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The Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand assembled in the Taranaki Street Church, Wellington, on Thursday, February 25th, 1909, and concluded its sessions on Wednesday, March 10th, 1909.

The first session was opened by the Rev. C. E. Beecroft, the retiring President of the Conference.

The Rev. T. Fee was elected President of the Conference, and the Rev. S. Lawry was re-elected Secretary.

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 H. Ranston
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 W. H. Speer
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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?

- 1.—Fred Copeland
Arthur C. Randerson, M.A.
Raymond Richards

Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION II.—What Preachers Remain on Trial?

- 1.—James R. Clark
Percy R. Paris
Charles Roberts,

Who have travelled three years.

- 2.—William H. E. Abbey
William W. Avery
Charles Blair
Harry A. G. Keck
William G. Maslin
W. Bramwell Scott
Geo. Snadden
Robert H. Wylie,

Who have travelled two years.

- 3.—John B. Beeche
Edwin Cox
Charles B. Jordan, B.A.
J. Frederick Martin
Frederick Rands
William H. Speer
Robert B. Tinsley

Who have travelled one year.

HONOURS LIST.

The following have passed their examinations with honours:—A. C. Randerson, M.A., and Charles Blair.

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

- Albert F. Burchell
William Lea.
Nicholas Turner

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

- 1.—Alexander Allen
William A. Burley
John D. McArthur,

Who have completed two years.

- 2.—Charles H. Olds
Horace L. Richards,
James Richards

Who have completed one year.

- 3.—John B. Beeche,

Who has completed his first year of probation, is to enter the Institution this year.

- 4.—Leslie B. Neale } Accepted 1908.
William Rowe, }

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

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

- 1.—Clyde L. Carr
A. H. Scrivin,

Are received, and are to be sent to the Institution this year.

- 2.—Matthew J. Evans
Robert B. Gosnell
George B. Hinton
William A. Watson,

Are to pursue their studies under the direction of the Examiners appointed to conduct the candidates' examination, and to enter the Institution as vacancies arise.

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

None.

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?

Davis Wilcox,

Who is placed on the President's List of Reserve.

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

No.

QUESTION XI.—What Ministers become Supernumeraries?

William C. Oliver
David McNicoll
Samuel J. Garlick

William C. Oliver began his ministry in 1867, and for forty-two years has rendered unbroken service to the Church in New Zealand. He attained the Presidential Chair in 1887, and was chosen Chairman of his District on no less than eighteen occasions. For several years he was Connexional Editor, and he represented New Zealand in the General Conferences at almost all its sessions. Practically the whole of his long ministry has been spent in our most important charges. The fact that he held more than one appointment in each of our four chief cities is unique in our history. When he was not in the cities he was welcomed to such important Circuits as Wanganui, Nelson, Timaru, and Invercargill. Wherever he went he established a reputation for strong, interesting, unpretentious, edifying preaching, brimming over with thought and information. He was a rapid and omnivorous reader, and possessed of great powers of assimilation, and was noted for bringing out of his teaching things new and old. A prominent layman, returned from a visit to England, on being questioned as to the preachers he had heard, replied, "There are no better preachers than our Mr. Oliver." His ministry was especially beneficial to our more thoughtful people, but he gripped and profited all, and was much beloved as a pastor in the homes of his congregation. To his brethren in the ministry and to our people throughout New Zealand he is Oliver the Well-beloved. The Conference deeply regrets his retirement from the active ministry, and feels that it can ill spare so distinguished a man. His robust constitution, however, enables it to hope that he may still enrich our pulpits in the city of his rest for many years to come.

David McNicoll, who now retires from the active work of the ministry, came to Canterbury as a youth in 1862, and some twelve months later was led to make a whole-hearted surrender to Christ as his Lord and Master. He became an earnest worker in the Sunday School, and also in connection with the conduct of cottage prayer meeting services in and around Christchurch. At the March Local Preachers' Meeting, 1866, he was, on the nomination of the Rev. James Buller, accepted as a local preacher, and travelled long distances to appointments in what was then known as the Canterbury Circuit. For two years he was a member of the theological class conducted by the Rev. Thomas Buddle in the Ferry Road parsonage, and by the September Quarterly Meeting, 1867, he was, on Mr Buddle's nomination, recommended as a candidate for the Ministry. During a period of forty-one years Mr McNicoll has made full proof of his ministry. In the course of his labours as an itinerant preacher he has served as Superintendent of city and country Circuits, and was honoured by election to the Presidential Chair in 1894. Mr McNicoll has enjoyed the esteem and love of his brethren and the confidence of the churches in connection with which his pastorate has been exercised. He has had seals to his ministry in the Circuits where he has laboured, and he now retires from the active work of the ministry with the warm commendation of the Conference, and with its best wishes that he may live many years to serve Christ and the Church in the less arduous sphere of a Supernumerary, and also that he may enjoy much Divine sunshine and peace after more than forty years' service as a minister of the New Zealand Methodist Church.

The retirement of the Rev. S. J. Garlick removes from the ranks of the active work one of the most faithful ministers who have laboured in the Dominion. He commenced his ministry in 1876. His work

has been characterised by diligent pastoral work and faithful preaching. In most Circuits Bro. Garlick has seen the fruit of his labours. Many of his appointments involved arduous toil, which was always cheerfully undertaken. His diligence in all departments of the work left every Circuit in an improved condition. By personal dealing he has been a means of leading many to the Saviour, and those who were passing through trouble or bereavement always found him a true friend. It was during his second term in the Hutt Circuit that his health broke down. He is still useful amongst friends who have learned to appreciate him, and we pray that he may still have many years of usefulness in the work which he loves. He goes into retirement carrying with him the cordial esteem of all his brethren.

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

None.

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

R. Wilson.

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?

John G. W. Ellis, who has voluntarily retired from our work.

QUESTION XVII.—Who are Elected the Chairmen of Districts for the ensuing year?

Auckland—George Bond.

Wanganui—Charles E. Beecroft.

Wellington—Thomas Fee, President of the Conference, *ex officio*.

Nelson—John J. Lewis.

Canterbury—Charles H. Garland.

Otago—Paul W. Fairclough.

QUESTION XVIII.—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 1909:—

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.
 Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.: 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. D. J. Murray: Pope's Compendium, Second and Third Years.
 Rev. W. J. Williams: Pope's Compendium, Fourth Year.
 Rev. B. F. Rothwell: 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.
 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.
 Rev. A. J. Seamer: Section A for Maori Candidates.
 Rev. B. F. Rothwell: Section B for Maori Candidates.

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 shall be printed, and the papers for Probationers type-written.
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.
 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' Examination shall be held in the last week of November: the Students' Examination 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, which shall include, in the case of the Fourth Year Probationers, a summary of the results obtained in the four yearly examinations.
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 College. With regard to any others, they shall take, in their first year, *Initia Graeca* 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 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.
18. The accepted Candidates on the President's List of Reserve are required to pursue their studies under the direction of the Examiners appointed to conduct the Candidates' Examination, who shall set suitable papers, and report in each case to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

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.
20. Maori Candidates are required to preach in English before a Synod Committee.

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, Dods' 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, p.p. 1-143.
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, p.p. 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. iiii., 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. iiii., 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 will 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 1909 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.
 Dods' 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 in 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 of 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.
 Clarke'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'Aubigne'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.
 Lightfoot'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 and 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, Hastings' new Bible Dictionary, and Hastings' 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 "List 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, S. 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.—STUDENT'S COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study in the Theological Institution will be as follows, subject from time to time to such conditions 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. H. R. Dewsbury be appointed Acting House-Master.
2. That two Lecturers be appointed as follows:—
 - (a) Systematic Theology—Rev. H. R. Dewsbury.
 - (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 Onehunga 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 Examination.

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. Geometry—Lines, Angles, Rectilineal Figures and Area of Rectilineal Figures. (School Geometry, Parts I. and II., 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) Geometry.
 - (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. In presenting a candidate to Synod, his Superintendent shall certify that he has undergone reasonable preparation for taking the candidates examinations.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

That the Revs. S. Lawry, C. H. Garland, W. A. Sinclair, and A. B. Chappell, M.A., be a Committee to submit to the next Conference the constitution of an Examination Committee; Con-
vener, Rev. A. B. Chappell.

PRESIDENT'S LIST OF RESERVE.

That no accepted candidate on the President's List of Reserve be employed as a Home Missionary without his personal consent.

THOMAS FEE, President.
SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.



Pastoral Address.

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

DEAR BRETHREN,—From the Empire City of our Dominion we send you greeting in the name of the Lord. Our Conference has been a most progressive and harmonious one, and your ministers and lay representatives have deeply felt the responsibility and blessedness of being workers together for Christ and His Church.

During the year just closed our ranks have been broken by death. We mourn the loss of four brethren, who, having faithfully served their generation, have been translated to their eternal reward:—J. W. Worboys, Jas. A. Taylor, John Law, and T. E. Thomas, M.A. We have also to record the retirement, in each case after a long, honourable, and useful career, of the Revs. W. C. Oliver, D. McNicoll, and S. J. Garlick. But though God promotes some of His workmen to higher service and lays aside others from active duties, He raises up successors. Nine promising young men have been received by Conference as Candidates, and three, having completed their probation with credit, have been ordained to the full work of the Christian Ministry.

We are also thankful to record that eleven young men, a record number, have been appointed as students to the Theological Institution. We have made these appointments from a keen sense of the future need of our work, and with the belief that the living Church will, by its liberality, so confirm our action as to supply the needful finances, and we trust that in the near future our Church will possess a Theological Hall properly equipped and worthy of our past traditions.

The Laymen have this year been associated with the Ministers as members of the Stationing Committee during all its sessions.

Methodism has ever been amongst the pioneers of social reform, and we rejoice at the good results that have followed the last Local Option Poll, inasmuch as there has been an increase of thirty thousand votes for No-License. We heartily congratulate the electorates in which No-License has previously been obtained, as well as those electorates which have carried Reduction.

As a Church we cannot shut our eyes to the great increase of gambling in our midst. The extent to which this vice is practised, especially among our young men, must fill all thoughtful minds with grave concern. We trust that you will, in every possible way, discountenance this evil.

Another evil against which we cannot protest too strongly is that of boxing, as illustrated in the exhibitions that have taken place during the year in the adjoining Commonwealth. We deplore such spectacles, and we deem it essential that we should produce such a moral sentiment in the community that a repetition of such sights, either by cinematograph or otherwise, will be impossible.

We have noticed with much pleasure the inauguration of the scheme of Sir Robert Perks, for the realisation, as far as possible, of the brotherhood of man amongst Methodists throughout the world, and shall watch with deep interest its practical results.

We note with great satisfaction the deepened interest in our Foreign Mission enterprise, as is plainly evidenced in many Circuits by an encouraging increase of subscriptions. The Ladies' Auxiliaries have done splendid work, one effect of which has been the appointment of another sister, Miss Lill, to the New Guinea Mission. The increase for the year is over £740, including special gifts to the Boat Fund. The total for the year, £2,912, is the largest sum ever raised by our Church for Foreign Missions.

We are deeply sensible of your loyalty and attachment to our Church by your continued contributions to our Home Mission Fund. Though the heroic days of our mission to the Maori are past, we would not be unmindful of the claims of the native race upon our benevolence. Amongst the Europeans there are many fields of labour waiting for us to sow the good seed of the Kingdom of God, but which we are unable to enter through want of funds. The Conference has appointed the Rev. T. G. Brooke as Organising Secretary for Home Missions. We commend him and his work to your sympathy and prayers, and we trust that by your continued systematic contributions our Home Mission Fund will be considerably augmented during the year.

Our review of the work of God nas afforded us cause for gratitude. The returns show an increase of 416 members, 61 on trial and 353 junior members. We recognise that there are results that can never be tabulated; nevertheless we are thankful for these tangible marks of the Divine Presence and Blessing. This fact will appear more apparent when we remember that at the first Conference, held in Wellington in 1876, we had only 3,309 members, while now our total is 11,051.

To our esteemed Local Preachers throughout the connexion we send fraternal greeting. We remember with gratitude their continued and self-denying efforts in our pulpits, and we heartily acknowledge that much of our past success is due to their labours.

The Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., was appointed by last Conference to the position of Secretary to the Bible Class Movement. During the year he has visited many of our Circuits and Home Mission Stations. Our C.E. Societies, especially in the Junior department, have been fostered by him, and our Sunday School work has enjoyed much of his attention and effort. Conference is gratified at the success that has attended his labours, and in re-appointing him commends him and his work to your sympathy and help.

We are anxious that our young people should be gathered into the fold of Christ, and are devoutly thankful to God for the useful and successful work that has been done during the year by our S.S. workers, C.E. Societies, and Wesley Guilds, and especially for the good service rendered by the Sunday School Advisory Board. In that department we report an increase of 40 teachers and 928 scholars. We beseech you, brethren, as members of the Household of Faith, to claim for your children the privileges promised to them in the Word of God. Cherish a growing love for the divine ordinances. Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, not only for public worship on the Sabbath, but also at your meetings for Christian Fellowship on the other days of the week. Be regular and conscientious in your observance of all the means of Grace, especially the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which are binding on all the followers of our Divine Master.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

THOMAS FEE, 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. MANUKAU CIRCUIT.—

That the Circuit be divided, the new Circuits to be called Onehunga and Otahuhu respectively; the boundaries to be as follows:—Onehunga Circuit to include Onehunga and Mangere; Otahuhu Circuit to include Otahuhu, Woodside, Manurewa, Flat Bush, East Tamaki, Papakura, and Papakura Valley.

2. MAHURANGI CIRCUIT.—

That the Mahurangi Circuit be divided, the new Circuits to be called Mahurangi Circuit, and Port Albert Home Mission Station, respectively; the boundaries to be as follows:—Mahurangi Circuit to include Warkworth, Dome Valley, Mullet Point, Matakana, Leigh, Dacre's Claim, Pukiri, and Wangaripo; Port Albert Home Mission Station to include Port Albert, Wellsford, Wharehine, Tauhoa, Te Hana, Kiwaka, Hakaru, and Mangawai.

3. UPPER THAMES CIRCUIT.—

That the Upper Thames Circuit be divided into three, to be called Upper Thames, Waihi, and Paeroa respectively; the boundaries to be as follows:—Upper Thames Circuit to include Te Aroha, Morrinsville, Te Aroha West, Manawaru, Waitoa, Waihou, Lower Waitoa, Elstow, Tahuna, Walton, Waiata, Turangamoana, Tapapa, Putaruru, Tirau, Okaiua, Mokai, Mamaku, and Mararoa; to be worked by a married minister, residing at Te Aroha, and two Home Missionaries, residing respectively at Morrinsville and Mamaku: Waihi Circuit to include Waihi, Waikino, and Waitekauri: Paeroa Circuit to include Paeroa, Netherton, Hiku-taia, Komata, and Karangahake.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

That Mangaweka be transferred from the Taihape Circuit to the Rangitikei Circuit.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA.—That Conference appoint the second Minister to Featherston, and the Home Missionary to Greytown.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. **BLENHEIM.**—That the Conference, while recognising the wisdom of the arrangement by last Conference as to the second Minister being stationed at Picton, and a Home Missionary at Tua Marina, endorses with regret the new proposal of the Blenheim Circuit Quarterly Meeting, that a Home Missionary be appointed to Picton, and the second Minister retained at Tua Marina.
2. **GREYMOUTH-KUMARA.**—That the Home Missionary be withdrawn from Kumara, and Kumara be attached to the Greymouth Circuit.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- CHRISTCHURCH (DURHAM STREET) MISSION.**—That the Christchurch Mission (Durham Street South) be re-incorporated with the Christchurch (Durham Street) Circuit, on the conditions laid down by the Quarterly Meeting, a Probationer to be appointed.

RESOLUTION.

The following were appointed a Committee to consider the boundaries of the Districts, and to recommend an alteration where deemed advisable, the recommendations to be submitted to the next Synods and the Conference of 1910:—The Secretary of the Conference, the Chairmen of Districts, and Messrs. J. Veale, G. H. Bennett, G. Tiller, A. A. Lucas, J. A. Flesher, and E. Rosevear; the Chairman of each District to appoint a substitute should the lay member from his District be unable to attend; the Secretary of the Conference to be Convener, and the place of meeting to be Wellington.

QUESTION II.—What Circuits ask for Additional Preachers?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **MANUKAU CIRCUIT.**—A Probationer for the new Otahuhu Circuit.
2. **HAMILTON.**—A Home Missionary.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

WEST COAST MISSION.—That the employment of an additional Maori Agent, to work the Waimarino District, be left to the Home Mission Executive for consideration during the year.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. **NAPIER.**—A Probationer.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. **RICHMOND.**—A Home Missionary to work the upper end of this Circuit, consisting of Motupiko, Tapawera, Stanley Brook, Tadmor, Sherry, Kiwi, and Wangapeka, with a suitable grant, the stipend to be not less than £100.
2. **BLENHEIM.**—A Home Missionary to be appointed to Flaxbourne, with a Home Mission grant of £50.
3. **GREYMOUTH.**—A Home Missionary to be appointed to work the outside districts in this Circuit, with a suitable grant.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. **CHRISTCHURCH (ST. ALBANS).**—A Home Missionary.
2. **WILLOWBY.**—A Home Missionary, with suitable Home Mission grant, instead of Probationer asked last year.

3. ASHBURTON.—That the Probationer be withdrawn, and that Methven, Lauriston, Rakaia, Dorie, Chertsey, and Lyndhurst, be constituted a separate Home Mission Station, with a suitable grant.
4. AMBERLEY.—That Amberley be constituted a Circuit, with a Probationer, instead of a Home Missionary; a suitable grant to be made.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.—A Probationer as Assistant to the Superintendent, with Home Mission grant of £100.

QUESTION III.—What new Stations are now Sanctioned?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. That the Chairman of the District be requested to visit Opotiki, either personally or by deputy, and report to the next Auckland Synod and Conference.
2. That a Home Missionary be appointed to Te Kuiti, with a suitable grant.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL MISSION.—That a Central Mission be established in the City of Wellington.

That the following be a Committee to negotiate during the year the affairs of the Mission:—The Superintendents of the Wellington Circuits, with Messrs. G. Tiller, W. E. Redstone, C. H. Jones, W. Dimock, J. Lomas, R. W. Waterhouse, E. Tonks, H. N. Holmes, H. Hart, G. Keall, L. J. Clark, L. E. Christie, with power to add to their number; the Rev. S. J. Serpell to be Convener.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHEVIOT.—That periodical services be arranged at Cheviot by the Amberley Minister.
2. KAIKOURA.—That the Chairman of the Canterbury District be requested to arrange for occasional visits to Kaikoura for Sunday services.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

WAIAMU (Southland).—To be constituted a Home Mission Station, the Agent to work from Tua-Tapiri; an adequate grant to be made from the Home Mission Fund.

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

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

AUCKLAND EAST fulfils its obligation.

ROTORUA is relieved for a SECOND year.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

ELTHAM fulfils its obligation.

TAIHAPE is relieved for a year.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA is relieved for a FOURTH year.

LEVIN-OTAKI is relieved for this year.

NELSON DISTRICT.

MOTUEKA is relieved for a NINTH year.
WESTPORT is relieved for a TENTH year.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

KAIAPOI is relieved for ONE year.
ASHBURTON (2nd) is due. (See under Quest. II.)
MALVERN is relieved for a year.

RESOLUTION.

That the question of continuance of a Probationer at Malvern be referred to the Canterbury Synod.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN (Cargill Road), 2nd, is relieved for a SECOND year.
MOSGIEL is relieved for a year.

RESOLUTIONS.

That Kaiapoi and Dunedin (Cargill Road) Circuits be informed that Conference will expect them next year to fulfil their obligations.

That the Conference views with regret the large number of Circuits which annually apply for relief from their obligations to take married ministers, and directs that the regulation dealing with reports from Probationers' Circuits read—

“That Circuits to which a Probationer is appointed be required to present a **written** statement annually to the Synod setting forth what is done to prepare for the taking of a married preacher in due course, and that such statements be sent on to Committee A through the Secretary of the Conference.”

SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

That the Conference regrets that in some cases the information required by law to be given in connection with applications for division of Circuits, etc., has not been forthcoming. It directs—

That a Schedule be prepared providing for the required information, and that such be signed by the Superintendent Minister and Circuit Stewards, or, in the case of applications for the taking up of territory without the bounds of any Circuit, by responsible local persons.

Further, that in cases where a Probationer is applied for a careful statement of the prospects of the station taking a married man at the end of four years be supplied on the schedule.

That a rough sketch map be supplied with each application for the information of Synod and Conference.

That in every case the above Schedules and Maps, with all other available information, be sent through the Secretary of Conference to the A Committee.

That the Secretary of Conference, with Revs. H. Bull and C. H. Laws, B.A., be directed to prepare the Schedule referred to.

QUESTION V.—What Ministers have Died since the Last Conference?

John Law.

John Law passed to his rest at his residence, Mount Albert, on August 1st, in his 67th year. He was trained for the ministry in Richmond College, England, and came to New Zealand in 1868, spend-

ing the first term of his ministry as the colleague of the Rev. James Buller, in the city of Auckland. Altogether 19 years of his active ministry were spent in Circuits in the Auckland District, and six in the circuits of Lawrence and Greymouth. He also spent three years each in Greytown and Patea Circuits. The last 11 years of his life were spent, through failing health, as a supernumerary at Mount Albert, where he did valuable work as preacher and pastor as opportunity offered. He did excellent work in all his Circuits, being, in addition to a good preacher, a good man and a master of details. Intelligence, kindness, and common sense gave him a place in the hearts and memories of all who made his intimate acquaintance. He was truly a good man, walking with God, and a loyal Methodist preacher. He improved all the Circuits in which he laboured.

John Wesley Worboys.

John Wesley Worboys was born in Westminster, London, on May the 6th, 1843. As his name indicates, he was cradled in Methodism, and had his training under the happiest of auspices. At 14 he gave his heart to God. From that early decision he never turned aside. He was about 17 years of age when he began to preach, but it was some years afterward when the call came to devote himself to the full work of the ministry. It was in connection with the Methodist Free Church that he was led to God, and it was to the ministry of that Church that he devoted his life. First, he was employed as a hired local preacher in a Yorkshire Circuit. Then he turned his thoughts to New Zealand, and it was in this country that his Church found him a suitable sphere in its itinerant ranks. The Circuits in which he laboured were St. Asaph Street (Christchurch), Oxford, Reefton, Westport, Waipawa, Woodville, Oxford, Reefton, and Napier. The consummation of Methodist union came at this point of his work, and in the United Church he laboured at Mahurangi, Tauranga, Eketahuna, and Opunake. Practically the whole of his ministry was spent in difficult Circuits, and it was often necessary that he should possess the highest qualities of a soldier saint. In all his Circuits he won a good degree. It was, however, in his last appointment that he rendered the most effective service. By his wise administration, indefatigable pastoral work, and winning personality, he changed the whole aspect of its affairs. The break which put an end to his beneficial work came suddenly. A few short weeks of illness and he was not. As he lived, so he died. There was no moaning on the bar when he put out to sea.

Thomas Eggleston Thomas, M.A.

Thomas Eggleston Thomas, M.A., who died at Leeston, was born at Skilly, Auburn, South Australia, August, 1851. He was accepted as a candidate for the ministry by the Conference of 1874, and commenced his labours in the itinerancy at Port Pirie in 1877. His ministry in South Australia up to 1898 was exercised in various parts of that State, seven years being given to Circuits in the city of Adelaide. In 1896, while in the Archer Street Circuit, he had editorial charge of the connexional paper. In 1898 he was transferred to New Zealand Conference. In this Dominion three years were given to the Christchurch South Circuit, one year to Balclutha, three to Port Chalmers, and four to Leeston. Our departed brother was a deep student of the word of God, and was widely read in present day works of Biblical literature. He was to his fellow-workers a brother beloved, and to the people of his charge a faithful pastor and friend. His Christian character was transparent, his spirit was unselfish, and his life was fully devoted to God and His work. The tone of personal piety was raised in the Circuits in which he travelled. Christian believers were edified and the interests of the Church promoted as well by his personal example as by his public labours. In his final illness, which

was prolonged and of a trying nature, he was divinely comforted and sustained; and he passed away in great peace to his home in Heaven, March 6, 1909, during the sessions of the Conference.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

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

1909.

President :
REV. T. FEE.

Secretary :
REV. S. LAWRY.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1909.

[N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 99 is the head of a Circuit or Mission, 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).—W. Ready; G. S. Cook (Mount Albert); A. N. Scotter, B.A. (Kingsland); J. S. Smalley and J. Thomas (Supernumeraries).
2. **Auckland West**.—G. Bond (Ponsonby).
3. **Auckland East**.—H. R. Dewsbury (Grafton Road); H. Beggs (Mount Eden); one wanted (Newmarket); R. Wilson (resting).
WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS, NATIVE INSTITUTION.—J. H. Simmonds, Principal (Mount Eden).
THEOLOGICAL TRAINING INSTITUTION.—J. H. Simmonds, Governor.
HOME MISSION SECRETARY.—T. G. Brooke.
4. **Auckland Methodist Mission**.—J. Wilson.
5. **Auckland** (North Shore).—R. Taylor (Devonport); J. S. Rishworth and W. G. Thomas (Supernumeraries).
6. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—T. G. Carr.
7. **Onehunga**.—S. J. Gibson; W. J. Watkin (Supernumerary).
8. **Otahuhu**.—E. Cox.
9. **Mahurangi**.—J. D. Jory (Warkworth).
10. **Thames**.—J. Blight.

11. **Upper Thames.**—A. J. Reed (Te Aroha); a Home Missionary (Morrinsville); a Home Missionary (Mamaku).
12. **Waihi.**—J. Wrigley.
13. **Paeroa.**—A. C. Randerson, M.A.
14. **Franklin.**—J. Dukes (Pukekohe); one wanted (Waiuku).
15. **Cambridge.**—W. H. Beck; a Home Missionary (Te Awamutu).
16. **Hamilton.**—H. L. Blamires; a Home Missionary.
17. **Huntly.**—One wanted (a Home Missionary).
18. **Paparoa.**—G. F. Stockwell.
19. **Northern Waikato.**—W. Wills (Mangawhare); a Home Missionary (Rehia).
20. **Whangarei.**—J. J. Mather; a Home Missionary (Hikurangi).
21. **Rotorua.**—H. A. G. Keck.
22. **Auckland Maori Mission.**—William Gittos (Devonport).
 Whangaroa.—Hapeta Renata (Kaeo).
 Hokianga.—Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirinaki); Hamiora Kingi (Ruakura).
 Kaipara.—Hauraki Paul (Reweti).
 Waikato.—Piripi Rakena (Kopua); Hone M. Hare (Te Kuiti).
 Lower Waikato.—One wanted.
- 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).
 PORT ALBERT.—A Home Missionary.
 TE KUITI.—A Home Missionary.

GEORGE BOND, Chairman of the District.

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

23. **New Plymouth.**—J. G. Chapman; one wanted; W. Cannell (Supernumerary).
24. **Waitara.**—F. T. Read.
25. **Inglewood.**—W. S. Bowie.
26. **Stratford.**—C. C. Harrison.
27. **Eltham.**—F. Copeland.
28. **Hawera.**—F. W. Boys; W. W. Avery (Manaia).
29. **Cape Egmont.**—R. P. Keall (Opunake); a Home Missionary (Rahotu).
30. **Kaponga.**—W. B. Scott.
31. **Wanganui.**—J. A. Luxford.
 CHAPLAIN TO THE NEW ZEALAND MILITIA.—J. A. Luxford.
32. **Aramoho.**—E. D. Patchett.
33. **Rangitikei.**—C. Griffin (Marton); a Home Missionary (Mangaweka).
34. **Sandon.**—G. Frost (Sanson).
35. **Fellding.**—C. E. Beecroft.
36. **Palmerston North.**—G. W. J. Spence; T. T. Thomas, B.A. (Cuba Street); one wanted (Ashhurst) (a Home Missionary); G. S. Harper (Supernumerary).
37. **Taihape.**—R. B. Tinsley.

38. **Waimarino.**—J. F. Martin (Raetihi).
 39. **West Coast Maori Mission.**—T. G. Hammond (Opunake); Robert Tahu Potiki Haddon (Okaiawa); a Home Missionary (Patea); two Deaconesses.
 PATEA.—A Home Missionary.
 KIMBOLTON.—A Home Missionary.
 TAUMARUNUI.—A Home Missionary.
 OHURA.—A Home Missionary.
 NORTH TARANAKI.—A Home Missionary.
 CHARLES E. BEECROFT, Chairman of the District.
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III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

40. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—S. J. Serpell; J. R. Clark (Karori); H. B. Redstone (Supernumerary); F. W. Isitt (without Pastoral Charge).
 ORGANISING SECRETARY, BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.—A. B. Chapell, M.A.
 41. **Wellington Central Mission.**—A. F. Burchell.
 42. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—T. Fee (President of the Conference).
 43. **Wellington South.**—W. J. Williams.
 44. **Wellington Suburban.**—W. R. Tuck, M.A.
 45. **Johnsonville.**—C. Eaton.
 46. **Hutt.**—B. F. Rothwell; A. J. Seamer (Petone); W. Kirk and S. J. Garlick (Supernumeraries).
 47. **South Wairarapa.**—W. J. Elliott (Carterton); W. G. Maslin (Featherston); a Home Missionary (Greytown).
 48. **Masterton.**—C. E. Porter.
 49. **Napier.**—A. C. Lawry; one wanted (a Home Missionary).
 50. **Hastings.**—W. Tinsley.
 51. **Cisborne.**—J. A. Lochore.
 52. **Eketahuna.**—J. J. Pendray.
 53. **Dannevirke.**—J. W. Griffin.
 54. **Levin-Otaki.**—T. F. Jones (Levin); C. B. Jordan, B.A. (Otaki).
 55. **Waipawa.**—B. J. James.
 56. **Woodville.**—B. H. Ginger.
 57. **Pahiatua.**—W. H. Speer.
 NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.
 WAIPUKURAU

THOMAS FEE (President of the Conference),
 Chairman of the District.

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

58. **Nelson.**—J. J. Lewis; J. Crump (Supernumerary).
 59. **Richmond.**—S. H. D. Peryman; a Home Missionary.
 60. **Blenheim.**—T. R. Richards; E. P. Blamires (Tua Marina); a Home Missionary (Picton); a Home Missionary (Flaxbourne).
 61. **Hokitika.**—H. Ranston.
 62. **Creymouth.**—T. W. Vealie; a Home Missionary.
 63. **Motueka.**—G. Snadden.

64. **Reefton**.—T. W. Newbold.
 65. **Westport**.—C. Blair.
 HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.

JOHN J. LEWIS, Chairman of the District.

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

66. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—C. H. Garland; C. H. Laws, B.A. (East Belt); J. N. Buttle (Woolston); A. McBean; N. Turner; J. Smith, W. C. Oliver, D. McNicoll (Supernumeraries).
 CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—Henry Bull.
 67. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—L. Hudson.
 68. **Christchurch** (Addington).—S. Griffith; a Home Missionary.
 69. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—W. A. Sinclair; a Home Missionary.
 70. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—S. Lawry (Secretary of the Conference).
 71. **Lyttelton**.—A. Peters; W. Lee (Supernumerary).
 72. **Springston**.—J. T. Pinfold, F.G.S.
 73. **Tai Tapu**.—A. Ashcroft.
 74. **Leeston**.—T. A. Joughin.
 75. **Kaipoi**.—T. Trestrail; C. Roberts (Ohoka).
 76. **Rangiora**.—C. Abernethy; J. H. Haslam (Woodend).
 77. **Malvern**.—R. Richards.
 78. **Timaru**.—W. Baumber; a Home Missionary.
 79. **Waimate**.—C. Penney.
 80. **Temuka**.—W. Beckett.
 81. **Ashburton**.—H. E. Bellhouse.
 82. **Willowby**.—C. H. Standage; a Home Missionary.
 83. **Amberley**.—W. Lea.
 OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.
 BANKS PENINSULA.—A Home Missionary (Little River).
 METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.
 CHEVIOT.—To be visited by the Amberley Minister.
 KAIKOURA.

CHARLES H. GARLAND, Chairman of the District.

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

84. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—P. W. Fairclough, F.R.A.S.; R. H. Wylie (North-East Valley).
 85. **Dunedin Central Mission**.—W. Slade; E. O. Blamires (Assistant).
 SOUTHERN MAORI MISSION.—Neho Hemi Papakakura (under the direction of the Chairman of the District).
 86. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—W. Grigg; F. Rands (St. Kilda).
 87. **Dunedin** (Mornington).—D. J. Murray.
 88. **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—T. J. Wallis.
 89. **Mosgiel**.—W. H. E. Abbey.
 90. **Port Chalmers**.—J. Ward.
 METHODIST EDITOR, "OUTLOOK."—J. Ward.
 91. **Balclutha**.—J. A. Hosking.

92. **Milton.**—A. Reader.
 93. **Lawrence.**—W. J. Oxbrow.
 94. **Invercargill.**—A. Mitchell; P. R. Paris (South Invercargill).
 95. **Oamaru.**—T. N. Griffin.
 96. **Core.**—W. Greenslade.
 97. **Otautau.**—G. T. Marshall; a Home Missionary (Nightcaps).
 98. **Roxburgh.**—M. A. R. Pratt.
 99. **Cromwell.**—A Home Missionary.
 RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.
 PALMERSTON.—A Home Missionary.
 WINTON.—A Home Missionary.
 WAIAMU.—A Home Missionary.
 WAKATIPU.

PAUL W. FAIRCLOUGH, Chairman of the District.

1. J. S. Smalley, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Scotland.
2. R. Wilson has permission to rest for a year.
3. Ministers are expected to arrive in their new Circuits between the second and third Sundays in April.
4. Probationers and Home Missionaries appointed to separate Stations are under the direction of the Chairman of the District.



HOME MISSION STATIONS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Port Albert	...	...	...	C. C. Bottomley.
Upper Thames (Morrinsville)	...	...	...	George Bridgman.
Upper Thames (Mamaku)	...	...	...	T. W. Featherstone.
Franklin (Waiuku)	...	...	...	J. A. Lamond.
Cambridge (Te Awamutu)	...	...	...	A. Hislop.
Hamilton	...	...	...	One to be sent.
Huntly	...	...	...	W. Walker.
Northern Wairoa (Rehia)	...	...	...	W. H. Wise.
Whangarei (Hikurangi)	...	...	...	C. W. Brown.
Tauranga	...	...	...	A. Hopper.
Coromandel	...	...	...	— Aldridge.
Helensville (Kaukapakapa)	...	...	...	A. J. Leach.
Bay of Islands (Kawakawa)	...	...	...	Sylvester Keen.
Hokianga	...	...	...	J. W. Parker.
Whangaroa	...	...	...	C. Aker.
Te Kuiti	...	...	...	One to be sent.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	...	...	...	F. W. Kellow.
Cape Egmont (Rahotu)	...	...	...	A. Laybourn.
Maori Mission (Rahotu)	...	...	...	Wi Kaitara Kopiri.
Palmerston North	...	...	...	W. A. Watson.
Rangitikei (Mangaweka)	...	...	...	One to be sent.
Patea	...	...	...	Edwin Somerville.
Kimbolton	...	...	...	J. H. White.
Ohura	...	...	...	Chas. Alex. Stewart.
Taumarunui	...	...	...	One to be sent.
North Taranaki	...	...	...	One to be sent.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

South Wairarapa (Greytown)	...	...	...	E. W. Pittendreigh.
Napier	...	...	...	G. B. Hinton.
Norsewood	...	...	...	J. Richards.
Waipukurau	...	...	...	Vacant.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Richmond	...	...	...	One to be sent.
Blenheim (Picton)	...	...	...	Joseph J. Llewellyn.
Flaxbourne	...	...	...	One to be sent.
Havelock	...	...	...	T. Bryant.
Greymouth	...	...	...	J. Harris.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch (Addington)	...	...	...	M. J. Evans.
Christchurch (St. Albans)	...	...	...	R. Gosnell.
Timaru	...	...	...	Walter J. Enticott.
Methven	...	...	...	H. A. Malley.
Oxford	...	...	...	A. Hardy Couch.
Banks Peninsula	...	...	...	J. Oliver.
Willowby	...	...	...	One to be sent.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

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

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

I.—SALES REPORTED.

1. AUCKLAND (PITT STREET) CIRCUIT.—Sale to the City Council of a strip of land, 13ft. in width, for widening a road through the Prince Albert College Estate.
2. AUCKLAND EAST CIRCUIT.—Sale of narrow strip of church land at Mount Eden to the Borough Council for widening public road.
3. MAHURANGI CIRCUIT.—Sale of portion of parsonage site, sanctioned by the Conference of 1908. Proceeds of sale, £116.
4. THAMES CIRCUIT.—Sale of old parsonage at Shortland for £375. Proceeds towards purchase of new house.
5. PALMERSTON NORTH CIRCUIT.—Taonui Church and site, £42 os. 2d. Proceeds employed for discharge of debt.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES COMPLETED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. AUCKLAND EAST CIRCUIT.—Erection of Infants' Schoolroom at Mount Eden, 25 v 15, to seat 72 children. Cost £63 5s. No. debt.
2. AUCKLAND (BIRKENHEAD) CIRCUIT.—(1) Purchase of section; 3 roods 17 perches, at cost of £210, adjoining Church land at Birkenhead. Amount from Mortgage.
(2) Erection of church at Birkdale to seat 140, 35ft. x 23ft., vestry 17 x 12. Cost, £335. Only debt to Loan Fund.
(3) Erection of shelter shed at Birkdale. Cost, £16. No debt.
3. MAHURANGI CIRCUIT.—Purchase of church site at Wellsford, one rood, for £10, and erection of building, 32 x 20ft., to seat 100, cost of church, £105 2s. 11d. Debt on unpaid material, £41 18s. 5d.
4. UPPER THAMES CIRCUIT.—(1) Erection of church at Mamuku, 42 x 22ft., site one rood, to seat 100. Cost of land, £25. Building, £176. Debt to Loan Fund, £22 10s. On land, £25.
(2) Purchase of parsonage site, one-eighth of an acre, at Paeroa. Cost, £25.
5. FRANKLIN CIRCUIT.—Purchase from balance of sale proceeds of Waiuku parsonage a new parsonage site, 7 acres 1 rood. Cost, £147.
6. NORTHERN WAIROA CIRCUIT.—During the year legal transfers to local trustees have been completed for the two following properties nominally held for some years: (1) Mangawhare Parsonage site, 11a. 3r. 13p., being part of Aoroa No. 2 Block, Certificate of Title from Mission Property Trustees to A. E. Harding and ors., Vol. 147, Fol. 206, on Trusts of the Model Deed. (2) Also Aratapu Church site, 25.4p., the gift of Mr. M. Harding Certificate of Title, Vol. 152, Fol. 61, on Trusts of the Model Deed. Church thereon 30 x 50ft., with vestry, 20 x 15ft.
7. EAST COAST.—Purchase of Special Branch of Loan Fund, church site, two roods, at Waimana, cost £20. On Trusts of the Model Deed.
8. BAY OF ISLANDS.—Acquisition of the freehold of the church site: at Kawakawa. Deed not yet received by the Custodian.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. HAWERA CIRCUIT.—(1) Purchase of land, 21.4 perches, Little Regent Street, Hawera, with house of five rooms as a caretaker's cottage, £220 (May 23rd, 1907). £100 raised on mortgage and £120 by Bank overdraft. (2) Purchase of new church site, one rood, at Manaia, for £40, and erection of church thereon, 25 x 32ft., to seat 120. Cost, £345. Debt to Loan Fund, £135.
2. FEILDING CIRCUIT.—(1) Erection of two vestries at Feilding 30 x 15ft. Cost, £106 2s. 6d. (2) Also erection of Infant School-room, 25 x 12ft. Cost, £40. No permanent debt.
3. PATEA HOME MISSION DISTRICT.—Purchase of land, 1a. 1r. 8p. with house of six rooms thereon, for £360. Mortgage at 5½ per cent., £200.
4. Church sites in this district have been purchased by the Special Branch of the Loan Fund as follows:—Mangaroa, one rood, £25; Rangataua, one rood four perches, £48; and Kakahi, one rood, twenty-nine perches, £33.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. WELLINGTON SOUTH CIRCUIT.—(1) Erection of four new shops in brick at Newtown. Cost, £3,128 3s. 6d.; debt, £3,128 3s. 6d. The shops are let at weekly rental of £8 5s. (2) Erection of nine classrooms in wood out of former parsonage. Cost, £394 1s.; debt, £394 1s.
2. WELLINGTON SUBURBAN CIRCUIT.—A site for church has been donated, a church erected thereon, and a site for parsonage purchased, but all transactions have been effected by two persons in whose names the titles are at present held. The Trust will shortly be formed, and all property then be vested in names of Trustees for the Connexion.
3. JOHNSONVILLE CIRCUIT.—Acquisition partly by gift and partly by purchase of parsonage site, 1r. 26p., at Johnsonville, valued at £300. Debt, £50.
4. HUTT CIRCUIT.—Erection of new parsonage at Petone. Cost £677; debt, £449.
5. LEVIN-OTAKI CIRCUIT.—(1) Purchase of two roods additional church land at Levin. Cost, £275. (2) Purchase of parsonage site, one acre and one rood, at Otaki, £160.
6. PAHIATUA CIRCUIT.—Purchase of church site, one rood, at Pahiatua. Cost, £95. Erection of church thereon, 42 x 26ft., to seat 150. Cost, £667; no debt.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. HAVELOCK HOME MISSION STATION.—Purchase of one acre of church land at Carluke. Cost, £8 1s. 1d. Erection of church sanctioned. Report next year.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHRISTCHURCH (DURHAM STREET) CIRCUIT.—(1) Enlargement of the Durham Street Sunday School by additional erection in brick for Infant School, kitchen, etc. Cost, £300; no debt. (2) Enlargement of Heathcote Valley Sunday School. Cost, £105. Debt in process of early liquidation. (3) New Brighton.—Erection of Bible Class Hall, 25 x 16ft. Cost, £140; debt, £15.

2. CHRISTCHURCH (SYDENHAM) CIRCUIT.—Enlargement of Sydenham Sunday School. Cost, £41 2s. 6d.
3. TIMARU CIRCUIT.—Erection of new vestry, 18 x 25ft., at Belfield. Cost, £52; temporary debt, £20.
4. WAIMATE CIRCUIT.—Purchase of lots 3 and 4, one acre, £135 17s., and erection thereon of parsonage of wood containing nine rooms, with good outhouses. Cost of building, £1000; debt on securities, £130.
5. LITTLE RIVER.—Enlargement of parsonage. Cost, £23 6s.; no debt.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.—Purchase of two sections, 1 rood 39 poles, site for new Central Mission. Cost, £3,000. Mortgage, £2,000. Unsecured loan, £750, of which a second instalment is about to be paid off.
2. INVERGARGILL CIRCUIT.—(1) Erection at Teviot Street of new church, 40 x 30ft., in brick to seat 200. Cost, £1,060 6s. 6d.
! Debt to Loan Fund, £250. On other securities, £378 10s. 10d.
(2) Vestry, £88 10s.
3. ROXBURGH CIRCUIT.—Acquisition of the freehold of Coal Creek church site, 3 roods 23 perches, Vol. 147, Fol. 23. Cost or value, £253.
4. WINTON HOME MISSION STATION.—Erected on section, one rood, purchased by the Loan Fund Committee, new church, 32ft. 6in. x 24ft. 6in., to seat 150 persons. Cost of building, £304; debt, on same, £100.

SUMMARY—NEW ERECTIONS, ETC.

24	Freehold Sites
7	Churches
3	Parsonages
1	Hall
3	Sunday Schools
3	Pipe Organs
3	American Organs
1	Piano
	Cottage
4	Shops

LAND PRESENTED.

1. By Mr. Maurice Harding, church site, 25.4 perches, at Aratapu.
2. By Mr. Thomas Coulter, church site, one rood, at Fairburns.

III.—MINOR IMPROVEMENTS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Pitt Street	70	12	1	Pukekohe	24	11	10
Mount Albert	7	2	0	Paparata	6	7	3
Arch Hill	10	4	8	Buckland	34	2	7
Avondale	54	10	3	Hamilton	375	0	11
Henderson	10	10	0	Rototuna	68	8	0
Mount Eden	12	16	4	Stratford	7	12	2
Takapuna	9	2	0	Eltham	12	6	6
Birkenhead	34	14	4	Hawera	5	0	0
Northcote	5	8	4	Kaponga	25	0	0
Otahuhu	33	14	4	Aramoho	9	7	0
Te Aroha	5	17	6	Marton	9	19	2

	£	s.	d.
Rongotea	15	0	0
Patea	75	0	0
Hutt	7	3	0
Hastings	7	5	0
Otaki	43	1	9
Waipawa	159	7	9
Makotuku	18	15	11
Richmond	13	10	0
Stoke	13	0	0
Green Park	15	0	0
Kaiapoi	14	0	0
Clarkville	27	13	6
Rangiora	11	15	6
Timaru	50	0	0

DISTRICT SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland District ...	763	2	5
Wanganui District ...	159	4	10
Wellington District ...	215	13	5
Nelson District ...	26	10	0
Canterbury District ...	118	9	0
Otago District ...	0	0	0
	£1,302	19	8

ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, REMOVAL.

	£	s.	d.
1. Cambridge Church	513	13	3
2. Springston Church	75	0	0

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1. Rototuna, organ ...	22	10	0	6. Woolston, organ...	354	0	0
2. Whangarei, organ	23	10	0	7. Rangiora, organ	126	13	4
3. Tariki, organ ...	40	0	0	8. Leet Street, piano	50	0	0
4. Hastings, piano ...	42	10	0	9. Teviot Street, organ	80	0	0
5. St. Albans, organ	510	0	0				
					£1,249	3	4

IV.—SALES, ETC., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1909.

- HAMILTON CIRCUIT.—(1) Part of parsonage property, 150 by 120ft., adjoining Thackeray Street. Proceeds to be applied to payment of debt on land and enlargement of parsonage. (2) Church section, 3 roods 10 perches, Hamilton East, providing corner section, having frontage 130ft. to Grey Street and goft. to Wellington Street, be first secured as site for a new church.
- RAGLAN CIRCUIT.—Section No. 11, one acre, at Raglan, for £11. Proceeds to Home Mission Fund.
- PALMERSTON NORTH CIRCUIT.—The Palmerston North, Broad Street, church and site. Proceeds towards erection of new building in Church Street.
- WELLINGTON SUBURBAN CIRCUIT.—To sell church and site at Kilbirnie with a view of building new church on more centrally situated site at Hataitai. Proceeds of sale to be devoted first to discharge Loan Fund liability and balance towards erection of new church.
- DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.—(1) Stafford Street property. Proceeds towards new mission premises. (2) Also a 42ft. strip of the Moray Place Mission site. Proceeds towards purchasing fund.
- GORE CIRCUIT.—Old church and site, one rood, at Gore. Proceeds towards erection of new church.

EXTENDED LEASES SANCTIONED.

- MISSION PROPERTY TRUSTEES.—To renew lease for 21 years to the Government of section at Te Kopua for day school purposes.
- HUTT CIRCUIT.—Provisional sanction to lease for 21 years the frontage of the Hutt Church site with a depth of 100ft.

V.—PROPOSED ERECTIONS, ETC., SANCTIONED TO
DECEMBER 31ST, 1909.

1. AUCKLAND (PITT STREET) CIRCUIT.—Erection of Sunday School at Kingsland, with main hall, 44 x 32ft., nine rooms and gallery. Estimated cost, £825.
2. AUCKLAND EAST CIRCUIT.—Erection of Bible Classroom, 32 x 13ft., for young men at Grafton Road. Estimated cost, £100. No debt to be incurred.
3. AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.—New Mission Hall at East Street. Particulars to be supplied.
4. MANUKAU CIRCUIT.—Erection of Sunday School at Otahuhu, main hall, 34 x 24ft., and six classrooms. Estimated cost, £450.
5. WHANGAROA HOME MISSION STATION.—(1) Erection of church at Fairburns, 34 x 20ft., to seat 100, on site presented by Mr. Thomas Coulter. Estimated cost of building £150. Loan promised, and no other debt to remain. (2) Erection of church at Oruru, 34 x 20ft., to seat 100. Some material presented. Estimated cost of building £125. Loan promised, and no other debt to remain.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

PALMERSTON NORTH CIRCUIT.—To erect new church on Church Street site at estimated cost of £2,000. Conference regulations to be observed.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. MASTERTON CIRCUIT.—Enlargement of Sunday School at Kuripuni. Estimated cost, £122 10s. Loan of one-third promised by Church Building and Loan Fund. No other debt.
2. LEVIN-OTAKI CIRCUIT.—Enlargement of church at Otaki. Estimated cost, £175.
3. WOODVILLE CIRCUIT.—Addition of new wing, 42 x 20ft., to parsonage, providing three additional rooms and minor improvements. Estimated cost, £350; one-third promised from Loan Fund.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. BLENHEIM CIRCUIT.—Erection of Infant School with workshop for kindergarten work, 30 x 20ft., to seat 100. Estimated cost, £300.
2. HAVELOCK HOME MISSION STATION.—Erection of church at Carluke, 30 x 20ft. Some material donated. Estimated money cost, £110. Loan from fund. No other debt to remain.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

TEMUKA CIRCUIT.—Sanction given to enlarge Temuka parsonage by the addition of four new rooms and generally to improve the entire property. Estimated cost, £450. Loan promised from the Church Building and Loan Fund.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. DUNEDIN (ROSLYN) CIRCUIT.—Church at Maori Hill, 30ft. 6in. x 23ft., with vestries and porch. Estimated cost, £450.
2. GORE CIRCUIT.—New church of brick, 40ft. 6in. x 32ft. 6in., to seat 235 persons. Estimated cost, £1228. Loan promised.

GENERAL REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1908.

1. In last year's report a note of thankfulness was sounded at the prompt return of the District Secretaries' Reports. This year there have been grounds for discouragement. The first report was received November 30th, 1908, and the final one January 13th, 1909.
2. The Conference will be asked, as noted in last year's report, to appoint a committee to devise methods to facilitate the more efficient filling in and despatch of the Trust reports to the District Secretaries, as well as to deliberate on other aspects of the work in order to promote the more accurate character of the reports.
3. The annual returns show, under the head of Properties, the following increases as compared with the returns of 1907:—Church and Parsonage sites, £3,742 19s.; erection and enlargement of churches, £3,026 os. 8d.; erection and enlargement of schoolrooms, £528; erection of parsonages, £868 6s. 6d.; other buildings, £3,308 3s. 6d.; the total increase for the year being £11,573 9s. 8d.
4. The total cost of land and buildings reported amounts to £380,860 9s. 3d., bearing a total debt of £64,172 7s. 11d. Of this sum, £55,190 15s. 3d. is upon ordinary securities, and £8,981 to the Church Building and Loan Fund, free of interest, thus saving to the trustees some £500 for the year.
5. Deducting land values from buildings, the cost or value of the latter amounts to £315,529 os. 8d. On this there are insurances from risk by fire, amounting to £215,372. The amount levied on the Trusts by our Connexional Fire Insurance Fund is £151,888, leaving a balance of £63,484, representing the amount insured in the offices of the Fire Insurance Companies of the Dominion.
6. Under the head of Current Trust Accounts, the annual income, £32,701 3s. 8d., shows a falling off of nearly a thousand pounds. This is more than accounted for by the shortage from "subscriptions and donations". The other items of current income are well sustained, and indeed in excess of 1907. The falling off of income at this point, viz., subscriptions and donations, would be the identical source where stringency might be expected to begin in any decline of financial prosperity. A hopeful feature, however, is presented by the fact that the debit balances, £4,724 13s. 11d., carried forward, are less by nearly £300 than were the debit balances for the previous year.
7. On musical instruments, used in the service of the church, the sum of £1,249 3s. 4d. has been expended during the year.
8. The Church Building and Loan Fund has rendered admirable service to the Connexion during the 24 years of its operations in the Colony. But at the time of its inception the value of Church Property was less than half the amount it is to-day. It would prove an unspeakable blessing could the present capital sum be considerably raised. It would quickly reduce the amount of debt on securities, save interest, and stimulate liberality in extending the work of God among our churches in New Zealand.
9. Land has been presented to the Church during the past year as follows:—(1) By Mr. Maurice Harding, a church site, 25.4 perches, at Aratapu, and (2) by Mr. Thomas Coulter, a church site, one rood, at Fairburns.

A.—PROPERTIES.

	Cost as reported.		
	£	s.	d.
Sites—Freehold, 614; leasehold, 26; vacant, 110; incomplete titles, 8	66,792	2	7
Churches—Brick or stone, 20; wood, 317; seating, 57,942	182,472	2	9
Schoolrooms—Brick or stone, 12; wood, 88; seating, 19,010	44,373	0	2
Parsonages—Brick or stone, 3; wood, 113	59,406	6	7
Other buildings, 71	27,816	17	2
	<u>£380,860</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3.</u>

B.—CURRENT TRUST ACCOUNTS.

Receipts.—Credit balances brought forward, £2,651 8s. 9d.; seat rents, £2,424 9s. 9d.; Trust collections, £1,895 11s. 9d.; anniversary or opening services, £2,233 1s. 11d.; subscriptions and donations, £5,897 14s. 7d.; loans from Church Building and Loan Fund or other loans, £8,013 1s. 9d.; all other income, £9,585 15s. 2d.; total receipts, £32,701 3s. 8d.; credit balances carried forward, £3,420 2s. 3d.

Expenditure.—Debit balances brought forward, £4,643 19s.; lighting and cleaning, £2,929 9s.; alterations and repairs, £2,674 19s. 5d.; enlargements and minor improvements, £4,137 11s. 4d.; interest, £2,787 4s. 11d.; insurance premiums, £837 12s. 2d.; paid to circuit board, £274 19s. 2d.; all other expenses, including debt reduced, £15,215 16s. 3d.; total expenditure, £33,501 11s. 3d.; debit balances carried forward, £4,724 13s. 11d.

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 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, Wanganui (Feilding); Mr J. R. Randerson, Wellington (Island Bay); Mr J. Boon, Nelson; Mr C. E. Salter, Canterbury (Christchurch); Mr E. Rosevear, Otago (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, J. G. Cobbe, 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 requested 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. Thomas Coulter, Fairbairn, for the gift of land for a Church site, to Mr Anstis for the gift of half an acre at Normanby, and to the anonymous donor of a Church site at Worser Bay.

6. That the Trustees of Island Bay Church (especially Messrs. J. W. Copithorne and C. C. Crump) be thanked for their services in connection with the Church property.
7. That the audited Balance Sheets be retained in the Circuits.
8. 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.
9. 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 case 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.
10. 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.
11. That the General Secretary of Church Property, together with such District Secretaries as are present at the Conference, be authorised to prepare and print such explanations for the use of Superintendents and others as will facilitate the filling up of the Annual Schedules, and also ensure greater correctness in the returns generally; also, that any expense incurred be a charge upon the Contingent Fund.
12. That the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund be authorised to sanction the sale or removal of the Church property at Tapanui, if they deem such sale or removal desirable.

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 ...	...	2117
Land Registry Office, Nelson ...	...	22
Land Registry Office, Blenheim ...	...	77
Land Transfer Office, Westland District ...	...	21

Land Registry Office, Christchurch	...	...	83
Land Registry Office, Dunedin	...	...	808
Southland District Land Registrar's Office, Invercargill			75

3. The scale of Fees in connection with the registration of Trustees is as follows:—
- (1) For Registration of any Trust, if value of property is £1000 or over, £1 1s; if under £1000, 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 the 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, 1908:—Hamilton Parsonage, Birkdale Church, Otorangha Church, Aratapu Church, Mangawhare Parsonage, Mamaku Church, Manaia Church, Inglewood Parsonage, Kaponga Parsonage, Hutt Parsonage, Pahiatua Church, Takapau Church site, Scarborough Church site, Elsthorpe Church site, Runanga lease, Deaconess House, Coal Creek Flat, Mosgiel Parsonage site, Dunedin Central Mission property Declaration of Trust.

The following deeds have been received from the Loan Fund Treasurers on repayment of loans:—Taihape Church, Cheltenham Church, Oxford Church, Makotuku Church, Otaki Church, Ashburton School, and Karori Church.

The following deeds have been removed from the Custodian's care:—Waiuku Parsonage, Waiuku East, Warkworth Church and Parsonage, Devonport Church and Parsonage, Kaponga Parsonage, Pahiatua old Church, Dannevirke Church, Petone Church, Waimate Parsonage, Gore Church.

Handed to the Loan Fund Treasurers as security for loans advanced:—Rototuna Church, Birkdale Church, Mamaku Church, Manaia Church (new), Inglewood Parsonage, Manaia Church (old), Takapau Church site, Scarborough Church site, New Brighton Church, Invercargill Church, Leet Street; Invercargill Church, Teviot Street.

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 requested 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, 282 new and additional trustees have been registered in connection with 73 Trusts, and also that the names of 168 persons have been removed from trusteeship.

The following is the Yearly Cash Statement:—Sale of two Circuit Schedules, £3; Registration Fees, £34 2s. 8d.; total, £37 2s. 8d.

Expenditure:—Debtor balance, 4s. 11d.; paid to Connexional Secretary's Office, £21 14s. 4d.; to Contingent Fund Treasurers, £3; stamps, telegrams, stationery, and printing, £5 8s. 11d.; credit balance, £6 14s. 6d.; total, £37 2s. 8d.

During the year Certificates of Titles of 11 properties situate in the Auckland, Taranaki, and Canterbury Land Registry Districts have been endorsed with the Trusts of the Model Deed. This completes 213 Titles so treated. On all Certificates now in possession of the Custodian the Trusts of the Model Deed have been expressed in agreement with the Further Amendment Act of 1896.

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 1909-10.
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 Lists of Loans, see Appendix A, p. ii.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1. Twelve general meetings have been held during the year.
2. Loans (20) have been issued to the following Trusts during the year:—

(1) From the General Fund:—

Cambridge Church
 Rahotu Church and Parsonage
 Timaru Sunday School.
 Birkenhead Parsonage
 Inglewood Parsonage
 Manaia Church
 Kaponga Parsonage
 Aro Street Church
 Thames Parsonage
 Otaki Church

(2) From the Special Branch:—

Manaia Church site
 Waimana Church site
 Stratford Church
 New Brighton Hall
 Mangaroa Church site
 Manaia Church
 Richmond Church
 Rangataua Church
 Kakahi Church site
 Otaki Church

3. Final payments of instalments have been received from Makotuku Church, Okato Church, East Belt Church, Ashburton Sunday School, Mayfield Church, Karori Church, Aratapu Church, Oxford Church, Cheltenham Church, Napier Church, New Plymouth Church No. 1 loan, Devonport Church, Paeroa Church, Taikorea Church, Mount Albert Parsonage, Warkworth Parsonage, Grafton Road Church, Oamaru Church and Parsonage, Hamilton Church, and Hamilton Parsonage.

4. The following undertakings have been sanctioned by the Committee:—Erection of Bible-class hall at New Brighton; new church at Manaia; purchase of additional land, two roods, for church purposes

at Levin; erection of new church at Carluke; erection of infant school at Blenheim; removal of church from Wingatui to Momona; purchase of parsonage site at Otaki; new vestry to church at Belfield; purchase of additional land, about three roods, at Birkenhead; removal of Woodside church to Manurewa; additional room to Little River parsonage; to effect structural alterations in the Woolston church for introduction of pipe organ; short lease, four years, of sections 3, 4, and 5 at Ohakune; to enlarge Woodville Parsonage, providing three additional rooms; to erect church at Fairburns; to erect church at Oruru; to enlarge parsonage at Temuka by erection of four additional rooms; to erect new school at Kingsland; to erect new classroom at Grafton Road; to erect new school at Otahuhu; to erect new church at Maori Hill; to erect on acquired land a parsonage at Paeroa; erection of church in brick at Edgeware Road; erection of church hall at Runanga; erection of infant school at Feilding, also new church vestries; erection of new church in Church Street, Palmerston North; enlargement of church at Otaki; purchase of church site at Mangaroa; erection of new church at Hataitai; enlargement of Kuripuni Church school; erection of new church at Gore; purchase of church sites at Rangataua and Kakahi; erection of social hall at Ashburton; to build a new church at Greymouth; erection of additional Sunday School room at Hawera; to build new parsonage between Normanby and Okaiawa for Rev. R. Haddon; and to erect Deaconess kitchen hall at Okaiawa.

5. The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties:—Old Parsonage at Thames; strip of land at Mount Eden for widening road in interests of public safety; provisional sale of a church site at Mangapai; portion of the Hamilton parsonage property; strip of Prince Albert College, 13ft., to City Council for widening road through the estate; church site at Hamilton East, conditional upon the purchase by Trustees of site in Grey Street; old church and site at Gore; one acre of land at Raglan; Broad Street, Palmerston North, church and site; church and site at Kilbirnie; church property at Stafford Street, Dunedin; and a 42ft. strip of the Moray Place Mission site.

6. The following extended leases have been sanctioned:—Lease of part of the church property at the Hutt for 21 years; and renewal of lease for 21 years of section at Te Kopua for day-school purposes to the Government.

7. A further sum of £32 os. 9d. has been received, per the Rev. S. Lawry, as part profits on the sale of the New Hymn Books, and has been credited to the Special Branch of the Fund.

8. Mr. A. C. Reed having resigned his position as a member of the committee, Mr. R. M. Cresswell is recommended by the Canterbury District Synod for the vacant position.

9. At a special meeting of the Committee held June 1st, 1908, a letter, May 27th, was read from the Rev. James Wilson informing the Committee that the trustees had now £1700 towards cost of proposed Auckland Methodist Mission Building, and requesting sanction to proceed with the erection. The Committee, however, while deeply sympathising with the Missioner and his fellow labourers in their work, felt unable to give the requested sanction in view of the resolution of the Conference that the sum of £2,000 must first be raised. (Minutes of Conference, 1908, p. 76.)

10. The Committee concurs with the special resolution of the Committee of the Fire Insurance Fund re an office for the Connexional Secretary.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY BULL, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Cash Accounts of the General Fund and of the Special Branch be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Committee for their careful attention to the business of the Fund during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1909-10:—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 R. M. Cresswell.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr G. H. Blackwell for his services as Lay Treasurer, and that he be reappointed.
4. That only the actual amount received by the special branch of the Fund on account of working expenses be paid towards the Secretary's stipend.

 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 Dominion.
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 XI.—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 net increase in the insurable value of Church properties taken over during the year amounts to £12,048.
2. The total insurable value of Church property on which levies are now paid is £151,888. This sum is distributed over the Districts as follows:—Auckland, £24,533; Wanganui, £16,215; Wellington, £18,204; Nelson, £10,355; Canterbury, £56,126; Otago, £26,455.
3. The Connexional Secretary, as agent for the New Zealand Insurance Company, has insured the personal effects of 53 ministers for the sum of £9,880.
4. Fires in two churches have occurred during the year. One was promptly suppressed after very slight damage. The other, at Blenheim, promised to be of a much more serious character, as it would have been but for the heroic efforts of a few who fought the flames. Our own share of the loss slightly exceeded £50.
5. After meeting these losses and providing for re-insurances and the working expenses of the Fund, the Committee has added £300 to the investments, leaving a cash balance of £79 4s. 2d., nearly £40 in excess of last year.
6. As per Rule, Mr. R. W. England retires from Committee membership this year, and Mr. A. K. England is recommended as the new member.
7. The Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the valuable help rendered by Mr. England in furthering the interests of the Fund during the several years he has served on the committee.
8. The Committee begs to call the attention of the Conference to the risk to which in the event of fire the proposals and re-insurance policies are exposed as at present stored in a wooden receptacle, and urges that some safer provision for these documents be made.
9. The Committee desires 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, W. H. Seed, George Bowron, Thomas P. Ormerod, and A. K. England.

3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr R. W. England 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.
6. That the provision of office accommodation for the Connexional Secretary be referred to the Fire Insurance Committee.

QUESTION XII.—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 express its entire satisfaction with the efficient manner in which the Connexional Secretary (the Rev. H. Bull) has performed the exceedingly exacting duties of the office during the year. Though the business is growing in volume year by year, and is, in its various departments, making increased demands on his time and energy, Mr. Bull has maintained the very high standard of efficiency which has marked the office from its beginning. He has visited the Hutt, Levin, Palmerston North, and Wellington, on Connexional affairs, the last-named place on two occasions; and has also, in the interests of Home Missions, conducted services and meetings in all the circuits of the West Coast of the South Island. In addition to the ordinary work of the office, Mr. Bull has conducted religious services in the circuits and churches of North Canterbury.

The Committee cordially and unanimously recommends his re-appointment as Connexional Secretary.

The retiring member, Mr. E. C. Brown, is recommended to receive the hearty thanks of the Conference for devoted service rendered during several years as a member of the Committee. The Hon. G. J. Smith is recommended to fill the vacancy.

The following appropriations are recommended for the ensuing year:—Contingent Fund, £175; Church Building and Loan Fund, £170; Fire Insurance Fund, £105; Home Mission Fund, £50; Authorised Representative Fund, £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), and Christchurch (Addington) Circuits, together with Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, A. F. Drayton, A. K. England, John Thompson, R. H. Turner, W. Fenner, the Hon. G. J. Smith, and the Connexional Secretary.
4. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be given to Mr E. C. Brown 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 Dominion. (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 Dominion.
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, £50; Fire Insurance Fund, £105; Authorised Representative's Office, £20.

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

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. Connexional Mission Property Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xiii.
2. Native Education Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xiv.

RESOLUTION.

That Messrs. James Edward Wheeler and Archibald Peak, both of Auckland, be appointed Trustees, in the place of Messrs James Heron and Philip H. Mason, deceased.

3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xv.
4. Probert Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, pp. xvi. and xvii.

RESOLUTION.

That the Treasurers of the Probert Trust be authorised to appropriate not less than £500 for the training of students.

5. Auckland Book Association.

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

RESOLUTION.

That the Governor of the Theological Institution be requested to act upon the suggestion of the Treasurer of the Auckland Book Association in using the funds more freely for equipping our students with suitable books.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

6. Grey Institute.

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

The Rev. T. G. Brooke reported that Mr. W. A. Collis had been appointed Treasurer, vice Mr. Whitaker, deceased.

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. xx.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

8. Native and Destitute Children's Education Trust.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Mr. W. E. Redstone, of Wellington, be appointed a Trustee of the above Trust, in place of Mr. C. W. Benbow, deceased.
2. That, in regard to the Chairmanship of the Wellington Native and Destitute Children's Education Trust, and of other similar Trusts, this Conference declares, in harmony with the judgment of His Honour Mr Justice Cooper, Supreme Court, in Banco, January 24th, 1905, Moxham and others v. the Attorney-General, the Chairman of the District, as expressed in the ruling of President Slade, Minutes of Conference, 1907, is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

9. Mrs. Carvell Memorial Fund.

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

10. Canterbury Home Mission Trust.

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

11. Century Fund Orphanage Allocation.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Rev. H. Bull and Mr. G. H. Blackwell, the Treasurers of the above Fund, be authorised to receive all moneys bequeathed for this object by the late Mrs. Knox, of Auckland.
2. That the Treasurers be directed to invest the moneys so bequeathed on a first mortgage of freehold security.

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; reports from Nos. 2 and 8 to include a statement of any vacancies that may have occurred in the Trusts.
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.
4. That the Treasurer and Trustees be respectfully requested to make their Balance Sheets terminate on December 31st, except in cases when it is absolutely necessary to close them on September 30th, thus making all Balance Sheets terminate on those dates.
5. That Connexional Trust Boards be requested to insure all their employees against accident.

 JUDGMENT OF MR. JUSTICE COOPER.

In the Supreme Court of New Zealand,
Wellington District.

MOXHAM AND OTHERS,
V. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

I do not think it necessary to take time to consider my decision in this case. I am clearly of opinion that the property did not vest under the trusts of the Model Deed. The suggestion that it did so is based principally on section 4 of "The Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Act, 1856." Section 1 has a material bearing on section 4. Section 1 provides that wherever any freehold or leasehold property has been acquired or hereafter shall be acquired by or on behalf of any religious denomination, congregation, or society, or body of persons associated for religious or charitable purposes or for the promotion of education, and wherever there had been a conveyance of the property to trustees to be appointed, or to parties named, or subject to any trust, then such conveyance shall not only vest the property in the parties named, but shall also vest it in their successors in office for the time being, with power to the congregation, society, or body of persons to appoint fresh trustees if necessary.

This property was vested in Mr. Watkin, as Superintendent of the Wesleyan Missions, not as the site for a Wesleyan Church, minister's dwelling, or school of the class referred to in the Model Deed, but as an endowment in trust for the maintenance and support of a school to be established in Wellington for the "education of children of our subjects of all races, and of children of other poor and destitute persons, being inhabitants of the Islands in the Pacific Ocean"; "so long as religious education, industrial training, and instruction in the English language, shall be given to the youth educated therein or maintained thereout." In these provisions of the Crown grant the words "religious education" must no doubt be read as meaning that the religious instruction in the school was to be according to the tenets of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion, and under the superintendence of the Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions, whose office and duties are now vested in the New Zealand Conference; but the benefits of the trust were not to be confined to Wesleyan Methodists or to the children of Wesleyan Methodists, but were to extend to children "of our sub-

jects of all races, and of children of other poor and destitute persons, being inhabitants of the islands in the Pacific Ocean."

Now, section 4, under which it is suggested that the trusts of the Model Deed now apply, refers to "sites of chapels, ministers' dwellings, and schools," and to lands held under section 3 of that Act. This land was not granted as a site for a chapel or a minister's dwelling, nor as the site for a school, but as an endowment for the maintenance and support of a school to be established in Wellington under Mr Watkin's superintendence, but for children of all British subjects and also of the Polynesian races. In my opinion, the classes of land referred to in sections 3 and 4 of the Act of 1856, and which can properly come under the trusts of the Model Deed, are lands which are either the sites for Wesleyan chapels, ministers' dwellings, or schools, or lands which have been granted or conveyed in trust for the Wesleyan Methodist Society. If this property passed by the conveyance from Mr. Watkin to Lewis and others, and became subject to the trusts of the Model Deed, the result would be that the trust on which the land was granted could be ignored by the Conference, and the funds and the remaining portion of the land could be appropriated by the Conference for the erection of a Wesleyan church, or of ministers' dwellings or Sunday Schools, or for other purposes quite foreign to the trusts of the Crown grant, but within the trusts of the Model Deed. It would require very express statutory provisions to justify the Court in holding that the effect of the Act of 1856 was to entitle the grantee of this land to destroy the trusts upon which the land was granted to him by conveying it to trustees to hold under the trusts of the Model Deed. And I find nothing in the language of the Act of 1856 which can justify such a conclusion.

Referring again to section 1 of the Act of 1856, it will be seen that that section applies to three classes of property, namely, property held in trust for religious purposes, property held in trust for charitable purposes, and property held in trust for the promotion of education. Conveyance of trust property made under this section to trustees nominated or appointed by the particular religious society or denomination vests the property in such trustee "upon such and the like trusts and with and under and subject to the same powers and provisions," as are contained or referred to in the original instrument creating the trust. The land having been conveyed to trustees by Mr. Watkin, and the present plaintiffs being the successors of such trustees appointed by the governing body of the Wesleyan Methodist Society under the provisions of section 1, the funds received by them and the balance of the original parcel of land granted to Mr. Watkin are held by them "upon such and the like trusts, and subject to the same powers and provisions," as are contained or referred to in the Crown grant, the original instrument creating the trust, and such trust funds and property must therefore be administered by them in accordance with the trusts of the Crown grant.

I therefore declare:—(1) That the trusts of the Crown grant are in force; (2) that the plaintiffs are trustees of the fund and of the land remaining unsold, and that the said funds and the said land shall be deemed to have been and shall be vested in them to be held by them upon the trusts and for the purposes set forth in the Crown grant; (3) that the New Zealand Conference shall have power, in the event of any vacancy occurring in the body of the present trustees, to fill such vacancy.

For the purposes of administration a scheme will have to be submitted. I may mention some points which will have to be attended to. The school must not be exclusively an orphanage, but the trustees will have power to admit destitute orphan children, and to maintain them and instruct them in the manner mentioned in the grant—providing them, that is to say, with religious education, industrial training, and instruction in the English language. The benefits must not be limited to children of Wesleyan parents, because the trusts

of the grant are general; nor must they be limited to persons of British descent, because the trust is in favour of all races and other persons being inhabitants of islands in the Pacific Ocean. I think that under the provisions of the Act of 1856 I am justified in giving the control of the institution to the New Zealand Conference—I mean, the general supervision of the administration of the trust by the trustees. I am authorised, I think, by the provisions of the Act of 1856 to commit that to the Conference. They will prepare regulations which must not be inconsistent with the trusts. The scheme must be settled in Chambers.

The costs of both parties as between solicitor and client must be paid out of the trust fund, the amount to be taxed by the Registrar of the Court. Liberty to both parties to apply.

Certified Copy,
A. C. COOPER,
Judge's Associate.
4/3/09.

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

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

The Report of the Governor was presented to Conference.

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 three out of the six men in residence have successfully passed University examinations.
3. That the Committee make the necessary arrangements for tuition in Latin, Mathematics, and Elocution.
4. 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.
5. That all students who can possibly do so be required to take Mental Science and Economics in their University course.
6. That the Committee be directed to make the best arrangement possible for tuition in Greek, and that all students be required to take that subject.
7. That Mr G. A. Buttle, Treasurer of the Theological Institute, be thanked for his services and re-appointed.
8. That the Treasurers of the Probert Trust be authorised to appropriate not less than £500 for the training of students.
9. That in the interests of our Church it is absolutely necessary that provision be made for the training of a larger number of students in our Theological Institution, and that financial ar-

rangements be made this year for the accommodation of four in addition to those in residence.

10. That with a view to raising the £300 needed for this increase, an additional levy of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. be made in connection with the Contingent Fund, and that the Treasurers of that fund be directed to pay the amount quarterly to the Treasurer of the Theological Institution.
11. That in selecting the Lecturers for the Students, the Conference shall not confine itself to the ministers who happen to be stationed in the city or suburbs of Auckland.
12. 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, or otherwise contribute to this important object.

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

I.—WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.

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

The Report of the Principal was presented.

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 1909-10, viz.:—The Ministers of the Auckland and Onehunga Circuits, with Messrs F. L. Prime, J. Edson, T. Buddle, T. McMaster, G. Winstone, S. J. Ambury, A. C. Caughy, T. Allen, J. H. Gunson, J. Veale, R. Hobbs, J. Henderson, T. B. Arthur, A. Peak, J. E. Wheeler, and T. W. Jones.
4. That the school curriculum be arranged for instruction up to the Matriculation Grade.
5. That it be a recommendation to the Auckland Committee of Wesley College, Three Kings, to make such arrangements as will enable the Principal to visit the chief circuits in the Dominion with a view to obtaining funds for the erection of the proposed new buildings.

II.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

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

RESOLUTION.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

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

I.—THE 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. D. J. Murray and Mr E. Rosevear for their services as Treasurers during the past year, and that the Rev. P. W. Fairclough and Mr E. Rosevear be appointed for 1909-10.
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 must 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.
7. That in any case where a Probationer fails to pass in his year he should not be required to pay his personal subscription for that year.

GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.

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 1910.

REPORT OF THE NEW ZEALAND COMMITTEE OF ADVICE.

Three meetings of the Committee have been held during the year. At the meeting held July 23rd, 1908, it was resolved to request authority from the Board to invest not less than £1500 per year in New Zealand, and that to save exchange the N.Z. Conference Treasurers be authorised to retain such sums in some banking institution at call until ready for investment on mortgage. The Committee informed the Board of its ability to loan on first-class mortgage security of not more than 60 per cent. of the valuation, in harmony with the statute obtaining in Victoria governing the loan of trust moneys. The Committee, however, informed the Board that it would be impracticable to do business if the issue of loans were made conditional on the submission of proposals for approval to the Board in Melbourne. As the final reply received from Dr. Morley was unfavourable to the overture of the Committee, the Board insisting on exercising its approval, (which could be communicated by coded telegram), of any proposed investment prior to the issue of the amounts to be loaned, no business has been done in N.Z. with regard to the investment of Supernumerary Fund moneys.

HENRY BULL, Convener.

PLAMPIN BEQUEST FUND.

The Rev. H. Bull presented the Report and Balance Sheet, as follows:—

Balance from 1908	1	1	4
Interest on Investments	54	10	0
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			£55	11	4

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved that the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That £55 be distributed among nine needy cases.
3. That the Rev. H. Bull be re-appointed Treasurer.

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. W. J. Williams and Mr J. H. Helliwell for their services as Treasurers of the Fund during the past year, with special reference to the latter's ten years of efficient service, and that the Rev. W. J. Williams and Mr E. Kellow be appointed Treasurers for the ensuing year.
3. That the assessment for the ensuing year be 14 per cent.
4. That the Three Kings Institution, the Connexional Secretary's Committee, the Bible Class Movement, and Home Mission Secretary's department be assessed in the interests of the Children's Fund 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 of the Children's Fund shall be made upon the amounts of Ministers' Stipends for the preceding year, as reported to the Treasurers.
7. That for the purpose of the Children's Fund there shall be deducted from the amount of the stipends reported the sum of £100 for each married Minister and £60 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.

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 the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., and Mr J. C. Prudhoe be appointed for the ensuing year.
3. That the levy for the present year be 6½ per cent. upon the Ministers' stipends for the preceding year, as reported to the Treasurers and printed in the Minutes.

4. That the Treasurers be directed to pay quarterly to the Treasurer of the Theological Institution the amount raised by the additional $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. levied this year.
5. That compassionate allowances amounting to the sum of £105 be paid by the Treasurers.
6. That one-quarter of the removal expenses of Minister to Waihi in 1908, amounting to £5 16s 6d, one-quarter removal expenses of Minister to Dannevirke in 1909, and one-quarter cost of supply to Leeston Circuit for the year 1908-9 be paid from this Fund.
7. That the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund be directed to advance as soon as available an additional £100 as a loan to the Treasurers of the Children's Fund to meet a temporary need.

REGULATIONS.

1. That in every Circuit where a Mome 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, and of one Treasurer of the Fund.
 - (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 XVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Foreign Missions?

For Statement of Income, see Appendix H, pp. xxxvii. to xl.

A Statement of Income for 1908 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 and Treasurer (Rev. J. N. Buttle) and to Mr James Elliott (Lay Treasurer) for their services during the past year, and that the Rev. J. N. Buttle be re-appointed General Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. A. Sherris Lay Treasurer.
3. That the Conference gratefully acknowledges the liberality of our people, who have contributed the sum of £2,912 3s. 8d. for the support of Foreign Missions, an increase of £742 8s. 10d. as compared with the previous year, and again commends the great enterprise to the prayerful sympathy and support of the Methodist Church. The profound interest excited in the hearts of our people as a result of the visits of the several missionary deputations creates a confident assurance that still greater success lies before the Church in this connection. The demands of the work present a claim for prayer and sacrifice in service and gifts, which the Conference believes will find a large response from the Methodist Church in the Dominion, and that offers of both men and money will be forthcoming to assist in the extension of the Kingdom of Christ on earth.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the following donors of special amounts, viz.:—Anonymous, Cargill Road, £50; C.W.O., £50; A. C. Caughey, Esq., £50.
5. That the Conference desires to acknowledge the services rendered by the Revs. M. K. Gilmour, A. Ballantyne, and W. E. Bromilow, who (with their excellent wives) have visited the Dominion during the year, and whose addresses have created such deep interest in Foreign Missions.
6. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. L. A. Denton for his efficient services as Auditor for the past three years.
7. That Mrs. Cobb be thanked for a gift of photographs for sale in aid of the Foreign Mission Fund.
8. 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 "Outlook."
9. 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."

10. 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.
11. That the Chairmen of Districts, with the Foreign Mission Secretary, arrange the itinerary of the Revs. W. R. Poole and J. W. Burton for the North and South Islands respectively, and that the services of returned missionaries and lay agents be utilised where necessary.
12. That the Conference requests the Board of Missions to arrange for the Rev. J. G. Wheen to visit New Zealand in 1910 as Foreign Mission deputation.
13. That the Conference expresses its gratification with the work of the Ladies' Missionary Auxiliaries, views with satisfaction the increasing number of such agencies, and trusts that additional success may be secured during the ensuing year.
14. That the Conference strongly urges the desirability of placing at least one Missionary Box in every Methodist home in the Dominion.
15. That the Conference recommends the Board of Missions to discontinue the issue of the Foreign Mission Report as now printed, and urges that the "Missionary Review" be enlarged so as to embody an abstract of the Report, a separate edition being published for each of the several annual Conferences; and that the March number of the "Review" contain an inset giving a detailed statement of the income raised within the bounds of the Conference concerned, and the annual Balance Sheet of the Society.
16. That the following Executive Committee be set up to deal with all matters relating to Foreign Missions arising during the year, viz. :—Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., W. A. Sinclair, and S. Griffith, with Messrs. A. Sherris, H. Goodman, W. H. Barrell, W. L. Thomas, W. A. Stout, G. Kirk, C. C. Sandford, W. Hindle, W. H. Haigh, and Rev. J. N. Buttle (Convener).
17. That, with a view to secure more complete lists of details of Circuit Income, the Foreign Mission Executive be requested to provide schedules for this purpose, indicating the different headings under which the income is derived.

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 June, and that meetings held during that week bear relation to Foreign Mission work.
3. That all income, together with lists of contributors of not less than 2s. 6d., 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.

QUESTION XVIII.—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 1908, and also the estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1909, were presented by the General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet for the past year, and the estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1909, be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
(See Appendix I., pp. xli. to xlii.)
2. That the Rev. T. G. Brooke be appointed Home Mission Secretary, his headquarters to be in Auckland, where the Secretary shall reside.
3. That the Secretary's stipend be £275, with travelling and house allowances.
4. That the Secretary shall be under the direction of the Home Mission Executive, and that his duties be—(1) To visit the Circuits, Home Mission Stations and Maori Mission Districts of the Dominion by arrangement with the Chairmen of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits. (2) To conduct services and public meetings in the interest of the fund and Church extension. (3) To take the necessary steps to promote an increased interest in the work, and to augment the income of the Home Mission Department by soliciting subscriptions, organising local auxiliaries, and by other methods. (4) To visit districts where services are not being held, with a view to the extension of Church work. (5) To supply a quarterly report of his work to the Executive Committee, and an annual report to the Synods and Conference.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. G. W. J. Spence 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. H. R. Dewsbury and Mr. F. L. Prime be appointed General Treasurers for 1909.
6. 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 1909—viz.: The Home Mission Secretary, the Treasurers, the Rev. H. Bull (Corresponding Secretary), the Ministers of the Auckland and Orehunga Circuits, with Messrs. T. Buddle, T. Allen, J. Edson, J. E. Wheeler, J. W. Shackelford, T. McMaster, T. W. Jones, P. Crowe, G. H. Fleming, J. C. Allen, J. Veale, R. Hobbs, T. J. Caley, A. L. White, C. Carter, W. T. Bowater, W. S. Allen, M.A., A. Peak, G. W. L. Robinson, and H. Schofield.
7. That the standard of provision for married Home Missionaries be £120, with a furnished house.
8. That the stipends of the Ministers in the Maori work, both European and Native, be paid monthly.

9. That grants be made for the four quarters of the Connexional year. (N.B.—This rule is suspended for this year.)
10. That the Treasurers of the Fund be instructed to pay the grants for the March quarter on the basis of amounts voted at the Conference of 1908.
11. That one-quarter of the Minister's removal expenses to Dannevirke be paid from this Fund; also, one-quarter of the cost of supply to Leeston for 1908-9.
12. That the question of the purchase of Church sites at Te Kuiti and Taumarunui be referred to the Home Mission Secretary, who shall visit these places and report to the Executive Committee.
13. That the Trustees of the house in which the Rev. R. Haddon now resides sign a memorandum of agreement to pay the rent of the same to the Treasurers for the time being of the Home Mission Fund; also, that the hall erected on this property be included in the deed of conveyance to the Home Mission Executive.
14. That the Rules and Regulations of the Fund be revised by the Executive Committee during the year, and submitted to the next Conference.
15. That the Superintendents of Circuits and those in charge of Home Mission Stations be directed to forward the financial returns of their Circuits or Stations to the Treasurers of the Fund at the close of each quarter, and that inquiry be made in the Annual Synods by their respective Chairmen whether this direction has been complied with.
16. That the Home Mission Executive pay to the Christchurch Deaconess House the amount of £100 voted last year, should such be required.
17. That the Home Mission Executive Committee determine the extra amount which Circuits relieved from their obligations to take married men shall contribute to the Fund.
18. That as 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 Committee of Chairmen to re-adjust such grants should the married agents be removed and appointed elsewhere.
19. That the Home Mission Treasurers be directed to close the accounts on January 31st in each year.
20. 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.
21. That the rules and regulations of the Fund (as published in the Annual Report) be re-affirmed, subject to any alteration now made.
22. 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 of deepening the interest in, and increasing the income of the Home Mission Fund. To this end the Conference recommends:—

- (1) That wherever practicable, Home Missionary Prayer Meetings be held.
 - (2) That interesting facts relating to the progress of Christian work in Home Mission Circuits, as well as on Home Mission Stations, be published in the "Outlook."
 - (3) That Home Mission Boxes be introduced more freely into the homes of our people.
 - (4) That the Blake system be brought more extensively into use.
 - (5) And in particular that the services of lady collectors be employed in each of our Circuits and Home 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 Treasurers 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 possible, 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.

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 XIX.—What is the State of the Maori Work, and what can be done to Promote its Interests?

A Report from the Committee of the Southern Maori Mission was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

- That Conference instructs the Native Minister of the Southern Maori Mission to report to the Canterbury Synod concerning the Maori work in that District; also, when visiting Maoris in Canterbury Circuits, to confer with the Superintendents and advise them beforehand of his coming.
- That the location of the Southern Maori Mission Agent be referred to the Home Mission Executive.
- This Conference notes with gratification the many indications amongst the Maori people of a desire for improvement. The Maori Congress held in Wellington in July last, the Congress lately held in Auckland, the formation of associations, and the increased readiness of the people to send their children to secondary Native schools, where they receive religious instruction, as well as industrial training, are all parts of an evidently upward and forward movement. It is further gratifying to find that religious teachers are everywhere welcome. The Conference urges the Circuit Ministers, wherever practicable, to hold occasional services in the Maori settlements.

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

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Sept., 1907.	Sept., 1908
490 Auckland (Pitt St.)...	519
235 Auckland West ...	244
294 Auckland East ...	299
263 Auckland Meth. Mis.	263
146 Auckland (N. Shore)	140
130 Auckland (Birkenh'd)	149
176 Manukau ...	170
105 Mahurangi ...	108
128 Thames ...	116
286 Upper Thames ...	318
186 Franklin ...	187
154 Cambridge ...	131
156 Hamilton ...	183
22 Huntly ...	29
108 Paparoa ...	113
147 Northern Wairoa ...	144
90 Whangarei ...	121
21 Rotorua ...	21
67 Tauranga ...	73
28 Coromandel ...	30
38 Helensville ...	37
28 Bay of Islands ...	33
29 Hokianga ...	35
52 Whangaroa ...	49

3388 (Increase 124.) 3512

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Sept., 1907.	Sept., 1908.
215 New Plymouth ...	249
86 Waitara ...	72
130 Inglewood ...	145
70 Stratford ...	75
75 Eltham ...	76
169 Hawera ...	179
123 Cape Egmont ...	135
56 Kaponga ...	73
186 Wanganui ...	232
65 Aramoho ...	45
79 Rangitikei ...	80
95 Sandon ...	96
102 Feilding ...	108
392 Palmerston North ...	402
50 Taihape ...	35
41 Waimarino ...	53
20 Patea ...	21
48 Kimbolton ...	50
Taumarunui ...	16
83 Main Trunk Line	
Ohura ...	27
North Taranaki ...	11

2085 (Increase 95.) 2180

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.		
Sept., 1907.		Sept., 1908.
525	Wellington (Taranaki St.)	454
	Wellington (Thorn-don)	118
146	Wellington South	141
41	Wellington Suburban	70
66	Johnsonville	61
229	Hutt	245
202	South Wairarapa	196
179	Masterton	175
182	Napier	200
117	Hastings	125
95	Gisborne	95
67	Eketahuna	58
99	Dannevirke	81
157	Levin-Otaki	140
55	Waipawa	55
108	Woodville	113
58	Pahiatua	73
79	Norsewood	87
2405	(Increase 82.)	2487

NELSON DISTRICT.		
	Nelson	152
127	Richmond	129
202	Blenheim	211
51	Hokitika	37
154	Greymouth	159
130	Motueka	135
105	Reefton	112
74	Westport	77
26	Kumara	27
32	Havelock	39
1067	(Increase 11.)	1078

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.		
1042	Christchurch (Durham St.)	1031
95	Christchurch Meth.	92
348	Christchurch (Sydenham)	167
	Christchurch (Addington)	210
219	Christchurch (St. Albans)	246
150	Christchurch (Papanui)	141
85	Lytelton	86
159	Springston	165

Sept. 1907.			Sept., 1908.		
91	Tai Tapu	...	...	94	
173	Leeston	...	...	166	
307	Kaiapoi	...	...	300	
239	Rangiora	...	...	241	
57	Malvern	...	...	42	
245	Timaru	...	...	270	
186	Waimate	...	...	182	
60	Temuka	...	...	59	
218	Ashburton	...	...	221	
141	Willowby	...	...	129	
33	Amberley	...	...	36	
	Oxford	...	...	17	
22	Bank's Peninsula	...	...	23	
12	Cheviot	...	...	8	

3882 (Increase 44.) 3026

OTAGO DISTRICT.		
321	Dunedin (Trinity)	329
322	Dunedin Central Mis.	275
243	Dunedin (Cargill Rd.)	270
145	Dunedin (Mornington)	147
155	Dunedin (Roslyn)	149
80	Mosgiel	83
96	Port Chalmers	94
91	Balclutha	91
51	Milton	49
67	Lawrence	65
150	Invercargill	220
127	Oamaru	137
102	Gore	89
73	Otautau	69
54	Roxburgh	56
55	Cromwell	53
40	Riverton	43
—	Tapanui	—
23	Palmerston	36
24	Winton	24
10	Wakatipu	10

2229 Increase 60.) 2289

MAORI MEMBERS.		
532	Hokianga	535
250	Kaipara	244
455	Waikato	475
206	Whangaroa	210
90	West Coast Mission	90
20	Southern Maori Mis.	25

1553 (Increase 26.) 1579

TOTALS.

Sept. 1907.		Sept. 1908
15,056	European Members (Increase 416)	15,472
1,553	Maori Members (Increase 26)	1,579
16,609	(Total Increase 442.)	17,051

For General Returns, Summaries, etc., see Appendix K, pp. xlviii. to lvi.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Statistical Secretaries for their services during the past year, and that the following be appointed for 1909:—

Auckland District	...	...	Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.
Wanganui District	...	...	Rev. G. Frost.
Wellington District	...	...	Rev. B. F. Rothwell.
Nelson District	...	...	Rev. T. W. Vealie.
Canterbury District	...	...	Rev. A. Ashcroft.
Otago District	...	...	Rev. T. J. Wallis.

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

For Sunday School Returns, see Appendix K, pp. xlvi. to lvi.

The Report of the General Secretary and the Report of the Sunday School Advisory Board were considered.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the General Secretary be received and adopted.
2. That the Report of the Advisory Board be received.
3. That the Rev. W. Grigg be thanked for his services as General Secretary of Sunday Schools, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That the Advisory Board be thanked for its services during the year, and that the Board for the ensuing year 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.
5. 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.
6. That District Committees as follows be appointed to work with the Board:—
 - Auckland.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Auckland City and Suburban districts; Convener, Mr. J. Stanton, Grey Lynn.
 - North Wanganui.—The Ministers and S.S. Superintendents in Circuits north of Wanganui; Convener, Mr. J. Laurenson, Stratford.
 - South Wanganui.—The Ministers and S.S. Superintendents in Wanganui and Southern Circuits of the Wanganui District; Convener, Mr. R. H. Billens, Palmerston North.
 - Hawke's Bay.—The Ministers and S.S. Superintendents in Hawke's Bay Circuits; Convener, Mr. R. Spackman, Napier.
 - Wellington.—The Ministers and S.S. Superintendents in Wellington City and Suburban Circuits; Convener, Mr G. Tiller, Kelburne.
 - Nelson.—The Ministers and S.S. Superintendents in Nelson and Richmond Circuits; Convener, Mr. M. S. Smith, Nelson.

Canterbury.—The Canterbury Sunday School Union Committee; Convener, the Secretary of that Committee.

West Coast.—The Ministers and S.S. Superintendents in the Circuits from Westport southwards; Convener, Mr. T. Taylor, Greymouth.

7. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. A. H. Reed for his enthusiastic, efficient, and self-sacrificing work as Convener of the Board.
8. That this Conference heartily commends the Report of the First Dominion Conference to the favourable reception of all our Circuits, and urges all Sunday School workers and sympathisers to obtain copies of the same.
9. That a second Dominion Conference be held in Christchurch this year, and be arranged by the Advisory Board; that District Conferences be held where desired, by arrangement with the Organising Secretary; and that Conferences be held during the year in each Circuit to consider the methods of Sunday School work prescribed in the booklet Report of the First Dominion Conference.
10. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., for his efficient services in connection with the Sunday School Advisory Board.
11. That Conference request the Sunday School Advisory Board to urge the Teachers' Meetings of our Sunday Schools to give prompt and practical effect to the Board's suggestion that schools contribute to the Bible Class Movement Fund on the basis of 2s. 6d. for each fifty scholars or fraction thereof.
12. That the Conference recommend schools to adopt the system of grading recognised by the International Sunday Schools Association:—Cradle Roll, under school age; Beginners, 3-5; Primary, 6-9; Junior, 10-13; Intermediate, 13-15; Senior, 16-18; Adult, over 18; Home Department, all ages; and that schools grading by public school standards form departments corresponding with the above.
13. That all our schools be recommended to use the graded lesson helps for teachers and scholars as issued by our Church in North America, and published by the Methodist Book Concern in New York (Eaton and Mains).
14. That the Conference endorse the Board's policy of teacher-training, and accepts, as the text-books for the Elementary course, "The Legion of Honor Teacher-training Lessons," by Dr. Hamill; it empowers the Board to appoint an examiner or examiners; it directs that an examination shall take place twice yearly, in May and November, with a separate examination on each of the two text books, and approves of the following pass marks:—Pass, 60 per cent.; second-class honours, 75 per cent.; first-class honours, 85 per cent.
15. That the Pastoral Session of the Conference be recommended to advise the Theological Students in training to devote special attention in their reading to books dealing with the psychology of childhood, the art of teaching, and the organisation and management of the Sunday School.
16. That this Conference recommends our schools to mark on a percentage basis, and decides that the Conference Diploma be granted to scholars gaining 80 per cent. of marks given in schools where marks are awarded for at least attendance, punctuality, conduct, and lessons learned.
17. That the Diploma be prepared by the Advisory Board and issued to schools at cost.

18. That the Advisory Board submit both the Marion Lawrence and Hammond marking systems to the various District Committees for their consideration; the Committees shall report to the Advisory Board on these systems, and any proposed modification to them, and the Board shall then report to the next Dominion Sunday School Conference, which shall decide what action is to be taken.
19. That it be a recommendation to the General Conference to include under "List of Works Recommended to Probationers," approved books dealing with (a) Psychology of Childhood, (b) Art of Teaching, (c) Organisation and General Management of the Sunday School, and to require that a book in one of these divisions shall be included each year in the Reading List to be supplied by Probationers to District Synods.
20. That the title "Certificate of Admission to Church Membership" be adopted instead of "Certificate of Membership," and that the Advisory Board be empowered to issue such certificates, the cost to be borne by the Contingent Fund.
21. That, in order to promote the interests of the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Funds, an illustrated leaflet be published for distribution in our Sunday Schools, and that the Home Mission Secretary be requested to prepare it.
22. That the Foreign Mission Board be requested to prepare missionary maps for educational purposes in the Sunday Schools.
23. That Sunday Schools be requested to give more attention to the claims of Home and Foreign Missions.
24. That Schools should appoint a Mission Secretary to (1) supervise distribution of literature; (2) make arrangements for collecting; (3) take charge of all moneys raised and forward to the proper Circuit officers.
25. That the following information be brought prominently before our Schools:—For £3 a native student, or an orphan, may be supported for one year; for £10 a native teacher may be supported for one year; for £20 a native minister may be supported for one year.
26. That Schools be recommended to adopt a supplemental (or fundamental) course of Bible study, which shall include the memorising the names of the Books of the Bible, the Commandments, Beautitudes, and other special portions of Scripture, the questions of the Catechism, and Church hymns, Bible history, geography, and institutions; and that in this course the "Hammond Sunday School Manual" be used.
27. That, to meet its expenses, the Advisory Board be granted the sum of £15 from the Contingent Fund; also, that the deficiency in the Dominion Conference account (amounting to £8 6s. 6d.) be paid from the Contingent Fund.
28. 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.
29. 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.

30. 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 these until the Eaton and Mains literature be in full use.
31. 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.
32. That the Conference directs all our preachers earnestly and affectionately to exhort parents to bring their children to the regular Church services.
33. 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 or Junior Christian Endeavour Societies.
34. 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; also, that more general use be made of the order of service issued by the Advisory Board.
35. That our preachers be urged to make the Sunday morning services interesting to children.
36. That Conference urges that the Ten Commandments, portions of the Scriptures, and the Apostles' Creed be frequently recited in all our Sunday Schools.
37. 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.

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

For Balance Sheet for 1908, see Appendix J, p. xlvii.

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 Conference be presented to the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., for his able and successful services as Organising Secretary during the past year, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr G. S. Chisholm (General Treasurer), and that he be re-appointed.
4. 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.
5. That necessary funds for financing the movement 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.
6. That in view of the work done by the Organising Secretary on behalf of the Sunday School department, Sunday Schools be strongly urged to make a definite annual contribution to the Bible Class Movement Fund (as suggested by the Sunday School Advisory Board) of not less than 2s 6d per fifty scholars or fraction thereof; and that Superintendents of Circuits and Sunday Schools be directed to bring this recommendation before teachers' meetings.
7. That, in view of the need for placing the income of the Bible Class Movement upon a more secure basis than at present, a special appeal for funds be made to all our congregations on Young People's Sunday, and all in excess of an average day's collections (computed on the collections of the previous quarter), be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Bible Class Movement, such appeal to be prepared by the Central Committee.
8. That all contributions to the Fund be acknowledged by the Treasurer in the "Outlook."
9. 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.
10. That the Secretary's headquarters be Wellington, but that his place of residence be left to his own choice.

11. 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; Mesdames W. J. Williams and W. Bell; Misses Rowse and Palmer; Messrs G. S. Chisholm, T. Sims, J. R. Randerson, A. A. Bennett, G. Keall, V. Bacon, C. J. Freeman, W. J. Mears, and T. Boyd; and three to be elected by the Young Women's B.C. Union and three to be elected by the N.Z. Young Men's B.C. Union; Convener and Secretary, Rev. W. R. Tuck, M.A.
12. 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.
13. That the preparation of an itinerary and details of finance be left to the Conference Committee.
14. That the Committee collect returns of membership of Bible Classes and Wesley Guilds, and include them in the Annual Report.
15. That District Bible Class Unions be formed in all our cities and large centres, where practicable.
16. 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.
17. That the special thanks of this Conference be tendered to the Young Women's Bible Class Union for its valuable services on behalf of our Maori Deaconesses, and to the Wellington Centre of that Union for supplying funds for the erection of a Missionary Hall at Okaiawa.

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

For Band of Hope Returns, see Appendix K, pp. xlvi. to lvi.

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 1900:—The Ministers of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Circuits, Messrs. E. Rosevear, S. C. Phillips, A. King, J. B. Shacklock, E. Aslin, W. C. Allnutt, J. P. Simon, H. D. Bedford, M.A., LL.B., J. F. Arnold, M.P., W. Bell, W. R. Don, and G. Bewley; 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 last Sunday in November sermons be preached in all our Churches on the subject of Temperance.
6. That the Conference, believing that the closing of the Liquor bars makes for sobriety and the moral and material prosperity of the country—
 - (1) Rejoices in the continued growth of the No-License movement as indicated by the substantial increase in the vote at the recent Local Option Poll, and on that account records its heartfelt thanks to Almighty God.
 - (2) It congratulates the electorates in which No-License had previously obtained, upon the fact that not one of them voted for Restoration; the Electorates in which No-License now comes into force, upon the magnificence of their vote; and also those Electorates which have carried Reduction.
 - (3) It deeply sympathises with those Electorates which, though polling substantial majorities against the traffic, have yet fallen short of the number required to secure the benefits of No-License.
 - (4) It records its opinion that 60 per cent. of the valid votes cast is too high a proportion; it reiterates its conviction that the law which demands it, besides being undemocratic in principle, imposes an unfair disadvantage upon the Temperance cause; and hopes that in the near future the law may be so amended that No-License may be secured, at least by a majority of less proportions than is at present required.
 - (5) In view of the splendid vote cast throughout the Dominion for the abolition of the licensed liquor bar, the Conference is greatly encouraged, and pledges itself to continued and increased effort on behalf of Temperance Reform until it shall rejoice in the complete overthrow of the Drink Traffic throughout the country.
7. That the Conference learns with deep regret that the Licensing Bill of the British Government has been rejected by the House of Lords, and expresses its sympathy with the promoters in the temporary check that their efforts at reform have thus received. It assures the British Conference of its hearty appreciation of the stand it took in support of the measure, and thanks the President, the Rev. J. Scott Lidgett, for his strongly worded and dignified appeal on its behalf to the opposing Peers represented by Lord Lansdowne. New Zealand Methodism, as represented by its highest Church Court, earnestly hopes that the British Conference will unite with the best forces of the nation in renewing a struggle that shall not cease until the people of the United Kingdom have complete control of the Liquor Traffic. Also, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the British Conference.
8. The Conference enters its most emphatic protest against the continued legalisation of the totalisator, and of the nefarious calling

- of the bookmaker, believing that these in an alarming manner are fostering the spirit of gambling in the Dominion; also, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier.
9. That the Conference views with concern the continued widespread secularisation of the Sabbath, which it believes to be an outcome of the spirit of religious indifference and the devotion to pleasure which are characteristic of the times; and urges upon the Ministers of our Church the necessity of preaching more frequently upon this vital question.
 10. (1) That in so far as the "Emigration and Passengers' League concerns itself with the introduction of Methodist Emigrants from the Old Land to Methodist surroundings in New Zealand, the Conference approves of it, and directs the Secretary of the Conference to communicate with Mr. King informing him of the names of Methodist Ministers in our chief ports; also with the Rev. C. H. Kelly conveying to him the names of the Superintendent Ministers in the various seaports and Durham Street Circuit, Christchurch, asking him to furnish, in connection with the bureau which he represents, the names of Methodists coming to this country, and to do his utmost to urge upon some earnest Methodist on board the vessel to gather together his co-religionists for fellowship and worship. (2) That the President be requested to insert a notice in the British Methodist papers asking intending emigrants to forward to him information as to the vessel by which they will sail and the probable date of their arrival in New Zealand; the notice to be signed by the President and Secretary of the New Zealand Conference. (3) That the Secretary of Conference be requested to open correspondence with Sir R. W. Perks, M.P., with a view to the extension of his Brotherhood scheme to this Dominion.

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

The Conference desires to place on record its sense of the Divine Presence in our work as a church, and its appreciation of the zeal and loyalty shown by our people in all parts of the Dominion. We rejoice in an increase of 442 members, 353 junior members, and 928 Sabbath school scholars, and accept these unmistakable indications of vitality with gratitude to God. We nevertheless realise that with greater devotion and faithfulness much more might have been achieved, and pledge ourselves to a future of renewed sanctity of life and sincerity of service. Our Conference has been marked by a chastened recognition of the great past of our church and of the many and varied calls upon us in this difficult age. We have also caught new visions of the destiny which by the grace of God lies before a Methodism true to its best traditions and its great opportunities. We resolve to be true, to lead our people with courage and devotion, to labour on at God's command and offer all our works to Him.

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

The Report of the "Outlook" Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the "Outlook" Committee be received and adopted.

2. That the Conference appoint a special Committee to sit during the year to discuss means available for establishing a connexional organ, and to report to next Conference, the Committee to consist of the Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits, the Revs. H. Bull and A. B. Chappell, M.A., the Hon. G. J. Smith, and Messrs A. F. Drayton, J. A. Flesher, G. Bowron, C. E. Salter, J. L. Scott, and R. H. Turner; Convener, Rev. L. Hudson.
3. 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.
4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the "Outlook Committee, and especially to Mr E. Rosevear, for their valuable services.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. That an honorarium of £25 be voted to the Editor from the Contingent Fund.
8. That the Editor's contingent and local travelling expenses be defrayed out of the Contingent Fund.
9. That the Committee and Editor be elected at each Conference.
10. That our Ministers and Home Missionaries be directed to urge the claims of the "Outlook," in their pastoral visitation and in other ways.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

MILITARY.—In volunteering matters there is nothing new to report. Chaplaincies with rank of captain are held by the Revs. H. R. Dewsbury, J. A. Luxford, D. J. Murray, A. Mitchell, and F. W. Boys. According to the regulations one or two of the above are entitled to a step in promotion. I would draw the attention of the Conference to the small proportion of Methodist chaplains as compared with those of the Anglican and Presbyterian churches. Frequently I have endeavoured to impress on our ministers the importance of identifying themselves with the young men of our Defence Forces, but my remarks have fallen on hard and stony soil. Perhaps Mr. Allen's comments on this subject, in his letter of February 24th, 1908, contain seed which may fall on soil no longer unresponsive.

NAVAL.—During the year important correspondence has been carried on. Through the Rev. R. W. Allen another attempt has been made to obtain permission for our chaplains to conduct services on board H.M. warships when in New Zealand waters. Under certain circumstances permission for this has been granted to our ministers in the Channel, the Home, and the Atlantic Fleets. Interesting correspondence, which I forward, will show that His Excellency the Vice-Admiral of the Australian Fleet has not seen his way to accede to our request presented through the Rev. R. W. Allen.

I wish to inform the Conference that on H.M.S. "Challenger" (the training ship for this station) there are some 60 (or, to be exact, 58) avowed Wesleyans, most of them lads. They attend our services "if they wish." We fail to secure an attendance of half that number. There is small chance of seeing them on board. If the chaplain visits the ship in the day they are on duty, if in the evening they are ashore on leave. To ask to have them piped in the daytime would be too formal a business, and would not secure their blessing on the chaplain. Unless we can obtain permission to hold an early Sunday morning service on board, the chance of ministering to these Colonial lads is very remote. So far as our church is concerned they are practically left without pastoral oversight unless "they wish" to attend the Church party landed for Divine service. I hope Conference will find time to consider the correspondence that has passed between our senior chaplain, the Rev. R. W. Allen, and the Admiral, and by a resolution strengthen his hands or those of his successor in the matter.

As Mr. Allen is retiring from the Army and Navy office of the British Conference I would suggest that our New Zealand Conference should recognise the great interest he has taken in this department of our work in this Dominion.

The visit of the Great White Fleet to Auckland was interesting to us on account of the numerical strength of the Methodist Church among its officers and crews. The senior chaplain of the Fleet, the Rev. C. M. Charlton, conducted service on Sunday evening in Pitt Street Church. There was an overflowing congregation. The Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes draped the pulpit. The thanks of the Fleet were conveyed to the trustees of Pitt Street Church for hospitality extended.

JOHN A. LUXFORD,
Sec. for Military and Naval Affairs.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be 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. H. R. Dewsbury (Convener), G. Bond, Messrs. S. J. Ambury, and T. W. Jones, with the Rev. J. A. Luxford as a corresponding member.
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 following be appointed as Chaplains to Methodists on His Majesty's ships of war visiting the undermentioned ports of New Zealand:—Auckland, Rev. H. R. Dewsbury; Wellington, Rev. S. J. Sargent; Lyttelton, Rev. A. Peters; Port Chalmers, Rev. J. Ward; Dunedin, Rev. P. W. Fairclough.
6. That the names of the Superintendent Ministers in the ports of the Dominion 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.
7. That continued efforts be made by the Committee to secure early Sunday morning services on board H.M. ships when visiting the ports of the Dominion.

8. That the New Zealand Methodist Conference, having learned of the proposed retirement of the Rev. R. W. Allen from the office and position he has held for so many years in the Wesleyan Methodist Church in connection with the army and navy, desires to place on record its high appreciation of the splendid service rendered by Mr. Allen and of the invariable courtesy displayed by him in his communication with the army and navy officials of the New Zealand Church, and the interest he has shown in the welfare of this department of our work in the Dominion.
9. That our Ministers and Church officials be urged to take an interest in securing appointments as Chaplains to the various military forces throughout the Dominion; especially in view of the fact that in many places the officials in command are members of our Church, together with a large number of the rank and file. In places where there are vacancies in the Chaplaincy, and where no appointment is practicable, we urge that efforts be made to induce the officers and men to attend church parade at the Methodist Church in turn with other churches.

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

I.—SECRETARY FOR HOME MISSIONS.

See under Home Missions, Question XVII.

II.—EMIGRATION AND PASSENGERS' LEAGUE.

A Report was presented by Temperance and Morals Committee.

See under Question XXIII.

III.—MINISTERS FROM ENGLAND.

A Report was presented by Rev. C. H. Laws.

IV.—EVANGELIST FROM ENGLAND.

The Rev. C. H. Laws reported that Gipsy Smith would probably be visiting Australasia next year, and that the claims of New Zealand would be considered.

V.—VISIT BY REV. THOMAS RIPPON.

The Rev. C. E. Beecroft presented a Report.

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

The following records have been received during the year:—

1. From Rev. A. Ashcroft—Early Baptism Book of the Woodend Church.
2. From Mr. R. M. Cresswell—M.S. Paper on "Incidents in the Early History of the Methodist Church at Papanui."
3. From Mr. F. L. Prime—Minute Book of Northern District of Foreign and Home Missions, 1870-1893.
4. From Rev. J. T. Pinfold—First Roll Book of the Cheviot Church.
5. From Rev. Wm. Kirk—Reminiscences of Early Methodism in Canterbury District.

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NEW ZEALAND EARLY CHURCH RECORDS.

In accordance with the Resolution of last Conference I called at the Mission House, London, and saw the Rev. Marshall Hartley re Early Church Records. It appears that the Missionary Committee have been very carefully examining all the early records, with a view to publication, and in doing so have found many documents referring to pioneer work in New Zealand. One minister had spent the past year entirely in this work, and has collected much valuable information.

The Mission House will not part with any original documents, but copies or extracts may be obtained. It was to me both pleasing and gratifying to find that all the original letters have been carefully preserved and when it is known that I saw between 40 and 50 full letter cases, each one measuring about 15 inches by 15 inches, and over four inches deep, it will be seen that the work of arranging has been no easy task.

You will no doubt agree with me that world wide Methodism is under a debt of gratitude to the Mission House authorities for preserving intact (during all the vicissitudes of building and rebuilding) all these valuable letters, dating from the earliest period of Wesleyan Missions.

Reading printed reports is all very well, but by the courtesy of the Mission Secretary I had the privilege of handling and reading some of the original letters of the missionary pioneers. It was indeed a privilege to read the letters written during the most perilous periods of our New Zealand Church.

First, there was the Report of 1821, that led to the establishment of the Mission to New Zealand.

Then a letter from Rev. Samuel Leigh, of February, 1822, announcing his arrival in New Zealand in the month of January to begin the new station. There are letters from the Revs. Nathaniel Turner, Walter Lawry, John Hobbs, William White, Samuel Ironside, and others, all of great interest. There is one letter, or series of pathetic letters, from Rev. Nathaniel Turner, written at intervals under great difficulties from January 3rd to 27th, 1827, recounting in detail the attack on the Mission Station by the natives, and the compulsory flight of the Mission party from Wesley Dale. The following passage speaks for itself:—"Great satisfaction to know that no act of indiscretion or imprudence of our own has brought this upon us, nor could we possibly have avoided it."

Some extracts from these letters appeared in the Missionary notices of July and August, 1827. Knowing that the Rev. Henry Bull has been collecting early Church Records for some years past, I did not know how far back his researches had gone.

In conclusion it may be well to say that the London Missionary Committee do not intend covering more ground in their contemplated publication than the Missions that are at present under the direct control of the English Conference and Mission House. There will consequently be no over-lapping in anything that our Conference may decide to publish.

Hoping this brief report may meet the expectation of Conference,
 Yours faithfully,

THOMAS ALLEN.

Rome, 20th November, 1908.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Mission authorities for their courtesies, and that they be informed that the Conference hopes at an early date to avail itself of the privilege of obtaining copies of some of the letters referred to.

2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., and Messrs T. Allen and R. Hobbs for their services in this connection.

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

COMMITTEES FOR 1909.

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 representation 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.

1. That the following question be submitted to the next June quarterly meeting of each Circuit in the Dominion:—"Are the members of this quarterly meeting in favour of an Independent Conference for New Zealand?"
2. That returns be furnished to the Synods of 1909, stating (1) the numbers present; (2) the numbers voting in the affirmative; (3) the numbers voting in the negative.
3. That a Committee shall draw up a working scheme for submission to the June Quarterly Meetings, which shall report their findings (with any suggested amendments), through the Convener, to the forthcoming District Synods, which in turn shall report to the Conference of 1910; the following to be the Committee:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. A. Peters, J. N. Buttle, L. Hudson, C. H. Garland, S. Griffith, C. H. Laws, B.A., W. A. Sinclair, Messrs. A. F. Drayton, J. A. Flesher, W. H. Seed, C. E. Salter, J. C. Prudhoe, R. H. Turner, J. L. Scott, F. Thompson, W. Dalley, R. M. Cresswell, and Hon. G. J. Smith. (Secretary of Conference, Convener.)

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

Thursday, February 24th, 1910, at 7.30 p.m., in Trinity Church, Dunedin.

METHODIST HYMN BOOK.

The Report was presented by Rev. S. Lawry, Convener of the Committee.

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 moneys receivable during the year be paid to the Special Branch of the Church Building and Loan Fund.

CITY MISSIONS.

1.—Auckland Methodist Mission.

A Report was presented.

2.—Wellington Central Mission.

See under Question IV.

3.—Christchurch Central Mission.

A Report was presented.

It was resolved that the Committee be re-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 the Conference of 1910, the following to be the Committee:—The Ministers of the Christchurch circuits, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs G. Bowron, G. Scott, J. Murgatroyd, J. A. Flesher, W. H. Seed, W. Fenner, A. K. England, R. H. Turner, J. Hanan, J. L. Scott, C. E. Salter, H. A'Court, T. Robson, and the Hon. G. J. Smith; the Superintendent of Durham street Circuit to be Convener.

4.—Dunedin Central Mission.

A Report was presented.

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.

TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR DEACONESSES.

The Report of the Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. The Conference records its gratification at the work done during the year, and prays that the Institution may have a career of uninterrupted usefulness.
3. That the Deaconess' House be recognised as a Connexional Institution.
4. That the Committee of Control and Supervision for the ensuing year be, viz.:—The Superintendent and Second Minister of the Durham street Circuit, the Superintendents of the St. Albans and Sydenham Circuits, the Connexional Secretary, with Messrs G. Bowron, J. Hewitt, J. C. Prudhoe, Geo. Scott, A. K. England, J. L. Scott, E. C. Brown, Hon. G. J. Smith, M.L.C., and A. Williams; Second Minister of Durham street Circuit, Secretary and Convener.

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. (See Minutes, 1908.)
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, Dunedin Central Mission.

REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL PREACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

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 Minutes of Conference, 1908, p. 80.)
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.)

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 Representation 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 to 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 College, Sunday Schools, and the Bible Class Movement.

F. COMMITTEE ON GENERAL QUESTIONS.—This Committee shall consider the Reports on the "Outlook" and Connexional Literature, Temperance and Public Morals, and 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 Committee.

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 placing a cross against the name of each of those for whom they 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 recommend 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.

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. Ewart, Wellington; Dr. A. J. Orchard, Christchurch; Dr. B. E. de Lautour, Dunedin.

AGENDA COMMITTEE.

That the Secretary of the Conference, Rev. D. J. Murray and Mr. E. Rosevear 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 cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. C. E. Beecroft, Ex-President, for the fidelity and urbanity which have characterised his discharge of the duties of the Presidential office during the past year.

THANKS TO THE SECRETARY.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. Samuel Lawry for his painstaking and 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. C. E. Beecroft, for the practical and inspiring charge delivered to the newly-ordained Ministers, and that he be requested to allow the same to be published in the "Outlook."

PRIZE FIGHTS.

1. This Conference having learned that exhibitions of the brutal and degrading prize fights recently held in Australia are being shown by means of cinematograph and penny-in-the-slot machines in our Dominion, protests most strenuously against such exhibitions, and trusts that the Government will take immediate steps to prevent their repetition.
2. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, Minister of Justice, and Minister of Internal Affairs.

THE OPIUM TRAFFIC.

1. That this Conference deeply deplores the shame and humiliation attaching to our nation through our long continued sin of acting the part of a seducer to the great Chinese nation through our opium traffic, more especially as we can no longer make the excuse of ignorance, since the House of Commons by Resolution on 30th May, 1906, unanimously re-affirmed its conviction "that the Indo-Chinese opium trade is morally indefensible." This Conference would earnestly direct the attention of the Ministers and laymen of the whole Methodist community to the resolution moved by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Welldon at the great meeting in the Queen's Hall in London on 26th June, 1908, viz.—That for the purpose of uniting all sections of the Christian Church in a common effort for the abolition of our opium traffic, the leaders of the different Christian bodies be approached with a view to stimulate throughout the Empire, and in all our mission fields, earnest and constant intercession on the subject.
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Great Britain.

LAY PASTORATE.

The Conference calls the attention of our people to the decay of the Lay Pastorate in the Church. It expresses its conviction that for the effective maintenance of the work of God the co-operation of chosen laymen with the Ministers in the pastoral oversight of the people is essential. It views with profound regret the annually recurring decline in the number of Class Leaders, the statistics showing one to every 19 members in 1878, one to every 29 in 1898, one to every 140 in 1908, and one to every 170 this year. Recognising that this order of sub-pastors has ceased to be an effective part of our Church organisation, it directs Superintendents to bring the matter before their Leaders' Meetings for consideration. It appoints the following Committee, which shall receive recommendations from the Leaders' Meetings and prepare a report for presentation to the Synods and Conference:—Revs. S. Lawry, L. Hudson, W. A. Sinclair, Messrs W. H. Haigh, H. Chapman, and F. Thompson, with the Rev. C. H. Laws (Convener.)

LEGAL NAME OF THE CHURCH.

That in view of the census of 1910, it is desirable to make the legal name of the Church widely known, and that the Secretary of Conference and Mr J. A. Flesher be a Committee to attend to this matter.

THE LATE T. E. THOMAS, M.A.

The Conference learns with sorrow of the death of Rev. T. E. Thomas, M.A., and expresses its deep sympathy with Mrs Thomas, Rev. T. T. Thomas, B.A., and other members of the family in their bereavement, and requests Rev. C. Abernethy to represent the Conference at the funeral.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

That this Conference has heard with pleasure the address of the Rev. F. H. Spencer. It recognises the magnificent work accomplished by the Bible Society of which Mr Spencer is the representative. It acknowledges the deep obligations under which the whole Christian Church has been laid in the past, more especially in connection with the aid afforded by the British and Foreign Bible Society in the printing of the Scriptures in the languages of the peoples in which our missions are held. The Conference commends the claims of the Society to its members throughout the whole Dominion, and recommends that on the third Sunday in May these claims should be specially emphasised in our churches.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

That in the judgment of this Conference it would be an advantage to shorten the ordination service.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

That the Conference expresses its sympathy with the unemployed in the Dominion, and appeals to the Government to provide greater assistance for them.

WRECK OF THE PENGUIN.

That this Conference expresses its deepest sympathy with the relatives and friends of those who lost their lives in the wreck of the Penguin.

CHARLES WESLEY BICENTENARY.

That Conference directs the circuits to suitably commemorate the bicentary of Charles Wesley on Whit Sunday, and requests the President to issue a circular to this effect to the March Quarterly Meetings.

EVIL OF BILLIARD SALOONS.

That this Conference views with alarm the rapidly increasing number of public billiard saloons throughout the Dominion, and knowing the amount of gambling connected with them, and their injurious effect upon our young men, would respectfully urge upon the Prime Minister to have the present law amended so that local bodies will have full control of such saloons, and that a deputation wait upon the Prime Minister in regard to the matter.

CHINESE CONSUL FOR NEW ZEALAND.

That this Conference sincerely reciprocates the expressions of esteem and Christian regard to which it has listened with so much interest and pleasure from the lips of Mr Hwang. It rejoices to welcome him as a son of the Methodist Church, and assures him that any service within its power—or in that of its representatives—for the furtherance of his responsible work in this Dominion will be most cheerfully rendered.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

That the Reports of Conference Committees be written on foolscap paper, for the subsequent use of the Secretaries.

HELPING HAND MISSION BEQUEST.

That the allocation of the bequest to the Helping Hand Mission, Auckland, be remitted to the Home Mission Executive, who shall see that the terms of the will are complied with.

CONNEXIONAL APPOINTMENTS.

That the effect of the alteration of the rule relating to the terms of Connexional Appointments (Book of Laws, par. 103), be referred to the Committee on District Boundaries, to report to next Conference.

THOMAS FEE, President.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

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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. Super-
numerary
- 1856 Gittos, William
- 1857 Crump, John, President New Zealand Conference, 1878 Super-
numerary
- „ 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, Super-
numerary
- „ Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary
- 1867 Oliver, William C., President New Zealand Conference, 1887,
Supernumerary
- 1868 Bull, Henry, President New Zealand Conference, 1886.
- „ McNicoll, David, President New Zealand Conference, 1894,
Supernumerary
- „ 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.
- 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
- 1877 Fee, Thomas, President New Zealand Conference, 1909
 ,, 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 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, W. Bramwell
 .. Snadden, George
 .. Wylie, Robert H.
- 1908 Cox, Edwin
 .. Jordan, Charles B., B.A.
 .. Martin, J. Frederick
 .. Rands, Frederick
 .. Speer, William H.
 .. Tinsley, Robert B.
- 1909 Burchell, Albert F.
 .. Lea, William
 .. Turner, Nicholas

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, Neho 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., Mosgiel, 1.
 1879 Abernethy, Christopher, Rangiora, 1.
 1895 Ashcroft, Arthur, Tai Tapu, 1.
 1907 Avery, William W., Hawera, 1 (Manaia).
- 1876 Baumber, William, Timaru, 2.
 1869 Beck, William H., Cambridge, 5.
 1898 Beckett, William, Temuka, 2.
 1891 Beecroft, Charles E., Feilding, 4.
 1894 Beggs, Hugh, Auckland East, 1 (Mount Eden).
 1894 Bellhouse, Harold E., Ashburton, 3.
 1907 Blair, Charles, Westport, 2.
 1900 Blamires, E. Percy, Blenheim, 1 (Tuamarina).
 1904 Blamires, Ernest O., Assistant Dunedin Central Mission, 1.
 1896 Blamires, Henry L., Hamilton, 2.
 1887 Blight, Joseph, Thames, 3.
 1871 Bond, George, Auckland West, 4 (Ponsonby).
 1896 Bowie, William S., Inglewood, 1.
 1901 Boys, Frederick W., Hawera, 2.
 1880 Brooke, Thomas G., Home Mission Secretary, 1
 1868 Bull, Henry, Connexional Secretary, 8 (Armagh street, Christchurch).
- 1909 Burchell, Albert F., Wellington Central Mission, 1.
 1878 Buttle, J. Newman, Christchurch (Durham street), 1 (Woolston.)
- 1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary, New Plymouth, 10.
 1871 Carr, Thomas G., Auckland (Birkenhead), 1.
 1889 Chapman, James G., New Plymouth, 1.
 1896 Chappell, Albert B., M.A., Organising Secretary B.C. Movement, 2 (New Brighton, Christchurch.)
- 1904 Clark, James R., Wellington (Taranaki Street), 2 (Karori).
 1901 Cook, George S., Auckland (Pitt street), 1 (Mount Albert).
 1905 Copeland, Fred, Eltham, 2.
 1908 Cox, Edwin, Otahuhu, 1.
 1857 Crump, John, Supernumerary, Nelson, 12.
- 1871 Dewsbury, Henry R., Auckland East, 1 (Grafton Road).
 1880 Dukes, John, Franklin, 1 (Pukekohe).

- 1901 Eaton, Clarence, Johnsonville, 3.
 1893 Elliott, William J., South Wairarapa, 3 (Carterton).
- 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., F.R.A.S., Dunedin (Trinity), 1.
 1877 Fee, Thomas, Wellington (Thorndon), 1.
 1893 Frost, George, Sandon, 1 (Sanson).
- 1881 Garland, Charles H., Christchurch (Durham street), 1.
 1876 Garlick, Samuel J., Supernumerary, Hutt, 2.
 1881 Gibson, Samuel J., Onehunga, 2.
 1885 Ginger, Barton H., Woodville, 3.
 1856 Gittos, William, Auckland Maori Mission, 16 (Devonport).
 1900 Greenslade, William, Gore, 2.
 1877 Griffin, Cornelius, Rangitikei, 1 (Marton).
 1895 Griffin, John W., Dannevirke, 1.
 1880 Griffin, Thomas N., Oamaru, 3.
 1882 Griffith, Samuel, Christchurch (Addington), 1.
 1888 Grigg, William, Dunedin (Cargill Road), 3.
- 1874 Hammond, Thomas G., West Coast Maori Mission, 23 (Opunake).
 1864 Harper, George S., Supernumerary, Palmerston North, 32.
 1893 Harrison, Colin C., Stratford, 1.
 1900 Haslam, Jonathan H., Rangiora, 1 (Woodend).
 1896 Hosking, James A., Balclutha, 2.
 1877 Hudson, Lewis, Christchurch South, 3 (Sydenham).
- 1870 Isitt, Francis W., Wellington, without pastoral charge, 9.
- 1903 James, Benjamin J., Waipawa, 1.
 1882 Jones, T. Francis, Levin-Otaki, 2 (Levin).
 1908 Jordan, Charles B., B.A., Levin-Otaki, 1 (Otaki).
 1874 Jory, John D., Mahurangi, 4 (Warkworth).
 1887 Joughin, Thomas A., Leeston, 1.
- 1899 Keall, Robert P., Cape Egmont, 1 (Opunake).
 1907 Keck, Henry A. G., Rotorua, 2.
 1846 Kirk, William, Supernumerary, Hutt, 25 (Petone).
- 1885 Lawry, Albert C., Napier, 4.
 1877 Lawry, Samuel, Christchurch (Papanui), 3.
 1887 Laws, Charles H., B.A., Christchurch (Durham street), 1 (East Belt).
- 1909 Lea, William, Amberley, 1.
 1864 Lee, William, Supernumerary, Lyttelton, 3.
 1870 Lewis, John J., Nelson, 1.
 1895 Lochore, John A., Gisborne, 1.
 1876 Luxford, John A., Wanganui, 1.
- 1904 McBean, Angus, Christchurch (Durham Street), 2.
 1868 McNicoll, David, Supernumerary, Christchurch (Durham street), 1.
- 1883 Marshall, George T., Otautau, 2.
 1908 Martin, J. Frederick, Waimarino, 2 (Raetihi).
 1907 Maslin, W. G., South Wairarapa, 1 (Featherston).
 1883 Mather, Joseph T., Whangarei, 1.
 1890 Mitchell, Arthur, Invercargill, 5.
 1879 Murray, Daniel J., Dunedin (Mornington), 4.
- 1890 Newbold, Thomas W., Reefton, 2.
- 1867 Oliver, William C., Supernumerary, Christchurch (Durham street), 1.
 1902 Oxbrow, Walter J., Lawrence, 2.

- 1906 Paris, Percy R., Invercargill, 2 (South Invercargill).
 1902 Patchett, Ernest D., Aramoho, 1.
 1870 Pendray, John J., Eketahuna, 2.
 1876 Penney, Charles, Waimate, 1.
 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D., Richmond, 4.
 1877 Peters, Alfred, Lyttelton, 3.
 1881 Pinfold, James T., F.G.S., Springston, 1.
 1894 Porter, Charles E., Masterton, 1.
 1902 Pratt, Major A. R., Roxburgh, 2.
- 1905 Randerson, Arthur C., M.A., Paeroa, 1.
 1908 Rands, Frederick, Dunedin (Cargill Road), 2 (St. Kilda).
 1904 Ranston, Harry, Hokitika, 1.
 1889 Read, Frederick T., Waitara, 3.
 1901 Reader, Amos, Milton, 1.
 1885 Ready, William, Auckland (Pitt street), 1.
 1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary, Wellington (Taranaki Street), 14 (Hawker Street).
 1904 Reed, Alexander J., Upper Thames (Te Aroha), 2.
 1905 Richards, Raymond, Malvern, 2.
 1895 Richards, Thomas R., Blenheim, 1.
 1864 Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary, North Shore, 12 (Devonport).
 1906 Roberts, Charles, Kaiapoi, 1 (Ohoka).
 1885 Rothwell, Benjamin F., Hutt, 2.
- 1907 Scott, W. Bramwell, Kaponga, 3.
 1900 Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., Auckland (Pitt Street), 3 (Kingsland).
 1903 Seamer, Arthur J., Hutt, 1 (Petone).
 1884 Serpell, Samuel J., Wellington (Taranaki Street), 2.
 1869 Simmonds, Joseph H., Wesley College, Three Kings, 15 (Mount Eden).
 1891 Sinclair, William A., Christchurch (S. Albans), 3.
 1881 Slade, William, Dunedin Central Mission, 3.
 1868 Smalley, Joseph S., Supernumerary, Edinburgh (Scotland), 7.
 1862 Smith, John, Supernumerary, Christchurch (Durham Street), 13 (Richmond).
 1907 Snadden, George, Motueka, 2.
 1908 Speer, William H., Pahiatua, 2.
 1879 Spence, George W. J., Palmerston North, 1.
 1875 Standage, Charles H., Willowby, 3.
 1904 Stockwell, George F., Paparua, 1.
- 1886 Taylor, Robert, Auckland (North Shore), 2.
 1871 Thomas, James, Supernumerary, Auckland (Pitt Street), 3 (Stanley Bay).
 1902 Thomas, T. Theodore, B.A., Palmerston North, 1.
 1868 Thomas, William G., Supernumerary, North Shore, 8 (Devonport).
 1908 Tinsley, Robert B., Taihape, 2.
 1870 Tinsley, William, Hastings, 4.
 1888 Trestrail, Thomas, Kaiapoi, 3.
 1900 Tuck, William R., M.A., Wellington Suburban, 1 (Island Bay).
 1909 Turner, Nicholas, Christchurch (Durham Street), 1.
- 1894 Vealie, Thomas W., Greymouth, 3.
- 1885 Wallis, T. Jackson, Dunedin (Roslyn), 3.
 1885 Ward, Josiah, Port Chalmers, 5.
 1857 Watkin, William J., Supernumerary, Manukau, 16 (Onehunga).
 1870 Williams, William J., Wellington South, 4 (Newtown).
 1899 Wills, William, Northern Wairoa, 4 (Mangawhare).

- 1904 Wilson, James, Auckland Methodist Mission, 6 (Newton).
 1900 Wilson, Richard (resting), Auckland East, 1.
 1887 Wrigley, James, Waihi, 2.
 1907 Wylie, Robert H., Dunedin (Trinity), 3 (North Dunedin).

NATIVE MINISTERS.

- 1900 Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki, West Coast Maori Mission, 10
 (Okaiawa).
 1903 Hare, Hone Marena, Waikato, 2 (Te Kuiti).
 1886 Heretini, Te Tuhi, Hokianga, 9 (Whirinaki).
 1894 Kingi, Hamiora, Ruakura, 2.
 1904 Papakakura, Noho Hemi, Southern Maori Mission, 5 (Oraki).
 1882 Paul, Hauraki, Kaipara, 11 (Reweti).
 1882 Rakena, Piripi, Waikato, 2 (Kopua).
 1900 Renata, Hapeta, Whangaroa, 10 (Kaeo).



APPENDIXES.

APPENDIX—A.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

CASH ACCOUNT FROM JANUARY 16TH, 1908, TO JANUARY 16TH, 1909.

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

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Bank Balance brought forward	92	14	3	By Loans Granted—			
„ Deposits brought forward	600	0	0	Cambridge Church	95	0	0
				Timaru Sunday School	200	0	0
„ Loan Fund Instalments paid				Rahotu Church and Parsonage	125	0	0
by Trusts				Birkenhead Parsonage	270	0	0
„ Interest on Deposits	24	0	0	Inglewood Parsonage	300	0	0
„ Fees on Loans	26	13	0	Manaia Church	100	0	0
„ Interest on Arrears	18	11	4	Kaponga Parsonage	250	0	0
„ Contributions from Trusts	95	7	10	Aro Street Church	300	0	0
„ Bank Exchange	3	4	9	Thames Parsonage	200	0	0
				Otaki Church	50	0	0
			167 16 11				
				„ Grant to Secretary's Stipend	153	15	0
				„ Stamps and Telegrams	5	11	7
				„ Stationery and Printing	3	1	7
				„ Bank Exchange	4	6	0
				„ Bank Charge	0	10	0
							167 4 2
				„ Cash on Deposit	600	0	0
				„ Cash at Bank and in Hand	124	8	3
							724 8 3
			£2,781 12 5				£2,781 12 5

- 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 £222 12s. 5d., which is included in the Credit Balance shown in Cash Account.

Examined and found correct,

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

January 21st, 1909.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

LIST OF LOANS.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1908.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1909.
1896.			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July 29	St. Alban's Church ..	.. Erection	9	650	21 0 0	15 15 0	
1897.							
June 17	Kimbolton Church ..	.. Liquidation of Debt	5½	60	1 12 0	21 16 2	21 16 2
Oct. 21	Knaotunu Church ..	.. Erection	7	120	Nil	57 19 6	57 19 6
1898.							
May 4	Karangahaki Church ..	.. Erection	8	100	5 0 0	24 8 8	24 8 8
June 10	Mangaweka Church ..	.. Erection	8	60	Nil	46 12 11	46 12 11
1899.							
Mar. 30	New Plymouth Church ..	.. Erection	10	600	45 0 0	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
Sept. 6	Hamilton Parsonage ..	.. Erection	8	100	6 5 0	Nil	
Sept. 10	Eketahuna Church ..	.. Erection	8	135	Nil	113 4 0	113 4 0
Dec. 21	Kimbolton Parsonage..	.. Erection	10½	125	31 14 10	60 0 0	45 14 0
Dec. 30	Oxford Church ..	.. Purchase	8	60	5 0 0	Nil	
1900.							
Jan. 18	Warkworth Parsonage ..	.. Liquidation of Debt	10	150	86 5 0	Nil	
Apr. 30	Taikorea ..	.. Erection	8	50	6 13 4	Nil	
May 18	Mount Albert Parsonage ..	.. Erection	7	150	30 0 0	Nil	
Sept. 8	Upper Wakefield Church ..	.. Erection	6	45	5 0 0	5 0 0	
Sept. 17	Tataraimaka Church ..	.. Erection	8	40	3 0 0	6 15 0	
1901.							
Jan. 10	Te Aroha Church ..	.. Erection	8	225	11 0 0	24 7 0	24 7 0

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1908.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1909.
			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1901.							
Jan. 25	Aratapu Church	Erection	8	100	43 15 0	Nil	
Jan. 25	Northcote Church	Erection	8	70	8 15 0	2 3 9	
Jan. 27	Havelock Church	Erection	10	80	8 0 0	12 0 0	
May 9	Takapuna Church	Erection	8	85	12 5 0	6 2 6	
Aug. 17	Woodville Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	115	15 0 0	41 5 0	
Sept. 16	Hamilton Church	Liquidation of Debt	6	150	25 0 0	Nil	
Sept. 20	Prebbleton Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	50	8 16 0	15 10 6	
Sept. 24	Waitekauri Church	Erection	8	75	Nil	59 4 8	48 18 5
Sept. 30	Addington Church	Reduction of Debt	8	150	23 8 9	14 1 3	
Oct. 11	Eketahuna Parsonage	Erection	10	200	Nil	200 0 0	130 0 0
Oct. 22	Mosgiel Church	Enlargement	8	80	12 10 0	11 5 0	
Dec. 23	Birkenhead Church	Erection of S. School	7	150	16 1 6	21 8 0	
Dec. 30	Levin Century Hall and School	Erection	8	200	25 0 0	31 5 0	
1902.							
Jan. 10	Ponsonby Church	Reduction of Debt	8	400	87 10 0	50 0 0	
Feb. 17	Nukuroa Church	Erection	7	112	9 0 0	13 10 0	9 0 0
Mar. 22	Hawera Church and School	Rem. and Enlargement	8	150	36 15 0	32 5 0	
Mar. 30	Hastings Parsonage	Pur. Land and Erection	10	200	14 5 0	128 15 0	
June 18	Timaru Church	Reduction of Debt	8	375	59 17 0	80 15 6	
July 3	Ashburton School	Enlargement	6	45	15 0 0	Nil	
July 8	Otatau Church	Erection	8	80	15 0 0	22 10 0	
July 8	Cheltenham Church	Erection	6	60	5 2 6	Nil	
Sept. 1	Ngaruawahia	Erection	6	30	5 0 0	7 10 0	
Sept. 18	Grafton Road Church (No. 2)	Liquidation of Debt	8	150	60 18 9	Nil	
1903.							
Mar. 11	Karori Church	Improvements	5	24	9 12 0	Nil	
Apr. 15	Midhurst Church	Improvements	5	50	Nil	5 0 0	5 0 0
June 13	Cargill Road Parsonage	Erection	10	500	37 10 0	250 0 0	25 0 0
June 22	Cambridge Parsonage	Enlargement	7	100	7 3 0	32 1 6	10 14 6
June 22	Napier Church	Reduction of Debt	7	100	39 4 6	Nil	

ate.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1908.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1909.
1903.			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July 1	C. M. Sisters' Home ..	Erection	6	200	Nil	106 5 0	81 5 0
July 10	Woolston Parsonage and School ..	Erection	8	350	30 0 0	120 0 0	10 0 0
July 23	Fernhill Parsonage ..	Liquidation of Debt	4	100	Nil	6 5 0	6 5 0
Sept. 1	Carrington Road Church ..	Erection	6	50	6 5 0	18 15 0	12 10 0
Nov. 21	Morrinsville Church ..	Erection	8	150	18 15 0	37 10 0	
1904.							
Jan. 5	Mayfield Church ..	Erection	6	50	10 9 8	Nil	
Feb. 8	Waitara Church ..	Erection	8	100	15 12 6	43 15 0	3 2 6
Apr. 30	Newmarket Church ..	Reduction of Debt	6	50	8 6 8	12 10 0	
May 17	Petone Church and Parsonage ..	Purchase of Site	8	200	37 10 0	81 5 0	
Aug. 1	Waitoa Church ..	Erection	10	100	5 0 0	57 10 0	
Oct. 6	Eltham Church ..	Erection and Site	10	145	16 10 0	95 10 0	11 0 0
Nov. 14	Balclutha Parsonage ..	Enlargement	5	50	15 0 0	10 0 0	
Dec. 22	Crofton Church ..	Erection	8	140	17 10 0	61 5 0	
1905.							
Jan. 13	Mornington Church ..	Erection	10	600	60 0 0	375 0 0	
Jan. 13	Kuripuni Church ..	Enlargement	6	50	8 6 8	16 13 4	
Jan. 25	South Road School ..	Enlargement	5	50	10 0 0	22 10 0	
Apr. 3	Otorohanga Church ..	Erection	6	50	Nil	40 9 9	21 14 9
Apr. 11	Ponsonby Infents' School ..	Erection	6	65	10 16 8	27 1 8	
Apr. 11	Ponsonby Snnday School ..	Enlargement	6	60	10 0 0	25 0 0	
Apr. 28	Woodville Parsonage ..	Liquidation of Debt	5	50	10 0 0	15 0 0	
May 3	Norsewood Parsonage..	Liquidation of Debt	5	40	8 0 0	12 0 0	
May 20	New Plymouth Church (No. 2) ..	Reduction of Debt	7	100	10 14 6	53 10 6	
June 30	Paparoa Church ..	Improvements	4	20	7 10 0	2 10 0	
Oct. 25	Selwyn Street S. Church ..	Reduction of Debt	5	50	10 0 0	20 0 0	
1906.							
Jan. 6	Glenaven Church ..	Erection	10	400	40 0 0	280 0 0	
Jan. 6	Devonport Church ..	Liquidation of Debt	4	335	188 8 9	Nil	
Jan. 30	Gore Church and Parsonage ..	Purchase	10	350	35 0 0	262 10 0	

Date	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1908.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1908.
1906.			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
May 22	Waituna West Church	.. Erection	8	60	7 13 0	49 16 0	5 2 0
July 1	Three Kings' College	.. Liquidation of Debt	6	150	25 0 0	93 15 0	
Aug. 1	Reefton Church	.. Erection	8	275	34 8 0	197 12 0	
Sept. 19	St. Kilda	.. Erection	10	200	35 0 0	297 10 0	
Oct. 12	Whangarei Church	.. Erection	10	235	11 15 0	205 12 6	23 10 0
1907.							
Jan. 25	Cromwell Parsonage	.. Erection	8	125	19 10 10	93 14 8	
Jan. 29	Otautau Parsonage	.. Erection	10	260	32 10 0	208 0 0	
Feb. 8	Hawera Church	.. Erection	10	500	50 0 0	430 0 0	
Feb. 13	Kilbirnie Church	.. Enlargement	6	100	33 0 0	67 0 0	
May 24	Pohangina Church	.. Erection	4	40	12 10 0	22 10 0	
May 24	Tai Tapu Parsonage	.. Erection	10	300	120 0 0	180 0 0	
Sept. 10	Timaru Sunday School	.. Erection	10	800	36 8 3	753 11 9	
Dec. 17	Mamaku Church	.. Erection	4	22/10	8 8 9	14 1 3	
Dec. 21	Rototuna Church	.. Erection	5	60	9 0 0	51 0 0	
Dec. 28	Cambridge Church	.. Reconstruction	8	190	Nil	190 0 0	10 10 0
1908.							
Jan. 10	Birkdale Church	.. Erection	8	80	5 0 0	75 0 0	5 0 0
Jan. 13	Invercargill Church	.. Erection	10	185	Nil	185 0 0	25 0 0
Apr. 23	Rahotu Church and Parsonage	.. Liquidation of Debt	8	125	7 16 4	117 3 8	
Aug. 19	Birkenhead Parsonage	.. Erection	10	270	6 15 0	263 5 0	
Aug. 19	Inglewood Parsonage	.. Purchase	10	300	7 10 0	292 10 0	
Aug. 26	Manaia Church	.. Erection and Pur. of Site	7	100	4 16 0	95 3 6	
Oct. 16	Kaponga Parsonage	.. Purchase	10	250	6 5 0	243 15 0	
Nov. 21	Aro Street Church	.. Liquidation of Debt	10	300	Nil	300 0 0	
Dec. 2	Thames Parsonage	.. Purchase	8	200	Nil	200 0 0	
1909.							
Jan. 15	Otaki Chnrch	.. Enlargement	4	50	Nil	50 0 0	

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—Special Branch.

LIST OF LOANS.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1908.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1909.
1893. July 18	Blackball Township ..	Lease of Church Site		26 5 0	Nil	26 5 0	
1896. Oct. 22	MacKenzie Church ..	Purchase		199 17 0	1 5 6	63 19 6	
1897. May 12	Oamaru Church and Parsonage ..	Liquidation of Debt	12	917 10 0	202 10 0	Nil	
1899. Mar. 28	Highelife Church ..	Exchange of Site		5 4 0	Nil	5 4 0	
Apr. 18	Waituna West Church ..	Purchase of Site		21 10 0	Nil	8 15 0	
Sept. 10 1900.	Eketahuna Church ..	Erection	8	40 0 0	Nil	23 11 6	23 11 6
Apr. 21	Arrowtown Church ..	Erection	10	106 4 1	23 10 0	37 4 9	
Aug. 12 1901.	Seddon Towaship ..	Lease of Church Site		20 2 2	1 11 0	18 11 2	
Aug. 27	Little River Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	8	40 0 0	8 15 0	8 15 0	
Oct. 22 1902.	Mosgiel Church ..	Enlargement	8	20 0 0	Nil	1 5 0	
Mar. 27	Torere Church ..	Purchase Site and Erec.	5	31 12 0	Nil	31 12 0	31 12 0
Mar. 30	Hastings Parsonage ..	Erection	10	90 0 0	9 10 0	33 0 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	57 14 6
Dec. 4	Eltham Parsonage ..	Purchase of Site		76 11 3	Nil	76 11 3	

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1908.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1909.
1903.			Years.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Jan. 27	Brightwater Church ..	Purchase of Site		32 17 0	21 0 0	11 17 0	
Dec. 24	Kokatahi Church ..	Purchase of Site		14 4 7	Nil	14 4 7	
1904.							
May 2	Paeroa Church ..	Liquidation of Debt	5	50 0 0	21 0 0	Nil	
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 and Parsonage	Reduction of Debt	Special	502 11 3	63 6 11	262 11 3	
July 19	Pahiatua Church ..	Liquidation of Debt	7	87 10 0	10 0 0	50 0 0	
Oct. 6	Eltham Church ..	Erection and Site	10	75 0 0	5 10 0	42 0 0	
Oct. 25	Timaru Church ..	Liquidation of Debt	8	150 0 0	45 15 9	57 6 9	
Nov. 1	Whangarei Parsonage	Reduction of Debt	5	50 0 0	5 0 0	15 0 0	5 0 0
Nov. 1	Canva Town Church..	Erection and Site	8	90 0 0	20 5 0	25 16 8	
Dec. 22	Winton Church ..	Purchase of Site		150 0 0	Nil	150 0 0	
1905.							
Apr. 3	Aratiatia Church ..	Purchase of Site		15 0 0	Nil	15 0 0	
Apr. 26	Rotorua Church ..	Lease of Site	8	100 0 0	12 10 0	56 5 0	
Oct. 1	Kimberley Church ..	Liquidation of Debt	5	30 0 0	10 10 0	7 10 0	
Oct. 23	Oroua Valley Church	Erection	5	25 0 0	5 0 0	10 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	10 0 0	90 0 0	10 0 0
July 4	Flaxbourne Church and Parsonage	Purchase of Site		50 0 0	Nil	50 0 0	
1907.							
Feb. 26	Cashmere Church ..	Purchase of Site	3	87 8 0	Nil	87 8 0	

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1908.	Amount Yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1909.
1907.			Years.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Apr. 7	Pukekohe Parsonage ..	.. Struct. Improvements	4	40 0 0	10 0 0	22 10 0	
Apr. 10	Cuba Street Church ..	.. Liquidation of Debt	5	56 0 0	17 16 0	32 12 0	
Nov. 15	Takapu Church ..	.. Purchase of Site		41 12 6	Nil	41 12 6	
Dec. 18	Scarborough Church ..	.. Purchase of Site		28 6 1	Nil	28 6 1	
Dec. 20	Carterton Church ..	.. Purchase of Site	10	100 0 0	10 0 0	90 0 0	
1908.							
Jan. 10	Waimana Church ..	.. Purchase of Site		21 10 6	Nil	21 10 6	
Jan. 13	Invercargill Church ..	.. Erection of Church	10	65 0 0	Nil	65 0 0	
Apr. 23	Stratford Church ..	.. Reduction of Debt	6	67 5 6	14 15 0	52 10 6	
Sep. 30	New Brighton Hall ..	.. Erection	1	15 0 0	Nil	15 0 0	
Aug. 26	Manaia Church ..	.. Erec. and Pur. of Site	7	35 0 0	Nil	35 0 0	
Oct. 20	Mangaroa Church ..	.. Purchase of Site		25 0 0	Nil	25 0 0	
Nov. 5	Richmond Church ..	.. Reduction of Debt	8	100 0 0	Nil	100 0 0	
Dec. 12	Rangatana Church ..	.. Purchase of Site		48 0 0	Nil	48 0 0	
Dec. 17	Kakahi Church ..	.. Purchase of Site		33 0 0	Nil	33 0 0	
1909.							
Jan. 13	Otaki Church ..	.. Enlargement	4	25 0 0	Nil	25 0 0	

APPENDIX D.

MISSION, EDUCATION, AND GENERAL CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

I.—MISSION PROPERTY.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1908.

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

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Rents—Parliament Street—No. 1	...	118	0 0	By Repairs to Buildings	...	44	18 4
” No. 2	...	84	0 0	” City and other Rates	...	33	12 1
” No. 3	...	60	0 0	” Fire Insurance	...	7	1 2
” Beach Road (3)	...	81	18 0	” Clearing Gorse, etc., Kopua	...	18	0 0
” Kaeo Land	...	20	0 0	” Advertising and Printing	...	0	12 6
” Mount Wesley	...	10	0 0	” Commission	...	19	16 9
” Newark	...	20	0 0	” Home Mission Fund	...	272	15 2
” Whatawhata	...	2	10 0				
” Raglan House	...	0	8 0				
		<u>£396</u>	<u>16 0</u>			<u>£396</u>	<u>16 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

November 13, 1908.

W. D. BUTTLE,

J. G. HENDERSON,

} AUDITORS

II.—WESLEYAN NATIVE INSTITUTION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1908.

Treasurers—MR. J. EDSON AND MR. F. L. PRIME.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.								
			£	s.	d.							
To Rents—Grafton Road	610	18	0	By Repairs to Buildings	...	...	42	11	4	
• „ Three Kings	224	15	0	„ City and other Rates	...	...	27	2	3	
						„ Fire Insurance	...	...	12	18	6
						„ Advertising and Bank Charge	...	...	1	2	6
						„ Commission	...	...	32	7	10
						„ Three Kings Committee	...	...	719	10	7
			£835		13	0			£835		13	0

NATIVE EDUCATION TRUST, THREE KINGS.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.								
			£	s.	d.							
To Rents—Three Kings	265	0	0	By Labour, Waikowhai and Three Kings	...	...	66	8	3	
„ Kawhia	20	0	0	„ Interest on Loan	...	...	17	10	0	
„ Aotea	6	5	0	„ Surveyor	...	...	12	0	0	
						„ Highway Rates	...	...	14	19	0
						„ Commission	...	...	10	0	0
						„ Three Kings Committee	...	...	170	7	9
			£291		5	0			£291		5	0

Audited and found correct.

November 13, 1908.

W. D. BUTTLE,

J. G. HENDERSON,

} AUDITORS

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

Balance Sheet for the Year ending September 30th, 1908.

Treasurer—MR. J. EDSON.

1907. Oct. 1—To Valuation	£	s.	d.	1907. Oct. 1—By Property	£	s.	d.
1908.	621	16	4	1908.	621	16	4
„ Cash in Bank	13	15	2	„ Periodicals	1	14	0
„ Interest	0	8	5	„ Bank Balance	43	11	7
„ Rent	31	2	0				
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	£667	1	11		£667	1	11

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Audited and found correct.

November 24th, 1908.

F. L. PRIME, AUDITOR.

P.S.—I would like to see the funds used more freely in equipping our students for their future work.—J.E.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Revenue Account for Year ending 30th September, 1908.

Treasurers—MESSRS W. J. HARLAND AND W. C. HEMERY.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at 1st October, 1907	11,008	17	1	By Salaries at Schools			185 0 0
„ Interest Account	525	8	10	„ Rent of Rooms for School			30 0 0
„ Rent Account	161	1	4	„ Advertising	0	11	0
				„ Printing and Stationery	4	16	0
				„ Fuel	1	15	6
				„ Bank Charges and Cheque Book	0	15	0
				„ Sundry Expenses in Connection with Schools	9	16	11
				„ Postage and Exchange	0	15	0
				„ Written Off Furniture A/c			18 9 5
				Balance			8 12 11
							11,453 4 11
							£11,695 7 3
	£11,695	7	3		£11,695	7	3

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

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1908.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance at Bank of Australasia, Wel'n...	1,271 12 4	By Loans on Mortgage	6,350 0 0
„ Balance as per Revenue Account ...	11,453 4 11	„ Freehold Property, Wellington	1,200 0 0
		„ Freehold Property, Foxton	475 0 0
		„ Freehold Property, Foxton	45 0 0
		„ Fixed Deposit A/c, Bank of Australasia	4,200 0 0
		„ Furniture Account, Piano	50 0 0
		„ Interest Accrued to 30th September ...	333 16 11
		„ Rent Accrued to 30th September ...	41 0 4
		„ Rent Arrears at 30th September ...	30 0 0
	<u>£12,724 17 3</u>		<u>£12,724 17 3</u>

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Audited and found correct.

T. W. KENDALL,

ERNEST W. HUNT, F.I.A.N.Z.,

AUDITORS

Wellington, October 20th, 1908.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

**"THE MRS. CARVELL MEMORIAL FUND."
FOR HOME MISSIONS.**

Treasurers—REV. H. BULL AND MR. J. C. PRUDHOE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
1907.	Sept. 3—To Cash Donation	100	0 0	By Investment	100	0 0	xxiii
	Twelve Months' Interest at 4 per cent.	4	0 0	„ Interest to Home Mission Treasurers	4	0 0	
				„ Ditto	0	6 11	
1908.	Sept. 4—Interest at 3 per cent.		0 6 11				
		<u>£104</u>	<u>6 11</u>			<u>£104</u>	<u>6 11</u>
1908.	Oct. 12—First Mortgage of Freehold—Security at 6 per cent.	100	0 0				

Examined and found correct,
H. A'COURT, Auditor.

HOME MISSION FUND.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT INVESTMENT.

Balance Sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1908.

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 Treasurer of Home Mission Fund	50 0 0
	<u>£50 0 0</u>		<u>£50 0 0</u>

January 25th, 1909.

Examined and found correct,
A. K. ENGLAND, Auditor.

CENTURY FUND.

ORPHANAGE ALLOCATION.

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

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
First Mortgage Freehold Security at 5½ per cent.	600 0 0	By First Mortgage on Freehold Security ...	600 0 0
Twelve Months' Interest on same	33 0 0	.. Mutual Benefit Building and Investment Society, Deposit Receipt No. 5709 ...	76 3 1
Mutual Benefit Building and Investment Society Deposit, No. 5521	41 9 11		
Twelve Months' Interest at 4 per cent.	1 13 2		
	<u>£676 3 1</u>		<u>£676 3 1</u>

Examined and found correct,
H. A'COURT, Auditor.

APPENDIX E.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending 31st December, 1908.

Treasurer—MR. G. A. BUTTLE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Cash in Savings Bank	...	...	0 9 9	By Boarding 6 Students	...	293 3 0	
„ Probert Trustees	...	...	432 7 1	„ Lecture Fees—			
„ Elmsly Trustees	...	...	92 14 2	Classical and Mathematical	80 0 0		
				Elocution	24 0 0		
				Conference Lecture	30 0 0		
						134 0 0	
				„ Students' Quarterage	...	48 0 0	
				„ University Fees	...	47 10 3	
				„ Insurance (Books)	...	0 11 3	
				„ Students' Expenses	...	0 13 9	
				„ Stamps	...	1 3 0	
				„ Balance in Savings Bank	...	0 9 9	
			£525 11 0			£525 11 0	

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Audited and found correct.

January 1st, 1909.

W. D. BUTTLE,

F. L. PRIME,

} AUDITORS.

APPENDIX F

WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS, AUCKLAND.

STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET AT SEPTEMBER 30th, 1908.

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

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
1908—Sept. 30.		£	s. d.	1908—Sept. 30.		£	s. d.
To Educational Trust	...	889	18 4	By Balance Sept., 1907	...	24	9 11
„ Produce Sales	...	32	14 3	„ Principal's Stipend	...	200	0 0
„ Rents	...	35	0 0	„ Salaries and Wages	...	177	10 0
				„ Connexional Charges	...	32	0 9
				„ Casual Labour	...	32	6 0
				„ Ex. Principal Maori Congress	...	5	10 0
				„ Cheque Book	...	1	0 0
				„ Loan Fund	...	25	0 0
				„ Repairs	...	20	1 9
				„ Sundries	...	19	18 1
				„ Tradesmen's Accounts	...	382	15 1
				„ Horse	...	17	10 0
				„ Bank Charges and Interest	...	5	12 0
				„ Balance	...	13	19 0
		£957	12 7			£957	12 7

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Loan Fund Account.

1908—Sept. 30.					
By Balance	...	£100	0 0		

Audited and found correct.

December 23, 1908.

J. G. HENDERSON, AUDITOR.

Brought forward £ 1363 3 9

Forward £1,363 3 9

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	379	16	4
By Travelling to Synods—Ministers, Probationers, and Candidates, also District Secretaries' Church Property—						
Auckland	21	11	0
Wanganui	20	12	4
Wellington	22	5	4
Nelson	13	12	0
Canterbury	8	0	0
Otago	12	8	10
				<hr/>		
				98	9	6
.. Publication of "Outlook"—						
Editor's Honorarium	25	0	0
Editor's Sundry Expenses	12	1	6
Expenses of Committee...	5	7	8
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				42	9	2
.. Printing—						
Examination Returns and Papers	6	14	6
Roll Books	16	4	3
Circuit Schedule Books...	18	0	0
Schedules	2	0	0
Class Tickets	10	19	4
General	1	17	6
				<hr/>		
				55	15	7
.. Postage Allowances to President, Secretary, and Chairmen of Districts	22	0	0
.. Half-cost of Supplies for Disabled Ministers	40	0	2
.. Connexional Secretary	175	0	0
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Forward	£813	10	9

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

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Treasurers Reported to		Contingent 6½ per cent. Fund Levy,		Deductions.	Children's Fund.			
						Taxable Amount.		Levy, 14 per cent.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland (Pitt Street)	670	0 0	43	11 0	300	370	0 0	51	16 0
Auckland West	250	0 0	16	5 0	100	150	0 0	21	0 0
Auckland East	485	0 0	31	10 6	260	225	0 0	31	10 0
Auckland (Three Kings)	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	100	0 0	14	0 0
Auckland Methodist Mission	250	0 0	16	5 0	100	150	0 0	21	0 0
Auckland (North Shore)	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	100	0 0	14	0 0
Auckland (Birkenhead)	165	0 0	10	14 6	100	65	0 0	9	2 0
Auckland Maori Mission	225	0 0	14	12 6	100	125	0 0	17	10 0
Manukau	225	0 0	14	12 6	100	125	0 0	17	10 0
Mahurangi	170	0 0	11	1 0	100	70	0 0	9	16 0
Thames	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	100	0 0	14	0 0
Upper Thames	180	0 0	11	14 0	100	80	0 0	11	4 0
Waihi	160	0 0	10	8 0	100	60	0 0	8	8 0
Paeroa	150	0 0	9	15 0	100	50	0 0	7	0 0
Franklin	175	0 0	11	7 6	100	75	0 0	10	10 0
Cambridge	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	100	0 0	14	0 0
Hamilton	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	100	0 0	14	0 0
Huntly	120	0 0	7	16 0	60	60	0 0	8	8 0
Paparoa	150	0 0	9	15 0	100	50	0 0	7	0 0
Northern Wairoa	180	0 0	11	14 0	100	80	0 0	11	4 0
Whangarei	160	0 0	10	8 0	100	60	0 0	8	8 0
Rotorua	120	0 0	7	16 0	60	60	0 0	8	8 0
Totals for Auckland District ...	4835	0 0	314	5 6				320	14 0

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.		Contingent Fund Levy, 6½ per cent.		Deductions.	Children's Fund.			
						Taxable Amount.		Levy, 14 per cent.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
New Plymouth	250	0 0	16	5 0	100	150	0 0	21	0 0
Waitara	175	0 0	11	7 6	100	75	0 0	10	10 0
Inglewood	150	0 0	9	15 0	100	50	0 0	7	0 0
Stratford	170	0 0	11	1 0	100	70	0 0	9	16 0
Eltham	130	0 0	8	5 0	100	30	0 0	4	4 0
Hawera	320	0 0	20	18 0	160	160	0 0	22	8 0
Cape Egmont	180	0 0	11	14 0	100	80	0 0	11	4 0
Kaponga	120	0 0	7	16 0	60	60	0 0	8	8 0
Wanganui	275	0 0	17	17 6	100	175	0 0	24	10 0
Aramoho	160	0 0	10	8 0	100	60	0 0	8	8 0
Rangitikei	180	0 0	11	14 0	100	80	0 0	11	4 0
Sandon	180	0 0	11	14 0	100	80	0 0	11	4 0
Feilding	215	0 0	13	19 6	100	115	0 0	16	2 0
Palmerston North	394	0 0	25	12 2	200	194	0 0	27	3 2
Taihape	120	0 0	7	16 0	60	60	0 0	8	8 0
Waimarino	120	0 0	7	16 0	60	60	0 0	8	8 0
West Coast Maori Mission ...	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	100	0 0	14	0 0
Totals for Wanganui District...	3339	0 0	216	18 8				223	17 2

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 6½ per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.			
				Taxable Amount.		Levy, 14 per cent.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Wellington (Taranaki Street) ...	352 10 0	22 17 10	160	192 0 0	26 17 6		
Wellington Bible Class Movement	200 0 0	13 0 0	100	100 0 0	14 0 0		
Wellington (Thorndon) ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100	100 0 0	14 0 0		
Wellington South ...	220 0 0	14 6 0	100	120 0 0	16 16 0		
Wellington (Suburban) ...	160 0 0	10 8 0	60	100 0 0	14 0 0		
Johnsonville	160 0 0	10 8 0	100	60 0 0	8 8 0		
Hutt ...	340 0 0	22 2 0	200	140 0 0	19 12 0		
South Wairarapa ...	310 0 0	20 3 0	160	150 0 0	21 0 0		
Masterton ...	250 0 0	16 5 0	100	150 0 0	21 0 0		
Napier ...	220 0 0	14 6 0	100	120 0 0	16 16 0		
Hastings ...	188 0 0	12 4 4	100	88 0 0	12 6 4		
Gisborne ...	160 0 0	10 8 0	100	60 0 0	8 8 0		
Eketahuna ...	150 0 0	9 15 0	100	50 0 0	7 0 0		
Dannevirke ...	160 0 0	10 8 0	100	60 0 0	8 8 0		
Levin-Otaki ...	295 0 0	18 5 6	160	135 0 0	18 18 0		
Waipawa ...	185 0 0	12 0 6	100	85 0 0	11 18 0		
Woodville ...	175 0 0	11 7 6	100	75 0 0	10 10 0		
Pahiatua ...	120 0 0	7 16 0	60	60 0 0	8 8 0		
Totals for Wellington District	3845 10 0	249 0 8			258 5 10		

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.			Contingent Fund Levy, 6½ per cent.		Deductions.	Children's Fund.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.		£	Taxable Amount.			Levy, 14 per cent.		
Nelson	275	0	0	17	17	6	100	175	0	0	24	10	0
Richmond	180	0	0	11	14	0	100	80	0	0	11	4	0
Blenheim	385	0	0	25	0	6	200	185	0	0	25	18	0
Hokitika	185	0	0	12	0	6	100	85	0	0	11	18	0
Greymouth	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	100	0	0	14	0	0
Motueka	100	0	0	6	10	0	60	40	0	0	5	12	0
Reefton	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	100	0	0	14	0	0
Westport	130	0	0	8	5	0	60	70	0	0	9	16	0
Totals for Nelson District	1655	0	0	107	7	6					116	18	0

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham Street)	902	0	0	58	12	6	400	502	0	0	70	4	6
Christchurch (Connexional Sec.)	300	0	0	19	10	0	100	200	0	0	28	0	0
Christchurch Methodist Mission	180	0	0	11	14	0	100	80	0	0	11	4	0
Christchurch (Sydenham)	235	0	0	15	5	6	100	135	0	0	18	18	0
Christchurch (Addington)	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	100	0	0	14	0	0
Christchurch (St. Albans)	230	0	0	14	18	0	100	130	0	0	18	4	0
Christchurch (Papanui)	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	100	0	0	14	0	0
Lyttelton	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	100	0	0	14	0	0
Springston	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	100	0	0	14	0	0
Tai Tapu	150	0	0	9	15	0	100	50	0	0	7	0	0
Leeston	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	100	0	0	14	0	0
Kaiapoi	320	0	0	20	18	0	160	160	0	0	22	8	0
Rangiora	340	0	0	22	2	0	200	140	0	0	10	12	0
Malvern	120	0	0	7	16	0	60	60	0	0	8	8	0
Timaru	250	0	0	16	5	0	100	150	0	0	21	0	0
Waimate	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	100	0	0	14	0	0
Temuka	180	0	0	11	14	0	100	80	0	0	11	4	0
Ashburton	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	100	0	0	14	0	0
Willowby	180	0	0	11	14	0	100	80	0	0	11	4	0
Totals for Canterbury District	4787	0	0	311	4	0					345	6	6

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 6½ per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable Amount.	Levy, 14 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin (Trinity)	395 0 0	25 13 6	160	235 0 0	32 18 0
Dunedin Central Mission	250 0 0	16 5 0	100	150 0 0	21 0 0
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	320 0 0	20 18 0	160	160 0 0	22 8 0
Dunedin (Morningside)	200 0 0	13 0 0	100	100 0 0	14 0 0
Dunedin (Roslyn)	180 0 0	11 14 0	100	80 0 0	11 4 0
Mosgiel	120 0 0	7 16 0	60	60 0 0	8 8 0
Port Chalmers	180 0 0	11 14 0	100	80 0 0	11 4 0
Balclutha	195 0 0	12 15 6	100	95 0 0	13 6 0
Milton	167 10 0	10 17 9	100	67 10 0	9 7 6
Lawrence	170 0 0	11 1 0	100	70 0 0	9 16 0
Invercargill	345 0 0	22 8 6	160	185 0 0	25 18 0
Oamaru	200 0 0	13 0 0	100	100 0 0	14 0 0
Gore	180 0 0	11 14 0	100	80 0 0	11 4 0
Otautau	160 0 0	10 8 0	100	60 0 0	8 8 0
Roxburgh	160 0 0	10 8 0	100	60 0 0	8 8 0
Cromwell	150 0 0	9 15 0	100	50 0 0	7 0 0
Totals for Otago District	3372 10 0	219 8 3			228 9 6
Grand Totals	21,833 10 0	1418 4 7			1472 10 2

FOREIGN MISSION FUND, 1908.

Treasurers—REV. J. NEWMAN BUTTLE AND MR. JAS. ELLIOTT.

INCOME.

Circuits.	I.—Auckland District.		Special.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland, Pitt Street	72	14 8	156	12 10	229	7 6
„ West	30	9 7	11	8 6	41	18 1
„ East	61	12 4	50	18 4	112	10 8
„ Methodist Mission	6	10 0	2	1 0	8	11 0
„ North Shore	30	10 9	4	1 1	34	11 10
„ Birkenhead, 1907	13	10 0	—	—	13	10 0
„ „ 1908	27	14 8	5	10 3	33	4 11
Manukau	43	17 4	8	0 3	51	17 7
Mahurangi, 1907	0	16 0	—	—	0	16 0
„ 1908	8	0 0	—	—	8	0 0
Thames	13	12 0	—	—	13	12 0
Upper Thames	27	10 2	1	15 6	29	5 8
Franklin	25	0 0	1	0 0	26	0 0
Cambridge	20	18 0	1	7 6	22	5 6
Hamilton	11	19 10	3	12 9	15	12 7
Huntly	2	4 0	1	0 0	3	4 0
Paparoa, 1907	0	14 2	—	—	0	14 2
„ 1908	7	0 0	0	5 6	7	5 6
Northern Wairio	7	16 10	—	—	7	16 10
Whangarei	9	14 1	1	0 0	10	14 1
Rotorua	3	16 6	—	—	3	16 6
Tauranga	24	2 0	—	—	24	2 0
Helensville	1	0 0	—	—	1	0 0
Bay of Islands	1	0 0	—	—	1	0 0
Hokianga	1	0 0	—	—	1	0 0
Whangaroa	2	0 0	—	—	2	0 0
„ Maori Mission	1	10 0	—	—	1	10 0
Auckland Ladies' Auxiliary ...	—	—	2	0 0	2	0 0
Totals	456	12 11	250	13 6	707	6 5

Circuits.	II—Wanganui District.		Special.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
New Plymouth, 1907	3	6 0	—	—	3	6 0
„ „ 1908	18	9 9	12	11 11	31	1 8
Waitara	13	11 2	5	17 0	19	8 2
Inglewood	6	3 9	0	12 0	6	15 9
Stratford	—	—	—	—	No Returns	—
Eltham	5	0 0	0	3 0	5	3 0
Hawera	24	12 2	—	—	24	12 2
Cape Egmont	10	3 11	—	—	10	3 11
Kaponga	8	1 0	—	—	8	1 0
Wanganui	30	2 9	6	10 0	36	12 9
Aramoho	2	15 6	—	—	2	15 6
Rangitikei	33	1 11	2	3 4	35	5 3
Sandon	9	5 5	—	—	9	5 5
Feilding	32	15 0	9	3 6	41	18 6
Palmerston North	39	14 2	23	3 7	62	17 9
Taihape	2	15 5	—	—	2	15 5
Waimarino	8	2 10	1	13 0	9	15 10
Patea	4	7 5	—	—	4	7 5
Taumararui	0	8 0	—	—	0	8 0
Totals	252	16 2	61	17 4	314	13 6

FOREIGN MISSION FUND—Continued.

INCOME—Continued.

III.—Wellington District.

Circuits.	Ordinary.		Special.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Wellington, Taranaki Street ...	72	10 5	37	1 11	109	12 4
„ Thorndon ...	10	5 0	5	1 3	15	6 3
„ South ...	16	18 8	3	2 0	20	0 8
„ Suburban ...	9	8 8	3	0 0	12	8 8
Johnsonville ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hutt ...	36	4 3	13	2 6	49	6 9
South Wairarapa ...	12	0 6	1	14 4	13	14 10
Masterton, 1907 ...	0	11 6	—	—	0	11 6
„ 1908 ...	29	17 0	3	5 10	33	2 10
Napier ...	46	4 5	6	1 10	52	6 3
Hastings ...	11	6 10	1	0 0	12	6 10
Gisborne ...	6	10 0	2	10 0	9	0 0
Eketahuna ...	7	10 4	1	0 0	8	10 4
Dannevirke ...	5	10 9	2	10 0	8	0 9
Levin-Otaki, 1907 ...	0	9 0	—	—	0	9 0
„ 1908 ...	12	14 6	—	—	12	14 6
Waipawa ...	13	0 0	—	—	13	0 0
Woodville ...	12	8 8	—	—	12	8 8
Pahiatua ...	5	0 6	—	—	5	0 6
Norsewood ...	1	0 0	—	—	1	0 0
Totals ...	309	11 0	79	9 8	389	0 8

IV.—Nelson District.

Circuits.	Ordinary.		Special.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nelson, 1907 ...	3	8 4	—	—	3	8 4
„ 1908 ...	37	11 11	26	12 0	63	19 11
Richmond, 1907 ...	0	10 0	—	—	0	10 0
„ 1908 ...	8	16 1	2	15 1	11	11 2
Blenheim ...	36	17 2	29	12 7	66	9 9
Hokitika, 1907 ...	2	0 0	—	—	2	0 0
„ 1908 ...	2	17 6	—	—	2	17 6
Greymouth ...	11	11 6	1	5 0	12	16 6
Motueka ...	14	6 0	—	—	14	6 0
Reefton ...	3	4 0	—	—	3	4 0
Westport ...	16	14 11	—	—	16	14 11
Kumara ...	1	11 0	—	—	1	11 0
Havelock ...	1	8 6	—	—	1	8 6
Totals ...	140	12 11	60	4 8	200	17 7

V.—Canterbury District.

Circuits.	Ordinary.		Special.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Christchurch, Durham Street...	120	7 9	88	14 3	209	2 0
„ Methodist Mission ...	11	5 0	—	—	11	5 0
„ Sydenham ...	13	7 6	—	—	13	7 6
„ Addington ...	28	7 1	3	10 0	31	17 1
„ St. Albans ...	33	7 10	10	6 0	43	13 10
„ Papanui ...	18	5 5	2	10 0	20	15 5
Lyttelton ...	8	3 11	5	12 3	13	16 2
Springston ...	13	10 0	1	5 0	14	15 0

FOREIGN MISSION FUND—Continued.

INCOME—Continued.

Circuits.	Ordinary.		Special.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Tai Tapu	4	16 0	—	—	4	16 0
Leeston	28	3 9	—	—	28	3 9
Kaiapoi	83	13 3	10	0 0	93	13 3
Rangiora	30	15 6	8	19 3	39	14 9
Malvern	0	16 2	0	8 6	1	4 8
Timaru	26	12 0	31	13 0	58	5 0
Waimate	39	10 0	15	10 0	55	0 0
Temuka	8	15 2	6	11 6	15	6 8
Ashburton	29	7 10	9	0 0	38	7 10
Willowby	13	1 6	2	0 0	15	1 6
Totals	512	6 5	195	19 9	708	6 2

VI.—Otago District.

Circuits.	Ordinary.		Special.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Dunedin, Trinity	55	14 11	39	16 6	95	11 5
.. Central Mission	24	1 3	—	—	24	1 3
.. Cargill Road	21	14 10	16	0 7	37	15 5
.. .. Anon.	50	0 0	—	—	50	0 0
.. Mornington	7	14 2	0	5 0	7	19 2
.. Roslyn	7	6 4	2	10 7	9	16 11
Mosgiel	8	8 6	—	—	8	8 6
Port Chalmers	7	5 9	2	11 6	9	17 3
Balclutha	17	7 10	4	7 6	21	15 4
Milton	6	6 0	—	—	6	6 0
Lawrence	1	10 8	—	—	1	10 8
Invercargill	40	2 2	8	18 6	58	0 8
Oamaru	15	8 0	—	—	15	8 0
Gore	6	19 4	—	—	6	19 4
Otautau	11	4 3	—	—	11	4 3
Roxburgh	4	8 0	0	10 6	4	18 6
Cromwell	3	12 8	—	—	3	12 8
Riverton	—	—	—	—	—	—
Palmerston South	—	—	0	10 0	0	10 0
Winton	2	0 0	—	—	2	0 0
Dunedin Ladies' Meeting	—	—	2	10 1	2	10 1
.. Anon. Amounts	—	—	3	6 0	3	6 0
Otago Ladies' Auxiliary	50	0 0	—	—	50	0 0
Totals	350	4 8	81	6 9	421	11 5

General Items.

Ordinary Income—	£	s. d.
“C.W.O., per President Beecroft	50	0 0
“Blank,” to Head Office, for Native Teacher	10	0 0
A. C. Caughey	50	0 0
Conference Collection (half)	17	7 5
Interest on Deposit	12	3 6
	139	10 11
Mission Boat Fund—		
Subscriptions, per Rev. M. K. Gilmour	11	10 0
	£151	0 11

INCOME—Continued.

Miscellaneous.

Dr. Brown's Testimonial—	£	s.	d.
Levin-Otaki	1	11	9
Dunedin, Trinity	1	5	0
Waipawa	0	6	0

"Missionary Review" Receipts.

Feilding, 5s; Kaponga, 4s 6d; Westport, 18s; Masterton, £1 5s; Christchurch, 6s; Otautau, 7s; Rangiora, 9s 6d; Wanganui, 16s; Oamaru, 11s; Wellington (Wesley Church), £1 12s 11d; Sydenham, 1s 6d; Wellington South, £1 10s; St. Albans, 13s 7d; Rangitikei, 7s. Total, £9 7s.

SUMMARY OF INCOME.

From Districts.	Ordinary.			Special.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	456	12	11	250	13	6	707	6	5
Wanganui	252	16	2	61	17	4	314	13	6
Wellington	309	11	0	79	9	8	389	0	8
Nelson	140	12	11	60	4	8	200	17	7
Canterbury	512	6	5	195	19	9	708	6	2
Otago	350	4	8	81	6	9	431	11	5
Totals	2022	4	1	729	11	8	2751	15	9
General Items ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	151	0	11
"Missionary Review's" Receipts ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	7	0
Dr. Brown's Testimonial ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	9
							<u>£2,915 6 5</u>		

EXPENDITURE.

Remitted to General Treasurers, less Exchange, Charges,
etc. £2,915 6 5

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Balance Sheet, 1908.

Treasurers.—Rev. G. W. J. Spence and Mr. F. L. Prime.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
I.—AUCKLAND.				MAORI MISSIONS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Auckland, Pitt Street	119	2	2	Debit Balance, 1908	...	...	24 4 2
" West	36	16	5	MAORI MISSIONS.			
" East	94	8	6	AUCKLAND.			
" Methodist Mission	9	8	6	Missionary Superintendent	225	0	0
" North Shore	25	16	1	Connexional Fund	60	10	0
" Birkenhead	13	15	1	House Rent	52	0	0
Maori Mission, Hokianga	25	0	0	Travelling	35	0	0
" Kaipara	25	0	0	Second Minister	180	0	0
" Waikato	20	0	0	House Rent	54	0	0
" Whangaroa	25	0	0	Travelling	30	0	0
" For Special Agents	50	0	0	Special Maori Agents	50	0	0
Onehunga	54	1	11	HOKIANGA.			
Mahurangi	12	1	0	Native Minister	87	10	0
Thames	25	1	3	Travelling	7	10	0
Upper Thames	40	9	7	Native Minister, 3 Qtrs.	63	15	0
Franklin	30	5	0	KAIPARA.			
Cambridge	12	1	8	Native Minister	100	0	0
Hamilton	17	12	11	Travelling	10	0	0
Paparoa	13	13	10	WAIKATO.			
Northern Waioira	13	7	0	Native Minister	97	10	0
Whangarei	10	0	0	Travelling	7	10	0
Rotorua	5	0	0	Native Minister	100	0	0
Huntly	3	8	9	Travelling	20	0	0
Tauranga	7	10	0	Widow Wi Warena	17	15	0
Coromandel	5	0	0	WHANGAROA.			
Helensville	6	14	10	Native Minister	100	0	0
Bay of Islands	5	0	0	Travelling	10	0	0
Hokianga	7	12	6	WANGANUI.			
Whangaroa	8	7	6	Missionary	200	0	0
Te Awamutu	3	6	6	Connexional Funds	31	2	0
Y.W. Bible Class Union	101	14	11	House Rent	47	15	0
Conference Meeting	67	7	5	Travelling	7	10	0
				Native Minister	157	10	0
				Travelling	16	17	6
				Native Home Missionary	60	0	0
				OTAGO.			
				Native Minister	80	0	0
				WANGANUI.			
				Deaconesses to Maoris (2)	150	0	0
							2,058 14 6
			895 3 6	HOME MISSION STATIONS.			
II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.				AUCKLAND.			
New Plymouth	40	15	11	Tauranga	8	10	0
Waitara	15	9	0	Coromandel	32	10	0
Inglewood	12	0	11	Helensville	17	10	0
Stratford	7	0	5	Bay of Islands	20	0	0
Eltham	7	0	0	Hokianga	22	10	0
Hawera	40	1	8	Whangaroa, 1st	15	0	0
Cape Egmont	11	13	1	Whangaroa, 2nd	7	10	0
Kaponga	12	10	6	WANGANUI.			
Wanganui	40	1	2	Patea	20	0	0
Aramoho	10	5	0	Kimbolton	20	0	0
Rangitikei	10	6	1	Taumarunui	28	6	8
Sandon	12	0	0	Ohura (3 Quarters)	37	10	0
Feilding	25	4	0	Main Trunk Saddle Bag			
Palmerston North	50	1	2	1 Quarter	30	0	0
Taihape	2	12	4	North Taranaki Saddle			
Waimarino	5	13	6	Bag, 3 Quarters	90	0	0
Patea	2	8	3	WELLINGTON.			
Kimbolton	7	0	0	Norsewood	22	10	0
Ohura	3	15	5				
Main Trunk Line	4	14	8				
North Taranaki	0	17	2				
Maori Mission	25	0	0				
			346 10 1				
III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.							
Wellington Taranaki St.	75	0	0				
" Thorndon	11	5	4				
" South	30	1	9				
" Suburban	7	14	8				
Carried forward	125	1	9	Carried forward	871	16	8
			1241 13 7				2082 18 8

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Balance Sheet.—(Continued.)

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward	125	1	9	1241	13	7	Brought forward	871	16	8
Johnsonville	10	3	1				NELSON.			
Hutt	30	0	0				Kumara	14	5	0
Napier	29	0	0				Havelock	12	10	0
South Wairarapa	15	0	6				CANTERBURY.			
Masterton	20	11	0				Amberley	7	10	0
Hastings	12	4	6				Banks Peninsula	35	0	0
Gisborne	13	12	5				OTAGO.			
Eketahuna	7	18	7				Riverton	25	0	0
Dannevirke	3	19	10				Palmerston S.	18	15	0
Levin-Otaki	25	11	3				Winton	40	0	0
Waipawa	15	0	0							524 16 8
Pahiatua	8	9	7							
Norsewood	6	0	0							
Woodville	15	4	8							
				336	19	2				
IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.							AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSION-ARIES.			
Nelson	50	0	0				Mahurangi and Pt. Albert	30	0	0
Richmond	16	6	0				AUCKLAND.			
Blenheim	51	4	0				Upper Thames No. 1	22	10	0
Hokitika	5	0	0				Third Married Minister			
Greymouth	13	0	0				3 Quarters	37	10	0
Motueka	7	0	0				Whangarei	30	0	0
Reefton	5	8	0				Northern Wairoa	15	0	0
Westport	4	8	6				WANGANUI.			
Havelock	4	0	0				Cape Egmont	40	0	0
Kumara	2	1	9				Mangaweka	7	10	0
Donation C.W.O.	50	0	0				WELLINGTON.			
				193	2	3	South Wairarapa	23	15	0
V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.							CANTERBURY.			
Christchurch, Durham St.	133	0	3				Ashburton-Methven	20	0	0
Mission	12	0	6				Addington	30	0	0
South	16	6	6							256 5 0
Addington	14	12	4				AIDED CIRCUITS.			
St. Albans	25	0	6				AUCKLAND.			
Papanui	20	9	1				Huntly	21	5	0
Lytelton	15	9	9				Auckland City Mission	50	0	0
Springston	19	9	8				Rotorua	32	10	0
Tai Tapu	15	6	4				WANGANUI.			
Leeston	36	14	11				Waitara	32	10	0
Kaiapoi	46	11	2				ratford	30	0	0
Rangiora	41	0	0				Eltham	25	0	0
Malvern	8	3	0				Aramoho	37	10	0
Timaru	48	9	11				Palmerston N.	28	15	0
Waimate	19	16	2				Taihape	26	5	0
Temuka	10	0	0				Waimarino	45	0	0
Ashburton	40	19	9				WELLINGTON.			
Willowby	23	0	0				Wellington Suburban	150	0	0
Amberley	1	10	0				Hutt, 1 Quarter	5	0	0
Oxford	2	14	2				Eketahuna	50	0	0
Banks Peninsula	3	0	0				Dannevirke	20	0	0
				554	14	5	Levin-Otaki, 1 Quarter	2	10	0
VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.							Waipawa	40	0	0
Dunedin, Trinity	70	0	0				Woodville	13	15	0
Central Mission	13	5	10				Pahiatua	27	10	0
Cargill Road	28	10	6				NELSON.			
Donation	50	0	0				Richmond	8	15	0
Mornington	15	10	1				Blenheim-Picton	6	5	0
Roslyn	7	6	6				Hokitika	11	5	0
Mosgiel	6	11	7				Westport	11	5	0
Port Chalmers	10	0	0				CANTERBURY.			
Balclutha	15	0	6				Christchurch Mission	37	10	0
Milton	11	10	0				Malvern	15	0	0
							Christchurch City Mission	100	0	0
Carried forward	227	15	0	2326	9	5	Carried forward	827	10	0
								2864	0	4

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Balance Sheet.—(Continued.)

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	227	15	0	2326	9	5	
Lawrence ...	6	0	0				
Invercargill ...	32	0	11				
Oamaru ...	23	3	0				
Gore ...	7	15	0				
Otautau ...	9	11	7				
Roxburgh ...	2	17	1				
Cromwell ...	7	14	0				
Riverton ...	3	0	0				
Palmerston South ...	5	0	0				
Winton ...	3	0	0				
				337	16	7	
Birthday League ...				55	18	2	
CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.							
Auckland ...	272	15	2				
Grey Institute ...	240	0	0				
Kai Iwi ...	101	0	0				
				613	15	2	
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.							
Auckland ...	239	10	0				
Canterbury ...	50	0	0				
Carvill Memorial Fund ...	4	6	11				
				293	16	11	
Maori Books Sold ...				13	1	8	
Conference Promises ...				639	9	8	
				4280	7	7	
Debit Balance ...				279	18	3	
				£4560	5	10	
Brought forward	827	10	7	2864	0	4	
OTAGO.							
Central Mission ...	30	0	0				
Cargill Road ...	31	5	0				
Mosgiel ...	15	0	0				
Milton ...	27	10	0				
Lawrence ...	22	10	0				
Invercargill ...	27	10	0				
Gore ...	6	5	0				
Otautau ...	27	10	0				
Roxburgh ...	20	0	0				
Cromwell ...	31	5	0				
				1,066	5	0	
SPECIAL.							
Lawrence Removal Ex-	5	0	0				
penses ...							
Rev. Piripi Rakena Re-	10	0	0				
moval ...							
Annuity, Mr Nosworthy...	4	10	0				
Whangaroa, Horse,	20	0	0				
Saddle and Bridle ...							
Hokitika Connexional	15	0	0				
Charges ...							
Queenstown ...	24	17	10				
Ministerial Supply ...	39	15	3				
Connexional Secretary ...	55	0	0				
Coromandel Trust ...	28	1	11				
Reefton, Half Removal ...	8	1	0				
North Taranaki, Horse	17	10	0				
etc. ...							
Otautau, Removal	6	14	3				
Waikato, Maori House	24	15	6				
Furniture ...							
Rahotu, Removal ...	16	3	6				
Okaiawa Water and	2	8	8				
Fire Insurance ...							
Upper Thames Removal	5	16	6				
Maori Congress, Wellin-	14	5	0				
ton ...							
Coromandel Supply, Tra-	7	0	0				
velung ...							
Hone Hare, Horse ...	16	0	0				
Kaitara House Furniture	28	2	10				
Whangarei House Furni-	5	0	0				
ture ...							
Exs. Birthday League ...	1	9	1				
				535	11	4	
GENERAL.							
Advertising and Printing	65	10	7				
Interest and Exchange ...	71	9	8				
Mortgage Tax ...	11	8	2				
Office Rent ...	28	0	0				
Cheque Book ...	1	0	0				
Deputation Expenses ...	61	8	9				
H.M. travelling to D.S. ...	30	12	0				
Postage and Telegrams...	5	0	0				
				274	9	2	
				£4,560	5	10	

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1909.

Treasurers—Rev. H. R. Dewsbury and Mr. F. L. Prime.

INCOME.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland, Pitt Street ...	130	0	0			
.. West ...	35	0	0			
.. East ...	100	0	0			
.. North Shore ...	30	0	0			
.. Birkenhead ...	20	0	0			
Maori Mission, Hokianga ...	20	0	0			
.. Kaipara ...	24	0	0			
.. Waikato ...	24	0	0			
.. Whangaroa ...	23	0	0			
.. Special Agents ...	60	0	0			
Onehunga ...	30	0	0			
Otahuhu ...	20	0	0			
Mahurangi ...	6	0	0			
Thames ...	25	0	0			
Te Aroha ...	20	0	0			
Waihi ...	20	0	0			
Paeroa ...	7	10	0			
Franklin ...	25	0	0			
Cambridge ...	15	0	0			
Hamilton ...	20	0	0			
Paparua ...	10	0	0			
Northern Wairoa ...	10	0	0			
Whangarei ...	15	0	0			
Rotorua ...	5	0	0			
Huntly ...	5	0	0			
Port Albert ...	6	0	0			
Tauranga ...	7	0	0			
Coromandel ...	5	0	0			
Helensville ...	5	0	0			
Bay of Islands ...	5	0	0			
Hokianga ...	7	10	0			
Whangaroa ...	7	10	0			
Te Awamutu ...	3	0	0			
Y.W. Bible Class Union ...	100	0	0			
				850	10	0

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ...	40	0	0			
Waitara ...	12	0	0			
Inglewood ...	12	0	0			
Stratford ...	10	0	0			
Eltham ...	7	10	0			
Hawera ...	40	0	0			
Cape Egmont ...	10	0	0			
Kaponga ...	10	0	0			
Wanganui ...	35	0	0			
Aramoho ...	10	0	0			
Rangitikei ...	15	0	0			
Sandon ...	15	0	0			
Feilding ...	25	0	0			
Palmerston North ...	50	0	0			
Taihape ...	5	0	0			
Waimarino ...	7	0	0			
Patea ...	2	0	0			
Kimbolton ...	7	0	0			
Ohura ...	5	0	0			
North Taranaki ...	1	0	0			
Maori Mission ...	25	0	0			
				343	10	0

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington, Taranaki St. ...	75	0	0			
.. Thorndon ...	20	0	0			
.. South ...	25	0	0			
.. Suburban ...	8	0	0			

Carried forward 128 0 0 1198 10 0

EXPENDITURE, 1909.

MAORI MISSIONS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
AUCKLAND.						
Missionary Superintendent ...	225	0	0			
Connexional Funds ...	50	0	0			
House Rent ...	52	0	0			
Travelling ...	35	0	0			
Second Minister, 1 Qr. ...	45	0	0			
House Rent ...	13	0	0			
Travelling ...	42	10	0			
Special Maori Agents ...	60	0	0			
HOKIANGA.						
Native Minister ...	90	0	0			
Travelling ...	10	0	0			
Native Minister ...	80	0	0			
Travelling ...	10	0	0			
KAIPARA.						
Native Minister ...	100	0	0			
Travelling ...	10	0	0			
WAIKATO.						
Native Minister ...	100	0	0			
Travelling ...	19	0	0			
Native Minister ...	100	0	0			
Travelling ...	20	0	0			
WHANGAROA.						
Native Minister ...	100	0	0			
Travelling ...	10	0	0			
WANGANUI.						
Missionary ...	200	0	0			
Connexional Funds ...	31	2	0			
House Rent ...	40	0	0			
Travelling ...	15	0	0			
Native Minister ...	160	0	0			
House Rent ...	30	0	0			
Travelling ...	20	0	0			
Native Home Missionary ...	80	0	0			
House Rent ...	15	0	0			
Travelling ...	5	0	0			
WEST COAST.						
Deaconess to Maoris ...	100	0	0			
Deaconess to Maoris ...	100	0	0			
OTAGO.						
Native Minister ...	100	0	0			
				2168	12	0

HOME MISSION STATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
AUCKLAND.			
Tauranga ...	8	0	0
Coromandel ...	20	0	0
Helensville ...	15	0	0
Bay of Islands ...	20	0	0
Hokianga ...	20	0	0
Whangaroa ...	15	0	0
Te Kuiti ...	50	0	0
WANGANUI.			
Patea ...	12	10	0
Kimbolton ...	20	0	0
Taumararua ...	45	0	0
Ohura ...	50	0	0
North Taranaki ...	50	0	0
WELLINGTON.			
Norsewood ...	17	10	0

344 0 0 2168 12 0

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1909.—(Continued.)

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	128	0	0	1198	10	0
Johnsonville	12	0	0			
Hutt	30	0	0			
Napier	30	0	0			
South Wairarapa	20	0	0			
Masterton	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			
Pahiatua	7	10	0			
Norsewood	6	0	0			
Woodville	12	10	0			
				352	10	0

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson	45	0	0
Richmond	15	0	0
Blenheim	50	0	0
Hokitika	8	0	0
Greymouth	17	10	0
Motueka	7	0	0
Reefton	7	10	0
Westport	10	0	0
Havelock	4	0	0
Donation C.W.O.	50	0	0
			540 10 0

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch, Durham St.	135	0	0
„ Mission	12	0	0
„ Sydenham	13	0	0
„ Addington	14	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	35	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
			540 0 0

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin, Trinity	70	0	0
„ Central Mission	25	0	0
„ Cargill Road	30	0	0
„ Mornington	15	0	0
„ Roslyn	15	0	0
Mosgiel	8	0	0
Port Chalmers	10	0	0
Balclutha	15	0	0
Milton	9	0	0
Lawrence	6	0	0
Invercargill	35	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	344	0	0	2168	12	0
NELSON.						
Kumara	5	0	0			
Havelock	10	0	0			
CANTERBURY.						
Oxford	20	0	0			
Banks Peninsula	30	0	0			
Methven	20	0	0			
OTAGO.						
Riverton	20	0	0			
Palmerston South	15	0	0			
Winton	40	0	0			
Waiau						
				507	10	0

AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARIES.

AUCKLAND.						
Upper Thames, No. 1	15	0	0			
„ No. 2	15	0	0			
Franklin	20	0	0			
Whangarei	35	0	0*			
*£20 of this amount on condition stipend is £180.						
WANGANUI.						
Cape Egmont	30	0	0			
Palmerston North	20	0	0			
WELLINGTON.						
South Wairarapa	25	0	0			
NELSON.						
Blenheim-Picton	40	0	0			
„ Flaxbourne	40	0	0			
Richmond	40	0	0			
Greymouth	35	0	0			
CANTERBURY.						
Christchurch (Addington)	30	0	0			
Willowby	20	0	0			
				365	0	0

AIDED CIRCUITS.

AUCKLAND.						
Mahurangi	25	0	0			
Paeroa	40	0	0			
Rotorua	25	0	0			
Huntly	10	0	0			
WANGANUI.						
Waitara	20	0	0			
Stratford	30	0	0			
Eltham	25	0	0			
Taihape	25	0	0			
Waimarino	35	0	0			
Aramoho	40	0	0			
WELLINGTON.						
Wellington Suburban	40	0	0			
Eketahuna	60	0	0*			
*On condition stipend be £180, otherwise £45.						
Dannevirke	20	0	0			
Waipawa	25	0	0			
Woodville	12	10	0			
Pahiatua	25	0	0			
NELSON.						
Hokitika	25	0	0			

Carried forward 288 0 0 2627 0 0

Carried forward 482 10 0 3041 2 0

APPENDIX K

GENERAL RETURNS, September 30th, 1908.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.		Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						HANDS OF HOPE. Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.						
		Members on Roll.	On Probation.						Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior Societies.	Junior 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.				
																										Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.
Auckland (Pitt Street)	6	2	3	3	6	1	25	15	519	15	70	10	100	4	50	3	80	6	80	65	75	881	700	150	4000	6	5	2800	
Auckland (Wesley College)	
Auckland (West)	..	1	1	1	1	1	10	3	244	..	20	6	40	1	26	1	25	12	48	39	44	486	311	15	600	2	2	1100	
Auckland (East)	..	6	1	2	2	..	15	11	299	..	51	1	40	1	32	1	23	4	56	47	55	739	352	68	2530	4	3	1185	
Auckland (Methodist Mission)	..	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	263	..	25	..	..	3	13	1	220	2	22	17	22	330	190	..	200	..	..	1000
Auckland (North Shore)	..	3	2	1	1	1	3	..	140	..	15	1	27	1	26	..	..	3	29	23	25	323	205	20	503	..	..	640
Auckland (Birkenhead)	..	3	2	2	1	1	4	..	149	10	25	1	30	1	16	1	30	3	34	29	26	270	230	60	410	1	1	620	
Auckland (Maori Mission)	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manukau	..	5	4	2	2	1	6	1	170	..	34	1	3	2	22	1	9	4	31	23	29	291	219	6	1182	4	1	960	
Maburangi	..	4	12	1	1	1	6	..	108	..	..	3	4	1	12	..	..	3	10	7	6	129	90	1	180	1	..	550
Thames	..	2	3	1	1	1	3	1	116	3	..	..	..	1	23	..	..	1	17	12	16	154	83	7	340	1	..	550
Upper Thames	..	8	21	1	2	3	1	13	318	..	43	3	20	3	53	..	..	11	51	45	38	521	369	12	640	3	1	1835
Franklin	..	8	11	..	1	1	7	4	187	3	..	1	20	..	..	..	..	4	15	13	15	129	105	..	..	..	..	1079
Cambridge	..	3	..	..	1	1	1	..	131	..	19	3	10	..	..	..	..	4	18	18	14	157	104	..	373	..	..	720
Hamilton	..	3	9	1	1	1	11	1	183	..	30	1	10	1	30	1	20	2	13	10	12	135	85	15	284	..	1	770	
Huntly	..	1	12	..	1	1	..	..	29	3	27	..	7	..	..	1	27	2	7	7	4	70	50	..	..	..	..	490
Paparoa	..	5	3	..	1	1	..	..	113	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	11	7	8	82	54	..	..	..	..	320
Northern Wairoa	..	5	9	..	1	1	1	9	144	..	..	2	..	3	56	..	..	8	21	19	16	304	229	20	..	..	..	948
Whangarei	..	3	16	..	1	1	5	..	121	..	..	1	20	..	..	..	..	3	26	21	14	231	157	5	760	..	..	750
Rotorua	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	1	21	..	..	..	..	..	170
Tauranga	..	1	2	..	..	1	4	..	73	4	3	1	7	..	..	..	..	1	6	5	4	45	37	3	30	1	..	225
Coromandel	..	2	4	..	1	1	..	..	30	..	..	4	1	10	..	..	..	3	10	10	6	104	87	..	230	..	..	616
Helensville	..	3	8	..	1	1	2	..	37	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	2	8	6	2	77	54	..	..	1	..	141
Bay of Islands	..	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	33	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	4	5	72	50	..	103	1	..	412
Hokianga	..	2	12	..	..	1	1	..	35	..	11	..	..	1	17	..	..	2	6	5	5	40	33	2	..	1	..	496
Whangaroa	..	1	17	..	1	..	2	1	49	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	4	11	9	6	100	80	..	..	3	1	400
Totals	..	84	158	16	26	34	17	134	42	3512	63	373	42	310	24	503	11	464	82	541	448	448	5472	3873	384	12855	42	16	18877

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.		Other Preaching Places.		Schoolrooms.		Parsonages.		Ministers and Probationers.		Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.		Local Preachers.		Class Leaders.		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.			CHRISTIAN ENDRAVOUR.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						BANDS OF HOPE.		
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	
																															Members on Roll.
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	4	1	3	1	4	2	22	6	454	...	94	7	...	4	94	2	79	5	68	60	65	935	628	...	1220	4	...	2161			
Bible Class Movement
Wellington (Thorndon)	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	118	...	5	...	...	...	1	20	...	...	1	13	12	13	128	90	15	400	...	...	300
Wellington South	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	141	...	36	...	...	...	1	30	...	...	1	22	16	22	294	181	25	900	1	...	600
Wellington Suburban	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	70	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	19	17	14	154	116	24	212	2	...	400
Johnsonville	3	...	3	3	3	...	...	61	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	23	19	19	230	160	...	450	4	...	460
Hutt	6	...	6	6	6	...	...	245	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	41	34	38	431	295	...	...	3	...	1250
South Wairarapa	6	...	6	6	6	...	...	196	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	41	34	38	233	158	...	...	3	...	915
Masterton	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	175	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	33	33	33	445	296	16	947	3	...	925
Napier	4	...	4	4	4	...	...	200	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	20	17	18	230	176	30	235	1	...	980
Hastings	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	125	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15	12	12	194	108	...	...	1	...	460
Gisborne	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	95	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	12	14	124	80	10	275	1	...	450
Eketahuna	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	58	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	5	4	60	35	...	...	2	...	300
Dannevirke	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	81	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	8	10	109	81	15	133	1	...	490
Levin-Otaki	4	...	4	4	4	...	...	140	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	18	4	10	230	186	...	...	3	...	508
Waipawa	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	55	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	3	4	40	33	6	110	1	...	550
Woodville	2	...	2	2	2	...	...	113	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	11	10	11	119	84	6	300	...	...	350
Pahiatua	3	...	3	3	3	...	...	73	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	9	8	6	130	92	...	...	...	...	375
Norsewood	3	...	3	3	3	...	...	87	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	6	5	86	60	...	...	1	...	500
Totals	48	53	16	15	26	4	100	15	2487	12	419	28	174	16	350	13	331	50	362	304	317	4162	2860	195	6144	31	9	11966			

Y.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							BANDS OF HOPE.								
	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.			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.	Number of Schools.	Teachers.			Scholars.			Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Number of Connexional Societies.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.	
		Senior.		Junior.											Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.		Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.								
		Active Members.	Societies.	Members.																									
Christchurch (Durham Street)	12	1	6	4	5	3	37	6	1031	32	136	20	16	6	170	5	146	12	140	135	135	1436	1041	140	3700	12	11	4480	
Connexional Secretary
Christchurch Meth. Mission	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	...	92	...	...	1	...	1	24	1	10	1	10	9	10	102	69	14	176	1	1	370
Christchurch (Sydenham)	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	...	167	...	49	6	10	1	31	1	49	1	20	18	20	324	220	38	455	1	1	860	
Christchurch (Addington)	3	3	3	2	1	1	5	...	210	15	62	2	12	1	19	3	72	3	42	35	38	416	307	38	760	3	2	849	
Christchurch (St. Albans)	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	246	6	37	3	...	1	21	3	63	2	37	30	37	380	288	38	880	1	1	1050
Christchurch (Papanui)	3	2	1	2	1	...	4	...	141	3	9	3	15	1	20	1	30	4	36	32	32	359	189	4	480	4	1	725	
Lyttelton	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	86	...	29	1	...	1	18	...	...	2	15	11	13	164	106	7	208	1	2	450
Springston	5	2	1	1	1	...	3	...	165	2	4	2	15	...	...	...	...	4	22	21	20	149	102	7	1170	4	1	500
Tai Tapu	4	1	1	1	1	...	4	...	94	12	2	...	...	1	18	...	...	3	19	17	18	128	88	17	190	3	1	505
Leeston	5	1	2	1	1	1	8	...	166	...	13	...	2	3	50	...	...	6	24	22	22	177	142	13	217	...	...	735
Kaiapoi	6	1	2	1	2	...	7	...	300	6	28	6	...	2	50	1	16	7	39	32	39	37	271	39	600	4	...	950	
Rangiora	7	...	3	2	3	...	12	...	241	2	19	5	10	3	38	1	19	6	24	28	30	302	222	45	1100	5	...	850	
Malvern	4	2	...	...	1	...	3	...	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	6	6	71	49	...	...	...	...	300
Timaru	4	2	1	1	1	1	13	...	270	...	19	5	...	...	...	...	...	6	40	32	37	442	326	35	700	4	...	1000
Waimate	2	4	1	1	1	...	10	...	182	...	15	2	...	1	10	...	...	1	10	8	10	104	76	...	300	1	...	700
Temuka	1	3	1	1	1	...	4	...	59	2	...	3	5	...	...	...	...	1	4	3	4	47	31	...	202	1	...	220
Ashburton	4	7	1	1	2	...	5	...	221	...	50	1	...	1	20	1	50	1	20	18	18	167	106	20	300	1	...	638	
Willowby	5	6	...	1	1	...	10	...	129	14	14	2	15	2	26	1	16	6	24	18	22	138	107	16	700	4	1	530	
Oxford	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	4	3	26	22	...	...	...	...	152
Amberley	1	5	...	...	1	...	1	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	...	16	12	...	...	...	...	300
Banks Peninsula	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	23	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	9	7	3	...	...	...	113
Cheviot	1	8
Totals	77	41	26	25	28	10	141	13	3026	94	488	63	100	25	515	17	471	72	552	472	505	5249	3781	324	12138	54	22	16367	

VI.—OTAGO 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.															
																			Senior		Junior.		Teachers.			Scholars.																					
																			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.		Number of Connexional Societies.		
Dunedin (Trinity) ...	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	9	3	329	7	84	6	15	1	16	2	58	4	48	43	43	347	382	49	350	3	1	1200																	
Dunedin (Central Mission)	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	3	275	7	20	5	20	1	40	1	22	1	10	9	10	50	45	...	300	1	...	2000																	
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	3	2	1	1	1	1	15	270	7	24	8	24	1	14	15	134	3	49	42	44	509	361	20	509	1	1	1165																	
Dunedin (Mornington)	3	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	2	...	147	2	12	1	22	1	12	1	22	2	29	28	207	151	22	350	2	1	480																		
Dunedin (Roslyn) ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	149	2	149	2	16	1	7	1	15	1	16	2	39	27	20	243	184	5	820	2	1	450																	
Mosgiel ...	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	83	5	22	1	7	...	1	20	2	7	5	6	53	37	4	250	1	1	264																			
Port Chalmers ...	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	...	94	2	94	2	14	...	6	1	17	1	10	1	9	8	9	75	49	12	150	1	...	450																	
Balclutha ...	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	...	91	2	91	2	5	2	8	...	9	...	1	20	2	17	14	15	113	88	...	250	...	1	450																
Milton ...	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	...	49	...	49	...	11	...	9	...	...	...	1	9	8	7	68	58	...	200	1	...	350															
Lawrence ...	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	6	...	65	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	1	5	4	5	26	23	...	...	...	...	300								
Invercargill ...	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	9	2	230	...	...	...	1	15	1	60	2	20	17	19	248	200	...	400	2	...	938															
Oamaru ...	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	6	...	137	...	30	1	12	2	40	1	30	1	18	16	16	104	80	18	410	1	1	450																	
Gore ...	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	3	1	89	...	11	...	5	...	...	...	1	7	6	6	99	65	...	185	1	...	415															
Otautau ...	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	69	...	16	...	1	...	...	...	3	11	11	8	134	88	...	250	1	...	497															
Roxburgh ...	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	...	56	...	6	...	14	...	...	...	3	10	8	9	82	70	...	50	3	...	380															
Cromwell ...	2	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	4	...	53	...	...	3	1	14	...	...	1	4	3	4	30	23	1	...	...	...	170											
Riverton ...	1	6	6	6	6	6	1	2	...	43	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	3	3	35	29	...	56	...	1	360												
Tapānui ...	1	1	1	1	1	1																	
Palmerston ...	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	36	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	5	7	52	40	...	150	1	...	180											
Wakatipu ...	2	2	2	2	2	2	10																	
Winton ...	1	4	4	4	4	4	1	...	24	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	3	3	32	25	...	...	1	...	165									
Totals ...	38	43	11	16	20	6	83	9	2289	32	259	27	155	10	193	12	382	33	297	261	262	2507	1998	141	5280	33	8	10664																			

VII.—MAORI WORK.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				HANDS OF HOPE.																	
	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.	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.	Number of Connexional Societies.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
Hokianga	4	15	1	1	2	2	23	7	535	...	580	11	15	6	6	5	5	195	134	1300
Whangaroa	1	15	1	1	1	1	9	9	910	...	128	10	30	...	...	...	...	6	22	16	50	392	246	...	...	...	630
Kaipara	5	11	...	...	1	1	12	...	244	5	212	6	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	3	72	37	...	...	...	630
Waikato	...	33	1	1	2	2	8	...	475	3	354	27	6	...	...	...	...	3	3	2	2	65	45	...	...	...	8500
West Coast Mission	2	42	...	...	1	1	3	...	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	8	...	...	35	25	...	...	...	700
Southern Maori Mission	...	22	...	...	1	1	4	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	50	...	...	...	600
Totals	12	188	2	2	8	9	60	16	1579	7	1284	54	41	...	...	...	...	320	42	26	30	829	527	...	...	...	7410

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

I.—MEMBERS.

DISTRICTS.	1907.	1908.	Increase.	Decrease.	On Probation	Junior Members.
Auckland ...	3388	3512	124	...	63	373
Wanganui ...	2085	2180	95	...	40	301
Wellington ...	2405	2487	82	...	12	419
Nelson ...	1067	1078	11	...	52	244
Canterbury ...	3882	3926	44	...	94	488
Otago ...	2229	2289	60	...	32	259
Maori Mission ...	1553	1579	26	...	7	1284
Totals ...	16609	17057	442	...	300	3368

II.—MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

DISTRICTS.	European Ministers.	European Probationers.	Super-numeraries	Maori Ministers.	Maori Probationers.	Totals
Auckland ...	26	3	5	6	...	40
Wanganui ...	13	5	2	1	...	21
Wellington ...	19	4	3	26
Nelson ...	7	2	1	10
Canterbury ...	23	3	2	28
Otago ...	16	4	...	1	...	21
Totals ...	104	21	13	8	...	146

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Report of the General Treasurers

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1908,

WITH REVENUE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE-SHEET.

In accordance with the regulations of the Fund, the General Treasurers have the honour to present to the Annual Conference of Victoria and Tasmania the Report for 1908.

No less than twenty-six meetings of the Board, and twenty meetings of the Loans Committee, have been held. At each of these an Agenda Paper of business with numerous items has been presented, and all have received careful attention. The plan adopted by the Treasurers of themselves inspecting all securities offered has been continued. This makes considerable demands upon the time of the members, particularly of the Laymen; but the service has been willingly rendered.

The Revenue Account and the Balance-sheet for the year have been duly audited, and are attached hereto.

It has been found requisite to take over the securities held in connection with a somewhat heavy mortgage of many years' standing. Consequently, the amount represented by properties in possession is larger than in our last Report. There has also been a loss in connection with properties sold and an account closed, as shown in the Reserve Account. But the amount set aside in that account as provision for losses is, in the judgment of the Board, sufficient for that purpose.

Early in the year a renewed and thorough investigation of the records of the office, respecting a sum of £592 13s. 11d. appearing in the Balance-sheets of the last three years as Circuit levies in suspense, was made. The Managing Treasurer also visited Sydney and Brisbane, and inspected and checked the entries in the books of the local Treasurers of Queensland, both before and since the Conference was formed. After careful examination, it was found that this amount was not due by Queensland. There was, therefore, no other course open but to write off the entry. This has been done, and a special and full report of the case will be presented to the General Conference of 1910.

All the funds available during the year have been loaned on mortgages. The return for interest on the whole of the securities held, and the mortgages in four States of the Commonwealth—4½ per cent.—must be considered satisfactory. After paying annuities amounting to £13,037 12s. 4d., with £517 10s. for furniture grants, and meeting all other charges, the Treasurers have been glad to add £16,823 19s. 10d. to the assets of the Fund. In conjunction with this fact, it should, however, be noted that the number of annuitants now on the Fund—210—is the largest yet reported. The *Minutes* of the Annual Conferences also show that in April last there were 623 Ministers and 137 Probationers in full work. As all of these are prospective claimants, it will be seen that the Fund's liabilities are largely and rapidly increasing.

Last year the Annual Conferences placed ten Ministers upon the Supernumerary List. The widows of four Ministers who had died in the full work during the previous year also became claimants. The annuities thus made payable amount to £1073 8s. 6d. per annum. The usual furniture grants, payable on retirement, were also paid. The average term of service of the Ministers who thus came upon the Fund was 33.8 years.

Two Ministers, who had been Supernumeraries temporarily, returned to the full work.

Eleven Supernumeraries and five widows who were annuitants died during the year. Seven of the Supernumeraries have left widows, to whom annuities are now being paid. The nett amount of annuities lapsed through deaths is £675 18s.

On the 31st December the number of Supernumeraries on the books was 92; widows, 118.

Attention is again called to the fact that there are still Ministers in connection with some of the Annual Conferences, who came into the Church in connection with Methodist Union, but have not fulfilled the obligation into which they entered, to purchase benefits in the Fund. Several, also, of those who signed agreements for purchase have not yet completed their payments. In their own interest, all these brethren should secure their position in the Fund at the earliest possible date.

The following list shows the amount received during the year on account of Ministers' subscriptions and fines, and Circuit levies respectively:—

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.

New South Wales Conference	..	£1713	10	2
Victoria and Tasmania	..	1842	0	10
South Australia	..	851	16	11
New Zealand	..	971	0	4
Queensland	..	530	14	6
Western Australia	..	313	0	3

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Circuit Levies.

New South Wales Conference	..	£2353	12	5
Victoria and Tasmania	..	2466	15	0
South Australia	..	1218	5	0
New Zealand	..	1334	4	0
Queensland	..	665	17	5
Western Australia	..	467	10	9
		£8506	4	7
Less Conference Treasurers' Expenses	..	53	6	5
		£8452	18	2

The attention of Ministers and Conference Treasurers is called to Paragraph 516 of the *Book of Laws*, which requires that "the fines on subscriptions shall be paid each year."

Special efforts have been made by the Board, through the Conference Treasurers and otherwise, to arrange for the heavy arrears and fines due by certain Ministers being paid; but only in a few cases have these been successful. The following are the amounts now overdue:—

	ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.	FINES.	TOTALS.
N.S. Wales Conference	£1292 4 6 ..	£305 7 0 ..	£1597 11 6
Victoria & Tas. ,,	2355 1 1 ..	903 0 9 ..	3258 1 10
South Australia ,,	695 2 3 ..	384 5 8 ..	1079 7 11
New Zealand ,,	530 9 5 ..	111 11 0 ..	642 0 5
Queensland ,,	1038 8 9 ..	347 10 0 ..	1385 18 9
West. Australia ,,	530 12 6 ..	196 9 0 ..	727 1 6
	£6441 18 6 ..	£2248 3 5 ..	£8690 1 11

It will be observed that, with the exception of West Australia, each Conference reports a larger amount owing than in the previous year, and the total increase of indebtedness is £650. This makes the position exceedingly serious. The General Treasurers are persuaded that many of the Ministers concerned do not realise the risk they are incurring by allowing these arrears to accumulate, or even to remain unpaid. They are very loth to act on the General Conference resolution, and reduce status. They ask, therefore, the co-operation of the Annual Conferences to aid them in securing a speedy and substantial reduction of the amounts now outstanding.

The special return ordered by the last General Conference in connection with the report of the Special Committee will be forwarded to the President of the General Conference and the Presidents of the Annual Conferences in due course.

WILLIAM MORLEY	} General Treasurers.
BENJAMIN DAWBORN	
WILLIAM PRESLEY	
THOMAS LOCKWOOD	
THOMAS GROVE	
GEORGE SWEET	
E. WASON NYE	
THOMAS BOND	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS'

DR. REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

To Ministers' Annuities ..	£8,382 2 8	
„ Widows' Annuities ..	4,655 9 8	
		£13,037 12 4
„ Furniture Grants ..		517 10 0
„ Ministers' Subscriptions returned ..		171 4 9
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Arrears written off ..		293 8 0
„ Ministers' Fines remitted ..		28 8 6
„ Auditors' Fees ..		67 4 0
„ Salaries—		
Managing Treasurer ..	£350 0 0	
Accountant and Clerks ..	331 15 6	
		681 15 6
„ Managing Treasurer—		
House Rent ..	£90 0 0	
Furniture Allowance ..	10 0 0	
Travelling Expenses ..	7 8 0	
Connexional Levies ..	27 10 0	
		134 18 0
„ Rent—Office ..	£100 0 0	
Less Sub-Rent ..	28 0 0	
		72 0 0
„ Printing and Stationery ..		43 2 7
„ Exchange and Bank Charges ..		31 17 6
„ General Expenses—		
Telephone ..	£9 0 0	
Cost of Inspection, Melbourne ..	9 16 1	
Committees of Advice, W.A. and N.S.W.—		
Postages, &c. ..	20 12 3	
Office Cleaning ..	12 9 7	
Rent—Safe Deposit ..	4 9 0	
Sundries ..	36 19 1	
		93 6 0
„ Postages and Telegrams ..		38 14 9
„ Commissions paid—New South Wales, West Australia, and Queensland ..		182 8 9
„ Conference Treasurers' Expenses ..		60 17 11
„ Legal Expenses ..		5 5 0
„ Interest on Benevolent Fund ..		6 3 0
„ House Furniture—Amount written off ..		39 13 0
„ Circuit Levies in Suspense written off ..		592 13 11
„ Special Levy <i>re</i> General Conference ..		6 0 0
„ Balance transferred to Capital ..		16,823 19 0
		£32,928 2 6

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

OF AUSTRALASIA.
AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1908.

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By English Annuitant Societies..	£474	10	8	
„ Interest on Mortgages ..	£12,536	9	3			
„ Less Interest in Suspense ..	155	0	0			
	£12,381	9	3			
„ Interest on Debentures and Govt. Stock	2,156	3	9			
„ Interest on Second Marriage Premiums	26	18	3			
„ Interest—Purchase of Bene- fits	15	11	10			
				14,580	3	1
„ Dividend Commercial Bank Shares ..	..	..	54	0	0
„ Nett Rents—Properties in Possession ..	..	..	1,769	9	1
„ Ministers' Subscriptions ..	£6,709	8	6			
„ Ministers' Fines	399	10	0			
	£7,108	18	6			
„ Amounts received from Minis- ters who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annu- ities into the Fund	60	17	11			
				7,169	16	5
„ Circuit Levies .. ..	..	..	8,823	6	6
„ Commissions Received .. ..	..	..	10	11	2
„ Donations .. ..	..	..	5	10	0
„ Wages in Suspense .. ..	..	..	2	10	0
„ Marriage Fine .. ..	..	..	0	10	0
„ Second Marriage Premiums ..	..	..	37	15	7

£32,928 2 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.
H. G. M'CUTCHEON, F.C.P.A. } AUDITORS.

4th February, 1909.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA.
 SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.
 BALANCE-SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1908.

LIABILITIES.	
To Capital	£364,579 15 5
Plus Revenue Account transferred ..	16,823 19 0
	£381,403 14 5
„ Sundry Creditors	69 10 4
„ Special Benevolent Fund	142 17 4

ASSETS.	
By Investments—	
Loans on Mortgage	£259,791 14 3
„ Interest Arrears and Insurance Premiums ..	£1,844 4 0
„ Interest Accrued	1,516 2 11
	3,360 6 11
	£263,152 1 2
Less Interest in Suspense	1,025 6 6
	£262,126 14 8
Bills Receivable	£578 15 0
Less Rebate Interest	28 16 2
	549 18 10
Properties in Possession	56,464 3 2
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	4,000 0 0
New Zealand Government Debentures ..	4,054 0 0
Interest on Debentures and Dividend Accrued	668 2 6
Sundry Debtors	53 3 0
	£381,545 16 6
Less Provision for Shrinkage in the Value of Securities and Losses of Interest as per Reserve Account ..	18,089 7 5
	£363,456 9 1

„ Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines ..	£10,487		
Less amounts Paid in Advance	£87 12 10		
Less amounts to be paid by Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities into the Fund ..	1,706 17 9		
		<u>1,794 10 7</u>	
„ Circuit Levies			8,690 1 11
„ Furniture Grants			3,633 3 1
„ Second Marriage Premiums			390 6 8
„ Furniture—House			44 14 0
„ „ Office			140 0 0
„ Petty Cash and Postage, &c., Stamps			75 18 10
„ Cash at Bankers and in hand, Melbourne			9 9 6
„ „ „ „ Sydney Committee of Advice			3,643 1 3
„ „ „ „ West Aust. „ „			1,531 17 3
			1 0 6
			<u>£381,616 2 1</u>

DR.	RESERVE ACCOUNT.	(PROVISION FOR LOSSES).	CR.
1908—31st Dec.—To Loss on Sales—Properties in Possession, &c.	£682 4 9	1908—31st Dec.—By Balance	£18,771 12 2
To Balance (see Amount deducted * from Investments in Balance-sheet)	18,089 7 5		
	<u>£18,771 12 2</u>		<u>£18,771 12 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.:—No. 212, £1000; No. 1005, £200.

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

MELBOURNE, 4th February, 1909.

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