ at East Belt Church, costing £510. No debt.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. INVERCARGILL CIRCUIT.—To erect church of brick at Teviot Street, Invercargill, to cost, in addition to land, £1,067. Loan of £400 promised.
2. WINTON HOME MISSION STATION.—To erect new church at Winton at estimated cost of £329. Conference Regulations to be observed.

GENERAL REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1907.

1. I beg to report that there has this year been a marked improvement as to promptitude in the time the returns have been made to the General by the District Secretaries after the Synods.
2. An overture has been forwarded from the Wanganui Synod recommending a meeting of the General Secretary and those District Secretaries as may be present at Conference, with a view of devising such methods as will facilitate the work, and further the interests connected with all matters relating to Church property returns. I believe such an arrangement might prove helpful, and that it would be wise to adopt the recommendation.
3. In matters affecting our properties, there are indications that the Church has shared in the general advance and prosperity which have marked the commercial movements and progress of the Dominion. This is shown by the fact that the returns for the year reveal an increase in the value of properties amounting to the sum of £14,747 14s 4d. The cost value of sites, churches, schoolrooms, parsonages, and other buildings, amounts to £369,286 19s 7d.
4. A reference to the reported "Summary of New Erections," etc., will show that, in the increase for the year, sites and buildings are each beneficially affected in connection with the general progress.
5. Under the head of "Minor Improvements," the sum of £4,130 7s 6d has been expended.

6. The total debt on securities amounts to £50,859 5s 9d, an increase during the year of £3,828 3s 10d.
7. Deducting the value of sites from that of buildings we have the sum of £306,237 16s. The amount of insurance on this is £195,174. Of this sum £139,840 is in the Connexional Office, leaving £55,334 elsewhere insured.
8. Under the head of "Current Trust Accounts," the total income for the year amounts to £33,625 5s 8d, and the credit balance carried forward is £2,714 2s 11d, a credit increase of £110 9s 9d on the year's account. The expenditure side is, however, not so bright and calls for some measure of caution. The total expenditure amounts to £34,235 3s 7d, and the debit balances carried forward show an increase of £1,070 7s 5d. The sum of £2,516 5s 9d was paid as interest on loans during the year.
9. I have pleasure in reporting the gift by Mr. F. W. Thomas, of a church site at Rototuna valued at £12. Also by an unnamed donor the gift of a valuable site for the new church at Island Bay, valued at £500.
10. After eleven years of service as District Secretary for Canterbury, the Hon. G. J. Smith, M.L.C., has resigned the office, owing to his departure from the Dominion for an expected absence of two years. The Conference is asked to endorse the very cordial thanks presented to Mr. Smith by the Canterbury Synod, and also to appoint Mr. C. E. Salter to fill the position thus vacated.

A.—PROPERTIES.

	Cost as reported.		
	£	s.	d.
Sites—Freehold, 600; leasehold, 28; vacant, 107; incomplete titles, 10	63,049	3	7
Churches—Brick or stone, 19; wood, 315; seating, 57,914	179,346	2	1
Schoolrooms—Brick or stone, 11; wood, 87; seating, 19,140	43,845	0	2
Parsonages—Brick or stone, 3; wood, 111	58,538	0	1
Other buildings, 80	24,508	13	8
	<u>£369,286</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>

B.—CURRENT TRUST ACCOUNTS.

Receipts.—Credit balances brought forward, £2,603 13s 2d; seat rents, £2,690 18s 9d; Trust collections, £1,980 15s; Anniversary or opening services, £2,212 11s 6d; subscriptions and donations, £9,875 15s 11d; loans from Church Building and Loan Fund or other loans, £6,220 16s 2d; all other income, £8,040 15s 2d; total receipts, £33,625 5s 8d; credit balances carried forward, £2,714 2s 11d.

Expenditure.—Debit balances brought forward, £3,920 16s 10d; lighting and cleaning, £2,871 15s 4d; alterations and repairs, £3,316 18s 11d; enlargements and minor improvements, £11,081 8s 4d; interest, £2,516 5s 9d; insurance premiums, £786 14s 4d; paid to Circuit Board, £695 6s 8d; all other expenses, including debt reduced, £9,045 17s 5d; total expenditure, £34,235 3s 7d; debit balances carried forward, £4,991 4s 3d.

HENRY BULL,
General Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the District Secretaries (especially Mr. C. W. Benbow and the Hon. G. J. Smith, M.L.C., who retire after many years of faithful and efficient work) for their services during the past year, and that the following be appointed for the ensuing year:—Mr. W. D. Buttle, Auckland; Mr. W. T. Bowater, Palmerston North; Mr. T. E. Corkill, Wellington; Mr. J. Boon, Nelson; C. E. Salter, Christchurch; Mr. E. Rosevear, Dunedin.
3. That in future a meeting of the General Secretary and such District Secretaries as may be at Conference be held during its sessions, with a view to devising such methods as will facilitate the work and further the interests connected with all matters relating to Church property returns.
4. That the Chairman of the Wanganui District and the Rev. T. G. Brooke, with Messrs. C. Carter, J. Boon, T. Joll, and E. Dixon, be a Committee to secure sites in the rising townships of Taranaki, and that they be empowered to collect and expend money for this purpose. This Committee is also authorised to correspond with the Loan Fund Committee with regard to the purchase of such sites.
5. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. F. W. Thomas, Rototuna, for a Church site, valued at £12, and to an anonymous donor for a Church site at Island Bay, valued at £500; also to Mr. N. A. Worker for a quarter-acre Church site at Wellsford, in the Mahurangi Circuit.
6. That the audited Balance Sheets should be retained in the Circuits.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. That, with a view to 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.

CHURCH PROPERTY REGULATIONS.

1. Superintendents of Circuits are directed to take the necessary steps, in connection with the acquisition of Church Property held under the Land Transfer Act, to have inserted in the Transfer, after the names of the Trustees, as provided by the Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887, Further Amendment Act, 1896, section 6, the following words: "As Trustees under the

provisions of 'The Wesleyan Methodist Model Deed of 1887.' Should there be through any cause an omission to have the Trusts of the Model Deed inserted, then a Declaration of Trust must be signed by the Trustees, and forwarded to the Custodian of Deeds. In the case of all newly-acquired properties, whether under the Land Transfer Act or not, the Trustees should sign a form provided for the purpose, giving evidence of consent to act.

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 ...	99
District Land Registry Office, Napier	80
Land Registry Office, Wellington	2,117
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 1s; if under £1,000, 10s 6d.
 - (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. In order to secure accuracy in the returns, the District Secretaries are empowered to compare the figures supplied to them on the A and B annual returns with the entries in the Circuit Schedule Books, Superintendents being directed to produce their Schedule Books when required for this purpose.
5. The question of completing Titles where necessary is referred to the General Secretary of Church Property, in conjunction with the Superintendent of the Circuit concerned.
6. In order to prevent rash and premature undertakings in church building, which must prove a source of embarrassment to the Connexion and oppressive to the Circuits, it is enacted as a Standing Order that no church shall be erected unless there is a reasonable expectation that two-thirds of the entire cost will be raised by subscription, including the collections at the opening services; but the Conference strongly urges that, wherever it is practicable, all the churches be erected free of debt.—(Paragraph 455, Book of Laws.)

7. 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.
8. The Secretary of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee shall supply to the Financial District Synods the reply to Question 2 of Section III. (Church Properties and Connexional Trusts), in the Order of Synod Business, and shall also report upon any cases where the Regulations have not been observed. He shall also supply to Conference the reply to Question 5 in the Business of the Representative Session, 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.
9. 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 CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

The following deeds have been received during the year ending October 31st, 1907:—Mayfield Church (Auckland), Rototuna Church, Hawera Church, Patea Church, Kahouri Bridge Church, Cuba Street Church, Cuba Street Parsonage, Normanby Church, also lease of Normanby Church site to Mr. and Mrs. S. Griffin, Karori Parsonage Declaration of Trust, Horrelville Church, Cashmere Church site, Temuka Church, Darfield Parsonage site.

The following deeds have been received from the Loan Fund Treasurers on repayment of loans:—Residential License Waihi Church, Nikau Church, Raetihi Church, Marshland Church, Roxburgh Church, Drummond Church, Milton Parsonage.

The following deeds have been removed from the Custodian's care:—Thames old Parsonage, Taonui Church, Dannevirke Parsonage, Heathcote Valley Church.

Handed to the Loan Fund Treasurers as security for loans advanced—Pukekohe Parsonage, Hawera Church, Cuba Street Church, Pohangina Church, Kilbirnie Church, Flaxbourne Church, Cashmere Church, Tai Tapu Parsonage, Timaru Sunday School, Cromwell Parsonage, Otautau Parsonage.

As required by Conference Regulations, reports have been sent to each Financial District Synod, and a copy of same is now placed upon the table for reference.

HENRY BULL, Custodian.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Custodian be directed to keep a Register of Deeds, and to report annually to the Financial District Synods and the Conference.
3. That the Custodian be requested to take the necessary steps for the recovery or the replacing of missing deeds of church property.
4. That the Custodian be authorised to obtain the necessary documents to secure the titles to those properties, the deeds of which have been reported as missing.

REPORT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

I beg to report that, in addition to the registration of new Trusts and the issue of certified copies of Trusts, 192 new and additional trustees have been registered in connection with 61 Trusts, and also that the names of 149 persons have for legitimate reasons been removed from various Trusts.

The following is the Yearly Cash Statement:—Balance from last year, 4d; sale of six Circuit Schedules, £9; Registration Fees, £26 2s; Debtor balance, 4s 11d; total, £35 7s 3d.

Expenditure.—Paid to Connexional Secretary's Office, £16 2s 5d; to Contingent Fund Treasurers, net, £8 11s 3d; stamps, telegrams, and stationery, £5 10s 4d; 500 Election of Trustee forms, £2 8s 9d; 200 Authorised Representative's forms, 15s; 100 Authorised Representative's bill-heads, 6s 6d; repairs to type machine, 18s 6d; 100 consent-to-act forms, 14s 6d; total, £35 7s 3d.

During the year Certificates of Title of 13 properties situate in the Wellington Land Registrar's District have been endorsed with the Trusts of the Model Deed.

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 1908-9.
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 Accounts and List of Loans, see Appendix A, p. ii.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1. Fourteen meetings have been held during the year.
2. Loans (22) have been issued to the following Trusts during the year:—

(1) From the General Fund:—

Cromwell Parsonage
 Otautau Parsonage
 Hawera Church
 Kilbirnie Church
 St. Kilda Church
 Tai Tapu Parsonage
 Pohangina Church
 Timaru Sunday School
 Mamaku Church
 Rototuna Church
 Cambridge Church
 Birkdale Church
 Invercargill Church.

(2) From the Special Branch—

Cashmere Hills site
 Pukekohe Parsonage
 Cuba Street Church
 Kahouri Bridge Church
 Takapau Church site
 Scarborough Church site
 Carterton Church site
 Invercargill Church
 Waimana Church site.

3. Final payments have been received from Roxburgh Church, Waihi Church, Marshland Church No. 2, Warkworth Church, Nikau Church, Whangarei Old Church, Drummond Church, Milton Parsonage, Kahouri Bridge Church, Raetihi Church, Grafton Road Church No. 1, Sydenham Church, Awatuna Church, Hawswell Church, Huntly Church, Taihape site, Gleniti site, Dannevirke Church, Waiuku Parsonage, Okato Church, East Belt Church.

4. The following undertakings have been sanctioned by the Committee:—Purchase of site, Coal Creek Flat; purchase of eleven-room parsonage at Thames; purchase of two additional sections of parsonage land at Hamilton; purchase of new pipe organ at East Belt; purchase of section, one rood, adjoining present property, at Blenheim; erection of church and school building at Opawa; erection of parsonage at Tai Tapu; purchase of church site at Tirau; purchase of additional parsonage land at Johnsonville; erection of porch and shelter shed at Raetihi; erection of church at Rototuna; purchase of church site at Scarborough; purchase of parsonage at Kaponga; structural improvements to Greenmeadows Church; reconstruction of Cambridge Church; church at Mamaku; church at Birkdale; purchase of additional church land at Carterton; enlargement of Heathcote Sunday

School; erection of parsonage at Waimate; purchase of church site at Takapau; erection of church at Island Bay; purchase of additional church land at Levin; erection of parsonage at Petone; erection of church at Winton; erection of Social Hall at Westport; purchase of site for Central Mission Hall, Dunedin; erection of parsonage at Carterton; erection of four shops on parsonage property at Newtown; new church at Manaia; new site and church at Pahiatua; and purchase of church site at Waimana.

5. The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties:—Torere Church; Coromandel Parsonage; Taonui Church, renewal of sanction; Pahiatua Church; Waiuku Parsonage and adjoining site; conditional sanction to sell Manaia Church property; old parsonage at Thames.

6. The following extended lease has been sanctioned:—25ft of Paeroa Church site for 20 years.

7. The Committee regrets that the arrears on loans amount to £1194 2s 7d. Five circuits are responsible for more than half this sum. Eketahuna Parsonage, £170; Eketahuna Church, £113 4s; Warkworth Parsonage, £56 5s; Kimbolton Parsonage, £63 4s 10d; Coromandel Church, £228 2s 6d; and Kuaotunu Church, £57 19s 6d; total, £688 15s 10d.

8. The Committee has not yet received possession of the deed of the Otorohanga Church and land, and no instalments have been received during the year.

9. Per the Rev. S. Lawry, the sum of £42 13s 8d has been received as part profits on the sale of the new Hymn Book, and has been credited to the Special Branch of the Fund.

10. As a sum in excess of £80 has this year been received, per Mr. F. L. Prime, from Coromandel sources, no application has been made to the Contingent and Home Mission Funds for repayment to the Loan Fund of the Coromandel Trust debt, paid by the last-named fund to the bank, as directed by the Conference.

11. As per Conference Rule, Mr. J. A. Flesher retires from the Committee at this Conference, and the Committee, in view of such retirement, desires to express its sense of the high value of the services rendered by Mr. Flesher during his term of membership, and specially for help in matters calling for judicial consideration and treatment.

Mr. C. E. Salter has been recommended by the Canterbury Synod to fill the vacant place on the Committee.

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 (and especially to Mr. J. A. Flesher, who now retires after many years of valuable service) for their careful attention to the business of the Fund during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1908-9:—The Secretary, with the Superintendents of Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits and the second Minister in the Christchurch (Durham Street) Circuit, and Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, R. W. England, J. Brown, A. F. Drayton, C. E. Salter, J. L. Scott, J. Down, J. C. Prudhoe, and A. C. Reid.

3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. G. H. Blackwell for his services as Lay Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That for the future only the actual amount received by the special branch of the Fund on account of working expenses be paid towards the Secretary's stipend.
5. The Conference declares that an increase in the value of an investment made by the Loan Fund Treasurers with Connexional moneys does not necessarily belong to the local body where the investment has been made, but may properly be used to increase the capital of the Fund, and employed for the benefit of the entire Church throughout the Dominion.

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. Contributions from Boards of Trustees 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 "

N.B.—Superintendents are instructed to urge Trustees to contribute to the Fund as above, and to forward amounts so donated 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 nine Ministers and nine 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, enlargements, and purchases; to sanction sales of Trust properties, and afford advice to Trustees in difficult cases.

4. To receive the Annual Report from the 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 Treasurer of the Fund.

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.

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

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

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1. The Committee begs to report that the steady yearly increase referred to in the previous annual report still continues. The net increase in the insurable value of Church properties taken over during the past year amounts to £10,255.

2. The total insurable value of Church property on which levies are now paid is £139,840. This sum is distributed over the districts as follows:—Auckland, £24,278; Wanganui, £15,017; Wellington, £15,004; Nelson, £10,355; Canterbury, £49,626; Otago, £25,560.

3. In addition to the above, the Connexional Secretary acts as agent for the New Zealand Company, on behalf of the Church in the insurance of the personal effects of the ministers. Fifty ministers of the Church avail themselves of this opportunity of benefiting the Fund, the insurable value amounting to £8,835.

4. Two incipient fires have occurred during the year, neither of which proved serious, and the losses are met and covered by the sum of £3 5s 1d. After the payment of reinsurances and of expenses incidental to the working of the Fund, the sum of £300 is added to interest-bearing deposits, which now amount to £2,400.

5. As per rule, Mr. E. C. Brown retires from the Committee this year, and Mr. Thomas P. Ormerod is recommended as the new member.

6. The Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the value of the services rendered by Mr. Brown in promoting the interests of the Fund during the several years he has served upon the Committee.

7. The Committee desires also to express its cordial thanks to the Superintendents of Circuits and Trustees of Church property for their deep interest shown in the prosperity of the Fund, and respectfully invites a continuance of the same hearty co-operation.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Committee,

HENRY BULL, Secretary.

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 Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street) and Christchurch (Papanui) Circuits, with Messrs. C. E. Salter, R. W. England, W. H. Seed, George Bowron, and Thomas P. Ormerod.
3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. E. C. Brown for his valuable and acceptable services as a member of the Connexional Fire Insurance Committee.
4. That 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.
5. That the Treasurers of the Connexional Trust Properties be requested to consider the advisability of effecting insurances in the Connexional Office.

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

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

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee desires to make special acknowledgment of the care and efficiency with which the Connexional Secretary (the Rev. H. Bull) has discharged the arduous duties of his office during the year.

In almost every department of his work there has been considerable expansion, this being particularly the case with regard to the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.

Though the ordinary work of the office has made constant demands on his time and energy, Mr. Bull has been able, during the year, to conduct services in most of the Canterbury Circuits, and also to visit part of the Nelson District as Home Mission Deputation. At the request of the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund, he has also paid special visits to Pahiatua and Carterton.

A further batch of Certificates of Title of lands in the Wellington District has been endorsed with the Trusts of the Model Deed, and it is satisfactory to learn that this important work is approaching completion.

The Committee cordially and unanimously recommends the re-appointment of the Rev. H. Bull as Connexional Secretary.

The Hon. G. J. Smith, who is visiting England, retires from the Committee, and Mr. W. Fenner is recommended to fill the vacancy.

The following appropriations are recommended for the ensuing year:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £175; Contingent Fund, £175; Home Mission Fund, £55; Fire Insurance Fund, £100; Authorised Representative's Office, £20.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet of the Committee, and the Report of the Connexional Secretary, be adopted.
2. That the cordial 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 cordially thanked for his services as Treasurer, and re-appointed.
3. 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), Christchurch Methodist Mission, and Christchurch (Addington) Circuits, together with Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, A. F. Drayton, E. C. Brown, A. K. England, John Thompson, R. H. Turner, W. Fenner, and the Connexional Secretary.
4. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be given to the Hon. G. J. Smith, M.L.C., for his efficient services rendered for many years as a member of the Connexional Secretary's Committee.

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; also Secretary and one of the Treasurers 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.
6. 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, £55; Fire Insurance Fund, £100; Authorised Representative's Office, £20.

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

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. General Connexional Mission Property Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xiii.
2. Native Education Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xiv.
3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xvi.
4. Probert Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, pp. xvii.-xviii.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the resignation of the Rev. W. Lee, one of the Trustees, be accepted, and that he be cordially thanked for his past services; also, that Mr. J. H. Gunson be appointed in Mr. Lee's place.
2. That the Probert Trustees be requested to make provision for the training of six Students, at a cost of not exceeding £500.
5. Auckland Book Association.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xix.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

6. Grey Institute.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xx.

RESOLUTION.

That the question of reserving part of the land for Church or parsonage purposes be referred to the Loan Fund Committee for consideration, and report to the next Conference.

7. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xxi.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rev. T. G. Brooke be cordially thanked for his very able report on the Grey Institute and Kai Iwi Trusts.
2. That the attention of Trustees be called to the necessity of seeing that the conditions of lease re noxious weeds be duly carried out.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

8. Native and Destitute Children's Education Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, pp. xxii., xxiii.

RESOLUTION.

That Mr. C. W. Benbow be thanked for his services as Treasurer, and that Mr. Ernest Kellow be appointed.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

9. Canterbury Home Mission Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xxiv.
10. Century Fund Orphanage Allocation.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xxiv.

GENERAL 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 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?

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

The Reports of the Governor and of the Special Committee set up by the previous Conference were presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference express its satisfaction at the good work done by the Institution during the past year, especial regard being had to the high marks gained by the students for their trial sermons, and to the fact that six out of the seven men in residence have successfully passed University examinations.
3. That the arrangement entered into by the Committee of Discipline for boarding and lodging the Students during the current year be approved.
4. That the Conference also approve of the arrangements made for tuition in Latin and Mathematics and in Elocution.

5. That in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee of Discipline, the Lectures given by the Divinity Lecturers be limited to Systematic Theology, Exegesis, and Homiletics, with a view to the men availing themselves more fully of the lectures given at the University College.
6. That all students who can possibly do so be required to take Mental Science and Economics in their University course.
7. That the Governor be directed to make the best arrangement possible for tuition in Greek, and that all students be required to take that subject.
8. That the recommendations embodied in the report of the Special Committee set up by last Conference be approved, viz.: (a) That an appeal be made to the Methodist people for donations and bequests towards founding a Theological Hall, a sum of £8,000 to £10,000 being aimed at as an endowment, additional to the Probert Trust; (b) That subscription lists be opened forthwith; (c) That no step be taken towards founding the hall until funds have been contributed or accumulated for the purpose.
9. That Mr. G. A. Buttle, Treasurer of the Theological Institute, be thanked for his services and re-appointed.
10. That in order to assist in the support of additional theological students in the Institution, 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.

REGULATIONS.

1. 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.
2. That a separate account be presented, showing the Income and Expenditure in connection with the Theological Institution.
3. That the Minister appointed to the pastoral oversight of the students be known as Governor of the Theological and Training Institution.
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 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.
6. That the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits be a Committee of Discipline for the Theological Institution (the Governor to be convener); 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.
7. That the Treasurer be authorised to pay the fees for theological students attending University College lectures.
8. That quarterage be allowed to each student at the rate of £2 per quarter.

9. That the students be allowed to remain for a period of not less than three years in the Institution, unless called out in cases of necessity by the President.
10. 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 as Probationers, be drawn up in legal form and kept in the custody of the Governor, who shall be responsible for the stamping and the signing of the same by each student received.

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

1.—WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.

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

The Report of the Principal was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet and the Principal's Report be received and 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 1908-9, viz. :—The Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs. J. Heron, F. L. Prime, J. Edson, T. Buddle, T. McMaster, G. Winstone, S. J. Ambury, A. C. Caughey, T. Allen, J. H. Gunson, G. Hatcher, J. Veale, R. Hobbs, J. Henderson, T. B. Arthur, and A. Peak.
4. That the school curriculum be arranged for instruction up to the Matriculation Grade.
5. The Conference expresses its gratification that there is good prospect of steps being taken very shortly towards the erection of the new College, and as nearly £1,000 is required to complete the scheme, commends this important enterprise to the liberality of our people.
6. That Conference requests the Three Kings Committee, if possible, to release the Principal from the duties of the Institution for two or three months, with a view to complete the appeal for funds on behalf of the new building.

II.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

The Report and Balance Sheet of the Board of Trustees were presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference sanction the extended lease of the property.
3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Trustees, and especially to Mr. T. Allen, Secretary, for their valuable services in connection with this property.

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

I.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

For Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, see Appendix G, p. xxvii.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., and Mr. E. Rosevear for their services as Treasurers during the past year, and that the Rev. D. J. Murray and Mr. E. Rosevear be appointed for 1908-9.
3. That the Reports of the General Treasurer be received and bound up with the copies of the Conference Minutes.
4. That attention be called to the Resolutions of the General Conference requiring that Circuit Levies be paid quarterly to the Conference Treasurers, who shall remit as early as possible to the Board of Treasurers.
5. That all moneys in connection with this Fund should go through the hands of the Chairmen of Districts to the Conference Treasurers.
6. That at each Conference a Committee shall be appointed to consider the Report and Balance Sheet of the Conference Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund, such Committee to report to the Conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

1. The General Conference resolved as follows (see G.C. Min., 1907, p. 37) :—

“That while the practice of purchasing annuities for second wives on actuarial principles be continued for the present, the Board of Treasurers be instructed to consider the matter of the purchase of annuities by Ministers on re-marriage, with a view of affording relief from the pressure experienced in some quarters under the operation of the present rule. The recommendations of the Board to be forwarded to the Annual Conferences of 1908, and if a majority of votes be recorded in their favour, the President shall be empowered to sanction the immediate operation of the plan so recommended.”

The Board of Treasurers reported that they had been unable to prepare a scheme in time for the present Conference, and asked for the matter to be deferred till 1909.

2. The General Conference also resolved (see G.C. Min., 1907, p. 39) :—
 "That those cases in which, although arrangements were made with the Board, no payments have been received, and those cases where no arrangements have been made, be specially remitted to the Annual Conferences of 1908, which shall report to the Board of Treasurers in each case, with a view to secure the position of the Ministers on the Fund, and the Board of Treasurers shall be empowered to treat with such Ministers on the same terms as they were authorised to do by the General Conference of 1904."

It was resolved that the Conference Treasurers write to the individual members concerned, calling attention to the facts of the case; also, that those who have failed to reply to communications concerning arrears, be informed that they will be required to reply before Synod and Conference.

PLAMPIN BEQUEST FUND.

The Rev. W. Baumber presented the Report and Balance Sheet, on behalf of the Treasurer, Rev. H. Bull, as follows:—

			£	s.	d.	
Balance from 1907	1	9	2
Interest on Investments	52	10	0
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				£53	19	2

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That £55 be distributed among nine needy cases.
3. That Rev. H. Bull be re-appointed Treasurer.
4. That the Special Report by the Treasurer as to the legal administration of the Fund be adopted and entered in the Journal.

II.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet now presented be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. P. W. Fairclough and Mr. J. H. Helliwell for their services as Treasurers of the Fund during the past year, and that the Rev. W. J. Williams and Mr. J. H. Helliwell be appointed Treasurers for the ensuing year.
3. That the Assessment for the ensuing year be 12 per cent.
4. That the Three Kings Institution, the Connexional Secretary's Committee, and the Bible Class Movement be assessed in the interests of the Children's and Contingent Funds on the basis of Circuits.
5. That the payments on account of the Children's Fund be £8 10s for each child per year.
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; the term "Circuit Expenditure" shall, as far as these Funds are concerned, be understood to be the amounts of Ministers' Stipends for the year.

7. That for the purpose 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.
8. That all matters in dispute regarding this Fund be referred to the Treasurers for settlement.
9. That, in order to grant as much relief as possible to Circuits accepting the responsibility of a married Minister, the deductions from the taxable amount made under the Children's Fund be based upon the appointments of the current year; provided that this is not to be retrospective nor to be made the ground of appeals against former assessments.
10. That the Treasurers be directed to pay the sum of £200 to the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund.

III.—THE CONTINGENT FUND.

For Balance Sheet and Table of Circuit Levies, see Appendix G, pp. xxix.-xxxvi.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the Rev. H. R. Dewsbury and Mr. J. C. Prudhoe be thanked for their services as Treasurers, and that they be re-appointed for the ensuing year.
3. That the levy for the present year be 5 per cent. upon the current expenditure of the Circuit, as reported to the Treasurers and printed in the Minutes. (See Resolution 6, Children's Fund.)
4. That in future the President shall receive, in addition to the usual postage allowance (£5), the amount paid to Chairmen of Districts (£2).

REGULATIONS.

1. 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.
2. That any cases of over-taxation be referred to the Treasurers of the Fund.
3. The following are the ordinary charges on this Fund as sanctioned by Conference:—
 - (a) Travelling expenses of Ministerial and Lay Representatives to the General Conference.
 - (b) Travelling expenses to the Annual Conference (to include official charges and incidental expenses) of Chairmen and Representatives of Districts, Secretary of Conference, Connexional Secretary, and the Methodist Editor of the "Outlook," also expenses of Probationers proceeding to Conference for ordination by direction of their Synods.
 - (c) Travelling expenses of Ministers and District Secretaries of Church Property attending the District Synods.
 - (d) Expenses of Chairmen travelling in Districts on official business.
 - (e) Postage Allowances: President and Secretary of Conference, £5 each; Chairmen of Districts, £2 each.

- (f) Cost of Conference and Synod stationery, printing and postage, also of Ordination Bibles.
 - (g) Printing Conference Agenda, Minutes of Conference, and Society Tickets.
 - (h) Cost of medical examination of Candidates for the Ministry.
 - (i) Contingent and local travelling expenses of Methodist Editor of "Outlook."
 - (j) Amount required for Supernumerary Fund for Ministers coming from England.
 - (k) Half the cost of supplies for deceased and disabled Ministers.
4. 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.
 5. 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.

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

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix H, pp. xxxvii.-xl.

A Statement of Income for 1907 was presented by the General Secretary, 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 the Rev. J. N. Buttle and Mr. James Elliott (Treasurers) for their services during the past year, and that the Rev. J. N. Buttle be re-appointed General Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. James Elliott, Lay Treasurer.
3. That the Conference gratefully acknowledges the liberality of our people, who have contributed in 1907 £2,569 14s 10d to the support of Foreign Missions—a large increase on the previous year.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the following donors of special amounts to the Fund:—Executrixes of the late Mr. J. Wilkinson, £300; "Anonymous," Wellington; "Friend," Cargill Road, £50; late Mr. S. Shrimpton, £26 6s 6d; "Anonymous," through the President, £50.
5. That the Conference desires to acknowledge the excellent services rendered by the Rev. R. M. Lavery as Foreign Mission deputation during the past year, his addresses having promoted an increased interest in Foreign Missions.
6. That, for the stimulation of our people, the list of circuits, societies, and individuals who are supporting teachers in the Foreign Mission Field be printed in the Minutes of Conference and the "Outlook."
7. That Circuit Superintendents be requested to call the attention of congregations to our Mission literature, with a view to securing a wider circulation, and that an active agent be appointed in each Circuit to push the sale of the "Missionary Review."

8. That the basis of distribution of the Annual Report be the amount raised in each Circuit, instead of personal subscription, and that the Foreign Mission Secretary forward to the Head Office a list, suggesting the number of reports to be forwarded to each Circuit.
9. That the Conference arrange for a Foreign Mission deputation to visit New Zealand during the year, and that the itinerary be defined by the Chairmen of Districts and the Foreign Mission Secretary during the sessions of Conference; the Secretary to obtain, if possible, a portrait block for advertising purposes; also, that, if possible, the Rev. W. E. and Mrs. Bromilow be the deputation; and that, if practicable, the West Coast of the South Island and the smaller out-stations be included in the itinerary.
10. That the Conference express its gratification at the work of the Ladies' Missionary Auxiliaries, especially that of the Otago Auxiliaries, which has offered to support a second Missionary Sister.
11. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the ex-President for his services in promoting the establishment of Ladies' Missionary Auxiliaries in the chief centres and towns, and that he be requested to continue his services in this matter during the ensuing year.
12. That the Conference strongly urge the desirability of placing at least one Missionary box in every Methodist home in the Dominion.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. That the Conference express its grateful satisfaction that the returns show a substantial advance in the annual income—the highest yet recorded in connection with this Church. It warmly appreciates the response which is being made to the claims of the heathen, and urges the closer attention of Circuit Ministers and officials to the matter of improved organisation, with the object of securing larger financial returns. The Conference rejoices to learn that the General Conference has decided to enter on Mission work in the East, and commends the new Mission to India to the sympathetic support of our people. The Conference would call the Church to special prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which would result in larger gifts of necessary funds and more numerous offers on the part of our young men and women for Missionary service.
16. That the Conference present a strong request that the wish of the executrixes of the late Mr. J. Wilkinson, in regard to the investment of his bequest, be granted.
17. That the Conference appreciate the marked improvement in the Missionary Review, and directs that at the Missionary Meetings of 1903 specimen copies shall be exhibited and orders solicited, a Circuit Secretary for this special work to be appointed by the March Quarterly Meeting.

REGULATIONS.

1. That the Conference direct 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.
2. That the Foreign Mission Sunday be the first Sunday in August, and that meetings held during that week bear relation to Foreign Mission work.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. That the Foreign Mission Secretary's travelling expenses to Conference be paid out of the Missionary income.

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

The Report of the Home Mission Executive and Balance Sheet for 1907, and also the estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1908, were presented by the General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet for the past year, and the estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1908, be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
(See Appendix I., pp. xli.-xlv.)
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. S. Griffith and Mr. F. L. Prime for their services as General and Financial Secretaries, and also as Treasurers of the Fund for the past year, and that the Rev. G. W. J. Spence and Mr. F. L. Prime be appointed to these offices for 1908.
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 1908—viz.: The General and Financial Secretaries, the Rev. H. Bull (Corresponding Secretary), the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs. T. Buddle, T. Allen, S. J. Ambury, J. Heron, J. Edson, J. E. Wheeler, J. W. Shackelford, T. McMaster, T. W. Jones, P. Crowe, J. Buttle, G. H. Fleming, J. C. Allen, J. Veale, R. Hobbs, G. Hatcher, T. J. Caley, A. L. White, C. Carter, and W. T. Bowater.
4. That the Conference express its gratification at the amount raised for the liquidation of the debt by the one shilling per member effort; but it regrets that so many Circuits have made no return under this head, and urges these Circuits to raise their quota

at an early date during the ensuing year. The Conference requests Chairmen of Districts to communicate with those who have not yet paid the sums promised for aggressive work last Conference.

5. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Young Women's Bible Class Union for making provision of £100 per annum for a Deaconess to the Maoris; also, to the anonymous donor, through the President, of £50 to the Home Mission Fund.
6. That a manifesto emphasising the needs of the work be drawn up by the ex-President, and issued by circular to all our congregations.
7. That the matter of setting apart a Minister as Organising Secretary for the Home Mission Department be deferred for the present, and remitted for consideration to the Synods, which shall report to next Conference.
8. That the Rev. J. J. Lewis be the deputation for the Wellington District during the ensuing year, and the Rev. H. Bull for the West Coast (South Island).
9. That the Conference endorse the request of the executrixes in the estate of the late Mr. J. Wilkinson, that the legacy of £300 be invested for the benefit of the Fund.
10. That the standard of provision for married Home Missionaries be £120, with a furnished house.
11. That the stipends of the Ministers in the Maori work, European and Native, be paid monthly.
12. That the Lay Treasurer be recommended to add another column to the Schedule for Conference, such column to be headed "Already voted," in order to provide for the entering prior to Conference of the March quarter's grants as voted by the preceding Conference.
13. That half the cost of the Minister's removal to Reefton, and also to Otautau, be paid, one fourth by the Home Mission Fund and one-fourth by the Contingent Fund.
14. That £10 be granted towards the removal expenses of the incoming Minister at Lawrence, half of the sum to be paid from the Home Mission Fund and half from the Contingent Fund.
15. That grants be made for the four quarters of the Connexional year.
16. That the claims of the Home Mission Fund be brought more fully before our people at Sunday Services and Public Meetings.
17. That the Home Mission Executive Committee determine the extra amount which Circuits relieved from their obligation to take married men shall contribute to the Fund.
18. That the Conference fully appreciates the excellencies of the Home Mission Report, and congratulates the Committee thereon.
19. That, seeing Home Mission Grants have been made to certain Home Mission Stations on the assumption that married agents will again be appointed, the Conference directs the Executive Committee to re-adjust such grants should the married agents be removed and appointed elsewhere.

20. That the Home Mission Treasurers be directed to close the accounts on January 31st in each year.
21. That 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.
22. That the rules and regulations of the Fund (as published in the Annual Report) be re-affirmed, subject to any alterations now made.
23. That the following be added to Regulation 11 (Home Mission Report)—“One such meeting shall be held early in the Conference, so that Home Missionaries and Stewards may be informed of prospective appointments before appointments are finally made.”

FURTHER REGULATIONS.

1. That the special attention of Superintendents be directed to the importance of adopting systematic methods in all our Circuits, with a view to 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 Mission Stations to secure personal subscriptions, and thus augment the income of the Fund.
2. 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 public through the paper.
3. That the Secretary of each District Synod forward to the General Secretary, immediately after the District Synod, a statement of the receipts and expenditure on account of the Fund within the District, with list of applications for grants to be laid before the Conference, and estimates of income for the following year.
4. That the Home Mission Executive be requested to issue the Annual Reports as soon as possible after the close of the Conference.
5. That a copy of the Report be presented to every subscriber of five shillings and over.
6. That no grant be made from the Home Mission Fund to any Circuit where church anniversary services have not been held.
7. That, where possible, laymen be associated with Ministers in Home Mission deputation work.

8. That each Home Mission Station be under the supervision of the Superintendent of the nearest Circuit, whenever so directed by Conference.
9. 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.
10. That, as soon as practicable, Ministers or Probationers be appointed to Home Mission Stations.
11. 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.

HOME MISSION POLICY.

A Special Report, covering suggestions as to the future policy of the Fund, was presented by the Committee set up by last Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Special Committee be thanked.
2. That the Conference instruct the Stationing Committee to make an appointment in every case where a Probationer has been asked for without a grant, and where the conditions render an early fulfilment of obligation humanly certain.
3. Should this involve the withdrawal of Probationers from other Stations, the Committee is to consider:—
 - (1) Where is the prospect of fulfilling obligations most remote?
 - (2) Where have the greatest number of years of grace been already granted?
 - (3) Where will least spiritual destitution be caused?
4. Any Circuit thus retrenched is to stand first on the list of new Home Mission Stations.
5. The Conference directs all Synods next year to review faithfully in the sight of God and without local feeling, every place receiving a grant, whether it be Circuit or Home Mission Station, and that a special report of each place be furnished to Conference, giving information under the following heads:—
 - (1) Name of Circuit or Home Mission Station.
 - (2) How long has it been receiving aid, and to what extent?
 - (3) Present position in relation to members, adherents, and finance, also other churches in the district.
 - (4) What prospect is there of it becoming self-supporting?
 - (5) How far does its request, if any, for further aid compare in importance with the claims of needy districts at present unoccupied?

The Chairmen of Districts are directed to take the steps necessary to secure the information required.

"THE MRS. CARVEL MEMORIAL FUND."

The Treasurers report that the "Mrs. Carvel Memorial Fund," £100, donated for investment on behalf of the Home Mission Fund, has for the present been deposited with the M.B.B. and I. Society for 12 months at 4 per cent. as from September 3rd, 1907.

RETIRING ALLOWANCES FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. Every Home Missionary retiring from the work with the full approval of the Executive Committee, and on the recommendation of the Chairman of his District, shall be entitled to an allowance on the following scale:—
 - (a) For five years' service, £25. No shorter term to have any claim.
 - (b) For each additional year of service £5 shall be added, but no payment shall exceed a total of £100.
2. If at any time a Home Missionary be compelled to leave the work through misconduct, he shall not be entitled to any allowance.
3. In the event of any Home Missionary being removed by death, the sum that would be otherwise due to him shall be paid to his widow or to his children, or to his parents if the said parents are dependent; otherwise it shall revert to the Fund.
4. The above scheme shall take effect from the year 1900 in its application to the men now in the work.
5. The Home Mission Executive shall be empowered to give additional help to Home Missionaries whose many years of service may entitle them to special consideration.

QUESTION XIV. What is the State of the Maori Work, and what can be done to promote its interests?

A Special Report concerning work in the Taranaki District was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That an additional Maori Agent be appointed in the Taranaki District, to reside at Rahotu, and that a grant at the rate of £80 be recommended to the Home Mission Executive.
2. That the following be a Committee to consider the matter of a residence for the above Agent, and the matter of a house and land for Rev. R. Haddon, viz.:—The Chairman of the District, Revs. T. G. Hammond, T. G. Brooke, and J. W. Worboys; report to be made to the Home Mission Executive.
3. That the need for appointing Maori Agents at Nukumaruru or Kai Iwi, at Waitara or Bell Block, and at Waimarino, be kept in view.

4. That in every district where Maori work is being done, a meeting of those engaged in it and of the natives interested shall be held, in order that native affairs may be better represented in the Annual Synod.
5. That this Conference observes with pleasure the development of the "Young Maori Movement" throughout the Dominion, believing that it will result in a quickened interest on the part of the native race in the improvement of their social and material conditions, and also in the heightening of their intellectual and religious ideals. The Conference learns that it is proposed to hold, in Wellington, a Representative Convention to discuss the aims of the Movement, and requests the Home Mission Executive to consider at an early date how representation thereat can best be secured.

QUESTION XV.—What is the Number of Members in our Churches?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.		Sept., 1907.	Sept., 1906.
Sept., 1907.	Sept., 1906.	186	Wanganui 191
490	Auckland (Pitt Street)...	65	Aramoho 63
235	Auckland West ... }	79	Rangitikei 54
294	Auckland East ... }	95	Sandon 98
263	Auckland Meth. Mission	102	Feilding 106
146	Auckland (North Shore) }	392	Palmerston North ... 350
130	Auckland (Birkenhead) }	50	Taihape 51
176	Manukau 167	41	Waimarino 36
105	Mahurangi 103	20	Patea 19
128	Thames 121	48	Kimbolton 51
286	Upper Thames 305	—	Mokau-Kaitieke ... 68
186	Franklin 197	83	Main Trunk Line ... —
154	Cambridge 171		
156	Hamilton 145	2085	(Increase 67.) 2018
22	Huntly 27		
108	Paparoa 114		
147	Northern Wairoa 154		
99	Whangarei 100		
21	Rotorua 20	525	Wellington (Taranaki St.) 525
67	Tauranga 59	146	Wellington South ... } 169
28	Coromandel 37	41	Wellington Suburban ... }
38	Helensville 42	66	Johnsonville 73
28	Bay of Islands 34	229	Hutt 226
29	Hokianga 15	202	South Wairarapa ... 203
52	Whangaroa 46	179	Masterton 172
		182	Napier 171
3388	(Increase 31.) 3357	117	Hastings 107
		95	Gisborne 90
		67	Eketahuna 67
		99	Dannevirke 81
		157	Levin-Otaki 155
		55	Waipawa 50
		108	Woodville 101
		58	Pahiatua 53
		79	Norsewood 70
		2405	(Increase 92.) 2313

WANGANUI DISTRICT.		Sept., 1907.	Sept., 1906.
215	New Plymouth 294		
86	Waitara }		
130	Inglewood }		
70	Stratford 82		
75	Eltham 81		
169	Hawera 149		
123	Cape Egmont }		
56	Kaponga }		

NELSON DISTRICT.

Sept., 1907.		Sept., 1906.
166	Nelson	164
127	Richmond	125
202	Blenheim	174
51	Hokitika	67
154	Greymouth	151
130	Motueka	120
105	Reefton	115
74	Westport	67
26	Kumara	30
32	Havelock	39
1067	(Increase 15.)	1052

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1042	Christchurch (Durham St.)	977
95	Christchurch Meth. Mis.	96
348	Christchurch South	385
219	Christchurch (St. Albans)	207
150	Christchurch (Papanui)	144
85	Lyttelton	75
159	Springton	146
91	Tai Tapu	93
173	Leeston	170
307	Kaiapoi	293
239	Rangiora	242
57	Malvern	48
245	Timaru	242
186	Waimate	175
60	Temuka	66
218	Ashburton	230
141	Willowby	140
33	Amberley	38
22	Bank's Peninsula	24
12	Cheviot	12
3882	(Increase 79.)	3803

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Sept., 1907.		Sept., 1906.
321	Dunedin (Trinity)	320
322	Dunedin Central Mission	355
243	Dunedin (Cargill Road)	231
145	Dunedin (Morningside)	144
155	Dunedin (Roslyn)	139
80	Mosgiel	77
96	Port Chalmers	89
91	Balclutha	80
51	Milton	57
67	Lawrence	68
150	Invercargill	144
127	Oamaru	131
102	Gore	98
73	Otautau	71
54	Roxburgh	52
55	Cromwell	56
40	Riverton	39
—	Tapuanui	16
23	Palmerston	26
24	Winton	17
10	Wakatipu	10
2229	(Increase 9.)	2220

MAORI MEMBERS.

532	Hokianga	525
250	Kaipara	254
455	Waikato	440
206	Whangaroa	177
90	West Coast Mission	40
20	Southern Maori Mission	9
1553	(Increase 108.)	1445

TOTALS.

Sept. 1907.		Sept. 1906.
15,056	European Members (Increase 293)	14,763
1,553	Maori Members (Increase 108)	1,445
16,609	(Total Increase 401)	16,208

For General Returns, Summaries, etc., see Appendix K, p. xlvii.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. 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 1908:—

Auckland District	...	Rev. W. R. Tuck, M.A.
Wanganui District	...	Rev. T. G. Carr.
Wellington District	...	Rev. B. F. Rothwell.
Nelson District	...	Rev. T. W. Vealie.
Canterbury District	...	Rev. J. A. Lochore.
Otago District	...	Rev. T. J. Wallis.

2. That the following be a Committee to re-cast the form in which the Church's returns are made, with a view to prevent the present over-lapping in the several columns:—The Secretary of Conference, Revs. W. J. Williams, S. J. Serpell, C. E. Porter, Messrs. T. E. Corkill and G. Tiller; Rev. C. E. Porter, Convener.

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

The Conference draws the earnest attention of the Methodists of the Dominion to the urgent need of largely augmenting the funds of the Home Mission Department of the Church.

Calls to occupy new spheres of service are being heard with growing insistence. Our cities have already outgrown the religious provision which the Churches have made for their population, and if great numbers are to be prevented from lapsing into a condition not far removed from heathenism, immediate means must be adopted for their evangelisation.

In country districts the opening up of vast areas of new land has led to the rapid settlement of places which a few years ago were rarely trodden by human feet, and it is of the utmost importance that religious work shall follow close on the heels of this development.

The Conference is now greatly embarrassed by lack of funds to efficiently maintain the work already begun; without a large increase it cannot take up the new work to which it is urgently invited.

In view of these facts, the Conference desires our people to prayerfully review their contributions to this most important fund, and trusts they will so increase their offerings that the Methodist Church shall be able to fulfil its responsibility to the Great Head of the Church in doing its share to evangelise the Dominion.

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

Robert S. Bunn.

W. Warena Pewa.

ROBERT SMITH BUNN was born in the City of Dublin, and was of Huguenot descent. In Liverpool he was attracted to the Wesleyan Methodist Church by the famous ministry of Rev. Dr. Beaumont, in connection with which he was led to Christ. Mr. Bunn reached Melbourne in 1852, at which time there were only two Methodist Ministers in that city. He was appointed to the mastership of a Wesleyan Day School at Northcote, where he practically exercised the functions of a Circuit Minister. In 1860 he was received as a Probationer for the Ministry, and he did noble pioneer work in Victoria. His name first appears for New Zealand in the Minutes of 1864, being one of the two Ministers of the Otago Circuit. His period of active service in New Zealand comprised 23 years. In 1891 he was made a Supernumerary, and visited England, afterwards taking up his permanent residence in Sydney, where he rendered valuable service in the city and suburban Circuits. Mr. Bunn's public ministry of 47 years was characterised by unselfishness to Christian work and fervent endeavours to promote the salvation and edification of all who came under his influence. He had the joy of seeing many brought to God under his ministry, and there are many who remember his persuasive and powerful appeals. During the

last few years he suffered much, and as the end approached he sank rapidly, but his mind was clear, and his spirit calm and peaceful. Perfectly resigned to the will of God, and full of trust in the merits of Christ, he entered into rest at Burwood on June 22nd, 1907, in the 72nd year of his age.

WIREMU WARENA PEWA was born at Waima, Hokianga, in 1852, and was converted under Rev. Mr. Rowse's ministry. He entered our ministry in 1879, and spent several years in the Hokianga District, after receiving three years' training at Three Kings College. He afterwards was removed to Whangaroa, where he spent five years. In the year 1891 he was transferred to the King Country, Waikato, where he laboured with great acceptance amongst his people for 16 years, and passed away on July 31st, 1907, leaving wife and children to the care of the Church.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

See next page.

LIST OF STATIONS
OF THE
Methodist Church of Australasia
IN NEW ZEALAND,
1908.

PRESIDENT :
REV. C. E. BEECROFT.

SECRETARY :
REV. S. LAWRY.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1908.

[N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 95 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).—J. A. Luxford; W. C. Oliver (Mount Albert); A. N. Scotter, B.A. (Kingsland); T. Fee (resting); J. Law, J. S. Smalley, and J. Thomas (Supernumeraries).
WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS, NATIVE INSTITUTION.—J. H. Simmonds, Principal (Mount Eden).
THEOLOGICAL TRAINING INSTITUTION.—J. H. Simmonds, Governor.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—G. W. J. Spence.
CHAPLAIN TO THE NEW ZEALAND MILITIA.—J. A. Luxford.
- 2 **Auckland West**.—G. Bond (Ponsonby).
- 3 **Auckland East**.—G. W. J. Spence (Grafton Road); W. R. Tuck, M.A. (Mount Eden); E. Cox (Newmarket).
- 4 **Auckland Methodist Mission**.—J. Wilson.
- 5 **Auckland** (North Shore).—R. Taylor (Devonport); J. S. Rishworth and W. G. Thomas (Supernumeraries).

- 6 **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—G. S. Cook.
- 7 **Auckland Maori Mission**.—W. Gittos (Devonport), who shall superintend the Maori work in the Auckland District; A. J. Seamer (Kaeo, North Auckland).
- 8 **Manukau**.—S. J. Gibson (Onehunga); one wanted (Otahuhu); W. J. Watkin (Supernumerary).
- 9 **Mahurangi**.—J. D. Jory (Warkworth); a Home Missionary (Port Albert).
- 10 **Thames**.—J. Blight.
- 11 **Upper Thames**.—J. Dukes (Te Aroha); J. Wrigley (Waihi); A. J. Reed (Paeroa); a Home Missionary (Morrinsville); a Home Missionary (Putaruru).
- 12 **Franklin**.—J. J. Mather (Pukekohe); one wanted (Waiuku).
- 13 **Cambridge**.—W. H. Beck; a Home Missionary (Te Awamutu).
- 14 **Hamilton**.—H. L. Blamires.
- 15 **Huntly**.—C. B. Jordan, B.A.
- 16 **Paparoa**.—R. P. Keall.
- 17 **Northern Wairoa**.—W. Wills (Mangawhare); a Home Missionary (Rehia).
- 18 **Whangarei**.—C. C. Harrison; a Home Missionary (Hikurangi).
- 19 **Rotorua**.—H. A. G. Keck; G. F. Stockwell (resting).
- MAORI MISSION, HOKIANGA.—Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirimaki); Hamiora Kingi (Ruakura).
- MAORI MISSION, KAIPARA.—Hauraki Paul (Reweti).
- MAORI MISSION, WAIKATO.—Piripi Rakena (Kopua); Hone Marena Hare (Te Kuiti).
- MAORI MISSION, LOWER WAIKATO.—One wanted.
- MAORI MISSION, WHANGAROA.—Hapeta Renata (Kaeo).
- TAURANGA.—A Home Missionary.
- COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.
- HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary (Kaukapakapa).
- BAY OF ISLANDS.—A Home Missionary (Kawakawa).
- HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary (Rawene).
- WHANGAROA.—A Home Missionary (Kaeo); a Home Missionary (Awanui).
- ACTEA-KAWHIA.

GEORGE BOND, Chairman of the District.

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- 20 **New Plymouth**.—T. G. Brooke; one wanted; W. Cannell (Supernumerary).
- 21 **Waitara**.—F. T. Read.
- 22 **Inglewood**.—E. D. Patchett.
- 23 **Stratford**.—W. S. Bowie.
- 24 **Eltham**.—F. Copeland.
- 25 **Hawera**.—F. W. Boys; W. H. E. Abbey (Manaiia).
- 26 **Cape Egmont**.—J. W. Worboys; a Home Missionary (Rahotu).

- 27 **Kaponga**.—W. B. Scott.
 28 **Wanganui**.—J. G. Chapman.
 29 **Aramoho**.—J. H. Haslam.
 30 **Rangitikei**.—T. G. Carr (Marton).
 31 **Sandon**.—D. McNicoll (Sanson).
 32 **Feilding**.—C. E. Beecroft (President of the Conference).
 33 **Palmerston North**.—J. J. Lewis; H. Beggs (Cuba Street); one wanted (Ashurst); G. S. Harper (Supernumerary).
 34 **Taihape**.—R. B. Tinsley; a Home Missionary (Mangaweka).
 35 **Waimarino**.—J. F. Martin.
 36 **West Coast Maori Mission**.—T. G. Hammond (Patea); Robert Tahu Potiki Haddon (Okaiawa); a Home Missionary (Rahotu).
 PATEA.—A Home Missionary.
 KIMBOLTON.—A Home Missionary.
 TAUMARUNUI.—A Home Missionary.
 OHURA.—A Home Missionary.
 NORTH TARANAKI.—A Saddle-bag Missionary.

CHARLES E. BEECROFT (President of the Conference),
 Chairman of the District.

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 37 **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—S. J. Serpell; J. R. Clark; H. B. Redstone (Supernumerary); F. W. Isitt (without Pastoral Charge).
 ORGANISING SECRETARY, BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.—A. B. Chappell, M.A.
 38 **Wellington** (Thorndon).—C. E. Porter.
 39 **Wellington South**.—W. J. Williams (Newtown).
 40 **Wellington Suburban**.—E. P. Blamires.
 41 **Johnsonville**.—C. Eaton.
 42 **Hutt**.—B. F. Rothwell; R. Wilson (Petone); W. Kirk and S. J. Garlick (Supernumeraries).
 43 **South Wairarapa**.—W. J. Elliott (Carterton); W. W. Avery (Greytown); a Home Missionary (Featherston).
 44 **Masterton**.—J. N. Buttle.
 45 **Napier**.—A. C. Lawry.
 46 **Hastings**.—W. Tinsley.
 47 **Gisborne**.—C. Griffin.
 48 **Eketahuna**.—J. J. Pendray.
 49 **Dannevirke**.—T. T. Thomas, B.A.
 50 **Levin-Otaki**.—T. F. Jones (Levin); C. Roberts (Otaki).
 51 **Waipawa**.—G. Frost.
 52 **Woodville**.—B. H. Ginger.
 53 **Pahiatua**.—W. H. Speer.
 NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.
 WAIPUKURAU.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS, Chairman of the District.

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

- 54 Nelson.—C. H. Garland; J. Crump (Supernumerary).
 55 Richmond.—S. H. D. Peryman.
 56 Blenheim.—C. Penney; H. Ranston (Picton); a Home Missionary (Tua Marina).
 57 Hokitika.—J. G. W. Ellis.
 58 Greymouth.—T. W. Vealie; a Home Missionary.
 59 Motueka.—G. Snadden.
 60 Reefton.—T. W. Newbold.
 61 Westport.—C. Blair.
 KUMARA.—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the Greymouth Superintendent.
 HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.

CHARLES H. GARLAND, Chairman of the District.

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- 62 Christchurch (Durham Street).—H. R. Dewsbury; W. Ready (East Belt); T. R. Richards (Woolston); A. McBean; a Home Missionary; J. Smith (Supernumerary).
 CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—Henry Bull.
 63 Christchurch Methodist Mission (Durham Street South).—S. Griffith.
 64 Christchurch (Sydenham).—L. Hudson.
 65 Christchurch (Addington).—J. A. Lochore; a Home Missionary.
 66 Christchurch (St. Albans).—W. A. Sinclair.
 67 Christchurch (Papanui).—S. Lawry (Secretary of the Conference).
 68 Lyttelton.—A. Peters; W. Lee (Supernumerary).
 69 Springston.—C. Abernethy.
 70 Tai Tapu.—B. J. James.
 71 Leeston.—T. E. Thomas, M.A.; (Supply: A Home Missionary.)
 72 Kaiapoi.—T. Trestrail; W. G. Maslin (Ohoka).
 73 Rangiora.—J. T. Pinfold, F.G.S.; A. Ashcroft (Woodend); T. A. Joughin (resting).
 74 Malvern.—R. Richards.
 75 Timaru.—W. Baumber; a Home Missionary.
 76 Waimate.—P. W. Fairclough, F.R.A.S.
 77 Temuka.—W. Beckett.
 78 Ashburton.—H. E. Bellhouse; one to be sent (Chertsey).
 79 Willowby.—C. H. Standage; one to be sent.
 OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.
 AMBERLEY.—A Home Missionary (under the supervision of the Rangiora Minister).
 BANKS PENINSULA.—A Home Missionary (Little River).
 CHEVIOT.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Chairman of the District.

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

- 80 **Dunedin** (Trinity).—C. H. Laws, B.A. (Supply: E. O. Blamires);
R. H. Wylie (North-east Valley).
- 81 **Dunedin Central Mission**.—W. Slade; a Home Missionary.
SOUTHERN MAORI MISSION.—Neho Hemi Papakakura (under the
direction of the Chairman of the District).
- 82 **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—W. Grigg; F. Rands (St. Kilda).
- 83 **Dunedin** (Mornington).—D. J. Murray.
- 84 **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—T. J. Wallis.
- 85 **Mosgiel**.—A. C. Randerson, M.A.
- 86 **Port Chalmers**.—J. Ward.
METHODIST EDITOR, "OUTLOOK."—J. Ward.
- 87 **Balclutha**.—J. A. Hosking.
- 88 **Milton**.—J. W. Griffin.
- 89 **Lawrence**.—W. J. Oxbrow.
- 90 **Invercargill**.—A. Mitchell; P. R. Paris (South Invercargill).
- 91 **Oamaru**.—T. N. Griffin.
- 92 **Gore**.—W. Greenslade.
- 93 **Otautau**.—G. T. Marshall; a Home Missionary (Nightcaps).
- 94 **Roxburgh**.—M. A. R. Pratt.
- 95 **Cromwell**.—A. Reader.
RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.
PALMERSTON.—A Home Missionary.
WINTON.—A Home Missionary.
TAPANUI.
WAKATIPU.

WILLIAM SLADE, Chairman of the District.

1. J. S. Smalley, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Scotland.
2. W. Lee, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in England.
3. T. Fee has permission to rest for the purpose of engaging in Temperance work.
4. T. A. Joughin has permission to rest for a year.
5. C. H. Laws, B.A., has permission to visit England.
6. G. F. Stockwell has permission to rest for a year and to visit England.
7. Ministers are expected to arrive in their new Circuits between the second and third Sundays in April.
8. Probationers and Home Missionaries appointed to separate Stations are under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

HOME MISSION STATIONS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Manukau (Otahuhu)	One to be sent.
Mahurangi (Port Albert)	C. C. Bottomley.
Upper Thames (Morrinsville)... ..	George Bridgman.
Upper Thames (Putaruru)	One to be sent.
Franklin (Waiuku)	R. Gosnell.
Cambridge (Te Awamutu)	A. Hislop.
Northern Wairoa (Rehia)	One to be sent.
Whangarei (Hikurangi)	J. Martyn.
Tauranga	A. Hopper.
Coromandel	J. A. Lamond.
Helensville (Kaukapakapa)	A. J. Leach.
Bay of Islands (Kawakawa)	Sylvester Keen
Hokianga (Rawene)	George Stephenson.
Whangaroa (Kaeo)	C. Aker.
Whangaroa (Awanui)	One to be sent.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	Martin J. Hilder.
Cape Egmont (Rahotu)	A. Laybourn
Maori Mission (Rahotu)	Wi Kaitara Kopiri
Palmerston North	C. L. Carr.
Taihape (Mangaweka)	One to be sent.
Patea	Edwin Somerville.
Kimbolton	J. H. White.
Ohura	W. H. Wise.
Taumarunui	One to be sent.
North Taranaki Saddle-bag Mission	Chas. Alex. Stewart.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

South Wairarapa (Featherston)	John T. Pratley.
Norsewood	J. Oliver.
Waipukurau	Vacant.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Blenheim (Tua Marina)	One to be sent.
Blenheim (Flaxbourne)	One to be sent.
Kumara	Sister Moody-Bell.
Havelock	E. W. Pittendreich.
Greymouth	One to be sent.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch (Durham Street)... ..	Rev. J. Richards.
Christchurch (Addington)	Geo. B. Hinton.
Leeston (Supply for Rev. T. E. Thomas, M.A.)	W. Rowe.
Timaru	Leslie B. Neale.
Ashburton (Chertsey)	— Burchell.
Oxford	One to be sent.
Amberley	One to be sent.
Banks Peninsula (Little River)	T. Bryant.
Cheviot	Vacant.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central Mission	One to be sent.
Riverton	Chas. A. Foston.
Winton	W. T. Hooper.
Palmerston South	S. J. Campbell.
Otautau (Nightcaps)	W. E. Sleep.
Wakatipu	Vacant.

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

For Sunday School Returns, see Appendix K, p. xlvii.

The Report of the General Secretary, Rev. W. Grigg, was presented; also the Report of the Conference Committee on Sunday School Affairs.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the General Report on Sunday Schools be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. W. Grigg be thanked for his services as General Secretary of Sunday Schools, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That a Special Sunday School Department be now established, with the present Committee enlarged, as an Advisory Board, with a view to the promotion of our Sunday School work in the Dominion, and especially of keeping before the Schools new and improved methods of organisation and instruction. The Committee to consist of the Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of the Dunedin, Port Chalmers, and Mosgiel Circuits, and the Organising Secretary of the Bible Class Movement, together with Mr. W. C. Allnutt and Sister Annie.
4. That District Committees as follows be appointed to work with the Board:—Canterbury: The Canterbury Sunday School Union. Wellington and Auckland: The Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of the city and suburban Schools, Messrs. G. Tiller and J. W. Shackelford respectively, conveners. Nelson: The Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of Nelson and Richmond; convener to be appointed. Wanganui: Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of New Plymouth, Hawera, Wanganui, and Palmerston North, Mr. E. Dixon convener.
5. That all Schools be recommended to grade their scholars either by age or by the Public School standards; that Schools which grade by age be recommended to adopt the following scale:—Cradle Roll, infants up to eight years; Junior, 9—12 years; Intermediate, 13—16; Bible Classes, 16 years and over. And that Schools grading by the Public School standards form departments corresponding to the above.
6. That Conference advise the adoption of the Sunday School literature issued by Wilde and Co.
7. That every scholar gaining 80 per cent. or over of the marks obtainable in his School shall receive a Certificate, to be prepared by the Sunday School Board and issued to Schools at cost.
8. That the Conference recommend the Pastoral Session to make provision whereby the course of study prescribed for theological students shall include the Psychology of Childhood, the Art of Teaching, and the Organising of and Modern Methods in the Sunday Schools.
9. That the Sunday School Board prescribe for Teachers a course in Biblical Knowledge and the Art of Teaching. That each Circuit be requested to arrange for classes for such course of study. That each School be asked, where possible, to organise a Normal Class of senior scholars (which could meet during the regular School Session) for the purpose of taking such course and qualifying as Teachers. That an examination under the direction of Conference be held periodically, and suitable diplomas awarded to successful Teachers and prospective Teachers.

10. That the Sunday School Board be recommended to prepare and issue, subject to the approval of the President, a suitable Certificate of Church Membership and of Junior Membership, making provision for name of Church, name of member, date of joining, and signature of Minister, cost to be borne by the Contingent Fund.
11. That the Sunday School Board be authorised to arrange a Conference of Sunday School Workers at Christchurch during the present year.
12. That to meet its expenses, the Board be granted the sum of £15 from the Contingent Fund.
13. That in addition to acting in an advisory capacity, both to the Conference and Sunday Schools, the Sunday School Board be granted the following powers:—(a) To bring before the Schools, through the Organising Secretary, the "Outlook," correspondence or otherwise, information which it deems will be of service to them; (b) to take all steps it may find necessary in order to the carrying into effect of the Conference resolutions relating to Sunday School work.
14. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the Committee, and especially to Mr. A. H. Reed, convener, for their valuable services.
15. 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 a Sunday School Report of the whole Dominion, to be laid before the Annual Conference.
16. That the following inquiries be made, and returns obtained from every Circuit, by the Statistical Secretaries:—(1) Number of Schools; (2) number of Scholars; (3) average attendance; (4) number of Teachers; (5) average attendance; (6) number of Teachers Church Members; (7) number of Scholars Church Members; (8) number of Scholars Junior Members; (9) number of Volumes in Library; (10) number of Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.
17. That 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.
18. That 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.
19. That the Conference directs all our preachers earnestly and affectionately to exhort parents to bring their children to the regular Church services.
20. That, 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 provisions 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.

21. That the Conference fix the third Sunday in October as "The Young People's Sunday," upon which, throughout the Circuits, special services shall be held for the young, with a view to leading them to decision for Christ; and that, as far as practicable, the Chairmen of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits so arrange Home Mission deputations and anniversary services as not to interfere with the Sunday so appointed.
22. That our preachers be urged to make the Sunday morning services interesting to children.
23. That Conference urges that the Ten Commandments be recited in all our Sunday Schools once a month.

QUESTION XXIII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting the Bible Class Movement?

For Balance Sheet for 1907, see Appendix J, p. xlvi.

The Report of the Central Committee was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. H. L. Blamires for his able and successful services as Organising Secretary during the past year.
3. That the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., be appointed Organising Secretary for the ensuing year.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. G. S. Chisholm (General Treasurer), and that he be re-appointed.
5. That the Movement be called "The Methodist Bible Class Movement."
6. That the Organising Secretary's duties shall be:—
 - (a) To foster Bible Classes, Christian Endeavour Societies, and kindred movements, by organising and evangelistic work.
 - (b) To secure closer attachment of young people to Christ and the Church.
 - (c) To encourage young men and young women to undertake aggressive work.
 - (d) To lead young men and young women to place their lives where they will be most useful in extending the Kingdom of Christ.
 - (e) To keep in touch with Sunday School work and its latest developments, and wherever possible to hold conferences with Sunday School workers.
7. That the necessary funds for financing the effort be provided:—
 - (a) By personal donations from sympathisers with the work.
 - (b) By donations from Bible Classes, Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavour and other Societies.
 - (c) By collections at meetings and missions conducted by the Secretary.
 - (d) By a special appeal in the "Outlook," where all donations shall be acknowledged.

8. That the members of Bible Classes, C.E. Societies, and Wesley Guilds be urged to accept still further the privilege and responsibility of financing the movement, and thus avoid the necessity of appeals to the general membership of our Church.
9. That the Secretary's headquarters be Wellington, but that his place of residence be left to his own choice.
10. 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 next year:—The Ministers of the Wellington, Johnsonville, and Hutt Circuits; Messrs. G. S. Chisholm, T. Sims, G. Tiller, T. Ralph, W. F. Browne, T. Fathers, A. A. Bennett, T. E. Corkill, W. Rose, C. Parker, J. R. Randerson, and L. G. Chisholm; Mrs. W. J. Williams, Misses Hayes, Palmer, Boyd, and Rowse; Rev. C. Porter, Secretary and Convener.
11. That the Committee meet quarterly or oftener; and that the Secretary report quarterly to the Committee, and the Committee report to the Synods and Conference.
12. That the preparation of an itinerary and details of finance be left to the Conference Committee.
13. That the Committee collect returns of membership of Bible Classes and Wesley Guilds, and include them in the Annual Report.
14. That District Bible Class Unions be formed in all our cities and large centres, where practicable.
15. That at each Annual Conference arrangements be made for a public meeting to be held in the interests of the young men and young women of our Church.

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

For Summary of Returns see Appendix K, p. xlvii.-liii.

The Report of the Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be the Committee on Temperance and Public Morals for 1908:—The Ministers 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, H. D. Bedford, M.A., LL.B., J. F. Arnold, M.P., and Hon. J. T. Paul; Rev. T. J. Wallis, convener. The duties of the Committee 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.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. J. Wallis for his services as convener of the Committee on Temperance and Public Morals, and that he be re-appointed.

4. That the Committee be empowered to incur expenditure to the amount of £5, and that this be a charge on the Contingent Fund.
5. That Conference directs that on the Sunday preceding the Local Option Poll sermons be preached in all our Churches on the subject of Temperance.
6. That a Quarterly Temperance Sunday be observed in all our Sunday Schools on the day of the Temperance lesson as provided for in the International Series of Lessons; that an address by a competent person be given dealing with Temperance, Gambling, the Evils of Juvenile Smoking, etc.; that special music and suitable recitations be provided by the scholars; and that pledges be taken.
7. That Messrs. E. Rosevear and T. King be appointed to convene a deputation to wait on the Minister of Railways with reference to the abolition of packet licenses on the Government steamers on Lake Wakatipu.
8. That the Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of the action of the Government in the restrictions it has placed upon the great evil of Gambling by the enactment of so excellent a measure as the Gaming and Lotteries Act; but enters its most emphatic protest against the continued legalisation of the totalisator, and against the provision, which is now made for the first time in the history of our country, for the nefarious calling of the bookmaker.
9. That the matter of "The Emigration and Passengers' League" be referred to the Committee on Temperance and Public Morals.
10. In view of the alarming spread of intemperance, the Conference again records its strong protest against the existence of the liquor traffic, and calls upon all our people throughout the Dominion to unite in the endeavour to secure its overthrow. With the approach of the Local Option Poll at the end of the year, it is hoped that there will be the awakening of fresh enthusiasm in this holy crusade, so as to widen as far as possible the No-license areas. The good results of No-license in the districts where it prevails are so manifest as to constitute an overwhelming argument in its favour. This year the Rev. T. Fee has been released from Circuit work to devote himself to this important movement, and the Conference heartily commends him to the sympathy and support of our people throughout the Dominion.

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

The Reports of the "Outlook" Committee and also of the Special Committee set up by the previous Conference, were presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the "Outlook" Committee be received and adopted.
2. That in the opinion of this Conference it is inadvisable to make any alteration in the publishing of our connexional organ.
3. That the Committee arrange all details in the renewal of the contract.

4. That the Conference urge upon the attention of all the members and adherents of our Churches the clauses of the agreement by which we are pledged to further the interests of the paper in the matter of subscribers and advertisements.
5. That the Conference direct the Committee to guarantee a share of any financial loss, up to £40 per annum, that may arise from the continuance of the present arrangement.
6. That the Conference urge that a member of the Committee be associated with the "Outlook" Publishing Committee, with the view of representing the mind of the Methodist Church on "Outlook" matters.
7. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the "Outlook" Committee, and especially to Mr. E. Rosevear, for their valuable services.
8. That the Committee for the ensuing year consist of the Superintendents of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Circuits and Messrs. E. Rosevear (Convener), J. C. Stephens, J. B. Shacklock, W. C. Allnutt, and J. Young; the Committee to report each year to the Conference.
9. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. Ward for his services as Editor of the Methodist section of the "Outlook," and that he be re-appointed for the ensuing year.
10. That an honorarium of £25 be voted to the Editor from the Contingent Fund.
11. That the Editor's contingent and local travelling expenses be defrayed out of the Contingent Fund.
12. That the Committee and Editor be elected at each Conference.
13. That our Ministers and Home Missionaries be directed to urge the claims of the "Outlook," in their pastoral visitation and in other ways.

QUESTION XXVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Military and Naval Affairs?

The Report of the Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report by received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. A. Luxford and the retiring Committee.
3. That the Committee consist of the Revs. J. A. Luxford (Convener), G. Bond, Messrs. S. J. Ambury, and T. W. Jones.
4. That the Rev. J. A. Luxford be authorised to correspond with the Rev. R. W. Allen on Admiralty affairs, and with the New Zealand Government on Military affairs during the year.
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 following be appointed as Chaplains to Methodists on His Majesty's ships of war visiting the undermentioned ports of New Zealand:—Auckland, Rev. J. A. Luxford; Wellington, Rev. S. J. Serpell; Lyttelton, Rev. A. Peters; Port Chalmers, Rev. J. Ward; Dunedin, Rev. D. J. Murray.

QUESTION XXVII.—What are the Resolutions of this Conference on matters previously remitted to District Synods or other Committees for Report?

I.—BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

A Report was presented by Mr. J. A. Flesher.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted.
2. That the Government and various Education Boards be communicated with, suggesting that wall charts, containing the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Beatitudes, be provided by the Government, and hung in every classroom of the State Schools of New Zealand.
3. That the Conference express its conviction that the Bible should be read in our State Schools as part of the School Curriculum, the portions to be read having been previously decided upon by a Commission representing the several Christian Churches.

II.—THE METHODIST HYMN BOOK.

The Report was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be thanked for their services during the year, and the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—Revs. H. Bull and S. Lawry (Convener), with Mr. J. A. Flesher.
3. That the Committee be authorised to revise the conditions of agency, a copy of any proposed agreement to be submitted to the President before taking effect.
4. That the moneys receivable during the year be paid to the Special Branch of the Church Building and Loan Fund.

III.—MINISTERS FROM ENGLAND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That application be made to the British and Irish Conferences for four trained Ministers for New Zealand, and that Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., with Rev. W. Lee, be empowered to act in this matter.
2. The Conference expresses its gratification that a member of the Church has intimated his willingness to pay the expenses of one Minister from England, and trusts that others may be found willing to do the same.
3. That, if possible, four young men from Cliff College be secured for Home Mission work.

IV.—CITY MISSIONS.

AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.

The Conference endorsed the Report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, that no steps should be taken towards building the Mission Hall in East Street until at least an additional £700 is in hand. The Conference recommends the scheme to the hearty and liberal support of the people of Auckland, and appoints Revs. G. Bond and J. Wilson, with Messrs. Shackelford, Caughey, and Schofield, a Committee to take the necessary steps for raising the above amount.

The Conference also sanctioned the building of the proposed Hall in either brick or wood, with a preference for brick, as soon as £2,000 has been raised.

CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION.

That a representative Committee be appointed to take the necessary steps towards the initiation of a Central Mission in Christchurch, if after full consideration such action should be deemed advisable and the time opportune, the Committee to report to the next Annual Synod and to the Conference of 1909.

The following are the Committee:—Revs. H. Bull, H. R. Dewsbury, S. Lawry, L. Hudson, S. Griffith, W. Ready, W. A. Sinclair, J. A. Lochore, T. R. Richards; Messrs. G. Bowron, G. Scott, J. Murgatroyd, T. P. Ormerod, J. C. Prudhoe, A. F. Drayton, J. A. Flesher, W. H. Seed, W. Fenner, A. K. England, N. Turner, R. H. Turner, J. Hanan, J. L. Scott, C. E. Salter, A. Reid, H. A'Court, and T. Robson. Rev. H. R. Dewsbury, Convener.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

RESOLVED—That the Conference rejoices to know that a site has been secured for the erection of premises for the Dunedin Central Mission, and that immediate steps are to be taken to inaugurate a building campaign, and commends the enterprise to the generous consideration of the whole Methodist Church of this Dominion.

QUESTION XXVIII.—What is the Report on Early Church Records ?

The following Records have been received during the year:—

1. From Rev. J. T. Pinfold—Baptism Book of the Amberley Home Mission Station, 1896-1902.
2. From Mr. Jos. Lawry, per Mr. Richard Hobbs—Minute Book of Wesleyan College, 1856-58.
3. From Mr. John Thompson—Trustees' Minute Book, Durham Street Church, 1891-1906.
4. From Rev. H. R. Dewsbury—Minute Book of Durham Street Local Preachers' Meetings, October, 1863, to December, 1883.
5. Received from Mr. A. K. England—Cash Book of the Canterbury Circuit Quarterly Meeting, and afterwards of the Durham Street Quarterly Meeting, March, 1859, to June, 1883.

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

COMMITTEES FOR 1908.

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, and Secretary of the Conference, 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 by correspondence and otherwise to obtain the co-operation and hearty support of the Committee of Privileges.

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

INDEPENDENT CONFERENCE FOR NEW ZEALAND.

Recommendations relating to an Independent Conference for New Zealand were remitted by the Canterbury and Otago Synods, and it was resolved to defer their consideration until the Conference of 1909.

QUESTION XXXI.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

In the Taranaki Street Church, Wellington, on Thursday, February 25th, 1909, at 7.30 p.m.

THE STATIONING OF MINISTERS.

Under the powers of permissive legislation (see Book of Laws, par. 298, Sections (c) and (h)), the Conference resolved:—

1. That the Lay members of the Stationing Committee sit on that Committee during all its sessions.
 2. That the question, "How are our Ministers and Probationers stationed for the ensuing year?" shall be taken in the Representative Session.
 3. That the following be the Order of Procedure:—
 - (1) The Public Opening Session of Conference to be held on the evening of the second day of the Ministerial Committee, the present order of business to be followed.
 - (2) The Conference to meet the following morning at 9 o'clock to elect the Lay Members of the Stationing Committee and appoint other Conference Committees, the Stationing Committee to proceed to business immediately. No other session of Conference to be held that day, but a Public Meeting or other function to be arranged for the evening, which the members of the Stationing Committee need not attend.
 - (3) The first reading of Stations to be taken immediately upon the opening of Conference the third day, and the rest of the morning of that day to be devoted to the work of the various Committees.
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EXTENDED APPOINTMENTS TO MISSIONS.

1. That the Conference determines to avail itself of the permissive legislation set forth in Sec. (2), Par. 294, Book of Laws, by which appointments beyond five years may be made to Missions.
2. That a Mission for the purposes of this provision shall be any church or building which is so designated in the Minutes by vote of the Conference, and to which a Minister is appointed.
3. That each such Mission furnish an annual report to the Synod of the District.
4. That the following be designated Missions in the terms of Resolution 2:—Auckland Methodist Mission, Christchurch Methodist Mission, Dunedin Central Mission.

TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR DEACONESES.

The Report of the Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted.
 2. The Conference records its gratification at the establishment of the Training Home for Deaconesses in Christchurch, and prays that the Institution may have a career of uninterrupted usefulness.
 3. That the Deaconesses' Home be recognised as a Connexional Institution for the training of Deaconesses, and that the rules submitted to Conference be adopted.
 4. That a Committee be appointed to control and supervise the Training Home, viz. :—The Superintendents of the Durham Street, Sydenham, and St. Albans Circuits, and of the Durham Street Mission, and Messrs. G. Bowron, C. E. Salter, J. Hewitt, J. C. Prudhoe, Geo. Scott, A. F. Drayton (Convener), A. K. England, J. L. Scott, and E. C. Brown.
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LAY REPRESENTATION OF MAORI MISSION IN CONFERENCE.

RESOLVED—That for the purpose of Lay representation, the European Ministers appointed to the Maori work be regarded as working under the direction of the Home Mission Executive Committee (see Book of Laws, par. 287), and this Committee shall elect from its members a Lay Representative for each such Minister in full connexion. In order that the Wanganui District may be represented, two Laymen from that District shall be appointed as members of the Committee.

LAY TREASURERS IN CONFERENCE.

RESOLVED—That the following be the order in which Lay Treasurers are to be notified of their having seats in Conference ex-officio (see Book of Laws, par. 288):—

1. Church Building and Loan Fund.
2. Supernumerary Fund.
3. Contingent Fund.
4. Foreign Mission Fund.
5. Theological Institution.
6. Fire Insurance Fund.
7. Children's Fund.

REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL PREACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

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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. (For Curriculum, see below).
 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. (For suggested Order of Service see Minutes, 1905, p. 69.)
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CURRICULUM FOR LOCAL PREACHERS' COURSE OF STUDY.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Theology—Denney's "Studies in Theology."
2. Biblical—R. Waddy Moss' "From Malachi to Matthew."
3. Homiletics—Phillips Brooks' "Lectures on Preaching."

SECOND YEAR.

1. Theology—Pope's "Person of Christ."
2. Biblical—Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges (St. John's Gospel).
3. Greek—Clapperton's "First Steps."

THIRD YEAR.

1. Theology—Denney's "Death of Christ."
2. Biblical—Findlay's "Epistles of St. Paul."
3. Greek—Moulton's Greek Reader.

LEGISLATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1907.

DIRECT REPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS IN LOCAL CHURCH MANAGEMENT.

1. That the representation of our members in Local Church Government be secured by the enlargement of the Leaders' Meeting.
2. That one (1) representative per fifty (50) members or fractional part thereof may be elected by each Society, but no Society in the Circuit shall elect more than six (6) representatives.
3. That persons thus elected to the Leaders' Meeting shall thereby become members of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.
4. That persons eligible to take part in the election of representatives to the Leaders' Meeting shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and shall have been in continuous membership for at least twelve (12) months.
5. That persons eligible for election to the Leaders' Meeting shall be not less than twenty-one (21) years of age, and shall have been in continuous membership for at least twelve (12) months.
6. The Representatives to the Leaders' Meeting shall be elected by ballot, after nomination. The nomination shall be made in the meeting by any member who is eligible to take part in the election.
7. The election of representatives shall take place annually at a meeting of members of the Society, to be held in the March Quarter, as early as possible after the December Quarterly Meeting; the Members' Roll shall be produced at such meeting for reference.
8. The meeting shall be of a devotional character, and not for business purposes other than the election of representatives.
9. The representatives thus elected shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting. Any vacancy arising during the year may be filled by a special meeting called for the purpose.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE.

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

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

That the following Committees be appointed on the second day of the Representative Session 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 inquire 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, Home Mission Report.
- E. COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS.—This Committee shall consider all Reports and Synod recommendations relating to the Theological Institution, Three Kings Institution, Sunday Schools, the Bible Class Movement, and Temperance and Public Morals.
- F. COMMITTEE ON GENERAL QUESTIONS.—This Committee shall consider all other Reports and Synod recommendations, and any matters remitted to it by 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 Committees.

STATIONING COMMITTEE.

1. That for the election of lay members of the Stationing Committee ballot papers be printed containing the names of all lay representatives present at the Conference and willing to act on the Committee, and that the method of election be by members of the Conference striking out the names of those for whom they do not desire to vote; the Secretaries of the Conference to be the scrutineers.
2. That members of the Conference must vote for the full number required in each District.
3. That in considering the Station Sheet the Committee begin with the District in which the Conference for the time being sits.

STANDING REGULATIONS OF FUNDS AND INSTITUTIONS.

That the Rules and Regulations of the various Funds and Institutions be regarded as standing rules, liable, however, to alterations from year to year by Conference, and that only such alterations be voted upon.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

1. 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.
2. 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.

3. 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.
4. That at each Annual Conference arrangements be made for a public meeting to be held in the interests of the young men and young women of our Church.

RETIREMENT OF LAY MEMBERS OF CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES.

1. That in connection with all standing Connexional Committees, except the Church 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 one member retire each year.
2. That those members, outside the officers, who have been longest on the Committee shall be the first to retire.

FOREIGN LITERARY DEGREES.

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

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.

MINISTERIAL INTERCHANGES WITH BRITAIN.

1. That the Conference appoint the Chairmen of Districts, with the Secretary of the Conference, as a Standing Committee, to consider and sanction, if advisable, private arrangements that may be made by Ministers of this Conference for temporary interchange with Ministers of other Conferences.
2. That the Conference, if possible, secure periodical visits to the Dominion of prominent Ministers of the British and other Conferences, and that the foregoing Committee be authorised to enter into the necessary negotiations, with power to act, and report to next Conference.

MEDICAL BOARD.

That the Medical Board be thanked for their past services, 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.

AGENDA COMMITTEE.

That the Secretary of the Conference, Rev. C. E. Porter, and Mr. T. E. Corkill be the Agenda Committee for the next Conference.

PARSONAGE SANITATION CERTIFICATES.

That the form of Question 6, Section II., Synod Business, be altered so as to read, "Have the sanitary conditions of the parsonage been found satisfactory by the ingoing Minister?"

ORDER OF SYNOD BUSINESS.

For Order of Synod Business, see Minutes, 1905, pp. 84-88.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

THANKS TO THE EX-PRESIDENT.

That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. William Slade, Ex-President, for the zealous and efficient manner in which he has fulfilled the office of President during the past year.

THANKS TO THE SECRETARY.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., for his most efficient services as Secretary of the Conference during the past year.

ORDINATION CHARGE.

That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ex-President, Rev. W. Slade, for the eminently practical charge delivered to the newly-ordained Ministers, and that he be requested to allow the same to be published in the "Outlook."

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

That the Temperance and Public Morals Committee consider the desirability of getting all the Churches to take part in a joint appeal to the people of New Zealand for a better observance of the Sabbath, and that the Committee have power to act.

LOCAL PREACHERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

That Circuits be recommended to observe a "Local Preachers' Sunday," on which a digest of the objects of the Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association shall be read, and a retiring collection taken up on behalf of the funds of the Association.

SERMONS ON SOCIAL EVILS.

That Conference directs that sermons dealing with Social Evils be preached more frequently in our churches.

EARLY CHURCH RECORDS.

That Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., and Messrs. R. Hobbs and T. Allen be requested to visit the London Mission House, in the name of this Conference, and do all they possibly can to secure the early records relating to the history of the New Zealand Mission.

MINISTERS' STIPENDS.

That it be a direction to Chairmen of Districts to select suitable laymen, and with them to visit Circuits where the minimum stipend of £200 is not paid to married Ministers, and endeavour, in conjunction with the local office-bearers, to secure the payment of that amount.

SYMPATHY WITH SETTLERS.

That Conference expresses its deep sympathy with the settlers of New Zealand who have suffered privation or financial loss through the recent drought and bush fires, and prays that favourable weather may soon be granted by Almighty God our Heavenly Father to every part of the Dominion, and that seeming evil may be overruled for unexpected good.

CLEVELAND FIRE.

That the Conference, on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, convey, through the American Consul, our profound sympathy with the American people in the overwhelming sorrow which has befallen them in the heartrending tragedy of Cleveland, by which so many little ones have lost their lives, and so many homes been plunged into grief.

METHODIST UNION IN ENGLAND.

That the Conference express its gratification at the consummation of the Union of the Methodist New Connexion, the United Methodist Free Churches, and the Bible Christian Church, under the name of the United Methodist Church.

EVANGELIST FROM ENGLAND.

That the Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., and W. Lee be requested to interview Gipsy Smith, or some other Evangelist, with a view to securing a visit to New Zealand.

REV. THOMAS RIPPON.

That the President be authorised to communicate with Rev. Thomas Rippon, with a view to his visiting New Zealand, and that he be assured of a hearty welcome.

BEQUEST OF SIR JOHN HALL.

That the sum of £25, bequeathed by the late Sir John Hall for the maintenance of religious worship according to the rites of the Methodist Church, be given to the Circuit Stewards of the Malvern Circuit, to be used at their discretion, within the terms of the bequest.

PRINTING NOTICES OF MOTION.

That all Notices of Motion submitted to the Conference, other than those which appear as recommendations in the Agenda, shall be printed as early as practicable, and circulated among the members of the Conference.

NEW STANDING ORDER.

That the Secretary of the Conference and the Conveners of Standing Committees A. to F. be a Committee to arrange the order of business from day to day.

CHARLES E. BEECROFT, President.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH

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

- 1846 Kirk, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1877, Supernumerary
 1856 Gittos, William
 1857 Crump, John, President New Zealand Conference, 1878, Supernumerary
 „ Watkin, William J., President New Zealand Conference, 1889, Supernumerary
 1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary
 1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary
 „ Smith, John, Supernumerary.
 1864 Harper, George S., Supernumerary
 „ Lee, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1880, Supernumerary
 „ 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., President New Zealand Conference, 1900, Supernumerary
 „ Thomas, William G., Supernumerary
 1869 Beck, William H.
 „ Simmonds, Joseph H., President New Zealand Conference, 1895
 1870 Isitt, Francis W.
 „ 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, Supernumerary

- 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., F.R.A.S., President New Zealand Conference, 1897
 ,, Hammond, Thomas G.
 ,, Jory, John D.
 ,, Worboys, John W.
- 1875 Standage, Charles H.
- 1876 Baumber, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1896
 ,, Garlick, Samuel J., Supernumerary.
 ,, 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, President New Zealand Conference, 1905
- 1879 Abernethy, Christopher
 ,, Hudson, Lewis
 ,, Murray, Daniel J., President New Zealand Conference, 1902
 ,, Spence, George W. J.
 ,, Tinsley, William
- 1880 Brooke, Thomas G., President New Zealand Conference, 1906
 ,, Dukes, John
 ,, Griffin, Thomas N.
- 1881 Garland, Charles H., President New Zealand Conference, 1901
 ,, Gibson, Samuel J.
 ,, Pinfold, James T., F.G.S., F.R.M.S.
 ,, Slade, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1907
- 1882 Griffith, Samuel
 ,, Jones, T. 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 H., B.A.
 ,, Wrigley, James
- 1888 Grigg, William
 ,, Trestrail, Thomas
- 1889 Chapman, James G.
 ,, Read, Frederick T.
- 1890 Mitchell, Arthur
 ,, Newbold, Thomas W.

- 1891 Beecroft, Charles E. (received by British Conference in 1870), President
New Zealand Conference, 1908
,, Sinclair, William A.
- 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D.
- 1893 Elliott, William J.
,, Frost, George
,, Harrison, Colin C.
- 1894 Beggs, Hugh
,, Bellhouse, Harold E.
,, Porter, Charles E.
,, 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., M.A.
,, Hosking, James A.
- 1898 Beckett, William
- 1899 Keall, Robert P.
,, Wills, William
- 1900 Blamires, E. Percy
,, Greenslade, William
,, Haslam, Jonathan H.
,, Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.
,, Tuck, William R., M.A.
,, Wilson, Richard
- 1901 Boys, Frederick W.
,, Cook, George S.
,, Eaton, Clarence
,, Reader, Amos
- 1902 Oxbrow, Walter J.
,, Patchett, Ernest D.
,, Pratt, Major A. R.
,, Thomas, T. Theodore, B.A.
- 1903 James, Benjamin J.
,, Seamer, Arthur J.
- 1904 Blamires, Ernest O.
,, McBean, Angus
,, Ranston, Harry
,, Reed, Alexander J.
,, Stockwell, George F.
,, Wilson, James
- 1905 Copeland, Fred
,, Randerson, Arthur C., M.A.
,, Richards, Raymond
- 1906 Clark, James R.
,, Paris, Percy R.
,, Roberts, Charles

- 1907 Abbey, William H. E.
 „ Avery, William W.
 „ Blair, Charles
 „ Keck, Henry A. G.
 „ Maslin, William G.
 „ Scott, William B.
 „ Snadden, George
 „ Wylie, Robert H.
- 1908 Cox, Edwin
 „ Jordan, Charles B., B.A.
 „ Martin, J. Frederick
 „ Rands, Frederick
 „ Speer, William H.
 „ Tinsley, Robert B.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

- 1882 Paul, Hauraki
 „ Rakena, Piripi
- 1894 Kingi, Hamiora
- 1896 Heretini, Te Tuhi
- 1900 Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki
 „ Renata, Hapeta
- 1903 Hare, Hone Marena
- 1904 Papakakura, Noho Hemi

APPENDIX.

The Rev. W. L. Blamires, a Supernumerary of the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, received in 1858, resides in New Zealand.



AN ALPHABETICAL LIST
OF THE
Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH

The New Zealand Conference of the
Methodist Church of Australasia.

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

- 1907 Abbey, William H. E., Hawera, 2 (Manaia).
 1879 Abernethy, Christopher, Springston, 5.
 1895 Ashcroft, Arthur, Rangiora, 3 (Woodend).
 1907 Avery, William W., South Wairarapa, 1 (Greytown).
- 1876 Baumber, William, Timaru, 1.
 1869 Beck, William H., Cambridge, 4.
 1898 Beckett, William, Temuka, 1.
 1891 Beecroft, Charles E., Feilding, 3.
 1894 Beggs, Hugh, Palmerston North, 5 (Cuba Street).
 1894 Bellhouse, Harold E., Ashburton, 2.
 1907 Blair, Charles, Westport, 1.
 1900 Blamires, E. Percy, Wellington Suburban, 2.
 1904 Blamires, Ernest O., Supply, Dunedin (Trinity), 1.
 1896 Blamires, Henry L., Hamilton, 1.
 1887 Blight, Joseph, Thames, 2.
 1871 Bond, George, Auckland West, 3 (Ponsonby).
 1896 Bowie, William S., Stratford, 2.
 1901 Boys, Frederick W., Hawera, 1.
 1880 Brooke, Thomas G., New Plymouth, 2.
 1868 Bull, Henry, Connexional Secretary, 7 (Armagh Street, Christchurch).
 1878 Buttle, J. Newman, Masterton, 3.
- 1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary, New Plymouth, 9.
 1871 Carr, Thomas G., Rangitikei, 3 (Marton).
 1889 Chapman, James G., Wanganui, 5.
 1896 Chappell, Albert B., M.A., Organising Secretary B.C. Movement, 1 (New Brighton, Christchurch).
 1904 Clark, James R., Wellington (Taranaki Street), 1.
 1901 Cook, George S., Auckland (Birkenhead), 4.
 1905 Copeland, Fred, Eltham, 1.

- 1908 Cox, Edwin, Auckland East, 1.
 1857 Crump, John, Supernumerary, Nelson, 11.
 1871 Dewsbury, Henry R., Christchurch (Durham Street), 5.
 1880 Dukes, John, Upper Thames, 3 (Te Aroha).
 1901 Eaton, Clarence, Johnsonville, 2.
 1893 Elliott, William J., South Wairarapa, 2 (Carterton).
 1886 Ellis, John G. W., Hokitika, 2.
 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., F.R.A.S., Waimate, 1.
 1877 Fee, Thomas, resting, 1 (Auckland).
 1893 Frost, George, Waipawa, 5.
 1881 Garland, Charles H., Nelson, 3.
 1876 Garlick, Samuel J., Supernumerary, Hutt, 1.
 1881 Gibson, Samuel J., Manukau, 1.
 1885 Ginger, Barton H., Woodville, 2.
 1856 Gittos, William, Auckland Maori Mission, 15 (Devonport).
 1900 Greenslade, William, Gore, 1.
 1877 Griffin, Cornelius, Gisborne, 3.
 1895 Griffin, John W., Milton, 2.
 1880 Griffin, Thomas N., Oamaru, 2.
 1882 Griffith, Samuel, Christchurch Methodist Mission, 1 (Durham Street South).
 1888 Grigg, William, Dunedin (Cargill Road), 2.
 1874 Hammond, Thomas G., West Coast Maori Mission, 22 (Patea).
 1864 Harper, George S., Supernumerary, Palmerston North, 30.
 1893 Harrison, Colin C., Whangarei, 2.
 1900 Haslam, Jonathan H., Aramoho, 1.
 1896 Hosking, James A., Balclutha, 1.
 1879 Hudson, Lewis, Christchurch South, 2 (Sydenham).
 1870 Isitt, Francis W., Wellington, without pastoral charge, 8.
 1903 James, Benjamin J., Tai Tapu, 3.
 1882 Jones, T. Francis, Levin-Otaki, 1 (Levin).
 1908 Jordan, Charles B., B.A., Huntly, 1.
 1874 Jory, John D., Mahurangi, 3 (Warkworth).
 1887 Joughin, Thomas A., resting, 1 (Rangiora).
 1899 Keall, Robert P., Paparoa, 3.
 1907 Keck, Henry A. G., Rotorua, 1.
 1846 Kirk, William, Supernumerary, Hutt, 24 (Petone).
 1868 Law, John, Supernumerary, Auckland (Pitt Street), 12 (Mount Albert).
 1885 Lawry, Albert C., Napier, 3.
 1877 Lawry, Samuel, Christchurch (Papanui), 2.
 1887 Laws, Charles H., B.A., resting, Dunedin (Trinity), 5 (York Place).
 1864 Lee, William, Supernumerary, Lyttelton, 2.
 1870 Lewis, John J., Palmerston North, 3 (Broad Street).
 1905 Lochore, John A., Christchurch (Addington), 5.
 1876 Luxford, John A., Auckland (Pitt Street), 5.
 1904 McBean, Angus, Christchurch (Durham Street), 1 (Linwood).
 1868 McNicoll, David, Sandon, 2.
 1883 Marshall, George T., Otautau, 1.
 1908 Martin, J. Frederick, Waimarino, 1.
 1907 Maslin, W. G., Kaiapoi, 1 (Ohoka).

- 1883 Mather, Joseph J., Franklin, 3 (Pukekohe).
 1890 Mitchell, Arthur, Invercargill, 4.
 1879 Murray, Daniel J., Dunedin (Mornington), 3.
 1890 Newbold, Thomas W., Reefton, 1.
 1867 Oliver, William C., Auckland (Pitt Street), 2 (Mount Albert).
 1902 Oxbrow, Walter J., Lawrence, 1.
 1906 Paris, Percy R., Invercargill, 1 (South Invercargill).
 1902 Patchett, Ernest D., Inglewood, 3.
 1870 Pendray, John J., Eketahuna, 1.
 1876 Fenney, Charles, Blenheim, 3.
 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D., Richmond, 3.
 1877 Peters, Alfred, Lyttelton, 2.
 1881 Pinfold, James T., F.G.S., Rangiora, 3.
 1894 Porter, Charles E., Wellington (Thorndon), 3.
 1902 Pratt, Major A. R., Roxburgh, 1.
 1905 Randerson, Arthur C., M.A., Mosgiel, 4.
 1908 Rands, Frederick, Dunedin (Cargill Road), 1 (St. Kilda).
 1904 Ranston, Harry, Blenheim, 3 (Picton).
 1889 Read, Frederick T., Waitara, 2.
 1901 Reader, Amos, Cromwell, 3.
 1885 Ready, William, Christchurch (Durham Street), 5 (East Belt).
 1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary, Wellington (Taranaki Street), 13 (Hawker Street).
 1904 Reed, Alexander J., Upper Thames, 1 (Paeroa).
 1905 Richards, Raymond, Malvern, 1.
 1895 Richards, Thomas R., Christchurch (Durham Street), 5 (Woolston).
 1864 Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary, North Shore, 11 (Devonport).
 1906 Roberts, Charles, Levin-Otaki, 1 (Otaki).
 1885 Rothwell, Benjamin F., Hutt, 1.
 1907 Scott, William B., Kaponga, 2.
 1900 Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., Auckland (Pitt Street), 2 (Kingsland).
 1903 Seamer, Arthur J., Auckland Maori Mission, 4 (North Auckland).
 1884 Serpell, Samuel J., Wellington (Taranaki Street), 1.
 1869 Simmonds, Joseph H., Wesley College, Three Kings, 14 (Mount Eden).
 1891 Sinclair, William A., Christchurch (St. Albans), 2.
 1881 Slade, William, Dunedin Central Mission, 2.
 1868 Smalley, Joseph S., Supernumerary, Edinburgh (Scotland), 6.
 1862 Smith, John, Supernumerary, Christchurch (Durham Street), 12 (Richmond).
 1907 Snadden, George, Motueka, 1.
 1908 Speer, William H., Pahiatua, 1.
 1879 Spence, George W. J., Auckland East, 3 (Grafton Road).
 1875 Standage, Charles H., Willowby, 2.
 1904 Stockwell, George F., resting, 1.
 1936 Taylor, Robert, Auckland (North Shore), 1.
 1871 Thomas, James, Supernumerary, Auckland (Pitt Street), 2 (Stanley Bay).
 1876 Thomas, T. Eggleston, M.A., Leeston, 4.
 1902 Thomas, T. Theodore, B.A., Dannevirke, 3.
 1868 Thomas, William G., Supernumerary, North Shore, 7 (Devonport).

- 1908 Tinsley, Robert B., Taihape, 1.
 1879 Tinsley, William, Hastings, 3.
 1938 Trestrail, Thomas, Kaiapoi, 2.
 1900 Tuck, William R., M.A., Auckland East, 4 (Mount Eden).
 1894 Vealie, Thomas W., Greymouth, 2.
 1885 Wallis, T. Jackson, Dunedin (Roslyn), 2.
 1885 Ward, Josiah, Port Chalmers, 4.
 1857 Watkin, William J., Supernumerary, Manukau, 15 (Onehunga).
 1870 Williams, William J., Wellington South, 2 (Newtown).
 1899 Wills, William, Northern Wairoa, 3 (Mangawhare).
 1904 Wilson, James, Auckland Methodist Mission, 5 (Newton).
 1900 Wilson, Richard, Hutt, 3 (Petone).
 1874 Worboys, John W., Cape Egmont, 4 (Opunake).
 1837 Wrigley, James, Upper Thames, 1 (Waihi).
 1907 Wylie, Robert H., Dunedin (Trinity), 2 (North Dunedin).

NATIVE MINISTERS.

- 1900 Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki, West Coast Maori Mission, 8
 (Okaiawa).
 1903 Hare, Hone Marena, Waikato, 1 (Te Kuiti).
 1896 Heretini, Te Tuhi, Hokianga, 8 (Whirinaki).
 1894 Kingi, Hamiora, Ruakura, 1.
 1904 Papakakura, Neho Hemi, Southern Maori Mission, 4 (Oraki).
 1882 Paul, Hauraki, Kaipara, 10 (Reweti).
 1882 Rakena, Piripi, Waikato, 1 (Kopua).
 1900 Renata, Hapeta, Whangaroa, 9 (Kaeo).



APPENDIXES.

APPENDIX A.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

CASH ACCOUNT FROM JANUARY 16TH, 1907, TO JANUARY 16TH, 1908.

Treasurers—MR. G. H. BLACKWELL AND REV H. BULL.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Bank Balance brought forward	885 6 6		By Loans Granted—		
„ Deposits brought forward ...	600 0 0		Cromwell Parsonage ...	125 0 0	
		1,485 6 6	Otautau Parsonage ...	260 0 0	
„ Loan Instalments Paid by			Hawera Church ...	500 0 0	
Trusts	1,774 5 2		Kilbirnie Church ...	100 0 0	
„ Grant from Century Fund ...	50 0 0		St. Kilda Church ...	150 0 0	
		1,824 5 2	Pohangina Church...	40 0 0	
„ Interest on Deposits ...	26 4 10		Tai Tapu Parsonage ...	300 0 0	
„ Fees on Loans	34 18 0		Timaru School ...	600 0 0	
„ Interest on Loans	13 7 2		Mamaku Church ...	22 10 0	
„ Contributions from Trusts ...	95 11 6		Rototuna Church ...	60 0 0	
„ Bank Exchange	3 4 6		Cambridge Church ...	95 0 0	
		173 6 0	Birkdale Church ...	80 0 0	
			Invercargill (Teviot Street) Church	185 0 0	
					2,517 10 0
			„ Century Fund Grants—		
			Otautau Parsonage ...	50 0 0	
			Inglewood Parsonage ...	50 0 0	
					100 0 0
			„ Grant to Secretary's Stipend	157 0 0	
			„ Stamps and Telegrams ...	5 9 9	
			„ Stationery and Printing ...	3 15 2	
			„ Bank Exchange	4 16 6	
			„ Bank Charge	0 10 0	
			„ Cash Book	1 2 0	
					172 13 5
			„ Cash on Deposit	600 0 0	
			„ Cash at Bank	92 14 3	
					692 14 3
		£3,482 17 8			£3,482 17 8

N.B.—1. The Capital Account is the same as last year, viz., £8,621 4s. 10d.
 2. The Profit and Loss Account shows credit £221 19s. 8d., which is included in the Credit Balance shown in Cash Account.

Examined and found correct,

H. A'COURT.
 A. K. ENGLAND.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—Special Branch.

CASH ACCOUNT FROM JANUARY 16TH, 1907, TO JANUARY 16TH, 1908.

Treasurers—MR. G. H. BLACKWELL AND REV. H. BULL.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Bank Balance brought forward	226 4 1		By Loans Granted—		
„ Deposits brought forward ...	300 0 0		Cashmere Church Site ...	87 8 0	
		526 4 1	Pukekohe Parsonage Improve- ments ...	40 0 0	
„ Loan Fund Instalments paid by Trusts ...		582 14 4	Cuba Street Church Debt Liquidated ...	56 0 0	
„ Fees on Loans ...	4 12 6		Kahouri Bridge Church ...	20 0 0	
„ Interest on Loans ...	2 3 8		Takapau Church Site ...	40 0 0	
„ Interest on Deposits ...	12 4 7		Scarborough Church Site ...	24 15 6	
		19 0 9	Carterton Church Site ...	100 0 0	
Profit on Sales of New Hymn Books ...		42 13 8	Invercargill (Teviot Street) Church ...	65 0 0	
			Waimana Church Site ...	10 0 0	
					443 3 6
			„ Seddon Township Lease ...	2 0 6	
			„ Blackball Township Lease ...	1 10 0	
					3 10 6
			„ Grant towards Secretary's Stipend... ..	18 0 0	
			„ Expenses Sale of Mackenzie's Site	0 10 0	
					18 10 0
			„ Cash on Deposit	300 0 0	
			„ Cash in Bank	405 8 10	
					705 8 10
					£1,170 12 10
		£1,170 12 10			£1,170 12 10

N.B.—1. The Capital Account is £2,906 6s. 7d., being an increase of £42 13s. 8d., derived from profits on sales of the new Hymn Books.
2. The Profit and Loss Account shows credit of £38 3s 9d, which is included in the Credit Cash Balance shown above.

Examined and found correct,
H. A' COURT.
A. K. ENGLAND.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

LIST OF LOANS.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1907.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1908
1896.			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July 29	St. Albans Church	Erection	9	650	21 0 0	36 15 0	
1897.							
June 17	Kimbolton Church	Liquidation of Debt	5½	60	2 2 9	23 8 2	23 8 2
Oct. 21	Kuaotunu Church	Erection	7	120	Nil	57 19 6	57 19 6
1898.							
Jan. 27	Milton Parsonage	Erection	9¾	120	10 12 6	Nil	
May 4	Karangahake Church	Erection	8	100	8 0 0	29 8 8	29 8 8
June 10	Mangaweka Church	Erection	8	60	Nil	46 12 11	46 12 11
Nov. 8	Nikau Church	Erection	8	50	12 1 5	Nil	
1899.							
Mar. 30	New Plymouth Church	Erection	10	600	45 0 0	45 0 0	
April 8	Whangarei Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	70	6 11 3	Nil	
June 6	Raetihi Church	Erection	9½	40	14 1 5	Nil	
July 1	Coromandel Church	Erection	8	250	Nil	203 2 6	203 2 6
Aug. 18	Coromandel Church (Special)	Erection	2	25	Nil	25 0 0	25 0 0
Sep. 6	Hamilton Parsonage	Erection	8	100	6 5 0	6 5 0	6 5 0
Sept. 10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8	135	Nil	113 4 0	113 4 0
Sept. 11	Grafton Road Church	Reduction of Debt	7	100	3 9 6	Nil	
Nov. 25	Huntly Church	Erection	8	50	9 0 0	Nil	
Dec. 21	Kimbolton Parsonage	Erection	10¼	125	Nil	91 14 10	63 4 10
Dec. 30	Oxford Church	Purchase	8	60	7 10 0	5 0 0	5 0 0

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1907.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1908.
			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1900.							
Jan. 18	Warkworth Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	10	150	Nil	86 5 0	56 5 0
Feb. 5	Mt. Eden Church	Erection	7	150	53 15 0	Nil	
April 20	Arrowtown Church	Erection	10	85	10 4 11	Nil	
April 30	Taikorea Church	Erection	8	50	13 6 8	6 13 4	
May 18	Mt. Albert Parsonage	Erection	7	150	15 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0
May 28	Dannevirke Church	Erection	5	70	13 0 0	Nil	
July 16	Coromandel Parsonage	Erection	8	100	47 4 0	Nil	
Sep. 8	Upper Wakefield Church	Erection	6	45	5 0 0	10 0 0	
Sep. 17	Tataraimaka Church	Erection	8	40	1 5 0	9 15 0	
Oct. 21	Okato Church	Erection	9	75	16 5 0	Nil	
1901.							
Jan. 1	Sydenham Church	Reduction of Debt	8	200	37 10 0	Nil	
Jan. 7	Halswell Church	Liquidation of Debt	7	60	13 9 0	Nil	
Jan. 10	Te Aroha Church	Erection	8	225	25 5 4	35 7 0	
Jan. 25	Aratapu Church	Erection	8	100	12 10 0	43 15 0	31 5 0
Jan. 25	Northcote Church	Erection	8	70	8 15 0	10 18 9	
Jan. 27	Havelock Church	Erection	10	80	8 0 0	20 0 0	
Mar. 19	Dannevirke Church (2)	Enlargement	2 after 1st	33	33 0 0	Nil	
May 9	Takapuna Church	Erection	8	85	12 5 0	18 7 6	
Aug. 17	Woodville Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	115	13 15 0	56 5 0	
Sep. 16	Hamilton Church	Liquidation of Debt	6	150	25 0 0	25 0 0	
Sep. 20	Prebbleton Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	50	3 3 6	24 6 6	4 6 6
Sep. 24	Waitekauri Church	Erection	8	75	3 15 4	59 4 8	35 3 5
Sep. 30	Addington Church	Reduction of Debt	8	150	18 15 0	37 10 0	
Oct. 11	Eketahuna Parsonage	Erection	10	200	Nil	200 0 0	120 0 0
Oct. 22	Mosgiel Church	Enlargement	8	80	12 10 0	23 15 0	

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1907.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1908.
			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1901.							
Dec. 1	East Belt Church	Reduction of Debt	6	250	41 13 4	Nil	
Dec. 23	Birkenhead Church	Erection of S. School	7	150	16 1 6	37 9 6	
Dec. 30	Levin Century Hall and School...	Erection	8	200	25 0 0	56 5 0	
1902.							
Jan. 10	Ponsonby Church	Reduction of Debt	8	400	75 0 0	137 10 0	37 10 0
Feb. 17	Nukuroa Church	Erection	7	112	27 0 0	22 10 0	
Mar. 22	Hawera Church and School	Removal & Enlargement	8	150	15 15 0	69 0 0	15 15 0
Mar. 30	Hastings Parsonage	Pur. Land & Erection	10	200	4 15 0	143 0 0	
June 18	Awatuna Church	Erection	5	35	7 0 0	Nil	
June 18	Timaru Church	Reduction of Debt	8	375	46 17 6	140 12 6	
June 18	Lawrence Parsonage	Improvements	5	40	8 0 0	Nil	
July 3	Ashburton School	Enlargement	6	45	Nil	15 0 0	15 0 0
July 8	Otautau Church	Erection	8	80	16 5 0	37 10 0	
July 8	Cheltenham Church	Erection	6	60	17 8 1	5 2 6	
Sep. 1	Ngaruawahia Church	Erection	6	30	2 10 0	12 10 0	7 10 0
Sep. 18	Grafton Road Church (2)	Liquidation of Debt	8	150	18 15 0	60 18 9	9 7 6
1903.							
Mar. 11	Karori Church	Improvements	5	24	Nil	9 12 0	4 0
April 15	Midhurst Church	Improvements	5	50	17 10 0	5 0 0	
May 13	Drummond Church	Erection	7	40	5 0 0	Nil	
June 13	Cargill Road Parsonage	Erection	10	500	50 0 0	287 10 0	
June 22	Cambridge Parsonage	Enlargement	7	100	14 6 0	39 4 6	
June 22	Napier Church	Reduction of Debt	7	100	10 15 0	39 4 6	
July 1	C. M. Sisters' Home	Erection	6	200	11 15 0	106 5 0	31 5 0
July 10	Woolston Parsonage and School...	Erection	8	350	40 0 0	150 0 0	
July 23	Fernhill Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	4	100	13 15 0	6 5 0	6 5 0

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1907.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1908.
1903.			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sep. 1	Carrington Road Church ...	Erection	6	50	2 1 8	25 0 0	10 8 4
Nov. 12	Makotuku Church ...	Erection	5	40	16 0 0	Nil	
Nov. 21	Morrinsville Church ...	Erection	8	150	18 15 0	56 5 0	
1904.							
Jan. 5	Mayfield Church ...	Erection	6	50	8 6 0	10 9 8	
Feb. 8	Waitara Church ...	Erection	8	100	9 7 6	59 7 6	
April 30	Newmarket Church ...	Reduction of Debt	6	50	8 6 8	20 16 8	
May 17	Petone Church and Parsonage ...	Purchase of Site	8	200	31 5 0	118 15 0	
Aug. 1	Waitoa Church ...	Erection	10	100	5 0 0	62 10 0	
Oct. 6	Eltham Church ...	Erection and Site	10	145	5 10 0	112 0 0	11 0 0
Nov. 14	Balclutha Parsonage ...	Enlargement	5	50	5 0 0	25 0 0	5 0 0
Dec. 22	Crofton Church ...	Erection	8	140	17 10 0	78 15 0	
1905.							
Jan. 13	Mornington Church ...	Erection	10	600	60 0 0	435 0 0	
Jan. 13	Kuripuni Church ...	Enlargement	6	50	8 6 8	25 0 0	
Jan. 25	South Road School ...	Enlargement	5	50	7 10 0	32 10 0	10 0 0
April 3	Waiuku Parsonage ...	Purchase	10	170	140 5 0	Nil	
April 3	Otorohanga Church ...	Erection	6	50	Nil	40 9 9	13 8 1
April 11	Ponsonby Infant School ...	Erection	6	65	10 16 8	37 18 4	
April 11	Ponsonby Sunday School ...	Enlargement	6	60	10 0 0	35 0 0	
April 28	Woodville Parsonage ...	Liquidation of Debt	5	50	10 0 0	25 0 0	
May 3	Norsewood Parsonage ...	Liquidation of Debt	5	40	8 0 0	20 0 0	
May 20	New Plymouth Church (2) ...	Reduction of Debt	7	100	14 6 0	64 5 0	
June 30	Paparoa Church ...	Improvements	4	20	5 0 0	10 0 0	
Oct. 25	Selwyn Street S. Church ...	Reduction of Debt	5	50	10 0 0	30 0 0	

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1907.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1908.
1906.			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 6	Glenavon Church	Erection	10	400	50 0 0	320 0 0	
Jan. 6	Devonport Church	Liquidation of Debt	4	335	83 15 0	188 8 9	
Jan. 30	Gore Church and Parsonage	Purchase	10	350	35 0 0	297 10 0	
May 22	Waituna West Church	Erection	8	60	Nil	57 9 0	
July 1	Three Kings College	Liquidation of Debt	6	150	25 0 0	118 15 0	
Aug. 1	Reefton Church	Erection	8	275	34 8 0	232 0 0	
Sep. 19	St. Kilda Church	Erection	10	200	17 10 0	182 10 0	
Oct. 12	Whangarei Church... ..	Erection	10	235	17 12 6	217 7 6	5 17 6
1907.							
Jan. 25	Cromwell Parsonage	Erection	8	125	11 14 6	113 5 6	
Jan. 29	Otautau Parsonage	Erection	10	260	19 10 0	240 10 0	
Feb. 8	Hawera Church	Erection	10	500	20 0 0	480 0 0	10 0 0
Feb. 13	Kilbirnie Church	Enlargement	6	100	Nil	100 0 0	
May 24	Pohangina Church	Erection	4	40	5 0 0	35 0 0	
May 24	Tai Tapu Parsonage	Erection	10	300	Nil	300 0 0	
Sep. 10	Timaru Sunday School	Erection	10	600	10 0 0	590 0 0	
Dec. 17	Mamaku Church	Erection	4	22/10	Nil	22 10 0	
Dec. 21	Rototuna Church	Erection	5	60	Nil	60 0 0	
Dec. 28	Cambridge Church	Reconstruction	8	95	Nil	95 0 0	
1908.							
Jan. 10	Birkdale Church	Erection	8	80	Nil	80 0 0	
Jan. 13	Invercargill Church	Erection	10	185	Nil	185 0 0	

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—Special Branch.

LIST OF LOANS.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1907.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1908
			Years.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1893.							
July 18	Blackball Township	Lease of Church Site		24 15 0	Nil	24 15 0	
Nov. 22	MacKenzie Church	Purchase of Site		31 0 0	6 0 0	Nil	
1895.							
Jan. 10	Stratford Church	Erection	10		130 0 0	17 6	17 5 6
1896.							
Oct. 22	MacKenzie Church	Purchase		199 14 6	78 8 6	65 5 0	
1897.							
May 12	Oamaru Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	12	917 10 0	50 0 0	202 10 0	
Sept. 23	Dannevirke Parsonage	Purchase of Site		160 0 0	160 0 0	Nil	
1898.							
Aug. 6	Taihape Church	Purchase of Site		11 0 6	2 10 6	Nil	
1899.							
Mar. 28	Highcliffe Church	Exchange of Site		5 4 0	Nil	5 4 0	
April 18	Waituna West Church	Purchase of Site		21 10 0	5 2 0	8 15 0	
Sept. 10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8	40 0 0	Nil	23 11 6	23 11 6
1900.							
Feb. 5	Mt. Eden Church	Erection	6	100 0 0	13 15 0	Nil	
April 21	Arrowtown Church	Erection	10	106 4 1	10 5 1	60 14 9	2 1 8
Aug. 12	Seddon Township	Lease of Church Site		19 6 8	1 5 0	18 1 8	
1901.							
Aug. 17	Woodville Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	35 0 0	1 5 0	Nil	
Aug. 27	Little River Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	8	40 0 0	3 18 3	17 10 0	
Sept. 24	Waitekauri Church	Erection	8	20 0 0	10 0 0	Nil	
Oct. 22	Mosgiel Church	Enlargement	8	20 0 0	Nil	1 5 0	
1902.							
Mar. 27	Torere Church	Purchase Site & Erection	5	31 12 0	Nil	31 12 0	31 12 0
Mar. 30	Hastings Parsonage	Erection	10	90 0 0	9 10 0	42 10 0	
May 8	Eketahuna Parsonage	Erection	5	50 0 0	Nil	50 0 0	50 0 0
June 4	Kamo Church	Liquidation of Debt		109 14 6	Nil	59 14 6	
Dec. 4	Eltham Parsonage	Purchase of Site		75 2 2	Nil	75 2 2	

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1907.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalment Overdue Jan. 16. 1908
			Years.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1903.							
Jan. 27	Brightwater Church ...	Purchase of Site		32 17 0	Nil	32 17 0	
Dec. 24	Kokatahi Church ...	Purchase of Site		14 14 0	Nil	14 4 7	
1904.							
May 2	Paeroa Church ...	Liquidation of Debt	5	50 0 0	11 0 0	21 0 0	6 0 0
May 14	Waitara Church ...	Erection	After 1st	20 0 0	Nil	20 0 0	
May 17	Runanga Church ...	Lease of Site		2 15 0	Nil	2 15 0	
May 17	Coromandel Church & Parsonage	Reduction of Debt	Special	502 11 3	96 13 0	325 18 2	
July 19	Pahiatua Church ...	Liquidation of Debt	7	87 10 0	10 0 0	60 0 0	
Oct. 6	Eltham Church ...	Erection and Site	10	75 0 0	11 0 0	47 10 0	
Oct. 25	Timaru Church ...	Liquidation of Debt	8	150 0 0	18 15 0	103 2 6	
Nov. 1	Whangarei Parsonage ...	Reduction of Deb	5	50 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	
Nov. 1	Canvas Town Church ...	Erection and Site	8	90 0 0	11 5 0	46 1 8	
Dec. 22	Winton Church ...	Purchase of Site		150 0 0	Nil	150 0 0	
1905.							
April 3	Aratiatia Church ...	Purchase of Site		15 0 0	Nil	15 0 0	
April 26	Rotorua Church ...	Lease of Site	8	100 0 0	12 10 0	68 15 0	
Oct. 1	Kimberley Church ...	Liquidation of Debt	5	30 0 0	1 10 0	18 0 0	
Oct. 23	Oroua Valley Church ...	Erection	5	25 0 0	5 0 0	15 0 0	
1906.							
Jan. 10	Clarence Road Church ...	Purchase of Site		15 0 0	Nil	15 0 0	
Feb. 2	Karori Parsonage ...	Purchase of Site	10	140 0 0	Nil	100 0 0	15 0 0
July 4	Flaxbourne Church & Parsonage	Purchase of Site		50 0 0	Nil	50 0 0	
July 4	Gleniti Church ...	Purchase of Site		10 0 0	10 0 0	Nil	
1907.							
Feb. 26	Cashmere Church ...	Purchase of Site	3	87 8 0	Nil	87 8 0	
April 7	Pukekohe Parsonage ...	Structural Improvements	4	40 0 0	7 10 0	32 10 0	
April 10	Cuba Street Church ...	Liquidation of Debt	5	56 0 0	5 12 0	50 8 0	2 16 0
Sept. 10	Kahouri Bridge Church ...	Erection		20 0 0	20 0 0	Nil	
Nov. 15	Takapau Church ...	Purchase of Site		40 0 0	Nil	40 0 0	
Dec. 18	Scarborough Church ...	Purchase of Site		24 15 6	Nil	24 15 6	
Dec. 20	Carterton Church ...	Purchase of Site	10	100 0 0	Nil	100 0 0	
1908.							
Jan. 10	Waimana Church ...	Purchase of Site		10 0 0	Nil	10 0 0	
Jan. 13	Invercargill Church ...	Erection of Church	10	65 0 0	Nil	65 0 0	

APPENDIX C.

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY'S BALANCE SHEET.

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1907.

Treasurer—MR. G. H. BLACKWELL.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.				
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Church Building and Loan Fund ...	...	175	0 0	By Secretary's Stipend ...			300	0 0
„ Contingent Fund ...	...	175	0 0	„ House Rent ...			76	0 0
„ Fire Insurance Fund ...	...	100	0 0	„ Connexional Funds—				
„ Home Mission Fund ...	...	55	0 0	Supernumerary Fund ...	11	10 0		
„ Authorised Representative's Office...	...	16	2 5	Children's Fund ...	28	5 0		
				Contingent Fund ...	14	4 4		
							53	19 4
				„ Typist ...			52	0 0
				„ Furniture Renewal and Fire				
				Insurance ...			15	0 0
				„ Stamps, Telegrams, and				
				Stationery ...			5	6 11
				„ Renovating Typewriter ...			0	18 6
				„ Travelling Expenses ...			17	17 8
							£521	2 5
							£521	2 5

MISSION, EDUCATIONAL, AND GENERAL CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

I.—MISSION PROPERTY.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1907.

Treasurers—REV. G. W. J. SPENCE AND MR. F. L. PRIME.

RECEIPTS.			£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.			£ s. d.
To Rents—Parliament Street—No. 1	...	...	118 0 0	By Repairs, etc., Buildings	...	...	113 17 6
„ „ „ No. 2	...	...	84 0 0	„ City and other Rates	...	...	41 6 5
„ „ „ No. 3	...	...	60 0 0	„ Fire Insurance	...	...	8 11 2
„ Beach Road (3)	...	...	80 6 6	„ Clearing Gorse, Kopua	...	...	5 0 0
„ Kaeo Lands	...	...	20 0 0	„ Survey, Aotea	...	...	10 0 0
„ Mount Wesley	...	...	10 0 0	„ Advertising	...	...	6 16 0
„ Newark	...	...	13 0 0	„ Solicitor's Charges	...	...	3 3 0
„ Whatawhata	...	...	2 10 0	„ Church Site, Kawakawa	...	...	6 0 0
„ Aotea Harbour (2 years)	...	...	10 0 0	„ Invested in Home Mission Funds	...	...	575 0 0
To Mangungu Land Sold	...	...	1,075 0 0	„ On Mortgage	...	...	500 0 0
„ Interest	...	...	25 0 0	„ Home Mission Fund	...	...	223 4 1
„ Refund of Rates	...	...	15 1 8	„ Commission	...	...	20 0 0
			£1,512 18 2				£1,512 18 2

Audited and found correct,

Auckland, November 14th, 1907.

THOMAS ALLEN,

J. G. HENDERSON,

} AUDITORS.

III.—EMSLY THEOLOGICAL ENDOWMENT TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1907.

Treasurers—MESSRS. F. L. PRIME AND G. A. BUTTLE.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.				£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.				£ s. d.
To Rent—Sarsfield Street	...	...	...	70 17 0	By Expenses Auction Sale	...	...	...	26 2 0
„ Deposit on Auction Sales	...	...	...	33 1 3	„ Survey Account	...	...	...	8 6 0
„ Refund of Rates	...	...	...	4 8 9	„ Repairs to Building	...	...	...	7 8 0
„ Interest on Mortgages	...	...	..	42 19 4	„ City Rates	...	...	...	10 7 9
					„ Fire Insurance	...	...	...	0 15 0
					„ Solicitor's Charges	...	...	...	3 3 0
					„ Commission	...	...	...	5 14 0
					„ Treasurer Theological Institute	...	...	...	89 10 7
				<u>£151 6 4</u>					<u>£151 6 4</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.				£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.				£ s. d.
To Property Sold	...	...	...	1,537 10 0	By Mortgages	...	...	...	1,352 10 0
„ Estimate to Sell	..	...	...	350 0 0	„ Deposit at Call	...	...	...	185 0 0
					„ Estimated Value Property	...	...	...	350 0 0
				<u>£1,887 10 0</u>					<u>£1,887 10 0</u>

Auckland, November 14th, 1907.

Audited and found correct,

THOMAS ALLEN,
J. G. HENDERSON, }

AUDITORS.

PROBERT TRUST.

Real Estate Account for Year ended October 31st, 1907.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1907.	£	s.	d.
1906.							1907.			
Oct. 31—To Valuation ...	12,132	2	0				Oct. 31—By Balance ...	6,132	9	11
1907.										
Oct. 31—By Proceeds of Sales to date	5,999	12	1							
				<u>6,132</u>	9	11				
				<u>£6,132</u>	9	11				
To Balance				<u>£6,132</u>	9	11		<u>£6,132</u>	9	11

Investment Account for Year ended October 31st, 1907.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1907.	£	s.	d.
1907.							1907.			
Oct. 31—To Real Estate Account	5,999	12	1				Oct. 31—By Anglesea Street Purchase ...	52	2	0
„ Balance	3,431	6	5				„ Newton Road Cottages ...	622	15	6
							„ Arney Street Cottages ...	431	1	0
							„ Freehold Mortgage ...	225	0	0
							„ Probert's Buildings ...	8,100	0	0
				<u>£9,430</u>	18	6		<u>£9,430</u>	18	6

Auckland, N.Z., 31st October, 1907.

J. F. BUDDLE, F.N.Z.A.A.,
W. D. BUTTLE, } AUDITORS.

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

Balance Sheet for the Year ending September 30th, 1907.

Treasurer—MR. J. EDSON.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Dec. 31, 1906.		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Capital, as per last Statement	...	611	15	2	By Purchase Land	...	621	16	4
„ Interest from Auckland Savings Bank	...	3	19	1	„ „ Books	...	4	9	6
„ „ Tutu	...	12	10	9	„ „ Periodicals	...	1	5	0
„ „ „	...	7	15	6	„ Legal Charges	...	2	10	0
„ „ „	...	7	15	6	„ Bank Balance	...	13	15	2
		<u>£643 16 0</u>					<u>£643 16 0</u>		

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Audited and found correct,

Auckland, November 25th, 1907.

F. L. PRIME, AUDITOR.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

VI.—GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1907.

Treasurers—REV. T. G. BROOKE AND MR. J. WHITAKER.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance forward from 1906	...	...	44 4 9	Loan Repaid to Estate late J. C. George	...	...	140 0 0
Interest	...	...	32 8 6	Interest on do.	...	...	3 2 9
Rents	...	...	333 9 7	Refund Cash Balance to Estate J. C. George	..	...	1 4 8
Cash Advanced by J. C. George	...	...	1 4 8	Land Tax	...	...	47 4 11
				Rates	...	...	48 2 4
				Law Costs	...	...	16 3 0
				Commission Paid on Rents Collected	...	...	19 2 6
				Fire Insurance	...	...	2 1 2
				Fencing and Repairs	...	...	18 16 0
				Printing and Advertising	...	...	9 5 6
				Posting, Exchanges, and Sundries	...	...	3 13 3
				Remittance to General Treasurer, Home Mission Fund	100 0 0
				Cash at Bank	...	£13 1 7	
				Less Outstanding Cheques	...	10 10 2	
							2 11 5
			£411 7 6				£411 7 6

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New Plymouth, November 9th, 1907.

Audited and found correct,

H. LEWIS, A.N.Z.A.A.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Revenue Account for Year ending September 30th, 1907.

Treasurer—MR. C. W. BENBOW.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance October 1st, 1906	...	10,644	8 1	By Salaries	...	72	1 9
„ Interest	...	283	7 0	„ Bank Charges	...	0	10 0
„ Rent	...	161	6 4	„ Exchange	...	0	1 9
				„ Advertising	...	1	14 0
				„ Postages	...	1	0 0
				„ Coal, etc.	...	1	10 0
				„ Written Off Furniture	...	3	6 10
							80 4 4
				„ Balance	...		11,008 17 1
		£11,089	1 5			£11,089	1 5

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

HOME MISSION FUND.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT INVESTMENT.

Balance Sheet for the year ended December 31st, 1907.

Treasurers - REV. H. R. DEWSBURY AND MR. J. C. PRUDHOE.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Interest on Loans on Mortgage, £1,000 at 5 per cent.	50 0 0	By Amount Remitted to Home Mission Treasurer	50 0 0
	<u>£50 0 0</u>		<u>£50 0 0</u>

January 15th, 1908.

Examined and found correct,

A. K. ENGLAND, Auditor.

CENTURY FUND.

ORPHANAGE ALLOCATION.

Treasurers—MR. G. H. BLACKWELL AND REV. H. BULL.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
Mutual Benefit Building and Investment Society	616 16 6	By First Mortgage on Freehold Security at 5½ per cent.	600 0 0
Twelve Months' Interest at 4 per cent. ...	24 13 5	Mutual Benefit Building and Investment Society, Deposit Receipt, No. 5521	41 9 11
	<u>£641 9 11</u>		<u>£641 9 11</u>

February 19th, 1908.

Examined and found correct,

H. A'COURT, Auditor.

APPENDIX E.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1907.

Treasurer—MR. G. A. BUTTLE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Cash in Savings Bank	...	...	0 9 9	By Boarding 6 Students	...	...	302 15 0
„ Probert Trustees	...	...	446 6 2	„ University Fees	...	...	54 18 0
„ Emsly Trust	...	...	89 10 7	„ Students' Quarterages	...	...	48 0 0
				„ Fees Conference Lecturers	...	...	45 0 0
				„ Fees Classical and Mathematical Lectures	...	...	80 0 0
				„ Insurance on Books, Wesley Hall	...	...	0 11 3
				„ Cartage of Books, etc., from College to Wesley Hall and Boarding House	3 4 0
				„ Stamps, Telegrams, etc.	1 8 6
				„ Balance in Bank	0 9 9
			<u>£536 6 6</u>				<u>£536 6 6</u>

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Audited and found correct,

Auckland, January 8th, 1908.

F. L. PRIME,

W. D. BUTTLE,

} AUDITORS.

APPENDIX F.

WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended September 30th, 1907.

Treasurers—REV. J. H. SIMMONDS AND MR. J. H. GUNSON.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE:			
1907—Sept. 30.			£ s. d.	1906—Sept. 30.			£ s. d.
To Educational Trust	...	...	843 9 3	By Balance	...	...	122 18 6
„ Produce and Stock Proceeds	...	...	23 6 5	„ Stipend, Principal	...	...	200 0 0
„ Rents	...	...	70 0 0	„ Salaries and Wages	...	...	171 0 0
„ Sundry Discounts	...	...	1 10 6	„ Connexional Charges	...	...	34 18 7
„ Balance	...	...	24 9 11	„ Casual Labour	...	...	59 7 11
				„ Expenses Conference, Principal	...	...	6 0 0
				„ Tradesmen's Accounts	...	...	314 12 7
				„ Bank Charges and Interest	...	...	10 0 6
				„ Repayment Loan Fund	...	...	25 0 0
				„ Sundries, as per details Audited Book	...	...	17 18 0
				„ Accident Insurance Premium	1 0 0
			<u>£962 16 1</u>				<u>£962 16 1</u>
				1907—Sept. 30.			
				By Balance	24 9 11
				„ Loan Fund	125 0 0
							<u>£149 9 11</u>

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Audited and found correct,

Auckland, December 13th, 1907.

THOMAS ALLEN,

J. G. HENDERSON,

} AUDITORS.

CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance Sheet for the Year ended December 31st, 1907.

Treasurers—REV. H. R. DEWSBURY AND MR. J. C. PRUDHOE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from the year 1906 ...			215 17 6	By Expenses of Christchurch Conference—			
„ Sale of Agenda ...			18 2 3	Travelling to Conference—			
„ Sale of Circuit Schedule Books...			4 6 6	Official Ministers and Probationers ...	97	9	5
„ Sale of Registers ...			0 10 6	Printing Agenda, Minutes, Returns, Ballot-papers, Stationery, Bibles, Cables, Postage, etc.	116	15	11
„ Circuit Levies—							214 5 4
Auckland District ...	228	19	0	„ Travelling of Chairman and other District Expenses, including Exchange, Cheque Books, Bank Charges, Stationery, Printing, and Sundries—			
Wanganui District...	141	16	8	Auckland District...	18	1	0
Wellington District ...	157	3	8	Wanganui District ...	20	13	7
Nelson District ...	74	0	0	Wellington District ...	10	8	1
Canterbury District ...	226	9	6	Nelson District ...	12	12	0
Otago District ...	149	7	0	Canterbury District ...	12	0	0
			975 15 10	Otago District ...	22	11	8
„ Sale of Conference Minutes—							96 6 4
Auckland District ...	1	0	0	Forward ...			310 11 8
Wanganui District ...	0	13	6				
Wellington District ...	0	14	6				
Nelson District ...	0	8	0				
Canterbury District ...	0	18	6				
Otago District ...	0	11	6				
			4 6 0				
Forward ...	£1,218	18	7				

Brought Forward	£	s.	d.
				1,218	18	7

Forward...	£1,218	18	7
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Brought Forward	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Travelling to Synods—Ministers, Probationers, and Candidates; also District Secretary Church Property—						310	11	8
Auckland District...	...	...	21	15	6			
Wanganui District	...	...	20	18	2			
Wellington District	...	...	34	8	0			
Nelson District	...	...	18	0	0			
Canterbury	...	...	8	0	6			
Otago District	...	...	16	3	0			
			<hr/>			119	5	2
„ Editor of “ Outlook ”—								
Honorarium	...	...	25	0	0			
Sundry Expenses	...	...	12	6	0			
			<hr/>			37	6	0
„ Printing—								
Members' Tickets	..	...	13	5	3			
Baptismal Certificates	...	...	3	10	0			
Forms, etc....	...	...	4	15	0			
Chairmen's Account Books	...	...	2	10	0			
Report on H. M. Policy	...	...	0	17	6			
			<hr/>			24	17	9
„ Postage Allowances to President, Secretary, and Chairmen of Districts	...	...				22	0	0
„ Half-cost of Supplies for Disabled Ministers				63	13	0
„ Connexional Secretary				175	0	0
			<hr/>			£752	13	7
Forward	£752	13	7

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Brought Forward £ s. d.
1,218 18 7

Brought Forward £ s. d.
By Share of Sydney General Confer-
ence Expenses— 752 13 7

Interconferential Exchanges 279 10 6
Representatives Travelling... 1,194 2 6
Part Funeral Expenses of
the late Mr. Reid ... 33 10 0
Port Darwin Vote... .. 75 0 0
President of Conference ... 75 0 0
Sydney Expenses and Print-
ing 339 9 4
Balance 4 7 8

$2,001 \times \frac{24}{138} = 348 \ 0 \ 0$

„ Expenses of Temperance and Morals Com-
mittee 3 16 8
„ Sunday School Committee... .. 6 0 0
„ Compassionate Allowance, Rev. J. Thomas ... 20 0 0
„ Medical Certificates 1 1 0
„ Conference Album 1 10 0
„ Sundry Stationery, Postage, etc. 5 1 4
„ Bank Charges, Exchange, and Cheque Books 1 10 9
„ Interest on Overdraft 7 16 0
„ Balance 71 9 3

£1,218 18 7

£1,218 18 7

Examined and found correct,

January 15th, 1908.

C. E. SALTER,

A. K. ENGLAND,

AUDITORS.

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

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 5 per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable Amount.	Levy, 12 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland (Pitt Street)	670 0 0	33 10 0	360	310 0 0	37 4 0
Auckland West	250 0 0	12 10 0	120	130 0 0	15 12 0
Auckland East	365 0 0	18 5 0	200	165 0 0	19 16 0
Auckland (Three Kings)	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Auckland Methodist Mission	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Auckland (North Shore)	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Auckland (Birkenhead)	165 0 0	8 5 0	120	45 0 0	5 8 0
Auckland Maori Mission	390 0 0	19 10 0	240	150 0 0	18 0 0
Manukau	225 0 0	11 5 0	120	125 0 0	15 0 0
Mahurangi	170 0 0	8 10 0	120	50 0 0	6 0 0
Thames	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Upper Thames	530 0 0	26 10 0	360	170 0 0	21 12 0
Franklin	175 0 0	8 15 0	120	55 0 0	6 12 0
Cambridge	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Hamilton	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Huntly	120 0 0	6 0 0	80	40 0 0	4 16 0
Paparoa	150 0 0	7 10 0	120	30 0 0	3 12 0
Northern Wairoa	180 0 0	9 0 0	120	60 0 0	7 4 0
Whangarei	160 0 0	8 0 0	120	40 0 0	4 16 0
Rotorua	120 0 0	6 0 0	80	40 0 0	4 16 0
Totals for Auckland District	4,778 15 0	238 18 8			

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 5 per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable Amount.	Levy, 12 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Plymouth	310 0 0	15 10 0	160	150 0 0	18 0 0
Waitara	172 10 0	8 12 8	120	52 0 0	6 4 9
Inglewood	150 0 0	7 10 0	80	70 0 0	8 8 0
Stratford	160 0 0	8 0 0	120	40 0 0	4 16 0
Eltham	130 0 0	6 10 0	80	50 0 0	6 0 0
Hawera	260 0 0	13 0 0	120	140 0 0	16 16 0
Cape Egmont	170 0 0	8 10 0	120	50 0 0	6 0 0
Kaponga	120 0 0	6 0 0	80	40 0 0	4 16 0
Wanganui	275 0 0	13 15 0	120	155 0 0	18 12 0
Aramoho	140 0 0	7 0 0	120	20 0 0	2 8 0
Rangitikei	180 0 0	9 0 0	120	60 0 0	7 4 0
Sandon	180 0 0	9 0 0	120	60 0 0	7 4 0
Feilding	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Palmerston North	370 0 0	18 10 0	240	130 0 0	15 12 0
Taihape	120 0 0	6 0 0	80	40 0 0	4 16 0
West Coast Maori Mission	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Totals for Wanganui District ...	3,197 10 0	159 17 8			

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 5 per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable Amount.	Levy, 12 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington (Taranaki Street) ...	270 0 0	13 10 0	120	150 0 0	18 0 0
Wellington (Thorndon) ...	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Wellington Bible Class Movement ...	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Wellington South ...	220 0 0	11 0 0	120	100 0 0	12 0 0
Wellington Suburban ...	100 0 0	5 0 0	60	40 0 0	4 16 0
Johnsonville ...	160 0 0	8 0 0	120	40 0 0	4 16 0
Hutt ...	340 0 0	17 0 0	240	100 0 0	12 0 0
South Wairarapa ...	310 0 0	15 10 0	200	110 0 0	13 4 0
Masterton ...	250 0 0	12 10 0	120	130 0 0	15 12 0
Napier ...	205 0 0	10 5 0	120	85 0 0	10 4 0
Hastings ...	173 15 0	8 13 8	120	53 15 0	6 9 0
Gisborne ...	160 0 0	8 0 0	120	40 0 0	4 16 0
Eketahuna ...	150 0 0	7 10 0	120	30 0 0	3 12 0
Dannevirke ...	160 0 0	8 0 0	120	40 0 0	4 16 0
Levin-Otaki ...	295 0 0	14 15 0	200	95 0 0	11 8 0
Waipawa ...	171 17 6	8 12 0	120	51 17 6	6 4 6
Woodville ...	168 15 0	8 8 8	120	48 15 0	5 17 0
Totals for Wellington District ...	3,534 7 6	176 14 4			

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson	275	0	0	13	15	0	120	155	0	0	18	12	0
Richmond... ..	160	0	0	8	0	0	120	40	0	0	4	16	0
Blenheim	335	0	0	16	15	0	200	135	0	0	16	4	0
Hokitika	185	0	0	9	5	0	120	65	0	0	7	16	0
Greymouth	200	0	0	10	0	0	120	80	0	0	9	12	0
Motueka	100	0	0	5	0	0	80	20	0	0	2	8	0
Reefton	200	0	0	10	0	0	120	80	0	0	9	12	0
Westport	130	0	0	6	10	0	80	50	0	0	6	0	0
Totals for Nelson District	1,585	0	0	79	5	0							

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham Street)	902	0	0	45	2	0	480	422	0	0	50	12	9
Christchurch (Connexional Secretary)	300	0	0	15	0	0	120	180	0	0	21	12	0
Christchurch Methodist Mission	200	0	0	10	0	0	120	80	0	0	9	12	0
Christchurch (Sydenham)	210	0	0	10	10	0	120	90	0	0	10	16	0
Christchurch (Addington)	180	0	0	9	0	0	120	60	0	0	7	4	0
Christchurch (St. Albans)	230	0	0	11	10	0	120	110	0	0	13	4	0
Christchurch (Papanui)	190	0	0	9	10	0	120	70	0	0	8	8	0
Lyttelton	200	0	0	10	0	0	120	80	0	0	9	12	0
Springston	200	0	0	10	0	0	120	80	0	0	9	12	0
Tai Tapu	150	0	0	7	10	0	120	30	0	0	3	12	0
Leeston	200	0	0	10	0	0	120	80	0	0	9	12	0
Kaiapoi	320	0	0	16	0	0	200	120	0	0	14	8	0
Rangiora	340	0	0	17	0	0	240	100	0	0	12	0	0
Malvern	120	0	0	6	0	0	80	40	0	0	4	16	0
Timaru	250	0	0	12	10	0	120	130	0	0	15	12	0
Waimate	200	0	0	10	0	0	120	80	0	0	9	12	0
Temuka	180	0	0	9	0	0	120	60	0	0	7	4	0
Ashburton	320	0	0	16	0	0	200	120	0	0	14	8	0
Willowby	180	0	0	9	0	0	120	60	0	0	7	4	0
Totals for Canterbury District	4,872	0	0	243	12	0							

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VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 5 per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable Amount.	Levy, 12 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s.
Dunedin (Trinity)	335 0 0	16 15 0	120	215 0 0	25 16 0
Dunedin (Central Mission)	250 0 0	12 10 0	120	130 0 0	15 12 0
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	260 0 0	13 0 0	160	100 0 0	12 0 0
Dunedin (Mornington)	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Dunedin (Roslyn)	170 0 0	8 10 0	120	50 0 0	6 0 0
Mosgiel	120 0 0	6 0 0	80	40 0 0	4 16 0
Port Chalmers	180 0 0	9 0 0	120	60 0 0	7 4 0
Balclutha	190 0 0	9 10 0	120	70 0 0	8 8 0
Milton	160 0 0	8 0 0	120	40 0 0	4 16 0
Lawrence	170 0 0	8 10 0	120	50 0 0	6 0 0
Invercargill	345 0 0	17 5 0	200	145 0 0	17 8 0
Oamaru	200 0 0	10 0 0	120	80 0 0	9 12 0
Gore	175 0 0	8 15 0	120	55 0 0	6 12 0
Otautau	160 0 0	8 0 0	120	40 0 0	4 16 0
Roxburgh	160 0 0	8 0 0	120	40 0 0	4 16 0
Cromwell	150 0 0	7 10 0	120	30 0 0	3 12 0
Totals or Otago District	3,285 0 0	164 5 0			
Grand Totals	21,252 12 6	1,062 12 8			

INCOME—Continued.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch, Durham Street ..	148	11	7			
„ Methodist Mission ..	9	7	9			
„ South ..	40	5	1			
„ St. Albans ..	14	0	8			
„ Papanui ..	4	15	6			
Lyttelton ..	8	15	9			
Springston ..	13	4	6			
Tai Tapu, 1906 ..	1	3	0			
„ 1907 ..	4	8	9	5	11	9
Leeston ..	23	12	9			
Kaiapoi ..	68	14	4			
Rangiora, 1906 ..	8	12	11			
„ 1907 ..	28	1	3	36	14	2
Malvern ..	7	0	5			
Timaru, 1906 ..	12	15	6			
„ 1907 ..	33	14	8	46	10	2
Waimate ..	36	15	3			
Temuka ..	5	2	1			
Ashburton ..	26	10	3			
Willowby ..	16	2	7			
Amberley, 1906 ..	1	0	0			
„ 1907 ..	1	4	3	2	4	3
Banks' Peninsula ..				0	12	8
	£514	11	6			

INCOME—Continued.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin, Trinity Church, 1906 ...	5	0	0			
„ „ „ 1907 ..	52	11	11	57	11	11
„ Central Mission... ..				27	15	0
„ Cargill Road, 1906 ..	6	1	9			
„ „ 1907 ..	18	5	4	24	7	1
„ „ Special ..				50	0	0
„ Mornington ..				7	5	9
„ Roslyn, 1906 ..	3	0	0			
„ „ 1907 ..	10	19	7	13	19	7
Mosgiel ..				11	13	1
Port Chalmers ..				7	2	2
Balclutha ..				7	9	3
Milton ..				3	2	6
Lawrence ..				2	11	11
Invercargill ..				47	4	0
Oamaru ..				10	3	6
Gore ..				3	17	0
Otautau ..				13	11	0
Roxburgh ..				5	0	8
Cromwell ..				3	11	6
Riverton, 1906 ..	3	0	0			
„ 1907 ..	10	0	0	13	0	0
Palmerston South ..				1	15	2
Winton ..				1	5	0
				£312	6	1
Otago Ladies' Auxiliary ..				90	0	0
„ „ (For Curios) ..				5	0	0
				£407	6	1

FOREIGN MISSION FUND—Continued.

INCOME—Continued.

MISCELLANEOUS.

	£	s.	d.
G. W. R., for 1906	10	0	0
C. W. O., per Rev. W. Slade	50	0	0
Y. M. B. C. Easter Camp	2	2	9
Sale of Stamps, per Vernon Venables	0	10	3
Conference Missionary Meeting Collection	11	1	9
Rev. E. O. Blamires (Missionary Breakfast)	2	10	0
Mr. R. Burgon, Wesley Grove, Okaiawa	1	0	0
C. W. O., per Rev. W. Slade	10	0	0
Samuel Shrimpton	26	6	6

£113 11 3

BEQUESTS.

	£	s.	d.
Executors Late Susannah Nosworthy	100	0	0
Executrices Late Jas. Wilkinson	300	0	0

£400 0 0

“MISSIONARY REVIEW” RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sandon	2	0	0			
Wellington, Wesley Church, C.E.S.	1	1	8			
Rangiora	0	9	0			
Christchurch South	0	4	6			
Masterton	0	18	6	4	13	8

£4 13 8

SUMMARY OF INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From Districts—						
Auckland	406	18	9			
Wanganui	251	12	8			
Wellington	337	11	6			
Nelson	133	9	5			
Canterbury	514	11	6			
Otago	407	6	1	2051	9	11
Bequests				400	0	0
Miscellaneous				113	11	3
“Missionary Reviews”				4	13	8
				<u>£2569</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>

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II.—EXPENDITURE.

Remitted to General Treasurers, less Exchange,						
Charges, etc.				£2569	14	10

APPENDIX I.

HOME MISSION FUND.

Liquidation of Debt of £586 4s. 9d., based on 1s. per Member.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			NELSON DISTRICT.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Auckland (Pitt Street)	22	15 1	Nelson .. ..	..	8 4 0
" (West)	7	2 8	Richmond .. ..	..	3 0 0
" (East)	13	8 5	Blenheim .. ..	..	9 0 0
" (North Shore)	6	15 0	Hokitika .. ..	..	6 0 0
" (Birkenhead)	5	10 0	Greymouth .. ..	..	3 0 0
Manukau	6	6 6	Motueka .. ..	..	..
Mahurangi	1	0 0	Reefton .. ..	..	3 2 0
Thames .. ..	..	..	Westport .. ..	..	..
Upper Thames	2	11 6			£2 6 0
Franklin	5	0 0	CANTERBURY DISTRICT.		
Cambridge	2	16 0		£	s. d.
Hamilton .. ..	..	..	Christchurch (Durham Street) ..	26	5 8
Huntly .. ..	..	..	" (Methodist Mission) ..	2	2 0
Paparua .. ..	..	..	" (South)	11	16 3
N. Wairoa	3	19 7	" (St. Alban's) ..	3	15 0
Whangarei	1	11 0	" (Papanui)	7	10 0
Rotorua	0	17 0	Lyttelton	3	15 0
Tauranga	3	0 0	Springton	7	6 0
Te Awamutu	0	15 0	Tai Tapu .. ..	..	..
	£83	7 9	Leeston .. ..	..	0 10 0
			Kaipoi	15	13 0
			Rangiora .. ..	..	..
			Oxford-Malvern .. ..	..	..
			Timaru	10	7 6
			Waimate	9	0 0
			Temuka .. ..	..	..
			Ashburton	11	4 0
			Willowby	4	8 0
			Amberley	1	5 0
			Geraldine	0	5 0
				£115	2 5
			OTAGO DISTRICT.		
				£	s. d.
			Dunedin (Trinity)	16	0 0
			" (Central Mission) ..	..	..
			" (Cargill Road) ..	..	..
			" (Mornington)	4	0 0
			" (Roslyn) .. ..	..	..
			Mosgiel	3	13 0
			Port Chalmers	4	10 0
			Balclutha	4	0 0
			Milton	2	10 0
			Lawrence	1	1 2
			Invercargill	8	2 0
			Oamaru	4	10 0
			Gore .. ..	..	..
			Otatau	1	5 0
			Roxburgh	2	12 0
			Cromwell	1	12 6
				£53	15 8
			DEFICIT, 1906		
				£	s. d.
			For Liquidation—	586	4 9
			District, Auckland	83	7 9
			" Wanganui	86	12 0
			" Wellington	67	8 0
			" Nelson	32	6 0
			" Canterbury	115	2 5
			" Otago	53	15 8
				438	11 10
			Deficit	£147	12 11

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	£	s. d.
New Plymouth	14	15 0
Waitara	8	7 6
Stratford	4	2 0
Eltham	4	3 6
Hawera	8	0 0
Patea	1	0 0
Opunake (Cape Egmont)	5	5 0
Wanganui .. ..	..	..
Aramoho	3	3 0
Rangitikei	3	6 0
Sandon	5	0 0
Feilding	5	11 0
Palmerston North	17	10 0
Kimbolton	2	8 0
Taihape	2	11 0
Waimarino	1	10 0
	£86	12 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s. d.
Wellington (Taranaki St.) ..	26	5 0
" (South) .. ..	..	..
" (Johnsonville) .. ..	..	..
Hutt	6	18 6
South Wairarapa .. ..	..	..
Masterton	9	0 0
Napier	7	15 0
Hastings	3	15 0
Gisborne .. ..	..	..
Eketahuna	2	1 0
Dannevirke .. ..	..	..
Levin-Otaki	4	17 6
Waipawa	2	10 0
Woodville	2	11 0
Pahiatua	1	15 0
	£67	8 0

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND
TREASURERS: REV. SAMUEL GRIFFITH

INCOME.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland (Pitt Street) ..	124 9 2		
" (West) ..	33 6 0		
" (East) ..	92 18 9		
" (Methodist Mis.) ..	17 17 6		
" (North Shore) ..	31 7 1		
" (Birkenhead) ..	16 17 5		
Maori Mission (Hokianga) ..	25 0 0		
" (Kaipara) ..	30 0 0		
" (Waikato) ..	11 0 0		
" (Whangaroa) ..	20 0 0		
" Special Native Agents ..	60 0 0		
Manukau ..	56 0 8		
Mahurangi ..	12 8 3		
Thames ..	23 18 0		
Upper Thames ..	37 16 3		
Franklin ..	25 0 0		
Cambridge ..	12 0 0		
Hamilton ..	22 16 8		
Huntly ..	3 11 0		
Paparoa ..	9 8 1		
" Donation, E. S. D. ..	5 0 0		
Northern Wairoa ..	15 10 11		
Whangarei ..	9 10 8		
Rotorua ..	4 4 0		
Tauranga ..	7 0 0		
Coromandel ..	5 0 7		
Helensville ..	5 0 0		
Bay of Islands ..	3 5 6		
Hokianga ..	5 0 0		
Whangaroa ..	7 2 5		
Te Arawamutu ..	2 10 0		
	734 18 11		
II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Plymouth ..	32 13 3		
Waitara ..	10 0 0		
Inglewood ..	12 19 10		
Stratford ..	5 3 3		
Eltham ..	6 0 0		
Hawera ..	40 0 0		
Cape Egmont ..	7 10 0		
Kaponga ..	14 1 0		
Wanganui ..	24 10 9		
Aramoho ..	12 18 8		
Rangitikei ..	15 0 0		
Sandon ..	10 0 0		
Feilding ..	20 6 0		
Palmerston North ..	46 17 1		
Taihape ..	7 0 0		
Waimarino ..	4 1 6		
West Coast Maori Mission ..	25 0 0		
Patea ..			
Kimbolton ..	7 0 1		
Main Trunk Line ..	10 13 4		
	311 14 9		
III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington (Taranaki St.) ..	99 0 0		
" (South) ..	27 5 6		
" (Suburban) ..	2 12 10		
Johnsonville ..	10 5 0		
Hutt ..	24 17 5		
South Wairarapa ..	15 18 2		
Masterton ..	24 0 7		
Napier ..	30 0 0		
Hastings ..	13 10 0		
Gisborne ..	14 2 3		
Eketahuna ..	6 13 8		
Dannevirke ..	4 7 9		
Levin-Otaki ..	27 16 3		
Waipawa ..	20 0 0		
Woodville ..	15 8 11		
Pahiatua ..	7 2 8		
Norsewood ..	7 0 0		
	350 1 0		
Carried forward ..	£1,395 14 8		
Brought forward ..		£	1,395 14 8
IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.			
Nelson ..	55 2 6		
Richmond ..	18 0 0		
Blenheim ..	53 5 7		
Hokitika ..	6 16 0		
Greymouth ..	11 10 0		
Motueka ..	8 3 8		
Reefton ..	10 0 0		
Westport ..	7 8 11		
Kumara ..	2 12 9		
Havelock ..	1 14 0		
Donation, C.W.O. ..	60 0 0		
	234 13 5		
V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Christchurch (Durham St.) ..	137 12 5		
" (Meth'st Mission) ..	10 0 0		
" (South) ..	26 18 3		
" (St. Albans) ..	25 8 4		
" (Papanui) ..	18 5 0		
Lyttelton ..	17 10 0		
Springton ..	18 11 5		
Tai Tapu ..	10 8 10		
Leeston ..	40 17 0		
Kaiapoi ..	36 11 6		
Rangiora ..	27 0 0		
Oxford-Malvern ..	13 5 10		
Timaru ..	43 2 4		
Waimate ..	16 2 11		
Temuka ..	10 0 0		
Ashburton ..	29 16 8		
Willowby ..	19 2 1		
Amberley ..	2 15 4		
Banks' Peninsula ..	3 0 0		
	506 7 11		
VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.			
Dunedin (Trinity) ..	70 0 0		
" (Central Mission) ..	14 9 2		
" (Cargill Road) ..	29 11 8		
" Donation, Anon. ..	50 0 0		
" (Mornington) ..	17 10 0		
" (Roslyn) ..	14 1 5		
Mosgiel ..	6 1 8		
Port Chalmers ..	10 0 0		
Balclutha ..	15 0 0		
Milton ..	8 0 0		
Lawrence ..	6 18 7		
Invercargill ..	28 7 3		
Oamaru ..	20 3 8		
Gore ..	8 0 3		
Otatau ..	10 12 10		
Roxburgh ..	3 15 7		
Cromwell ..	7 0 9		
Riverton ..	3 5 0		
Palmerston South ..	1 10 6		
Winton ..	3 0 0		
	327 8 4		
Birthday League ..	55 16 4		
CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.			
Auckland ..	223 4 1		
Grey Institute ..	170 0 0		
Kai Iwi ..	102 0 0		
	495 4 1		
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.			
Auckland ..	218 16 2		
Canterbury ..	50 0 0		
	268 16 2		
Maori Books sold ..	16 3 2		
Conference Promises redeemed ..	596 3 2		
" " " ..	246 10 0		
	4,144 17 3		
Deficit ..	24 4 2		
Total ..	£4,169 1 5		
N.B.—£300 Legacy for investment.			

EXPENDITURE.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Debit Balance, 1906			147 12 11	Brought forward			2,479 9 1
MAORI MISSIONS.				Wanganui.			
<i>Auckland.</i>				Waitara	35 0 0		
Missionary Superintendent	225 0 0			Eltham	18 15 0		
Connexional Funds	63 9 4			Cape Egmont	33 15 0		
House Rent	52 0 0			Taihape	30 0 0		
Travelling	35 0 0			Waimarino	30 0 0		
Special Native Work	60 0 0			Kimbolton	17 10 0		
<i>Kaeo.</i>				<i>Wellington.</i>			
Second Minister	165 0 0			Suburban	112 10 0		
House Allowance	45 0 0			Hutt	22 10 0		
Travelling	30 0 0			Eketahuna	46 5 0		
<i>Hokianga.</i>				Dannevirke	20 0 0		
Native Minister	90 0 0			Levin-Otaki	10 0 0		
" "	80 0 0			Waipawa	40 0 0		
<i>Kaipara.</i>				Woodville	15 0 0		
Native Minister	190 0 0			Pahiataua	27 10 0		
Travelling	10 0 0			<i>Nelson.</i>			
<i>Waikato.</i>				Richmond	6 5 0		
Native Minister	100 0 0			Bienheim	3 15 0		
Travelling	20 0 0			Westport	16 5 0		
Wi Warena, Sup.	30 0 0			<i>Canterbury.</i>			
Hamiara Kingi, Sup.	15 0 0			Ashburton	20 0 0		
<i>Whangaroa.</i>				<i>Otago.</i>			
Native Minister	110 0 0			Cargill Road (St. Kilda)	36 5 0		
<i>Wanganui.</i>				Mosgiel	15 0 0		
Missionary	200 0 0			Milton	20 0 0		
Connexional Funds	35 2 8			Lawrence	11 5 0		
House Rent	35 0 0			Invercargill	38 15 0		
Travelling	7 10 0			Gore	10 0 0		
Native Minister	150 0 0			Otsutau	26 5 0		
Travelling	7 10 0			Roxburgh	21 5 0		
<i>Otago.</i>				Cromwell	35 0 0	860 0 0	
Native Minister	80 0 0			SPECIAL.			
			1,745 12 0	Retiring Allowance—			
HOME MISSION STATIONS.				<i>H. Foston</i>			
<i>Auckland.</i>				<i>C. J. Bush</i>			
Coromandel	42 10 0			<i>G. Pearson</i>			
Helensville	10 0 0			Coromandel Trust—Kuaotunu			
Bay of Islands	21 14 0			Patea			
Hokianga	35 0 0			Kumara			
Whangaroa	15 0 0			T. muka			
Tauranga	10 0 0			Lawrence			
Awanui, 1 quarter	10 0 0			Milton			
<i>Wanganui.</i>				Pahiataua			
Taumarunui	13 6 8			Secretary—Travelling to Conference, 1907			
Main Trunk Line	163 13 6			Mission Boxes			
<i>Wellington.</i>				Advt., "Outlook"			
Norsewood	25 0 0			Students' Travell. to Supply Kaponga Circuit			
Waipukurau	10 0 0			Half-cost, Abbey and Keek			
<i>Nelson.</i>				A. J. Seamer—Removal Ex.			
Havelock	21 5 0			H.M., Port Albert			
<i>Canterbury.</i>				H.M., Whangarei			
Amberley	10 0 0			Hone Hare—Saddle, etc.			
Banks' Peninsula	33 15 0			Tiripi Rakena—Travelling, Taranaki			
Belfast	7 10 0			Okaiawa—Fire Insurance and Water			
<i>Otago.</i>				Printing and Binding Maori Himene			
Palmerston	15 0 0			Birthday League Expenses			
Riverton	23 15 0			Ministerial Supply			
Tapanui, 1 quarter	2 10 0			Connexional Secretary			
Winton	40 0 0	449 19 2		Deaconess' Home			
				City Mission, Christchurch			
AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARIES.				GENERAL.			
<i>Auckland.</i>				Printing Reports, etc.			
Mahurangi (Port Albert)	32 10 0			Interest and Exchange, etc.			
Upper Thames	30 0 0			Mortgage Tax			
Whangarei	30 0 0			Office Rent			
<i>Wanganui.</i>				Cheque Book			
Palmerston North, 1 quarter	10 0 0			Deputation Expenses			
Taihape-Mangaweka	5 0 0			H.M. Travelling to D.S.			
<i>Wellington.</i>				Postages and Telegrams			
South Wairarapa	22 10 0			Total			
<i>Canterbury.</i>				£4,169 1 5			
Malvern	6 5 0	136 5 0					
AIDED CIRCUITS.							
<i>Auckland.</i>							
City Mission	75 0 0						
Huntly	26 5 0						
Rotorua	40 0 0						
Carried forward			£2,479 9 1				

INCOME.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Brought forward ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland (Pitt Street) ..	135	0	0			1,440 10 0
" (West) ..	35	0	0			
" (East) ..	100	0	0			
" (Methodist Mission) ..	22	10	0			
" (North Shore) ..	30	0	0			
" (Birkenhead) ..	20	0	0			
Maori Mission (Hokianga) ..	25	0	0			
" (Kaipara) ..	30	0	0			
" (Waikato) ..	15	0	0			
" (Wh'ngaroa) ..	20	0	0			
" For Special Agents ..	60	0	0			
Manukau ..	40	0	0			
Mahurangi ..	12	0	0			
Thames ..	25	0	0			
Upper Thames ..	35	0	0			
Franklin ..	25	0	0			
Cambridge ..	12	0	0			
Hamilton ..	20	0	0			
Huntly ..	8	0	0			
Paparoa ..	12	0	0			
Northern Wairoa ..	10	0	0			
Whangarei ..	15	0	0			
Rotorua ..	5	0	0			
Tauranga ..	6	0	0			
Coromandel ..	5	0	0			
Helensville ..	5	0	0			
Bay of Islands ..	5	0	0			
Hokianga ..	7	10	0			
Whangaroa ..	7	0	0			
Te Awamutu ..	3	0	0			
			750	0	0	
II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.						
New Plymouth ..	30	0	0			
Waitara ..	13	0	0			
Inglewood ..	12	0	0			
Stratford ..	10	0	0			
Eltham ..	7	0	0			
Hawera ..	40	0	0			
Cape Egmont ..	10	0	0			
Kaponga ..	12	10	0			
Wanganui ..	30	0	0			
Aramoho ..	10	0	0			
Rangitikei ..	20	0	0			
Sandon ..	15	0	0			
Feilding ..	25	0	0			
Palmerston North ..	50	0	0			
Taihape ..	7	0	0			
Waimarino ..	7	0	0			
Maori Mission ..	25	0	0			
Patea ..	2	0	0			
Kimbolton ..	7	0	0			
Taumarunui ..	—					
Main Trunk Line ..	—					
			332	10	0	
III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.						
Wellington (Taranaki St.) ..	75	0	0			
" (Thorndon) ..	25	0	0			
" (South) ..	25	0	0			
" (Suburban) ..	7	10	0			
Johnsonville ..	12	0	0			
Hutt ..	25	0	0			
South Wairarapa ..	20	0	0			
Masterton ..	35	0	0			
Napier ..	30	0	0			
Hastings ..	15	0	0			
Gisborne ..	12	0	0			
Eketahuna ..	7	0	0			
Dannevirke ..	7	10	0			
Levin Otaki ..	20	0	0			
Waipawa ..	15	0	0			
Woodville ..	15	0	0			
Pahiatua ..	6	0	0			
Norsewood ..	6	0	0			
Waipukurau ..	—					
			358	0	0	
Carried forward ..			£1,440	10	0	
IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.						
Nelson ..	45	0	0			
Richmond ..	15	0	0			
Blenheim ..	55	0	0			
Hokitika ..	10	0	0			
Greymouth ..	15	0	0			
Motueka ..	7	0	0			
Reefton ..	12	0	0			
Westport ..	10	0	0			
Kumara ..	2	0	0			
Havelock ..	4	0	0			
			—	175	0	0
V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
Christchurch (Durham St.) ..	135	0	0			
" (Mission) ..	12	0	0			
" (South) ..	13	0	0			
" (Addington) ..	12	0	0			
" (St. Albans) ..	30	0	0			
" (Papanui) ..	17	10	0			
Lyttelton ..	17	10	0			
Springston ..	20	0	0			
Tai Tapu ..	15	0	0			
Leeston ..	35	0	0			
Kaiapoi ..	45	0	0			
Rangiora ..	30	0	0			
Malvern ..	7	10	0			
Timaru ..	45	0	0			
Waimate ..	20	0	0			
Temuka ..	10	0	0			
Ashburton ..	40	0	0			
Willowby ..	20	0	0			
Amberley ..	3	0	0			
Oxford ..	3	0	0			
Banks' Peninsula ..	3	0	0			
			—	535	0	0
VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.						
Dunedin (Trinity) ..	70	0	0			
" (Central Mission) ..	30	0	0			
" (Cargill Road) ..	30	0	0			
" (Mormington) ..	15	0	0			
" (Roslyn) ..	15	0	0			
Mosgiel ..	8	0	0			
Port Chalmers ..	10	0	0			
Balclutha ..	15	0	0			
Milton ..	8	0	0			
Lawrence ..	6	0	0			
Invercargill ..	35	0	0			
Oamaru ..	20	0	0			
Gore ..	10	0	0			
Otautau ..	12	0	0			
Roxburgh ..	7	0	0			
Cromwell ..	7	0	0			
Riverton ..	3	0	0			
Palmerston S. ..	3	0	0			
Winton ..	3	0	0			
			—	307	0	0
Birthday League ..				50	0	0
CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.						
Auckland ..	250	0	0			
Grey Institute ..	150	0	0			
Kai Iwi ..	100	0	0			
			—	500	0	0
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.						
Auckland ..	200	0	0			
Canterbury ..	50	0	0			
			—	250	0	0
Maori Books Sold ..	20	0	0			
Legacies ..	—					
Conference Promises ..	742	0	0			
Y. W. B. C. Union for Maori						
Deaconess ..	100	0	0			
			—	1,419	10	0

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

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AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1908.

EXPENDITURE.

MAORI MISSIONS.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Brought forward		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Auckland.</i>				<i>Wanganui.</i>		£2,616	13 0
Missionary Superintendent	225	0	0	Cape Egmont	40	0	0
Connexional Funds	65	6	0	Mangaweka	18	15	0
House Rent	52	0	0	Aramoho, 3 quarters	37	10	0
Travelling	35	0	0	<i>Wellington.</i>			
Second Minister	180	0	0	South Wairarapa (with H.M.)	25	0	0
House Rent	54	0	0	<i>Nelson.</i>			
Travelling	30	0	0	Blenheim (Picton), 3 qrs.	37	10	0
Special Maori Agents	60	0	0	<i>Canterbury.</i>			
<i>Hokianga.</i>				Christchurch Mission, 3 qrs.	37	10	0
Native Minister	90	0	0	Methven (with H.M.), 3 qrs.	15	0	0
Travelling	10	0	0	Addington (with H.M.)	30	0	0
Native Minister, 3 quarters	60	0	0				383 15 0
<i>Kaipara.</i>				AIDED CIRCUITS.			
Native Minister	100	0	0	<i>Auckland.</i>			
Travelling	10	0	0	Huntly	21	5	0
<i>Waikato.</i>				Auckland City Mission	50	0	0
Native Minister	100	0	0	Rotorua	23	10	0
Travelling	10	0	0	<i>Wanganui.</i>			
Native Minister	100	0	0	Waitara	32	10	0
Travelling	10	0	0	Stratford	30	0	0
Native Minister	100	0	0	Eltham	25	0	0
Travelling	20	0	0	Palmerston North (H.M.)	25	0	0
Widow Wi Warena	13	15	0	Taihape	27	15	0
Sup. H. Kingi, 1 quarter	3	15	0	Waimarino (if Probationer)	45	0	0
<i>Whangaroa.</i>				<i>Wellington.</i>			
Native Minister	100	0	0	Wellington Suburban	150	0	0
Travelling	10	0	0	Hutt, 1 quarter	5	0	0
<i>Wanganui.</i>				Eketahuna	50	0	0
Missionary	200	0	0	Dannevirke	20	0	0
Connexional Funds	31	2	0	Levin-Otaki, 1 quarter	2	10	0
House Rent	52	0	0	Waipawa	40	0	0
Travelling	7	10	0	Woodville	13	15	0
Native Minister	160	0	0	<i>Nelson.</i>			
" " Travelling	20	0	0	Motueka, 3 quarters	37	10	0
<i>Otago.</i>				Richmond (if stipend £180)	8	15	0
Native Minister	80	0	0	Hokitika, 3 quarters	11	5	0
			1,879 8 0	Greym'th, second Ag't, 3 qrs.	30	0	0
HOME MISSION STATIONS.				Westport	11	5	0
<i>Auckland.</i>				<i>Canterbury.</i>			
Tauranga	8	10	0	Willowby (if Probationer)	30	0	0
Coromandel	32	10	0	Malvern, 3 quarters	15	0	0
Helensville	17	10	0	<i>Otago.</i>			
Bay of Islands	20	0	0	Central Mission, 3 quarters	30	0	0
Hokianga	23	15	0	Cargill Road (St. Kilda)	31	5	0
Whangaroa	15	0	0	Mosgiel	15	0	0
" Second (new app'tm't)	11	5	0	Milton (if stipend £175)	30	0	0
<i>Wanganui.</i>				Lawrence	22	10	0
Patea	20	0	0	Invercargill	27	10	0
Kimbolton	20	0	0	Gore (if stipend £180)	6	5	0
Taumarunui	40	0	0	Otautau	30	0	0
Ohura, 3 quarters	37	10	0	Roxburgh	20	0	0
Main Tru'k, Saddle Bag, 1 qr.	30	0	0	Cromwell	31	5	0
N. Taranaki, Saddle Bag	90	0	0	SPECIAL.			
(new station), 3 quarters	30	0	0	Lawrence—Removal Exp's.	5	0	0
<i>Wellington.</i>				Rev. Iripi Rakana	10	0	0
Pahiataua	27	10	0	Annuity—Mr. Nosworthy	4	10	0
Waipukurau, 3 quarters	22	10	0	Deaconess to Maoris	20	0	0
Norsewood (H.M.)	22	10	0	Retiring	60	0	0
<i>Nelson.</i>				Whangaroa Horse, Saddle			
Kumara	15	0	0	and Bridle	20	0	0
Havelock	12	10	0	Hokitika Connex'l Charges	15	0	0
<i>Canterbury.</i>				Christchurch City Mission	100	0	0
Amberley	10	0	0	" Deaconess' Home	100	0	0
Banks' Peninsula	35	0	0	Queenstown	24	17	10
<i>Otago.</i>				Ministerial Supply	50	0	0
Riverton	25	0	0	Connexional Secretary	55	0	0
Palmerston	18	15	0	Coromandel Trust	31	13	6
Winton	40	0	0				6706 1 4
			594 15 0	GENERAL.			
AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MIS-				Printing Reports, etc.	60	0	0
SIONARIES.				Interest and Exchange	60	0	0
<i>Auckland.</i>				Office Rent	23	0	0
Mahurangi and Port Albert	30	0	0	Miscellaneous	150	0	0
Upper Thames 1...	22	10	0				298 0 0
Upper Thames 2...	15	0	0				4,719 14 4
Upper Thames, third Mar-				Deficit, 1907			24 4 2
ried Minister, 3 qrs.	37	10	0				4,743 18 6
Whangarei (single man)	22	10	0	Income			4,119 10 0
Northern Wairoa, Kaihu,							£624 8 6
3 quarters	15	0	0				
Carried forward			£2,616 13 0				

BIBLE CLASS FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Twelve Months ended December 31, 1907.

General Treasurer—MR. G. S. CHISHOLM.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Private Donations	81	16 6			By Balance at 31st December, 1906	167 13 5
„ Missions, Circuit Donations, and Collections	131	6 6			„ Salary	200 0 0
„ Contributions from Bible Classes and B.C. Unions	183	7 3			„ House Allowance	78 0 0
„ Contributions from C.E. Societies	3	2 6			„ Travelling Expenses	47 13 2
„ Contributions from other Church Institutions	5	17 0			„ Connexional Charges	34 1 0
„ Sales of Literature	2	17 6			„ Travelling Expenses of Speaker from Dunedin to Conference, Young People's Meeting	2 10 0
„ Balance, Overdraft at Bank 31/12/07, as per Bank certifi- cate			408	7 3	„ Printing, Stationery, and Literature	13 14 2
					„ Exchange and Bank Charges	1 14 3
					„ Postages and Petty Items	6 17 0
					„ Interest on Overdraft	7 0 6
			150	16 3		
			£559	3 6		£559 3 6

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Examined and found correct,

A. A. BENNETT, Auditor.

Appendix K.—GENERAL RETURNS, September 30th, 1907.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						BANDS OF HOPE.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.					
	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.		Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries and Deaconesses	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior.		Junior.		Teachers.		Scholars.			Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Number of Connexional Societies.		
		Societies.	Active Members.												Societies.	Members.	Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.					Members of Church.	
																												Societies.	Members.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.
Auckland (Pitt Street)...	6	2	3	3	6	1	22	15	490	69	1	75	4	40	5	75	6	89	72	78	905	700	152	3000	6	5	2700	
Wesley College	1	1	1
Auckland West	1	1	1	1	1	...	8	2	235	15	...	25	1	16	...	2	44	39	40	471	295	15	500	2	1	1050		
Auckland East	6	1	2	2	2	1	12	11	204	40	1	...	1	35	1	30	4	59	52	58	515	324	48	2272	3	3	1111	
Auckland Methodist Mission	1	2	1	5	12	263	...	2	...	2	116	1	15	2	23	20	23	300	200	...	400	2	...	1500	
Auckland (North Shore)	3	1	1	1	3	...	4	...	146	4	1	30	1	16	3	31	28	28	297	189	19	870	3	1	580	
Auckland (Birkenhead)	2	3	2	1	1	...	4	...	130	10	7	...	32	...	...	2	25	22	22	212	165	31	311	1	1	650
Auckland Maori Mission
Manukau	5	4	2	2	2	...	12	2	176	16	...	50	2	29	1	16	4	31	26	26	270	203	26	1082	3	...	950	
Mahurangi	3	14	1	1	1	1	6	...	105	...	2	1	1	12	...	3	9	6	6	100	60	...	170	1	...	600		
Thames	2	3	1	2	1	...	2	1	128	3	...	2	...	1	30	...	1	23	14	23	154	87	18	315	1	...	620	
Upper Thames	7	20	1	2	3	1	12	4	286	7	85	1	10	3	40	2	65	12	50	43	33	528	370	20	620	3	1	1570
Franklin	8	11	...	2	1	...	7	4	186	6	...	1	25	...	...	5	16	15	13	135	105	...	...	5	2	1135
Cambridge	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	...	154	...	8	1	5	3	14	11	12	141	86	...	514	2	...	764	
Hamilton	3	9	1	1	1	...	11	1	156	20	2	2	1	36	1	20	1	10	7	9	86	60	26	268	1	...	732	
Huntly	1	10	1	92	...	25	...	5	...	1	27	2	7	5	4	58	44	2	...	470	
Paparoa	5	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	108	6	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	5	5	60	35	...	...	2	...	366
Northern Wairoa	5	9	1	1	1	...	6	...	147	...	3	...	2	52	...	5	23	18	16	275	160	25	110	...	...	910
Whangarei	3	14	1	1	1	1	5	...	99	...	2	20	3	35	...	3	27	22	14	228	152	4	760	2	...	750		
Rotorua	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	21	5	...	2	...	...	...	1	2	2	2	16	12	5	...	...	...	130
Tauranga	1	2	...	...	1	...	4	...	67	1	...	5	...	...	...	1	5	4	4	40	32	4	30	1	...	250
Coromandel	2	9	...	...	1	...	1	...	28	3	...	...	1	6	...	3	11	10	7	125	105	...	482	...	1	520
Helensville	4	8	1	...	1	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	6	3	57	48	...	...	1	...	163
Bay of Islands	2	4	...	...	1	2	...	...	28	10	...	...	...	...	...	4	7	6	4	80	60	...	103	...	...	278
Hokianga	2	11	...	...	1	1	...	...	29	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	5	5	40	30	3	...	...	...	421
Whangaroa	1	9	1	...	1	...	...	...	52	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	7	6	3	47	35	...	...	1	1	270
Totals	79	154	16	25	32	14	124	53	3388	36	307	19	282	22	447	14	269	75	533	444	438	5140	3557	396	11807	42	15	18490

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						BANDS OF HOPE.												
	Churches.										Senior.		Junior.		Teachers.			Scholars.			Number of Connexional Societies.												
	Other Preaching Places.		Schoolrooms.		Parsonages.		Ministers and Probationers.		Home Missionaries and Deaconesses		Local Preachers.		Class Leaders.		Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Societies.		Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.
	Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.																				Average Attendance.	Members of Church.
Wellington (Taranaki Street) ...	5	...	5	2	5	2	21	7	525	20	80	5	50	2	100	2	40	5	68	68	63	971	651	100	1710	5	1	2400					
Bible Class Movement	1				
Wellington South ...	1	...	1	1	1	...	4	...	146	...	36	1	...	1	20	1	36	1	21	18	21	245	144	50	900	1	...	600					
Wellington Suburban ...	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	41	...	26	1	3	...	...	...	...	1	14	12	5	137	102	...	100	...	...	300
Johnsonville ...	3	2	1	1	1	...	2	...	66	...	26	1	7	...	...	...	4	26	21	18	235	140	...	450	4	2	460			
Hutt ...	5	1	2	2	3	1	12	...	229	2	55	2	...	1	25	2	55	5	42	36	42	438	294	...	800	5	...	1084					
South Wairarapa ...	6	7	2	1	2	1	8	5	202	1	90	1	10	4	81	1	31	5	28	23	25	219	140	22	920	3	1	910					
Masterton ...	2	3	1	1	1	...	8	...	179	...	1	1	10	1	14	1	33	3	30	25	25	450	283	16	825	2	2	950					
Napier ...	4	1	1	1	1	...	2	1	182	...	30	2	10	1	30	1	18	4	23	21	19	275	180	30	700	3	1	960					
Hastings ...	1	3	1	1	1	...	7	...	117	...	2	1	...	1	12	1	25	2	17	13	13	188	118	4	200	1	1	450					
Gisborne ...	1	3	1	1	1	...	3	...	95	...	24	...	10	1	30	1	24	1	13	11	12	115	72	30	260	1	...	450					
Eketahuna ...	2	6	1	1	1	...	1	...	67	...	10	...	14	...	...	...	2	7	5	6	54	35	...	80	1	...	286			
Dannevirke ...	1	4	1	1	1	...	7	...	99	...	...	...	...	1	29	1	22	1	12	9	12	134	71	15	75	1	...	429	
Levin-Otaki ...	4	3	1	1	2	...	4	...	157	...	8	...	10	2	25	1	8	4	17	16	15	206	160	10	150	3	...	650					
Waipawa ...	2	10	...	1	1	...	2	1	55	...	3	1	35	...	1	7	1	4	3	3	44	27	3	100	1	...	550						
Woodville ...	2	...	1	2	...	...	4	...	108	...	26	2	...	1	15	1	26	2	11	9	11	111	83	26	...	...	1	300	
Pahiatua ...	3	3	...	1	...	1	3	...	58	2	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	2	5	4	4	40	30	...	75	...	...	308
Norsewood ...	3	5	...	1	...	1	7	1	79	...	3	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	6	5	71	56	...	70	1	1	448
Totals ...	46	53	17	17	25	6	96	12	2405	27	320	20	186	16	381	14	325	44	345	300	299	3933	2586	306	7415	32	10	11535					

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries and Deaconesses	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							BANDS OF HOPE.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.				
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Teachers.		Scholars.		Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.		Number of Connexional Societies.			
																				Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.					Members of Church.		
																													Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Number of Connexional Societies.
Nelson	1	1	1	1	2	...	4	1	166	3	26	1	20	1	26	1	26	1	19	15	17	198	140	20	420	1	1	600
Richmond	7	6	...	1	1	...	7	1	127	...	...	1	20	...	...	3	16	13	12	156	120	6	452	...	...	...	666	
Blenheim	4	7	1	1	...	...	15	4	202	7	...	...	1	12	...	...	4	44	36	36	424	281	41	1800	...	2	1265	
Hokitika	3	3	...	1	1	...	3	...	51	2	3	1	...	1	9	...	1	7	6	6	59	40	...	180	...	...	225	
Greytown	2	3	...	1	1	...	9	...	154	5	30	3	1	25	1	30	3	20	15	19	200	155	30	370	1	...	610	
Motueka	2	5	1	1	1	...	6	...	130	7	...	1	10	2	36	...	3	13	11	12	121	77	13	340	1	...	475	
Reefton	2	4	1	1	1	...	6	1	105	...	20	1	3	2	42	1	20	2	15	14	14	152	84	16	600	2	...	540
Westport	1	...	1	...	1	...	3	2	74	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	10	11	97	74	7	340	...	...	...	230	
Kumara	2	2	...	1	...	...	2	2	26	2	1	...	...	1	...	9	2	3	2	3	25	18	3	100	...	...	88	
Havelock	3	5	...	1	...	...	1	...	32	2	27	1	...	...	...	2	2	2	2	31	12	...	80	...	1	...	208	
Totals	27	36	5	9	10	2	53	9	1067	29	178	10	58	10	177	4	85	21	150	124	132	1463	1001	136	4682	9	4	4907

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms. Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries and Deaconesses	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BANDS OF HOPE.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.							
								Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Number of Schools.	Teachers.		Scholars.			Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Number of Connexional Societies.				
																		Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.					Average Attendance.	Members of Church.		
Christchurch (Durham Street)	12	2	6	4	5	3	38	5	1042	10	136	12	37	6	195	5	160	12	144	125	135	1513	1079	126	3500	12	11	4460	
Connexional Secretary's Office	1	1
Christchurch Methodist Mission	1	...	...	1	...	...	5	...	95	...	...	...	...	1	24	1	10	1	10	9	9	104	63	12	230	1	...	360
Christchurch South	4	1	4	3	2	...	11	3	348	17	80	6	16	2	45	1	38	4	65	54	60	627	67	58	1315	4	3	1720	
Christchurch (St. Albans)	2	...	1	1	1	...	4	1	219	...	35	1	10	1	18	1	35	2	38	29	38	343	229	20	1200	2	2	1030	
Christchurch (Papanui)	5	...	1	2	1	...	6	...	150	1	25	1	21	1	18	1	21	4	35	32	23	277	198	7	422	4	...	725	
Lyttelton	2	1	1	1	2	...	1	1	85	1	12	2	...	1	15	...	2	16	12	13	147	95	8	177	2	1	450		
Springton	5	2	1	1	1	...	2	...	159	1	6	1	13	...	...	...	4	24	22	21	166	114	6	1160	3	1	500	
Tai Tapu	4	1	1	1	1	...	5	...	91	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	16	14	15	135	88	7	170	2	1	505	
Leeston	5	1	2	1	1	...	7	...	173	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	23	19	20	160	115	14	...	...	...	700	
Kaiapoi	6	1	2	1	1	...	7	...	307	3	28	5	2	2	50	...	38	7	39	31	39	438	286	32	950	7	1	900	
Rangiora	7	...	3	2	2	...	11	...	239	...	5	1	7	2	45	...	6	39	31	33	310	241	41	1000	6	...	800		
Malvern	5	4	...	1	1	...	3	...	57	2	...	1	12	...	...	...	5	14	11	12	156	112	...	...	5	...	470	
Timaru	4	3	2	1	1	1	14	3	245	10	30	5	30	...	...	1	30	4	37	32	35	408	303	40	700	4	...	1050
Waimate	2	4	1	1	1	...	10	...	186	...	15	1	...	...	...	...	1	10	8	10	110	75	...	280	1	...	700	
Temuka	1	4	1	1	1	...	4	...	60	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	1	8	6	7	45	37	...	140	1	...	200	
Ashburton	4	7	1	1	2	...	6	...	218	1	15	3	4	1	25	1	15	1	26	21	25	155	102	23	640	1	...	757	
Willowby	5	6	...	1	1	...	10	...	141	18	16	3	20	2	36	1	16	5	24	16	22	128	102	16	700	4	1	550	
Amberley	1	6	...	...	...	1	2	...	33	...	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	13	9	...	100	...	...	...	180
Cheviot	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Banks Peninsula	1	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	22	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	2	18	12	3	...	...	...	...	118
Totals	77	45	27	25	27	6	147	13	3882	64	420	46	175	25	534	14	353	69	572	476	519	5253	3727	413	12684	59	22	16175	

MAORI WORK.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						BANDS OF HOPE.							
	Other Preaching Places.										Senior.	Junior.	Teachers.			Scholars.			Number of Connexional Societies.							
	Schoolrooms. Parsonages. Ministers and Probationers. Home Missionaries and Deaconesses												Communicants other than Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Number of Schools.		Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.
	Local Preachers. Class Leaders.										Members on Roll.	On Probation.							Junior Members.									Deaths.
Hokianga	4	15	2	1	14	4	532	2			548	12		2	5	4	4	61	40	...
Kaipara	5	6	...	...	1	1	6	...	250	...	218	18	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	72	37	...	...	...	826
Waikato ... ..	...	33	...	...	1	2	4	...	455	...	351	15	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	65	45	...	...	...	3500
Whangaroa	1	14	...	...	1	1	9	13	206	...	128	1	20	...	...	...	5	10	6	10	60	40	...	...	...	680
West Coast Mission	2	40	...	...	1	1	8	...	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	30	20	...	...	...	700
Southern Maori Mission ... ..	...	21	...	...	1	...	4	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	8	...	...	70	50	...	...	...	600
Totals	12	129	...	...	8	6	45	17	1553	2	1245	46	20	...	...	...	23	23	15	16	358	232	...	...	...	7306

GENERAL SUMMARY OF DISTRICT

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

I.—MEMBERS.

DISTRICTS.	1907.	1906	Increase.	Decrease.	On Probation.	Junior Members.
Auckland ...	3388	3357	31	...	36	307
Wanganui ...	2085	2018	67	...	21	271
Wellington ...	2405	2313	92	...	27	320
Nelson ...	1067	1052	15	...	29	178
Canterbury ...	3882	3803	79	...	64	420
Otago ...	2229	2220	9	...	55	235
Maori Mission ...	1553	1445	108	...	2	1245
Totals ...	16609	16208	401	...	234	2976

II.—MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

DISTRICTS.	European Ministers.	European Probationers.	Supernumeraries.	Maori Ministers.	Maori Probationers.	Totals.
Auckland ...	23	3	6	6	...	38
Wanganui ...	14	5	2	1	...	22
Wellington ...	20	3	2	25
Nelson ...	8	1	1	10
Canterbury ...	22	3	2	27
Otago ...	15	4	1	20
Totals ...	102	19	13	7	1	142

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The Methodist Church of Australasia Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund.

Report of the General Treasurers

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1907,

WITH REVENUE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE-SHEET.

As directed by paragraph 506 of the *Book of Laws*, the Board of Treasurers has the honour to present to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference the following Report:—

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, duly audited, are appended.

As the years pass, and the Church grows, the labour and responsibility of the Treasurers necessarily increase also. They are glad to report that during 1907 they have been able to loan all money available on reliable mortgages, and consider that the nett return for interest—slightly over four and a-half per cent.—is satisfactory.

It has been found necessary to enter into possession of another property, on which a heavy loan had been granted during boom times. Three of those previously in possession have been disposed of, and while, as shown in the Reserve Account, there has been a nett loss thereon of £1779 17s., yet one of them was sold for £300 more than the amount to which it had been written down in the books a few years since. The nett return on these properties is somewhat larger than the previous year. Within the past three months a further and thorough inspection of the properties now held in and around Melbourne has been made. As the result of this, the Treasurers are confirmed in their view that the amount still standing to the credit of the Reserve Account is sufficient to meet all probable losses.

Some parcels of debentures have been sold at a profit, and the amount realised loaned on mortgage at a rate of interest higher than that previously obtained.

The total amount paid on account of annuities last year was £15,566 5s. 3d. Of this sum, £2872 15s. 3d. was for deductions made from the annuities of 1902-3, and which the General Conference resolved should be made up. Thirty-nine pounds additional was paid to the widows of Ministers who were second wives, and fifty pounds as a special grant to the orphan children of

a deceased Minister, by the same authority. The General Conference also voted £250 to the Trustees of the Connexional buildings in Melbourne, and that obligation has likewise been met. It is gratifying to the Treasurers to find that, notwithstanding the above special payments, amounting in all to over £3000, they have been able to add £13,697 9s. 1d. to the assets of the Fund. As against this, it must be remembered that corresponding liabilities are incurred, and that in addition to the amounts paid to the present Supernumeraries and widows—over two hundred in number—prospective annuities are to be provided for over six hundred Ministers who are now in full work.

From the Balance-sheet it will be seen that £1544 3s. 9d. is still owing on account of purchase of benefits by Ministers joining the Church in connection with Methodist Union. As it is now six years since Union was effected, it is desirable that these payments should be completed as soon as possible, and the attention of the Annual Conferences is directed to the matter. Besides these arrears, there are in Victoria and Tasmania, Queensland, and New Zealand Conferences, Ministers who have not complied with the conditions of Union by purchasing benefits in the Fund, or being exempted because they have made satisfactory provision otherwise. Both in their own interests, and in those of the Church generally, these brethren should be urged to carry out the obligations into which they entered at the time of Union.

As per Conference direction, the following Statement of Receipts from Ministers' subscriptions and fines, and for Circuit levies, from the several Annual Conferences, is submitted:—

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.

New South Wales Conference	..	£1686	19	8
Victoria and Tasmania	..	1643	10	0
South Australia	..	934	10	6
New Zealand	..	1263	16	8
Queensland	..	523	13	6
Western Australia	..	355	0	3
		£6407	10	7

Circuit Levies.

New South Wales Conference	..	£2066	0	5
Victoria and Tasmania	..	2432	5	0
South Australia	..	1126	19	6
New Zealand	..	1408	12	6
Queensland	..	805	11	3
Western Australia	..	391	0	0
		£8230	8	8
Less Annual Conference Treasurers' Expenses .. .. .	..	64	4	10
		£8166	3	10

Arrears and fines now owing by Ministers in the six Annual Conferences are as follow :—

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.

	ARREARS.			FINES.			TOTALS.				
N.S. Wales Conference	£1046	12	2	..	£268	13	0	..	£1315	5	2
Victoria & Tas. ,,	2278	11	8	..	825	15	0	..	3104	6	8
South Australia ,,	669	0	0	..	360	0	4	..	1029	0	4
New Zealand ,,	360	12	9	..	130	8	0	..	491	0	9
Queensland ,,	1012	4	3	..	291	1	0	..	1303	5	3
West. Australia ,,	594	8	9	..	203	0	0	..	797	8	9
	£5961	9	7	..	£2078	17	4	..	£8040	6	11

The total arrears thus shown are much too heavy, and the situation created thereby is full of peril to the Ministers concerned. The General Conference in June last extended the special provision for repayment of heavy arrears by instalments, and the brethren interested have been advised of this, but with comparatively little result. As instructed, special lists of these cases will be sent to the Annual Conferences in March, and it is most desirable that they should deal promptly and firmly with those who are in default.

Seventeen Supernumeraries were placed on the Fund by the Annual Conferences in April last, and the widow of a Minister who had died in the full work also became a claimant. The annuities payable to these amount to £1657 12s. 8d. per annum. One Minister who had been exempted also became a Supernumerary, and the proportion of Circuit levies due was paid to him. The average term of service of the Ministers who became Supernumeraries was 34.3 years.

Two Supernumeraries returned to the full work, and one Supernumerary retired from the ministry.

Eleven Supernumeraries and three widows who were claimants on the Fund died during the year. Seven of the Supernumeraries left widows, who are now claimants. The nett amount of annuities lapsed, through deaths, is £796 7s. 4d.

On 31st December the number of annuitants on the books was—Supernumeraries, 93; widows, 111.

The returns ordered by the General Conference in connection with the report of the Special Committee will be forwarded to the Presidents of the Annual Conferences as directed.

The Treasurers again direct the attention of Annual Conference Treasurers to the absolute necessity of their filling in the printed forms supplied by the office when remitting.

WILLIAM MORLEY	} General Treasurers.
BENJAMIN DAWBORN	
WILLIAM PRESLEY	
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THOMAS BOND	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS'

DR. REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

To Ministers' Annuities ..	£10,327	9	2	
„ Widows' Annuities ..	5,238	16	1	
				£15,566 5 3
„ Furniture Grants ..				542 1 8
„ Ministers' Subscriptions returned ..				553 17 11
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Arrears written off ..				229 8 0
„ Ministers' Fines remitted ..				42 19 0
„ Auditors' Fees ..				69 6 0
„ Salaries—				
Managing Treasurer ..	£337	10	0	
Accountant and Clerks ..	304	4	8	
				641 14 8
„ Managing Treasurer—				
House Rent ..	£90	0	0	
Furniture Allowance ..	10	0	0	
Travelling Expenses ..	7	12	0	
Connexional Levies ..	27	10	0	
				135 2 0
„ Rent—Office ..	£100	0	0	
Less Sub-Rent ..	28	0	0	
				72 0 0
„ Printing and Stationery ..				30 13 11
„ Exchange and Bank Charges ..				51 12 9
„ General Expenses—				
Telephone ..	£9	0	0	
Cost of Inspections, Melbourne ..	12	17	9	
Postages, W.A. Committee ..	1	11	9	
Office Cleaning ..	11	15	6	
Rent—Safe Deposit ..	4	9	0	
Sundries ..	29	8	1	
				69 2 1
„ Postages and Telegrams ..				38 8 0
„ Commission paid—New South Wales, West Australia, and Queensland ..				165 19 10
„ Properties in Possession—provision for falling-in of Lease ..				60 0 0
„ Special Committee of Inquiry Expenses ..				79 6 0
„ Annual Conferences Treasurers' Expenses ..				64 4 10
„ Legal Expenses ..				2 12 6
„ Special Grant to deceased Ministers' Orphan Children ..				50 0 0
„ Payment <i>re</i> Connexional Buildings, Melbourne, by direction of General Conference ..				250 0 0
„ Levy for General Conference Expenses ..				29 0 0
„ Balance transferred to Capital ..				13,697 9 1
				£32,441 3 6

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

OF AUSTRALASIA
AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1907.

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By English Annuitant Societies..	£643 13 5
„ Interest on Mortgages ..	£12,156 0 11	
„ Less Interest in Suspense for Year	142 10 0	
	£12,013 10 11	
„ Interest on Debentures and Govt. Stock	2,202 2 5	
„ Interest on Deposit—Royal Bank	18 1 6	
„ Interest on Furniture Grants ..	11 5 0	
„ „ „ Purchase of Bene- fits	3 16 8	
		14,248 16 6
„ Dividend Commercial Bank Shares		54 0 0
„ Rents—Properties in Possession (nett) ..		1,849 0 11
„ Ministers' Subscriptions	£6,476 9 0	
„ Ministers' Fines	356 10 0	
	£6,832 19 0	
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Amount received from Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities into the Fund	152 12 7	
		6,985 11 7
„ Circuit Levies		8,536 6 6
„ Commission Received		11 13 11
„ Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures—Profit on Sale		106 1 0
„ Donations		5 10 0
„ Profit on Materials		0 9 8
		£32,441 3 6

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

MELBOURNE, WM. A. MEWTON, F.I.A.V. } AUDITORS.
H. G. M'CUTCHEON, F.I.A.V. }

4th February, 1908.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA
SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

BALANCE-SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1907.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
To Capital £350,882 6 4	By Investments—
Plus Reserve Account transferred .. 13,697 9 1	Loans on Mortgage £247,689 2 6
<u>£364,579 15 5</u>	„ Interest—Arrears £2,037 12 3
„ Sundry Creditors 72 1 6	„ „ Accrued 1,323 3 9
„ Special Benevolent Fund 136 14 4	<u>3,360 16 0</u>
	£251,049 18 6
	Less Interest in Suspense 902 18 0
	<u>£250,147 0 6</u>
	Bills Receivable .. £647 10 0
	Less Rebate Interest .. 45 19 11
	<u>601 10 1</u>
	£250,748 10 7
	Properties in Possession 51,749 17 0
	Preference Shares, Commercial Bank .. 1,800 0 0
	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures 37,199 9 8
	Victorian Government Stock and Debentures 14,630 4 8
	West Australian Government Debentures (at cost) 4,000 0 0
	New Zealand Government Debentures (at cost) 4,054 0 0
	Interest on Debentures and Dividend Accrued 666 18 3
	<u>£364,849 0 2</u>
	Less Provision for Shrinkage in the Value of Securities and Losses of Interest as per Reserve Account .. 18,771 12 2

Less amount Paid in Advance	£101 17 6		
Less amounts to be paid by Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities into the Fund ..	1,544 3 9		
		<u>1,646 1 3</u>	
„ Circuit Levies			8,040 6 11
„ „ „ in Suspense (Queensland)			3,400 17 2
„ Furniture Grants			592 13 11
„ Second Marriage Premiums			350 6 8
„ Furniture—House			44 14 0
„ „ Office			130 0 0
„ Petty Cash and Postage Stamps			75 18 10
„ Cash at Bankers and in hand, Sydney Committee of Advice			5 13 1
„ „ „ „ West Aust. „			633 9 4
„ „ „ „ Melbourne			3 4 6
			<u>5,433 18 10</u>
			<u>£364,788 11 3</u>

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DR.	RESERVE ACCOUNT.	(PROVISION FOR LOSSES).	CR.
1907—31st Dec.—To Loss on Sales—Properties in Possession ..	£1,779 17 0	1906—31st Dec.—By Balance	£20,491 9 2
To Balance (see Amount deducted from Investments in Balance-sheet)	18,771 12 2	1907—31st Dec.—By Properties in Possession—Provision for falling-in of Lease	60 0 0
	<u>£20,551 9 2</u>		<u>£20,551 9 2</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 therewith. We have also seen the securities, with the exception of those certified to as held by the Solicitors, and found them in order, each advance being represented by a mortgage for its amount, with the following exceptions, viz.:—Connexional Buildings, £337 15s.; No. 212, £1000.

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

MELBOURNE, 4th February, 1908.

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