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OF NEW ZEALAND.

— MINUTES —

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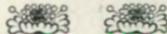
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NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of The Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, which
was also the First United Conference of the Wesleyan
Methodist Church, the United Methodist Free Churches,
and the Bible Christian Church in New Zealand, was
held in 1897.

The FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand
was held in 1903.

The FIRST CONFERENCE
of the Methodist Church of New Zealand
was held in 1913.
Separation from the General Conference of Australasia
having become operative in January 1st of that year by
declaration of the President of the General Conference.

The FIRST CONFERENCE
of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (United)
was held in 1913.
Union between the Methodist Church of New Zealand
and the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand,
having taken effect on February 6th, 1913.

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MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST CONFERENCE

OF THE

Methodist Church of New Zealand,

1913.

SAMUEL LAWRY, PRESIDENT.

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ARTHUR ASHCROFT,

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FREDERICK T. READ, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The First Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, February 5th, 1913, and concluded its sessions on Tuesday, February 18th, 1913.

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

The Rev. S. Lawry was elected President of the Conference, and the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., was elected Secretary.

**MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS PRESENT AT THE
CONFERENCE.**

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 Charles Penney
 Samuel Lawry
 Joseph N. Buttle
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 Joseph J. Matner
 Samuel J. Serpell
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 Albert C. Lawry
 William Ready
 Benjamin F. Rothwell
 Thomas A. Joughin
 Charles H. Laws, B.A.
 James Wrigley
 William Grigg
 Thomas Trestrail
 James G. Chapman
 Frederick T. Read
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 Thomas R. Richards
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" " " ...	J. Manson
Auckland West ...	H. Fraser
Auckland East ...	A. Peak
" " " ...	John Burton
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Auckland (Birkenhead) ...	J. Trounson
Onehunga ...	Wesley Martin
Otahuhu ...	G. D. Smith
Mahurangi ...	T. H. Wilson
Thames ...	—
Upper Thames ...	J. C. Allen*
Waihi ...	J. McIndoe
Paeroa ...	F. W. North
Franklin ...	John Williams
Cambridge ...	F. G. Marfell*
Hamilton ...	F. C. Daniell
Huntly ...	—
Paparoa ...	O. C. Hames
Northern Wairoa ...	W. W. Simons
Whangarei ...	—
Rotorua ...	R. H. Wooliams*
Tauranga ...	J. B. Chappell
Opotiki ...	W. B. Scott
Te Kuiti ...	M. H. Wilton
Auckland Maori Mission ...	—

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Stratford ...	J. Masters
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Kaponga ...	L. Wickham
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" " " ...	L. J. Clark
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" " "	G. E. Goodwin
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" " "	A. Williams
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Leeston	Geo. Sheat
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" " "	E. Aslin

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Balclutha	—
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" " "	W. Ambury*
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NOTE 1.—The Circuits not enumerated in the foregoing list did not elect a Lay Representative.

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



PASTORAL SESSION.

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

John D. McArthur,
Who has travelled four years.

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

T. Theodore Thomas, B.A.,
Who has voluntarily retired.

MINISTERIAL STATUS.

It was resolved—(1) The Conference having received a request from the Revs. D. J. Murray, W. Tinsley, J. Ward, R. Taylor, F. W. Boys, and H. Ranston that the status which they sacrificed on entering our Church from the Methodist bodies to which they formerly belonged, should be conceded to them, resolves to grant the request on the condition that such concession carries with it no change of status as regards the Supernumerary Fund. (2) That the Rev. C. E. Beecroft's status be recognised as from 1870, the year on which he entered the British Conference, on the condition indicated in the above resolution.

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORISATION.

WHEREAS it has been agreed that the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall unite with the Primitive Methodist Connexion, commonly known as the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand, upon the terms and conditions set forth and embodied and incorporated with the Basis of Union, published in the printed Minutes of the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand, held at Auckland in February and March, 1912. AND WHEREAS it is advisable and expedient, and has been agreed that the members of the Annual Conferences of the Uniting Churches, duly appointed for the purpose, shall meet together as one Conference to transact and deal with all business and matters relating to the appointment or election of all officers and Committees, the reception, appointment, suspension, resignation, or superannuation of all Ministers, Probationers, and Missionaries, the Management and Control of all Properties, Funds, and Institutions, vested in, or belonging to, or held in trust for, or managed, or controlled by the said Conferences or either of them.

THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND, IN MINISTERIAL SESSION, HEREBY AUTHORISES AND EMPOWERS the members of the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church of New Zealand, and of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand duly appointed therefor, to meet together

as an United Conference, in the City of Wellington, and transact all business, and deal with all matters, and exercise all powers vested in this Conference in Ministerial Session, in relation to the appointment or election of all officers and Committees, the reception, ordination, appointment, suspension, resignation, or superannuation of all Ministers, Probationers, and Missionaries, or in any wise relating to the affairs or concerns of The Methodist Church of New Zealand, or any of them, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as this Conference in Ministerial Session could have done if sitting alone, and no such Union as aforesaid had been agreed upon, and all and whatsoever such United Conference shall do or cause to be done or attempted under or by virtue of the powers and authority hereby conferred, THIS CONFERENCE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION HEREBY UNDERTAKES TO ADOPT, ALLOW, RATIFY, AND CONFIRM.

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION.

INDEPENDENT CONFERENCE.

REPORT BY CONVENER OF LEGAL COMMITTEE.

The Methodist Church Trust Property Bill, introduced into the Western Australian Parliament last year, embodying provisions sanctioning the constitution of the New Zealand Conference as an Independent Conference, was passed last session. This being the last Parliamentary sanction required to comply with the conditions laid down by the General Conference, the President of the General Conference, by notice in writing signed by him on the sixth day of December, 1912, a copy whereof is attached hereto, fixed the 1st day of January, 1913, as the date on which the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand should be constituted an Independent Conference. Certified copies of such notice have been published in the Government Gazettes of the Commonwealth of Australia and of each State thereof and of the Dominion of New Zealand.

J. A. FLESHER, Convener.

Extract from the New Zealand Government Gazette,
9th January, 1913, p. 86.

IN THE MATTER of the Methodist Church of Australasia in
New Zealand.

PURSUANT to the provisions of "The Methodist Church Act, 1911," of the State of New South Wales, "The Methodist Church Act, 1911," of the State of Victoria, "The Methodist Church Act, 1911," of the State of South Australia, "The Methodist Church Act, 1911," of the State of Queensland, "The Methodist Church Act, 1911," of the State of Tasmania, "The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1912," of the State of Western Australia, all in the Commonwealth of Australia, and "The Methodist Church of New Zealand Act, 1911," of the

Dominion of New Zealand, I, HENRY YOUNGMAN, of Brisbane, in the State of Queensland, Doctor of Divinity, President of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, do hereby fix the first day of January, 1913, as the date on which the Annual Conference of "The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand" shall be constituted an Independent Conference, and on which the independence of the said Annual Conference shall take effect.

DATED at Brisbane this sixth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

H. YOUNGMAN, D.D.

WITNESS to the signature of Henry Youngman—

JOHN GEORGE MCGREGOR,

Notary public,
Brisbane.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Legal Committee be received.
2. That this the First Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand desires to express its gratification at the successful termination of the efforts put forth during a great number of years to secure Independent Legislative power for the Methodist Church in the Dominion of New Zealand. It appreciates the manner in which matters connected therewith have been facilitated by the General Conference and Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church of Australasia. Whilst feeling the great responsibility cast upon the Church in consequence thereof, this Conference confidently believes that increased public influence and spiritual power, greater glory of God, and more rapid advancement of Christ's Kingdom in this Dominion will result therefrom. It believes the movement has been of God, and would record its devout thankfulness to the Almighty for the measure of success He has been pleased to give.
3. That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the members of the Legal Committee appointed by the General Conference to carry into effect its resolution granting to the New Zealand Conference its legislative independence, and especially to the Con- vener, Mr. J. A. Flesher, who, by his able and gratuitous labour in preparing the draft of the Bill presented to the State Legislatures and carrying on the very considerable correspondence involved, has greatly facilitated the steps by which the decision of the General Conference has become effective, and thus rendered the Church a most worthy service.
4. That the resolution of thanks be prepared and presented to Mr. Flesher, and that a photograph of the first United Conference also be presented to him; also that the thanks of the Conference be communicated to the other members of the Legal Committee, including Mr. J. C. Stephens, to whom the Conference is specially indebted.

METHODIST UNION.

REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the Resolution of last Conference (see Minutes, p. 93), the question of Union with the Primitive Methodist Church on the basis previously agreed upon by the Conference, was submitted to the Quarterly Meetings last March. The results were as follows:—
The number of Quarterly Meetings voting was **119**, and **1411** persons

were reported to be present. Of these, **1358** voted in favour of Union on the approved basis, **11** against it, and **42** were neutral. The Districts voted as follows:—

	For.	Against.	Neutral.
Auckland District ...	313	—	14
Wanganui District ...	235	2	4
Wellington District ...	258	6	10
Nelson District ...	94	1	—
Canterbury District ...	279	2	7
Otago District ...	179	—	7
Totals ...	1358	11	42

In 93 Quarterly Meetings the vote was unanimous in favour of Union. A substantial majority for Union was reported from every Circuit where a vote was taken. In four Circuits or Home Mission Stations no vote was taken; and no report was sent as to what was done in the Maori Mission Quarterly Meetings.

A detailed statement of the voting in each Quarterly Meeting is presented to the Conference, to be laid on the table for reference.

In August the Committee met the General Union Committee of the Primitive Methodist Church. The President of the Conference was present, and presided alternately with the President of the Primitive Methodist Conference. The Recommendations of the Joint Committee are reported in the Agenda for the United Conference.

Acting with the Canterbury members of the Primitive Methodist Committee, the Central Committee has received reports from the District Committees, and the recommendations will be found in the Report submitted to the United Conference.

In conclusion, the Committee wishes to testify to the brotherly spirit which has marked all its intercourse with the members of the Committee representing the sister Church. The earnest yet kindly manner in which every question was dealt with, even when at the first the views held and expressed appeared to be diverse and conflicting, is a good augury for the harmonious working of the united Church.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL LAWRY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Central Committee be received and adopted.
2. A Basis having been prepared for the Union of The Methodist Church of New Zealand, formerly designated the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand, with the Primitive Methodist Connexion, commonly known as the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand, by a Joint Committee representing such Churches and approved by the Annual Conferences and Circuit Quarterly Meetings thereof, and by the members of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand and the British Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion having given its consent to such Union, IT IS RESOLVED that the Methodist Church of New Zealand unite with The Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand upon the terms and conditions set forth, and embodied in and incorporated with the Basis of Union appearing in the printed Minutes of the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand, held at Auckland in February and March, 1912, and that such union shall take effect on and from the sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

DECLARATION OF UNION between the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand.

WHEREAS at the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church of New Zealand, held in the City of Wellington, in the Dominion of New Zealand, this sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen; it has been resolved and agreed, that the Methodist Church of New Zealand unite with the Primitive Methodist Connexion, commonly known as the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand, upon the terms and conditions set forth, and embodied in and incorporated with the Basis of Union, prepared by a Joint Committee representing the said Churches, and approved by the Annual Conference and Circuit Quarterly Meetings thereof, and by the members of the said Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, and duly consented to by the British Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion, a printed copy whereof is attached hereto, and also published in the printed Minutes of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand, held in the City of Auckland, in the said Dominion, in the months of February and March, 1912. AND WHEREAS at the Annual Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, also held in the City of Wellington aforesaid, this sixth day of February, 1913, it has also been resolved and agreed, that the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, unite with the Methodist Church of New Zealand, upon the terms and conditions set forth and embodied in and incorporated with the said Basis of Union. AND WHEREAS it has been agreed by, and between the said Churches, that such Union as aforesaid shall take effect on and from the said sixth day of February, 1913. AND WHEREAS it is advisable that these presents should be executed for the purpose of evidencing the fact of such Union as aforesaid; NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED that the Methodist Church of New Zealand and The Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand shall enter into an Organic Union as one Church, under the name of "THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND," with Common Laws, Common Funds, and equal rights upon the terms and conditions set forth and embodied in and incorporated with the Basis of Union aforesaid. AND FURTHER, that the said Union shall take effect on and from the said sixth day of February, 1913.

SIGNED for and on behalf of the said Churches, this sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

RESOLUTION.

That this Conference approves of the Declaration of Union between The Methodist Church of New Zealand and The Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, and authorises and empowers the President and Secretary of the Conference, the Rev. W. Gittos, the Rev. W. Ready, and Mr. J. A. Flesher on its behalf to sign and execute the same at the Public Meeting to be held in the Town Hall in the City of Wellington, in the presence of His Excellency the Governor and the Reverends H. Youngman, D.D., and W. Morley, D.D.

ELECTION OF LAY MEMBERS OF THE STATIONING COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee presents the following scheme for the election of lay members of the Stationing Committee:—

1. Half an hour before the opening of Conference on its second day the members shall meet in Committee by Districts in appointed rooms, under the presidency of the respective Chairmen, and each District shall select two of its laymen to be nominated in the Conference as members of the Stationing Committee.

2. In these District Committees the vote shall be taken by ballot and without nomination, and an absolute majority of those present shall be required to carry nomination. The Secretary of the Conference shall supply to each Chairman a list of the lay members of Conference from his District, and this shall be read in the meeting.

3. No person shall be eligible for nomination in the Conference who shall not have signified his intention of remaining till the business of stationing has been completed.

4. On the assembling of Conference the Chairman of each District shall nominate those chosen in the District Committee, and those so nominated shall be formally elected by vote of the Conference.

5. Should any additional laymen be required to complete the Stationing Committee, they shall be elected by ballot after nomination and by vote of the whole Conference, an absolute majority being required. To facilitate nomination, each District shall have the right to nominate as many laymen as there are vacancies to be filled, and the selection of nominees shall be carried out in the above District Committees under the procedure detailed in paragraphs 2 and 3. No further nominations shall be permitted. The Secretary of the Conference shall inform each Chairman how many additional laymen, if any, are required.

N.B.—The Committee recommends that this procedure be brought into operation at the Conference of 1913, the first recommendation being modified to allow of this being done.

C. H. LAWS, Convener.

Christchurch, December 12th, 1912.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. Dr. Youngman, President of the General Conference, and to Dr. Morley for their able and inspiring services in connection with this the first Independent Conference.

That a suitable letter be sent by the Secretary of the Conference to the Secretary of the General Conference, acknowledging the services rendered by the Revs. Drs. Youngman and Morley.

THANKS TO THE EX-PRESIDENT.

The Conference heartily recognises the efficient and strenuous services rendered to the Church during the year by the ex-President, the Rev. William Ready, and hereby tenders to him its warmest thanks for the manner in which he has discharged the responsible duties pertaining to the office.

THANKS TO THE RETIRING SECRETARY.

The Conference desires to convey to the Rev. Samuel Lawry its high appreciation of his valuable, untiring, and efficient services rendered during the year as the Secretary of the Conference

CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTIONS.

At the close of the Sessions of the United Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, the following resolutions were passed:—

A.—BY THE PASTORAL SESSION.

WHEREAS on the sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen, a resolution was passed by the Conference of The Methodist Church of New Zealand agreeing to unite with The Primitive Methodist Connexion, commonly known as the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand, upon the terms and conditions set forth and embodied in or incorporated with the Basis of Union published in the printed Minutes of the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand, held at Auckland in February and March, 1912. AND WHEREAS it was agreed that the Members of the Annual Conferences of the said Churches duly appointed for the purpose should meet together as one Conference to transact and deal with all business and matters relating to the affairs and concerns of the said Churches and this Conference in Ministerial Session did by resolution authorise and empower the members of the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, duly appointed therefor to meet together as an United Conference in the City of Wellington aforesaid, and transact all business and deal with all matters and exercise all powers vested in this Conference in Ministerial Session in relation to the appointment or election of officers and Committees, the reception, ordination, appointment, suspension, resignation, or superannuation of all Ministers, Probationers, or Missionaries, or in anywise relating to the affairs or concerns of The Methodist Church of New Zealand, or any of them, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as this Conference in Ministerial Session could have done if sitting alone, and no such Union as aforesaid had been agreed upon. AND WHEREAS, pursuant to such power and authority, the members of the said Conferences duly appointed therefor did meet as an United Conference in Wellington aforesaid from the sixth day of February, 1913, to the eighteenth day of February, 1913, and have transacted and dealt with business and matters and exercised powers vested in or reserved for or exercisable by the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand in Ministerial Session. NOW IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that all resolutions passed, appointments made, business transacted, matters dealt with, actions performed, things done or attempted by such United Conference as aforesaid, in so far as they relate to the exercise of the powers or transaction of business vested in the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand in Ministerial Session, be and the same ARE HEREBY ADOPTED, ALLOWED, RATIFIED, AND CONFIRMED, and they shall have the same validity, force and effect as they would have had if they had been passed, made, transacted, dealt with, performed, done or attempted by this Conference in Ministerial Session in its individual capacity.

B.—BY THE REPRESENTATIVE SESSION.

1. WHEREAS on the sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen, a resolution was passed by this Conference of The Methodist Church of New Zealand agreeing to unite with The Primitive Methodist Connexion, commonly known as the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand, upon the terms and conditions set forth and embodied in and incorporated with the Basis of Union published in the printed Minutes of the Annual Conference of The

Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand, held at Auckland in February and March, 1912. AND WHEREAS it was agreed that the members of the Annual Conferences of the said Churches duly appointed for the purpose should meet together as one Conference to transact and deal with all business and matters relating to the affairs and concerns of the said Churches, and this Conference in Representative Session, did by resolution passed on the said sixth day of February, 1913, authorise and empower the members of the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church of New Zealand and The Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, duly appointed therefor to meet together as an United Conference, in the City of Wellington aforesaid, and transact and deal with all matters and business and exercise all powers vested in this Conference in Representative Session in relation to the appointment or election of all officers and committees, the appointment of all Ministers, Probationers, and Missionaries, the administration, management, or control of all properties, funds, and institutions vested in or belonging to or held in trust for or managed or controlled by this Conference, or in anywise relating to the affairs or concerns of The Methodist Church of New Zealand, or any of them, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as this Conference in Representative Session could have done if sitting alone and no such Union as aforesaid had been agreed upon. AND WHEREAS, pursuant to such power and authority, the members of the said Conferences duly appointed therefor did meet as an United Conference in Wellington aforesaid from the sixth day of February, 1913, to the eighteenth day of February, 1913, and have transacted and dealt with business and matters and exercised powers vested in, reserved for, or exercisable by the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand in Representative Session. NOW IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that all resolutions passed, appointments made, business transacted, matters dealt with, actions performed, things done or attempted by such United Conference as aforesaid in so far as they relate to the exercise of the powers or transaction of business vested in the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand in Representative Session, BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY ADOPTED, ALLOWED, RATIFIED, AND CONFIRMED, and they shall have the same validity, force and effect as they would have had if they had been passed, made, transacted, dealt with, performed, done or attempted by this Conference in Representative Session in its individual capacity.

2. That such alterations in, additions to, and amendments and modifications of the Model Deed and the Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand be made as will bring them into harmony with the provisions of the Basis agreed upon for the Union of the Methodist Church of New Zealand with the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand.

SAMUEL LAWRY, President.

CHARLES H. LAWS, Secretary.

MINUTES
OF THE
Annual Conference

OF THE
PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH
(New Zealand),

1913.

CHARLES M. LUKE, M.L.C., PRESIDENT.

CHARLES E. WARD, VICE-PRESIDENT.

THOMAS MOOR, SECRETARY.

JACOB FEATHERSTON,

THOMAS R. B. WOOLLOXALL,

RALPH J. LIDDELL,

} ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.

The Twentieth Annual Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand assembled in the Webb Street Church, Wellington, on Wednesday, February 5th, 1913, and concluded its sessions on Tuesday, February 18th, 1913.

The first session was opened by the Rev. G. Knowles Smith, retiring President of the Conference.

The Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C., was elected President of the Conference, and Mr. Thomas Moor was elected Secretary.

DELEGATES PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE.

Official Representatives.

Retiring President—George Knowles Smith.
 General Committee Delegate—Percy J. Cossum.
 Representative of the General Committee—James Cocker.
 Representative of the Missionary Committee—Joseph Watkinson.
 Representative of the Loan Fund Committee—Charles M. Luke, M.L.C.
 Representative of the Youth of the Church Committee—John H. Pugh.
 Representative of the N.Z.S.M.W. and O. Fund Committee—Albert S. Froggatt.
 Representative of the Building Committee—Jenn Dumbell.
 Representative of the Furnishing Fund Committee—William King.
 The Agent of the Preachers' Friendly Society—Charles E. Ward.
 The Custodian of Deeds—John Dawson.

Station Representatives.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	...	...	...	...	Ralph J. Liddell
					Charles E. Bellringer
					Walter Laughlin
Stratford	...	...	...	...	Basil Metsen
					John Martin
					George Collingwood
Eltham	...	...	...	...	Ernest P. Biiss
Wanganui	...	...	...	...	Samuel Bailey
					William Knuckey
					Miss Annie MacAllister
East Egmont	...	...	...	...	Fred. Frost

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington I.	...	...	...	...	Harry Cottom
					Isaac Clark
					Matthew Murdoch
Wellington II.	...	...	...	...	William S. Potter
					George Petherick
					John W. Wharton
Wellington III.	...	...	...	...	John Southern
					Matthew Cable
Foxton	...	...	...	...	Thomas Coatsworth
					Edward J. Judd
Feilding	...	...	...	...	Joseph Sharp
					Mark Beazer
Halcombe	...	...	...	...	Herbert Daniel
West Coast	...	...	...	...	Charles A. Sims
					Ernest Foote

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland I.	...	...	...	...	Francis C. Taylor
					Albert Beer
Auckland II.	...	...	...	...	Robert Raine
					William Thompson
Auckland III.	...	...	...	...	John Olphert
					Thomas Moor
					Fred. Hitchcock
Thames	...	...	...	...	George P. Hunt
					John Nicholls
Hamilton	...	...	...	...	James Clover

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch I.	...	...	...	...	Samuel Henderson
					Edwin W. Hall
					Henry Holland
Christchurch II.	..	...	....	...	William Dobbs
					Tom Sharp
Greendale	...	...	...	...	Arthur Harding
Ashburton	...	...	...	...	Thomas R. B. Woolloxall
					William T. Lill
					George W. Leadley
Timaru	...	...	...	...	Jacob Featherston
					John C. Butcher
Geraldine	...	...	...	...	George H. Mann
					John Huffey
Waimate-Oamaru	...	...	...	...	James Guy
Temuka	...	...	...	...	John Harris
					George Smart

OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin I.	...	...	...	...	Charles W. Wilkinson
Dunedin II.	...	...	...	...	Edward Drake
					Henry Berry
Invercargill I.	...	...	...	...	William Laycock
Invercargill II.	...	...	...	...	Arthur Pybus
					George Clark
Bluff	...	...	...	...	Ben. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
					Donald McKenzie
Waikouaiti	...	...	...	...	Job Benning
Edendale	...	...	...	...	George Clement
					William McDonald
					Ernest G. Sheat

NOTE.—The Circuits not enumerated in the foregoing list were not represented at Conference.

The reports of various Treasurers were received and adopted as under:—

Orphanage Fund Committee.

Treasurer—MR. J. H. PUGH.

Receipts	...	...	...	£37	4	0
Expenditure	...	...	...	19	10	3
Balance in hand	...	...	...	17	13	9

Sunday School Committee.

Treasurer—MR. J. H. PUGH.

Receipts	...	...	...	£44	5	8
Expenditure	...	...	...	14	2	4
Balance in hand	...	...	...	30	1	4

Unified Fund.

Treasurer—MR. J. WATKINSON.

Receipts	...	...	...	£795	13	5
Expenditure	...	...	...	720	3	4
Balance in hand	...	...	...	75	10	1

Children's Equalisation Fund.

Treasurer—MR. J. WATKINSON.

Receipts and Expenditure	£358	4	0
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Publishing Fund.

Treasurer—MR. J. WATKINSON.

Receipts	£332	18	1
Expenditure	272	18	5
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	59	19	8
Assets	...	...	...	...	84	19	8

Contingent Fund.

Treasurer—MR. J. WATKINSON.

Receipts	...	...	...	...	£135	6	6
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	131	13	8
Balance	...	...	...	...	3	12	10

Furnishing Fund.

Treasurer—MR. W. KING.

Receipts	...	...	...	...	£78	2	6
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	79	10	0
Owing to Treasurer	...	...	...	...	1	7	6

RESOLUTION.

That the Furnishing Fund Committee be empowered to complete its collection of outstanding accounts, and discharge liabilities.

Book Room Fund.

Treasurer—REV. W. S. POTTER.

Receipts	...	...	...	...	£119	10	8
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	94	19	9
Balance	...	...	...	...	24	10	11
Assets	...	...	...	...	336	6	8
Liabilities	...	...	...	...	180	7	2
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	...	...	...	...	155	19	6

Home Mission Fund.

Treasurer—MR. J. WATKINSON.

Receipts	...	...	...	...	£714	13	5
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	763	14	6
Balance owing to Treasurer	...	...	...	...	49	1	1

New Zealand Superannuated Ministers', Widows', and Orphans' Fund.

Treasurer—MR. A. S. FROGGATT.

Receipts	...	...	...	...	£3799	4	5
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	3794	14	2
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	4	10	3
Assets	...	...	...	...	5434	19	7
Liabilities	...	...	...	...	14	17	6
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	...	...	...	...	5420	2	1
Profit for the year	...	...	...	...	553	6	3

Jubilee Loan Fund.

Treasurer—HON. C. M. LUKE, M.L.C.

Receipts	...	...	...	...	£268	17	1
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	60	11	9
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	208	5	4
Assets	...	...	...	...	1532	7	10
Liabilities	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Value of Fund	...	...	...	...	1532	7	10

DELEGATES TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

Ministerial—Rev. J. Dodd Jackson, vice Rev. H. Yool.

Lay—Mr. Joseph Watkinson, vice Mr. John H. Pugh.

SUPERANNUATION FUND COMMITTEE.

That a Committee be set up to complete all matters in connection with our Superannuation Funds, including the raising of any auxiliary amounts and the investment of all assets, to consist of the Revs. J. Dawson (Convener), C. E. Ward, J. Guy, W. Laycock, J. Cocker, Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C., Messrs. C. E. Behringer, A. S. Froggatt, E. W. Hall, H. Holland, and W. Dobbs.

MINISTERS WHO HAVE RESIGNED.

That we record the resignation of Fred. A. Thompson, a Minister on the approved list.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

That we accord our hearty thanks to Rev. G. H. Mann for his clear, interesting, and instructive report. We desire to place on record our appreciation of the invaluable services he rendered our Church in his representative capacity while in England; especially in relation to the adjustment of the various matters connected with the Superannuation Funds in view of Methodist Union.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

That this Conference records its sincere sympathy with the family of the late George Froggatt in their loss through his sudden and unexpected death. The Conference also desires to record its appreciation of the noble work done by him on behalf of the Church during a period of forty years, especially in his capacity as Treasurer and Agent of the New Zealand Superannuated Ministers', Widows', and Orphans' Fund.

That this Conference forward to Mr. David Goldie, District Secretary, a telegram of sympathy on the death of his son.

REV. B. DUDLEY, F.R.A.S.

That we congratulate the Rev. B. Dudley, on the cabled report, that he has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, and resolve that on receipt of the certificate thereof, the President shall arrange for the honourable title to be attached to Mr. Dudley's name.

HISTORIC RECORD OF MINISTERS.

That we cordially express our hearty approval of the proposal to amend the historic record of the Ministers of the United Church by crediting every brother with the full number of his years of service in either branch, and request the G.C.D. to receive any such alteration in the case of our brethren. Such added years shall, however, have no financial implication.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

The thanks of the Conference were accorded to the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Connexional Funds, special resolutions with reference to the work of the District Secretary were adopted, and in reference to the Connexional Editor's labours it was resolved:—

“That we place on record our very sincere appreciation of the services of the Rev. J. Cocker as Editor of the Connexional Magazine during the past eight years. We recognise that the duties have entailed a great deal of sacrifice and labour, and the success of the magazine has been largely due to his devotion thereto.”

A presentation of a handsome silver tea and coffee service, also two travelling rugs, was made to Mr. and Mrs. J. Watkinson on their departure to take a holiday in England, and in recognition of Mr. Watkinson's services as Treasurer of the Home Mission, Unified, Children's Equalisation, and other Funds during the past 21 years.

Thanks were also accorded to the Union and Northern Shipping Companies for the free carriage of parcels of magazines during the year.

The President and other officials of Conference were cordially thanked for their services.

METHODIST UNION.

The Report of the Union Committee of the Methodist Churches, as printed on pp. 135-137 of the Minutes of the United Conference of the Methodist Church, was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. A basis having been prepared for the Union of The Methodist Church in New Zealand, formerly designated the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand, with the Primitive Methodist Connexion, commonly known as the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand, by a Joint Committee representing such Churches, and approved by the Annual Conferences and Circuit Quarterly Meetings thereof, and the members of the said Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand and the British Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion having given its consent to such Union, and the Methodist Church of New Zealand having in Conference assembled unanimously resolved to unite with the said Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand; IT IS RESOLVED that the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand unite with the Methodist Church of New Zealand upon the terms and conditions set forth and embodied in and incorporated with the Basis of Union, appearing in the printed report of such Committee, and published in the printed Minutes of the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand, held at Auckland in February and March, 1912; and that such Union shall take effect on and from the sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

2. That the President of this Conference be authorised and empowered to sign and execute on its behalf any Deeds, Documents, or Writings which may be deemed necessary or advisable in connection with or in anywise relating to the Union of the Methodist Church in New Zealand with The Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand; and whatsoever deeds, documents, or writings, the President as such shall so sign and execute this Conference undertakes to adopt, allow, ratify, and confirm.

3. WHEREAS it has been agreed that the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall unite with the Primitive Methodist Connexion, commonly known as the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand, upon the terms and conditions set forth and embodied or incorporated with the Basis of Union, published in the printed Minutes of the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand, held at Auckland in February and March, 1912. AND WHEREAS it is advisable and expedient, and has been agreed, that the members of the Annual Conferences of the United Churches duly appointed for the purpose shall meet together as one Conference to transact and deal with all business and matters relating to the appointment or election of all Officers or Committees, the reception, appointment, suspension, resignation, or superannuation of all Ministers, Probationers, or Missionaries, the management or control of all Properties, Funds, or Institutions vested in or belonging to or held in trust for or managed or controlled by the said Conferences, or either of them.

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONNEXION IN NEW ZEALAND HEREBY AUTHORIZES AND EMPOWERS the members of the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, duly appointed therefor, to meet together as an United Conference, in the City of Wellington, and transact and deal with all business and matters, and exercise all powers vested in this Conference, in relation to the appointment, suspension, resignation, or superannuation of all Ministers, Probationers, or Missionaries, the administration, management, or control of all Properties, Funds, or Institutions vested in, or belonging to, or held in trust for, or managed, or controlled, by this Conference, or in anywise relating to the affairs or concerns of The Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, or any of them, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as this Conference could have done if sitting alone, and no such Union as aforesaid had been agreed upon; and all and whatsoever such United Conference shall do or cause to be done or attempted under or by virtue of the powers and authority hereby conferred. THIS CONFERENCE HEREBY UNDERTAKES TO ADOPT, ALLOW, RATIFY, AND CONFIRM.

4. That this Conference approve of the Declaration of Union between the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, and authorises and empowers

THE HON. C. M. LUKE, M.L.C., President,

REV. C. E. WARD, Vice-President,

REV. G. KNOWLES SMITH, Ex-President,

MR. C. E. BELLRINGER, Secretary of the Union Committee,

on its behalf to sign and execute the same, at the Public Meeting, to be held this the sixth day of February, 1913, in the Town Hall in this City of Wellington.

5. That this Conference requests the Revs. John Dumbell, Peter Wright Jones, and Mr. H. Holland (Mayor of Christchurch) to witness the signatures of the persons signing the Declaration of Union in the Town Hall this evening, and append their signatures thereto.

6. That if, on full investigation, it is found that a new Act of Parliament is necessary in order to further validate the Union of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, we urge that the United Church take the necessary steps to secure such during the next session of Parliament.

7. That we request Mr. A. J. Luke to continue to act as Honorary Connexional Solicitor for our section of the United Church in all matters still incomplete.

8. That the balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Youth of the Church Department be handed to the Treasurer of the Connexional S.S. Board of the United Church.

9. That the balance in the hands of the Treasurer of Candidates' Education Fund be handed to the officials appointed by the United Conference.

10. That the Custodian of Deeds, the Treasurer of the Jubilee Loan Fund, and the Treasurer of the Fire Insurance Fund be instructed to hand over, as soon as convenient, all securities, cash, documents, etc., in their hands, to the respective officials appointed by the United Conference.

11. That the District Head of the Church for Registration Purposes be authorised to report to the Registrar-General that owing to the Union of the Churches, all Ministers on the list as Primitive Methodist Ministers are to be added to the list of Ministers of the Methodist Church.

RESOLUTION CARRIED AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE SITTINGS OF THE UNITED CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS on the sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen, a resolution was passed by this Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand agreeing to unite with The Methodist Church of New Zealand upon the terms and conditions set forth, and embodied in, and incorporated with the Basis of Union published in the printed Minutes of the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand held at Auckland in February and March, 1912. AND WHEREAS it was agreed that the members of the Annual Conference of the said Churches duly appointed for the purpose should meet together as one Conference to transact and deal with all business and matters relating to the affairs and concerns of the said Churches; and this Conference did by resolution passed on the said sixth day of February, 1913, authorise and empower the members of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, duly appointed therefor, to meet together as an United Conference, in the City of Wellington aforesaid, and transact and deal with all business and matters, and exercise all powers vested in this Conference, in relation to the appointment or election of all officers and committees, and reception, ordination, appointment, suspension, resignation, or superannuation of all Ministers, Probationers, or Missionaries; the administration, management, or control of all properties, funds, or institutions, vested in, or belonging to, or held in trust for, or managed, or controlled by, this Conference; or in anywise relating to the affairs or concerns of The Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, or any of them, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as this Conference could have done, if sitting alone, and no such Union as aforesaid had been agreed upon. AND WHEREAS, pursuant to such power and authority, the members of the said Conference duly appointed therefor did meet as an United Conference in Wellington aforesaid, from the sixth day of February, 1913, to the eighteenth day of February, 1913; and have transacted

and dealt with business and matters, and exercised powers vested in the Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand. NOW IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that all resolutions passed, appointments made, business transacted, matters dealt with, actions performed, things done or attempted by such United Conference aforesaid, in so far as they relate to the exercise of the powers or transaction of business vested in the Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, be and the same are HEREBY ACCEPTED, ALLOWED, RATIFIED, AND CONFIRMED, and they shall have the same validity, force and effect as they would have had if they had been passed, made, transacted, dealt with, performed, done or attempted by this Conference in its individual capacity.

CHARLES M. LUKE, President.

THOMAS MOOR, Secretary.



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MINUTES

OF THE

First United Conference

OF THE

Methodist Church of New Zealand,

1913.

SAMUEL LAWRY, PRESIDENT.

CHARLES M. LUKE, M.L.C., VICE-PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM READY, EX-PRESIDENT.

CHARLES H. LAWS, B.A., SECRETARY.

WILLIAM A. SINCLAIR,

EDWARD DRAKE,

ARTHUR ASHCROFT,

THOMAS MOOR,

FREDERICK T. READ,

PERCY J. COSSUM,

SAMUEL GRIFFITH, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

} ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.

} MINUTE SECRETARIES.

} JOURNAL SECRETARIES.

The first United Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington, on Thursday, February 6th, 1913, and concluded its sessions on Tuesday, February 18th, 1913.

The first session was opened by the Rev. Dr. Youngman, President of the General Conference of Australasia.

The Rev. S. Lawry was elected President of the Conference, the Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C., Vice-President, and the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., Secretary.

QUESTION I.—Who are the Members of this Conference?**1. MINISTERS IN FULL CONNEXION WITH THE CONFERENCE, VIZ. :—****(a.) From the Methodist Church of New Zealand :**

William Gittos	William A. Sinclair
Harry B. Redstone	Samuel H. D. Peryman
Henry Bull	William J. Elliott
David McNicoll	George Frost
Joseph H. Simmonds	Harold E. Bellhouse
Francis W. Isitt	Arthur Ashcroft
John J. Lewis	John A. Lochore
John J. Pendray	Thomas R. Richards
William J. Williams	Henry L. Blamires
George Bond	A. B. Chappell, M.A.
Thomas G. Carr	James A. Hosking
Josiah Ward	John W. Burton
Paul W. Fairclough, F.R.A.S.	William A. Hay
Thomas G. Hammond	William Beckett
Charles H. Standage	William Wills
Daniel J. Murray	Edgar P. Blamires
William Baumber	Jonathan H. Haslam
Samuel J. Garlick	George S. Cook
John A. Luxford	Clarence Eaton
Charles Penney	Harry Ranston, B.A.
Samuel Lawry	Amos Reader
Joseph N. Buttle	Walter J. Oxbrow
Christopher Abernethy	Ernest D. Patchett
Lewis Hudson	M. A. Rugby Pratt
George W. J. Spence	Benjamin J. James
Thomas G. Brooke	Arthur J. Seamer
John Dukes	Ernest O. Blamires
Thomas N. Griffin	Angus McBean
Charles H. Garland	George F. Stockwell
James T. Pinfold, B.D.	Fred. Copeland
William Slade	Raymond Richards
Samuel Griffith	James R. Clark
Thomas F. Jones	Percy R. Paris
Joseph J. Matner	William G. Maslin
Samuel J. Serpell	W. Bramwell Scott
Barton H. Ginger	Frederick Rands
Albert C. Lawry	William H. Speer
William Ready	Nicholas Turner
Benjamin F. Rothwell	John D. McArthur
Thomas A. Joughin	
Charles H. Laws, B.A.	Probationers.
James Wrigley	Arthur Hopper
William Grigg	George Kirkwood
Thomas Trestrail	Hector C. Orchard
James G. Chapman	Clyde L. Carr
Frederick T. Read	Frederick B. Lawrence
Arthur Mitchell	George B. Hinton

(b.) From the Primitive Methodist Church, N.Z.:

John Dumbell	Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
Charles E. Ward	John Southern
Joseph Sharp	Georgè P. Hunt
James Clover	Samuel Bailey
James Guy	Jacob Featherston
Peter W. Jones	Thomas R. B. Woolloxall
William S. Potter	Thomas Coatsworth
William Laycock	Ralph J. Liddell
George Clement	Charles A. Sims
John Dawson	Job Benning
John Olphert	John Harris
James Cocker	Basil Metson
Arthur Harding	Herbert Daniel
Robert Raine	Edward Bandy
G. Knowles Smith	Harry Cottom
Edward Drake	Joseph B. Suckling
George H. Mann	
Samuel Henderson	Probationer.
Percy J. Cossom	Fred. Frost.
Arthur Pybus	

2.—LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

(From the Methodist Church.)

Auckland District.			NAME.
CIRCUIT.			
Auckland (Pitt Street)	...	...	T. W. Jones
"	"	"	G. Winstone
"	"	"	J. Manson
Auckland West	...	...	H. Fraser
Auckland East	...	...	A. Peak
"	"	"	John Burtom
Auckland Methodist Mission	...	...	S. Parker
Auckland (North Shore)	...	...	W. Stone
Auckland (Birkenhead)	...	...	J. Trounson
Onehunga	...	...	Wesley Martin
Otahuhu	...	...	G. D. Smith
Mahurangi	...	...	T. H. Wilson
Upper Thames	...	...	J. C. Allen*
Waihi	...	...	J. McIndoe
Franklin	...	...	John Williams
Cambridge	...	...	F. G. Marfell*
Hamilton	...	...	F. C. Daniell
Paparoa	...	...	O. C. Hames
Northern Wairoa	...	...	W. W. Simons
Rotorua	...	...	R. H. Wooliams*
Tauranga	...	...	J. B. Chappell
Opotiki	...	...	W. B. Scott
Te Kuiti	...	...	M. H. Wilton
Wanganui District.			
New Plymouth	...	...	C. Carter
Waitara	...	...	J. West*
Inglewood	...	...	J. E. Bennett
Stratford	...	...	J. Masters
Eltham	...	...	C. L. Strack
Hawera	...	...	E. Dixon

CIRCUIT.	NAME.
Manaia	C. Chivers*
Cape Egmont	T. W. Featherston
Kaponga	L. Wickham
Wanganui	W. G. Bassett
" " " " " "	J. H. J. Bowater
Aramoho	H. Minifie
Rangitikei	Thomas Bartlett
Sanson and Rongotea	T. Masters
Feilding	J. G. Cobbe
Palmerston North	T. R. Hodder
" " " " " "	J. A. McLeavy
Taihape	C. H. Darvell
Waimarino	A. J. Parkes

Wellington District.

Wellington (Taranaki Street) ...	W. E. Redstone
" " " " " "	L. J. Clark
Wellington Central Mission ...	W. E. Howe
Wellington (Thorndon) ...	T. Sims
Wellington South ...	S. Martin
Johnsonville ...	B. Lynneberg
Hutt ...	W. F. Armitage
Petone ...	John Wakeham
South Wairarapa ...	W. B. Sadler
Carterton ...	J. A. Ordish
Masterton ...	C. E. Daniell
Napier ...	J. H. Oldham
Hastings ...	C. G. Cunnold
Gisborne ...	G. S. Vincent
Eketahuna ...	J. F. Baillie
Dannevirke ...	G. Rankin*
Levin-Otaki ...	W. Goldsmith
Woodville ...	Rowe Fennell
Pahiatua ...	E. C. Cox

Nelson District.

Nelson ...	A. A. Lucas
Richmond ...	N. J. Pill
Blenheim ...	L. A. White
" " " " " "	W. D. Pike
Hokitika ...	H. Jolly*
Greymouth ...	A. G. Nightingale
Motueka ...	M. Cresswell
Reefton ...	D. M. Anderson

Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street) ...	W. H. Seed
" " " " " "	R. H. Turner
" " " " " "	G. H. Andrew
" " " " " "	G. E. Goodwin
Christchurch (Sydenham) ...	L. M. Isitt, M.P.
Christchurch (Addington) ...	J. Down
Christchurch (St. Albans) ...	A. Williams
" " " " " "	R. M. Cresswell
Christchurch (Papanui) ...	F. J. Carr*
Lytelton ...	J. S. Olliver
Springston ...	W. Chamberlain
Tai Tapu ...	H. E. Peryman
Leeston ...	Geo. Sheat

CIRCUIT.	NAME.
Kaiapoi	J. H. Blackwell
Rangiora	Theo. Withers
" " " " " "	A. Catchpole
Timaru	C. S. Howard
Waimate	W. F. Cheverton
Temuka	H. Grayburn
Ashburton	W. H. Collins
Willowby	John Watson
Amberley	T. Shepherd*

Otago District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	Joseph Sparrow*
" " " " " "	A. S. Wansbrough
Dunedin Central Mission	D. C. Cameron (Junr.)*
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	J. B. Shacklock
" " " " " "	E. Aslin
Dunedin (Mornington)	J. P. Simon*
Dunedin (Roslyn)	Mrs. Pinfold
Port Chalmers	H. Haynes
Milton	W. R. Hitchon
Invercargill	J. J. Wesley
Oamaru	H. Grocott
Gore	E. C. Smith
Roxburgh	S. Uren

(From the Primitive Methodist Church.)

Taranaki District.

CIRCUIT.	NAME.
New Plymouth	C. E. Bellringer
Stratford	J. Martin
Wanganui	W. Knuckey

Wellington District.

Wellington (Sydney Street)	I. Clark
Wellington (Webb Street)	G. Petherick
Wellington (Donald McLean Street)	M. Cable
Foxton	E. J. Judd
Feilding	M. Beazer
Halcombe	W. Ferguson*
West Coast Mission	E. Foote

Auckland District.

Auckland (Alexandra Street)	F. C. Taylor
" " " " " "	Albert Beer
Auckland (Franklin Road)	William Thompson
Auckland (Eden Terrace)	Thomas Moor
" " " " " "	Fred. Hitchcock
Thames	J. Nicholls
Hamilton	H. Holland

Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	E. W. Hall
Christchurch (Battersea Street)	W. Dobbs
Greendale	T. Sharp
Ashburton	W. T. Lill

	CIRCUIT.			NAME.
Geraldine	J. Huffey
Timaru	J. Butcher
Waimate and Oamaru	A. Varney
Temuka	G. Smart

Otago and Southland District.

Dunedin (Dundas Street	...	...	...	C. W. Wilkinson
Dunedin (Kew)	...	...	...	W. King
Invercargill (Don Street)	...	...	...	A. S. Froggatt
Invercargill (Elles Road)	...	...	...	G. Clarke
Bluff	...	...	...	D. M'Kenzie
Waikouaiti	...	...	...	G. W. Leadley
Edendale	...	...	...	W. MacDonald

Representatives of Connexional Committees.

(From the Methodist Church.)

Wesley Training Col., Three Kings...	S. J. Ambury*
Home Mission Executive	J. Veale
" " "	J. E. Wheeler
" " "	W. Ambury*
Connexional Secretary's Committee...	Hon. G. J. Smith, M.L.C.

(From the Primitive Methodist Church.)

Missionary Committee	J. Watkinson
General Committee	D. Goldie*
Youth of the Church Committee	J. H. Pugh

Treasurers of Connexional Funds.

(From the Methodist Church.)

Church Building and Loan Fund	G. H. Blackwell
Supernumerary Fund	J. L. Scott
Contingent Fund	E. Rosevear
Foreign Mission Fund	J. A. Flesher
Fire Insurance Fund	C. E. Salter*
Children's Fund	E. Kellow

(From the Primitive Methodist Church.)

Chapel Loan Fund	Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C.
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NOTE 1.—The Circuits not enumerated in the foregoing list did not elect a Lay Representative.

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

QUESTION II.—Who are now Admitted as Ministers into Full Connexion with the Conference?

John D. McArthur,
Edward Bandy,
Harry Cottom,
Joseph B. Suckling,

Who had travelled four years, were reported to have been received by their respective Conferences.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers Remain on Probation?

1. Alexander Allen,
Albert F. Burchell,
William A. Burley, M.A.,
Archer O. Harris,
Charles H. Olds,
James Richards,
Harold A. Sharp,

Who have travelled three years.

2. John B. Beeche,
Walter J. Enticott (see under Question XI.)
Albert H. Fowles,
Fred Frost,
Arthur Hopper,
Leslie B. Neale,
Horace L. Richards,
William Rowe,

Who have travelled two years.

3. Clyde L. Carr,
Matthew J. Evans,
George B. Hinton (who was received on probation, and credited with having travelled one year).
Norman Hyde,
Frederick B. Lawrence,
William Lea,
Hector C. Orchard,
John E. Parsons,
Arthur H. Scrivin,
William Walker,
William A. Watson,

Who have travelled one year.

Also

Robert B. Gosnell.

PASSED WITH HONOURS.

1912—W. A. Burley, M.A.
H. H. Marshall
1913—W. A. Burley, M.A.
L. B. Neale.

QUESTION IV.—What Preachers are now Received on Probation?

Arthur A. Bensley,
Percy Battey,
• Albert H. Fowles (as a third year Probationer).
George B. Hinton (credited with having travelled one year).
Harold T. Peat.

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

1. Oswald Burnet,
Francis T. Harris,
Who have completed two years.
2. Henry H. Marshall (completed one year of probation),
Wallace S. Neal,
Henry J. Odell,
Robert B. Speirs,
Samuel J. Werren (completed one year of probation),
Who have completed one year.

James Charteris (completed two years of probation),
Aldwyn R. Gordon,
Sydney J. Mogridge,
E. Thomas Olds,
George B. Sheridan,
William G. Slade,

Are to enter the Institution this year.

4. William S. Smith, received as a Candidate in 1912, is allowed to remain on the teaching staff of Wesley Training College, and to prosecute his studies at the University.

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

1. George B. Sheridan is to enter the Institution this year.
2. Stanley Cross,
Ernest E. Sage,

Who are appointed to Home Mission work, and pursue their studies under the direction of the Board of Examiners.

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

None.

QUESTION VIII.—Who Remain as Native Preachers on Probation?

1. George Kirkwood,
Davis Wilcox,

Who have completed two years of their Probation.

2. Edward Te Tuhi,

Who has completed the first and second years of his Probation.

QUESTION IX.—Who are now Received as Native Preachers on Probation?

None.

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

None.

QUESTION XI.—Is any Minister or Probationer Designated for Foreign Missions?

Fred Copeland,
Walter J. Enticott,
Are transferred to the New South Wales Conference, for employment
in Foreign Mission work.

QUESTION XII.—What Ministers Continue to be Supernumeraries?

1. William Kirk
John Dumbell
William Cannell
Harry B. Redstone
John Smith
William Lee
John S. Rishworth
William C. Oliver
Henry Bull
David McNicoil
Joseph S. Smalley
Francis W. Isitt
Charles E. Ward
James Thomas
John D. Jory
Samuel J. Garlick
Peter W. Jones
Robert Taylor
2. Henry R. Dewsbury, for another year
Joseph Blight, for another year
Thomas W. Newbold, for another year.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers now Become Supernumeraries?

William Gittos
William H. Beck
John J. Pendray
Thomas Fee
J. Newman Buttle

X WILLIAM GITTOS entered our ministry in 1856. From a youth he was under the healthful influence of the early missionaries in Hokianga. There he acquired his mastery of the Maori language, and there also he met his future bride, the daughter of the Rev. John Hobbs. She was a true helpmeet, sharing the hardships and the toils of her husband's lot, evincing an intelligent grasp of all his problems, and rendering counsel that was invaluable. Mr. Gittos' ministry has covered practically the whole period of progressive colonisation. He has witnessed the balance of power pass from the Maori to the European. Through all the vicissitudes of his long ministry he has been constant and faithful to the Native people and their interests, never faltering in danger, never

repining in hardship, and never idling and scarce ever resting in toils. Hence it has come to pass that his mana among the Maori people has grown to be a thing apart and unique. He can have no successor in his honours and influence among the Maoris, nor can he transfer to another the authority and dignity which service and time have conferred upon him. The Conference wishes for him a peaceful and happy eventide.

WILLIAM H. BECK, after a ministry of 44 years, retires from the active work, carrying with him the esteem and affection of all his brethren, young and old. During his long and useful ministry he has proved himself to be a workman needing not to be ashamed, a faithful and sympathetic pastor, an able expositor of the Word, and, though not having occupied many official positions, a wise administrator of our discipline. He has travelled in some of the most important Circuits in the Dominion, and in all, by his brotherly kindness, spirituality of mind, integrity of life, and able pulpit ministrations, has won the affectionate regard, confidence, and gratitude of his people. The Conference prays that his years of retirement may be fraught with God's richest blessing of comfort, peace and light.

JOHN J. PENDRAY was born in 1845. He entered the ministry of the United Methodist Free Church in 1870, in England, coming to New Zealand the same year, and was appointed to the Christchurch Circuit. He travelled in various circuits, and at the time of Methodist Union was Chairman of the United Methodist Free Churches in New Zealand. Later on he travelled in the Waipawa, Paparoa, Waitara, and other Circuits. His ministry has been characterised by earnest evangelism and by faithful devotion to his pastoral duties. As a pioneer of Church work in the more remote districts, he experienced much success, bravely facing the hardships and labours entailed. After a ministry of over forty-two years, he retires with the respect of his brethren, and we pray that the eventide of his life may be one of peace and calm.

THOMAS FEE retires from the active work of our ministry after thirty-five years of service in various Circuits throughout the Dominion. A good intellectual equipment and great natural gifts of mental alertness and ready and eloquent speech have made him an arresting and forceful speaker; his sympathetic and generous disposition has won for him a warm and abiding place in the hearts of many in the Circuits where his ministry was exercised. In addition to the ordinary duties of the pastorate, he has, for many years, with burning zeal and untiring devotion, laboured in the cause of social and moral reform, and he is known throughout Australasia as one of New Zealand's ablest temperance advocates, and the value of his work in this respect cannot be over-estimated. Failure of health is the ground of his somewhat premature retirement, and the Conference expresses the hope that he may have an eventide fraught with Heaven's richest blessing.

J. NEWMAN BUTTLE.—At the last Conference no one deemed the early retirement of Rev. J. N. Buttle from the active work of the ministry a probable event. His apparently abounding health and vigorous movements seemed to bespeak long years of unbroken activity. But a serious illness came, sounding a warning note, and compelling caution. Thirty-four years

of strenuous devotion to duty had exercised its influence upon a strong bodily constitution, and virtually proclaimed the imperative need of moderating his excessive energies. Mr. Buttle's relations to his fellow-workers in the ministry have been, during these years, of a uniformly pleasing character, and he will be thought of and loved for his sincere spirit of brotherliness. As a pastor, Mr. Buttle will be long and lovingly remembered. He has ministered to and fed the flock of Christ in his several Circuits with faithful care and solicitude. But he has not allowed his spiritual aspirations to be cramped by Circuit limitations. As New Zealand Secretary for Foreign Missions he has manifested a far-reaching and sympathetic spirit. The annual income year by year has steadily increased, and a more fervent missionary zeal has been generated among members of the Church. It is a matter of satisfaction to know that in his retirement Mr. Buttle will continue to hold the Secretaryship of Missions. The value of his general service to the Church was recognised by his election to the Presidency in 1905, and Mr. Buttle now retires from the more arduous scenes of ministerial life in the hope hereby expressed that by God's favour and blessing he may live and be able to render many more years of useful service to the Church throughout this Dominion and in the "Regions Beyond."

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

None.

QUESTION XV.—What Ministers or Probationers have Permission to Rest during the Year?

Thomas H. Lyon
James Wilson
Robert H. Wylie

N.B.—Albert C. Lawry has permission to visit England, a Probationer being appointed as his supply.

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

None.

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

John Crump
Alexander J. Reed.

JOHN CRUMP was born at Kingsland, Herefordshire, in 1828. In 1857 he was accepted by the British Conference as a candidate for the ministry and placed on the President's list of reserve. After supplying for some time at Bacup, Lancashire, he left for New Zealand, arriving in 1859. His first appointment was at Manukau, and during an active ministry of nearly forty years he occupied many of the most important Circuits. His special gifts were recognised by the Conference in his appointment to the chairmanship of the Canter-

bury, Otago, and Nelson Districts. He was made Secretary of the Conference in 1876, and President in 1878. The great work of his life, the work he loved the most, and to which he gave his best, was the work of preaching. He was ever ready to take part in any good work; but he gloried in this, that to him was this grace given, that he should preach to men the unsearchable riches of Christ. He early won a place among the ablest preachers in the Dominion, and in the fullness of his physical and mental vigour there were few who excelled him. He was a student to the last. By reading and study he enriched his own mind, and thus was able to bring out of his treasury things new and old. He was richly blessed with the saving grace of humour. His sermons and speeches, as well as his ordinary conversation, were frequently lighted up by some quaint thought or expression which provoked a smile. His bright, cheery disposition ever made him a welcome visitor in the home and by the sick bed. After the toil of the long day God gave to him a beautiful eventide. For fourteen years he resided in Nelson, teaching, preaching, and visiting to the very last. During those years he won a place in the love and esteem of the people few men are privileged to enjoy. His death, like his life, was very beautiful. There was no pain, but growing weariness, and on Tuesday, May 28th, 1912, in his eighty-fourth year, death came very gently, as comes a friend, and, like a tired child in its mother's arms, he fell asleep.

ALEXANDER J. REED was born in 1880. His was the inestimable blessing of a home where from the dawn of consciousness his life was surrounded with the holiest of religious influences. There never was a time when he did not love and follow Christ. It was during the ministry of Rev. B. F. Rothwell, at Whangarei, that he began to preach the Evangel of Christ. So zealous was he, and so successful, that he was induced by his minister to enter the Home Mission work. After good service in this sphere, he spent a short term at Prince Albert College, where his sweet spirit and holiness of life endeared him for all time to his fellow-students. He was greatly beloved by the people in the Hamilton, Hawera, Rotorua, Eltham, and Upper Thames Circuits. He was ordained under the shadow of a great sorrow—the accidental death of his mother—at the Conference of 1908. In all his Circuits he proved himself a preacher of exceptional power, a painstaking and conscientious student, and a pastor of exemplary fidelity and faithfulness. Having earned a good degree by his life and work, on May 5th, 1912, God's finger touched him, and he fell asleep.

QUESTION XVIII.—Are there any Objections to any Minister, Probationer, or Home Missionary?

They were examined one by one.

QUESTION XIX.—What Persons who were in Full Connexion now Cease to be recognised as Ministers of this Conference?

It was reported that the resignation of the Rev. T. Theodore Thomas, B.A., had been accepted by his Conference.

QUESTION XX.—What are the Arrangements 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 1913:—

- Rev. H. E. Bellhouse: Secretary and Convener.
 Rev. A. Ashcroft: Section A for Candidates.
 Rev. G. T. Marshall: Section B for Candidates.
 Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.: Section C for Candidates.
 Rev. J. H. Simmonds: Latin for Probationers.
 Rev. H. R. Dewsbury: Hebrew.
 Rev. J. H. Haslam: Greek, First and Second Years.
 Rev. J. T. Pinfold, B.D.: Greek, Third Year.
 Rev. C. H. Garland: Greek, Fourth Year.
 Rev. T. J. Wallis: English Bible, Old Testament, First and Second Years.
 Rev. J. Wrigley: English Bible, Old Testament, Third and Fourth Years.
 Rev. J. W. Burton: English Bible, New Testament.
 Rev. F. W. Boys: Wesley's Sermons.
 Rev. J. A. Lochore: Beet's Manual.
 Rev. W. J. Williams: Lindsay's Church in the Early Centuries.
 Rev. J. J. Lewis: Pope's Compendium.
 Rev. W. Grigg: Book of Laws.
 Rev. W. Slade: Fisher's History, First and Second Years.
 Rev. W. J. Elliott: Fisher's History, Third and Fourth Years.
 Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.: W. S. Bruce's Ethics.
 Rev. W. A. Sinclair: Bruce's Apologetics.
 Rev. J. A. Luxford: Peile's Reproach of the Gospel.
 Rev. T. A. Joughin: Moulton's Witness of Israel.
 Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A.: Stout's Psychology and Mackenzie's Ethics.
 Rev. W. Gittos: Maori Language.
 Revs. B. F. Rothwell and A. J. Seamer: Maori Candidates and Probationers.

Also the Revs. W. S. Potter, J. Guy, W. Laycock, J. Olphert, J. Cocker, G. Knowles Smith, E. Drake, S. Henderson, G. H. Mann, P. J. Cossum, T. A. Pybus, and B. Dudley, F.R.A.S., from the ex-Primitive Methodist Board of Examiners.

The Probationers of the Methodist and ex-Primitive Methodist sections of the Church follow their respective courses of study, and the following Committee is appointed to submit a suitable curriculum to the Conference of 1914:—The Secretary of the Conference, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Revs. W. A. Sinclair, G. Knowles Smith, J. Guy, and E. Drake.

II.—EXAMINATION COMMITTEE:

1. The Examination Committee shall consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Chairmen of Districts, such Members of the Board of Examiners as may be attending Conference, and ten other Ministers, who shall be chosen by the President from those attending Conference.
2. The Committee shall sit on the day prior to the meeting of the Conference.
3. The Committee shall receive all reports, including all individual reports from Examiners, concerning Probationers, Students, and

- Candidates, conduct the oral examinations, and make recommendations to the Conference in each case.
4. The Conference shall appoint a small Committee in the town in which the following Conference is to meet, such Committee to make arrangements for the hearing of Candidates' trial sermons. Each Committee appointed to hear a trial sermon shall include at least one member of the Examination Committee, who shall present the report to the Examination Committee.
 5. The duties of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall be as follows:—(a) To direct the studies of the Students on the President's List of Reserve, and arrange for suitable examination therein. (b) To collate the reports of the Probationers', Students', and Candidate's examinations, assess the Probationers' book lists, and prepare a general report on the examinations for the Conference. (c) To act as Convener of the Examination Committee, keep a record of its proceedings, and present its findings to the Conference. And (d) To generally act as executive officer of the Board of Examiners during the year.
 6. The Committee shall keep a careful record of its proceedings, which shall be confirmed at the close thereof, and signed by the President. The Committee shall have power to advise and admonish Probationers as to their studies and Circuit work, but should any serious case arise they shall report it to the Committee of Complaints and Appeals, which Committee shall have the right to call for the records of the Examination Committee, should they be needed in any enquiry upon which they may be engaged.
 7. The Ministers of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Circuits shall be the Committee to make arrangements for the hearing of Candidates' trial sermons.

III.—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, and in no case shall any special parts be notified.
3. The Examination Papers for Candidates shall be printed, when necessary, and the papers for Probationers typewritten, except in the case of those in Greek, Hebrew and Mathematics.
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. Examiners and Chairmen shall report to the Board the names of all Probationers who fail to comply with this regulation. The regulation does not apply to Students who are called out after May 31st.
5. Immediately after the September Quarterly Meetings, each Superintendent shall report to the Examiners of 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, according to instructions supplied by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, of all examinations to be

held in his District, the Supervisors to be, if possible, Ministers of our own Church, and to transmit the answers to questions to the respective Examiners.

8. Where a Probationer fails from any cause to take a subject which he has notified an Examiner it was his intention to take, the Chairman of the District shall, as soon as possible, notify the Examiner of the fact.
9. The Probationers' and Candidates' Examinations, including that of Students on the President's List of Reserve, shall be held in the last week of November. If for a special reason the President of the Conference permit an examinee to take any subject later than the prescribed time, a fresh examination paper shall be set.
10. 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 to Conference for reference.
11. 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.
12. 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 in the Conference Journal.
13. 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 10, 10 to represent the maximum. Reports are to be according to the directions outlined in General Conference Minutes, p. 79, par 10.
14. The Chairman of each District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board a signed official report of the Trial Sermons 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.
15. The Secretary of the Board shall assess and mark the Probationers' Book Lists, using the numerals 1 to 10, 10 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.
16. Probationers are reminded that the Greek Testament is a compulsory subject through the whole course for those who have passed through College, and that they must secure a pass therein. The examination papers in Greek shall be divided into two parts, Section A to deal with Greek Text, Grammar and Composition (maximum marks 60); Section B to deal with Exegesis and General Knowledge of the book (maximum marks 40). Those who have not passed through the College shall take, in their first year, Green's "Brief Introduction to New Testament Greek," pp. 1 to 43; in their second year, p. 43 to the end; in their third year, a review of the whole book; and 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.
17. Probationers are urged to study Hebrew, and to this end the following curriculum is provided:—First year, Geden's Hebrew Exercises, to p. 31; second year, to the end; third year, a review of the whole volume; fourth year, Psalms c. to cv.
 18. 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.
 19. The Students 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.
 20. The Students on the President's List of Reserve are required to pursue their studies under the direction of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, who shall arrange for suitable papers, and report thereon to the Board.
 21. 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 the Conference as having passed with Honours, provided he pass in Greek.
 22. Maori Candidates and Probationers shall be subject to all the ordinary rules as to Synod and Conference trial sermons. In exceptional cases, the sermons may be in the Maori language.
 23. In all cases where "University work" is being done in lieu of regular subjects, Probationers are required to sit for the University and College examinations involved, and a statement of subjects taken and success gained shall be sent by them to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.
 24. No Student on the President's List of Reserve shall be employed as a Home Missionary without his personal consent.
 25. The sheets containing the examination results shall be posted to the members of the Examination Committee prior to the meeting of the Committee.

PROBATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY.

FOR PROBATIONERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH (PRIOR TO UNION).

FIRST YEAR.

1. Old Testament—Hebrew—Jonah. Davidson's Grammar.
2. New Testament—Greek—St. Luke, chap. xiv.-xvi. Cambridge Greek Text.
3. *Old Testament—English—The Pentateuch. Dummelow's Commentary, with introductory sections, pp. xi.-xxxvi.
4. *New Testament—English—Matthew and Mark. Dummelow's Commentary, with introductory sections, pp. lxxiv.-lxxxvii.
5. Wesley's Sermons, Nos. 1-20.
6. Beet's Manual, pp. 1-228.
7. The Book of Laws:—Sections relating to Church Members, Circuit Officials, Local Courts, Ministers, District Courts, and Conferences.
8. Fisher's Church History, pp. 1-143.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament—Hebrew—1 Kings, chap. i-iv. Davidson's Grammar.
2. New Testament—Greek—Acts of Apostles, chaps. xxiii.-xxviii. Cambridge Greek Text.
3. *Old Testament—English—Joshua to Job. Dummelow's Commentary, with introductory sections, pp. xxxvii.-xl.
4. *New Testament—English—Luke and John. Dummelow's Commentary, with introductory sections, pp. lxxxviii.-cxii.
5. Wesley's Sermons, Nos. 21-53.
6. Beet's Manual, pp. 231-437.
7. Fisher's Church History, pp. 144-286.
8. Piele's Reproach of the Gospel.
9. Moulton's The Witness of Israel.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Old Testament—Hebrew—Psalms c.-cv.
2. New Testament—Greek—Ephesians, with Canon Armitage Robinson's Commentary.
3. *Old Testament—Psalms to Isaiah. Dummelow's Commentary, with introductory sections, pp. xli.-xlvii.
4. *New Testament—Romans to Ephesians. Dummelow's Commentary, with introductory sections, pp. cxiii.-cxxxiii.
5. Pope's Theology, vol. II., pp. 1-316.
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 287-483.
7. Stout's, G. F., "Manual of Psychology," Div. I.
8. Lindsay's, T. M., D.D., "The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries."
9. Bruce's, W. S., "The Ethics of the Old Testament."

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Old Testament—Hebrew—Jeremiah, chaps. xxvii.-xxxi.
2. New Testament—Greek—Romans i.-v., with Sanday and Headlam's Commentary.
3. *Old Testament—English—Jeremiah to Malachi. Dummelow's Commentary, with introductory sections, pp. xlvi.-lxxiii.
4. *New Testament—English—Philippians to Revelation. Dummelow's Commentary, with introductory sections, pp. cxxxiv.-cliii.
5. Pope's Theology, vol. II., p. 319, to vol. III., p. 147.
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 484-664.
7. Stout's, G. F., "Manual of Psychology," Div. II.
8. Bruce's Apologetics.
9. Mackenzie's Ethics.

*Probationers who do not take the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament must take the English Old Testament and New Testament.

FOR PROBATIONERS OF THE EX-PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

FIRST YEAR.

4. Driver's "Joel and Amos"—Cambridge Bible.
2. St. Luke's Gospel—with Fairbairn.
3. Homiletics—Gladden, first section.
4. Jevon's Logic, omitting chaps. 7, 13, 22, 23.
5. Religions of the World—Guild Series.
6. Lidgett's "Spiritual Principle of the Atonement."

SECOND YEAR.

1. Orr's "Christian View of God and the World," Lectures 1-4.
2. Fisher's "Church History." Ancient and Mediaeval Eras.
3. Homiletics—Gladden, second section.
4. Stout's "Outlines of Psychology."
5. Skinner's "Kings" (Century Bible).
6. Bartlett's "Acts" (Century Bible).

THIRD YEAR.

1. Orr's "Christian View of God and the World," Lectures 5 to end of Appendix on "The Idea of the Kingdom of God."
2. Fisher's "Church History"—The Modern Era.
3. Homiletics—Davies' "The Man in the Pulpit."
4. Skinner's "Isaiah," vol. II. (Cambridge Bible).
5. Garvie's "Romans" (Century Bible).
6. Watson's "Outline of Philosophy," to page 302.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Bruce's "Apologetics." Introduction and Books 1 and 3.
2. Walker's "Brief Text Book of Political Economy."
3. Job (Century Bible).
4. Muir's "Christianity and Labour."
5. Wade's "Old Testament History."

Ten questions shall be set on each subject, only seven of which shall be attempted by the examinee.

REGULATIONS (prior to Union).

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

2. Except as hereinafter provided, Probationers of the first year shall be examined and pass in not less than four subjects. Probationers of the three following years shall be examined and pass in five subjects. Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 shall be compulsory for Probationers who take English subjects only. Probationers who take Hebrew and Greek are required to take, in addition, Nos. 5 and 6. Probationers who take Greek and not Hebrew are required to take the Old Testament English and Nos. 5 and 6.

3. In the case of Probationers who are doing University work, but not taking a full University course, the Board of Examiners shall have discretionary power to exempt from examination in one or more subjects of the theological course for the year.

4. In the case of a Probationer who may desire to sit for the 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 in and to pass No. 5 only.

5. The Conference requires every Probationer who is acquainted with Greek or Hebrew to take the Greek or Hebrew papers specified in the list of subjects for his year.

LATIN.

In addition to the subjects required as above, 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 in the ordinary course of study. The books set for 1913 are as follows:—

First Year: Cæsar, *De Bello Gallico*, Book V.

Second Year: Virgil, *Æneid*, Book II.

Third Year: Cicero, *De Amicitia*.

Fourth Year: Horace, *Odes*, Book I.

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS.

A list of books is subjoined, with a view to guiding the reading of Probationers during their four years' course of study, viz.:—

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.
- Findlay's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.
- Westcott's Introduction to the Study of the Gospels.
- Westcott's Canon of the New Testament.
- Smith's In the Days of His Flesh.
- Davidson's Old Testament Prophecy.
- Davidson's Old Testament Theology.
- Sanday's Outlines of Life of Christ.
- Ramsay's Pauline and Other Gospels.
- Davidson's Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.
- Findlay's Books of the Prophets.
- *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.
- Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.
- Ramsay's Was Christ Born at Bethlehem?
- *Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.
- Pinches' Old Testament Records in the Light of Babylonian and Assyrian Records.
- Bennett and Adeney's Biblical Introduction.
- Shaw's Pauline Epistles.
- Jackson's Studies in the Old Testament.
- Swete's Holy Spirit in the New Testament.
- Cambridge Essays on Biblical Questions.

Ramsay's Luke the Physician.
 Orr's Problem of the Old Testament.
 Salmon's Human Element in the Gospel.
 Sanday's Criticism of the Fourth Gospel.

2. THEOLOGY—

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.
 Hort's The Way, The Truth, and The Life.
 Salmond's Christian Doctrine of Immortality.
 Denney's Studies of Theology.
 Dale's Christian Doctrine.
 Davison's Christian Interpretation of Life.
 *Stevens' New Testament Theology.
 Walker's The Spirit and the Incarnation.
 Laidlaw's Bible Doctrine of Man.
 *Fairbairn's Philosophy of the Christian Religion.
 Walker's The Cross and the Kingdom.
 Westcott's Gospel of the Resurrection.
 Illingworth's Reason and Revelation.
 Illingworth's Divine Immanence.
 *Illingworth's Personality, Human and Divine.
 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's Varieties of Religious Experience.
 Peabody's Jesus Christ and Christian Character.
 Clarke's Outline of Theology.
 Kennedy's St. Paul's Conception of the Last Things.
 Fairbairn's Studies in Religion and Theology.
 Walker's Gospel of Reconciliation.
 Illingworth's Doctrine of the Trinity.
 Orr's Resurrection of Jesus.
 Orr's Virgin Birth of Christ.
 Mansfield College Essays.
 *Denney's Jesus and the Gospels.

3. APOLOGETICS—

*Fitchett's Unrealised Logic of Religion.
 Butler's Analogy: Gladstone's Essay.
 Gwatkin's Knowledge of God.
 Paley's *Moræ 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.
- Ballard's Miracles of Unbelief.
- Blackett's Not Without Witness.
- Walker's Christian Theism and Spiritual Monism.
- Ballard's The True God.

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 in History and 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.
- *Werkman's Church in the West in the Middle Ages.
- Green's J. Wesley, Evangelist.
- Winchester's Life of Wesley.
- Hort's Christian Ecclesia.
- Gregory's Church Principles, etc.
- Lightfoot's Christian Ministry.
- Lightfoot's Persecution in the Early Church.
- *Fisher's History of Christian Doctrine.
- Wibberley's Marks of Methodism.
- New History of Methodism.
- Gwatkin's Early Church History.
- Fitchett's Wesley and His Century.
- Calvert and Williams' Fiji and the Fijians.
- Dr. Brown's Autobiography.

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' Lecture on Preaching.
- Fletcher's Thoughts on Preaching.
- Garvie's Guide to Preachers.
- Kennard's Psychic Power in Preaching.
- Chadwick's Pastoral Teaching of St. Paul.
- Forsyth's Positive Preaching and the Modern Mind
- Henson's Liberty of Propheying.
- Dykes' The Christian Minister and His Duties.

- *Pattee's Elements of Religious Pedagogy.
- Lamoreaux's The Unfolding Life.
- Lawrance's How to Conduct a Sunday School.

6. SOCIOLOGY—

- Ely's Socialism.
- Ensor's Socialism.
- *Flint's Socialism.
- Mackenzie's Introduction to Social Philosophy.
- Toynbee's Industrial Revolution.
- *Gladden's Tools and the Man.
- *Dennis' Social Progress and Christian Missions.
- Russell's Christian Theology and Social Progress.
- Matheson's Church and Social Problems.
- *Rae's Contemporary Socialism.

7. MISCELLANEOUS—

- Wallace's Darwinism.
- Rowntree and Sherwell's Temperance Problem.
- 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.

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

3. Probationers are advised to consult, when possible; Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible 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.

4. 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 six sections. Those recommended are distinguished thus*.

IV.—CURRICULUM FOR MAORI PROBATIONERS.

FIRST YEAR.

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

SECOND YEAR.

1. Eldridge's Theology (second half).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 13 to 24.
3. Bible, Old and New Testaments (I. and II. Kings, St. John's Gospel), Expositor's Bible.
4. Arthur's Tongue of Fire.

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. Keeble's Social Teaching of the Bible.

V.—STUDENTS' 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. Child Psychology, Principles of Pedagogy and S.S. Organisation.
5. Elocution.
6. English Language and Literature.
7. Latin Language and Literature.
8. Greek Language and Literature, including the Greek Testament.
9. Hebrew Language and Literature.
10. Mental Science.
11. Mathematics.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Principal of the Institution shall act as tutor in the following subjects:—Theology, Exegesis, Homiletics, Elocution, and Greek Testament.
2. That each of the Theological Students in the Institution preach a Trial Sermon before one of the Ministers of the Auckland, North Shore, or 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 President to notify the Students respecting the time and place; also, that it be an instruction to the Principal that arrangements be made whereby the Students shall preach periodically before the Ministers of the Auckland Circuits.
3. 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.
4. That the Principal furnish the Secretary of the Board of Examiners with the complete results of the Students' Examination, including Examiners' reports and marks gained, as soon as possible after the holding of such Examinations.

VI.—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). The marks for the two subjects shall be shown separately, 70 being the maximum for Bible Knowledge, and 30 for Church History.

2. Systematic Theology—Second Catechism and Gregory's "Theological Student."

N.B.—Candidates are required by Conference to have carefully read Wesley's 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 Manual of English Grammar and Composition. (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—Green's "Brief Introduction to New Testament Greek," pp. 1 to 43.
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 xxii.)

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:—
 - 85 to 100 per cent. of marks: First Class.
 - 70 to 84 per cent. of marks: Second Class.
 - 50 to 60 per cent. of marks: Third Class.
 - Below 50 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. Candidates for the Ministry are required to prepare for the Matriculation Examination of the New Zealand University in the literary and mathematical subjects (Greek excepted), and in the event of their sitting, the report of their marks shall be obtained by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and reported to the Examination Committee, and they shall be exempted from sitting for the Conference examination.
6. Hebrew shall be added to the list of Examination Papers, and the text-books will be Sibag's Hebrew Primer and Reading Book, pp. 1-42.
7. 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.

VII.—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.

VIII.—HOME MISSIONARIES' COURSE OF STUDY.

1. Home Missionaries are strongly urged to take advantage of the Correspondence Classes instituted under the auspices of the Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association.
2. Home Missionaries are recommended to read the books included in the list prescribed for Probationers.
3. Each Home Missionary of less than four years' standing is required to send in a book-list once a year to the Chairman of the District in which he labours, who shall, at his discretion, examine him in one or more of the books in the list.

EXAMINATION OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That provision be made for this year only for the examination of all Home Missionaries, excepting those who are candidates for the Ministry and those who are exempted by the President in consultation with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.
2. That the following be the syllabus:—English: Nesfield's "Outline of English Grammar," first half. Theology: 2nd Catechism (Doctrinal Section), St. Mark's Gospel, and the Epistle to the Galatians. Homiletics: Clapperton's "Manual for Local Preachers."
3. That the Examiners be: English, Rev. E. Drake; Theology, Rev. J. T. Pinfold, B.D.; Homiletics, Rev. W. Laycock.
4. That the question of a future course of studies for Home Missionaries be referred to the Committee appointed to revise the Probationers' curriculum, who shall report to the Conference of 1914.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse for his services as Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and that he be re-appointed.
2. That as it is necessary that the Secretary of the Board of Examiners should be present at Conference, his travelling expenses to Conference be paid out of the Contingent Fund, and that this apply to the present year.
3. That the special attention of all concerned be directed to the Regulation fixing the time for examinations in the last week of November.
4. That the Rev. B. F. Rothwell be instructed to correspond with the Maori Probationers concerning their preparation for examination.

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

I.—CONSTITUTION OF DISTRICTS.

That in the United Church there be TEN Districts, FIVE in the North Island, and FIVE in the South Island, and comprising the Circuits and Stations as set out in the following list.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland Central, Auckland West, Auckland East, Auckland (Avondale), Auckland Methodist Mission, Auckland (North Shore), Auckland (Birkenhead), Onehunga, Otahuhu, Franklin, Mahurangi, Paparoa, Northern Wairoa, Whangarei, Port Albert, Northern Maori Mission (including Whangaroa, Hokianga, and Kaipara), Coromandel, Helensville, Bay of Islands, Whangaroa, and Mangonui Home Mission Stations.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames, Upper Thames, Waihi, Paeroa, Cambridge, Hamilton, Huntly, Rotorua, Tauranga, Opotiki, Te Kuiti, Taumarunui; Waikato Maori Mission; Te Awamutu, Waimana, Te Puke, Matamata, and Ohura Home Mission Stations.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth, Waitara, Inglewood, Stratford, Eltham, Hawera, Manaia, Cape Egmont, East Egmont, Kaponga, Wanganui, Aramoho, Rangitikei, Taihape, Waimarino, West Coast Maori Mission; Patea and North Taranaki Home Mission Stations.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier, Hastings, Gisborne, Waipawa, Dannevirke, Woodville, Pahiatua, Palmerston North (Broad Street), Palmerston North (Cuba Street), Feilding, Sanson and Rongotea, Foxton; Kimbolton and Norsewood Home Mission Stations.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington (Taranaki Street), Wellington Central Mission, Wellington (Thorndon), Wellington South, Johnsonville, Hutt, Petone, South Wairarapa, Carterton, Masterton, Eketahuna, Levin-Otaki.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson, Richmond, Blenheim, Hokitika, Greymouth, Motueka, Reefton, Westport, Denniston; Havelock, Awatere, Murchison, and Runanga Home Mission Stations.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch Central Mission, Christchurch East, Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace), Christchurch (Woolston), Christchurch (Sydenham), Christchurch (Addington), Christchurch (St. Albans), Christchurch (Papanui), Lyttelton, Springston, Tai Tapu, Leeston, Kaiapoi, Ohoka, Rangiora, Greendale and Malvern, Amberley; Oxford Home Mission Station.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Bank Street), Timaru (Woodlands Street), Waimate, Temuka (Main Street), Temuka (Denmark Street), Geraldine, Ashburton, Willowby, Oamaru; Methven and Mayfield Home Mission Stations.

IX.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin (Trinity), Dunedin Central Mission, Dunedin (Dundas Street), Dunedin (Cargill Road), Dunedin (St. Kilda), Dunedin (Kew), Dunedin (Morningside), Dunedin (Roslyn), Mosgiel, Port Chalmers, Waikouaiti and Palmerston, Balclutha, Milton, and Roxburgh; Lawrence, Cromwell, Tapanui and Queenstown Home Mission Stations.

X.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Invercargill (Leet Street), Invercargill (Don Street), Invercargill (Elles Road), Bluff, Gore, Otautau, Edendale, and Riverton; Winton and Tuatapere Home Mission Stations.

II.—CIRCUIT ADJUSTMENTS THROUGH UNION.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

AUCKLAND CENTRAL.—To include Pitt Street, Alexandra Street, Eden Terrace, Kingsland, Mount Roskill, Pitt and Edwin Street, and Morningside Churches; with FOUR Married Ministers and ONE Probationer.

- AUCKLAND WEST.—To consist of St. John's (Ponsonby), Bayfield, Franklin Road, Richmond Avenue, Great North Road, Arch Hill, Hobsonville, and Brigham's Creek, to be worked by two Ministers and a Home Missionary. N.B.—The two portions of the Circuit are to maintain separate financial responsibility for the present year.
- AUCKLAND EAST.—To include Grafton Road, Mount Eden, Newmarket (two churches), Epsom, Panmure, Pakuranga, and Remuera; with TWO Married Ministers, ONE Probationer, and ONE Home Missionary. Failing the appointment of a Home Missionary, the rent of the Newmarket cottage to go to the Auckland Central Circuit.
- AUCKLAND (Avondale).—To include Mount Albert, Waterview, Avondale, Waikumete, Henderson, Oratia, Te Atatau, and Victoria Hall; with ONE Married Minister, ONE Probationer, and a Home Missionary.
- NORTHERN MAORI MISSION.—To include Whangaroa, Hokianga, and Kaipara Stations; with THREE Native Ministers and TWO Native Probationers.
- AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.—To include East Street Hall. That the matter of leasing the Pitt and Edwin Street property to the Mission be left to local arrangements.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- THAMES.—To include all the places in the former Methodist and Primitive Methodist Circuits (the two congregations at the Thames to be amalgamated); with ONE Married Minister at Thames, and ONE Probationer at Puriri. That in view of the difficulty in providing Circuits for married men this year, the Thames Circuit pay a sum of £25 per year for three years, to some other Circuit to which such married man may be appointed.
- WAIHI.—To include the places in the former Methodist and Primitive Methodist Circuits; with ONE Married Minister.
- CAMBRIDGE.—To include all the places in the former Methodist and Primitive Methodist Circuits; with ONE Married Minister and ONE Home Missionary.
- HAMILTON.—To include all the places in the former Methodist and Primitive Methodist Circuits; with TWO Married Ministers and ONE Home Missionary.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- NEW PLYMOUTH.—To include all the places in the former Methodist and Primitive Methodist Circuits; with TWO Married Ministers and ONE Probationer.
- INGLEWOOD.—That Midhirst be transferred to the Stratford Circuit, and that in lieu thereof a sum of £20 a year be paid to the Inglewood Circuit for three years by the Stratford Circuit, and that the Primitive Methodist property at Inglewood be sold, and the proceeds devoted to the liquidation of the debt on the Methodist Parsonage.
- STRATFORD.—To include the places in the former Methodist and Primitive Methodist Circuits, together with Midhirst (as above), and Bird Road from the Eltham Circuit, with TWO Married Ministers.
- ELTHAM.—To include all the places in the former Methodist and Primitive Methodist Circuits, except Bird Road; with ONE Married Minister.

WANGANUI.—To include all the places in the former Methodist and Primitive Methodist Circuits; with TWO Married Ministers and a Home Missionary.

IV.—HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

FEILDING.—To include the following places:—Feilding (two churches), Makino, Cheltenham, Waiata, Colyton, Waituna (from Kimbolton Home Mission Station), Halcombe, Dunnolly, Beaconsfield, Stanway, and Cameron's Line; with THREE Married Ministers.

SANSON and RONGOTEA.—To include Sanson, Rongotea (two churches), Carnarvon, Glen Oroua, Taikorea and Awahuri; with ONE Married Minister and a Home Missionary.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

WELLINGTON (Taranaki Street).—To include Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Webb Street and Brooklyn Churches, together with the Aro Street and Tory Street Missions; with TWO Married Ministers (one of whom shall have charge of Webb Street Church, and assist with the pastoral work at Taranaki Street), and a Home Missionary at Brooklyn.

WELLINGTON (Thorndon).—To include Molesworth Street and Sydney Street (these to be amalgamated), Karori, Northland, and Kaiwarra Churches; with TWO Married Ministers.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.—To include all the places in the former Wellington South Methodist Circuit and the former Wellington III. Primitive Methodist Circuit; with TWO Married Ministers and ONE Probationer. That the Methodist and Primitive Methodist congregations at Island Bay be amalgamated, and the Primitive Methodist Church disposed of.

JOHNSONVILLE.—To include Johnsonville, Ngaio, Tawa Flat, and Porirua Churches, with Paremata and Ngahauranga; with ONE Married Minister and ONE Probationer, the latter to reside at Porirua.

PETONE.—To include Petone (two churches) and Wainui-o-mata; with ONE Married Minister. N.B.—It is recommended that the Primitive Methodist Church be removed to a suitable site at the eastern end of Petone, and the site in Sydney Street be disposed of.

VII.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CHRISTCHURCH (Cambridge Terrace).—To include Cambridge Terrace and Edgeware Road (P.M.) Churches; with ONE Married Minister.

CHRISTCHURCH (Sydenham).—To include Sydenham (Colombo Street and Battersea Street Churches) and Cashmere Hills; with ONE Married Minister. N.B.—The Conference recommends the disposal of the Battersea Street property, and the securing of another site in the southern portion of the Circuit. St. Asaph Street Primitive Methodist Church to become part of the Christchurch East Circuit.

GREENDALE and MALVERN.—To include all the places in the former Malvern Methodist Circuit and the Greendale Primitive Methodist Circuit; with ONE Married Minister and ONE Home Missionary, the Minister to reside at Waddington, and the Home Missionary at Darfield. N.B.—The Conference recommends the removal of the Methodist Church at Sheffield to Springfield.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- ASHBURTON.—To include all the places in the former Methodist and Primitive Methodist Circuits; with TWO Married Ministers.
- WAIMATE.—To include all the places in the former Methodist Circuit together with Waimate and The Hook from the Primitive Methodist Circuit; with ONE Married Minister and ONE Home Missionary.
- OAMARU.—To include all the places in the former Methodist Circuit and Oamaru Primitive Methodist Church; with ONE Married Minister.

IX.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

- DUNEDIN (Trinity).—To include Trinity and Woodhaugh Churches; with ONE Married Minister.
- DUNEDIN (Dundas Street).—To include Dundas Street, Glenavon, and Ravensbourne; with ONE Married Minister and ONE Probationer, the latter to reside at Glenavon. N.B.—Dundas Street Quarterly Board to pay £25 a year to Anderson's Bay Trustees for four years, provided that the amount of such grant do not exceed two-thirds of the interest payable by the said Anderson's Bay Trustees.
- DUNEDIN (Cargill Road).—To consist of Cargill Road Church; with ONE Married Minister.
- DUNEDIN (St. Kilda).—To include St. Kilda, Anderson's Bay, Broad Bay, and Highcliff; with ONE Married Minister and ONE Home Missionary (Anderson's Bay).
- DUNEDIN (Kew).—To include Kew, Abbotsford, and Fairfield; with ONE Married Minister and ONE Probationer (Abbotsford).
- WAIKOUAITI and PALMERSTON.—To include Waikouaiti, Palmerston, Merton, Flag Swamp, Goodwood, Dunback, and Inch Valley; with ONE Married Minister (Waikouaiti) and ONE Home Missionary (Palmerston).

X.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

- INVERCARGILL (Leet Street).—To include Leet Street, Teviot Street, West Plains, and Awarua Plains; with ONE Married Minister and ONE Probationer.
- INVERCARGILL (Don Street).—To include Don Street and the Otatara District; with ONE Married Minister; together with Kennington, Rimu, Woodlands and Long Bush, which shall maintain financial independence, and to which a Probationer shall be appointed.
- INVERCARGILL (Elles Road).—To include Elles Road, Clifton, and Woodend, with ONE Married Minister.

III.—DIVISIONS OF CIRCUITS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- UPPER THAMES.—That Matamata, Walton, Waharoa, Mangawhero, Turangaomoana, Putaruru, Tapapa, Hinuera Valley, Tirau, and Okauia be separated from the Upper Thames Circuit, and constituted a separate Home Mission Station.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- PALMERSTON NORTH.—That the Palmerston North Circuit be divided as follows:—(1) Palmerston North (Broad Street), to consist of St. Paul's, Ashhurst, Pohangina, and Stoney Creek, with a Married Minister and a Probationer; (2) Palmerston North (Cuba Street), to consist of Cuba Street, Bunnythorpe, and Longburn, with one Married Minister.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHRISTCHURCH (DURHAM STREET).—That the Circuit be divided as follows:—

- (1) Christchurch (Durham Street).
- (2) Christchurch Central Methodist Mission, to consist of Durham Street South and High Street Churches and a rented Central Hall, with a Married Minister.
- (3) Christchurch East, to comprise East Belt, Richmond, New Brighton, Linwood, Windsor, and Marshlands Churches, with a Married Minister, two Probationers, and a Home Missionary.
- (4) Christchurch (Woolston), to comprise Woolston, Opawa, Heathcote Valley, Sumner, and Redcliffs, with a Married Minister and another Agent.

2. KAIAPOI.—That the Kaiapoi Circuit be divided as follows:—

- (1) Kaiapoi, to consist of Kaiapoi, Clarkville, and Coutts Island, with a Married Minister.
- (2) Ohoka, to consist of Ohoka, Swannanoa, Horrelville, and East Eyreton, with a Married Minister to reside at Ohoka. N.B.—The present Kaiapoi Circuit is to hand over not less than £350 towards providing a Parsonage for the new Circuit, and to contribute £10 per annum for five years to the Ohoka Circuit.

3. RANGIORA AND AMBERLEY.—That the following Commission be appointed to consider the question of amalgamating these Circuits, and to report to the Conference through the North Canterbury Synod:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Rev. W. A. Sinclair, and Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Fleisher, and A. F. Drayton. Convener: The Secretary of the Conference.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN (CARGILL ROAD).—That St. Kilda and Broad Bay be separated from the Cargill Road Circuit, with a Married Minister.

QUESTION XXII.—To what Circuits are Additional Preachers to be Appointed?

Circuits to which a Probationer is appointed are required to present a written statement annually to the Synod, setting forth what is done to prepare for the taking of a married Minister in due course, such statement to be sent on to Committee A through the Secretary of the Conference.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

FRANKLIN.—That a Probationer be appointed to reside at Tuakau.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

UPPER THAMES.—A Married Minister, to reside at Morrinsville.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

EAST EGMONT.—That a second agent, a Home Missionary, be appointed to the East Egmont Mission.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. A Home Missionary to the Christchurch East Circuit.
2. A Probationer to the Christchurch (St. Albans) Circuit, to reside at Edgeware Road.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A Home Missionary to be appointed to the Waimate Circuit.

QUESTION XXIII.—What New Stations are now Constituted? (See also under Question XXI.)

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

MOKAU.—That a suitable Agent be sent to the Mokau District.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

GISBORNE.—That the Chairman of the District visit the Circuit and report to the Synod as to the advisability of constituting the Circuit a rural mission.

QUESTION XXIV.—What Circuits are Now Due to Provide for Married instead of Single Ministers?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

ROTORUA is due, but is relieved for a SIXTH year.

OTAHUHU is due, and fulfils its obligations.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

TAIHAPE is due, but relieved for a FIFTH year.

MANAIA is due, but is relieved for ONE year.

WAIMARINO is due, but is relieved for ONE year.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA is due, but is relieved for the EIGHTH year.

LEVIN-OTAKI (2nd) is due, and fulfils its obligations.

WELLINGTON SOUTH is due, but the case is covered by Union adjustments.

NELSON DISTRICT.

MOTUEKA is due, and fulfils its obligations.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

KAIAPOI 2nd is due, and fulfils its obligations.

AMBERLEY is due, but is relieved for ONE year.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN (Trinity) 2nd is due.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

INVERCARGILL (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a FOURTH year.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That as eight Married Ministers may need to be provided for next year, the Circuits in the following order be directed to take steps toward fulfilling their obligations:—

Feilding (3rd).
 Timaru (Bank Street).
 Paeroa.
 Manaia.
 Invercargill (Leet Street).
 Taihape.
 Dunedin (Dundas Street).
 Wellington South.

2. The Conference resolved that Christchurch East was not due to take an additional Married Minister at Richmond, and that in respect of this appointment it be regarded as a Circuit taking a Probationer for the first time.

QUESTION XXV.—How are the Ministers and Probationers of the Conference Stationed for the Ensuing Year?

(See List of Stations).

LIST OF STATIONS

OF THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

President:
REV. S. LAWRY.

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1913.

[N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 125, 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 or Missions 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 Central.**—William Ready, John Olphert (Eden Terrace), Colin C. Harrison (Kingsland), Joseph B. Suckling (Mt. Roskill), Harold A. Sharp (Alexandra Street); Thomas H. Lyon, resting; Joseph S. Smalley, James Thomas (Supernumeraries).
2. **Auckland West.**—Albert C. Lawry, William A. Burley, M.A. (supply), Robert Raine (Franklin Road); a Home Missionary (Richmond).
3. **Auckland East.**—George Bond (Grafton Road), William A. Hay (Mt. Eden), George B. Hinton (Epsom), a Home Missionary (Newmarket); John Smith, Henry R. Dewsbury (Supernumeraries).

WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.—Joseph H. Simmonds, Principal.

HOME MISSION FUND.—Thomas G. Brooke, Organising Secretary.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.—Charles H. Garland, Principal.

4. **Auckland** (Avondale).—Charles E. Beecroft (Mount Albert), Robert B. Gosnell (Avondale); a Home Missionary (Henderson).
5. **Auckland Methodist Mission.**—Nicholas Turner; James Wilson (resting).
6. **Auckland** (North Shore).—George H. Mann (Devonport); a Home Missionary (Takapuna); John S. Rishworth, Joseph Blight (Supernumeraries).

7. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—T. Francis Jones; John D. Jory (Supernumerary)
8. **Onehunga**.—John Dukes.
9. **Otahuhu**.—William Beckett; a Home Missionary (Papakura).
10. **Franklin**.—E. Percy Blamires; one wanted (Tuakau); one wanted (Waiuku).
- 10a. **Mahurangi**.—Charles A. Sims (Warkworth).
11. **Paparoa**.—William H. Speer.
12. **Northern Wairoa**.—William S. Bowie (Mangawhare); a Home Missionary (Rehia).
13. **Whangarei**.—R. Purcell Keall; a Home Missionary (Hikurangi).
14. **Port Albert**.—One wanted.
15. **Northern Maori Mission**.—Under the direction of the Organising Secretary of Home Missions. William Gittos, Supernumerary (Devonport), Hapeta Renata (Kaeo), Davis Wilcox (Whangaroa); Piripi Rakena (Mangungu), Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirinaki), Eru Te Tuhi (Reweti).

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).

MANGONUI.—A Home Missionary.

GEORGE BOND, Chairman of the District.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

16. **Thames**.—George W. J. Spence, Hector C. Orchard (Puriri).
17. **Upper Thames**.—Thomas N. Griffin (Morrinsville), Percy R. Paris (Te Aroha).
18. **Waihi**.—Thomas G. Carr.
19. **Paeroa**.—William Lea.
20. **Cambridge**.—Thomas Trestrail; a Home Missionary.
21. **Hamilton**.—James Wrigley, James Clover; a Home Missionary (Ngaruawahia).
22. **Huntly**.—Matthew J. Evans.
23. **Rotorua**.—Charles B. Jordan, B.A.
24. **Tauranga**.—James Richards.
25. **Opotiki**.—William A. Watson.
26. **Te Kuiti**.—Percy Battey.
27. **Taumarunui**.—One Wanted; J. J. Pendray (Supernumerary).
28. **Waikato Maori Mission**.—Under the direction of the Organising Secretary for Home Missions. Hone M. Hare (Te Kuiti), George Kirkwood (Kopua).

TE AWAMUTU.—A Home Missionary.

WAIMANA.—A Home Missionary.

TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.

MATAMATA.—A Home Missionary.

OHURA.—A Home Missionary.

GEORGE W. J. SPENCE, Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

29. **New Plymouth.**—John W. Burton, Ralph J. Liddell, Harold T. Peat; William Cannell (Supernumerary).
30. **Waitara.**—John W. Griffin.
31. **Inglewood.**—Cornelius Griffin.
32. **Stratford.**—Amos Reader, Edward Bandy.
33. **Eltham.**—Hedley White.
34. **Hawera.**—Ernest O. Blamires.
35. **Manaia.**—John B. Beeche.
36. **Cape Egmont.**—R. Borrows Tinsley (Opunake); a Home Missionary (Rahotu).
37. **East Egmont.**—One wanted; a Home Missionary.
38. **Kaponga.**—Frederick Rands.
39. **Wanganui.**—John A. Luxford, Albert B. Chappell, M.A.; a Home Missionary (Gonville).
40. **Aramoho.**—W. Bramwell Scott.
41. **Rangitikei.**—Joseph J. Mather (Marton).
42. **Taihape.**—John E. Parsons.
43. **Waimarino.**—Arthur A. Bensley (Raetihī).
44. **West Coast Maori Mission.**—Thomas G. Hammond, Robert T. P. Haddon (Normanby); a Home Missionary (Waimarino); a Home Missionary (Pariroa), Hamiora Kingi (Rahotu), a Deaconess (Okaiawa), a Native Deaconess (Pipiriki).
- NORTH TARANAKI.—A Home Missionary (Uriti).
- MOKAU.—A Home Missionary.
- PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

JOHN A. LUXFORD, Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

45. **Napier.**—Henry L. Blamires, William Walker (Greenmeadows).
46. **Hastings.**—Thomas J. Wallis.
47. **Cisborne.**—John A. Lochore; a Home Missionary (Te Hapara).
48. **Waipawa.**—William G. Maslin.
49. **Dannevirke.**—James A. Hosking.
50. **Woodville.**—Christopher Abernethy.
51. **Pahiatua.**—Raymond Richards.
52. **Palmerston North** (Broad Street).—Frederick W. Boys, William Rowe (Ashhurst).
53. **Palmerston North** (Cuba Street).—Jonathan H. Haslam.
54. **Feilding.**—Daniel J. Murray, Herbert Daniel (Halcombe); one wanted; P. W. Jones (Supernumerary).
55. **Sanson and Rongotea.**—George Frost (Sanson); a Home Missionary (Rongotea).
56. **Foxton.**—Thomas Coatsworth, Norman Hyde (Shannon).
- KIMBOLTON.—A Home Missionary.
- NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

DANIEL J. MURRAY, Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

57. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—James G. Chapman, William S. Potter (Webb Street), John Dawson (who has permission to act as Secretary to the N.Z. Alliance); a Home Missionary (Brooklyn); H. B. Redstone (Supernumerary).
58. **Wellington Central Mission**.—G. Knowles Smith.
59. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—George S. Cook (Thorndon), Percy J. Cossum; John Dumbell (Supernumerary).
60. **Wellington South**.—Josiah Ward, John Southern (Donald McLean Street), Clyde L. Carr; William H. Beck (Supernumerary).
61. **Johnsonville**.—Samuel H. D. Peryman, Archer O. Harris (Porirua).
62. **Hutt**.—Barton H. Ginger; Samuel J. Garlick (Supernumerary).
63. **Petone**.—John J. Lewis; William Kirk (Supernumerary).
64. **South Wairarapa**.—Arthur Hopper (Greytown).
65. **Carterton**.—Charles H. Standage.
66. **Masterton**.—Samuel J. Serpell; a Home Missionary (Kuripuni).
67. **Eketahuna**.—Angus McBean.
68. **Levin-Otaki**.—William Tinsley (Levin), Harry Cottom (Otaki).

SAMUEL J. SERPELL, Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

69. **Nelson**.—William Baumber.
70. **Richmond**.—Clarence Eaton; a Home Missionary (Wakefield).
71. **Blenheim**.—Thomas R. Richards, Walter J. Oxbrow (Tua Marina); a Home Missionary (Picton).
72. **Hokitika**.—Charles Roberts.
73. **Greymouth**.—Arthur Ashcroft.
74. **Motueka**.—John D. McArthur.
75. **Reefton**.—Richard Wilson.
76. **Westport**.—Edwin T. Cox.
77. **Denniston**.—Arthur Harding (Millerton); a Home Missionary (Denniston).
- HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
- AWATERE.—A Home Missionary.
- MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
- RUNANGA.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM BAUMBER, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

78. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Charles H. Laws, B.A. (Secretary of the Conference); Henry Bull, David McNicoll (Supernumeraries).

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—Samuel Lawry (President of the Conference).

79. **Christchurch Central Mission**.—James Cocker.
80. **Christchurch East**.—William A. Sinclair, Charles H. Olds (Richmond), Arthur H. Scrivin (New Brighton); a Home Missionary; William C. Oliver, Robert Taylor, J. Newman Buttle (Supernumeraries).

81. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—Basil Metson; Charles E. Ward (Supernumerary).
82. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—William Laycock; William Lee (Supernumerary).
83. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
84. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Samuel Griffith; a Home Missionary.
85. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—Harold E. Bellhouse, Leslie B. Neale (Edgeware Road); Thomas Fee (Supernumerary).
86. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Alfred Peters.
87. **Lyttelton**.—Benjamin F. Rothwell.
88. **Springston**.—Charles Penney.
89. **Tai Tapu**.—Harry Ranston, B.A.
90. **Leeston**.—Thomas A. Joughin.
91. **Kaiapoi**.—Arthur Mitchell.
92. **Ohoka**.—J. Frederick Martin.
93. **Rangiora**.—William Wills, James R. Clark (Woodend).
94. **Greendale and Malvern**.—John Harris (Waddington); a Home Missionary (Darfield).
95. **Amberley**.—Albert F. Burchell.

OXFORD.—A Home Missionary (East Oxford).

SAMUEL LAWRY (President of the Conference),
Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

96. **Timaru** (Bank Street).—Lewis Hudson, Alexander Allen.
97. **Timaru** (Woodlands Street).—Jacob Featherston.
98. **Waimate**.—George F. Stockwell; a Home Missionary (Nukuroa).
99. **Temuka** (Main Street).—James Guy.
100. **Temuka** (Denmark Street).—One Wanted.
101. **Geraldine**.—Ben. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
102. **Ashburton**.—William J. Elliott, Thomas R. B. Woolloxall.
103. **Willowby**.—Benjamin J. James.
104. **Oamaru**.—William J. Williams.
- EDITOR "METHODIST TIMES.—William J. Williams.
- METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.
- MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

105. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—Paul W. Fairclough, F.R.A.S.; Francis W. Isitt, Thomas W. Newbold (Supernumeraries).
106. **Dunedin Central Mission**.—William Slade.
107. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—T. Arthur Pybus, Horace L. Richards (Glenavon).
108. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—Frederick T. Read, Robert H. Wylie (resting).

109. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Arthur J. Seamer; a Home Missionary (Anderson's Bay).
110. **Dunedin** (Kew).—Edward Drake, Fred Frost.
111. **Dunedin** (Mornington).—Thomas W. Vealie.
112. **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—James T. Pinfold, B.D.
113. **Mosgiel**.—Charles Blair.
114. **Port Chalmers**.—George T. Marshall.
115. **Waikouaiti and Palmerston**.—Job Benning (Waikouaiti); a Home Missionary (Palmerston).
116. **Balclutha**.—William Greenslade.
117. **Milton**.—Ernest D. Patchett.
118. **Roxburgh**.—William H. E. Abbey.
- LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.
- CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.
- TAPANUI.—Vacant.
- QUEENSTOWN.—Vacant.

PAUL W. FAIRCLOUGH, Chairman of the District.

X.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

119. **Invercargill** (Leet Street).—William Grigg. Frederick B. Lawrence (Teviot Street).
120. **Invercargill** (Don Street).—Samuel Henderson, Albert H. Fowles.
121. **Invercargill** (Elles Road).—George P. Hunt.
122. **Bluff**.—Joseph Sharp.
123. **Core**.—M. A. Rugby Pratt.
124. **Otautau**.—Samuel Bailey; a Home Missionary (Nightcaps).
125. **Edendale**.—George Clement.
- RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.
- SOUTH ISLAND MAORI MISSION.—Neho Hemi Papakakura (Oraki).
- WINTON.—A Home Missionary.
- TUATAPERU.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GRIGG, Chairman of the District.

NOTES.

1. J. S. Smalley, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Scotland.
2. J. Thomas, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Victoria.
3. T. H. Lyon, J. Wilson, and R. H. Wylie have permission to rest for a year.
4. A. C. Lawry and J. Wilson have permission to visit England.
5. Ministers are expected to arrive in their new Circuits between the second and third Sundays in April.
6. Probationers and Home Missionaries appointed to separate Stations are under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

HOME MISSION STATIONS, 1913.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland West (Richmond)	One Wanted
Auckland East (Newmarket)	One Wanted
Auckland, Avondale (Henderson) ...	W. Gatman
Auckland, North Shore (Takapuna) ...	E. E. Sage
Otahuhu (Papakura)	H. Benny
Franklin (Waiuku)	A. Laybourn
Northern Wairoa (Rehia)	A. E. Haynes
Whangarei (Hikurangi)	G. C. Laws
Port Albert	C. Strand
Coromandel	F. W. Treby
Helensville (Kaukapakapa)	A. J. Leach
Bay of Islands (Kawakawa)	E. H. Pain
Hokianga (Rawene)	J. W. Parker
Whangaroa (Kaeo)	E. H. Taylor
Mongonui (Oruru)	J. H. Combes
Mangamuka (Native)	Karanga Puhi
Otamatea (Native)	Perana

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Cambridge	One Wanted
Hamilton (Ngaruawahia)	W. A. Porter
Taumarunui	One Wanted
Te Awamutu	J. A. Lamond
Waimana (Taneatua)	P. J. Mairs
Te Puke	One Wanted
Matamata	C. W. Brown
Ohura	A. M. Costain
Raglan (Native)	Rakena Piripi

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Cape Egmont (Rahotu)	T. W. Featherstone
East Egmont (Douglas)	L. Green
Wanganui (Gonville)	F. P. Kellow
North Taranaki (Uriti)	One Wanted
Patea	G. Bridgman
Mokau	One Wanted
Pariroa (Native)	Wirimu Tupito
Raetihi (Native)	Wi Kaitara

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Cisborne (Te Hapara)	One Wanted
Sanson-Rongotea (Rongotea)	One Wanted
Kimbolton	J. Oliver
Norsewood	H. Spencer

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Taranaki Street (Brooklyn)	J. H. White
Masterton (Kuripuni)	One Wanted

NELSON DISTRICT.

Richmond (Wakefield)	C. H. Kendon
Blenheim (Picton)	One Wanted
Denniston	R. H. Todd
Havelock	C. Aker
Awatere (Seddon)	One Wanted
Murchison	J. Common
Runanga	M. Ayrton

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch East	S. Cross
Christchurch (Addington)	One Wanted
Greendale-Malvern (Darfield)	S. Keen
Oxford (East Oxford)	W. B. Cuming

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Waimate (Nukuroa)	One Wanted
Temuka (Denmark Street)	A. H. Couch
Methven	J. Weir
Mayfield	E. Nicholls

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin, St. Kilda (Anderson's Bay)	A. McLachlan
Waikouaiti-Palmerston (Palmerston)	W. T. Hooper
Lawrence	C. Duncan
Cromwell	J. Tyson
Queenstown	Vacant
Tapanui	Vacant

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Otautau (Nightcaps)	W. E. Sleep
Riverton	W. Watson
Winton	C. A. Foston
Tuatapere	J. Dennis

QUESTION XXVI.—Who are Elected Chairmen of Districts for the Ensuing Year?

Auckland—George Bond.

Auckland South—George W. J. Spence.

Taranaki-Wanganui—John A. Luxford.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu—Daniel J. Murray.

Wellington—Samuel J. Serpell.

Nelson—William Baumber.

North Canterbury—Samuel Lawry (President of the Conference).

South Canterbury—William J. Williams.

Otago—Paul W. Fairclough.

Southland—William Grigg.

QUESTION XXVII.—What is the Number of Members in the several Circuits?

I. METHODIST CIRCUITS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.		Sept., 1911.	Sept., 1912.
Sept., 1911.	Sept., 1912.		
626 Auckland, Pitt Street	650	44 Paeroa	56
246 Auckland West	248	179 Franklin	185
410 Auckland East	481	83 Cambridge	85
294 Auckland Mission	233	268 Hamilton	269
129 Auckland, N. Shore	141	44 Huntly	42
182 Auckland, Birkenhead	203	100 Paparoa	95
117 Onehunga	117	144 Northern Wairoa	140
141 Otahuhu	149	113 Whangarei	114
86 Mahurangi	81	39 Rotorua	43
104 Thames	98	98 Tauranga	109
210 Upper Thames	206	23 Opotiki	33
110 Waihi	112	47 Port Albert	57
		— Te Kuiti	40

Sept., 1911.		Sept., 1912.
64	Te Awamutu ...	59
36	Coromandel ...	40
39	Helensville ...	41
33	Bay of Islands ...	32
48	Hokianga ...	50
32	Whangaroa ...	35
31	Mangonui ...	31
19	Waimana ...	28
4134	(Increase 178)	4312

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

273	New Plymouth ...	283
72	Waitara ...	69
103	Inglewood ...	95
117	Stratford ...	110
82	Eltham ...	85
190	Hawera ...	200
58	Manaia ...	69
115	Cape Egmont ...	103
80	Kaponga ...	66
315	Wanganui ...	343
84	Aramoho ...	75
70	Rangitikei ...	70
97	Sanson & Rongotea ...	103
154	Feilding ...	154
501	Palmerston North ...	473
30	Taihape ...	39
64	Waimarino ...	58
—	Taumarunui ...	—
34	Patea ...	34
62	Kimbolton ...	63
37	Ohura ...	40
30	North Taranaki ...	30
2568	(Increase 3)	2571

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

489	Wgtn., Taranaki St. ...	528
102	Wgtn. Cen. Mission ...	121
127	Wgtn., Thorndon ...	125
270	Wellington South ...	314
55	Johnsonville ...	57
143	Hutt ...	145
133	Petone ...	130
59	South Wairarapa ...	52
118	Carterton ...	118
240	Masterton ...	230
242	Napier ...	253
150	Hastings ...	150
152	Gisborne ...	164
88	Eketahuna ...	90
95	Dannevirke ...	90
187	Levin-Otaki ...	183
42	Waipawa ...	60
113	Woodville ...	137
77	Pahiatua ...	70
59	Norsewood ...	77
2941	(Increase 162)	3103

NELSON DISTRICT.

Sept., 1911.		Sept., 1912.
200	Nelson ...	199
146	Richmond ...	181
314	Blenheim ...	322
53	Hokitika ...	51
202	Greymouth ...	169
143	Motueka ...	114
80	Reefton ...	83
67	Westport ...	74
53	Havelock ...	48
15	Murchison ...	15
6	Awatere ...	6
—	Runanga ...	58
1279	(Increase 41)	1320

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch—

1083	Durham Street ...	1084
203	Sydenham ...	190
226	Addington ...	244
306	St. Albans ...	297
150	Papanui ...	154
81	Lyttelton ...	87
149	Springston ...	138
109	Tai Tapu ...	103
147	Leeston ...	148
257	Kaiapoi ...	260
217	Rangiora ...	234
48	Malvern ...	50
282	Timaru ...	292
185	Waimate ...	190
72	Temuka ...	79
203	Ashburton ...	197
134	Willowby ...	125
44	Amberley ...	45
31	Oxford ...	33
33	Methven ...	50
—	Mayfield ...	30
8	Cheviot ...	4
3983	(Increase 51)	4034

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin—

325	Trinity ...	330
195	Central Mission ...	172
319	Cargill Road ...	320
137	Mornington ...	148
160	Roslyn ...	146
67	Mosgiel ...	68
98	Port Chalmers ...	98
70	Balclutha ...	78
40	Milton ...	48
243	Invercargill ...	264
145	Oamaru ...	147
84	Gore ...	127
85	Otautau ...	94
55	Roxburgh ...	60

Sept., 1911.		Sept., 1912.		MAORI MEMBERS.			
55	Lawrence	53		Sept., 1911.	Sept., 1912.		
50	Cromwell	50		289	Whangaroa	303	
44	Riverton	43		594	Hokianga	594	
36	Palmerston	40		244	Kaipara	255	
20	Winton	27		599	Waikato	605	
40	Tuatapere	38		200	West Coast Mission	200	
10	Wakatipu	10		95	South Island Mission	95	
2278	(Increase 83)	2361		2021	(Increase 31)	2052	

TOTALS.

Sept. 1911.		Sept. 1912.	
European Members,	17,183 (increase 518)	...	17,701
Maori Members,	2,021 (increase 31)	...	2,052
	19,204 (increase 549)	...	19,753

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II.—PRIMITIVE METHODIST CIRCUITS.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.			CANTERBURY DISTRICT.		
Sept., 1911.	Sept., 1912.		Sept., 1911.	Sept., 1912.	
105	New Plymouth	115	125	Christchurch I.	135
24	Inglewood	—	85	Christchurch II.	73
90	Stratford	88	118	Greendale	119
50	Eltham	48	123	Ashburton	124
90	Wanganui	95	79	Geraldine	80
38	East Egmont	32	84	Timaru	96
397	(Decrease 19)	378	57	Waimate	49
			58	Temuka	58
			729	(Increase 5)	734
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			OTAGO & SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.		
100	Wellington I.	100	260	Dunedin I.	260
140	Wellington II.	142	160	Dunedin II.	166
96	Wellington III.	96	150	Invercargill I.	165
88	Foxton	100	120	Invercargill II.	123
132	Feilding	132	65	Bluff	66
54	Halcombe	57	57	Waikouaiti	57
70	West Coast Mission	70	48	Edendale	50
680	(Increase 17)	697	860	(Increase 27)	887
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			TOTALS.		
176	Auckland I.	176	397	Taranaki District	378
168	Auckland II.	170	680	Wellington District...	697
134	Auckland III.	134	696	Auckland District	660
67	Thames	67	729	Canterbury District	734
60	Waihi	24	860	Otago and South-	887
54	Hamilton	52		land District	
37	Cambridge	37			
606	(Decrease 36)	600	3362	(Decrease 6)	3356

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STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Auckland District—Rev. E. P. Blamires.
 South Auckland District—Rev. T. N. Griffin.
 Taranaki-Wanganui District—Rev. E. O. Blamires.
 Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District—Rev. T. J. Wallis.
 Wellington District—Rev. P. J. Cossum.
 Nelson District—Rev. T. R. Richards.
 North Canterbury District—Rev. H. Ranston, B.A.
 South Canterbury District—Rev. J. Guy.
 Otago District—Rev. T. W. Vealie.
 Southland District—Rev. M. A. R. Pratt.

QUESTION XXVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Welfare of the Church?

The Report of the Committee was presented by Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.

REPORT OF THE "WELFARE OF THE CHURCH" COMMITTEE.

1. The Committee was charged by the last Conference with the duty of analysing the general Church statistics for the year, but in view of the complete statistical analysis presented a year ago, it is felt that a brief review will meet the case on this occasion. This must be limited to the figures supplied by the erstwhile Methodist Church, those relating to the Primitive Methodist Church not being at present available. The increase in Church membership, in which every District participates, is 539. There is also an increase of 119 in the Junior membership of the Church. The returns show a decrease of 3608 in the number of adherents. This amounts to over 5 per cent. The total number of adherents reported is 67,699, the lowest since 1901. The Committee feels that it is time the Conference gave some special attention to this column of our statistics. If the return is reliable and the adherents of our Church are becoming less numerous, while the population of the Dominion is steadily increasing, the figures are of the most serious import. If, on the other hand, the figures are unreliable and misleading, we should either cease to tabulate them or else introduce a basis of calculation which would provide reliable information. The Sunday School returns show a decrease of eight schools and of 44 scholars. The large decrease of 321 scholars is reported from the Canterbury District. The increases in the number of scholars becoming Junior and Senior members, and in the members of both Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Classes, are gratifying.

2. During the year the Committee has given a great deal of time to carrying forward the arrangements for the approaching Mission of Inspiration and Appeal, and of this part of its work a separate report will be given. In addition to this, the chief feature of the Committee's work has been the issuing to the June Quarterly Meetings, in accordance with the direction of Conference, of an official circular, setting forth the facts of the last census in so far as they throw light upon the progress of our Church, and calling the attention of official boards to various aspects of Christian work intimately related to the welfare and development of the Church. The communication was approved by the President of the Conference, and signed by him. It

is scarcely possible to estimate the effect which the consideration of the grave matters to which it referred must have had upon our work throughout the Dominion, but from the numerous reports received it is evident that the discussions have resulted, in many places, in re-awakened zeal and the adoption of more earnest and systematic methods. In some cases most valuable statements were furnished in reply setting forth the general difficulties which confront all Christian enterprise to-day, and also detailing various local circumstances that delay progress. The Committee is persuaded that there are many signs of wisely directed activity in our churches, and that we do ourselves an injustice when we speak as though no effective work were being done. It is evident, however, that the anxious conditions of our modern life, amid which we have to carry on our Lord's work, demand the most thorough study. We cannot hope to "muddle through" in the warfare upon which we are engaged, nor will mere blind earnestness effect much. We need the most scientific analysis of present-day conditions and the most thorough consultation as to how best to use them where they may prove helpful, or to overcome them where they stand in our way. Glancing through the more informative replies from the Quarterly Meetings, and especially regarding the very valuable communication received from the New Plymouth Circuit, the chief causes operating against religious life and progress may be detailed as follows:—

- (1.) The increase in luxury and self-indulgence consequent upon easier conditions of life has produced an age largely marked by indifference to the spiritual appeal. Our youth are absorbed in pleasure, and our men preoccupied in money-making, and the claims of religion are thrust aside. It is as described in the vivid language of the Old Testament, "Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked."
- (2.) The theological unrest, resulting from the failure of old modes of expressing truth to satisfy the modern mind and the hesitancy of the pulpit to adapt itself to the new vocabulary and to provide a sufficient answer to the questions that are clamouring for settlement among all thinking men, has resulted in a wide distrust of the Church as a candid and competent teacher.
- (3.) The overflow of Christian activity into non-Church channels has reduced the status of the Church in the eyes of many, as a necessary institution in the community. Once the Church was the sole educator of the people and the dispenser of charity. Within her bosom all the great philanthropic movements were born. But to-day there has grown up outside her walls a new social propaganda, of which she is largely fearsome and uncertain, and men feel that they can live a highly serviceable life, consecrated to the causes of brotherhood and humanity, without Church attachment.
- (4.) The rapid spread of education, the diffusion of literature, and the growth of culture, have brought in an age which demands a more uniformly high standard of ministerial equipment than we supply, and perhaps a more dignified and reverent form of public worship than is common among us.
- (5.) The absorption of ministerial time and energy in mere routine, in carrying on Circuit finance, and, especially in our cities, in answering the innumerable calls of connexional committees and public demands, has lowered the effectiveness of many ministries. A proportion of time must, of course, be found for such matters, but too often the calls made are excessive. The minister becomes subtly

absorbed in lesser things, and is reduced from the pastor and prophet of his ordination vows to a mere man of affairs.

Without associating itself with each and every expression in this statement of present-day conditions, the Committee feels that there is here provided matter for most anxious thought, and that in fully and frankly facing these things we shall find our Church salvation.

3. But further, the Committee is persuaded that there is but one atmosphere in which the many problems thus detailed can be well discussed. It is not in mere academic debate, still less in the spirit of criticism and pessimism, that we shall come out into the light of a larger and fuller day, but in reliance upon those great sources of spiritual enlightenment and power open to none but the seeking people of God. We are faced with no greater difficulties to-day than those which have confronted the Church in many a past age, and we are living amid some conditions which might supremely help on the Kingdom of Christ if we could but find the way to ally ourselves with them. The New Testament idea of the Church is that of a Spirit-taught and Spirit-led institution. It is the Body through which the mind and purpose of Jesus Christ can be expressed. He, the living Head, will guide us into all truth—into true apprehension of spiritual things, into courageous utterance of the needed message, into wisdom to read the seemingly perilous times aright, and into effectiveness of method for accomplishing His work.

(Signed)

C. H. LAWS, Chairman.

S. GRIFFITH, Secretary.

January 28th, 1913.

A large number of suggestions were made by the Committee as to methods of improving the effectiveness of the work of the Church, and based upon these the Conference passed the following resolutions:—

1. That the Report be published in the Minutes, and that the Committee on the Christian Literature Department be requested to arrange for the publication of the address delivered by the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., in introducing the Report.

2. That in all our Circuits steps be taken to restore to the membership of the Church its fullest significance. To this end the Conference urges that young people coming forward for membership be instructed in preparatory classes in the duties and privileges of Church life; that the means of Christian fellowship be amply provided in every Circuit, and that the people be continually urged to avail themselves of the same, and participate regularly in the Communion Services; that the whole membership of the Church be consulted in all important developments of Church work, and kept in close touch with what is going forward in our official courts; and that the roll of membership be faithfully revised from quarter to quarter, and the names of any who, after affectionate advice, decline to fulfil the requirements of membership in the Church, be removed.

3. That in view of the fact that the lay pastorate has been effectively established in some of our churches, and has commended itself as a valuable assistance to the Minister, and a source of stimulus to the people, the Conference urges that it should be more widely adopted, and requests the Welfare of the Church Committee to bring the matter before all Leaders' Meetings, and in so doing suggest how it may be introduced and made successful.

4. That in view of the fact that some of our members and adherents are lost sight of through removals, the greatest care be taken to prevent such leakage. That a new and more useful removal Note be provided, furnishing fuller information, somewhat on the lines of

the British Methodist Brotherhood, and that the Note be in duplicate, one part to be retained by the member removing, and the other to be sent to the minister of the church where the member is going. The Conference deems it of importance that the absent members who are residing without the bounds of a Methodist Circuit or in remote parts of constituted Circuits should be kept in touch with the Church by having their membership tickets forwarded to them.

5. That with a view to promoting Christian work, and bringing the Church into closer touch with the people, "Workers' Guilds" or "Visiting Bands" be organised, to undertake systematic visitation, the sectional oversight of neighbourhoods, and the dissemination of Christian literature.

6. That the following Committee be set up to consider the advisability of establishing a "Christian Literature Department" in the Church, having as its object the issuing of leaflets on evangelical, apologetic and social topics suitable for distribution among our young people and others, such Committee to report to next Conference:—The President of the Conference, Revs. W. J. Williams, C. H. Laws, B.A., W. Laycock, W. A. Sinclair, H. E. Bellhouse, A. B. Chappell, M.A., J. W. Burton, with Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. E. Purchase, B.A., L. M. Isitt, M.P., F. Christian, J. R. Sinclair, and T. Sharp. Rev. W. Laycock, Convener.

7. That wherever possible Deaconesses be employed in connection with our churches in the cities and larger towns.

8. That arrangements be made in every Circuit for the regular holding of open-air services.

9. That as the Census returns reveal the existence of many thousands of adherents of the ex-Primitive Methodist Church, for whom the Church records do not account, this matter be remitted to the Welfare of the Church Committee to make enquiries during the year as to the location of these people, and report to the next Conference.

10. That the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Ministers of the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, with Messrs. J. L. Scott, J. A. Flesher, J. C. Prudhoe, C. E. Salter, H. Chapman, W. H. Seed, F. Thompson, G. H. Andrew, J. Cannon, A. F. Drayton, A. Borrows, W. C. Francis, C. A. Newman, Harvey Cook, H. Holland, E. W. Hall, J. Field, T. Sharp. Convener: Rev. S. Griffith.

11. That the Conference Address, formerly known as the Pastoral Address, be discontinued.

12. That the Welfare of the Church Committee be requested to consider during the year, and to report to the next Conference, the most effective means whereby the Conference may communicate with the members of the Church, in place of the now discontinued Address.

QUESTION XXIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting our Sunday Schools and the Youth of the Church?

The Report of the Connexional Board was presented to the Conference and adopted.

The Report of the ex-Primitive Methodist "Youth of the Church" Committee was presented to the Conference.

**SCHEME OF ORGANISATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND
YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT,**

I.—THE LOCAL S.S. AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE.

This shall be the unit of representation, and shall consist of—

1. The Circuit Superintendent and the Circuit Minister in charge of the particular church to which the School belongs.
2. The Officers and Teachers of the School, including the Leaders of the Bible Classes.
3. One representative each from the Wesley Guild, the Senior Bible Classes, the Connexional C.E. Society, and Band of Hope, or any other Young People's Society, to be chosen by the body represented.
4. One representative elected by the Local Trustees' Meeting, such representative being a member of the Methodist Church, and one representative of the Leaders' Meeting.

The Local S.S. and Y.P. Committee shall

1. Have complete oversight and management of the local Sunday School.
2. Elect annually the officers of the School. The election of the Superintendent or Superintendents shall be by ballot, without nomination, and by an absolute majority of those present and voting.
3. Meet at least once a quarter.
4. Consider at its September meeting the Sunday School, C.E. and Temperance Returns, and forward them through the Circuit S.S. and Y.P. Council to the Quarterly Meeting.
5. Elect the Officers and Committee of the Band of Hope, and the Superintendent of the Junior C.E. Society, where such appointment is not made by the Senior C.E. Society.
6. Arrange, wherever practicable, for the Quarterly Examination of all the scholars.
7. Arrange Mission Study Classes in connection with each Bible Class.
8. Organise a Juvenile Missionary Society in each local School.

II.—THE CIRCUIT S.S. AND Y.P. COUNCIL.

This shall consist of—

1. The Circuit Minister or Ministers, and the Circuit Home Missionary or Missionaries.
2. The Officers and Teachers of Schools, including the Leaders of the Bible Classes.
3. The Senior Lay Officer of the Wesley Guilds, Connexional C.E.'s (Senior and Junior), Bands of Hope, and any other Young People's Societies.
4. The members of the Local S.S. and Y.P. Committee, representing the Trustees' and Leaders' Meetings, shall be ex officio members of the Council.

The Circuit S.S. and Y.P. Council shall

1. Meet at least once a year.
2. Elect annually a Lay Secretary.

3. Receive and consider local S.S., C.E., and Temperance Reports and Schedules.
4. Assist S.S. Extension—advise as to the erection and improvement of S.S. buildings, etc.
5. Arrange systematic visitation of Local Sunday Schools by duly appointed visitors.
6. Stimulate the improvement of Sunday Schools, Bands of Hope, Wesley Guilds, C.E. Societies, etc., by holding Conventions, Lectures, Classes, etc.
7. Make arrangements for the observance throughout the Circuit of Young People's Day.
8. Arrange Teachers' Training Classes in the Circuit.
9. Arrange for the presentation of Diplomas gained by S.S. Scholars.
10. Arrange United Juvenile Missionary Demonstrations, etc.

N.B.—In Circuits where only one school exists, the S.S. Committee shall discharge all the functions of the Circuit Council.

III.—DISTRICT AND SUB-DISTRICT S.S. AND Y.P. COMMITTEES.

(The formation of District Committees is recommended, but the constitution and boundaries of such Committees should be decided when the union of the two Churches has taken place.)

The District S.S. and Y.P. Committees shall—

1. Meet at least once a year.
2. Receive Circuit S.S., C.E., and Temperance Schedules, and report thereon to the Connexional Board.
3. Deal with all matters connected with Sunday Schools in the District, and further the interests of Sunday School, Wesley Guild, C.E., and other Young People's work by arranging classes, lectures, conventions, etc.
4. Receive recommendations from Circuit S.S. and Y.P. Councils, and forward them, with its own recommendations, to the Connexional Board.
5. Elect three Ministerial and four Lay representatives to the S.S. and Y.P. Convention.

IV.—THE CONNEXIONAL S.S. AND Y.P. BOARD.

This shall consist of—

1. The Circuit Ministers and S.S. Superintendents of the City and Suburban Circuits where the Board shall meet.
2. Three representatives elected by the Y.M.B.C. Union, three to be elected by the Y.W.B.C. Union.
3. Any other persons interested in S.S. or Young People's work who may be appointed by the annual Conference.
4. Members absent for three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse shall forfeit their seats, and substitutes may be appointed by the Board.

The Connexional S.S. and Y.P. Board shall—

1. Meet at least four times a year.
2. Elect its own officers, receive and consider reports and schedules received from District Committees and Synods, and make recommendations to the Convention and Annual Conference.

3. Consider generally the needs and interests of Sunday Schools and Young People's organisations throughout the Dominion.
4. Enter into communication with organisations and authorities in other countries in order to obtain useful information on S.S. and Y.P. work.
5. Make arrangements for the S.S. and Y.P. Convention.
6. Receive the recommendations of the District S.S. and Y.P. Committee for consideration and presentation to the Convention.
7. Receive the reports of the Convention and forward them to the Conference and Synods.

V.—THE S.S. AND Y.P. CONVENTION.

1. In order to promote unity of interest and uniformity of action between Methodist Sunday Schools and in our Young People's organisations, a Convention shall be held at such intervals and at such places as shall be determined from time to time.
2. This Convention shall be held in the month of September, or as near thereto as possible.
3. The Convention shall consist of—
 1. The Chairmen of Districts or their Deputies.
 2. The Chairman and Secretary of the Connexional Board.
 3. Three Ministerial and four Lay delegates appointed by each District Committee.
 4. All S.S. and Y.P. workers who are able to attend.
4. Resolutions on policy questions or organisation shall be subject to the confirmation of the ex-officio and appointed members of the Convention.
5. The President of the Conference or his Deputy shall be President of the S.S. and Y.P. Convention.
6. The reports and proceedings of the Convention shall be forwarded to the Connexional S.S. and Y.P. Board for presentation to the Annual Synods and Conference.

VI.—REPRESENTATION AT SYNODS.

Each District shall be represented at its District Synod by two representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the District Committee, and the other by the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the scheme of Organisation of Sunday Schools and Young People's Department recommended by the United Committee, be adopted.
2. That the Connexional Board be thanked for its services during the past year, and that the following be appointed additional members of the Board:—Messrs. W. C. Allnutt, W. Paris, R. Bagshaw, A. H. Williams, C. H. Virtue, W. Parker, J. Davidson, W. Kaler, and A. Roberts. (See also Section IV., Scheme of Organisation.)
3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. A. H. Reed for his efficient work as Convener of the Board.
4. That the Board meet in Dunedin during 1913.
5. That the Rev. A. C. Lawry and Messrs. J. H. Pugh and J. Watkinson be appointed representatives to the World's Sunday School Convention, to be held at Zurich, July 8-15, 1913.

6. That Hazlitt's Pedagogical Bible School be adopted as the text-book to be used in the Students' Course of Study.

7. 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.

8. That all our schools be recommended to use graded lesson helps, for teachers and scholars, and that the Board make further inquiry concerning such publications, with a view to recommendation to schools.

9. That the Conference endorses the policy of teacher-training, and refers the question of suitable text-books to the Connexional Board. It empowers the Board to appoint an examiner or examiners; it directs that an examination shall take place twice yearly, in May and November; and approves of the following pass marks:—Pass, 60 per cent.; Second Class Honours, 75 per cent.; First Class Honours, 85 per cent.

10. 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.

11. 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, Beatitudes, 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. The Conference also recommends that portions of Scripture, etc., be recited in full school.

12. That this Conference recommends our schools to mark on a percentage basis, and decides that the Conference Diploma be granted to scholars gaining 90 per cent. of marks gained for attendance at school, attendance at church, punctuality, conduct and lessons learned, excluding all marks otherwise awarded.

13. 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 Secretary of the Connexional Board, who shall prepare a Sunday School Report of the whole Dominion to be laid before the Annual Conference.

14. That Young People's Day be observed on the third Sunday in May, and that the third Sunday in October be observed as the Universal Day of Prayer for Sunday Schools. On Young People's Day, 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 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 Connexional Board.

15. 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.

16. That on at least one Sunday in every quarter special attention shall be given to the subject of Foreign Missions.

17. That Superintendents of Circuits, in preparing the Sunday School returns, shall include in the Circuit totals the Methodist teachers and scholars who are attached to undenominational schools.

18. That the following recommendations of Synods be referred to the Connexional Board for report to the next Synods and Conference:—

(1.) That the Conference be requested to provide the necessary facilities for putting into operation the General Conference legislation relating to children and the Church.

(2.) That the attention of all our Churches be directed to the legislation of the General Conference with regard to the children and the Church, and that they be urged to put it into practice.

(3.) That the question of the relationship to the Church of the children below the age of junior membership, and the best means of securing co-operation between the Church and parents in the spiritual education of these children should be specially considered during the year.

(4.) That a Committee be appointed, to sit during the year, to take into consideration the condition of the Young Peoples Societies in the Church, more especially the C.E. Societies, Wesley Guilds, Bands of Hope, and Literary Societies, and to report to the next Synods and Conference upon the best means to be adopted to strengthen these Societies, or the advisability of calling into existence a distinctively denominational New Zealand Society, on the lines of the Wesley Guild, with a Model Constitution for the government of such a Society.

19. That the Connexional Board give consideration during the year to all Conference resolutions and legislation respecting the Church membership of children, with a view to systematic and uniform methods of putting these resolutions into operation.

20. That the following corresponding members be added to the Board this year in dealing with the above special questions:—Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., H. L. Blamires, A. B. Chappell, M.A., W. A. Sinclair, and G. H. Mann.

21. The Conference directs that definite teaching on the subject of the fundamental principles and history of Protestantism be given in the Methodist Sunday Schools of the Dominion.

22. That Ministers be instructed to enter the names of junior members in the Church Roll Book.

23. That Teachers' Meetings report to the Leaders' Meetings the names of scholars eligible for Junior membership, and those of Junior members eligible for Senior membership.

24. That Ministers be directed to form preparation classes of Junior members who are eligible for Senior membership, those of suitable age who on Decision Day have signified their trust in Christ as their Saviour, and other young people who have expressed their desire to lead a Christian life, for their definite instruction in Church belief and practice, with a view to their reception into full Church membership; that those approved by the Leaders' Meetings be publicly received as members at a Reception Service, a ticket and certificate of membership being presented to each one, and the service to conclude with the administration of the Lord's Supper; that these Reception Services be held, when possible, on the first Sunday in September, and that the day be known as "Young People's Church Membership Sunday."

25. That a Dominion Sunday School Convention be held during the year, the time and place to be left to the Connexional Board.

26. That the attention of Superintendents be drawn to the Sunday School returns for the past year, wherein a number of Circuits showing large returns of adult members and scholars in the Sunday Schools have no returns of junior membership. In the opinion of the Conference this is far from satisfactory, and all Ministers are urged to devote more time to definite Christian work among the young people and children of our Churches and Sunday Schools.

27. That Sunday School Superintendents and officials be urged to consider the advisability of including a fair number of books dealing with Methodism, and by Methodist authors, when making their selections for additions to Sunday School Libraries and for annual presentations to scholars.

28. That the following be appointed Sunday School Representatives to Synods:—

- Auckland—Mr. T. E. Price.
- Auckland South—Mr. J. H. Lange.
- Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. H. V. S. Griffiths.
- Hawkes Bay-Manawatu—Mr. R. H. Billens.
- Wellington—Mr. T. Sims.
- Nelson—Mr. H. P. Mourant.
- Canterbury—Mr. H. Chapman.
- South Canterbury—Mr. C. Dixon.
- Otago—Mr. A. H. Reed.
- Southland—Mr. W. Dickson.

28. That the following be the District Committees:—

AUCKLAND.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits. Conveners: Rev. C. C. Harrison and Mr. C. H. Ralph.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Hamilton, Franklin and Cambridge Circuits. Conveners: Rev. J. Wrigley and Mr. J. Treloar.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Hawera and Stratford Circuits. Conveners: Rev. E. O. Blamires and Mr. E. Dixon.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Napier and Hastings Circuits. Conveners: Rev. T. J. Wallis and Mr. L. A. Denton.

WELLINGTON.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Wellington City and Suburban Circuits. Conveners: Rev. G. Knowles Smith and Mr. L. J. Clark.

NELSON.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Nelson and Richmond Circuits. Conveners: Rev. C. Eaton and Mr. S. Smith.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Canterbury Sunday School Union Committee. Convener: The Secretary of the Committee.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Ashburton and Willowby Circuits. Conveners: Rev. W. J. Elliott and Mr. C. Dixon.

OTAGO.—The Sunday School and Young People's Board.

SOUTHLAND.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Invercargill. Convener: Rev. W. Grigg.

QUESTION XXX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference in regard to Temperance and Public Morals?

The report of the Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee, and that the following be the Committee for 1913:—The Ministers of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Circuits, with Messrs. E. Rosevear, A. King, J. B. Shacklock, E. Aslin, W. Allnutt, J. P. Simon, H. D. Bedford, M.A., LL.M., J. F. Arnold, W. R. Don, R. N. Vanes, and G. L. Asher. Rev. T. W. Vealie, Convener.

2. In view of the widespread and growing disregard of the Lord's Day, the Conference, believing the Sabbath to be a Divine institution, closely allied to the highest well-being of mankind, urges our people, and especially Christian parents, to do all in their power to maintain the sacredness of the day as appointed for rest and worship. The Conference strongly denounces everything that results in unnecessary Sunday labour, and invites the co-operation of the Christian community in all efforts to preserve inviolable the Day of Rest. The Conference further adopts the report of the Committee appointed last year, and re-appoints the Committee to act in conjunction with a united Committee for the promotion of "a Sunday Alliance." The Committee consists of the Ministers of the Wellington and Suburban and Hutt Valley Circuits, with Messrs. W. E. Redstone, J. Lomas, W. H. Bennett, G. Tiller, R. W. Waterhouse, Rodda, and Baker. Rev. S. H. D. Peryman, Convener.

3. That the Conference expresses its pleasure at the action of the Military Authorities in endeavouring to prevent Sabbath desecration by discontinuing unnecessary drill parades, and breaking camp on Sunday, and cherishes the hope that week-end camps will be abolished, and that the sanctity of the Sabbath will be carefully preserved.

4. That we believe New Zealand may justly be proud of its secular press, which by its high tone becomes a strong buttress to good citizenship. We, however, look with anxiety at the reports of domestic and morbid tragedies that are gathered from every part of the world, and which serve no healthy, wholesome purpose. The double crime of murder and suicide is certainly becoming more frequent. We believe this to be largely due to the suggestions with which the morbid are daily fed. We would respectfully suggest to our public press the wisdom of eliminating all information calculated to affect injuriously the mind and morals of the people.

5. That the Conference strongly protests against the unfair handicap of a three-fifths majority imposed on the No-License voters of this Dominion, and urges the Methodist Church of New Zealand to assist the New Zealand Alliance in its strenuous endeavours to have this handicap removed or materially reduced.

6. The Conference having been informed that there are classes of workers still struggling to secure a day of rest, resolves that all workers are righteously entitled to one day's rest in seven.

7. That the Committee of Privileges take into consideration the abuses likely to arise from the provision of the Marriage Act which permits parties to obtain two licenses from the Registrar, allowing the ceremony to be performed in two distinct buildings at different times.

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

GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 1912.

1. Of the six District Property Reports, two reached me since the beginning of 1913. One of the earliest ones was accompanied by a letter stating that certain Circuit schedules had not reached the District Secretary, and that they would be forwarded as soon as they came to hand. So far they have not reached me, so that the summaries for that District are incomplete. It is evident that a great deal of liberty is taken by Trust Treasurers in making up their Schedules as to the headings under which sundry items are entered. In one case a large item of "seat rents" is explained by a note that it includes a considerable sum received as rent from shops. In another case the expenditure, which was apparently for a new church, is put under the heading "Alterations and Repairs." In yet another case an expenditure for bandsmen's uniforms is entered under "Enlargements and Minor Improvements." If the Schedules are worth filling up and tabulating, some attempt ought to be made to ensure that they are both complete and correct.

2. The returns of valuations of church properties are still incomplete. In some Districts valuations appear to be approximately complete, and give a general idea of the value of the properties held by the Church. But there is still much information to be secured. Instead of publishing an incomplete return, I suggest that effort be made during the year by correspondence with Superintendents and Trust Treasurers to get the returns completed, and a report be made to the Conference of 1914.

3. No sales of properties are reported as having taken place during the year; but it is doubtful if this is correct. Permission to sell was given in several instances by last Conference, and it seems hardly likely that in no case has this permission been acted on.

4. In a few cases there is evidence of properties having been acquired that are not reported in the Schedules. It may be that the conveyance is not complete in some instances, although this need not prevent the matter being reported especially when money has been paid. But when erections have been completed there seems little excuse for their omission from the Schedules.

5. The District Synods have in each case recommended the re-appointment of the present District Secretaries. After several years of very efficient service, Mr. J. R. Randerson found it necessary to retire from the office of District Secretary for Wellington during the year, and the President requested Mr. H. T. H. Grave to take up the duties. He consented to act, and presented to the Wellington Synod a very full report of the District properties.

6. The following is a summary of the

CURRENT TRUST ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.—Credit Balances brought forward, £3790 17s. 1d.; Seat Rents, £2180 7s. 3d.; Trust Collections, £1924 11s. 8d.; Anniversary or Opening Services, £2428 1s. 11d.; Subscriptions and Donations, £9245 11s. 2d.; Loans, £5311 3s. 5d.; All Other Income, £13,162 8s. 10d. Total Receipts, £38,385 17s. 6d. Credits carried to next year, £3373 8s. 4d.

EXPENDITURE.—Debit Balances from last year, £4912 4s. 4d.; Lighting and Cleaning, £3314 18s. 10d.; Alterations and Repairs, £3070 2s.; Enlargements, etc., £7057 10s. 9d.; Interest, £3507 9s. 2d.;

Paid to Circuit Board, £449 9s.; All Other Expenses, including debt reduced, £15,954 19s. 5d. Total Expenditure, £39,904 13s. 9d. Debit Balances forward, £5449 17s. 10d. Debt to Loan Fund, £9151 9s. 1d.; on Other Securities, £68,730 12s. 10d. Amount Insured, £252,134 8s.

The General Report on Church Property for 1912 was presented.

I.—SALES REPORTED.

Nil.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES REPORTED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. AUCKLAND WEST.—(1) Improvements to Ponsonby Church, including brick foundations under organ, also large vestry at rear of church, and additional class room, etc., cost £360, temporary debt £120. (2) Church property at Bayfield, bequeathed by the late Mr. Richard Hobbs, formerly reported without particulars. Land situated Jervois Road, 75ft. frontage, 150ft. deep, valued at £750; church 40ft. x 30ft., of wood, seating 100, valued at £500. Total, £1250.
2. AUCKLAND EAST.—Erection of schoolroom of wood at Epsom, on same section as the church, 36ft. x 28ft., with 4 class rooms each 12ft. x 7ft., to accommodate 175; cost £540; no debt.
3. MAHURANGI.—Erection of vestry of wood, 24ft. x 18ft.; cost £121; no debt.
4. HAMILTON.—(1) Purchase of two sites at Frankton, one of 1 rood, cost £160; and one of 2 roods 27 perches, cost £250. (2) Erection of vestry at Rototuna, cost £60; no debt.
5. PORT ALBERT.—(1) Purchase of a Parsonage and 3 acres of land at Port Albert; cost £170; debt, £140. (2) Gift of land at Wharehine, 1 rood, value £5.
6. TE KUITI.—Purchase of church site, a little over $\frac{1}{4}$ acre; cost £320; debt to Loan Fund, £50.
7. TE AWAMUTU.—Erection of a Parsonage on land previously acquired; no particulars reported.
8. BAY OF ISLANDS.—Gift of land by late Mr. H. Williams, 1 rood; value not stated.
9. WAIMANA.—(1) Erection of concrete church at Waimana, 30ft. x 25ft., to seat 80; cost, £350; debt, £50, in addition to debt to Loan Fund of £21 10s. 6d. for the land, previously purchased. (2) Erection of church at Kutarere, wood, 25ft. x 20ft., to seat 60, on three-tenths of acre of land; cost of land, £60, of church £140; debt, £15 8s. 2d. (3) Gift of church site at Taneatua, 2 roods, value £150.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. NEW PLYMOUTH.—(1) Purchase of 2 roods at Frankleigh Park, at a cost of £70; erection thereon of school hall of wood, 31ft. x 23ft., accommodating 120; cost, £143 8s.; total cost, £213 8s.; debt, £130. (2) Purchase of church site at Vogeltown, 32 perches; cost, £80; debt, £69 1s.
2. Gift of additional $\frac{1}{4}$ acre at Sanson, value £40, from the beneficiaries in the estate of the late Mr. James A'Court, senr.
3. OHURA.—(1) Erection of church at Mangaroa, on site previously acquired, wood, 35ft. x 23ft., with vestry 14ft. x 11ft., to seat

128; cost, £360; debt on building £208, on land £25 6s., total £233 6s. (2) Church, of wood, on section of 1 rood, given by Mr. Lyon; no particulars reported.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. WELLINGTON (Taranaki Street).—Erection of new church, of wood, at Karori, 40ft. x 33ft., to seat 240; cost, with alterations to old building, £1050; debt, £419.
2. WELLINGTON SOUTH.—Erection of new infant schoolroom, of wood, at the rear of Trinity Church, 45ft. x 25ft., to accommodate 150 children; cost, £340 6s. 6d.; no debt.
3. NAPIER.—Purchase of shop from lessee for £300; land and shop let for £3 a week.
4. HASTINGS.—Erection of new brick church, main building 78ft. x 39ft., transept 26ft. x 20ft., tower 12ft. x 12ft., organ loft 18ft. x 12ft., to seat 400; cost, £3078; debt, £2000, borrowed at 4½ per cent.
5. LEVIN-OTAKI.—Erection of church at Te Horo on site previously given, church of wood, 38ft. x 21ft., with vestry 14ft. x 11ft., seating 105; cost, £336; debt, £200.
6. WAIPAWA.—Purchase of ¼ acre at Waipukurau; cost, £190; debt not reported.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. NELSON.—(1) Erection of Sunday School, of wood, 82ft. x 50ft., including 14 class rooms and 4 other rooms, cost £1060; no debt. (2) Infant School, of wood, 30ft. x 22ft., with lean-to 10ft. x 8ft.; cost £200; no debt. The two schools accommodate 300. (3) Erection of gymnasium out of part of material of old school-room; cost, £45; no debt.
2. GREYMOUTH.—Erection of brick church, 55ft. x 35ft., in addition to vestries, to seat 300; cost, including removal and alterations to old church, £1800; debt, when completed, £600.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHRISTCHURCH (Durham Street).—Erection of Bible Class Hall in brick at Woolston, 32ft. x 20ft.; cost, £269; no debt. (2) Detached brick kitchen, etc., at Opawa; cost, £66 15s. 9d; debt, £50.
2. CHRISTCHURCH (Sydenham).—Purchase by Loan Fund Committee of site at South Spreydon, about 1 rood 20 perches; cost, £160.
3. RANGIORA.—Enlargement of Sunday School at Woodend, at a cost of £15 10s.
4. LEESTON.—Erection of church at Dunsandel, on site previously given; church built of wood, 42ft. x 28ft., with vestry 16ft. x 14ft.; cost of building, organ, and furnishing, £874; debt, £100.
5. ASHBURTON.—Erection of new Parsonage of wood, 9 rooms and conveniences; cost, £1000; debt, when finances complete, estimated at £350.
6. METHVEN.—Erection of church on site previously reported, wood, 36ft. x 20ft., to seat 100; cost of building £303, of land £80, total £383; debt on completion, £130 to Loan Fund.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

11. DUNEDIN (Trinity).—Purchase of school site, 12.8 perches; cost, £1250; debt, £200.

2. DUNEDIN (Roslyn).—Erection of vestry at Bellknowes; cost, £51 10s.; debt, £18.
3. RIVERTON.—Purchase of Parsonage site, 1 rood, for £100; no debt.

SUMMARY.

Freehold Sites Acquired	...	...	16
New Churches	...	...	10
Vestries Erected	...	...	3
New Parsonages	...	...	3
New Sunday Schools	...	...	5
Bible Class Hall Erected	...	...	1
Shop Purchased	...	...	1

LAND, ETC., PRESENTED.

1. One rood at Wharehine, valued at £5, by an anonymous donor.
2. One rood at Russell, by the late Mr. H. Williams.
3. Two roods at Taneatua, valued at £150, by an anonymous donor.
4. One rood at Matiere, by Mr. Lyon.
5. An American organ at Tinwald, by the Clothier family, value £25.
6. New fence and gates at Coal Creek Flat, valued at £12, by an anonymous donor.

III.—MINOR IMPROVEMENTS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Rotorua	...	5	0	0	Lincoln Road	...	2	10	0
Opotiki	...	57	16	6	Southbrook	...	14	5	0
Okaihau	...	13	0	0	Maori Hill	...	12	10	0
Aramoho	...	35	17	9	Waitati	...	30	0	11
Rongotea	...	47	5	5	Milton	...	8	1	6
Ohura	...	6	11	3	Otautau	...	13	10	0
Greytown	...	18	12	0	Coal Creek Flat	...	12	0	0
Te Horo	...	17	0	0	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.				
Greymouth	...	64	13	10	Tirohanga—Organ	...	10	0	0
Carluke	...	6	8	0	Wellington Mission—				
Runanga	...	20	0	0	Band Instruments	...	143	9	0
ChCh (Durham St.)	...	53	16	9	Southbrook—Organ	...	30	0	0
Durham St. South	...	19	2	0	Tinwald—Organ	...	25	0	0
Richmond	...	45	3	3	Sawyer's Bay—				
Linwood	...	22	13	0	Organ	...	22	0	0

IV.—SALES AND EXTENDED LEASES SANCTIONED.

(N.B.—Sanction lapses if not acted on by December 31st, 1913.)

1. PUKERAU and MAUDEVILLE, in Gore Circuit.—Renewed permission to sell on conditions previously arranged.
2. AOTEA.—Permission to sell 306 acres by Board of Wesley Training College, subject to the requirements of the "Methodist Charitable and Education Trusts Act" being complied with.
3. KAEO.—Mission Property Trustees to lease 103 acres for 10 years.
4. PICTON.—Sale of old church site for £200, proceeds to be used for reduction of debt on new church property.
5. MOUNT ROSKILL.—Sale of site not now required, with a view to purchasing another site elsewhere.
6. ELTHAM.—Sale of unused section held by Treasurers of Church Building and Loan Fund.

7. PUKEKOHE.—To sell 5 allotments, not more than one acre, of parsonage land consisting of 5 acres, the proceeds to be used for erection of up-to-date Sunday School Hall, any moneys derived from these sales to be invested until sufficient money is in hand to enable the building to be erected free of debt.
8. PAPAURA.—To sell one-fifth of a rood to the Town Board for public purposes, for £100, proceeds to go towards cost of a Sunday School Hall.
9. PURIRI.—To exchange section now in possession of church for a more suitable one at opposite corner of the street.

V.—PROPOSED ERECTIONS, ETC., SANCTIONED TO
DECEMBER 31st, 1913.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. TE KUITI.—Purchasing of church site at a cost of £350.
2. UPPER THAMES.—Erection of parsonage at Morrinsville for the Home Missionary; estimated cost, £400; part of the money to be raised locally, the balance to be borrowed from the Advances to Settlers' Department.
3. BIRKENHEAD.—Purchase of land and cottage at Northcote, the cottage to be altered for Sunday School purposes. Sanctioned on condition of Conference Rule being observed.
4. HAMILTON.—Purchase of section, 132ft. x 90ft., for £140, at Frankton, and erection of church thereon at an estimated cost of £350, subject to Conference Rule being observed. The Hamilton Trustees are assisting this scheme.
5. THAMES.—Erection of new gallery and structural alterations at Thames Central Hall; estimated cost, exclusive of seating, £327; finances to be secured by increased rent received.
6. AUCKLAND (Pitt Street).—Enlargement of Sunday School Hall at Kingsland, subject to Conference Rule being observed.
7. WAIMANA.—The erection of a church at Taneatua on land given by Mr. W. A. Porter; estimated cost, £800; Conference Rule to be observed.
8. BAY OF ISLANDS.—Erection of church at Russell on $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land given by the late Mr. H. Williams; estimated cost of church, £400.
9. TE KUITI.—Erection of church at Te Kuiti, to seat 175 persons; estimated cost, £530; finances subject to subsequent arrangement.
10. PROBERT ESTATE.—Erection of six shops and dwellings at the corner of Nixon Street and Great North Road, Auckland; estimated cost, £5500.
11. OTAHUHU.—Purchase of $\frac{1}{4}$ acre land at Papatoitoti; cost, £200; erection of Church Hall thereon, 52ft. x 30ft.; estimated cost of material for building, furniture, fencing, etc., £524. Most of the labour to be provided free of cost. Conference Rule to be observed.
12. THAMES.—Purchase for £20 of additional section at Puriri, adjoining section to be acquired by exchange.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. PALMERSTON NORTH.—Erection of Sunday School building at Bunnythorpe; estimated cost, £220. Conference Rules to be observed.

2. MANAIA.—Erection of vestry free of debt.
3. CAPE EGMONT.—Erection of vestry at Rahotu free of debt.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. LEVIN-OTAKI.—Erection of parsonage at Otaki; estimated cost, £550.
2. MASTERTON.—Erection of class room at Kuripuni; cost, £60; no debt.
3. WELLINGTON SOUTH.—Erection of small church at Maranui on section of land bought by the Wellington Extension Committee, the only debt to be £300, part cost of the land.
4. WOODVILLE.—Erection of a vestry at the Mangatainoka Church, 18ft. x 14ft.; no permanent debt.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. RICHMOND.—Erection of new church in Rough Cast, at Richmond; estimated cost, £850; not more than £200 debt expected.
2. HAVELOCK.—Erection of porch at Carluke Church; no debt.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- PAPANUI.—Erection of new brick church; estimated cost, £1500; two-thirds cost to be raised.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. MOSGIEL.—Erection of parsonage at Mosgiel; estimated cost, £500.
2. RIVERTON.—Purchase of site for parsonage, cost £100, and erection of parsonage thereon; estimated cost, £400; total estimated debt, £400, this to be reduced not less than £25 a year.
3. CARGILL ROAD.—Erection of brick parsonage at St. Kilda, 8 rooms; estimated cost, £800; at least £100 to be raised locally, the balance on mortgage. This is to save rent.
4. OAMARU.—Erection of church at Enfield. Conference Rule to be observed.

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. F. C. Daniell, South Auckland; Mr. L. Bassett, Taranaki-Wanganui; Mr. T. R. Hodder, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu; Mr. H. T. H. Grave, Wellington; Mr. J. Boon, Nelson; Mr. C. E. Salter, North Canterbury; Mr. W. G. Irwin, South Canterbury; Mr. E. Rosevear, Otago; Mr. A. S. Froggatt, Southland.
3. That in the case of Home Mission Stations, where there is property, Schedule books be provided free.
4. That the audited balance-sheets be returned to the Circuits, after having been submitted to the District Secretaries.
5. 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.
6. 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.

7. 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.

8. That once in every five years the various Trust Boards be required to make a return of the capital value of the properties under their control, such return to indicate the unimproved value of land and the value of improvements, the returns to be presented to the Synod of the District in which the properties are situated, and by the Synod reported to Conference.

9. That attention be called to the Conference rule, that sanction for the sale, or for an extended lease of Church property, is given only for the current year, or part of the current year, ending February 28th, and must be renewed in order to be operative for a further period.

10. That sales sanctioned by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be ratified by the Conference.

11. That the following be a Committee to prepare a Schedule Book:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, the Rev. W. Laycock, Messrs. C. E. Salter, W. Dobbs, and the Hon. G. J. Smith, such Schedule Book to provide for the following records:—

(1.) Particulars of Trust Properties in the Circuit, with sufficient space for names of new Trustees.

(2.) Annual Statement of Current Trust Account for each place in the Circuit, a footnote to be added that "minor improvements" include only such expenditure as adds to the original value of the property.

(3.) List of annually appointed Officers in the Circuit, including the various Stewards and other elected members of the Quarterly Meeting.

(4.) Statement of Church Membership at each place in the Circuit, as on 30th September in each year, this to include the number of Full Members, those on Probation, Junior Members, and other Communicants.

(5.) Young People's Societies at each place in the Circuit, showing of what character, and the number of members in each case as at 30th September.

(6.) List of Sunday Schools in the Circuit, showing the number of Teachers and average attendance, and the number of Scholars and average attendance, as at 30th September.

(7.) Bands of Hope or other Temperance Societies, with the number of members in each Society, as at 30th September.

(8.) Amount raised during the year at each place for Foreign Missions, stating particulars.

(9.) Amount raised at each place during the year for Home Missions, giving particulars.

12. That copies of the Schedules be sent to Chairmen of Districts before being finally adopted.

13. That the Church Property Regulations (p. 44, Min. 1912) be reaffirmed subject to the deleting of the word "Wesleyan" wherever it occurs.

14. That the Sanson Trustees be recommended to sell the parsonage site at Halcombe, the proceeds to be devoted to the erection of a new church at Sanson.

15. That the matter of the sale of a section of land at Barnard Street, Timaru, be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

16. That the request for permission to sell 40 acres of land at Whatawhata be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, with power to act.

17. That the returns of valuations of Church properties being still incomplete, efforts be made during the year by correspondence with Superintendents and Trust Treasurers to get the returns completed, and a report be made to the Conference of 1914.

18. That Conference appreciates the efforts of the Nelson Circuit in the erection of school premises at a cost of £1305, free of debt.

19. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the estate of the late Mr. H. Williams, for gift of one rood of land at Russell; to Mr. Lyon, for one rood of land at Matiere; and also for two anonymous gifts of land at Wharehine and Taneaetua; and new fence and gates at Coal Creek Flat.

20. That the memorial of the Onehunga Trustees seeking permission to sell two sections of land in Grey Street, Onehunga, be not acceded to, but that they be permitted to lease sections on terms similar to Glasgow leases, the depth of sections fronting Grey Street itself not to exceed 2½ chains.

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 Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887, Further Amendment Act, 1896, section 6, the following words: "As Trustees under the provisions of The 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 Dominion, 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 Registry Office, Invercargill	...	...	...	75

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

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

4. In order to secure accuracy in the returns, the District Secretaries are empowered to compare the figures supplied to them on the A and B annual returns with the entries in the Circuit Schedule Books, Superintendents being directed to produce their Schedule Books when required for this purpose.
5. The question of completing Titles where necessary is referred to the General Secretary of Church Property, in conjunction with the Superintendent of the Circuit concerned.
6. In order to prevent rash and premature undertakings in Church building, which must prove a source of embarrassment to the Connexion and oppressive to the Circuit, 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 General Secretary of Church Property shall supply to Conference a full report as to (a) sales reported, (b) new erections and purchases, (c) minor improvements effected, (d) sales and extended leases sanctioned, (e) proposed erections sanctioned.
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.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

For Statement of Cash Account, etc., see Appendix, p. ii.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1. During the past year the meetings of the Committee have been held in the office of Mr. C. E. Salter, to whom the Committee is greatly indebted for the convenience thus afforded. The business done has been of the usual character. To meet the wishes of the lay members of the Committee, it was decided early in the year that ordinary meetings of the Committee should be held in the afternoon of the second Friday in each month. In addition to the ordinary meetings, a great deal of work has been done by the Sub-Committee, which reports on all plans and specifications submitted to the Committee, and by the Emergency Committee, which deals with all urgent matters arising during the intervals of ordinary meetings.

2. Loans amounting to £2145 have been issued during the year as follows:—

(1) From the General Fund—

New Plymouth Church and Parsonage, £350.
 Kaukapakapa Parsonage, £160.
 Opotiki Church, £250.
 Hamilton East Church, £100.
 Island Bay Church, £200.
 Greymouth Church, £150.
 Woodend Church, £95.

(2) From the Special Branch—

Methven Church, £80.
 South Spreydon Site, £60.
 Te Kuiti Site, £50.
 Clarence Road Church, £200.
 Mahakipawa Church, £100.

3. Final payments have been received from Carluke Church, Waitara Church (Nos. 1 and 2), Thames Parsonage, Pukekohe Parsonage, Kuripuni Infant School, New Plymouth (No. 1), Morrinsville Parsonage Site, Crofton Church, Three Kings College, Cargill Road Parsonage, Hastings Parsonage, Otaki Church, Masterton Infant School, Rototuna Church, and Greenmeadows Church.

4. In addition to the new erections, purchases, etc., reported under Section II. of the Church Property Report, the Committee has also sanctioned the various undertakings dealt with under Section V. of the same Report.

5. No sales have been reported, but sales and extended leases have been sanctioned by the Committee on behalf of the Conference, as set out under Section IV. of the Church Property Report. Superintendents and Trustees are reminded that the sanction to sell or lease given in any year lapses at the end of the year in which such sanction is reported to and endorsed by the Conference.

6. All the cases of serious arrears in repayment of loan instalments were reported to the District Synods. It is very questionable if these reports to Synods achieve much good. There seems to be a disposition on the part of Synods to treat defaulters very leniently, and to accept very inadequate explanations; while in most cases neither the Chairmen of the Districts nor the Superintendents of the Circuits concerned seem to think it necessary to send any notification to the Secretary of the Committee as to what course was adopted in the Synod, or what is proposed with regard to future action. In a few cases the arrears are so serious that it is time for the Conference to adopt some decisive measure for securing repayments of loans long overdue. Overdue instalments are, as usual, reported in the List of Loans printed in the Agenda.

7. The sum of £27 11s. 10d. has been received during the year as the Conference share of the profits from the sale of the Methodist Hymn Book. This has been added to the capital of the Special Branch of the Fund, and makes £351 2s. 7d. derived from this source during the past seven years. So far nothing has been received on account of the Sunday School Hymnal. The statement of sales by the Sunday School Union in London to New Zealand agents has only just come to hand. A considerable sum should be received from this source during 1913.

8. The result of the special appeal which was authorised by the Conference of 1912 to be sent to the Trusts which had not contributed during the preceding year to the working expenses of the Fund was fairly satisfactory. The income from this source during the year was £94 6s. 5d., being considerably in excess of last year. If the capital of the Fund is to be kept intact, and full use to be made of it by loans to Trusts, it is necessary for all our Churches to accept the privilege and responsibility of helping this connexional work by making an annual contribution to the Working Expenses Fund.

9. During the year it has been discovered that a sum of money paid for the purchase of a section at Urenui has been lost. In September, 1909, the sum of £27 11s. 6d. was handed to a solicitor at Waitara as purchase money and legal costs. The sum of 7s. 6d. was returned, as the legal costs were less than expected. The solicitor then absconded without completing the transfer, and without handing

any money to the vendor of the land. As there seems no possibility of recovering the money, the Committee requests the authority of Conference to write off the sum of £27 4s. as a bad debt. This is the first actual loss of capital sustained by the Fund, although there are one or two cases in which the prospect of repayment seems very doubtful.

10. In view of Methodist Union, the Canterbury Synod deems it unwise to make any nomination to fill the vacancy caused by the annual retirement of one member of the Committee, as it was considered that Conference would probably desire to appoint some one to represent the sister Church now uniting with us in the place of Mr. J. C. Prudhoe, who now retires.

SAMUEL LAWRY, 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 1913-14:—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the following Circuits:—Christchurch; Durham Street, East, Woolston, Sydenham, St. Albans, Addington, Papanui; Rev. H. Bull, Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, C. E. Salter, J. L. Scott, J. Down, R. M. Cresswell, A. K. England, W. H. Seed, G. Barrell, and H. Holland.

3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. G. H. Blackwell for his services as Lay Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed.

4. That Mr. J. C. Prudhoe, the retiring member of the Committee, be thanked for his valuable services.

5. 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.

6. That all cases where Trustees have entered upon undertakings without receiving the sanction of the Committee be reported to Conference.

7. That the Committee be recommended to require that the foundations for all buildings to be erected be of either brick or concrete.

8. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be directed to consider the advisability of instituting proceedings to recover the arrears owing in respect of loans granted from the Fund.

9. That the Report of the Primitive Methodist Loan and Church Extension Fund, as passed by the Primitive Methodist Conference, be printed in the Minutes.

10. That the sale of half an acre at Pirongia, recommended by the Auckland Synod, and the leasing of a portion of the Alexandra section, recommended by the Otago Synod, be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST JUBILEE LOAN FUND.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

This last report of the Jubilee Loan Fund will be a brief one. The Treasurer, Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C., is our ex-officio representative to the Conference, and Mr. W. H. Potts has been appointed his vice-delegate.

Our transactions during the past year have been somewhat restricted, but in view of the early consummation of Methodist Union we have diligently endeavoured to secure the repayment of all loans that were due up to January 31st. We regret, however, that we have to report that seven Circuits were unable to respond to our repeated appeals, and that £232 12s. 6d. is overdue.

We extend our sympathy to all the brethren and sisters who are labouring under severe difficulties. We are grateful for the great service this Fund has rendered to many struggling churches since its inauguration, and that we are able to pass into the United Church assets to the value of £1532 7s. 10d.

We gratefully place on record our appreciation of the faithful strenuous service rendered to the cause by our Treasurer, the Hon. C. M. Luke, and Secretary, Rev. J. Dawson, during the many years they have served in their respective offices.

We pray that the United Church may be a great power for righteousness.

On behalf of the Jubilee Loan Fund Committee,

M. MURDOCH, President.

JOHN DAWSON, Secretary.

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. Annual contributions from Boards of Trustees in proportion to the number of the congregation:—
 - If the congregation numbers less than 100, Five shillings.
 - If the congregation numbers 100 and less than 200, Ten shillings.
 - If the congregation numbers 200 and less than 400, Twenty shillings.
 - If the congregation numbers 400 and less than 500, Forty shillings.
 - If the congregation numbers 500 and over, Fifty shillings.

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 is 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.
5. To report annually to the District Synods (a) the loans granted during the year, (b) whether repayments are being regularly made, (c) cases in which the Church Property Regulations have not been observed.
6. To see that proper deeds be obtained from all Trusts as soon as possible, and to provide for their safe custody.
7. To take such steps as may be necessary to secure the Connexion against permanent debt.
8. 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.—CONDITION 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. All applicants shall agree to devote a portion of the income from the Trust Property (as far as circumstances will justify) to the funds of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, or the funds of our general institutions.
5. 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.
6. Satisfactory security shall be given that the land on which it is proposed to build has been legally secured for the intended object.
7. All Trusts shall provide a suitable set of Cash and Minute Books.
8. 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.
9. 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. No loan shall be granted towards the cost of erecting a parsonage unless at least half of the total cost thereof shall first be raised.
10. All loans to be repaid in quarterly or half-yearly instalments, as may be agreed upon.

11. 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.
12. When loans are granted, deeds of property shall be lodged with the Treasurers of the Fund.

REPORT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

During the past year twelve new Trusts have been registered, and eleven certified copies of lists of Trustees have been issued. In the last Report attention was called to the need for revising the Trusts in many cases. The result has been that a large number of Trusts have been attended to. Two hundred and ninety-seven new Trustees have been appointed to seventy-seven different Trusts; one hundred and eighty-six names have been removed from fifty-five Trusts. This revision has been specially noticeable in the Auckland District. There is still a large amount of work to be done in this direction before all the Trusts are in a satisfactory condition.

The following is the yearly Cash Statement: Balance from 1911, £1 7s. 9d.; Fees for Registration and Certified Lists of Trustees, £31 0s. 6d.; Total, £32 8s. 3d. Expenditure: Paid to Connexional Secretary's Fund, £25; Stamps and Telegrams, £1 9s. 6d.; Stationery, 7s. 6d.; Total, £26 17s., leaving a credit balance of £5 11s. 3d.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Authorised Representative.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Cash Statement be adopted.
2. That, in accordance with the provisions of "The Methodist Church Property Act, 1887," the Rev. Samuel Lawry be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1913-14.
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.

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

During the year deeds of the following properties have been received for custody:—Ohoka Parsonage, Petone Church, Gladstone Church Site, Paparoa Glebe (Deed of Lease), Marton Church, Kaukapakapa Parsonage, Marton Junction Church Site, Tuatapere Parsonage Site, Sawyer's Bay Church Site, Vogeltown (New Plymouth), Church Site, Otaki Parsonage Site, Ashburton Church (one section), Enfield Church Site, Waipukurau Church Site, Sanson additional Church land, Karangahake Deed of Lease for Church property, Te Kuiti Church Site, and Papatoitoi Memorandum of Agreement.

The Deeds of the following Properties have been removed from custody during the year:—Huntly Church, Hastings Church and Parsonage, Te Awamutu Parsonage, Ashburton Parsonage, Mosgiel Parsonage, Halcombe lands, Cashmere Hills Site, and Pukekohe Parsonage.

As required by Conference Rule, a Report of Deeds received and removed was sent to each District Synod, and a copy of the Reports is herewith presented to Conference, to lie on the table for reference.

There are still some Properties for which no Deeds have come to hand. Enquiries are being made respecting these, and every effort will be made to secure proper Titles.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Custodian of Deeds.

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 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.

QUESTION XXXII.—What is the Condition of the various Mission, Educational, and General Connexional Properties and Investments?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. General Connexional Mission Property Trust.
For Balance-Sheet, see Appendix, p. xiv.
2. Wesley Training College, Three Kings.
For Balance-Sheet, see Appendix, pp. xxix.-xxxiii.
3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.
For Balance-Sheet, see Appendix, p. xv.
4. Probert Trust.
For Balance-Sheet, see Appendix, pp. xvii.-xviii.
5. Prince Albert College Property.
Balance-Sheet directed to be entered in the Conference Journal.
6. Theological Students' Library Fund.
For Balance-Sheet, see Appendix, p. xvi.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

7. Grey Institute.
For Balance-Sheet, see Appendix, p. xix.
8. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.
For Balance-Sheet, see Appendix, p. xx.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

9. Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.
For Balance-Sheet, &c., see Appendix, pp. xxi.-xxii.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

10. Canterbury Home Mission Trust.
For Balance-Sheet, see Appendix, p. xxiii.
11. "The Mrs. Carvell Memorial Fund."
For Balance-Sheet, see Appendix, p. xxiv.
12. Century Fund Orphanage Allocation.
For Balance-Sheet, see Appendix, p. xxv.

The Balance-Sheets, as printed in the Appendix, were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

GREY INSTITUTE.

That Rent and Interest be shown separately in the Balance-Sheet.

WELLINGTON EDUCATIONAL TRUST.

1. That the Conference appoints Mr. J. Kellow as a Trustee.
2. That a Committee, consisting of the Revs. S. Lawry (Convener) and J. Dawson, with the Hons. G. J. Smith and C. M. Luke, and Mr. J. A. Flesher, be appointed to confer with the Trustees during the ensuing year, such Committee to have power, in conjunction with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, to take such action as may be considered necessary in the interests of the Trust and the Connexion, and to report to next Conference.
3. That the Committee also consider the advisability of asking the Government for authority to use the Trust for Industrial Education of descendants of the Native race in connection with the Three Kings Institution of elsewhere in this Island.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.

1. The Rev. H. H. Lawry, a Trustee of this Fund, being dead, the Conference appoints James Buttle as Trustee in his place, and Josiah Lawry, James H. Gunson, Alfred G. Buttle, and Charles H. Garland, as additional Trustees.
2. That the following resolutions of the last Conference relating to the Auckland Book Association, omitted from the Minutes, be printed in the Minutes of the present Conference:—
 - (1.) That the report of the Trustees be received and adopted.
 - (2.) That the above name be altered to "The Theological Students' Library Fund."
 - (3.) The Conference commends the proposal of the Trustees of the above Fund to spend a considerable portion of the income each year in establishing a Theological Reference Library, and also to offer book prizes for competition by the students.
 - (4.) That the amount to be offered in prizes, and the conditions under which they are to be given, be determined by the Committee of Discipline, in consultation with the Trustees of the Fund.
 - (5.) That the principal prize be the "Edson Prize."

PROBERT TRUST.

That the request of the Probert Estate Trustees for permission to seek incorporation under the title of the "Probert Trust Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand," be acceded to by the Conference.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. 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 9 include a statement of any vacancies that may have occurred in the Trusts.
2. 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.

3. That the Treasurers 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.

4. That Connexional Trust Boards be requested to insure all their employees against accident.

QUESTION XXXIII.—What is the Report on Connexional Fire Insurance?

REPORT OF METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR 1912.

1. The Committee has pleasure in reporting that business of the Fund continues to increase. The total risks covered by the Fund amount to £174,860. Of this re-insurances have been effected amounting to £62,177 11s., leaving the net risk of the Fund at £112,682 9s.

2. The total insurances on Connexional Properties, as returned on the Circuit Schedules presented to the Synods last November, amount to £252,134 8s., and the sum paid for insurance premiums was £1008 19s. 8d. This shows that a large proportion of our insurable Church property is insured outside the Connexional Fund. For several years Conference by Resolution has requested the Trustees of General Connexional Properties to consider the advisability of effecting insurances with this Fund. So far, however, no response has been made to this. In some of our largest Circuits also Trustees and Stewards do not appear to recognise the claims and advantages of the Connexional Fund, and large premiums continue to be paid to public companies. On a few occasions business has been removed from the Connexional Fund and given to companies in which some of the Trustees have been personally interested. In this matter the Committee desires to put in a plea for Connexional loyalty. The Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund is helping in this direction by making a rule that where a loan is advanced on insurable property, the insurance must be with the Connexional Fund. In most cases the requirements of mortgagees can be met by our arrangements for re-insurance.

3. The capital of the Fund, as shown by the Balance-Sheet, now amounts to £4477 15s. Of this, £3750 is invested on mortgage, £650 is deposited at 4 per cent., and the balance is in the current account at the Bank.

4. During 1912 the Connexion was absolutely free from loss by fire.

5. The Conference of 1912 directed the Committee to report on certain Accident Insurance proposals, and also as to Trusts insuring employees against accident. The Committee cannot see its way to undertake the agency for any company offering to insure Ministers against accident and specified diseases, but recommends that Ministers deal with this matter privately, and specially commends to their consideration the proposals of the National Insurance Company of New Zealand. The Committee also recommends that all Trust Boards take steps to insure employees, whether employed regularly or casually, against accident, as Trustees are liable under the Act.

6. Mr. A. K. England retires from the Committee, and in view of Methodist Union, no nomination is made for the filling of the vacancy.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

For the Year ending December 31st, 1912.

During the year just closed we have had the largest loss that we have experienced during any year since the formation of the Fund, but whilst our cover upon the Foxton Church was for £300, knowing the risk was a bad one, we took care to re-insure our risk to the extent of £200, so that, whilst the building was entirely destroyed and the full amount of our cover had to be paid, our actual loss was only one-third of the cover, we carrying but £100, the Atlas carrying the £200, with whom we had reinsured to that extent. But for this fire, our profit for the year would have been a record one, viz., £221 18s. 6d., as against the £210 13s. 5d. of last year. But of course the £221 18s. 6d. has to be reduced by the £100 loss by us on the Foxton fire, thus reducing our profits for the year to £121 18s. 6d.

The value of our assets to-day, which are all interest earning, is £2275 12s. 1d., as against £2153 13s. 7d of last year.

The amount of premiums outstanding is not large, but to get the amounts paid anyway near the time they were due I have had to duplicate, and in some cases triplicate the appeals before I could get a settlement. This I have had to do in 55 cases. In most cases the excuse has been the neglect of the Minister, to whom the claim was sent as required by Rule, to hand it over to the Treasurer, whose duty it was to settle it.

A copy of your Assets will be found on page 355 of the Insurance Ledger.

D. GOLDIE, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports and Balance-Sheets be adopted. (See Appendix. pp. xi. and xii.)
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:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Rev. A. Peters, with Messrs. C. E. Salter, E. C. Brown, A. Borrows, W. Henley, T. Dent; and Mr. D. Goldie, Corresponding Member.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be given to Mr. A. K. England, the retiring member of the Committee, for his efficient services.
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 Dominion.
5. That the Treasurers of the Connexional Trust Properties be requested to consider the advisability of effecting insurances in the Connexional Office.
6. That £1,000 of the ex-Primitive Methodist Fire Insurance Fund be voted to the late Primitive Methodist Superannuation Fund, as recommended by the Methodist Union Joint Committee and by the Primitive Methodist Conference.

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

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the Resolutions of the Conference of 1912, the Committee has considered the matter of office accommodation for the Connexional Secretary. As the division of the Supernumerary Fund could not take place till 1913, no money has been available from that source for office expenses. Consequently, the arrangements authorised by last Conference have not been carried into effect. The Committee has, however, to report that suitable offices have been secured at the corner of Cathedral Square and Colombo Street. These will not be ready for occupation till next July, and temporary arrangements are being made till the new offices are available.

The Committee does not think the time has arrived for securing premises to be owned by the Connexion. Further consideration of this matter may be desirable at a later date.

The work of the Secretary may be judged by the reports of the various departments under his charge, namely, the Church Building and Loan Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Supernumerary Fund, Church Property (including the duties of Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds), and Home Mission Birthday League.

Under the new arrangements, the probable expenditure for 1913 will be about £595. The Committee asks Conference to make the following appropriations for the working expenses of the office during 1913:—Contingent Fund, £175; Church Building and Loan Fund, £170; Fire Insurance Fund, £150; Supernumerary Fund, £75; Authorised Representative, £25; total, £595. It is anticipated that this will cover the ordinary expenses of the year and the cost incidental to moving into the new offices.

In conclusion, the Committee desires to express its high appreciation of the services of the Secretary, Rev. S. Lawry, who has been tireless in his devotion to the innumerable duties of the office, and has met every demand with ability and uniform courtesy.

C. H. LAWS, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-Sheet of the Committee be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Hon. G. J. Smith for his services as Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed for 1913-14.
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 President and Secretary of the Conference, the Superintendents of the Christchurch East, St. Albans, Sydenham, Addington, and Cambridge Terrace Circuits, together with Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, the Hon. G. J. Smith, C. E. Salter, E. C. Brown, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, and E. W. Hall.
4. 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; as Secretary and one of the Treasurers of the Fire Insurance Fund; and also as one of the Treasurers of the Supernumerary 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.

5. That the following appropriations be made, in order to secure the necessary financial provision for the office:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £170; Contingent Fund, £175; Fire Insurance Fund, £150; Authorised Representative's Office, £25; Supernumerary Fund, £75.

6. That in view of the fact that there will be many demands on the services of the President during the coming year in connection with the working out of the Union arrangements, and also the Mission of Inspiration and Appeal, the Connexional Secretary's Committee be authorised to make suitable arrangements for any assistance that may be found necessary for the carrying on of the work of the Connexional Secretary's office during the absence of the President from Christchurch, the cost not to exceed £125, and to be paid out of the Contingent Fund.

QUESTION XXXV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Theological Institution?

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. xxvi.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL,

The excellent foundation laid by the Rev. W. A. Sinclair, upon whom fell the difficulties of initiating the new College regime, has made it comparatively easy for me to take up my new duties.

Soon after the year opened the Institution was removed from Ponsonby to the more convenient premises and congenial surroundings of "Dunholme." In order, however, to accommodate comfortably the full number of ten students, the Committee found it necessary to build two additional rooms. These rooms, under one roof, are detached by a few feet from the main building, and serve as studies and bedrooms for four men.

Early in May, owing to the lamented death of the late Rev. A. J. Reed, Mr. G. B. Hinton was called out to supply in the Upper Thames Circuit, and the vacancy in the College was filled by Mr. A. J. L. Minifie.

Mr. R. B. Speirs has also been called out for "supply" work. Mr. Speirs has had but little advantage of the College, for almost immediately after his arrival he underwent an operation for appendicitis, and a further operation a few weeks later. It was not until the beginning of the third term that he was able to resume his studies, and these were terminated within a week by the President's summons to proceed to the Otaki Circuit.

I desire to acknowledge our debt of gratitude to Dr. McMaster, who gave, without charge, his skilful services in this case as a contribution to the Church.

To Dr. Fairclough also our thanks are due for his liberal treatment of a student, who during the year frequently received his professional services.

Studies.—The Principal has taken the students in the study of Systematic Theology, Exegesis, the Greek Testament, the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, and in English Grammar and Literature.

One student only, Mr. H. H. Marshall, attended University lectures, and has succeeded in passing the first year's term examinations, gaining second-class pass in Latin and in Biology, and first-class in English.

Seven students will sit next month for the Matriculation Examination, but as the University has this year raised the standard to represent the reasonable result of four years' training in a Secondary School, and as our men have had no such length of training, I am not sanguine as to their success.

Two visiting masters are engaged by the Committee, Messrs. J. D. Dinneen, B.A., and W. A. Burley, B.A., both of whom visit the College and hold classes three times a week; the former for Latin, and the latter for Mathematics.

These gentlemen are most assiduous in their labours, and speak well of the attention and progress of the students.

For ten weeks the men attended a course of lectures on Elocution and Public Speaking, given in the City of Auckland by Professor Mills. The fees were paid, half by the Committee and half by the men themselves.

They likewise availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing Mr. G. H. Archibald on the Psychology of the Child and on modern methods of Sunday School work.

Preaching.—Week by week, and in company with the Principal, the students attend an evening service to hear one of their number preach. The following morning a criticism class is held, in which all take part in dealing with the preacher's sermon and conduct of the service.

The students are busy on the Sunday in the Auckland and adjacent circuits, and are well received by the congregations. The nine students in residence have taken more than 300 services during the last six months (May to October). I am of the opinion that it is not to the advantage of students to preach so frequently, and that the number of appointments next year should be reduced.

General.—Interest in Missions has been sustained not only by a regular supply of Australian and British missionary literature, but by special addresses delivered in the College by missionary authorities and travellers, among them being Mrs. Scholes, the wife of a Wesleyan missionary in the Hunan district of China; the Rev. Frank Paton, Secretary of the Victorian Presbyterian Mission Board; the Rev. C. E. Beecroft, who recently had visited some of the great historic Methodist missions, and Sister Nellie, our Deaconess amongst the Maoris.

Thanks to the unflinching interest of Mr. Edson, the College Library has been well maintained, many valuable volumes having been added during the year. The Committee of the Students' Library Fund, or Book Association, as it is called, has offered a prize of £2 10s. worth of books to the man who heads the list of this year's examination in Greek Testament, and a like reward for the best Theological examination paper; the examinations to be conducted by the Revs. J. H. Simmonds and G. Bond. The Committee purposes to repeat this offer every year, and in acknowledgment of the valued services of Mr. J. Edson, to whom more than to any other we owe the strength of this fund, to name the reward "The Edson Prize."

The Book Association also supplies the College with Methodist journals and several magazines.

At the beginning of the year the Committee decided that each student should give three hours a week to gardening. No pressure has been required for the fulfilment of this obligation. Indeed, the

loyalty of the men to the spirit of the College life has been all that one could desire, and has made the College a delightful home. Morning prayers are conducted by the students at 7.45, and evening prayers by the Principal at 9.30. Before breakfast on Sunday morning our class meeting is held, and the character of the fellowship, spontaneous and unconventional, affords abundant evidence of a healthy spiritual tone.

C. H. GARLAND, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. C. H. Garland for his services as Principal, and to Mrs. Garland for her capable management of the domestic affairs of the Institution during the year.
3. That it be an instruction to the Principal that no student shall conduct more than thirteen services during any one quarter.
4. That there shall be three vacations: one long vacation, and two of a fortnight each, the latter to synchronise with the University vacations.
5. That the Probert Trustees be requested to meet the cost of the two new rooms at the College.
6. That the following appropriations for 1913 be made:—(1) Probert Trust, £600; (2) Contingent Fund, £530; (3) Home Mission Fund, £150; (4) Prince Albert College Trust, £150; (5) Emsly Trust, £90; (6) Primitive Methodist Education Fund, £120; and that the amounts in 1, 2, 3, 4, be paid in quarterly instalments in January, April, July, and October.
7. That the Conference expenses of the Principal be met out of the Contingent Fund.
8. That Mr. G. A. Buttle, Treasurer of the Theological Institution, be thanked for his services, and re-appointed.
9. That the Committee make the necessary arrangements for tuition for the matriculation course.
10. That in order to assist in the support of additional Theological Students in the Institution, and to aid in their higher education, the Conference trusts that some of our wealthy laymen will see their way to found bursaries or scholarships, or otherwise contribute to this important object.
11. That the tuition fees of Students on the President's List of Reserve be made a charge on the Contingent Fund levy, the amount not to exceed £7 7s. in each case, and to be payable on the recommendation of the Chairman of the District and the Superintendent of the Circuit in which the Student resides.
12. That Students on the President's List of Reserve who receive money from the Theological Fund be required to sign an agreement to refund the amount received in the event of their resigning before they enter the Institution.
13. That the Conference re-affirms its conviction that all candidates for the Ministry should aim at matriculation as an educational standard.
14. That all Students, inclusive of those now engaged in Circuit and Home Mission work, be directed to enter the College during the first week in March.

15. That the following be the Committee of Management for the ensuing year:—Revs. W. Ready, G. Bond, C. E. Beecroft, C. H. Garland, W. A. Hay, T. F. Jones (Convener), R. Raine, Messrs. A. C. Caughey, G. A. Buttle, A. Peak, J. E. Wheeler, J. Veale, T. W. Jones, J. W. Shackelford, J. J. Ambury, D. Goldie, and J. Watkinson.

REGULATIONS.

1. That a copy of the Annual Report of the Theological Institution, for the year ending October 31st, be furnished by the Principal to each Chairman of District in time to lay before his Synod.
2. That the Ministers of the Auckland and Onehunga Circuits be a Committee of Discipline for the Theological Institution (the Principal 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.
3. That the Treasurer be authorised to pay the fees for Theological Students attending University College lectures.
4. That quarterage be allowed to each Student, at the rate of £2 per quarter.
5. 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.
6. 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 Principal, who shall be responsible for the stamping and signing of the same by each Student received.

NEW THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance-Sheet of the new Theological Institution be received and adopted. (See Appendix, pp. xxvii.-xxviii.)
2. That Mr. A. C. Caughey be thanked for his services as Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That the Canterbury District Committee be directed to appoint a Treasurer for the South Island.
4. That a General Building Committee be appointed in Auckland as follows:—Revs. G. Bond, W. Ready, J. H. Simmonds, J. Dukes, T. G. Brooke, C. E. Beecroft, C. H. Garland, W. A. Hay, T. F. Jones, J. Olphert; Messrs. G. Winstone, A. C. Caughey, J. E. Wheeler, S. J. Ambury, G. A. Buttle, T. W. Jones, J. Veale, J. H. Gunson, J. W. Shackelford, Dr. McMaster, F. W. Wilson, A. Peak, G. Winstone, junr., Marsden Caughey, D. Goldie, T. Moor, and J. Watkinson. Convener: Rev. W. A. Hay.
5. That the site selected for the College shall be as near the new University site as possible, and that in its selection the General Building Committee have power to act.
6. That the canvass for subscriptions be delayed until the question of site is determined.
7. That the question of designs for the new College be remitted to the General Committee.
8. That District Committees be appointed, with power to add to their number, to canvass on behalf of the Fund, as follows:—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The General Building Committee.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Revs. G. W. J. Spence, J. Wrigley, J. Clover, T. Trestrail; Messrs. W. H. Mason, F. C. Daniell, E. Miller, R. Keynolds. Convener: Rev. J. Wrigley.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Revs. J. A. Luxford, J. W. Burton, A. B. Chappell, M.A., R. J. Liddell, A. Reader; Messrs. W. G. Bassett, F. G. Beaven, F. M. Spurdle, J. L. Stevenson, C. E. Bellringer, R. B. Horsley, W. M. Knuckey. Convener: Rev. J. A. Luxford.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Revs. D. J. Murray, F. W. Boys, H. L. Blamires, J. A. Hosking, J. H. Haslam; Messrs. J. H. Oldham, H. E. A. Hurley, Rowe Fennell, T. R. Hodder, J. G. Cobbe. Convener: Rev. J. H. Haslam.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Revs. S. J. Serpell, J. Ward, J. G. Chapman, G. Knowles Smith, J. J. Lewis, B. H. Ginger; the Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C., and Messrs. W. E. Redstone, J. Lomas, L. J. Clark, S. T. Martin. Convener: Rev. J. G. Chapman.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Revs. W. Baumber, T. R. Richards, C. Eaton; Messrs. A. A. Lucas, J. Boon, W. D. Pike. Convener: Rev. C. Eaton.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits, Revs. B. F. Rothwell, T. A. Joughin; Messrs. J. A. Flesher, J. H. Blackwell, L. M. Isitt, M.P., J. L. Scott, A. F. Drayton, W. Dobbs, H. Holland, and the Hon. G. J. Smith, M.L.C. Convener: Rev. T. A. Joughin.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Revs. W. J. Williams, L. Hudson, W. J. Elliott, J. Guy, J. Featherston; Messrs. C. S. Howard, W. H. Collins, H. Grayburn, J. Boothroyd. Convener: Rev. L. Hudson.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Revs. P. W. Fairclough, J. T. Pinfold, B.D., E. Drake, T. W. Vealie, F. T. Read, T. A. Pybus; Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock, H. D. Bedford, M.A., W. King, J. C. Stephens. Convener: Rev. J. T. Pinfold, B.D.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Revs. W. Grigg, S. Henderson, M. A. Rugby Pratt; Messrs. A. F. Hawke, A. S. Froggatt, R. W. McCreath, G. R. George. Convener: Rev. W. Grigg.

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

WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.

THE INSTITUTION.

The year just closed has been one of the best in the history of the College. It has been a year of peaceful, happy, and successful work for all concerned. Various duties in connection with the business of

the Trust have taken the Principal much away from the home and school; but efficient and devoted helpers have made such absence possible without serious detriment to any interest.

In the ordinary school work the scholars and students have shown steady progress throughout the year. Two senior students have taken an extra course in Scripture Study and Theology. They have gained a good knowledge of the earlier portions of Old Testament history, and an almost complete mastery of our long and somewhat difficult Second Catechism. They have also made a beginning in the reading of Wesley's classic sermons. Bible study forms part of our regular curriculum, and is exceedingly helpful in our endeavours to bring about that regeneration of heart and formation of character without which no education can be in the highest sense a success.

The numerous industrial duties required of all scholars and students at this College have been carried out cheerfully and intelligently. The older boys have given a good lead, both in application and in the skill with which their work has been done; the juniors have quite naturally followed the manner and the pace thus set for their imitation. One youth, who finished his school course two years ago, is learning blacksmithing at Onehunga, while still having his home at the College. That he has well commended himself to his employer is proved by the fact that we are now asked to send a second apprentice to work in the same shop. Two senior boys are earning money during the vacation by acting as chainmen to surveyors. Another is assisting on the College farm.

The life at Three Kings gives the scholars weight, stamina, and self-control; and in the field of athletic effort, as well as in the more serious realm of industry, these qualities help them to success. The football season of 1912 saw the College team play ten matches, and win eight out of the ten. A select number of our best players assisted the University Club, and had there also the satisfaction of being on the winning side in a large percentage of the matches. These friendly meetings with other College teams help self-respect and a habit of good behaviour.

The College broke up for the summer vacation on December 11th, the prize-giving function being held under the shade of oak and elm and eucalypt in one of the College plantations. The President of the Conference presided. The prize books were given out by Mrs George Winstone. An address on Agricultural Development and Education in the United States was delivered by the Hon. George Fowlds. The scholars contributed recitations and part-songs. A numerous and sympathetic audience of visitors gave encouragement.

THE TRUST ESTATE.

In the regular monthly meetings and in various Committees the members of the Board have had their attention occupied not only with the current business of the Trust, but also with schemes for the future.

A complete survey has been made of the property on the Manukau Harbour, known as Waikowhai, and a plan adopted for roading and subdivision. The agreement entered into with the Mount Roskill Road Board, under the Waikowhai Park Act, 1911, is in process of being carried out. Satisfactory progress is being made by the Road Board with the formation and metalling of the roads therein mentioned; and it is anticipated that the work will be sufficiently far advanced for the park to be opened to the public at the end of April of this year. Adjacent to the park is a further area of about 12 acres of beautiful native bush. Your Trustees are unanimously of opinion that this should in some way be reserved as an attractive natural

feature of the district. The same view is also very strongly held by the Road Board. A preliminary agreement has accordingly been entered into between the Trust Board and Road Board, by which, with the approval and sanction of the Conference, the desired reservation may be made and the native bush preserved. The Road Board asks for a lease of the area for 50 years at a peppercorn rental, and undertakes, as compensation, to form and maintain a further 20 chains of road through the Trust property. The Road Board agrees to pay the costs of the very brief Act of Parliament that would be required to empower the Trust Board to grant the desired lease. Conference is asked to give its assent to the scheme as more fully set out in the copy of agreement forwarded herewith. With this additional area, and the roads and proposed wharf completed, the Waikowhai Park will be one of the most attractive recreation reserves within the suburban areas of Auckland. The Trust property adjoining the Park will still exceed 200 acres. This, subdivided into allotments of from $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre to 3 acres, will afford numerous splendid building sites overlooking the harbour. These allotments, as demand arises, will be offered for lease under what is known as the Glasgow system, and will thus ere long greatly strengthen the Board's revenue.

A still more immediate advance in revenue is anticipated from the Grafton Road property, where several long leases are just now reaching maturity, and where the new rent roll will represent an addition of between £300 and £400 to the annual income of the Board.

The Treasurer, in his report, will tell you that during the last two years Parliamentary expenses, surveys, and necessary improvements to property have combined to bring about an excess of expenditure over income of about £500; but he will also be able to tell you that anticipated increases will, within the next two years, greatly reduce or wholly extinguish the present overdraft.

At the last meeting of Conference a resolution was passed empowering the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund to sanction sale of land by the Board. Under that provision the consent of the Committee was obtained to sell the 306 acres on the Pakoka River, near Aotea, and a sale effected. The net proceeds of the sale will, when available, be invested in other land as required by the Methodist Charitable and Educational Trusts Act.

Conference has already approved generally of the proposal to acquire for the future operations of the College a new site in a rural district. During the year several areas of land have been inspected by members of the Board with this object in view. The result has been the selection of a block of 600 acres adjacent to the Main South Railway, 26 to 27 miles from Auckland. The land is part of an improved farm, and all in grass. The contour is undulating, with easy grades. The railway line forms one of the boundaries, and the Paerata Station is only a mile and a-half distant from the centre of the property. The district in which the land is situated will be remembered by many members of the Conference as one of the most picturesque and salubrious in the whole of the Auckland Province.

With the unanimous approval of the Board, three gentlemen (members of the Board) have purchased the property, and are holding it under offer for the purposes of the College. The total cost will be between £12,000 and £13,000. To make this splendid and ample site the property of the Trust it will be necessary to sell an area of equivalent value at Three Kings. It is estimated that 40 to 50 acres of the land nearest to the Mount Eden tramway terminus will realise a sufficient sum to complete the purchase of the 600 acres. In looking

at this as a business proposition, we must remember that the removal of the College will set free its present reserve of 100 acres, so that the practical effect of the transaction will be not to decrease, but to increase the suburban area available for leasing, and at the same time to give the College 600 acres instead of 100 acres for its operations. Conference is asked to sanction the scheme as a whole, and to leave to the Board the necessary discretion for carrying out the details in the manner that shall be found best and most advantageous for the Trust.

Proceeds from sale of the College lands can be expended only in the purchase of other land, so that there will still remain the question of funds for buildings and improvements. To establish the College on the new site and add thereto an orphanage branch, cannot cost much less than £6,000. Our present fund for new buildings amounts to only £3,000. A further £3,000 will therefore be required. The scheme now outlined is so full of hope for the practical work of Christianity in the long future, that it must surely win approval and sympathy wherever it becomes known. There are many well-to-do men and women in this Dominion to whom it will appeal as a worthy object for generosity. We shall ask for donations, and we believe that they will come in liberal and adequate measure. With the new site purchased, and with our fund for buildings and improvements raised to £6,000, we shall be able to go forward unembarrassed and with the certainty of happy results. The scheme is bold, but behind it are two great factors—an endowment ever increasing in value, and the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Since last meeting of Conference the following members of the Board have from various causes found themselves unable to fulfil the duties of their office, and have voluntarily retired from membership by written resignation, viz.:—Messrs. F. W. Wilson, T. Buddle, F. A. White, G. A. Buttle, A. Peak, and the Rev. W. Gittos. Their places have in each case been declared vacant by resolution passed at a duly convened meeting of the Board, and the following gentlemen are unanimously recommended for appointment by the Conference as their successors, viz.:—Messrs. Joseph Stanton, James Wiseman, John Astley Thomas William Jones, Godwyn Smith, and the Rev. Charles H. Garland.

(Signed) J. H. SIMMONDS,
Principal of the College.

The foregoing report was approved and adopted by the Board of the Wesley Training College at its annual meeting held on January 28th, 1913.

(Signed) GEO. WINSTONE,
Chairman of the said meeting.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That this Report be received and that portion of it relating to the Institution be adopted. The Cash Account, etc. pp. xxix.-xxxiii., was also adopted.
2. That the Rev. G. Bond, Chairman of the Auckland District, be appointed Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.
3. That the Conference expresses its gratification at the encouraging character of the Report of the Wesley Training College, Three Kings, and re-appoints the Rev. J. H. Simmonds as Principal.

4. That the section of the Report relating to the Trust Estate be received and adopted, subject to the following resolutions:—

(a.) That Conference gives its approval and consents to the conditions and proposals of an agreement dated 13th November, 1912, between the Board of Wesley Training College and the Mount Roskill Road Board, whereby it is proposed that the Trust Board shall lease to the Road Board for a term of 50 years, at a peppercorn rental, 12½ acres of land as an addition to the Waikowhai Park. This consent is subject, nevertheless, to the following condition: That the Conference calls the attention of the Trust Board to the very great importance of the works mentioned in clauses 7 and 8 of the Schedule to the Waikowhai Park Act, and directs that before the proposed lease for 5 years is executed some definite arrangement shall be made with the Road Board for having this part of the agreement carried into effect.

(b.) That the proposed Bill be submitted for approval to the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund before it is introduced into Parliament.

(c.) That the Conference approves of the proposal of the Board of Wesley Training College to purchase an area of about 600 acres of the Dalkeith Estate, near Paerata, Auckland, as a site for the future operations of the College, and hereby authorises and empowers the said Board, for the purpose of raising the funds necessary to complete such purchase, to sell the whole or any part or parts of Allotment No. 93 of section 10, situated in the suburbs of Auckland, Parish of Waitemata, in the county of Eden, which lot and allotment are comprised and more particularly described in the first and second Schedules to the Methodist Charitable and Educational Trust Act, 1911.

(d.) That if at any time before the meeting of the Conference in 1914 the Board shall desire to sell any part or parts of the Trust lands (other than those mentioned in the foregoing resolution No. (c)), the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund is hereby authorised and empowered to pass a resolution sanctioning such sale or sales, and the resolution so passed shall be that of the Conference.

(e.) That if at any time before the meeting of the Conference in 1914 the Board shall desire to purchase any land (other than that mentioned in the foregoing resolution No. (e)), the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund is hereby authorised and empowered to pass a resolution approving of such proposed purchase, and the approval so given shall be deemed to be that of the Conference.

5. That Messrs. Joseph Stanton, James Wiseman, John Astley, Thomas William Jones, Godwyn Dalrymple Smith, and the Rev. Charles Hughlings Garland are appointed members of the Board in place of those members who have retired by written resignation.

THE METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUSTS ACT, 1911.

Declaration of the President of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand as to Election of Members of the Board of the Wesley Training College:—

I, the undersigned, President for the time being of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, do hereby certify and declare that at a session of the Conference of the said Church, held at Wellington on the thirteenth day of February, 1913,

Joseph Stanton, of Auckland, Solicitor,
James Wiseman, of Auckland, Merchant,
John Astley, of Auckland, Merchant,
Thomas William Jones, of Auckland, Merchant,
Godwyn Dalrymple Smith, of Papakura, Farmer,
Charles Hughlings Garland, of Auckland, Methodist Minister,

were duly elected members of the above-named Board, and that the following persons are now the members of the said Board:—

Frederick Lambert Prime, Auckland, Agent.
 John Edson, Auckland, Chemist.
 Thomas Allen, Auckland, Gentleman.
 Thomas McMaster, Auckland, Draper.
 George Winstone, Auckland, Merchant.
 Stephen James Ambury, Auckland, Dairyman.
 Andrew Clarke Caughey, Auckland, Merchant.
 James Henry Gunson, Auckland, Merchant.
 Joseph Henry Simmonds, Auckland, Methodist Minister.
 James Edward Wheeler, Auckland, Merchant.
 John Veale, Auckland, Settler.
 George Bond, Auckland, Methodist Minister.
 George Winstone, junior, Auckland, Merchant.
 Joseph Stanton, Auckland, Solicitor.
 James Wiseman, Auckland, Merchant.
 John Astley, Auckland, Merchant.
 Thomas William Jones, Auckland, Merchant.
 Godwyn Dalrymple Smith, Papakura, Farmer.
 Charles Hughlings Garland, Auckland, Methodist Minister.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1913.

(Signed) SAMUEL LAWRY,
 President of the Conference of the Methodist Church of
 New Zealand.

(Countersigned) C. H. LAWS,
 Secretary of the said Conference.

WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

(Omitted from Minutes, 1912).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

In respect to Religious Education in the College, the recommendation of the Board is that the following be the resolution of the Conference thereon, and that the same be printed in the Minutes:—

Pursuant to section 32, sub-section (c), of the Methodist Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1911, the Conference directs that the religious education to be given in the College shall include:

1. For all scholars—
 - (a) Regular Bible reading and prayer.
 - (b) Memorising selected passages of Scripture.
 - (c) Main facts in the history of Hebrew and Christian religions.
2. For Students designated for the Ministry—

A further course of study in Methodist Theology similar to that from time to time prescribed by the Conference for Candidates and Students for the Ministry.

RESOLVED.

That the recommendation of the Board be adopted by the Conference.

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

I.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

For Statements of Receipts and Expenditure, see Appendix, p xxxiv.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Cash Account be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Connexional Secretary and Mr. J. C. Prudhoe for their services as Treasurers during the past year, and that Mr. J. C. Prudhoe be re-appointed Lay Treasurer of the Fund.
3. That the Report of the General Treasurers be received and bound up with the Minutes of Conference.
4. That Circuit levies be paid quarterly to the Conference Treasurers.
5. That all moneys in connection with this Fund go through the hands of 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 the Board of Management be authorised to become incorporated under the provisions of the "Religious Charitable and Educational Trust Act, 1908."
8. That the following alterations be made in the Rules and Regulations of the Fund as printed in the Minutes of 1912:—(a) That the name of the Fund be "The Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand." (b) That paragraph 1 be amended so as to provide that the Board shall consist of 5 Ministers and 5 Laymen.
9. That the Rules and Regulations of the Fund as amended be printed in the Minutes of this Conference.
10. That the following be the Board of Management:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., W. Lee, J. N. Buttle, W. A. Sinclair, W. Laycock; Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe, J. L. Scott, C. E. Salter, J. A. Flesher, W. H. Seed, and W. Dobbs, together with the Rev. J. Guy and Mr. A. S. Froggatt, corresponding members.
11. Dr. Morley stated that the total assets of the Fund at December 31st, 1911, were £440,535 9s. 5d., and that the amount payable to New Zealand was £60,413 16s., together with interest from January 1st, 1912. The Conference resolved that the division of the Fund thus indicated was a fair and equitable apportionment.
12. That the several matters of low-interest-bearing securities, of properties in possession, and of the provision for shrinkage as shown in the balance-sheet, be referred to the Board for consideration.
13. Dr. Morley reported the recommendation of the Board of Treasurers that the annuities to Ministers and Ministers' Widows (excluding second wives, whose annuities were increased by the General Conference of 1907) should be increased by 10 per cent. The Conference authorised the Treasurers to pay to New Zealand annuitants any increased amount adopted by the General Conference.
14. Tables having been prepared by the Actuary to the Board of Management providing for the terms of purchase of benefits in the Fund by Ministers of the late Primitive Methodist Church, the Board is hereby authorised to adopt the same, or such modification of them as may be found necessary.

15. That the relation of the Rev. J. J. Pendray to the Fund be referred to the Board, with power to act.

16. That the case of the Rev. Jas. Wilson stand over until his return to New Zealand.

17. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Dr. Morley for his valuable services in matters relating to the Fund.

THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Rules and Regulations of the Fund.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS in connection with the constitution of an Independent Conference for New Zealand, as provided for by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, held in Adelaide in the year 1910, it was resolved that a separate Supernumerary Fund be formed for New Zealand, and that the consent of the Ministers, Supernumeraries, Ministers' Widows, and Probationers in New Zealand to such a fund be sought:

AND WHEREAS nearly all the persons concerned have given their consent in writing to join the New Zealand Fund: AND WHEREAS it was also provided that those who declined to join the New Zealand Fund should retain their connection with the Australasian Fund, as if no separation had taken place:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the following be the **Rules and Regulations of the Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.**

I.—MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND.

1. The business of the Fund shall be managed by a Board consisting of a Ministerial and a Lay Treasurer, five Ministers, and five Laymen, all of whom shall be appointed by the Conference from year to year. The Connexional Secretary shall be the Ministerial Treasurer.

2. After the Fund shall have been established five years, one member of the Board shall retire therefrom annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election for twelve months; as far as practicable, a Ministerial and a Lay member shall retire alternately. Members shall retire in the order in which their names appear in the resolution appointing them. The Board may nominate any person being a Minister or member of the Church to fill a vacancy, but such nomination shall not prevent the Conference from electing any other person to fill such vacancy. If more than one person is nominated, the election shall be by ballot. This rule in so far as it relates to the retirement of members shall not apply to the Treasurers of the Fund.

3. When any vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board during the interval between two Conferences, the Board shall have power, subject to the approval of the President of the Conference, to fill such vacancy, provided that the person so appointed shall hold office only until the next Conference, unless re-appointed by such Conference.

4. The Board shall meet together for the despatch of business, or adjourn or otherwise regulate its meetings and proceedings as it thinks fit. Five members of the Board shall form a quorum. It shall appoint its own Chairman, and may act notwithstanding any vacancy that may occur.

5. The Board may pay any debts or claims upon such proof as it thinks sufficient, accept any composition or security, real or personal, for any debts due to the Fund, allow time for payment thereof, compromise, compound, or submit to arbitration all debts, accounts, claims, and things whatsoever relating to the Fund, and for all or any of the purposes aforesaid may enter into, give, and execute all such deeds, documents, writings, agreements, instruments of composition, releases, and other things, as it shall deem expedient, without being responsible for any loss occasioned thereby. The Board may also obtain any actuarial advice it considers necessary.

6. Should any vacancy occur in the office of Lay Treasurer of the Fund during the interval between two Conferences, the Board shall appoint one of its members to fill the office until the succeeding Conference.

II.—INVESTMENT OF THE FUND.

7. After meeting the claims upon the Fund, the Board shall from time to time invest any moneys in its hands so as to form a Capital Fund to provide for the prospective claims which may be made upon it. The interest from such investments shall be applied in the same manner as income from other sources to meet the claims upon the Fund.

8. All moneys belonging to the Fund may be invested by the Board in any of the following ways: (a) First mortgage of freehold properties in New Zealand; (b) Stocks, funds, or other securities of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand; (c) Bonds, debentures, or other securities of any Municipal Corporation or local body in New Zealand, having authority by law to borrow; (d) On deposit with any Bank having statutory authority to carry on business in New Zealand, or in any Post Office Savings Bank, or Permanent Building Society.

9. (a) No loan upon mortgage of freehold property shall be made except upon the unanimous vote of the members of the Board present at the meeting at which the application for such loan is considered. (b) No advance on the security of freehold property shall exceed three-fifths of the amount at which such property shall be valued by the Valuer or Valuers appointed by the Board.

III.—INVESTIGATION AND REPORTS OF THE FUND.

10. The annual statement of the financial position of the Fund shall be supplied in the following forms: (a) Revenue Account, (b) A Balance-sheet.

11. The Board shall show in its Annual Report the amount received from Ministers' Subscriptions and Circuit Levies, and also the amount of Ministers' Subscriptions and Circuit Levies in arrears. Such report shall be printed each year in the Minutes of Conference.

12. The Board shall at least once every three years, or as directed by the Conference, make a special investigation into the state of the Fund and the securities held, and for that purpose may engage at the expense of the Fund such assistance, professional or otherwise, as it considers necessary, and shall report thereon to the next Conference.

13. A return shall be presented by the Board to each Conference, giving the following information: Amount of Loans on mortgage and other securities, interest charged, interest paid, interest in arrear at the end of the year, and interest accrued.

IV.—MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

14. Every Minister or Probationer now in connection with, or who may hereafter be received into connection with the Methodist Church of New Zealand, excepting those who have elected to remain in con-

nection with the Australasian Fund, and those especially exempted by agreement under the provisions of Methodist Union, shall become a member of the Fund, and from the date of the commencement of his Ministry or Probation shall pay the sum of £8 17s. per annum in advance, or such amount as may from time to time be fixed by the Conference. Such payment shall cease upon his becoming a claimant upon the Fund. Any Minister who has been 44 years in the Ministry, and continues in full work, and has paid all subscriptions due for that period, shall be exempt from further payment.

15. No Probationer shall be received into full connexion until all the moneys owing by him to the Fund are paid, nor shall any Probationer whose payments are in arrears be appointed to a Married Minister's Circuit.

16. Ministers' subscriptions shall become due on the 1st day of April in each year. If such subscriptions are paid to the person authorised to receive the same in time to be remitted to the Treasurers before the 31st day of May, no fines shall be imposed. If payment be not made by that date, a fine of 2s. 6d. per month for every month or fraction of a month shall be charged up to the 30th day of September following. If such subscriptions and fines are not paid by the last-named date, the same shall be charged with compound interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum until payment be made; but Probationers shall not be charged any fines in respect of subscriptions which are not punctually paid during the first year of their probation. Fines on subscriptions shall be paid each year.

17. Ministers whose subscriptions are in arrears shall pay the same at the rate of 20 per cent. per annum, in addition to the ordinary subscriptions.

18. A Levy of £11 10s. per annum, or such amount as may from time to time be fixed by the Conference, shall be made on each Circuit for each Minister appointed thereto, and on each Institution for each Minister appointed thereto. In the case of a new Circuit, or a Circuit taking an additional Minister, the Levy shall, so far as the first year's appointment of such Minister is concerned, be for nine months only.

19. Circuit Levies shall become due at the close of each quarter, and be paid immediately after the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.

20. The Board of Management for the Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church of Australasia shall pay to the Fund £14 12s. per annum for each Minister from New Zealand who may be employed by them in New Britain, Papua, or Solomon Islands, and £11 10s. for each Minister employed in Fiji, Samoa, or Rotuma.

21. Subscriptions and Levies shall be paid to the Chairman or Financial Secretary of the District, who shall remit the same to the Treasurers as follows: In the case of Subscriptions, immediately after receipt of the same; and in the case of Levies, not later than the 1st day of April, July, October and January in each year.

22. The Treasurers shall forward direct to each Minister a note of advice on receiving his Subscription, and such note shall specify the year for which payment is made.

23. A Minister who "rests" for one or more years shall pay an amount equivalent to the Circuit Levy, in addition to his own subscription.

24. No Minister whose name appears on the Minutes of the Conference as "without pastoral charge" shall be required to pay any Annual Subscription while he remains in that position, and no payment in lieu of Circuit Levy shall be required of him, nor can these be received by the Treasurers. Should a Minister who has been without

pastoral charge become a Supernumerary, he shall have no claim on the Fund for the year or years in which he is thus freed from payment. The Widow of a Minister shall have no claim for the years in which her husband was "without pastoral charge."

25. Any Minister received into the Conference from England or elsewhere shall be required to pay, or have paid on his account, the amount of the Annual Subscription and Circuit Levy for each year of status granted, together with interest thereon.

V.—MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

26. Every candidate for the Ministry, before being accepted by the Conference, shall undergo a careful and complete examination by a duly qualified medical practitioner approved by the Board. All fees payable in respect of such examination shall be paid by the Conference. The Board shall have proper forms prepared for reports for the medical examination of Candidates for the Ministry, and of applicants for superannuation, and shall supply the same to the Chairmen of Districts as required.

27. A chief medical officer shall be appointed, to whom all medical reports shall be submitted; and for this purpose the Chairmen of Districts shall forward all medical reports to the Board of Management immediately after the Synod. The Board, after obtaining the Chief Medical Officer's opinion thereon, shall submit the reports, with its recommendations, to Conference.

28. The Conference shall not be debarred from accepting a Candidate on account of an unfavourable medical report as to his physical fitness for the work of the Ministry.

29. The Chief Medical Officer shall have power to suggest in the case of a doubtful life that a number of years of medical probation with regard to the Fund be added to that life, and the Conference may impose such medical probation, and may prolong the term of medical probation for such further period as may be deemed necessary, and any Candidate accepted under these conditions shall not become a beneficiary on the Fund till the expiration of such period of medical probation. The Conference shall not place a Candidate on medical probation without a distinct assurance from the Chief Medical Officer that there is a reasonable prospect of his securing a satisfactory medical report at the end of the period fixed for such medical probation.

30. Should any Minister break down or die during the period of his medical probation, or should he fail to pass the medical examination at the close thereof, there shall be refunded to him, or to his legal representatives, as the case may be, all Subscriptions paid by him to the Fund, with simple interest, computed from the date of payment, at the average rate earned by the Fund, and also the amount, not exceeding 75 per cent., of the Levies paid by the Circuits in which he has laboured, and thereupon all claims in respect of his interest in the Fund shall cease and determine.

31. At the termination of the period of medical probation, a Minister who has been placed thereon shall be again medically examined, and if passed, he shall then become an ordinary member of the Fund.

32. A Candidate who is 40 years of age or over when accepted by the Conference shall be loaded on the following scale: Age 41, 8s. per annum; 42, 16s.; 43, £1 4s.; 44, £1 12s.; 45, £2; 46, £2 16s.; 47, £3 12s.; 48, £4 8s.; 49, £5 4s.; 50, £6; 51, £7; 52, £8; 53, £9; 54, £10; 55, £11. These amounts shall be paid annually, in addition to the ordinary subscription.

VI.—CLAIMANTS AND BENEFITS.

33. A Supernumerary is a Minister who, by reason of age, infirmity, or other cause, is permitted by the Conference to retire from the full work of the Ministry.

34. No Minister shall be made a Supernumerary without the recommendation of his District Synod, provided, however, that when special circumstances shall have arisen subsequent to the Synod, the Conference may dispense with such recommendation.

35. No Minister shall be made a Supernumerary by the Conference because of (a) his unacceptability in his Circuit work; (b) the inability of the Conference to provide him with what he regards as a suitable Circuit.

36. A Minister applying to be made a Supernumerary on the ground of failing health must obtain two medical certificates from duly-qualified medical men approved by the Board, such medical certificates to be submitted to the Chief Medical Officer and the Board before presentation to the Conference. Provided that no medical certificate shall be required from a Minister who is of 44 years' standing in the Ministry, or is 65 years of age and not less than 40 years' standing in the Ministry, or is 70 years of age or over.

37. A Minister who has been made a Supernumerary for one year may be continued as such from year to year only on furnishing an annual certificate from two medical men approved by the Board of Management. When a Minister is made a permanent Supernumerary, the medical certificates shall no longer be required.

38. A Supernumerary shall receive an Annuity according to the scale from time to time fixed by the Conference, provided, however, that the amount thereof shall be determined, not by the years of his ministerial standing, but by those in respect of which he has paid subscriptions.

39. A Minister deprived of status by the Conference shall forfeit all subscriptions paid by him for the period concerned. A Probationer who has lost years of status solely on the ground of failure in examination shall on the completion of his probation, if the Conference so decide, have status on the Fund for all the years for which he has paid his personal subscriptions.

40. A Minister who becomes a Supernumerary before the conclusion of his fifth year of service shall not be entitled to any benefits from the Fund.

41. A Minister who becomes a Supernumerary at an early age for reasons which unfit him for the itinerancy is recommended to enter into business.

42. If a Minister is compelled by failure of health to retire from the Ministry before he has been a member of the Fund eight years, he shall be entitled to a return of his subscriptions, with compound interest at the average rate earned by the Fund, and all further claim by him upon the Fund shall then cease.

43. A Minister of less than ten years' standing, who becomes a Supernumerary, shall not be entitled to draw allowances as per scale for more than five years, except when affliction debars him from other means of livelihood.

44. The Conference and the Board may compound with a Minister who becomes a Supernumerary at an early age for payment of a lump sum, in lieu of annual payments. The Board may also compound with a widow whose husband had travelled less than eight years by the payment of a lump sum.

45. Every Minister who marries, or re-marries, shall within three months thereof inform the Treasurers of the date of his marriage, and the name, age, and birthplace of his wife. Failing to do this, he shall be fined £1.

46. Notice of the death of a Minister's wife, and the date thereof, shall within three months be given by the husband to the Treasurers.

47. Every application for the purchase of an Annuity for other than a first wife shall be dealt with by the Board on strictly Actuarial principles. Any Minister making such application shall produce a satisfactory certificate of health from two duly-qualified medical men approved by the Board. Should the Conference hereafter resolve to grant additions to the amount purchased, those who have purchased under this regulation shall not be precluded from the benefits so granted.

48. An Annuity for other than a first wife may be purchased within a year of the re-marriage, or for the wife of a Minister who re-marries whilst a Supernumerary within a year of his return to Circuit work. The cost thereof shall be met by an increased annual subscription by the Minister purchasing it, to be paid during the joint lives of himself and his wife, and ceasing on the completion of such Minister's actual service. The amount of such increased subscription shall be determined by the Board's Actuary, and also the amount to be paid in commutation thereof, if the Minister desires to meet the cost by one payment.

49. In the case of a Minister who purchased an Annuity for other than a first wife, under the Rules which provided for additions from that portion of the Fund supplied by Circuit Levies, the additions prescribed under the Regulations in existence at the time of the purchase of the Annuity shall be paid in full to his widow, together with the amount on the actuarial basis, unless the Conference shall at any time decide otherwise.

50. A Minister's widow, who is a first wife, shall be entitled to an Annuity according to the scale for the time being in force; such annuity, however, shall be only for the years for which her husband paid his subscriptions.

51. So far as a Widow's Annuity is derived from Ministers' subscriptions, it shall be an Annuity for her life, whether she re-marry or not; but so far as it is derived from Circuit Levies, it shall be paid during her widowhood only, and shall cease on her re-marriage.

52. If a Minister marries while he is a Supernumerary, his wife shall have no claim on the Funds.

53. A Furniture Grant of £50 shall be made to every Minister of 15 years' status or over, and £30 to every Minister from eight to fourteen years' status, upon his becoming a Supernumerary, and a similar grant shall be made to any widow whose husband has died in full work.

54. If a Minister who is a widower dies while in full work, leaving young children for whom a home has to be provided, a Furniture Grant in accordance with the foregoing rule shall be made for their benefit.

55. If a Supernumerary returns to the full work, he shall repay half of the Furniture Grant, and if he or his widow thereafter becomes a claimant on the Fund, he or she, as the case may be, shall receive only half of the Furniture Grant. If a Supernumerary returns to active work, he shall pay 5 per cent. simple interest on one-half of the Furniture Grant if he does not repay the same within twelve months after his return to the full work. If such repayment is not made as aforesaid, the amount thereof, with interest as before-mentioned, shall be charged against the account of such Minister, and such interest shall be deducted from his first year's Annuity after he becomes a Supernumerary the second time, or from his widow's Annuity, as the case may be.

56. If in connection with Methodist Union a Minister is exempted from joining the Fund, there shall be paid to him on his becoming a Supernumerary, or to his widow, should he die in full work, a sum not exceeding three-fourths of the contributions paid by the Circuits to which he is appointed after Methodist Union, as the Levy for one Minister during the period of his appointment to such Circuits, with simple interest at the rate earned by the Fund during those years. The Treasurers shall keep a record of the Ministers so exempted, and of their years of service after union.

57. If a Minister resign, or for any cause cease to be recognised as a Minister in connexion with the Conference, all moneys paid by him, excepting fines and interest on arrears, shall be repaid to him, and thereupon his interest and that of his wife (if any) in the Fund shall cease and determine. If such a Minister has been a Supernumerary, then he shall receive only the difference, if any, between the subscriptions he has paid and the amount he has received from the Fund for Furniture Grant and Annuity.

58. Until otherwise determined, Annuities shall be paid quarterly in advance according to the following scale:—

Minister's Standing.	PAYMENTS.		Minister's Standing	PAYMENTS.	
	Supernumeraries.	Widows.		Supernumeraries.	Widows.
5	31.886	17.670	25	61.746	37.306
6	32.897	18.431	26	64.175	38.690
7	33.934	19.207	27	66.747	40.143
8	35.000	20.000	28	69.471	41.675
9	36.098	20.812	29	72.355	43.285
10	37.231	21.641	30	75.411	44.994
11	38.405	22.460	31	78.648	46.810
12	39.621	23.256	32	82.076	48.747
13	40.885	24.245	33	85.511	50.822
14	42.200	25.156	34	89.559	53.055
15	43.571	26.092	35	93.641	55.469
16	45.004	27.053	36	97.972	57.975
17	46.504	28.043	37	102.570	60.633
18	48.077	29.063	38	107.454	63.452
19	49.730	30.115	39	112.651	66.443
20	51.470	31.204	40	118.193	69.621
21	53.304	32.331	41	124.095	72.999
22	55.241	33.493	42	130.416	76.593
23	57.208	34.717	43	137.199	80.420
24	59.453	35.983	44	144.500	84.500

NOTE.—The proportion of the Annuity to be paid to a widow if she re-marries shall be fixed by the Board.

VII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

59. The Secretary of the Conference shall furnish to the Treasurers within one month after the close of the Conference the following particulars:—(a) The name, age, and birthplace of every Preacher received on Probation; (b) particulars of any alteration in the status

of any Minister or Probationer, with the reasons for the same; (c) the name of any Minister who has been made a temporary or permanent Supernumerary, also the name of any Supernumerary who has returned to the full work; (d) the name of any widow whose husband has died during the year, and the date of his decease; (e) the Medical Certificates of Candidates received.

60. The New Zealand proportion of the profits agreed upon with the English Book Room from the sale of the Australasian edition of the Methodist Hymn Book shall be paid to the Treasurers of the Fund.

61. The Board shall supply annually to the Conference a complete list of the Annuitants on the Fund.

VIII.—GENERAL.

62. Any Supernumerary or Minister's widow who has not joined the New Zealand Fund shall receive his or her Annuity from the Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

63. Any Minister who has not joined the New Zealand Fund shall remain a member of the Australasian Supernumerary Fund as at present, and both his personal Subscriptions and the Circuit Levies paid on his behalf shall be paid to the Australasian Fund. The amounts to be so paid shall be those fixed from time to time by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

64. In regard to those New Zealand Ministers who retain their membership in the Australasian Supernumerary Fund, the Rules and Regulations of the General Conference with respect to superannuation shall be observed by the New Zealand Conference.

65. No Minister who at the date of the formation of the New Zealand Fund shall have made thirty (30) or more annual payments into the Australasian Supernumerary Fund shall be required to pay more to the New Zealand Fund than he would have been required to pay had he remained in the Australasian Fund, nor shall he or his widow, or any Supernumerary or widow then receiving payments from the Australasian Fund, be paid less than he or she would have received by remaining in the last-mentioned Fund; provided further that any Minister, Supernumerary, or widow herein referred to shall be entitled to receive a Guarantee from or on behalf of the New Zealand Conference for the fulfilment of this provision.

66. Ministers entering the Foreign Mission work from New Zealand, so long as they are engaged in the field controlled by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, shall be subject to the usual conditions governing Missionaries, and the annual payments on their account shall be paid to the Supernumerary Fund of the New Zealand Church.

67. No alteration in the essential principle on which the Fund is administered shall be made for a period of at least ten (10) years after it has been formed. Nevertheless, the Conference may at any time rescind, alter, revise, modify, re-enact, or add to the foregoing Rules and Regulations, provided that the notice of motion therefor shall have been first considered by the Conference Committee dealing with Supernumerary Fund affairs, and the motion carried by not less than two-thirds of those present and voting. The printed Minutes of the Conference shall be conclusive evidence of any such rescission, alteration, revision, modification, re-enactment, or addition.

N.B.—As the foregoing Rules and Regulations make no provision for the relief of necessitous children of deceased Ministers, the Board is directed to take the necessary steps for the establishment of a Benevolent Fund for this purpose as soon as possible.

PLAMPIN BEQUEST.

The Report and Balance-Sheet were presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-Sheet be adopted.
2. That £50 be distributed among eight needy cases.
3. That the Rev. H. Bull be the Treasurer for the ensuing year.

II.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

The Balance-Sheet was presented. See Appendix, p. xxxv.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance-Sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. B. H. Ginger and Mr. E. Kellow for their services as Treasurers of the Fund during the past year, and that they be re-appointed.
3. That the assessment for the ensuing year be 12½ per cent.
4. That the Three Kings Wesley Training College, the Connexional Secretary, and Home Mission Secretary Departments and the Theological Institution 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 £9 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, a deduction from the amount of the stipends reported shall be made at the rate 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 Minister in full connexion the deductions from the taxable amount made under the Children's Fund be based upon the appointments of the current year; and that when a Minister is withdrawn from a Circuit charges be made for the March quarter only.
10. That the travelling expenses of the Clerical Treasurer to Conference be paid out of the Fund.
11. That the cost of new registers and other necessary materials be met out of the Children's Fund.

REGULATIONS.

1. This Fund shall be called "The Children's Fund," from which an annual allowance shall be made on account of all Ministers' children up to the age of sixteen years for boys and eighteen for girls.
2. The Fund shall be raised by an assessment upon the amount of the Ministers' stipends for each preceding year with an untaxed minimum, or by any other method which the Conference may from time to time decide upon. The amount of the assessment to be ac-

ording to the requirements of the Fund from year to year. The allowances shall be as Conference may direct. For the present the allowance is at the rate of £9 per annum.

3. The Conference shall annually appoint two Treasurers, a Minister and a Layman, who shall determine upon and register all claims upon the Fund; shall keep a register of the children of all the Ministers, with the dates of their birth and death; shall issue to the Chairmen of Districts, prior to the March Quarterly Meeting in each year, warrants for all moneys to be paid during the year; shall present a Report and Balance-Sheet annually to the Conference, and shall generally watch over the administration of the Fund in accordance with Connexional Regulations.

4. Ministers shall be required to forward all necessary information for registration to the Treasurers as soon as possible, and in all cases not later than December 31st in each year.

5. The allowances shall not be payable until the commencement of the year succeeding the birth of a child. The amount then due shall be payable with the first quarter's allowance for the current year.

6. The death of a child entitled to the benefits of the Fund shall be immediately reported to the Treasurer, and the allowance shall cease to be paid at the close of the current quarter; but a grant of £7 10s. for funeral expenses shall be made to the parents or guardians on warrant from the Treasurers, except in cases where the funeral expenses shall have been paid by the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit to which the father is appointed.

7. The financial year shall close on December 31st, and Ministers removing from one District to another shall receive their March quarter's allowance in the District to which they remove. Chairmen of Districts shall be required to send their statement of the Fund to the Treasurers, together with any balance due, not later than 31st December in each year.

8. In the case of a Minister's resignation, or his expulsion from the Ministry, information thereof shall be forwarded to the Treasurers by the President of the Conference, and thereupon all claims in respect of such Minister's children shall cease.

9. A Minister resting for business purposes, and not on account of ill-health, is not entitled to draw any allowance during the time he is not in Circuit work.

10. The Fund is not liable for allowances to children born before the usual probation of four years has expired, excepting the children of Missionaries permitted by the Foreign Missions Board to marry during their probation, and permitted also to return to the New Zealand work within that period. All other claims presented for children born during probation shall be dealt with on their merits by the Conference.

11. No payments shall be made in respect of the children of any Ministers who are engaged on the Foreign Mission Field, as they are provided for by the Board of Missions.

12. Allowances for children of returned Missionaries who are no longer under the control of the Board of Missions shall be paid by the Fund, provided that in the case of such Missionaries becoming Supernumeraries, or dying within five years of their return to this Conference, the allowances shall be regarded as a charge upon the Board of Missions.

13. The amounts received and allowances paid for children of Ministers set apart to Connexional Institutions or Offices, shall pass through the hands and accounts of the Treasurers, who shall register the names of the children, and include the claims on their behalf in the usual yearly warrants.

14. The several claims upon the Fund shall be paid quarterly.

III.—CONTINGENT FUND.

For Statement of Income and Expenditure and Levies, see Appendix, pp. xxxvi.-xlv.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance-Sheet for 1912 be adopted.
2. That the levy be $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
3. That money from the sale of Conference Minutes be remitted to the Chairman of the District.
4. That £175 be voted for the Connexional Secretary's Office, £530 to the Theological Institution, and £35 honorarium to the Editors of the "New Zealand Methodist Times," together with the incidental expenses incurred in connection with the paper.
5. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. P. W. Fairclough and Mr. E. Rosevear, Treasurers of the Fund, and that they be re-appointed.
6. That the Treasurers of the Fund be authorised to prepare and print the Table of Levies.

REGULATIONS.

1. The Contingent Fund shall be raised by means of an annual levy on Circuits, Missions, Institutions, Connexional Offices, and Funds, in respect of which Ministers have been set apart by Conference, and Home Mission Stations, which shall pay £1 per quarter.

2. The levy shall be made upon the annual stipend paid (or due) to the Ministers for the year ending September 30th. Such amount shall include the regular stipends, and any additional payments, whether by way of bonuses or allowances, which have been granted by the Quarterly Meeting, or other Church Court, with the object of supplementing these stipends.

3. In any Circuit in which Supernumerary Ministers or Home Missionaries are employed under the charge of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, the stipends or remuneration paid to them shall not be included in the taxable amount.

4. When any Home Mission station is constituted a Circuit, no levy shall be made during the first three quarters (June, September, and December). The levy for the following year shall be based on the amount of stipend due or paid to the Minister for the first two quarters (June and September) of the Circuit's existence. Thereafter the levy shall be based on the full year's stipend.

5. The Superintendent Minister of each Circuit and Mission, and the Minister set apart for any Institution, Office or Fund, shall annually send to the Treasurers a return of the amount taxable under the foregoing provisions. The Treasurers shall be entitled to information regarding any return, and they shall determine any question that may arise respecting the taxable amount or the levy payable.

6. The Chairmen of Districts shall be responsible for the collection of levies from Circuits in accordance with the Schedule printed in the Minutes, subject to any correction that may require to be made by the Treasurers, and every quarter they shall promptly remit to the Treasurers all moneys received, after deducting any duly authorised payments. Chairmen are empowered to pay all liabilities incurred under Regulation 9 (a, b, c. and d), but no other payments shall be made unless specially authorised by the Treasurers.

7. The Chairman of each District shall annually, immediately after December 31st, forward to the Treasurers a detailed statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

8. The following are the ordinary charges on the Fund, as authorised by the Conference:—

- (a) Travelling expenses to Synods of Ministers, Probationers, Home Missionaries (if elected by Station or summoned by the Chairman to attend), and District Secretaries of Church Property.
- (b) Expenses of Chairmen travelling in Districts on official business, bank charges, cheque books, exchange, telegrams, and stationery.
- (c) Cost of Synod printing, stationery, postage, and telegrams.
- (d) Postage allowances: President and Secretary, £5 each; Chairmen of Districts, £2 each.
- (e) Travelling expenses to the Annual Conference of Chairmen, Representatives of Districts, Secretary of Conference, Connexional Secretary, Editor of the Methodist Newspaper, Probationers proceeding to Conference for ordination by direction of their Synods, and one Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, the Clerical Treasurer of the Children's Fund, the Principal of the Theological Institution, and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners. Such travelling expenses shall be limited to the following charges:—Saloon steamer fares, coach fares, first-class railway fares, cab and train fares to and from steamers and trains, meals en route, telegrams on Conference business, and the sum of five shillings to cover tram fares in the Conference city. Fares shall be by the shortest route, and shall be less the usual concessions available.
- (f) Printing Conference Agenda, Minutes, Returns, Society Tickets, etc. Cost of Ordination Bibles, postage, telegrams, cables, stationery, and other incidental Conference expenditure.
- (g) Cost of medical examination of Candidates for the Ministry.
- (h) Contingent and local travelling expenses of the Editor of the Methodist Newspaper.
- (i) Half the cost (the other half borne by the Home Mission Fund) of such supplies for disabled Ministers as have been duly authorised by the President of the Conference. (The supply shall be paid at the rate of £1.5s. per week, and the Ministers, or Ministers' widows, shall be responsible for his-board and lodging.) Accounts for cost of supplies must be certified by the President.
- (j) Accounts for travelling expenses shall be rendered in detail.

10. Special cases of Ministerial affliction, when not provided for by Quarterly Meetings, shall be recognised as having a claim upon the Contingent Fund.

11. A copy of Conference Minutes shall be supplied free of cost to every Minister and Home Missionary, the lay Treasurers of the Connexional Funds, and to each lay Representative attending Conference.

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

An abstract of the Minutes of the Board of Missions was laid on the table.

A Statement of Income for 1912 was presented by the Rev. J. N. Buttle, the General Secretary. (See Appendix, pp. xlvi.-xlviii.)

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Statement of Income be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the General Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. J. N. Buttle, and to the Lay Treasurer, Mr. A. R. Sherris, and that they be re-appointed.
3. That in view of the services of the Rev. J. N. Buttle to the Fund, and his expressed desire to undertake some organising work, he be paid the sum of £50 per annum during his continuance in the office.
4. That the Conference again expresses satisfaction at the continued loyalty of our people to the Imperial cause of Foreign Missions. The income for the year, omitting "Review" subscriptions, amounts to £3566 17s. 1d., being an increase of £363 7s. 2d., which, with late remittances of £97 6s., shows a total increase of £460 13s. 2d. The Conference commends the claims of this great work to the prayerful sympathy and generous support of the members and adherents of all our Churches.
5. That the Conference requests the next Foreign Mission deputation to form a Laymen's Foreign Missionary Union in as many places as possible.
6. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. T. Field for his effective services as Foreign Mission Deputation during the year.
7. That Circuit Superintendents be requested to call the attention of congregations to Mission literature, with a view to securing a wider distribution; and that the Quarterly Meetings be asked to encourage the sale of the "Missionary Review." That an active agent be appointed, in every Circuit, by the Quarterly Meeting, who shall secure subscribers, collect subscriptions, and remit the same through the Superintendent to the Conference Treasurer, and that all orders for the "Review" be forwarded through the Foreign Mission Secretary.
8. That the Board of Missions be recommended to provide special information to the "Missionary Review" for use in the Sunday Schools.
9. That the basis of distribution of the Annual Report be the amount raised in each Circuit, instead of personal subscriptions, and that the Foreign Mission Secretary forward to the Head Office a list, suggesting the number of copies to be forwarded to each Circuit.
10. That the Conference strongly urges the desirability of placing at least one Missionary Box in every Methodist home in the Dominion.

11. That the Conference conveys to the officers and members of the several Ladies' Auxiliaries an expression of its highest satisfaction at the result of their work. It rejoices in the increased number of sisters sent to the Foreign Field, and prays that continued success may attend the efforts of the Auxiliaries.

12. The Conference earnestly recommends the Board of Missions to provide more rapid means of communication, by the supply of motor launches, to the several Mission stations. The Conference commends the matter to the liberal support of our people.

13. The Conference having received information of the proposed celebration of the Centenary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society (London), expresses its appreciation of the courtesy of the parent Society in extending an invitation to this Conference to be represented thereat. With feelings of profound gratitude we recognise the great debt of obligation which rests upon New Zealand Methodism resulting from the labours of the noble band of men and women who were sent out as pioneer missionaries to these lands. We wish the Centenary movement abounding success in promoting the permanent prosperity of the Society. The Conference cordially endorses the nomination of ex-President Ready of the Rev. A. C. Lawry as the representative of the New Zealand Methodist Church.

14. That until the question of the future Foreign Mission policy of our Church is definitely settled, no action be taken in regard to the proposal that the Maori Mission should be worked as part of our Foreign Mission enterprise.

15. That the present arrangements whereby the New Zealand contributions are paid over to the Mission Board in Sydney be continued for a period of at least three years, during which time representatives of the New Zealand Conference, appointed according to the provisions of the working scheme of separation from Australia, shall attend such meetings of the Mission Board as the Conference may direct, take part in the preparation of the estimates of Missionary income and expenditure, and after consultation with the members of the Board of Missions, advise the Conference as to the future of our Church in Missionary matters.

16. That the representatives so appointed shall annually present a full report to the Conference.

17. That the Conference, in accordance with the working scheme of Independence, do now appoint three persons to represent the New Zealand Church on the Committee of Allocation to meet in Sydney in February, 1914, and that the following be the representatives:—Rev. S. Lawry (President of Conference), the Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C. (Vice-President), and the Rev. J. W. Burton.

18. That this Conference adopt the organisation and methods for raising Foreign Mission income, and the general management formerly obtaining in the Methodist Church.

19. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Executive Committee for services rendered during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Revs. J. N. Buttle, J. Cocker, W. A. Sinclair, S. Griffith, H. E. Bellhouse, A. Peters, B. Metson; Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe, W. C. Francis, R. H. Turner, A. R. Sherris, A. F. Drayton, W. H. Seed, W. L. Thomas, W. Dobbs, and T. Sharp.

20. That this Conference heartily welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Gilmour on their visit to New Zealand, rejoices that under the blessing of God such manifest success has attended their labours in Papua, and prays for them long life and continued prosperity in the work.

21. That the special report of the Executive Committee relating to the disposition of the Wilkinson bequest be received, adopted, and entered in the Journal.

RESOLUTIONS REGARDING TONGA.

1. That on the happy consummation of Methodist Union in New Zealand, which is the last step in the unifying of the Methodist Churches in the European States of Australia and New Zealand, the Conference sends its Christian greetings to the President, Ministers, and Members of the Free Church of Tonga, and to the Methodist Church in the Friendly Islands, and prays for their continued blessing and prosperity.

2. The Conference desires to record the satisfaction with which the Union between the two Methodist Churches in New Zealand has been brought about, and the spirit of brotherliness that has been manifest in its first sessions, and believes that it will largely tend to the advancement of the Kingdom of God in the Dominion.

3. The Conference recalls the close connection that there was between the Friendly Islands and New Zealand in early Mission days, that Ministers were frequently interchanged, and in particular that the Rev. Jas. Watkin, whose ministry was signally blessed in Tonga, came from thence to commence the Methodist Mission in the South Island of this Dominion.

4. The Conference prays that in the good providence of God the re-union of the Free Church in Tonga and the Methodist Church there may shortly be brought about, believing that this would be for the best interests of both, and would facilitate the Tongans again taking that prominent place in extending Mission work in the Pacific which they did formerly and in such effective manner.

5. That in the event of Union between the Free Church of Tonga and the Methodist Church of Australasia in the Friendly Islands being considered, this Conference will cordially do all in its power to facilitate such a movement, and with the concurrence of the General Conference, will, if it be deemed advisable, welcome the United Church into connection with this Conference.

6. That a copy of the above resolutions be forwarded to the President of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, the Rev. J. B. Watkin, President of the Free Church of Tonga, the Chairman of the Friendly Islands District of the Methodist Church, and the President of the New South Wales Conference, accompanied by suitable letters.

REGULATIONS.

1. That Conference directs that in each Circuit and Home Mission Station sermons be preached on one Sunday in each year in all our churches, and collections made at such services in aid of Foreign Missions; also that public meetings for the advocacy of Foreign Missions be held in each Church, at which collections shall be made for the Fund; also, that wherever practicable subscriptions be solicited.

2. That the Foreign Mission Sunday be the first Sunday in June, and that meetings and services held during that week bear relation to Foreign Mission work.

3. That all income, together with lists of contributions 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 directs Home Mission Stations to send returns of amounts raised for this Fund separate from the returns of the Circuit to which they are attached. That the Executive Committee be requested to supply schedules to each Circuit for use in forwarding returns.

5. That the expenses of the Foreign Mission Secretary travelling to Conference be charged to the Mission Fund.

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

The Report of the Home Mission Executive and Balance-Sheet for 1912, and also the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1913, were presented by the General Treasurers. (See Appendix, pp. xlix.-lv.)

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-Sheet for the past year, and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1913 be received and adopted.

2. That the Conference places on record its grateful appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of the Rev. T. G. Brooke, the Organising Secretary, and that he be re-appointed.

3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. John Veale for his faithful and cheerfully rendered services as Treasurer of the Fund, and that he be re-appointed.

4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Executive Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Executive Committee for 1913:—The Home Mission Organising Secretary, the Ministers of the Auckland and Suburban Circuits, the Rev. W. Gittos, with Messrs. J. E. Wheeler, J. W. Shackelford, T. McMaster, T. W. Jones, P. Crowe, J. C. Allen, J. Veale, T. Caley, A. Peak, J. Purnell, J. Trounson, J. E. Astley, W. Hetherington, H. E. Pacey, J. Tyler, J. W. Court, D. Wright, J. Robbins, J. Watkinson, T. Moor, A. Trenwith, Wm Thompson, W. Ambury, P. J. H. White, and Mr. F. L. Prime, a life member.

5. That the Executive be directed to issue a circular to the Superintendents of Circuits and their Quarterly Meetings, calling their attention to the serious losses sustained by the Home Mission Fund through the failure of many Circuits to institute a thorough and systematic canvass in its behalf. It would also call their attention to the fact that a large proportion of the subscriptions promised in connection with the canvass of the Organising Secretary has not been collected, and it urges upon the Circuits the necessity of complying with our rules, by the formation of Auxiliaries as per Section 4, Rule 4, page 45, of the Annual Report for 1911.

6. That in consequence of the growing practice of Home Missionaries who have been appointed to stations as single men, marrying during the year, the Conference directs that no Home Missionary shall be permitted to marry without first obtaining the consent of the Executive.

7. That the Rev. T. G. Hammond be appointed the Home Mission Deputation to the Nelson District for 1913, providing he can make arrangements with the Chairman of the District to do the work at a time when he can be best spared from the Taranaki work.

8. That the Rev. Noho H. Papakakura be appointed as the Home Mission Deputation for the Otago and Southland Districts for 1913.

9. That seeing the Conference cannot place its Home Missionaries in the National Provident Fund, as it now exists, and maintain its own law and discipline, and seeing the Government has promised an amendment to the Act by which the Fund is governed, the Committee, consisting of the Revs. P. W. Fairclough, W. Slack, the Organising Secretary for Home Missions, and Messrs. J. C. Stephens, J. B. Shacklock, E. Aslin, and E. Rosevear (Convener), be re-appointed.

10. The Conference resolved (a) That the Organising Secretary communicate with the Home Mission Secretaries of the Australian Conferences with a view to obtaining young men for our Home Mission work; (b) that failing to secure young men from Australia, the Executive be authorised to secure six young men from Cliff College, England.

11. That Resolutions 5, 7, 11, 12, pages 74, and 75, Minutes of Conference, 1912, be incorporated in the Rules and Regulations of the Fund.

12. That the Schedules of duties of the Home Mission Organising Secretary, as printed in the Minutes of Conference for 1909, be incorporated in the Rules and Regulations of the Fund.

13. That the legacy of £100 from the estate of the late Mr. S. Stone, Auckland, be placed in the Capital Account.

14. That all moneys from the Wilson Home Mission Bequest Fund of the ex-Primitive Methodist Church be paid to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund.

15. That the Home Mission Executive be directed to bring up recommendations as to the constitution of the Conference Committee on Home Missions.

16. That the following District Advisory Committees be appointed for 1913:—

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.

Revs. the District Chairman, F. W. Boys, G. Frost, J. H. Haslam, and Messrs. J. G. Cobbe, T. R. Hodder, and J. Masters.
Convener: The Chairman.

WELLINGTON.

Revs. S. J. Serpell, J. J. Lewis, J. G. Chapman, B. H. Ginger, J. Ward, W. S. Potter, G. Knowles Smith; the Hon. C. M. Luke, Messrs. W. E. Redstone, L. J. Clark, H. T. H. Grave, M. Murdoch.
Convener: Rev. S. J. Serpell.

CANTERBURY.

Revs. the President and Secretary of the Conference, S. Griffith, W. Laycock, B. F. Rothwell, W. A. Sinclair, H. E. Bellhouse, B. Metson; Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, H. Holland, F. Thompson, J. Field, H. E. Peryman, E. W. Hall, W. C. Francis, and F. W. Parsonson.
Convener: Rev. B. F. Rothwell.

OTAGO.

Revs. the District Chairman, J. T. Pinfold, B.D., W. Slade, T. W. Vealie, F. T. Read (Convener), A. J. Seamer, A. Pybus, E. Drake; Messrs. W. Bull, E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, E. Aslin, J. B. Shacklock, W. King, and W. M. Roberts.

SOUTHLAND.

The Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits, with Messrs. A. F. Hawke, J. J. Wesney, J. Hensley, A. S. Froggatt, and W. Dickson.
Convener: Rev. W. Grigg.

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

For Statistics, see Appendix lxiv.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rev. W. Gittos having become a Supernumerary, no successor be appointed to the office of Superintendent of Maori Missions.

2. That the Rev. T. G. Brooke, Organising Secretary of Home Missions, undertake the supervising and organising of the Northern Maori Mission, with the Rev. W. Gittos as his adviser.

3. That the Rev. T. G. Brooke retain his present office, but that the schedule of duties be suspended for the present year, and that Mr. Brooke devote to the Maori Missions any such portion of his time as may seem right to him after consultation with Mr. Gittos and the Executive.

4. That the salary and allowance of the Rev. T. G. Brooke remain as at present, and that the Rev. W. Gittos receive an honorarium of £100 a year, and £40 travelling allowance, from the Home Mission Fund.

5. The Conference affectionately urges upon Father Gittos the great desirability of placing on record his memories of his long career, and especially of those relating to the Native race. The Conference appoints the Rev. T. G. Brooke and Messrs. Caughey and Trounson as a Committee to arrange with Mr. Gittos for the taking of a stenographic or other record of his reminiscences, and otherwise to collect his story.

6. That in the present transition stage of the Maori work, the Conference does not consider it advisable to constitute a Maori Synod.

7. That Esther Tupaea be received for training as a Native Deaconess.

8. That an additional Native Lay Agent be appointed to the Taranaki work, provided that there be no increase in the expenditure.

9. That sections 2 and 4, Minutes of Conference, 1912, p. 76, be incorporated in the Rules and Regulations.

10. That the Home Mission Executive consider the following scheme for the establishment of a Maori Mission Fund as distinct from the Home Mission Fund, and report to the next Synods and Conference.

The sources of the Fund to be—

- (1) All income from properties and investments held in trust by the Church for Maori Mission purposes;
- (2) All gifts or legacies that may be received for Maori Mission purposes;
- (3) One-fifth of the ordinary Home Mission income from Circuits;
- (4) All income from Maori Mission Stations.

11. That the Southern Maori Mission continue to be a charge upon the Home Mission Fund, but in order to secure efficient superintendence of the work, and that the Maori Minister may attend a quarterly meeting for the purpose of report, counsel and stimulus, the Mission shall be attached to the Riverton Home Mission Station; the Riverton quarterly meetings to be presided over by the Chairman of the District.

12. That the resolutions of Conference governing the employment of Deaconesses in the Native work, as printed in the Minutes for 1911, be incorporated in the Rules and Regulations published in the Annual Report.

13. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. E. Rosevear for his services as Treasurer of the Southern Maori Mission for so many years. The Conference regrets that the severance of the Southland District from the Otago District prevents his continuing to serve the Church in that capacity.

14. That the Sub-Committee of the Home Mission Executive be the Advisory Committee to the Organising Secretary in his superintendence of the Native work in the Auckland and South Auckland Districts.

15. That the question of a special grant of £25 to Rev. R. T. P. Haddon be remitted to the Home Mission Executive for favourable consideration.

16. The following resolutions relating to the West Coast Maori Mission were adopted:—

- (a) That Conference desires to make it clearly and widely known that any change effected in the oversight of the Auckland Maori Mission does not in any way interfere with the work or lower the status of the Rev. T. G. Hammond as Superintendent of the West Coast Maori Mission.
- (b) That if Mr. Hammond consider it desirable to remove his residence to Hawera during the year he be allowed to do so, and that the expenses of such removal be paid from the Home Mission Fund.
- (c) That the Home Mission Executive take into favourable consideration the recommendation of the Wanganui Synod for an increase in the stipend of the Superintendent of the West Coast Maori Mission.

QUESTION XLI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

The following are the Conference Regulations with regard to Missions:—

1. The Conference adopts the permissive legislation set forth in sec. 2, par. 294, Book of Laws, by which appointments may be made to Missions beyond FIVE years. (See Minutes, 1908.)

2. That a Mission for the purposes of this provision shall be any Church or Churches, with or without preaching places attached, formed into a Mission by the resolution of Conference, and so designated in the Minutes.

3. That each such Mission furnish an annual report through the District Synod to the Conference.

4. That the following be designated "Missions" in the terms of Resolution 2:—Auckland Methodist Mission, Wellington Central Mission, Christchurch Central Methodist Mission, Dunedin Central Mission.

AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.

That the following be a Committee of Management to be associated with the Mission Quarterly Meeting in the administration of the affairs of the Mission:—Messrs. T. B. Arthur, F. C. Taylor, J. Manson, A. Misser, E. Russell-Jones, J. Trounson, Wesley Martin, Godwyn D. Smith, and J. E. Wheeler.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL MISSION.

That the following be the Committee to assist the Quarterly Board:—Messrs. J. Lomas, W. E. Howe, A. E. Moss, J. W. Carr, W. Moxham, W. C. Burd, C. D. Macintosh, E. Tonks, R. G. Denton, W. J. Helyer, J. Raine, K. Keen, G. Kershaw, G. Petherick, E. Dawson, S. G. Hoare, and C. A. Piper. Convener: The Missioner.

CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL METHODIST MISSION.

That the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Rev. W. A. Sinclair; Messrs. J. A. Flesher, W. H. Seed, G. Scott, C. E. Salter, L. M. Isitt, M.P., J. H. Fountain, E. W. Hall, J. C. Prudhoe, H. Holland, Hon. G. J. Smith, together with the local officers of the Mission. Convener: The Superintendent.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

That the Committee of Management for the ensuing year be as follows:—The members of the Quarterly Meeting; Messrs. E. Aslin, W. Penrose, J. B. Shacklock, W. C. Allnutt, A. Martin, W. M. Roberts, and W. King.

The Conference expresses its gratification at the opening of the new Octagon Hall in Dunedin, thanks the Rev. W. Slade for his services in carrying this scheme thus far towards completion, and trusts that under the blessing of God the Mission may have continued and enlarged success.

QUESTION XLII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference in regard to the Training of Deaconesses?

The Report was presented by the Rev. S. Griffith.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report of the Committee be received and adopted, and that the Conference express satisfaction with the work of the Institution.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Committee of Control and Supervision, and especially to the Convener, the Rev. S. Griffith, and that the Committee for the ensuing year be:—The President of the Conference, the Superintendents of the Christchurch, (Durham Street), Christchurch East, Christchurch Mission, Woolston, St. Albans, Sydenham, Addington and Papanui Circuits; the Hon. G. J. Smith, Messrs. J. Hewitt, G. Scott, C. E. Salter, E. C. Brown, J. Cannon, H. S. J. Goodman, and E. W. Hall. Rev. S. Griffith, Convener.
3. That a list of certified Deaconesses, showing the Circuits in which they are employed, be printed in the Minutes of the Conference.
4. That all those who have been employed continuously for three years in Deaconess work, and whose names are reported on favourably by the Superintendents of Circuits, be recognised by the Conference as Deaconesses of the Church.

5. That in future all Deaconesses, prior to being recognised by the Conference, shall be approved by the Central Deaconess Committee, and, except in the case of those who have been trained in the Connexional Deaconess House, shall have passed the following tests:—

- (a.) Three years' probation in Circuit work. (In the case of those at present employed, past years of service shall count for status.)
- (b.) During each year of probation an examination to be passed in Scripture Knowledge, Elementary Theology, and English.

N.B.—In special cases the Committee shall have power to grant exemption from examination.

- (c.) Superintendents of Circuits to report annually to the Central Committee regarding the probationers' efficiency in practical work.

6. That the Central Deaconess Committee prepare the curriculum and make arrangements for the examination of these extra-mural students.

7. That on the completion of the three years' probation, probationers be admitted as fully accredited Deaconesses of the Church at a special Service of Dedication, to be arranged by the President of the Conference or his Deputy.

8. That the Ministers of our Church be urged to encourage by all means in their power suitable young women to avail themselves of the training offered by the Connexional Deaconesses' House, and that no Circuit should seek the appointment of a Deaconess without first ascertaining whether a trained agent be available.

9. The Constitutional Laws (see Minutes, 1910, pp. 88-89) were reaffirmed, with the exception of Clause 9, which is to read as follows: The year begins the third week in January, and closes the third week in December. There shall be five days' vacation at Easter, and three weeks in July.

LIST OF DEACONESSES.

Sister Mabel, Durham Street, Christchurch; Lady Superintendent Deaconess House.

Sister Howard.

Sister Kenneth, Auckland Methodist Mission.

Sister Jean, Palmerston North.

Sister May, Taranaki Street, Wellington.

Sister Lilian, Sydenham.

Sister Catherine, Addington.

*Sister Douglas, Pitt Street Church, Auckland.

*Sister Ruth, East Belt, Christchurch.

*Sister Florence, Whiteley Church, New Plymouth.

Sister Nellie, Okaiawa.

Sister Alice, Wellington Central Mission.

ON PROBATION:

*Sister Emily.

STUDENTS AT DEACONESS HOUSE.

Miss Isabel Cherrie (for Orphanage work).

Miss Annie I. Olds.

* Trained at Deaconess House, Christchurch.

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

1. "THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TIMES."

The Report of "The Methodist Times" Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Editor, the Rev. L. Hudson, and to the Assistant-Editor, the Rev. A. Ashcroft.
3. That the Rev. W. J. Williams be appointed Editor for the ensuing year, and that the Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., be appointed Assistant-Editor, and that an honorarium of £25 be paid to the Editor, and £10 to the Assistant-Editor.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year.
5. That the following be the Committee of Management for the present year:—The President of the Conference, the Superintendents of the Christchurch Circuits; Messrs. L. M. Isitt, M.P., J. A. Flesher, C. E. Salter, J. L. Scott, E. Iles, H. Holland, and E. W. Hall.
6. That the present papers be amalgamated.
7. That the new paper be issued fortnightly.
8. That the name of the new paper be "The New Zealand Methodist Times," with which are incorporated the official organs of the Methodist and Primitive Methodist Churches of New Zealand.
9. That steps be taken to add four pages to the present issue of the paper, making 20 pages, and that the price be 6s. per year, in advance, and 6s. 6d. otherwise.
10. That the Conference number be under the new name.
11. That the enlarged paper be produced at the earliest possible date, providing it be not later than May 1st.
12. That the Committee in charge of the Connexional paper be requested to take into consideration during the present year the possibility of arranging for a permanent paid Editor, to devote his whole time to the interests of the paper.

2.—METHODIST HYMN BOOK.

The report of the Committee was presented.

REGULATIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be thanked for their services during the year, and that they be re-appointed, viz.:—Revs. H. Bull and S. Lawry (Convener), and Mr. J. A. Flesher.

QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Affairs?

A Report was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Chairmen of Districts shall, in consultation with the Senior Chaplains, nominate Chaplains to the Forces.
3. That this Conference strongly recommends to sister churches the desirability of co-operating with the Y.M.C.A., with a view to arranging for the social as well as the spiritual needs of the troops in camp.
4. That the following be appointed as Chaplains to Methodists on His Majesty's ships of war visiting the under-mentioned ports of New Zealand:—

Auckland: Rev. W. Ready.
 Wellington: Rev. J. G. Chapman.
 Lyttelton: Rev. B. F. Rothwell.
 Dunedin: Rev. P. W. Fairclough.
 Port Chalmers: Rev. G. T. Marshall.
 Bluff: Rev. J. Sharp.

5. That in view of the great advances made in the peace movement throughout the world, and in view of the fact that the present warlike methods of settling disputes are both un-Christian and against the best interests of the people, this Conference declares itself in favour of arbitration in all international disputes.

6. That in view of the fact that there are persons in the Dominion whose consciences are not relieved by section 43 of the Amended Defence Act, this Conference earnestly requests the Legislature so to amend that section as to give the desired relief, and is of the opinion that such relief would be secured if the section were amended to read as follows:—

“43. (1) Nothing in this Act shall require any person to bear arms, or to perform or undergo military service or training, if he, being of age, or his father, or his mother, or guardian, should he be a minor, on conscientious grounds object to his doing so.
 (2) The objection to be stated orally, and also signed in a documentary form before a Justice of the Peace.”

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

Very few records have come to hand during the year. In former years many documents have been sent which would probably have been better kept in the Circuits. They are occasionally required for reference. Such are Baptismal and Marriage Registers. Those formerly sent to the Committee are not arranged in any order, and are deposited in a solicitor's strong-room, tied up in large parcels. Consequently effective search for a record, when desired, is not a very easy task, and is often unsuccessful. At some time it will be desirable for the Conference to appoint some one to classify and index the Records in possession.

The following Records have been received during the year:—

1. Old Minute Book, Hokitika Quarterly Meeting, from Rev. C. Roberts.
2. Jubilee Souvenir of Dunedin Methodism, from Rev. P. W. Fairclough.
3. Copy of early Report of Papanui Sunday School, from Mr. J. Low.

HENRY BULL.
 SAMUEL LAWRY.

QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods or Committees for Report?

I.—METHODIST UNION.

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Methodist Union, appointed by the two Conferences of 1912, met in Christchurch on August 14th and 15th, 1912; and agreed to the following general Recommendations to the first United Conference:—

OPENING PROCEEDINGS OF UNITED CONFERENCE.

1. That the separate Conferences meet on Wednesday, February 5th, 1913, at an hour to be fixed by each Body; and that the United Conference meet on Thursday, February 6th, at 2.30 p.m.

2. That the members of the two Conferences meet at places to be arranged, and march therefrom to a point to be agreed upon, and there unite, and march in one body to the place where the Conference will open, viz., Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington.

3. That Rev. Dr. Youngman, President of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, open the first United Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and conduct the election of officers, and that Rev. Dr. Morley be invited to address the Conference.

3. That a Public Meeting be held in the Wellington Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. of the day on which the Conference opens, the Chairman of this meeting to be chosen by the Canterbury United District Committee. The signing of the duly prepared legal documents by the Presidents of the two uniting Churches and such other persons as the Conferences may appoint, shall take place immediately after the Chairman's address. The newly-elected President and Vice-President of the Conference, with the Revs. Dr. Youngman and Dr. Morley, are to be requested to address the meeting.

LEGAL PROCEDURE.

1. That Revs. S. Lawry and J. Dawson, and Messrs. J. A. Flesher and A. J. Luke prepare a Resolution to be passed by both Conferences, and signed by the President of each Conference, and such other persons as may be appointed, in the presence of the Chairman of the Public Meeting, who shall be asked to witness the same.

2. That all proceedings of the first United Conference be adopted by Resolutions passed by each Conference separately, these to be embodied in the Journals of the respective Conferences and the Printed Minutes, such Resolutions to be prepared by Messrs. J. A. Flesher and A. J. Luke.

3. That the matter of issuing a Gazette Notice embodying the fact of the uniting of the two Methodist Churches, together with the properties of the Churches in this Dominion, be left in the hands of a Committee, consisting of Revs. S. Lawry and J. Dawson, and Messrs. J. A. Flesher and A. J. Luke; such notice, if possible, to be published in an "Extraordinary Gazette," and the same to be circulated among the Trustees of both Churches, and copies to be hung in the porches of all the respective Churches.

UNITED EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

That the two Examination Committees meet together prior to the Conference, and that the custom of the Methodist Church be followed, viz., that all Candidates and Probationers completing their Probation be examined in full Committee; and that only Candidates for the Ministry preach trial sermons at the Conference.

STATIONING COMMITTEE.

That the Stationing Committees appointed by the two Churches form the Stationing Committee of the first United Conference.

LAY TREASURERS AT CONFERENCE.

That the matter of Lay Treasurers as ex-officio members of the Conference be left to the discretion of each Church, provided that the conditions of the Basis of Union as to lay representation be observed.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

That at the Ordination Service the charge to the newly-ordained Ministers be delivered by Rev. W. Ready, and the Address to the Church by Rev. G. Knowles Smith; the order of the service to be arranged by the above named retiring Presidents and Rev. S. Lawry, Secretary of the Methodist Conference.

UNION SOUVENIR.

That the United Conference arrange for a Souvenir of the Union, in the form of an Illustrated Booklet, prepared and published by a Committee to be appointed. That Revs. J. Guy and J. W. Burton be Editors of the above. The Committee requests them to gather such information as they may think necessary, and report to Conference; also that the Conference Arrangements Committee at Wellington be apprised of the appointment, and requested to facilitate their work so far as local matters are concerned.

MEMBERSHIP TICKETS.

1. That a special Ticket be prepared to be given to all Church Members and Junior Members 15 years of age and upwards, to commemorate the consummation of Union.
2. That a Certificate of Membership be prepared, to be given to all Members on their admission to the Church.

DEPARTMENTAL MINISTERS.

That the Departmental offices of the Methodist Church be continued in the United Church, viz.: The office of Connexional Secretary, of Organising Secretary of Home Missions, and of Principal of the Theological Institution.

DATE OF MINISTERS' CHANGE OF CIRCUITS.

That Ministers be expected to be in their new Circuits by the THIRD Sunday in April, and that all Circuit and Station authorities close their accounts as and from 31st March.

MISSION OF INSPIRATION AND APPEAL.

Three members of the Primitive Methodist Church were added to the Committee of the Methodist Church, and it was resolved that the Mission of Inspiration and Appeal be commended to the prayerful co-operation of the Members and Communicants of both Churches, who are recommended to become members of the League of Prayer established on behalf of the Mission.

Recommendations on other matters are for the convenience of reference reported under the several Questions to which they refer:—

1. District Boundaries and Circuit Adjustments. See Question XXI.
2. The Youth of the Church. See Question XXIX.
3. Connexional Funds. See Question XXXVII.
4. Foreign Missions. See Question XXXVIII.
5. Home Missions. See Question XXXIX.
6. Connexional Papers, etc. See Question XLIII.
7. Order of Synod Business. See pages 152-155.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
SAMUEL LAWRY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and the Committee thanked for its services.
2. That the clauses relating to the Opening Proceedings of the Conference, the United Examination Committee, the Stationing Committee, Lay Treasurers at Conference, and the Ordination Service be approved.
3. That the clauses relating to the issuing of an "Extraordinary Gazette," to Departmental Minister, and to the Date of Ministers' Change of Circuits, be adopted.
4. That the President of this Conference be authorised and empowered to sign and execute on its behalf all deeds, documents, petitions, notices, and writings which may be deemed necessary or advisable in connection with or in anywise relating to any matter arising out of or in connection with the Union of the Methodist Church of New Zealand with the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand.
5. That a Committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference, the Rev. J. Dawson, and Messrs. J. A. Flesher (Convener) and A. J. Luke, be appointed to deal with all legal matters arising out of or in consequence of Methodist Union, with power to promote and secure the passing of any legislation that may be considered necessary to protect the interests of the uniting Churches or either of them.
6. That an illustrated booklet be prepared and published as a Souvenir of the Union, and that the Revs. J. Guy and J. W. Burton edit the same. The booklet to be sold at one shilling per copy.
7. That a special Membership ticket be printed, to be given to all Church members and junior members 15 years of age and upwards, to commemorate the consummation of Methodist Union, and that the specimen submitted to the Conference be approved.
8. That this special ticket, with the necessary alterations, be used as a Certificate of Church Membership, to be given to all members on their admission into the Church.
9. That a Committee, consisting of the President and Secretary of the Conference, the Revs. W. A. Sinclair, W. Laycock, A. N. Scotter, B.A., H. E. Bellhouse, J. Cocker, S. Griffith, A. Peters, B. F. Rothwell; the Hon. G. I. Smith; Messrs. L. M. Isitt, M.P., J. A. Flesher, J. L. Scott, C. E. Salter, J. C. Prudhoe, A. F. Drayton, W. H. Seed, J. Down, and T. T. Robson, be appointed to deal with all matters arising out of Methodist Union, including the printing and publishing of the souvenir. Convener: The Secretary of the Conference.

II.—MISSION OF INSPIRATION AND APPEAL.

The Report of the Central Committee was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That in harmony with the resolutions of the Methodist Conference of 1911 and 1912, this Conference resolves that the ensuing year, the first of complete Methodist Union, should be marked by an effort on the part of all our Ministers, office-bearers, and people to enter more fully into the privileges of our Church life; to seek a quicker and deeper personal acquaintance with the things of God, to understand with a new thoroughness the history of our Church and the development of its polity and organisation, and also to enter upon more systematic efforts, by house to house visitation, and in other ways, to reach the many who have lapsed from direct Church influence. It heartily endorses the arrangements made for the holding of a great Mission of Inspiration and Appeal, and commends it to the devoted co-operation of our Ministers and people.

2. That the Conference expresses its warm appreciation of the kindness extended to New Zealand Methodism whereby the Rev. and Mrs. Vallance Cook from England, and the Revs. A. E. Walker from New South Wales, and A. V. Trigg, from Victoria, have been released for a six months' evangelistic campaign in New Zealand. It requests the President, on behalf of the Conference, to extend a cordial welcome to these honoured evangelists, and commends them to the earnest and prayerful co-operation of all our people.

3. That the financial arrangements and scheme of missions as now submitted be endorsed, but that the Central Committee be authorised to make any necessary adjustments.

4. That the Central Committee receive moneys from Circuits visited, and pay the Missioners' stipends and travelling expenses.

5. That the expenses be guaranteed by Circuits according to the assessments recommended by the Committee, City Circuits combining in the guarantee for the larger Missions, and that the Conference, on this understanding, accept the ultimate responsibility as a whole, preliminary expenses, if necessary, being advanced by the Contingent Fund, and interest paid by the Committee on the sums advanced.

6. That any balance remaining in the hands of the Committee at the conclusion of the Missions, be paid, pro rata, to the contributing Circuits.

7. That a Committee be set up in each District, which shall, with the Central Committee, prepare a scheme for the holding of Missions in every Circuit and Home Mission Station.

8. Preparatory Conventions, organised by adjacent Circuits, shall be held within a month of the Mission, to prepare the way by the consecration of the people, and the finding of personal workers and canvassers. The Conference lays the greatest stress upon a systematic house to house visitation, especially in the cities and larger towns, to discover non-Church-goers and lapsed Methodists. It is suggested that advertising matter, exclusive of press advertisements, be supplied at cost price to Circuits by the Central Committee.

9. The organisation of Instructional Meetings following the Missions to be remitted to the District Committees, special attention being given to the most effective means whereby Christian fellowship as a fundamental means of grace, may be restored to its original and Scriptural place in the practice of our people, this being regarded as essential if the fruits of the Mission are to be conserved and the spiritual life of the Church maintained. The Conference recommends

that, wherever possible, "The People's Hymnary" be used for the purposes of the Mission.

10. That the general work of the Missions be organised and directed by the Committee on the Welfare of the Church.

11. That the Conference rejoices to hear that a League of Prayer has been established on behalf of the Mission, and recommends that branches be established in every Church. It also recommends for general use the cards of intercession known as "One by One" cards, supplied by the General Committee.

12. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. S. Griffith for his faithful and efficient services as convener of the General Committee.

13. That the following District Committees be appointed:—

Auckland District: The Ministers of the Auckland, Onehunga, and Otahuhu Circuits, Revs. T. G. Brooke, C. H. Garland; Messrs. S. J. Ambury, T. Hodgson, J. W. Dadson, J. E. Wheeler, J. Burton, F. W. Stone, R. J. Emerson, T. E. Price, S. Parker, J. Tyler, T. Moor, J. Hunter, G. Higgott, E. J. Hutson. Convener: Rev. N. Turner.

South Auckland District: The Ministers of the Hamilton, Cambridge and Upper Thames Circuits; Messrs. J. R. Fow, W. T. Mason, —Pomeroy, senr., Lowry and Raynor. Convener: Rev. J. Wrigley.

Taranaki-Wanganui District: The Ministers of the New Plymouth, Hawera and Stratford Circuits; Messrs. W. Ambury, C. E. Bellringer, E. Dixon, G. Kelvington. Convener: Rev. E. O. Blamires.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District: Section A—Revs. T. J. Wallis (Convener), H. L. Blamires, J. A. Hosking; Messrs. J. H. Oldham, C. G. Cunnold, and L. A. Denton. Section B—The Superintendents of the Palmerston North (Broad Street and Cuba Street) and Feilding Circuits; Messrs. T. R. Hodder, H. T. White, and —Gould. Convener: Rev. F. W. Boys.

Wellington District: The Ministers of the Wellington, Hutt and Petone Circuits; Messrs. L. J. Clark, H. T. H. Grave, J. Lomas, S. T. Martin, D. J. Aldersley, J. Wakelin, W. W. Moxham, W. E. Howe, B. Lynneberg, M. Murdoch, S. G. Hoare and H. H. Oxley. Convener: Rev. W. S. Potter.

Nelson District: The Ministers of the Nelson, Richmond, Blenheim and Greymouth Circuits; Messrs. A. A. Lucas, H. Buttle, E. H. Penny, J. D. Hawkins. Convener: Rev. W. Baumber.

North Canterbury District: The Committee on the Welfare of the Church, which shall also be the Central Committee.

South Canterbury District: The Ministers of the Timaru, Oamaru, Waimate, Temuka and Geraldine Circuits; Messrs. C. S. Howard, —Stead, J. Boothroyd, C. G. Vogeler, H. Grayburn, W. F. Cheverton, and F. Marshall. Convener: Rev. J. Guy.

Otago District: The Ministers of the Dunedin Circuits; Messrs. J. B. Shacklock, A. H. Reed, E. Rosevear, E. Aslin, J. P. Simon, C. W. Wilkinson, and W. King. Convener: Rev. A. J. Seamer.

Southland District: The Ministers and Circuit Stewards of the Invercargill, Gore, and Otautau Circuits. Convener: Rev. S. Henderson.

III.—STIPENDS OF MINISTERS AND HOME MISSIONARIES.

The Report of the Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference strongly urges the establishment of the Envelope System in all our Circuits.

2. That an explanatory leaflet, setting forth the advantages and best methods of working this system, be prepared and circulated among all our people.

3. That while recognising the liberty and right of our members and adherents to contribute to the support of the Church in any way they find fit, and not wishing to force upon any individual any special method, this Conference is of the opinion that the most probable solution of the financial difficulty that faces us will be found in the general establishment of systematic giving. It is for this reason it directs that in all Circuits the opportunity at least shall be given to those who wish to adopt the envelope system to do so.

4. The sum of £3000 being needed to raise all married men's stipends to a minimum of £200, and all Probationers to £140, it was resolved—

(a.) That the present Christchurch Stipend Committee be the Central Committee.

(b.) That a District Stipend Committee be set up in each of our Districts.

(c.) That the Conference urges that the whole of the collections in all our Churches and preaching places, on a date to be fixed by the Central Committee, be donated to a Supplemental Stipend Fund. That an appeal and explanation be made at each service by a layman, where possible, or by the Minister conducting the service.

(d.) That the money thus raised be allocated to Circuits not raising the minimum stipend, in such proportion as the amount allows, and the Central Committee and Circuits may agree.

(e.) That should any deficit still exist, it shall be the duty of each District Committee to raise any amount still needed in the District.

(f.) That the Conference rebate to the Fund any Connexional levy due on the amount thus raised.

5. That the following be the Central Committee: Messrs. A. F. Drayton, W. H. Seed, G. Sheat, C. E. Salter, F. Thompson, J. Down, J. C. Prudhoe, H. Holland, R. H. Turner, and L. M. Isitt, M.P. (Convener).

IV.—METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

The Report on the Orphanage and Children's Home was presented by the Rev. H. Bull.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

✓ 2. That an Orphanage, to be called the Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home, be established as soon as possible in Canterbury.

✓ 3. That steps be taken without delay to secure annual subscriptions to the extent of at least £500 to meet current expenses and commence the work.

4. That the £500 bequeathed to the Conference by the late Mrs. Knox, with interest thereto accrued, be handed over to the Board of the Wesley Training College, to be used by the Board for Orphanage work in harmony with the terms of the bequest, and subject to the provisions of the Methodist Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1911, section 29. And that the balance of the moneys held by the Conference for Orphanage purposes be devoted to the proposed South Island Institution, provided that no portion of the principal or interest shall be used for current expenses.

5. That the methods of raising funds to carry on the Orphanage work be arranged by the Committee.

6. That the sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be obtained for the purchase of Orphanage land and buildings. ✓

7. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the General Committee for its services during the past year, and that the following be the members of the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Ministers of the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, the Connexional Secretary, Rev. H. Bull; Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, C. E. Salter, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, T. T. Robson, L. M. Isitt, M.P., G. Bowron, J. L. Scott, R. M. Cresswell, W. H. Seed, H. Holland, E. W. Hall, J. H. Pugh, the Hon. G. J. Smith, Sister Mabel; with power to add. Convener: Rev. W. A. Sinclair.

QUESTION XLVII.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?

1. The President, Vice-President, and the Secretary of Conference, the Ministers of the Wellington, Johnsonville, Hutt, and Petone Circuits, Rev. H. Bull; Messrs. T. Buddle, F. L. Prime, G. Tiller, H. Brittain, W. E. Redstone, E. Kellow, J. G. Harkness, J. A. Flesher, G. H. Blackwell, J. C. Stephens, A. J. Luke, J. B. Shacklock, H. Holland, and A. Peak. Secretary of Conference, Convener and Secretary.

2. The above-named Ministers and Laymen of the Wellington, Hutt and Petone Circuits are a Committee of Exigency, the Superintendent 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 XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?

1.—CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE.

That it be an instruction to the Conference Arrangements Committee for the Conference in 1914 that the Conference Missionary Meeting be held on the evening usually allotted to the Young People's Rally. That in future Conferences these two functions have the privilege of being held on the earlier evening in the Conference programme alternately.

2.—LEGAL ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT.

That Mr. J. A. Flesher be appointed Legal Adviser to the President of the Conference.

3.—DR. YOUNGMAN AND DR. MORLEY.

We desire to acknowledge with deep gratitude the great service rendered to this United Conference by the Rev. Dr. Youngman, the President of the Methodist Church of Australasia, and the Rev. Dr. Morley, who came to us as the representatives of that Conference to start us on our way and to bid us God-speed. Their addresses have been to us a great inspiration, and their visit will long be to us a delightful memory.

4.—BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

On the evidence of high authorities in the States where it has been adopted, as to the satisfactory and beneficial working of the Australian system of Bible Teaching in State Schools, the Conference expresses its approval of the same, and resolves to co-operate with other religious bodies in securing those benefits to the children of the Dominion; but holding that the people of New Zealand should first say whether they desire this or not, will support the appeal to Parliament for a Referendum to enable them to give their decision.

5.—VISIT OF DR. CAMPBELL MORGAN.

That the Conference will co-operate in the movement to secure a visit from the Rev. Dr. Campbell Morgan.

6.—ORDINATION CHARGE.

1. That the heartiest thanks of the Conference be accorded the Rev. ex-President Ready for his splendid Ordination Charge, and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed in the columns of the Connexional paper.

2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. G. Knowles Smith for the charge which he delivered to the congregation on the occasion of the Ordination Service.

3. That in future there be one Ordination Charge, which shall be delivered by the retiring President of the Conference.

7.—BOOK OF OFFICES.

That the following be a Committee to revise the Book of Offices, and report to next Conference:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Revs. W. A. Sinclair, H. E. Bellhouse, S. Griffith, A. N. Scotter, B.A., T. A. Joughin, W. Laycock, A. Peters, A. Mitchell, B. Metson. Convener: Rev. H. E. Bellhouse. The report to be printed and forwarded to members of next Conference prior to its meeting.

8.—BOOK OF LAWS.

That the following Committee make all necessary alterations and amendments in the Book of Laws so as to bring it into harmony with the provisions of the Basis of Union, and also to indicate any matters not provided for:—The Revs. the President and Secretary of the Conference, H. Bull, J. Cocker, W. A. Sinclair; Messrs. J. A. Flesher, H. Holland, and C. E. Salter. Rev. H. Bull, Convener.

9.—CONFERENCE BUSINESS.

That the following Committee be appointed to take into consideration the question of how best to effect a saving in the time of the Annual Conference consistent with the efficient carrying on of its work:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Revs. W. A. Sinclair and J. Cocker; the Hon. G. J. Smith, Messrs. J. A. Flesher, J. C. Prudhoe, W. H. Seed, and W. Dobbs. Convener: The Secretary of Conference.

10.—CHURCH OF ENGLAND CENTENARY.

That a suitable letter, signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference, be forwarded to the Primate of the Church of England in the Province of New Zealand congratulating that Church on the attainment of its centenary, and wishing it prosperity in the extension of Christ's Kingdom in the Dominion.

11.—LOCAL PREACHERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

That this Conference rejoices to hear of the work being undertaken by the New Zealand Methodist Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association, and especially commends the correspondence classes to the sympathetic interest of its Ministers. The Conference urges that, wherever possible, retiring collections shall be taken up in our Churches in aid of the funds of the Association.

12.—METHODIST UNION INDEX.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. T. Pinfold, B.D., for his services to the Church in publishing the Methodist Union Index.

13.—THE ANTARCTIC DISASTER.

The Conference expressed its profound sympathy with the relatives of Captain Scott and his comrades, whose lives had been lost in the Antarctic tragedy, and with the surviving members of the Expedition, and a Memorial Service, presided over by the President and addressed by the Rev. P. W. Fairclough, F.R.A.S., was held in the Wellington Town Hall.

QUESTION XLIX.—When and Where shall the Next Conference be held?

At Dunedin, the third week in February, 1914.

LOYAL ADDRESS.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

May it please your Excellency,—

The members of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, recently assembled in Wellington, desire to approach your Excellency with assurances of devotion and loyalty, and to tender to your Excellency congratulations on your appointment as Representative of His Majesty in this Dominion.

Permit us to assure your Excellency that our welcome is cordial and unreserved.

To the Throne and Person of His Most Gracious Majesty, King George V., we cherish a profound and loving loyalty, and we pray that in the Providence of God our beloved King may enjoy a long, prosperous, and happy reign.

We pray that the blessing of God may rest upon your Excellency and Her Excellency the Countess of Liverpool during your residence in New Zealand, that your Excellency may be privileged to see the people of this Dominion advance in spiritual, moral, and material power, and that your Excellency may always have happy memories of your association, as His Majesty's representative, with this oversea Dominion.

On behalf of the Conference,

We have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most humble servants,

S. LAWRY, President.

C. M. LUKE, Vice-President.

C. H. LAWS, Secretary.

ADDRESS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF AUSTRALASIA.

To the President and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHERN,—

On the occasion of the first Conference in New Zealand of a Separate and United Methodist Church, we avail ourselves of the privilege of sending you cordial and kindly greetings. Some of us have grateful memories of association with you in the work of the General Conference, and although our request has been granted in the matter of legal separation from that Conference, we shall still retain a strong interest in its welfare. It has been a great joy to us to welcome in our midst, as representing the General Conference, the Rev. Dr. Youngman, President, and the Rev. Dr. Morley. By their able and kindly addresses, and their wise counsel, they have contributed in no small degree to the successful inauguration of our Conference under conditions of exceptional interest. You will learn from their own lips what their thoughts and impressions are of the way in which our Conference has shaped itself in facing its new obligations. We may, perhaps, be permitted to express our gratitude to God for the excellent spirit that has marked the coming together of the two sections of the Methodist Church in New Zealand. Your own experience in Australia leads us to hope with considerable confidence that the coming years will still further set the seal of approval on the union that has now been consummated. We remember that we are still linked with you in the great cause of Foreign Missions, and no part of your proceedings will be noted by us with keener interest than the steps you may take in developing and extending the work of God in the regions beyond. There is a vastness in your own immediate field in Australia that is calling forth your best resources; we are glad to know that with increasing enthusiasm you are recognising the claims of the unreached masses that still lie under the dark shadow of heathenism. We can wish nothing better for ourselves than to be baptised with the same spirit of devotion to the cause of Missions.

Praying that your assembling together may be marked by a very gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, to the end that the great Church you represent may be more fully fitted to extend the Kingdom of Christ, we subscribe ourselves, on behalf of the Conference,

Yours in the bonds of Christian service,

(Signed)

SAMUEL LAWRY, President.

CHARLES H. LAWS, Secretary.

**ADDRESS TO THE BRITISH WESLEYAN METHODIST
CONFERENCE.**

**To the President and Members of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference
of Great Britain.**

HONOURED AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—

The youngest member of your large and affectionate family desires to offer you hearty and loyal greetings. During the past few weeks the Methodist Church in these far-off lands has been making history. In response to our repeated requests, our Fathers and Brethren in Australasia have graciously and unanimously granted us independence; and we commenced on the first day of this year of grace 1913, as a separate and self-governing Conference.

It is in no light spirit that we have taken from their hands this charter of liberty, and the sense of increased responsibility has already chastened us into a deeper seriousness of mind, and into a fuller dependence upon God. We earnestly pray that we may be so guided as to use our freedom for the higher interests of the Kingdom of God, and for the expansion of our beloved Methodism in these Southern Seas.

We are grateful to our fellow-Methodists in Australia for sending to us, as their representatives, the Rev. H. Youngman, D.D., President of the General Conference, and the Rev. W. Morley, D.D., Managing Treasurer of the Supernumerary Fund. Their eloquent and inspiring words will long live in our memory, and their helpful and wise counsels will make themselves felt in the future policy and work of our Church.

One of the first acts of our new and independent Conference was formally to agree to the Union of our Church with the Primitive Methodist Connexion of New Zealand, thus achieving the completion of Methodist Union in this Dominion. The negotiations for this union have been going on for many years, and a committee consisting of members of both Churches decided upon a BASIS OF UNION, which has been almost unanimously agreed to by the Quarterly Meetings of both communions. On the sixth day of February, all formalities being completed, the two Conferences met at the Wellington Town Hall, and marched en masse to our historic Taranaki Street Church, where the actual fusion took place. The General President occupied the chair, and we elected Rev. S. Lawry (an ex-President and Connexional Secretary) as the first President of the United Church. The Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C. (President of the Primitive Methodist Church) was unanimously called to the Vice-President's chair.

We praise God for the gracious influence which has pervaded the entire movement, and for the spiritual feeling which was so specially marked in its consummation. With these tokens of the Divine presence, we go forward, assured that our United Church will not fail in the high task which is hers.

We scarcely need assure you that we, as a United Church, are loyal to the great evangelical doctrines of Methodism, and hold in reverence its cherished traditions and ideals. We are in the presence of the same soul hunger and spiritual destitution which confront you in an older land, and we have discovered no new sources of help. We rely still—as we ever shall—upon the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Maori work has given us much anxiety in recent years. The impact of a foreign civilisation, the rapid changes in native life and custom, the evil influence of certain elements in our own population,

have had a bad effect upon the Maori people. The story of our Maori Mission deserves a high place in the annals of the brave, and on the list of heroes there is no nobler name than that of our veteran Father Gittos, who, after nearly sixty years of strenuous and sacrificing service, retires this year from the active work.

Our relation to the Australasian Missionary Society has been carefully considered, and we are anxious to take a more active part in the spread of the Kingdom in other lands. For the present we shall retain our association with Australia; but it would appear that our mind is set upon a separate field in which our sons and daughters may labour. This Conference sends two of her most promising young ministers to carry, on our behalf, the Message to the South Seas, and we pray for them the protection and strengthening of the Divine Spirit.

We desire to offer our congratulations to the British Conference on the completion of a century of missionary organisation. It is seemly that we, who are one result of your effort, should thus salute you at this centenary celebration. But for your missionary passion, and the devotion and sacrifice of your pioneer missionaries, we had not been.

We feel deeply our responsibility as we gaze upon the magnitude of the task before us. We are beset with difficulties. Pleasure dazzles the eyes of our youth. Many of our people in mid-life are obsessed with the desire for material wealth; and not a few of our older members are filled with fear and uncertainty. But we take courage. The Great Head of the Church has not forsaken us; we still feel the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and the dawning of a better day is heralded by many signs. Fathers and Brethren, pray for us that our strength fail not.

We are, on behalf of the Conference,

SAMUEL LAWRY, President.

CHARLES H. LAWS, Secretary.

Wellington, N.Z., 17th February, 1913.

ADDRESS TO THE BRITISH PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

To the President and Members of the British Primitive Methodist Conference.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—

Greetings.

We, the members of the first United Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, desire to express our sincere appreciation of the sympathetic spirit manifested by your last Conference when considering the application of the Primitive Methodist Church in this Dominion for separation. The purpose for which that severance was requested has now been accomplished under the most happy conditions. The first United Conference has been marked by harmony, brotherliness, enthusiasm, and spirituality. The Rev. S. Lawry, an enthusiastic advocate of union, was elected President. The Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C., a former delegate to your Conference, was unanimously elected as the first Vice-President.

The business of the Conference has revealed more fully the important opportunities which present themselves to a united, aggressive and evangelical Church in this Dominion, and in the name of God we go forward to possess the land.

Documents will be forwarded in due course, evidencing that your wishes respecting the senior brethren of the ex-Primitive Methodist Ministry have received our hearty approval, and arrangements have been made accordingly.

The Conference finds that, owing to the steady growth of population in the Dominion, and the consequent extension of our work, it is difficult adequately to staff our Circuits and Home Mission Stations. Should there be those among you young in years and gifted with zeal and physical vigour, willing to respond to the call of our present need, the Conference would be glad to hear of them.

We pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon you in the Mother Country and upon ourselves in this land beneath the Southern Cross, as we unitedly labour for the extension of the Kingdom of our common Lord.

On behalf of the United Methodist Conference of New Zealand,
We remain,

SAMUEL LAWRY, President.

CHARLES M. LUKE, Vice-President.

CHARLES H. LAWS, Secretary.

Wellington, N.Z., February 10th, 1913.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

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

- (A) COMMITTEE ON CIRCUITS.—To this Committee shall be remitted all Synod recommendations relating to Questions I. to IV. of Representative Conference business. The findings of Committee A shall be reported to Committee D when help is required from the Home Mission Fund.
- (B) COMMITTEE ON CONNEXIONAL FUNDS AND BALANCE-SHEETS.—This Committee shall consider all recommendations relating to the following Funds: (1) Children's Fund; (2) Supernumerary Fund; (3) Contingent Fund; also those relating to Mission, Educational, and General Connexional Trust Properties; they shall also examine all Balance-sheets presented to Conference, to see that they are in proper form and duly audited.
- (C) COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—This Committee shall consider all business relating to Foreign Missions, and especially inquire if Conference Rules are observed with regard to raising and remitting Foreign Mission moneys.
- (D) HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.—The constitution of this Committee is referred to the Home Mission Executive for consideration and report.
- (E) COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS.—This Committee shall consider all Reports and Synod Recommendations relating to the Theological Institution, Wesley Training College, Sunday Schools, and the Deaconess Work.

- (F) COMMITTEE ON GENERAL QUESTIONS.—This Committee shall consider the Reports on Connexional Literature, Temperance and Public Morals, City Missions, 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 Committees.

STATIONING OF MINISTERS.

1. That there be two readings of the Station Sheet, the first being taken after the questions relating to Circuits, etc., have been disposed of, and the consideration of the second being deferred till at least a day after its presentation to the Conference.

2. That in considering the Station Sheet the Committee begin with the District in which the Conference for the time being sits.

3. That the matter of electing the Lay members of the Stationing Committee adopted by the Independent Methodist Conference be adopted by this Conference. (See pp. 13-14.)

SEAT OF VICE-PRESIDENT IN CONFERENCE.

That Clause IV., Sub-section 1, of the Basis of Union be amended to read after the word "laymen," "including the Vice-President of the preceding Annual Conference."

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.

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. 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.

4. That the above two meetings have preference alternately for an early date on the Conference programme.

NEW CIRCUITS AND DIVISION OF CIRCUITS.

That a Schedule be prepared providing the required information, and that the same 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.

That in cases where a Probationer is asked for, a careful statement of the prospects of the Station taking a married Minister 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 the Conference to the A Committee.

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 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.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT OF CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

That the Treasurers of all Connexional Funds and Properties be directed to present annually a Capital Account as well as a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, setting out the present and prospective value of the properties held by them in trust for the Connexion.

LAY TREASURERS IN CONFERENCE.

1. 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. Fire Insurance Fund.
6. Children's Fund.

2. That no Layman holding an official position entitling him to a seat in Conference shall hold the same position for a longer period than six years in succession, commencing from 1913.

LAY REPRESENTATION OF MAORI MISSIONS IN CONFERENCE.

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.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

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

AGENDA COMMITTEE.

That the Secretary of the Conference, with Rev. F. T. Read and Mr. E. Rosevear, be the Agenda Committee for next Conference.

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.

PRESIDENTIAL RULING RE ELECTION OF CIRCUIT AND CHURCH OFFICIALS.

The President was asked to give a ruling on the following question:—"Will it be necessary, under the provisions of Methodist Union, to hold fresh elections of Circuit Stewards and other Church officers at the next Quarterly Meetings?"

The following reply was given:—"Where Circuits or individual Churches remain substantially unaltered there does not appear to be any reason why existing officers should not retain their positions till the usual time for appointing new ones; but where, by amalgamation, division, or other adjustment, the constitution of the Quarterly Meeting or Leaders' Meeting is materially altered, it will be necessary to elect fresh officers, and the elections must take place under the conditions provided for in the Basis of Union."

APPOINTMENTS OF MINISTERS.

The question having been raised whether, in view of the consummation of Methodist Union, all appointments of Ministers made by this Conference shall rank as first year appointments, the legal adviser to the President stated that the provisions of the Model Deed not having been altered in this respect, the appointments of all Ministers who at the date of Union belonged to the Methodist Church of New Zealand will rank as though no such Union had taken place, but that the appointments of all Ministers who at the date of Union belonged to the Primitive Methodist Connexion will rank as first year appointments, they not having been previously subject to the provisions of the Model Deed.

REPRESENTATIVES TO BRITISH CONFERENCE.

1. That the Rev. A. C. Lawry be the Representative to the British Wesleyan Methodist, the British Primitive Methodist, and the British United Methodist Conferences.
2. That the Rev. A. C. Lawry be appointed to act as Deputation from New Zealand in connection with the Methodist Missionary Centenary in England.
3. That Mr. J. Watkinson be associated with the Rev. A. C. Lawry as Representative to the British Primitive Methodist Conference.

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.)

METHODIST IMMIGRANTS TO NEW ZEALAND.

1. That an Agent be appointed, to whom credentials and any information respecting Methodist immigrants coming to New Zealand may be forwarded, and that the name of this Agent be sent to all Methodist Conferences in the United Kingdom.
2. That the Rev. J. G. Chapman be appointed Chief Immigration Officer for New Zealand.
3. That the following be appointed Immigration Officers at the respective ports:—
 Auckland: Rev. W. Ready.
 Wellington: Rev. J. G. Chapman.
 Lyttelton: Rev. B. F. Rothwell.
 Port Chalmers: Rev. G. T. Marshall.
 Dunedin: Rev. W. Slade.
 Bluff: Rev. J. Sharp.
4. That we ask the Rev. Simpson Johnson to supply one hundred suitable badges to be worn by those who shall meet the Methodist immigrants on their arrival.
5. That a suitable notice be printed on cards explaining to immigrants our arrangements for their being met on arrival at their port of destination by one of our Agents, and that we ask some properly appointed Minister in Hobart and Port Melbourne to have these duly posted up aboard the inward bound vessels on their arrival at the above-mentioned ports.
6. That a letter explaining these arrangements for the reception of Methodist immigrants be sent to each of the Methodist Conferences in Great Britain, and that we specially urge that in view of the Union of Methodism in New Zealand, they should all avail themselves of the facilities for the proper transfer of any of their members or adherents by communicating with the Rev. Simpson Johnson, Secretary of the Wesleyan Brotherhood, Westminster, London.
7. That any expenses arising out of these arrangements be paid out of the Contingent Fund.

ORDER OF SYNOD BUSINESS.

(As recommended by the Union Committee and adopted by the Conference).

Devotional Exercises.

Election of Secretary by ballot.

Nomination of Assistants by the Secretary.

Arrangements for reporting to the Press.

Address by the Chairman.

N.B.—It is recommended that in each District arrangements be made for a devotional session, at which a sermon shall be preached, or suitable papers or addresses given, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered.

Business may be taken under the following Questions:—

1. Who are present?
2. Have the Conference appointments for this District been observed?
3. Has any Minister or Probationer died since the last Conference?
4. Does the Synod recommend that any Minister be made a Supernumerary at the ensuing Conference?
5. Does the Synod recommend that any Supernumerary be again employed in the regular work?
6. Does the Synod recommend that any Minister have permission to rest for a year?
7. Does the Synod recommend that any Minister be left without Pastoral Charge?
8. Does any Minister or Probationer offer himself for Foreign Mission work?
9. Do we recommend the Division or Alteration of the District, or of any Circuit in the District?
10. Are there any recommendations as to the appointment of an additional Preacher to any Circuit?
11. What new Stations is it proposed to occupy?
12. Does the Synod recommend that any Home Mission Station be constituted a Circuit?
13. What Circuits become due to provide for Married Ministers at next Conference?
14. What is the state of the Circuit Funds in the District?
15. What are the Annual Statistical Returns?

(1) General, (2) Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, (3) Temperance.

N.B.—The Statistical Secretary is requested to call attention to any increase or decrease in the number of Churches or other Preaching Places in any Circuit or Home Mission Station, and an explanation should be required whenever any Preaching Place or Sunday School has been closed.

16. What are the Recommendations of the Synod on the following:—

- (1) The Spiritual Welfare of the Church.
- (2) The Condition of the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.
- (3) Temperance and Public Morals.

The findings of the Synod to be sent to the Conveners of the respective Conference Committees dealing with these subjects.

17. What is the District Secretary's Report on Church Property?
 - (1) Sites given or purchased, and their legal transfer.
 - (2) Erections, cost of same, and debt.
 - (3) Enlargements, etc., cost of same, and debt.
 - (4) Properties sold, and observance of Conference conditions in connection therewith.
 - (5) Current Income and Expenditure.
 - (6) Insurance on buildings.
18. What are the Resolutions of Synod on matters connected with the above Report?
19. Are there any Recommendations to Conference with regard to any Properties in the District? *-forwarded*
20. What is the Report of the Secretary of the Church Building and Loan Fund with regard to Loans current in the District? Are there any Resolutions on the Report?
21. What is the Report of the Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds?
22. What is the Report of the Secretary of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund? X
23. What is the Income and Expenditure of Connexional Properties on Investments in this District?
24. What are the Replies from the Circuits to the following Questions? (These to be entered on printed forms supplied for the purpose):—
 - (1) Has the Annual Audit of Trust Accounts been made in each case in accordance with the provisions of the Model Deed?
 - (2) Has the appointment of new or additional Trustees, or the removal of names from the Trusts, been duly reported to the Authorised Representative?
 - (3) Have the proper entries been made in the Circuit Schedules?
 - (4) Are Registers of Baptisms kept, and are the Records duly entered?
 - (5) Are Leaders' Meetings regularly held, and has the Roll of Membership, including that of Juniors, been duly revised?
 - (6) Have sermons been preached, public meetings held, and collections made for both Foreign and Home Missions, and have the moneys received been duly forwarded to the Conference Treasurers?
25. Have the Quarterly Levies been regularly paid for the following Connexional funds?
 - (1) Supernumerary Fund.
 - (2) Children's Fund.
 - (3) Contingent Fund.

N.B.—The reply to be furnished by the Chairman.

26. What amount has been received from the Sale of Minutes or other source for the Contingent Fund?

27. What are the District Expenses chargeable to the Contingent Fund?
 (1) Travelling of Ministers and Home Missionaries to Synod.
 (2) District Synod Stationery.
 (3) Any other Expenditure.
28. What amount has been raised in the several Circuits and Home Mission Stations for Foreign Missions?
29. Is the Missionary Review circulated in each Circuit?
30. Has the Synod any Recommendations for promoting the interests of Foreign Missions?
31. What amount has been raised in the District for the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?
 (1) From Circuits and Home Mission Stations.
 (2) From Connexional Properties or Investments.
 (3) From any other source.
32. What is the District Expenditure in connection with the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?
 (1) Deputation Expenses.
 (2) Any other Expenses.
33. What is the estimated Income for the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund for next year?
 (1) From Circuits and Home Mission Stations.
 (2) From Connexional Properties or Investments.
34. What Home Mission Grants are recommended for next year?
 (1) Maori Missions.
 (2) Home Mission Stations.
 (3) Circuits with Home Missionaries.
 (4) Aided Circuits.
 (5) Special.
35. What is the state of the Maori Missions in the District?
36. Whom do we nominate to Conference for appointment as members of the District Home Mission Advisory Committee?
37. Are there any Resolutions or Recommendations in regard to Home Missions?
38. What is the Report of any Central or City Mission in this District?
39. Are there any Resolutions or Recommendations arising from the Report of the Deaconess Institution?
40. Is there any Report from the Principal or Committee of the Theological Institution?
41. What is the Report of the Committee respecting the Connexional Paper?
42. Can anything be done to promote the circulation of Methodist Literature in our Circuits?
43. Whom do we elect as the Representative of this District to the Stationing Committee at the ensuing Conference?

N.B.—A Substitute also is to be elected.

44. What are the Recommendations of the Synod on matters remitted to it by the Conference?
45. Are there any Resolutions or Recommendations on matters of which notice has been given?
46. When and where shall the next Synod be held?

BUSINESS FOR THE DISTRICT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE.

(The Record to be entered in the Synod Journal, and reported to Conference.)

1. What Probationers are recommended to be received into Full Connexion at the ensuing Conference?
 - (1) Reports of Trial Sermons, Book Lists, and Circuit Work.
 - (2) Oral Examination.
2. What Preachers remain on Probation?

Reports of Trial Sermons, Book Lists, and Circuit Work.
3. What Candidates for the Ministry are recommended to be received by the ensuing Conference?
 - (1) Reports on Trial Sermons, Written Sermons, and Book Lists.
 - (2) Oral Examination in Theology, etc.
 - (3) Written Recommendation by Superintendent.
 - (4) Report of Medical Examiner.
 - (5) The Chairman is to enquire privately as to Candidates' ability to contribute towards their expenses of training at the Theological Institution.
4. What are the Recommendations of the Committee respecting the training of Students for the Ministry?
 - (1) Report of the Principal as to Students now in residence.
 - (2) General Recommendations.

N.B.—Enquiries are to be made concerning Home Missionaries' Reading.

5. Is there any objection to any Minister, Probationer, or Home Missionary in the District?
 - (1) Is there any objection to his moral or religious character?
 - (2) Is there any objection to his doctrinal belief or teaching?
 - (3) Has he duly observed and enforced our discipline?
 - (4) Has he competent abilities for the work of the Ministry?
6. Can any measures be adopted for increasing our pastoral efficiency, and promoting the work of God in the District?

SAMUEL LAWRY, President.

CHARLES H. LAWS, Secretary.

PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCES.

1.—AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, N.Z.

TOWN.	YEAR.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
Christchurch	1874	Thomas Buddle	Alexander Reid
Auckland	1875	James Buller	Alexander Reid
Wellington	1876	Alexander Reid	John Crump
Christchurch	1877	William Kirk	William Morley
Wellington	1878	John Crump	William Morley
Auckland	1879	William Morley	Rainsford Bavin
Dunedin	1880	William Lee	William Morley
Nelson	1881	John B. Richardson	Rainsford Bavin
Christchurch	1882	James A. Taylor	William Morley
Auckland	1883	Rainsford Bavin	Henry Bull
Wellington	1884	William Morley	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1885	Joseph Berry	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1886	Henry Bull	William J. Williams
Auckland	1887	William C. Oliver	Henry R. Dewsbury
Wellington	1888	William J. Williams	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1889	William J. Watkin	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1890	John J. Lewis	William Lee
Auckland	1891	Henry R. Dewsbury	William Lee
Wellington	1892	George Bond	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1893	William Keall	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1894	David McNicoll	Henry Bull
Nelson	1895	Joseph H. Simmonds	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1896	William Baumber	William J. Williams
Wellington	1897	Paul W. Fairclough	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1898	William G. Parsonson	Daniel J. Murray
Christchurch	1899	John Orchard	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1900	Joseph S. Smalley	Daniel J. Murray
Wellington	1901	Charles H. Garland	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1902	Daniel J. Murray	Samuel Lawry

2.—METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch	1903	John A. Luxford	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1904	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Wellington	1905	Joseph N. Buttle	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1906	Thomas G. Brooke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1907	William Slade	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Auckland	1908	Charles E. Beecroft	Samuel Lawry
Wellington	1909	Thomas Fee	Samuel Lawry
Dunedin	1910	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	Samuel Lawry
Christchurch	1911	George W. J. Spence	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1912	William Ready	Samuel Lawry

3.—METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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4.—METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND (UNITED).

Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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LIST OF PRESIDENTS OF PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

TOWN.	YEAR.	PRESIDENT.
Wellington	1873	Rev. W. J. Dean
New Plymouth	1874	Rev. J. Dumbell
Wellington	1875	Rev. S. Antliff, D.D.
Christchurch	1876	Rev. J. Dumbell
Wellington	1877	Rev. W. J. Dean
Auckland	1878	Rev. B. J. Westbrooke
Wellington	1879	Rev. D. Dutton
Christchurch	1880	Rev. W. J. Dean
Dunedin	1881	Rev. Josiah Ward
Wellington	1882	Rev. Joseph Long
Auckland	1883	Rev. C. E. Barley
Dunedin	1884	Rev. C. E. Ward
Christchurch	1885	Mr David Goldie
New Plymouth	1886	Rev. P. W. Jones
Wellington	1887	Rev. James Guy
Invercargill	1888	Mr G. Froggatt
Christchurch	1889	Rev. J. Sharp
Dunedin	1890	Mr C. M. Luke
Auckland	1891	Rev. W. S. Potter
Christchurch	1892	Mr J. Bellringer
Ashburton	1893	Rev. James Guy
New Plymouth	1894	Rev. C. E. Ward
Wellington	1895	Rev. William Laycock
Timaru	1896	Rev. James Clover
Feilding	1897	Rev. T. H. Lyon
Dunedin	1898	Rev. J. Dawson
Christchurch	1899	Rev. P. W. Jones
Stratford	1900	Rev. J. Cocker
Auckland	1901	Rev. W. S. Potter
Wellington	1902	Hon. C. M. Luke
Ashburton	1903	Rev. G. Clement
Wanganui	1904	Rev. E. Drake
Christchurch	1905	Rev. J. Sharp
Invercargill	1906	Mr C. E. Bellringer
New Plymouth	1907	Rev. C. E. Ward
Dunedin	1908	Rev. J. Olphert
Auckland.	1909	Rev. R. Raine
Timaru	1910	Rev. S. Henderson
Wellington	1911	Rev. G. H. Mann
Christchurch	1912	Rev. G. K. Smith
Wellington	1913	Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST
OF THE
Ministers and Probationers
IN CONNECTION WITH
Methodist Church of New Zealand.

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| <p>1846 Kirk William (Supy.).</p> <p>1852 Dumbell, John.</p> <p>1856 Gittos, William (Supy.).</p> <p>1861 Cannell, William (Supy.).</p> <p>1862 Redstone, Harry B. (Supy.).</p> <p> " Smith, John (Supy.).</p> <p>1864 Lee, William (Supy.).</p> <p> " Rishworth, John S. (Supy.).</p> <p>1866 Taylor, Robert (Supy.).</p> <p>1867 Oliver, William C. (Supy.).</p> <p>1868 Bull, Henry (Supy.).</p> <p> " McNicoll, David (Supy.).</p> <p> " Smalley, Joseph S. (Supy.).</p> <p>1869 Beck, William H. (Supy.).</p> <p> " Simmonds, Joseph H.</p> <p> " Tinsley, William.</p> <p>1870 Becroft, Charles E.</p> <p> " Isitt, Francis W. (Supy.).</p> <p> " Lewis, John J.</p> <p> " Pendray, John J. (Supy.).</p> <p> " Ward, Charles E. (Supy.).</p> <p> " Williams, William J.</p> <p>1871 Bond, George</p> <p> " Carr, Thomas G.</p> <p> " Dewsbury, Henry R. (Supy.).</p> <p> " Sharp, Joseph.</p> <p> " Thomas, James (Supy.).</p> <p>1872 Ward, Josiah</p> <p>1874 Clover, James.</p> <p> " Fairclough, P. W., F.R.A.S.</p> <p> " Hammond, Thomas G.</p> <p> " Jory, John D. (Supy.).</p> <p>1875 Guy, James.</p> <p> " Murray, Daniel J.</p> <p> " Standage, Charles H.</p> <p>1876 Baumber, William.</p> <p> " Garlick, Samuel J. (Supy.).</p> <p> " Jones, Peter W. (Supy.).</p> <p> " Luxford, John A.</p> <p> " Penney, Charles.</p> <p> " Potter, William S.</p> | <p>1877 Fee, Thomas (Supy.).</p> <p> " Griffin, Cornelius.</p> <p> " Lawry, Samuel.</p> <p> " Peters, Alfred.</p> <p>1878 Buttle, J. Newman (Supy.).</p> <p>1879 Abernethy, Christopher.</p> <p> " Hudson, Lewis.</p> <p> " Spence, George W. J.</p> <p>1880 Brooke, Thomas G.</p> <p> " Dukes, John.</p> <p> " Griffin, Thomas N.</p> <p>1881 Garland, Charles H.</p> <p> " Pinfold, James T., B.D.</p> <p> " Slade, William.</p> <p>1882 Griffith, Samuel.</p> <p> " Jones, T. Francis.</p> <p>1883 Marshall, George T.</p> <p> " Mather, Joseph J.</p> <p>1884 Laycock, William.</p> <p> " Serpell, Samuel J.</p> <p>1885 Ginger, Barton H.</p> <p> " Lawry, Albert C.</p> <p> " Ready, William.</p> <p> " Rothwell, Benjamin F.</p> <p> " Wallis, T. Jackson.</p> <p>1886 Lyon, Thomas H.</p> <p>1887 Blight, Joseph (Supy.).</p> <p> " Clement, George.</p> <p> " Joughin, Thomas A.</p> <p> " Laws, Charles H., B.A.</p> <p> " Wrigley, James.</p> <p>1888 Dawson, John.</p> <p> " Grigg, William.</p> <p> " Olphert, John.</p> <p> " Trestrail, Thomas.</p> <p>1889 Chapman, James G.</p> <p> " Read, Frederick T.</p> <p>1890 Cocker, James.</p> <p> " Harding, Arthur.</p> <p> " Mitchell, Arthur.</p> <p> " Newbold, Thos. W. (Supy.).</p> |
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- 1891 Boys, Frederick W.
 ,, Sinclair, William A.
 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D.
 ,, Raine, Robert.
 ,, Smith, G. Knowles.
 1893 Drake, Edward.
 ,, Elliott, William J.
 ,, Frost, George.
 ,, Harrison, Colin C.
 1894 Bellhouse, Harold E.
 ,, Henderson, Samuel.
 ,, Mann, George H.
 ,, 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.
 1897 Burton, John W.
 ,, Cossum, Percy J.
 ,, Hay, W. Arthur.
 ,, Pybus, Arthur.
 1898 Beckett, William.
 ,, Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S.
 1899 Keall, Robert P.
 ,, Southern, John.
 ,, Wills, William.
 1900 Blamires, E. Percy.
 ,, Greenslade, William.
 ,, Haslam, Jonathan H.
 ,, Hunt, George P.
 ,, Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.
 ,, Wilson, Richard.
 1901 Bailey, Samuel.
 ,, Cook, George S.
 ,, Eaton, Clarence.
 ,, Featherston, Jacob.
 ,, Ranston, Harry, B.A.
 ,, Reader, Amos.
 ,, Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.
 1902 Coatsworth, Thomas.
 ,, Oxbrow, Walter J.
 ,, Patchett, Ernest D.
 ,, Pratt, M. A. Rugby.
 1903 James, Benjamin J.
 ,, Liddell, Ralph J.
 ,, Seamer, Arthur J.
 1904 Blamires, Ernest O.
 ,, McBean, Angus.
 ,, Sims, Charles A.
 ,, Stockwell, George F.
 ,, Wilson, James.
- 1905 Benning, Job.
 ,, Harris, John.
 ,, Metson, Basil.
 ,, Richards, Raymond.
 1906 Clark, James R.
 ,, Daniel, Herbert.
 ,, Paris, Percy R.
 ,, Roberts, Charles.
 ,, White, Hedley.
 1907 Abbey, William H. E.
 ,, Blair, Charles.
 ,, Maslin, William G.
 ,, Scott, W. Bramwell.
 ,, Wylie, Robert H.
 1908 Cox, Edwin.
 ,, Jordan, Charles B., B.A.
 ,, Martin, J. Frederick.
 ,, Rands, Frederick.
 ,, Speer, William H.
 ,, Tinsley, Robert B.
 1909 Bandy, Edward.
 ,, Cottom, Harry.
 ,, McArthur, John D.
 ,, Suckling, Joseph B.
 ,, Turner, Nicholas.
 1910 Allen, Alexander.
 ,, Burchell, Albert F.
 ,, Beeche, John B.
 ,, Burley, William A., M.A.
 ,, Harris, Archer O.
 ,, Olds, Charles H.
 ,, Richards, James.
 ,, Sharp, Harold A.
 1911 Fowles, Albert H.
 ,, Frost, Fred.
 ,, Hopper, Arthur.
 ,, Lea, William.
 ,, Neale, Leslie B.
 ,, Richards, Horace L.
 ,, Rowe, William.
 1912 Carr, Clyde L.
 ,, Evans, Matthew J.
 ,, Hinton, George B.
 ,, Hyde, Norman.
 ,, Lawrence, Frederick B.
 ,, Orchard, Hector C.
 ,, Parsons, John E.
 ,, Scrivin, Arthur H.
 ,, Walker, William.
 ,, Watson, William A.
 1913 Battey, Percy.
 ,, Bensley, Arthur A.
 ,, Gosnell, Robert B.
 ,, Peat, Harold T.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1882	Rakena, Piripi.	1903	Hare, Hone Marena.
1894	Kingi, Hamiora.	1904	Papakakura, Neho Hemi.
1896	Heretini, Te Tuhi.	1911	Kirkwood, George.
1900	Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki.	„	Te Tuhi, Edward.
„	Renata, Hapeta.	„	Wilcox, Davis.

APPENDIX.

The Rev. W. L. Blamires (1858) and the Rev. S. F. Prior (1875), Supernumeraries of the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, reside in New Zealand.



Alphabetical List of Ministers and Probationers,

In Connection with the Methodist Church of New Zealand, with Their Postal Addresses.

NOTE.—The figures in the first column show the year in which the Minister entered the Ministry; the third column indicates the Circuit (and its number on the Station Sheet) to which the Minister is appointed; the fourth column indicates the first or further annual appointment, or, in the case of a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	ANN. APPT.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1907	Abbey, William H. E.	Roxburgh, 118	3	Abbotsford Street, Roxburgh
1879	Abernethy, Christopher	Woodville, 50	1	Parsonage, Woodville
1910	Allen, Alexander	Timaru (Bank Street), 96	2	Rhodes Street, Timaru
1895	Ashcroft, Arthur	Greymouth, 73	1	Parsonage, Greymouth
1901	Bailey, Samuel	Otautau, 124	1	Parsonage, Otautau
1909	Bandy, Edward	Stratford, 32	1	Stratford, Taranaki
1913	Bathey, Percy	Te Kuiti, 26	1	Te Kuiti
1876	Baumber, William	Nelson, 69	2	Hardy Street, Nelson
1869	Beck William H. (Supy.)	Wellington South, 60	1913	Wellington
1898	Beckett, William	Otahuhu, 9	1	Parsonage, Otahuhu
1910	Beeche, John B.	Manaia, 35	1	Manaia, Taranaki
1870	Becroft, Charles E.	Auckland (Avondale), 4	2	Mount Albert, Auckland
1894	Bellhouse, Harold E.	Christchurch (St. Albans), 85	3	Rugby St., St. Albans, Christchurch
1905	Benning, Job.	Waikouaiti & Palmerston, 115	1	Waikouaiti
1913	Bensley, Arthur A.	Waimarino, 43	1	Raetihi
1907	Blair, Charles	Mosgiel, 113	2	Mosgiel, Otago
1900	Blamires, E. Percy	Franklin, 10	3	Pukekohe, Auckland
1904	Blamires, Ernest O.	Hawera, 34	1	Parsonage, Hawera
1896	Blamires, Henry L.	Napier, 45	3	Parsonage, Napier
1887	Blight, Joseph (Supy.)	Auckland (North Shore), 6	1910	Burgess Road, Devonport, Auckland
1871	Bond, George	Auckland East, 3	3	Grafton Road, Auckland
1896	Bowie, William S.	Northern Wairoa, 12	2	Mangawhare, Auckland
1891	Boys, Frederick W.	Palmerston N. (Broad St.), 52	1	Parsonage, Church St. East, Palm. N.

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1880	Brooke, Thomas G.	H.M. Organising Secretary	5	Penryn Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1868	Bull, Henry (Supy.)	Christchurch (Durham St.), 78	1911	40 Clissold St., Merivale ChCh
1910	Burchell, Albert F.	Amberley, 95	2	Amberley
1910	Burley, William A., M.A.	Auckland West, 2	1	Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland
1878	Buttle, J. Newman (Supy.)	Christchurch (East), 80	1913	226, Worcester Street, Christchurch
1897	Burton, John W.	New Plymouth, 29	3	Parsonage, New Plymouth
1861	Cannell, William (Supy.)	New Plymouth, 29	1900	New Plymouth
1912	Carr, Clyde L.	Wellington South, 60	2	Island Bay, Wellington
1871	Carr, Thomas G.	Waihi, 18	1	Parsonage, Waihi
1889	Chapman, James G.	Wellington (Taranaki St.), 57	3	Macfarlane Street, Wellington
1896	Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Wanganui, 39	1	49, Dublin Street, Wanganui
1906	Clark, James R.	Rangiora, 93	1	Woodend, Kaiapoi
1887	Clement, George	Edendale, 125	1	Edendale, Southland
1874	Clover, James	Hamilton, 21	1	London Street, Hamilton, Waikato
1902	Coatsworth, Thomas	Foxton, 56	1	Foxton, Manawatu
1890	Cocker, James	Christchurch Mission, 79	1	Durham Street, Christchurch
1901	Cook, George S.	Wellington (Thorndon), 59	2	17, Goring Street, Wellington
1897	Cossum, Percy J.	Wellington (Thorndon), 59	1	Wellington
1909	Cottom, Harry	Levin-Otaki, 68	1	Otaki
1908	Cox, Edwin T.	Westport, 76	2	Parsonage, Westport
1906	Daniel, Herbert	Feilding, 54	1	Halcombe
1888	Dawson, John	Sec. N.Z. Alliance	—	Coromandel Street, Wellington
1871	Dewsbury, Henry R. (Supy.)	Auckland East, 3	1911	Onehunga
1893	Drake, Edward	Dunedin (Kew), 110	1	Fitzroy Street, Dunedin South
1898	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S.	Geraldine, 101	1	Parsonage, Geraldine
1880	Dukes, John	Onehunga, 8	3	Grey Street, Onehunga
1852	Dumbell, John (Supy.)	Wellington (Thorndon), 59	1885	Sydney Street, Wellington
1901	Eaton, Clarence	Richmond, 70	4	Richmond, Nelson
1893	Elliott, William J.	Ashburton, 102	5	Parsonage, Ashburton
1912	Evans, Matthew J.	Huntly, 22	2	Huntly, Waikato
1874	Fairclough, Paul W., F.R.A.S.	Dunedin (Trinity), 105	5	103, York Place, Dunedin
1901	Featherston, Jacob	Timaru, 97	1	Arthur Street, Timaru
1877	Fee, Thomas (Supy.)	Christchurch (St. Albans), 85	1913	Christchurch
1911	Fowles, Albert H.	Invercargill (Don Street), 120	1	Invercargill

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1911	Frost, Fred.	Dunedin (Kew), 110	1	Dunedin South
1893	Frost, George	Sanson and Rongotea, 55	5	Parsonage, Sanson, Manawatu
1881	Garland, Charles H.	Theological Institution	2	Remuera, Auckland
1876	Garlick, Samuel J. (Supy.)	Hutt, 62	1908	Lower Hutt
1885	Ginger, Barton H.	Hutt, 62	3	Parsonage, Lower Hutt
1856	Gittos, William (Supy.)	Northern Maori Mission, 15	1913	Devonport, Auckland
1913	Gosnell, Robert B.	Auckland (Avondale), 4		Avondale, Auckland
1900	Greenslade, William	Balclutha, 116	3	Parsonage, Balclutha
1877	Griffin, Cornelius	Inglewood, 31	2	Parsonage, Inglewood
1895	Griffin, John W.	Waitara, 30	1	Parsonage, Waitara
1880	Griffin, Thomas N.	Upper Thames (Mornsv'le), 17	1	Parsonage, Morrinsville
1882	Griffith, Samuel	Christchurch (Addington), 84	5	Harman St., Addington, Christchurch
1888	Grigg, William	Invercargill (Leet Street), 119	4	198, Dee Street, Invercargill
1875	Guy, James	Temuka (Main Street), 99	1	Parsonage, Temuka
1874	Hammond, Thomas G.	West Coast Maori Mission, 44	27	Opunake
1890	Harding, Arthur	Denniston, 77	1	Millerton
1910	Harris, Archer O.	Johnsonville, 61	1	Porirua
1905	Harris, John	Greendale and Malvern, 94	1	Waddington, Canterbury
1893	Harrison, Colin C.	Auckland (Central), 1	2	Kingsland, Auckland
1900	Haslam, Jonathan H.	Palmerston N. (Cuba St.), 53	1	Waldegrave St., Palmerston North
1897	Hay, William A.	Auckland East, 3	3	Mount Eden, Auckland
1894	Henderson, Samuel	Invercargill (Don Street), 120	1	Spey Street, Invercargill
1912	Hinton, George B.	Auckland East, 3	1	Epsom
1911	Hopper, Arthur	South Wairarapa, 64	2	Greytown, Wellington
1900	Hosking, James A.	Dannevirke, 49	3	Parsonage, Dannevirke
1879	Hudson, Lewis	Timaru (Bank Street), 96	2	Parsonage, Timaru
1900	Hunt, George P.	Invercargill (Elles Road), 121	1	Elles Road, Invercargill
1912	Hyde, Norman	Foxton, 56	1	Shannon
1870	Isitt, Francis W. (Supy.)	Dunedin (Trinity), 105	1911	Dunedin
1903	James, Benjamin J.	Willowby, 103	3	Parsonage, Willowby
1876	Jones, Peter W. (Supy.)	Feilding, 54	1901	Kimbolton Road, Feilding
1882	Jones, Thomas F.	Auckland (Birkenhead), 7	1	Parsonage, Birkenhead, Auckland
1908	Jordan, C. B., B.A.	Rotorua, 23	2	Rotorua
1874	Jory, John D. (Supy.)	Auckland (Birkenhead), 7	1912	Birkenhead, Auckland

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	ANN. APPT.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1887	Joughin, Thomas A.	Leeston, 90	5	Parsonage, Leeston
1890	Keall, R. Purcell	Whangarei, 13	3	Parsonage, Whangarei
1846	Kirk, William (Supy.)	Petone, 63	1885	Petone
1912	Lawrence, Frederick B.	Invercargill (Leet Street), 119	1	Invercargill
1885	Lawry, Albert C.	Auckland West, 2	3	Central Bdgs, Westminster, London
1877	Lawry, Samuel	Connexional Secretary	3	Victoria Chambers, Armagh St., ChCh
1887	Laws, Charles H.; B.A.	Christchurch (Durham St.), 78	5	51, Chester Street, Christchurch
1884	Laycock, William	Christchurch (Woolston), 82	1	46, Radley Road, Woolston, ChCh
1911	Lea, William	Paeroa, 19	2	Paeroa, Auckland
1864	Lee, William (Supy.)	Christchurch (Woolston), 82	1907	Sumner, Christchurch
1870	Lewis, John J.	Petone, 63	2	Parsonage, Petone
1903	Liddell, Ralph J.	New Plymouth, 29	1	Devon Street, New Plymouth
1895	Lochore, John A.	Gisborne, 47	5	Parsonage, Gisborne
1876	Luxford, John A.	Wanganui, 39	5	Wicksteed Street, Wanganui
1886	Lyon, Thomas H. (resting)	Auckland Central, 1	—	Whitianga, via Auckland
1909	McArthur, John D.	Motueka, 74	2	Parsonage, Motueka
1904	McBean, Angus	Eketahuna, 67	2	Parsonage, Eketahuna
1868	McNicoll, David (Supy.)	Christchurch (Durham St.), 78	1909	Bishop Street, Christchurch
1864	Mann, George H.	Auckland (North Shore), 6	1	Church Street, Devonport, Auckland
1883	Marshall, George T.	Port Chalmers, 114	1	Parsonage, Port Chalmers
1908	Martin, J. Frederick	Ohoka, 92	1	Ohoka, Kaiapoi
1907	Maslin, William G.	Waipawa, 48	3	Parsonage, Waipawa
1883	Mather, Joseph J.	Rangitikei, 41	2	Parsonage, Marton
1905	Metson, Basil	ChCh (Cambridge Ter.), 81	1	Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch
1890	Mitchell, Arthur	Kaiapoi, 91	4	Parsonage, Kaiapoi
1875	Murray, Daniel J.	Feilding, 54	1	Parsonage, Feilding
1911	Neale, Leslie B.	Christchurch (St. Albans), 85	1	St. Albans, Christchurch
1890	Newbold, Thomas W. (Supy.)	Dunedin (Trinity), 105	1912	Dunedin
1910	Olds, Charles H.	Christchurch East, 80	2	5, Haast St., Linwood, Christchurch
1867	Oliver, William C. (Supy.)	Christchurch East, 80	1909	Shirley, Christchurch
1888	Olphert, John	Auckland Central, 1	1	Sherwood Rd., Rocky Nook, AklnD
1912	Orchard, Hector C.	Thames, 16	1	Thames
1902	Oxbrow, Walter J.	Blenheim, 71	3	Tua Marina, Marlborough
1906	Paris, Percy R.	Upper Thames, 17	1	Te Aroha, Auckland

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1912	Parsons, John E.	Taihape, 42	2	Taihape
1902	Patchett, Ernest D.	Milton, 117	2	Parsonage, Milton
1913	Peat, Harold T.	New Plymouth, 29	1	New Plymouth
1870	Pendray, John J. (Supy.)	Taumarunui, 27	1913	Taumarunui
1876	Penney, Charles	Springston, 88	2	Parsonage, Springston
1892	Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Johnsonville, 61	3	Parsonage, Johnsonville
1877	Peters, Alfred	Christchurch (Papanui), 86	3	Matson's Road, Papanui
1881	Pinfold, James T., B.D.	Dunedin (Roslyn), 112	2	Parsonage, Roslyn, Dunedin
1876	Potter, William S.	Wellington (Taranaki St.), 57	1	22, Webb Street, Wellington
1902	Pratt, M. A. Rugby	Gore, 123	3	Parsonage, Gore
1897	Pybus, T. Arthur	Dunedin (Dundas Street), 107	1	Dundas Street, Dunedin
1892	Raine, Robert	Auckland West, 2	1	Collingwood Street, Auckland
1908	Rands, Frederick	Kaponga, 38	2	Kaponga, Taranaki
1901	Ranston, Harry, B.A.	Tai Tapu, 89	2	Tai Tapu, Canterbury
1880	Read, Frederick T.	Dunedin (Cargill Road), 108	1	94, Macandrew Road, South Dunedin
1901	Reader, Amos	Stratford, 32	2	Parsonage, Stratford
1885	Ready, William	Auckland (Central), 1	5	Hopetoun Street, Auckland
1862	Redstone, Harry B. (Supy.)	Wellington (Taranaki St.) 57	1896	Hawker Street, Wellington.
1911	Richards, Horace L.	Dunedin (Dundas St.), 107	1	Dunedin
1910	Richards, James	Tauranga, 24	2	Tauranga
1905	Richards, Raymond	Pahiatua, 51	1	Parsonage, Pahiatua
1895	Richards, Thomas R.	Blenheim, 71	5	Parsonage, Blenheim
1864	Rishworth, John S. (Supy.)	Auckland (North Shore), 6	1895	Devonport, Auckland
1906	Roberts, Charles	Hokitika, 72	2	Tancred Street, Hokitika
1885	Rothwell, Benjamin F.	Lyttelton, 87	3	Parsonage, Lyttelton
1911	Rowe, William	Palmerston N. (Broad St.), 52	1	Ashhurst
1907	Scott, W. Bramwell	Aramoho, 40	2	Aramoho, Wanganui
1900	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.	Christchurch (Sydenham), 83	2	Harper Street, Sydenham
1912	Scriven, Arthur H.	Christchurch East, 80	2	New Brighton, Christchurch
1903	Seamer, Arthur J.	Dunedin (St. Kilda), 109	2	St. Kilda, Dunedin
1884	Serpell, Samuel J.	Masterton, 66	3	Parsonage, Masterton
1910	Sharp, Harold A.	Auckland (Central), 1	1	Auckland
1871	Sharp, Joseph	Bluff, 122	1	Parsonage, Bluff
1869	Simmonds, Joseph H.	Wesley Training College	19	Mount Eden, Auckland

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1904	Sims, Charles A.	Mahurangi, 10a	1	Parsonage, Warkworth
1891	Sinclair, William A.	Christchurch (East), 80	2	Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch
1881	Slade, William	Dunedin Central Mission, 106	7	Royal Terrace, Dunedin
1868	Smalley, Joseph S. (Supy.)	Auckland (Central), 1	1903	North Berwick, Scotland
1892	Smith, G. Knowles	Wgtn Central Mission, 58	1	Hankey Street, Wellington
1862	Smith, John (Supy.)	Auckland (East), 3	1891	C/o Rev. W. A. Hay, Auckland
1899	Southern, John	Wellington (South), 60	1	Herald Street, Newtown
1908	Speer, William H.	Paparoa, 11	2	Paparoa, Auckland
1879	Spence, George W. J.	Thames, 16	1	Parsonage, Thames
1875	Standage, Charles H.	Carterton, 65	4	Parsonage, Carterton
1904	Stockwell, George F.	Waimate, 98	2	Parsonage, Waimate
1900	Suckling, Joseph B.	Auckland (Central), 1	1	Mt. Roskill, Auckland
1866	Taylor, Robert (Supy.)	Christchurch East, 80	1910	Minchin's Road, Richmond, ChCh
1871	Thomas, James (Supy.)	Auckland (Central), 1	1907	St. Kilda Road, Melbourne
1908	Tinsley, Robert B.	Cape Egmont, 36	1	Parsonage, Opunake
1860	Tinsley, William	Levin-Otaki, 68	1	Parsonage, Levin
1888	Trestrail, Thomas	Cambridge, 20	1	Parsonage, Cambridge
1909	Turner, Nicholas	Auckland Methodist Mission, 5	2	East Street Hall, Newton, Auckland
1894	Vealie, Thomas W.	Dunedin (Mornington), 111	4	Mornington, Dunedin
1912	Walker, William	Napier, 45	2	Greenmeadows, Napier
1885	Wallis, Thomas J.	Hastings, 46	4	Hastings, Hawkes Bay
1870	Ward, Charles E. (Supy.)	ChCh (Cambridge Ter.), 81	1910	Canon St., St. Albans, Christchurch
1872	Ward, Josiah	Wellington South, 60	4	Daniell Street, Wellington
1912	Watson, William A.	Opotiki, 25	1	Opotiki
1906	White, Hedley	Eltham, 33	1	Eltham
1870	Williams, William J.	Oamaru, 104	4	Parsonage, Oamaru
1899	Wills, William	Rangiora, 93	1	King Street, Rangiora
1904	Wilson, James (resting)	Auckland Methodist Mission, 5	1	153, Elizabeth Street, Sydney
1900	Wilson, Richard	Reefton, 75	4	Parsonage, Reefton
1901	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Ashburton, 102	1	Wakanui Road, Ashburton
1887	Wrigley, James	Hamilton, 21	3	Parsonage, Hamilton
1907	Wylie, Robert H. (resting)	Dunedin (Cargill Road), 108	2	Castle Street, Dunedin

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1900	Haddon, Robert T. P.	West Coast Maori Mission, 44	14	Normanby, Taranaki
1903	Hare, Hone M.	Waikato, 28	6	Te Kuiti, Auckland
1896	Heretini, Te Tuhi	Hokianga, 15	13	Whirinaki, Auckland
1894	Kingi, Hamiora	West Coast Maori Mission, 44	1	Rahotu
1911	Kirkwood, George	Waikato Maori Mission, 28	1	Kopua, Waikato
1904	Papakakura, Neho H.	Southern Maori Mission	9	Oraki, Southland
1882	Rakena, Piripi	Hokianga, 15	1	Mangungu, N. Auckland
1900	Renata, Hapeta	Whangaroa, 15	14	Kaeo, North Auckland
1911	Te Tuhi, Edward	Kaipara, 15	3	Reweti, Kaipara
1911	Wilcox, Davis	Whangaroa, 15	4	Whangaroa

APPENDIX.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Cash Account from January 17th, 1912, to January 10th, 1913.

Treasurers—REV. S. LAWRY AND MR. G. H. BLACKWELL.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward—				By Loans Granted—			
Invested on Mortgage ...	600	0	0	New Plymouth ...	350	0	0
Cash at Bank ...	277	16	6	Kaukapakapa Parsonage ...	160	0	0
			877 16 6	Opotiki Church ...	250	0	0
„ Instalments of Loans Repaid			1492 10 10	Hamilton East Church ...	100	0	0
„ Interest on Overdue Instal-				Island Bay Church ...	200	0	0
ments ...	2	7	4	Greymouth Church ...	150	0	0
„ Interest on Mortgage (6				Woodend Church ...	95	0	0
months) ...	15	0	0	Kafori Church ...	350	0	0
„ Interest on Deposit ...	3	1	2				1655 0 0
„ Contributions from Trusts...	94	6	5	„ Grant to Secretary's Stipend	152	4	7
„ Working Expenses Fees ...	5	2	1	„ Stamps and Telegrams ...	4	9	9
			119 17 0	„ Printing and Stationery ...	6	1	6
				„ Cheque Book, Exchanges,			
				Bank Charges, etc. ...	1	3	6
							163 19 4
				„ Invested on Mortgage at 6			
				per cent. ...	600	0	0
							671 5 0
				„ Cash at Bank ...	71	5	0
			<u>£2490 4 4</u>				<u>£2490 4 4</u>

Examined and found correct.

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

January 28th, 1913.

N.B.—1. The Capital Account of this Fund is £8,802 16s. 3d.

2. The Profit and Loss Account shows a credit of £111 12s. 3d., which is included in the credit balance shown in the Cash Account.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—SPECIAL BRANCH.

Cash Account from January 17th, 1912, to January 10th, 1913.

Treasurers—REV. S. LAWRY AND MR. G. H. BLACKWELL.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
To Balances Forward—			
Cash on Deposit	300 0 0		
Cash at Bank	176 12 10		
	476 12 10		
„ Loan Instalments Repaid ...	331 12 4		
„ Rent Cheviot Property ...	10 16 0		
	342 8 4		
„ Interest on Deposit—£300 at 4 per cent.	12 0 0		
„ Interest on Overdue Instal- ments	5 15 5		
„ Working Expenses Fees ...	0 14 6		
	18 9 11		
„ Profit on Sale of Hymn Books		27 11 10	
		£865 2 11	
By Loans Granted—			
Methven Church	80 0 0		
South Spreydon Site	60 0 0		
Te Kuiti Church Site	50 0 0		
Mahakipawa Church	100 0 0		
Clarence Road Church	200 0 0		
	490 0 0		
„ Rent Seddon Site	3 3 6		
„ Rates—			
Taumarunui	3 4 11		
Rangataua	1 0 10		
Eltham	0 17 11		
Cheviot	0 12 9		
„ Insurance and Repairs, Cheviot	4 10 6		
„ Crown Grant, Tuatapere ...	0 2 0		
	13 12 5		
„ Grant to Secretary's Stipend		17 15 5	
„ Cash on Deposit at 4 per cent.	300 0 0		
„ Cash at Bank	43 15 1		
	343 15 1		
		£865 2 11	

Examined and found correct.

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

January 28th, 1913.

N.B.—1. The Capital of this Branch is now £3060 14s. The sum of £27 11s. 10d., derived from profits from sale of Hymn Books, has been added during the year.

2. The Profit and Loss Account shows a credit of £39 5s., which is included in the Credit Balance shown above.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—LIST OF LOANS.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1912.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 10, 1913
1897							
Oct. 21	Kuaotunu Church	Erection	7	120 0 0	Nil	57 19 6	57 19 6
1898							
June 10	Mangaweka Church	Erection	8	60 0 0	5 0 0	42 2 11	42 2 11
1899							
July 1	Coromandel Church	Erection	8	250 0 0	Nil	203 2 6	203 2 6
Aug. 18	Coromandel Church (Special)	Erection	2	25 0 0	Nil	25 0 0	25 0 0
Sept. 10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8	135 0 0	Nil	88 4 0	88 4 0
1901							
Oct. 11	Eketahuna Parsonage	Erection	10	200 0 0	Nil	200 0 0	200 0 0
1902							
Mar. 30	Hastings Parsonage	Pur. Land and Erect.	10	200 0 0	40 15 0	Nil	Nil
1903							
June 13	Cargill Road Parsonage	Erection	10	500 0 0	75 0 0	Nil	Nil
1904							
Feb. 8	Waitara Church	Erection	8	100 0 0	6 5 0	Nil	Nil
Aug. 1	Waitoa Church	Erection	10	100 0 0	2 10 0	40 0 0	22 10 0
Oct. 6	Eltham Church	Erection and Site	10	145 0 0	Nil	51 10 0	33 0 0
Dec. 22	Crofton Church	Erection	8	140 0 0	13 2 6	Nil	Nil
1905							
Jan. 13	Mornington Church	Erection	10	600 0 0	30 0 0	195 0 0	Nil
April 3	Otorohanga Church	Erection	6	50 0 0	Nil	40 9 9	40 9 9
May 20	New Plymouth	Reduction of Debt	7	100 0 0	7 1 0	Nil	Nil
1906							
Jan. 6	Glenaven Church	Erection	10	400 0 0	40 0 0	100 0 0	Nil
Jan. 30	Gore Parsonage	Purchase	10	350 0 0	35 0 0	122 10 0	Nil
July 1	Three Kings College	Liquidation of Debt	6	150 0 0	12 10 0	Nil	Nil
Aug. 1	Reefton Church	Erection	8	275 0 0	17 14 0	77 4 0	Nil
Oct. 12	Whangarei Church	Erection	10	235 0 0	17 12 6	117 10 0	17 12 6

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—Continued.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1912.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 10, 1913
1907							
Jan. 25	Cromwell Church	Erection	8	125 0 0	15 12 8	31 4 0	Nil
Jan. 29	Otautau Parsonage	Erection	10	260 0 0	26 0 0	110 10 0	Nil
Feb. 8	Hawera Church	Erection "	10	500 0 0	56 13 4	240 16 8	Nil
Dec. 17	Mamaku Church	Erection "	4	22 10 0	Nil	2 19 9	2 19 9
Dec. 21	Rototuna Church	Erection	5	60 0 0	9 0 0	Nil	Nil
Dec. 28	Cambridge Church	Reconstruction	8	190 0 0	44 8 0	96 4 0	Nil
1908							
Jan. 10	Birkdale Church	Erection	8	80 0 0	10 0 0	32 10 0	Nil
Jan. 13	Invercargill Church	Erection	10	185 0 0	25 0 0	91 5 0	Nil
Apr. 23	Rahotu Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	8	125 0 0	19 10 10	54 13 0	Nil
Aug. 19	Birkenhead Parsonage	Erection	10	270 0 0	27 0 0	155 5 0	Nil
Aug. 19	Inglewood Parsonage	Purchase	10	300 0 0	15 0 0	187 10 0	15 0 0
Aug. 26	Manaia Church	Erection & Par. of Site	7	100 0 0	20 0 0	2 10 0	Nil
Oct. 16	Kaponga Parsonage	Purchase	10	250 0 0	25 0 0	150 0 0	Nil
Nov. 21	Aro Street Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	300 0 0	30 0 0	180 0 0	Nil
Dec. 2	Thames Parsonage	Purchase	8	200 0 0	75 0 0	Nil	Nil
1909							
Jan. 15	Otaki Church	Enlargement	4	50 0 0	3 2 6	Nil	Nil
Feb. 10	Kuripuni Infant School	Erection	5	40 0 0	18 0 0	Nil	Nil
Feb. 22	Otahuhu Sunday School	Erection	10	255 0 0	35 0 0	130 15 0	Nil
Apr. 1	Woodville Parsonage	Enlargement	8	150 0 0	17 15 0	107 10 0	Nil
Apr. 19	Roslyn Parsonage	Erection	10	315 0 0	23 12 6	212 12 6	7 17
July 10	Manurewa Church	Removal & Re-erect.	6	50 0 0	8 6 8	22 18 4	Nil
July 21	Te Kowhai Church	Purchase	6	59 4 8	9 17 8	29 11 8	Nil
Oct. 1	Gore Church	Erection	10	350 0 0	35 0 0	245 0 0	Nil
Oct. 6	Papakura Church	Erection	8	100 0 0	12 10 0	62 10 0	Nil
1910							
Jan. 6	Edgware Road Church	Erection	10	400 0 0	60 0 0	280 0 0	Nil
May 3	Brooklyn Church	Erection	10	250 0 0	25 0 0	187 10 0	Nil

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—Continued.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1912.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 10, 1913.
1910							
June 25	New Plymouth Church	Reduction of Debt	10	500 0 0	50 0 0	375 0 0	Nil
July 12	Waimataitai Church	Liquidation of Debt	4	195 0 0	48 15 0	85 6 3	Nil
July 25	Masterton Infant School	Erection	5	100 0 0	75 0 0	Nil	Nil
Sept. 8	Levin Church and Hall	Liquidation of Debt	10	300 0 0	30 0 0	232 10 0	Nil
Oct. 26	St. Kilda Wesley Hall	Erection	10	500 0 0	50 0 0	412 10 0	12 10 0
Nov. 1	Woodhaugh Sunday School	Erection	8	80 0 0	30 0 0	40 0 0	Nil
Nov. 19	Eastport Road Church	Erection	5	60 0 0	12 0 0	36 0 0	Nil
Dec. 12	Northcote Church	Enlargement	8	100 0 0	13 15 0	72 10 0	Nil
1911							
Feb. 1	Te Kopuru Church	Erection	8	100 0 0	22 10 0	67 0 0	Nil
Mar. 6	Mount Albert Sunday School	Erec. & Enlargement	7	150 0 0	16 1 6	117 17 0	5 7 2
May 31	Taihape Church	Erection	10	188 0 0	4 14 0	183 6 0	23 10 0
July 1	Woodend Church (No. 1)	Erection	10	100 0 0	10 7 6	87 10 0	Nil
July 29	Onehunga Parsonage	Reduction of Debt	8	200 0 0	31 5 0	168 15 0	Nil
July 31	Greymouth Church (No. 1)	Erection	10	300 0 0	30 0 0	262 10 0	Nil
Sept. 26	Petone Church	Additions, Etc.	8	247 10 0	30 18 8	208 16 8	Nil
Oct. 24	Island Bay Church (No. 1)	Reduction of Debt	10	100 0 0	10 0 0	90 0 0	Nil
Dec. 25	Woodend Church (No. 2)	Erection	10	100 0 0	7 10 0	92 10 0	2 10 0
Dec. 30	Greymouth Church (No. 2)	Erection	10	150 0 0	11 5 0	138 15 0	3 15 0
1912							
Feb. 9	Kaukapakapa Parsonage	Erection	10	160 0 0	12 0 0	148 0 0	Nil
Feb. 10	New Plymouth Ch. & Par. (No. 2)	Reduction of Debt	10	100 0 0	7 10 0	92 10 0	Nil
Apr. 16	Opotiki Church	Erection	10	250 0 0	12 10 0	237 10 0	Nil
May 1	Hamilton East Church	Erection	5	100 0 0	10 0 0	90 0 0	Nil
May 15	Island Bay Church (No. 2)	Erection	10	100 0 0	5 0 0	95 0 0	Nil
June 15	Greymouth Church (No. 3)	Erection	10	150 0 0	3 15 0	146 5 0	3 15 0
July 15	New Plymouth Ch. & Par. (No. 3)	Reduction of Debt	10	100 0 0	2 10 0	97 10 0	Nil
Oct. 4	New Plymouth Ch. & Par. (No. 4)	Reduction of Debt	10	150 0 0	3 15 0	146 5 0	Nil
Dec. 1	Island Bay Church (No. 3)	Erection	10	100 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dec. 5	Woodend Church (No. 3)	Erection	10	95 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil
1913							
Jan. 8	Karori Church	Erection	10	350 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—SPECIAL BRANCH.

LIST OF LOANS.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1912.	Amount Yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 10, 1913.
1893							
July 18	Blackball Township	Lease of Church Site		26 5 0	Nil	26 5 0	Nil
1896							
Oct. 22	McKenzie Church	Purchase		199 17 0	9 5 0	52 5 6	Nil
1899							
Mar. 28	Highcliff Church	Exchange of Site		5 4 0	Nil	5 4 0	Nil
Sept. 10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8	40 0 0	Nil	23 11 6	23 11 6
1900							
Aug. 12	Seddon Township	Lease of Church Site		19 12 11	Nil	19 12 11	Nil
1902							
Mar. 27	Torere Church	Purchase Site & Erect.	5	31 17 0	Nil	31 17 0	31 17 0
Mar. 30	Hastings Parsonage	Erection	10	90 0 0	14 0 0	Nil	Nil
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	59 14 6
Dec. 4	Eltham Parsonage	Purchase of Site		79 19 1	Nil	79 19 1	Nil
1903							
Dec. 24	Kokatahi Church	Purchase of Site		14 4 7	Nil	14 4 7	Nil
1904							
May 14	Waitara Church	Erection	After 1st	20 0 0	20 0 0	Nil	Nil
May 17	Coromandel Church & Parsonage	Reduction of Debt	Special	502 11 3	22 11 4	Nil	Nil
July 19	Pahiatua Church	Liquidation of Debt	7	87 10 0	7 10 0	17 10 0	2 10 0
Oct. 6	Eltham Church	Erection and Site	10	75 0 0	Nil	20 0 0	Nil
Dec. 22	Winton Church	Purchase of Site		150 0 0	Nil	150 0 0	Nil
1905							
April 3	Aratiatia Church	Purchase of Site		15 0 0	Nil	15 0 0	Nil
April 26	Rotorua Church	Lease of Site	8	100 0 0	12 10 0	6 5 0	Nil
1906							
Feb. 2	Karori Parsonage	Purchase of Site	10	140 0 0	Nil	65 0 0	25 0 0
July 4	Flaxbourne Church & Parsonage	Purchase of Site		50 0 0	Nil	50 0 0	Nil

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND. SPECIAL BRANCH.—Continued.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1912.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 10, 1913.
1907							
April 7	Pukekohe Parsonage	Struct. Improvements	4	40 0 0	2 10 0	Nil	Nil
April 10	Cuba Street Church	Liquidation of Debt	5	56 0 0	Nil	1 0 0	1 0 0
Nov. 15	Takapau Church	Purchase of Site		41 15 11	Nil	41 15 11	Nil
Dec. 18	Scarborough Church	Purchase of Site		28 6 1	Nil	28 1 1	Nil
Dec. 20	Carterton Church	Purchase of Site	10	100 0 0	10 0 0	50 0 0	Nil
1908							
Jan. 10	Waimana Church	Purchase of Site		21 10 6	Nil	21 10 6	Nil
Jap. 13	Invercargill Church	Erection	10	65 0 0	Nil	40 0 0	Nil
April 23	Stratford Church	Reduction of Debt	6	67 5 6	11 4 4	2 1 9	Nil
Oct. 20	Mangaroa Church	Purchase of Site		25 6 0	Nil	25 6 0	Nil
Nov. 5	Richmond Church	Reduction of Debt	8	100 0 0	12 10 0	50 0 0	Nil
Dec. 12	Rangataua Church	Purch. of Site & Erect.		98 0 0	7 17 0	85 15 0	2 9 0
Dec. 17	Kakahi Church	Purchase of Site		33 0 0	Nil	33 0 0	Nil
1909							
Jan. 13	Otaki Church	Enlargement	4	25 0 0	20 6 3	Nil	Nil
Jan. 25	Carluke Church	Erection	4	30 0 0	11 5 0	Nil	Nil
Feb. 3	Temuka Parsonage	Enlargement	10	80 0 0	10 0 0	50 0 0	Nil
May 4	Rangaroa Parsonage Site	Purchase of Site		10 9 7	Nil	10 9 7	Nil
May 20	Taumarunui Church	Purchase of Site		128 5 3	Nil	128 5 3	Nil
July 10	Newmarket Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	3	25 0 0	Nil	1 0 0	1 0 0
Aug. 1	Mangonui Church	Erection	8	60 0 0	7 10 0	41 5 0	Nil
Sept. 24	Urenui Church	Purchase of Site		27 11 6	Nil	27 4 0	Nil
Oct. 1	Runanga Church	Erection	8	100 0 0	Nil	78 2 6	15 12 6
Nov. 16	New Brighton Church	Purchase of Site	4	60 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	Nil
Nov. 19	Oruru Church	Erection	5	35 0 0	6 0 0	19 0 0	5 0 0
Nov. 27	Opotiki Church and Parsonage	Purchase of Site	10	150 0 0	15 0 0	131 5 0	Nil
1910							
Mar. 21	Rangataua Parsonage	Purchase of Site		43 10 10	Nil	43 10 10	Nil
May 4	Morrinsville Parsonage	Purchase of Site	3	45 0 0	30 0 0	Nil	Nil

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND. SPECIAL BRANCH.—Continued.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1912.	Amount Yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 10, 1912.
1910							
Aug. 15	Manaia Church	Liquidation of Debt	5	50 0 0	Nil	45 0 0	Nil
Sept. 12	Greenmeadows Church	Liquidation of Debt	2	25 0 0	9 7 6	Nil	Nil
Dec. 12	Northcote Church	Enlargement	8	10 0 0	Nil	10 0 0	Nil
1911							
Feb. 1	Rawene Parsonage	Erection	6	125 0 0	20 16 8	88 10 10	Nil
Feb. 6	Tuatapere Church	Erection	4	60 0 0	18 15 0	30 0 0	Nil
Mar. 18	Arthur Church	Purchase of Site		41 1 0	Nil	41 1 0	Nil
Mar. 31	Winton Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	50 0 0	7 16 3	39 1 3	Nil
May 17	Tuatapere Parsonage	Purchase of Site		21 2 0	8 7 0	7 15 0	Nil
May 17	Ngaturi Church	Release of Title		3 0 0	Nil	3 0 0	Nil
June 27	Connexional Sec. Committee	Furniture		50 0 0	9 0 0	36 0 0	Nil
Sept. 21	Penrose Church	Purchase of Site	5	50 0 0	2 10 0	47 10 0	2 10 0
Sept. 22	Palmerston North Church	Erection	10	250 0 0	6 5 0	243 15 0	Nil
1912							
Feb. 9	Methven Church and Site	Erection	10	130 10 0	13 1 0	117 9 0	Nil
Feb. 20	South Spreydon Site	Purchase		60 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil
May 29	Te Kuiti Site	Purchase	5	50 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dec. 28	Mahakipawa Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	100 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dec. 28	Clarence Road Church	Erection	10	215 0 0	Nil	Nil	Nil

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PRIMITIVE METHODIST JUBILEE LOAN FUND.—STATEMENT OF LOANS.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Years.	Amount.	Paid During 1912.	Amount Yet Unpaid.	Amount Overdue Jan. 31, 1913.
		Balance Brought Forward			56 0 3		
Oct./'04	Northlands	Church	7	50	Nil	8 0 0	8 0 0
Oct./'07	Petone	Church	6	40	Nil	30 0 0	22 10 0
Mar./'03	Webb Street	Church	13	400	35 0 0	140 0 0	Nil
Mar./'08	Donald McLean Street	Church	8	50	Nil	49 0 0	21 0 0
Jan./'02	Island Bay	Church	8	60	Nil	38 0 0	38 0 0
June/'05	Dundas Street	School	10	100	22 0 0	33 0 0	Nil
June/'07	Highcliffe	Church	7	50	8 0 0	16 0 0	Nil
Dec./'05	Glenroy	Church	10	100	Nil	66 0 0	44 0 0
May/'10	Anderson's Bay	Church	5	50	Nil	55 0 0	22 0 0
May/'09	Kew	Parsonage	10	100	11 0 0	77 0 0	Nil
Dec./'06	Fairfield	Church	10	100	Nil	44 0 0	Nil
Nov./'08	Edgware Road	Church	7	50	16 0 0	16 0 0	Nil
Oct./'03	Richmond	Church	8	75	10 10 0	Nil	Nil
Feb/'09	Eden Terrace	Church	10	100	11 0 0	77 0 0	Nil
Jan./'08	Eden Terrace	Parsonage	10	100	11 0 0	66 0 0	11 0 0
Mar./'11	Morningside	Cottage	10	100	11 0 0	88 0 0	Nil
Mar./'11	Morningside	Church	10	100	11 0 0	99 0 0	Nil
Nov./'06	Hamilton	Church	7	50	Nil	56 0 0	48 0 0
June/'08	Strathmore	Church	8	60	8 10 0	36 2 6	2 2 6
July/'10	Douglas	Church	10	50	5 10 0	44 0 0	Nil
April/'08	Dublin Street	School	7	50	8 0 0	24 0 0	Nil
Jan./'11	Westmere	Church	8	50	14 0 0	42 0 0	Nil
April/'06	Waikouaiti	Church	10	100	11 0 0	44 0 0	Nil
April/'07	Edendale	Church	7	50	8 0 0	32 0 0	16 0 0
June/'12	Don Street	Y.M. Institute	7	50	Nil	56 0 0	Nil
Nov./'11	Elles Road	Parsonage	9	90	11 0 0	88 0 0	Nil
		Interest Post Office Account			0 6 10		

PRIMITIVE METHODIST FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance-Sheet for Year ending December 31st, 1912.

Treasurer—MR. D. GOLDIE.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance Brought Forward	58	9	0	Atlas Company, Reinsurance Premium	67	12	3
Loan from Treasurer (temporary)	40	0	0	Loan to Timaru	150	0	0
Atlas Insurance towards Foxton Fire	200	0	0	Paid Foxton Trustees for Destruction of Church by Fire	300	0	0
Repaid by Fitzroy Trustees	20	0	0	Loan to Great North Road Church, Auckland	50	0	0
Repaid by Fencourt Trustees	8	0	0	Loan to Pitt and Edwin Streets Church	10	0	0
20 per cent. on Premium Paid to Atlas Co. on £67 12s 3d	13	10	6	Refund to Bluff (insurance premium twice paid)	1	8	8
Premiums Received	173	3	6	Repayment to Treasurer of Temporary Loan and Interest	41	10	0
Interest Received	106	19	0				
Due to Treasurer	0	8	11				
	<u>£620 10 11</u>				<u>£620 10 11</u>		

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Assets and Liabilities.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Loans on 19 Properties, 1912	2275	12	1	Balance to Credit 31st December, 1911	2153	13	7
	<u>£2275 12 1</u>			Gain during 1912 after Paying for Loss of £100 from our Fund by Foxton Fire	121	18	6
	<u>£2275 12 1</u>				<u>£2275 12 1</u>		

MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending October, 1912.

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

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Rents—Parliament Street—No. 1 ...	...	120	0 0	By Repairs, Buildings, etc. ...	...	20	19 6
” ” ” ” No. 2 ...	...	84	0 0	” Plumbing Account ...	...	19	3 9
” ” ” ” No. 3 ...	...	65	0 0	” City and Other Rates ...	...	37	1 1
” ” Beach Road (3) ...	...	81	18 0	” Fire Insurance ...	...	8	11 2
” ” Kaeo Land ...	...	23	15 0	” Visit and Report on Property ...	...	4	17 0
” ” Mount Wesley Land ...	...	10	0 0	” Advertising to Lease ...	...	3	3 9
” ” Newark Land ...	...	20	0 0	” To Capital Land Sold ...	...	28	10 0
” ” Aotea Land ...	...	5	0 0	” Commission and Management ...	...	21	5 0
” ” Whatawhata Land	15	0 0	” Home Mission Fund	309	11 9
” Raglan Land Sold	28	10 0				
		<u>£453 3 0</u>				<u>£453 3 0</u>	

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November 14, 1912. Audited and found correct.

THOMAS L. CALEY, }
J. E. WHEELER, } Auditors

EMSLY THEOLOGICAL ENDOWMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending October, 1912.

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

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.									
				£	s.	d.							
To Interest on Mortgages	70	14	11	By Mortgage Tax	...	...	...	2	17	2
„ Interest Deposit at Call	23	12	7	„ Management	4	14	4
				£94	7	6	„ Theological Institute Treasurer	86	16	0
				<u>£94</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>					<u>£94</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

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CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

To Capital	1887	10	0	By Registered Mortgages	1515	0	0
					<u>1887</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	„ Waiting Investment, Deposits at Call	372	10	0
												<u>£1887</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

November 14, 1912. Audited and found correct.

THOMAS L. CALEY, }
J. E. WHEELER, } Auditors.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1912.

Treasurer—MR. J. EDSON.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
1910.		£	s. d.	1912.		£	s. d.
Oct. 1—	To Valuation	621	16 4	By Property		621	16 4
1911.				„ Books and Periodicals		6	9 0
Oct. 1—	„ Cash in Savings Bank	87	1 7	„ Balance Auckland Savings Bank		115	0 1
	„ Interest Auckland Savings Bank	3	5 6				
1912.							
Oct. 1—	„ Rent	31	2 0				
		<u>£743</u>	<u>5 5</u>			<u>£743</u>	<u>5 5</u>

Examined and found correct.
25th November, 1912.

WM. BRACKENRIG, Auditor.

PROBERT ESTATE TRUST.

Revenue Account for Year ended 31st October, 1912.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 31, 1911—						
To Balance				106	11	6
Oct. 31, 1912—						
To Rents Accrued	1497	3	6			
„ Interest Accrued	60	15	0			
	<hr/>			1557	18	6
	<hr/>			£1664	10	0
	<hr/>					
By Cash				1504	9	6
„ Interest				60	15	0
„ Balance				99	5	6
				<hr/>		
				£1664	10	0
				<hr/>		
To Balance				£99	5	6

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Audited and found correct.
20th November, 1912.

(Signed) J. F. BUDDLE, F.P.A. (N.Z.), } Auditors.
W. D. BUTTLE,

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 1912
PROBERT ESTATE TRUST

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Balance-sheet for Year ending 30th September, 1912.

Treasurers—REV. J. W. BURTON AND MR. W. A. COLLIS.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank, 30th Sept., 1911	210	13	10	By Repairs to Houses, etc.	179	17	0
„ Cash in Hand	9	16	0	„ Rates and Taxes	64	0	3
„ Rents and Mortgage Monies	1281	15	11	„ Law Expenses and Advertising	11	6	0
				„ Loan on Mortgage	550	0	0
				„ Secretary's Commission	41	9	4
				„ Sundry Accounts	13	8	3
				„ Home Mission Treasurer	475	0	0
				„ Balance in Bank	160	1	6
				„ Cash in Hand	7	3	5
	£1502	5	9		£1502	5	9
	£1502	5	9		£1502	5	9

Audited and found correct.
30th October, 1912.

E. NELSON L. OKEY,
GEO. STEPHEN WHITE, } Auditors.

NOTE.—The amount of £550, loan on mortgage, represents the amount paid by the Government for a strip of land for railway purposes, and is thus treated as capital.

J. W. BURTON,

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

Cash Statement to September 30th, 1912.

Treasurers—REV. J. A. LUXFORD AND MR. F. G. BEAVEN.

	£	s.	d.
Sept. 1911. Balance	4	7	6
Rent to September 30th	62	10	0
1912. Rent to March 31st	62	10	0
	<hr/>		
	<u>£129</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

	£	s.	d.
Bank Charges	0	10	0
1911. September Remit Treasurer	45	0	0
December, Land Tax	12	3	1
1912. March, Remit Treasurer	60	0	0
Disbursements	3	3	0
Balance	8	10	7
	<hr/>		
	<u>£129</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

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Audited and found correct.
November 12, 1912.

J. G. SHARPE, }
F. J. DENTON, } Auditors.

WELLINGTON METHODIST EDUCATIONAL TRUST BOARD.

Balance-sheet as at 30th September, 1912.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance as per Revenue Account	11,682 16 4	Loans on Mortgage		9368 15 0
		Freehold Property—		
		Wellington	1200 0 0	
		Foxton No. 1	475 0 0	
		Foxton No. 2	45 0 0	
			<hr/>	1720 0 0
		Post Office Savings Bank		359 3 9
		Furniture Account		37 8 6
		Interest Accrued to 30th Sept.		115 17 1
		Rent Accrued to 30th Sept.		51 8 9
		Balance Bank Australasia	52 11 5	
		Less Uncashed Cheque	22 8 2	
			<hr/>	30 3 3
				<hr/>
	<u>£11,682 16 4</u>			<u>£11,682 16 4</u>

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Audited and found correct.
T. H. BARCLAY, A.I.N.Z.
Wellington, 29th October, 1912.

Wellington, 17th October, 1912.

HOME MISSION FUND.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT INVESTMENT.

Treasurers—REV. S. LAWRY AND MR. J. C. PRUDHOE.

Balance Sheet for Year ending 31st December, 1912.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Interest on Loans on Mortgage (£1000) ...	56 5 0	By Rent Remitted to Treasurers of Home Mission Fund	56 5 0
	<u>£56 5 0</u>		<u>£56 5 0</u>

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January 9th, 1913.

Examined and found correct.

C. E. SALTER.

THE MRS. CARVELL MEMORIAL FUND.

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

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Interest on Investment at 5 per cent. ...	5 13 5	By Interest to Home Mission Treasurers ...	5 13 5
	<u>£5 13 5</u>		<u>£5 13 5</u>

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Investment.

Jan. 10th, 1913.—Deposit No. 6360, £100, M.B.B. and Investment Society, 3 per cent. at call.

Examined and found correct,

H. A'COURT.

January 23rd, 1913.

THE ORPHANAGE FUND.
Year ending 31st January, 1913.

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

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
	£ s. d.
To Amount Brought Forward	By First Mortgage of Freehold Security ... 600 0 0
„ Interest on Investments	„ First Mortgage of Freehold Security ... 400 0 0
	„ Mutual Benefit B. and I.S. Deposit, No. 6369
 414 11 3
<u>£1414 11 3</u>	<u>£1414 11 3</u>

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Examined and found correct.

February 1st, 1913.

H. A'COURT, Auditor.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending October 31st, 1912.

Treasurer—MR. G. A. BUTTLE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Savings Bank	0	9	0	By Household Expenses	503	5	11
„ Balance	110	19	0	„ C. and M. Lectures	145	0	0
„ Probert's Trustees	550	0	0	„ Conference Lectures	45	0	0
„ Contingent Fund	480	0	0	„ Quarterages	78	0	0
„ H.M. Fund	87	10	0	„ University Fees	26	4	6
„ P.A. College	75	0	0	„ Elocution Fees	5	0	0
„ Emshy Trustees	86	16	0	„ Rent	192	7	6
„ Hosking, F. J. (Refund)	7	7	0	„ Stipend and Honorarium	150	0	0
„ Randerson, A. C. (Refund)... ..	37	10	0	„ Removal Expenses	46	15	6
„ Miss Garland	22	15	0	„ Stamps, etc.	3	3	8
„ Sundries	3	7	1	„ Insurance	2	11	8
				„ Furniture	24	6	8
				„ New Institution Expenses	5	13	0
				„ W. E. Hutchinson, Building	104	12	9
				„ Telephone	9	12	5
				„ Mogridge, S. J.	7	7	0
				„ Interest	1	17	6
				„ Connexional Charges	2	17	6
				„ Savings Bank	0	9	9
				„ Balance	47	8	6
	<u>£1461</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£1461</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>

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Audited and found correct.
November 19, 1912.

F. L. PRIME, F.R.A., N.Z.,
W. D. BUTTLE, } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Cash Account. January to December, 1912.

Treasurer—A. C. CAUGHEY.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
1912.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Feb. 10—To	Loan	250	0 0				
May 1—,,	Loan	1750	0 0				
Dec. 31—,,	Sundry Persons for Rent	31	11 6				
	,, Donations Received as per List and Receipt Duplicates	1390	15 10				
	,, Bank (Aug. 7)			1000	0 0		
	,, Bank (Dec. 13)			20	15 2		
	,, Bank (Dec. 23)			354	15 0		
Forward				£3422	7 4	£1375	10 2
1912.							
Feb. 12—By	Greenwood Property Account	250	0 0				
May 1—,,	Greenwood Property Account	1750	0 0				
May 27—,,	Interest Greenwood	1	2 7				
Aug 7—,,	Furniture Account (Dunholme) a s authorised by Conference					400	0 0
Sep. 4—,,	Interest Greenwood					12	10 0
Sep. 5—,,	Commission on Sale of Property (Bagley)					50	0 0
Sep. 30—,,	Bank Charge					0	5 0
Nov. 4—,,	Cheque Book					0	2 0
Nov. 9—,,	Legal Expenses Mortgage Bagley's Property					10	8 0
Nov. 13—,,	Interest to Mr Bagley					50	0 0
Dec. 11—,,	Interest to Mr Greenwood					13	0 0
Dec. 13—,,	Rates Mt. Roskill Road Board					9	1 6
Forward				£2001	2 7	£545	6 6

Forward £3422 7 4 £1375 10 2

£3422 7 4 £1375 10 2

Forward £2001 2 7 £545 6 6
 Dec. 31— „ Legal Expenses
 „ Transfer of Properties 11 15 9
 „ Repayment Part Loan to Treas. 800 0 0
 „ Banked £1000, £20 5s 2d, £354 15s ... 1375 10 2
 „ Banquet Expenses 25 0 0
 „ Printing, £6 15s, £2 3s 10d 8 18 10
 „ Balance 30 3 8

£3422 7 4 £1375 10 2

Balance-Sheet, December 31st, 1912.

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LIABILITIES.

Capital	£	s.	d.
Loan on Mortgage	1230	3	8
Loan at Call to Treasurer	3000	0	0
	1200	0	0
	<u>£5430</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>

ASSETS.

Property	£	s.	d.
Furniture	5000	0	0
Cash in Bank	400	0	0
	30	3	8
	<u>£5430</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>

Audited and found correct,
 January 31st, 1913.

H. E. SIMMONDS, Reg. Acct.,
 ARCH. PEAK.

WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Cash Account for Year ending December 31st, 1912.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
				Jan. 1, 1912—			
				By Balance, being Overdraft	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Dec. 31, 1912—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	B.N.Z., Less Cash in Hand	117 12 1		
To Sundry Persons for Rent ...	1323	12 6		„ Amount Transferred from			
„ C. Lake, for Rent of Part of				Trust Account to College			
„ College Farm ...	70	0 0		Account (B.N.Z.) ...	420 16 10		
„ E. W. Buckeridge, on Ac-				Dec. 31, 1912—		538	8 11
„ count Aotea Property ...	153	0 0		„ Salaries and Wages ...	525 13 4		
„ Sundry Tenants on Account				„ Rates and Insurance ...	62 17 11		
„ Drainage at Grafton Road	5	10 0		„ Advertising, Printing, Sta-			
„ C. V. Langsford. Half-cost				„ tionery and Stamps ...	31 13 3		
„ Dividing Fence ...	11	10 0		„ Repairs and Maintenance ...	100 8 9		
„ Rev. J. H. Simmonds, for				„ Audit ...	1 1 0		
„ Stock and Produce Sold at				„ Drainage (Grafton Road			
„ College ...	29	3 10		Property) ...	233 0 0		
„ Rev. J. H. Simmonds, Part				„ Repayment of Loan (Metho-			
„ Payment of Stone Wall at				„ dist Church Building and			
„ Three Kings by Adjoining				„ Loan Fund) ...	12 10 0		
„ Owner ...	15	15 0		„ Legal Expenses ...	48 7 6		
„ Sundries ...	3	9 4		„ Improvements to Property ...	87 5 0		
			1612 0 8	„ Interest ...	27 8 6		
„ Overdraft—				„ Connexional Charges ...	35 5 0		
„ B.N.Z., No. 2 Account ...	100	0 0		„ Groceries, Meat and Bread... 177 19 0			
„ B.N.Z. ...	491	16 7		„ Fuel and Grain ...	22 2 0		
„ Less Cash in				„ Furnishings and Drapery ...	26 18 3		
„ Hand ...	3	12 10		„ Seeds, Manure, etc. ...	26 4 4		
	488	3 9	588 3 9	„ Cartage ...	3 0 0		
				„ Saddlery ...	9 15 3		
				„ Tools and Hardware ...	20 6 1		
Forward ...			£2200 4 5	Forward ...	£1451 15 2	£538	8 11

Forward £2200 4 5

£2200 4 5

Forward	£1451 15 2	£538 8 11
By Medicines	1 0 11	
„ Blacksmithing	5 7 0	
„ Timber	6 16 10	
„ Sundries	43 15 7	
		<u>1508 15 6</u>
„ Bank of N.Z. (Trust Account Aotea Property)		153 0 0
		<u>£2200 4 5</u>
„ Balance, being Overdraft B.N.Z., Less Cash in Hand		£588 3 9

Sundry Expenses Account for Year ending December 31st, 1912.

Dec. 31, 1912—	£	s.	d.
To Salary (Secretary)	68	6	8
„ Repairs and Maintenance	112	2	9
„ Improvements to Property	70	4	10
„ Rates and Insurance	37	15	0
„ Printing, Stationery, Stamps and Adver- tising	28	7	7
„ Auditors' Fees	6	6	0
„ Legal Expenses	32	10	0
„ Seal and Box	5	4	0
„ Drainage (Grafton Road)	68	13	8
„ Interest	43	12	9
„ Waikowhai Survey	130	0	0
„ Sundries	11	4	0

£614 7 9

Dec. 31, 1912—	£	s.	d.
By General (Income) Account	614	7	9

£614 7 9

THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.—FUND FOR NEW BUILDINGS.

J. H. Simmonds and A. C. Caughey in Account with the Board of the Wesley Training College.

DR.		CR.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jan. 27, 1913—		Jan. 27, 1913—	
To Amount of Fund at Feb. 26, 1912	... 2865 18 5	By First Mortgage, Freehold Land ...	... 2100 0 0
„ Interest Received ... ..	... 111 14 3	„ Loan at Call (awaiting other investment)	250 0 0
		„ Bank of N.Z. (deposit 24 months)	... 472 0 9
		„ Auckland Savings Bank 155 11 11
	<u>£2977 12 8</u>		<u>£2977 12 8</u>

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Audited and found correct.

S. L. BARRY.

January 31st, 1913.

NOTE.—This Statement is made up a month earlier than that of last year. Interest on Deposits in Savings Bank will be credited at March 31st. Half-year's interest on £472 os. 9d. in Bank of New Zealand will fall due on February 9th; interest on £250, Loan at Call, on March 1st.

The Loan at Call and other moneys available will be invested on mortgage at earliest opportunity.

METHODIST SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Cash Account, February 15th, 1912, to December 31st, 1912.

Treasurers—REV. S. LAWRY AND MR. J. C. PRUDHOE.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1912—Feb. 15.							
To Balance in P.O. Savings Bank			282 8 6	By Refund of Subscriptions ...	31	11	0
„ Circuit Levies—				„ Exchange on Cheques ...	2	2	3
Auckland District ...	250	0	0	„ Valuation Expenses ...	5	5	0
Wanganui District ...	172	10	0				
Wellington District ...	168	0	0				38 18 3
Nelson District ...	74	15	0	Balance with P.O. Savings Bank ...	2275	4	10
Canterbury District ...	221	7	6	Balance with Christchurch City Council ...	5000	0	0
Otago District ...	137	12	6	Valuation Fee in Hand ...	3	3	0
			1024 5 0				7278 7 10
„ Ministers' Subscriptions, etc.	936	18	4				
„ Ministers Resting, on account Circuit Levies ...	31	7	6				
			968 5 10				
„ Interest on P.O. Savings Bank Deposits ...			33 18 9				
„ Valuation Fees ...			8 8 0				
„ Remitted by Treasurers Australasian Fund ...			5000 0 0				
			<u>£7317 6 1</u>				<u>£7317 6 1</u>

Audited and found correct.

C. F. EDGAR, F.R.A.N.Z.

HARRY R. BEST, F.I.A.N.Z., F.R.A.N.Z.

Forward £1964 7 7

Forward £27 8 6 £361 14 8

Wanganui District ... 22 14 5
 Wellington District ... 28 15 6
 Nelson District ... 16 10 9
 Canterbury District ... 20 13 10
 Otago District ... 10 19 8

127 2 8

„ Independent Conference—
 Mr E. B. Colton, Adelaide 31 10 0
 Mr J. W. Eggleston, Melbourne ... 70 0 0
 Draft Charges ... 0 11 11
 Balance Enabling Act, Victoria ... 1 5 0

103 6 11

„ General Conference—
 Interconfederal Removals 30 0 0

„ Methodist Union Committees—
 Auckland District ... 1 9 6
 Wanganui District ... 9 6 0
 Canterbury District ... 2 2 0
 Otago District ... 0 3 0
 General Secretary—
 Typing, Stationery, and Postage ... 3 2 9

16 3 3

„ Grant to Theological Institution ... 430 0 0
 Convenor, Do., Postage, etc. ... 0 12 0

430 12 0

£1964 7 7

Forward £430 12 0 £638 7 6

Forward £1964 7 7

Forward £430 12 0 £638 7 6

„ University Fees—			
Student W. G.			
Slade	£7	7	0
Student A. Gordon	5	15	6
Student Olds, coaching	2	2	0
		<u>15</u>	<u>4 6</u>
			445 16 6
„ Examinations—			
Printing Papers	3	7	6
Candidates, Grade C.	1	15	0
Secretary, Typing, and Postage	1	2	6
„ Probationers—			
Wellington	3	2	9
Canterbury	1	7	9
Otago	1	4	10
Medical Candidate, Nelson	1	1	0
		<u>13</u>	<u>1 4</u>
„ Grant to Connexional Secretary's Office			175 0 0
„ "Methodist Times"—			
Honorarium Editors	30	0	0
Travelling to Conference... ..	8	6	2
Sundries per Secretary	2	18	0
		<u>41</u>	<u>4 2</u>
„ Half Cost Ministerial Supplies—			
Auckland District	20	15	0
Wellington District	1	10	0
Canterbury District	23	5	9
Otago District	3	15	0
		<u>49</u>	<u>5 9</u>

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£1964 7 7

Forward £1362 15 3

Forward £1964 7 7

Forward £1539 15 1

„ Mission of Inspiration and Appeal Committee ...	10 18 4	
„ Wgtn Educational Trust ...	2 3 3	
„ Welfare of Church Committee ...	0 10 6	
„ Public Morals Committee ...	0 5 6	
„ Orphanage Committee ...	0 15 0	
„ North Canterbury Circuit Boundaries Committee ...	0 5 0	
		14 17 7
„ Hon. Treasurer—		
Exchange on Cheques ...	1 13 0	
Postage	0 6 7	
Telegrams	0 2 5	
		2 2 0
„ Bank Charge	0 10 0	
„ Interest on Current Account	5 6 0	
		5 16 0
		1562 10 8
„ Balance Bank New Zealand	166 1 11	
„ Balance Due—		
Auckland District	86 11 6	
Wanganui District	101 11 3	
Wellington District	26 18 0	
Otago District	20 13 6	
		401 16 11

£1964 7 7

£1964 7 7

February 3rd, 1913.

Audited and found correct.

R. VANES.
WILLIAM PENROSE.

**RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CHILDREN'S FUND AND
CONTINGENT FUND, 1912, 1913.**

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund. Levy 7½%.		After Exemption.		Children's Fund. Levy 12½%.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland Central ...	960	0 0	67	10 0	500	0 0	62	10 0
Auckland West ...	430	0 0	32	5 0	230	0 0	28	15 0
Auckland East ...	585	0 0	43	17 6	325	0 0	40	12 6
Auckland (Three Kings) ...	240	0 0	18	0 0	140	0 0	17	10 0
Auckland (H.M. Secretary)	275	0 0	20	12 6	175	0 0	21	17 6
Auckland (Theological Inst.)	150	0 0	11	5 0	50	0 0	6	5 0
Auckland (Avondale) ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Auckland (Meth. Mission) ...	225	0 0	16	17 6	125	0 0	15	12 6
Auckland (North Shore) ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Auckland (Birkenhead) ...	175	0 0	13	2 6	75	0 0	9	7 6
Onehunga ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Otahuhu ...	170	0 0	12	15 0	70	0 0	8	15 0
Franklin ...	187	10 0	14	1 4	87	10 0	10	18 9
Mahurangi ...	167	10 0	12	11 4	67	10 0	8	8 9
Paparoa ...	170	0 0	12	15 0	70	0 0	8	15 0
Northern Wairoa ...	180	0 0	13	10 0	80	0 0	10	0 0
Whangarei ...	180	0 0	13	10 0	80	0 0	10	0 0
Port Albert H.M. Station ...			4	0 0				
Coromandel ..			4	0 0				
Helensville ..			4	0 0				
Bay of Islands ..			4	0 0				
Hokianga ..			4	0 0				
Whangaroa ..			4	0 0				
Mangonui ..			4	0 0				
	4595	0 0	375	12 8	2375	0 0	296	17 6

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund. Levy 7½%.		After Exemption.		Children's Fund. Levy 12½%.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Thames ...	320	0 0	24	0 0	160	0 0	20	0 0
Upper Thames ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Waibi ...	160	0 0	12	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
Paeroa ...	120	0 0	9	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
Cambridge ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Hamilton ...	385	0 0	28	17 6	185	0 0	23	2 6
Huntly ...	120	0 0	9	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
Rotorua ...	120	0 0	9	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
Tauranga ...	90	0 0	6	15 0	30	0 0	3	15 0
Opotiki ...	120	0 0	9	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
Te Kuiti ...	130	0 0	9	15 0	70	0 0	8	15 0
Taumarunui ...								
Te Awamutu H.M. Station			4	0 0				
Waimana ..			4	0 0				
Matamata ..			4	0 0				
Ohura ..			4	0 0				
	1965	0 0	163	7 6	945	0 0	118	2 6

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 7½%.		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 12½%.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
New Plymouth ...	514	0 0	38	11 0	254	0 0	31	15 0
Waitara ...	175	0 0	13	2 6	75	0 0	9	7 6
Inglewood ...	180	0 0	13	10 0	80	0 0	10	0 0
Stratford ...	360	0 0	27	0 0	160	0 0	20	0 0
Eltham ...	180	0 0	13	10 0	80	0 0	10	0 0
Hawera ...	225	0 0	16	17 6	125	0 0	15	12 6
Manaia ...	130	0 0	9	15 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
Cape Egmont ...	180	0 0	13	10 0	80	0 0	10	0 0
Kaponga ...	170	0 0	12	15 0	70	0 0	8	15 0
Wanganui ...	435	0 0	32	12 6	235	0 0	29	7 6
Aramoho ...	180	0 0	13	10 0	80	0 0	10	0 0
Rangitikei ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Taihape ...	150	0 0	11	5 0	90	0 0	11	5 0
Waimarino ...	120	0 0	9	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
West Coast Maori Mission...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
East Egmont Home Mission Station ...			4	0 0				
Patea Home Mission Station			4	0 0				
	3399	0 0	262	18 6	1649	0 0	206	2 6

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 7½%.		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 12½%.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Napier ...	340	0 0	25	10 0	180	0 0	22	10 0
Hastings ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Gisborne ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Waipawa ...	170	0 0	12	15 0	70	0 0	8	15 0
Dannevirke ...	180	0 0	13	10 0	80	0 0	10	0 0
Woodville ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Pahiatua ...	160	0 0	11	5 0	50	0 0	6	5 0
Palmerston North (Broad St.)	332	0 0	24	18 0	172	0 0	21	10 0
„ „ (Cuba St.)	190	0 0	14	5 0	90	0 0	11	5 0
Feilding ...	510	0 0	38	5 0	210	0 0	26	5 0
Sanson and Rongotea ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Foxton ...	264	0 0	19	16 0	104	0 0	13	0 0
Kimbolton H.M. Station ...			4	0 0				
Norsewood „ „			4	0 0				
	2936	0 0	228	4 0	1356	0 0	169	10 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%.			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	460	0	0	34	10	0	260	0	0	32	10	0
Wellington (Central Mission)	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Wellington (Thorndon) ...	340	0	0	25	10	0	140	0	0	17	10	0
Wellington South	500	0	0	37	10	0	240	0	0	30	0	0
Johnsonville ...	272	0	0	20	8	0	112	0	0	14	0	0
Hutt ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Petone ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
South Wairarapa	120	0	0	9	0	0	60	0	0	7	10	0
Carterton ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Masterton ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	18	15	0
Eketahuna ...	180	0	0	13	10	0	80	0	0	10	0	0
Levin-Otaki ...	305	0	0	22	17	6	105	0	0	13	2	6
	3227	0	0	242	0	6	1547	0	0	193	7	6

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%.			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	18	15	0
Richmond ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Blenheim ...	380	0	0	28	10	0	180	0	0	22	10	0
Hokitika ...	175	0	0	13	2	6	75	0	0	9	7	6
Greymouth ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Motueka ...	120	0	0	9	0	0	20	0	0	2	10	0
Reefton ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Westport ...	152	10	0	11	8	8	52	10	0	6	11	6
Dehniston ...	160	0	0	12	0	0	60	0	0	7	10	0
Havelock H.M. Station ...				4	0	0						
Murchison				4	0	0						
Runanga				4	0	0						
	1837	10	0	149	16	2	837	10	0	104	14	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 7½%.		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 12½%.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Christchurch (Durham St.)	300	0 0	22	10 0	200	0 0	25	0 0
Christchurch (Conn. Sectry)	300	0 0	22	10 0	200	0 0	25	0 0
Christchurch (Central Misn)	120	0 0	9	0 0	20	0 0	2	10 0
Christchurch East ...	500	0 0	37	10 0	280	0 0	35	0 0
Christchurch (Cambdge Ter)	160	0 0	12	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
Christchurch (Woolston) ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Christchurch (Sydenham) ...	235	0 0	17	12 6	135	0 0	16	17 6
Christchurch (Addington) ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Christchurch (St. Albans) ...	350	0 0	26	5 0	190	0 0	23	15 0
Christchurch (Papanui) ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Lyttelton ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Springston ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Tai Tapu ...	175	0 0	13	2 6	75	0 0	9	7 6
Leeston ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Kaiapoi ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Ohoka ...	120	0 0	9	0 0	20	0 0	2	10 0
Rangiora ...	340	0 0	25	10 0	140	0 0	17	10 0
Greendale and Malvern ...	160	0 0	12	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
Amberley ...	120	0 0	9	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
	4280	0 0	321	0 0	2140	0 0	267	10 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 7½%.		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 12½%.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Timaru (Bank Street) ...	377	10 0	28	6 3	217	10 0	27	3 9
Timaru (Woodland Street)...	160	0 0	12	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
Waimate ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Temuka (Main Street) ...	185	0 0	13	17 6	85	0 0	10	12 6
Temuka (Denmark Street) ...	160	0 0	12	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
Geraldine ...	160	0 0	12	0 0	60	0 0	7	10 0
Ashburton ...	380	0 0	28	10 0	180	0 0	22	10 0
Willowby ...	180	0 0	13	10 0	80	0 0	10	0 0
Oamaru ...	200	0 0	15	0 0	100	0 0	12	10 0
Methven H.M. Station ...			4	0 0				
Mayfield			4	0 0				
	2002	10 0	158	3 9	942	10 0	117	16 3

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund. Levy 7½%.			After Exemption.			Children's Fund. Levy 12½%.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity) ...	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	21	17	6
Dunedin (Central Mission)...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	18	15	0
Dunedin (Dundas Street) ...	294	0	0	22	1	0	134	0	0	16	15	0
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Dunedin (Kew)...	272	0	0	20	8	0	112	0	0	14	0	0
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	180	0	0	13	10	0	80	0	0	10	0	0
Dunedin (Mornington) ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Dunedin (Roslyn) ...	190	0	0	14	5	0	90	0	0	11	5	0
Mosgiel ...	140	0	0	10	10	0	40	0	0	5	0	0
Port Chalmers ...	180	0	0	13	10	0	80	0	0	10	0	0
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	160	0	0	12	0	0	60	0	0	7	10	0
Balclutha ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Milton ...	175	0	0	13	2	6	75	0	0	9	7	6
Roxburgh ...	170	0	0	12	15	0	70	0	0	8	15	0
Lawrence H.M. Station ...				4	0	0						
Cromwell ..				4	0	0						
	2886	0	0	224	9	0	1366	0	0	170	15	0

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%.			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Invercargill (Leet Street) ...	345	0	0	25	17	6	185	0	0	23	2	6
Invercargill (Don Street) ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Invercargill (Elles Road) ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Bluff ...	160	0	0	12	0	0	60	0	0	7	10	0
Gore ...	185	0	0	13	17	6	85	0	0	10	12	6
Otautau ...	175	0	0	13	2	6	75	0	0	9	7	6
Edendale ...	160	0	0	12	0	0	60	0	0	7	10	0
Riverton H.M. Station ...				4	0	0						
Winton H.M. Station ...				4	0	0						
Tuatapere H.M. Station ...				4	0	0						
	1425	0	0	118	17	6	665	0	0	83	2	6

FOREIGN MISSION FUND, 1912.

INCOME.

I.—Auckland District.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland—			
Pitt Street, 1911	2	0	0
Pitt Street	91	4	10
West	17	7	11
East, 1911	21	6	3
East	95	3	10
Methodist Mission	15	11	6
North Shore	32	9	4
Birkenhead, 1911	11	14	6
Birkenhead	34	6	2
Onehunga	130	9	0
Otahuhu	19	3	0
Mahurangi	17	1	0
Thames	25	9	2
Upper Thames	15	8	1
Waihi	18	13	0
Paeroa	10	0	0
Franklin, 1911	20	0	0
Franklin	110	0	0
Cambridge	22	12	6
Hamilton	28	0	0
Huntly, 1911	1	16	7
Huntly	2	1	4
Paparoa	10	12	7
Northern Wairoa	3	5	6
Whangarei	9	7	6
Rotorua	4	2	9
Tauranga, 1911	6	14	0
Tauranga	15	5	0
Opotiki	2	5	7
Port Albert	3	10	0
Te Kuiti	—	—	—
Auckland Maori Mission	—	—	—
Te Awamutu, 1911	1	0	0
Coromandel	—	—	—
Helensville	1	0	0
Bay of Isands	1	5	0
Hokianga	7	15	0
Whangaroa	—	—	—
Manganui	1	6	6
Te Puke	—	—	—
Waimana	—	—	—
	£809	6	11

II.—Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	57	19	3
Waitara	17	17	2
Inglewood	6	17	9
Stratford	11	11	11

	£	s.	d.
Eltham, 1911	3	7	9
Hawera	27	11	3
Manaia	10	0	0
Cape Egmont	25	4	7
Kaponga	8	10	0
Wanganui	42	0	6
Aramoho	9	6	6
Rangitikei, 1911	9	2	8
Rangitikei	22	16	11
Sanson and Rongotea	23	7	6
Feilding	27	12	4
Palmerston North	54	15	11
Taihape	5	12	8
Waimarino	4	11	0
Taumarunui	—	—	—
W. Coast Maori Mission	—	—	—
Patea	1	6	7
Kimbolton	1	1	0
Ohura	—	—	—
North Taranaki	—	—	—

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Ladies' Auxiliaries—

Palmerston N., £20;			
Feilding, £10	30	0	0

£400 13 3

III.—Wellington District.

Wellington—			
Taranaki Street	98	10	7
Central Mission, 1911	0	18	0
Central Mission	6	1	3
Thorndon, 1911	1	15	0
Thorndon	7	4	1
South	44	6	9
Johnsonville	10	0	0
Hutt	22	17	8
Petone	17	17	5
South Wairarapa	11	0	0
Carterton	14	15	4
Masterton, 1911	1	11	0
Masterton	36	10	0
Napier, 1911	2	14	0
Napier	37	19	0
Hastings	18	13	6
Gisborne	6	0	0
Eketahuna	9	13	7
Dannevirke	8	1	6
Levin-Otaki	33	6	1
Waipawa	10	19	3

	£	s.	d.
Woodville	50	15	3
Pahiatua	7	13	10
Norsewood	1	9	4
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	460	12	5
Ladies' Auxiliary	40	0	0
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	£500	12	5

IV.—Nelson District.

Nelson	41	2	9
Nelson, Special	25	0	0
Richmond	23	2	0
Blenheim	53	6	5
Hokitika	8	0	0
Greymouth	6	7	10
Motueka	4	16	0
Reefton	7	13	7
Westport	14	5	3
Havelock, 1911	1	0	0
Awatere	—	—	—
Murchison	—	—	—
Runanga	—	—	—
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	£185	1	10

V.—Canterbury District.

Christchurch—			
Durham Street	256	12	2
Sydenham	23	4	11
Addington	52	14	6
St. Albans, 1911	22	0	0
St. Albans	52	8	11
Papanui	22	0	6
Lyttelton	7	9	0
Springston	18	14	5
Tai Tapu	13	9	6
Leeston	31	18	5
Kaiapoi	83	16	0
Rangiora	34	15	2
Malvern	11	4	3
Timaru	57	7	5
Waimate	45	16	0
Temuka	31	13	6
Ashburton	24	13	6
Willowby	17	7	2
Amberley	2	0	6
Oxford	—	—	—
Methven	0	14	0
Mayfield	—	—	—
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	809	19	10
Ladies' Auxiliaries—			
Canterbury, £70;	92	0	0
Timaru, £22	—	—	—
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	£901	19	10

VI.—Otago District.

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—			
Trinity	69	8	4
Central Mission, 1911	6	12	4
Cargill Road	19	9	4
Cargill Road, Anon.	50	0	0
Mornington	30	0	0
Roslyn	10	6	6
Mosgiel	2	0	0
Port Chalmers, 1911	1	5	0
Port Chalmers	8	9	8
Balclutha	7	17	10
Milton	4	18	2
Invercargill	51	5	6
Oamaru	26	4	1
Gore	9	12	5
Otautau	10	11	11
Roxburgh	8	7	1
Lawrence	1	14	0
Cromwell	2	12	6
Riverton	7	0	6
Palmerston South, 1911	3	15	0
Palmerston South	8	15	0
Winton	1	0	0
Tuatapere	3	3	10
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	344	9	0
Ladies' Auxiliary	107	10	0
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	£451	19	0

Special Contributions.—Island Boat Funds.

Auckland Ladies' Auxiliary	25	0	0
Mr. J. H. Oldham, Napier, collected by, for Woodlark Island, to Head Office	50	0	0
"Rossell," Auckland, to Head Office	50	0	0
N.Z.M.Y.W.B.C. Union	25	0	0
Addington S.S., for Papua Boat Fund	2	10	0
Temuka Subscriptions (4), for Papua Boat Fund	4	0	0
Mr. R. Wornall, junr., Amberley	1	0	0
Mrs. W. B. Parker, Blenheim, for N. Britain	2	0	0
Miss Williams, Roxburgh	1	0	0
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	£160	10	0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1912.

Treasurers—Rev. T. G. Brooke and Mr. J. Veale.

INCOME.		AUCKLAND DISTRICT.	
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland, Pitt Street ..	187	2 3	
" West ..	46	11 2	
" East ..	115	10 6	
" Methodist Missn.	8	3 4	
" North Shore ..	31	9 6	
" Birkenhead ..	40	8 2	
Onehunga ..	76	1 11	
Otahuhu ..	20	18 1	
Mahurangi ..	9	14 3	
Thames ..	30	12 6	
Upper Thames ..	5	15 0	
Waihi ..	11	11 0	
Paeroa ..	9	10 0	
Franklin ..	80	0 0	
Cambridge ..	20	1 0	
Hamilton ..	50	9 7	
Huntly ..	5	5 5	
Paparoa ..	26	5 11	
Northern Wairoa ..	—	—	
Whangarei ..	16	0 5	
Rotorua ..	9	6 1	
Opoitiki ..	3	16 4	
Tauranga ..	16	0 0	
Coromandel ..	2	13 2	
Helensville ..	8	0 1	
Bay of Islands ..	6	14 0	
Hokianga ..	8	0 0	
Whangaroa ..	4	12 0	
Port Albert ..	5	0 0	
Te Kuiti ..	1	15 4	
Te Awamutu ..	—	—	
Mangonui ..	3	5 0	
Waimana ..	—	—	
Maori Missions, Whangaroa ..	—	—	
" Hokianga ..	—	—	
" Kaipara ..	79	11 5	
" Waikato ..	—	—	
Special Agents ..	60	0 0	
			946 3 5

WANGANUI DISTRICT.	
New Plymouth ..	37 12 6
Waitara ..	20 3 7
Inglewood ..	22 14 0
Stratford ..	26 1 0
Eltham ..	12 4 9
Hawera ..	69 10 9
Mania ..	12 16 0
Cape Egmont ..	34 5 10
Kaponga ..	17 10 0
Wanganui ..	58 0 10
Aramohe ..	19 1 0
Rangitikei ..	18 0 0
Feilding ..	37 1 0
Sanson-Rongotea ..	21 0 0
Palmerston North ..	75 11 7
Taihape ..	14 19 3
Waimarino ..	—
Kimbolton ..	5 4 0
Patea ..	2 4 3
Ohura ..	—
North Taranaki ..	—
West Coast Maori Mission ..	—
Waimarino Maori Mission ..	1 0 1
	505 0 5

Carried forward £1,451 3 10

EXPENDITURE.		MAORI MISSIONS.	
Auckland District.		£ s. d.	
Superintendent ..	225	0 0	
Connexional Funds ..	43	19 8	
Rent ..	52	0 0	
Travelling ..	35	0 0	
Special Agents ..	60	0 0	
Whangaroa.			
Native Minister ..	100	0 0	
Travelling ..	15	0 0	
Probationer ..	70	0 0	
Travelling ..	5	0 0	
Hokianga.			
Native Minister ..	90	0 0	
Travelling ..	10	0 0	
Native Minister ..	80	0 0	
Travelling ..	10	0 0	
Kaipara.			
Native Minister ..	70	0 0	
Travelling ..	10	0 0	
Waikato.			
Native Minister ..	107	10 0	
Travelling ..	13	15 0	
Native Minister ..	100	0 0	
Travelling ..	17	10 0	
Rent (Hone Hare) ..	25	0 0	
			1,139 14 8
Wanganui District.			
Missionary ..	200	0 0	
Connexional Funds ..	39	0 0	
Rent ..	52	0 0	
Travelling ..	15	0 0	
Normanby.			
Native Minister ..	160	0 0	
Rent ..	40	0 0	
Travelling ..	20	0 0	
Patea.			
Native Home Missionary ..	57	10 0	
Native Home Missionary ..	22	10 0	
Native Home Missionary ..	15	0 0	
Rent ..	3	15 0	
Travelling ..	1	5 0	
Waimarino.			
Native Minister ..	90	0 0	
Travelling ..	20	0 0	
Okiawa.			
Deaconess ..	100	0 0	
Special ..	5	0 0	
Native Deaconess ..	50	0 0	
Probationer ..	25	0 0	
Second Probationer ..	2	1 8	
			918 1 8
Otago District.			
Native Minister ..	100	0 0	
Travelling ..	18	15 0	
			118 15 0
Total Maori Work ..			2,176 11 4

Organising Secretary.	
Salary ..	275 0 0
House and Furniture ..	80 0 0
Connexional Funds ..	53 19 8
Travelling ..	83 19 1
	492 18 9

Carried Forward £2,669 10 1

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1912.—Continued.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			HOME MISSION STATIONS.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Brought forward			1,451	3 10	
Wellington, Taranaki Street	80	0 0			
" Central Mission	16	5 7			
" Thorndon	12	7 0			
" South	60	18 5			
Johnsonville	6	10 0			
Hutt	20	19 3			
Petone	17	9 8			
South Wairarapa	7	10 9			
Carterton					
Masterton	51	16 10			
Napier	27	12 6			
Hastings	26	2 5			
Gisborne	24	12 0			
Eketahuna	14	6 1			
Dannevirke	21	2 1			
Levin-Otaki	28	4 2			
Waipawa	11	5 6			
Woodville	40	0 0			
Pahiatua	13	9 11			
Norsewood	7	6 6			
			487	18 8	

NELSON DISTRICT.		
Nelson	53	11 6
Richmond	58	9 8
Blenheim	58	8 1
Hokitika	13	14 9
Greymouth	19	12 10
Runanga		
Motueka	7	19 5
Reefton	9	14 0
Westport	13	8 4
Havelock	2	14 0
Murchison		
Awatere		
		237 12 2

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.		
Christchurch, Durham St.	236	0 0
" Sydenham	28	1 2
" Addington	43	8 7
" St. Albans	44	0 7
" Papanui	27	1 4
Lyttelton	5	19 6
Springston	26	17 1
Tai Tapu	22	14 10
Leeston	43	3 1
Kaipoi	70	0 0
Rangiora	24	10 6
Timaru	80	19 0
Waimate	32	10 0
Temuka	19	10 1
Ashburton	56	19 3
Willowby	41	13 11
Amberley	9	6 10
Oxford		
Malvern	7	10 7
Methven	5	6 1
Mayfield	7	11 0
Little River	22	0 2
		865 4 2

Carried forward £9041 18 10

Auckland District.		
Brought forward		2,669 10 1
Te Puke		
Coromandel	16	5 0
Bay of Islands	36	5 0
Hokianga	36	5 0
Whangaroa	36	5 0
Waimana	46	5 0
Mangonui	7	10 0
Te Awamutu	2	10 0
Northern Wairoa	2	10 0
Mangonui (Special)	2	2 0
		185 17 0

Wanganui District.		
Patea	10	0 0
Ohura	36	5 0
Ohura (Special)	7	10 0
North Taranaki	22	10 0
		76 5 0

Wellington District.		
Norsewood	7	10 0
		7 10 0

Nelson District.		
Havelock	21	5 0
Murchison	18	15 0
Seddon	10	0 0
		50 0 0

Canterbury District.		
Oxford	16	5 0
Methven	36	5 0
Methven (Special)	3	15 0
Mayfield	18	15 0
		75 0 0

Otago District.		
Riverton	16	5 0
Palmerston	5	0 0
Winton	36	5 0
Tuatapere	26	5 0
		83 15 0

CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARY.		
Auckland District.		
Upper Thames, Morrinsville	15	0 0
Whangarei	16	5 0
Hikurangi	12	10 0
Hamilton	5	0 0
		48 15 0

Wanganui District.		
Cape Egmont	20	0 0
		20 0 0

Nelson District.		
Richmond	26	5 0
Blenheim	16	5 0
Runanga—H.M.S.	20	0 0
Runanga (Special)	15	0 0
		77 10 0

Canterbury District.		
Addington	16	5 0
		16 5 0

AIDED CIRCUITS.		
Auckland District.		
Mahurangi	17	10 0
Opotiki	20	0 0
Te Kuiti	75	0 0
Te Kaiti—Special (by A.W. Auxiliary)	50	0 0
Auckland Methodist Mission	12	10 0
Rotorua	3	15 0
		178 15 0

Wanganui.		
Eltham	21	5 0
Kaponga	32	10 0
Aramoho	23	15 0
Waimarino	31	5 0
Waitara	2	10 0
Palmerston North	5	0 0
Taihape	2	10 0
		118 15 0

Carried forward £3,607 17 1

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1913.

Treasurers—Rev. T. G. Brooke and Mr. J. Veale.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			MAORI MISSIONS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Auckland, Central	160	0 0	Auckland District.		
" West	70	0 0	Rev. W. Gittos (Honorarium and Travelling)	140	0 0
" Avondale	75	0 0	Special Agents	45	0 0
" East	150	0 0	Whangaroa.		
" Methodist Missn.	15	0 0	Native Minister	100	0 0
" North Shore	30	0 0	Travelling	15	0 0
" Birkenhead	45	0 0	Native Probationer	70	0 0
Onehunga	75	0 0	Travelling	5	0 0
Otahuhu	25	0 0	Hokianga.		
Mahurangi	10	0 0	Native Minister	90	0 0
Franklin	80	0 0	Travelling	10	0 0
Paparua	20	0 0	Native Minister	80	0 0
Northern Wairoa	20	0 0	Travelling	10	0 0
Whangarei	20	0 0	Kaipara.		
Port Albert	5	0 0	Native Probationer	70	0 0
Maori Mission, Whangaroa	40	0 0	Travelling	10	0 0
" Hokianga	40	0 0			
" Kaipara	40	0 0			
" Waikato	40	0 0			
Coromandel	5	0 0			
Helensville	6	0 0			
Bay of Islands	5	0 0			
Hokianga	8	0 0			
Whangaroa	5	0 0			
Mangonui	5	0 0			
					645 0 0
		944 0 0	South Auckland District.		
SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			Waikato.		
Thames	30	0 0	Native Minister	110	0 0
Upper Thames	30	0 0	Travelling	15	0 0
Waikato	10	0 0	Native Minister	100	0 0
Paeroa	10	0 0	Travelling	15	0 0
Cambridge	20	0 0	Rent	25	0 0
Hamilton	50	0 0			
Huntly	5	0 0			
Rotorua	12	0 0			
Tauranga	10	0 0			
Opotiki	5	0 0			
Te Kuiti	7	10 0			
Taumarunui					
Te Awamutu	8	0 0			
Waimana	7	10 0			
Te Puke					
Matamata	5	0 0			
Ohura	5	0 0			
		215 0 0			265 0 0
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			Taranaki-Wanganui District.		
New Plymouth	60	0 0	Superintendent	200	0 0
Waitara	15	0 0	Connexional Funds	38	10 0
Inglewood	12	0 0	Rent	40	0 0
Stratford	40	0 0	Travelling	15	0 0
Eltham	20	0 0			
Hawera	45	0 0			
Manana	15	0 0			
Cape Egmont	25	0 0			
East Egmont					
Kaponga	17	10 0			
Wanganui	70	0 0			
Aramoho	20	0 0			
Rangitikei	15	0 0			
Taihape	10	0 0			
Waimarino	7	0 0			
West Coast Maori Mission	25	0 0			
Patea	2	0 0			
Mokau					
North Taranaki					
		398 10 0			
Carried forward		£1,577 10 0	Normanby.		
			Native Minister	160	0 0
			Rent	40	0 0
			Travelling	20	0 0
					513 10 0
			Patea.		
			Home Missionary	50	0 0
			Travelling	5	0 0
			Rent		
			Waimarino.		
			Native Minister	100	0 0
			Travelling	20	0 0
			Okaiawa.		
			Deaconess	100	0 0
			Native Probationer	25	0 0
			Native Probationer	25	0 0
			Pipiriki.		
			Native Deaconess	50	0 0
					375 0 0
			Southland District.		
			Colac Bay.		
			Native Minister	100	0 0
			Travelling	20	0 0
			Rent	25	0 0
					145 0 0
			Total Maori Work		
					1943 10 0

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HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.
Estimates of Income and Expenditure.—Continued.

INCOME.			
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.			
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward			1,557 10 0
Napier.. ..	35	0 0	
Hastings	25	0 0	
Gisborne	25	0 0	
Waipawa	10	0 0	
Dannevirke	15	0 0	
Woodville	30	0 0	
Pahiatua	12	0 0	
Palmerston North, Broad St.	45	0 0	
Palmerston North, Cuba St.	30	0 0	
Feilding	70	0 0	
Sanson-Rongotea	22	0 0	
Foxton	15	0 0	
Kimbolton	7	10 0	
Norsewood	6	0 0	
			347 10 0
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
Wellington, Taranaki Street	90	0 0	
" Central Mission	8	0 0	
" Thorndon	32	0 0	
" South	50	0 0	
Johnsonville	10	0 0	
Hutt	22	10 0	
Petone.. ..	20	0 0	
South Wairarapa	7	0 0	
Carterton	20	0 0	
Masterton	50	0 0	
Eketahuna	12	0 0	
Levin-Otaki	28	0 0	
			349 10 0
NELSON DISTRICT.			
Nelson.. ..	50	0 0	
Richmond	25	0 0	
Blenheim	50	0 0	
Hokitika	10	0 0	
Greymouth	20	0 0	
Motueka	10	0 0	
Reefton	15	0 0	
Westport	15	0 0	
Dennistown	8	0 0	
Havelock	5	0 0	
Awatere			
Murchison	3	0 0	
Runanga	5	0 0	
			216 0 0
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Christchurch, Durham St.	80	0 0	
" Sydenham	38	0 0	
" Central Missn.	15	0 0	
" East	110	0 0	
" Cambridge Ter.	25	0 0	
" Woolston	32	0 0	
" Addington	40	0 0	
" St. Albans	50	0 0	
" Papanui	25	0 0	
Lyttelton	25	0 0	
Springston	25	0 0	
Tai Tapu	20	0 0	
Leeston	35	0 0	
Kaipoi	45	0 0	
Ohoka	25	0 0	
Rangiora	35	0 0	
Greendale and Malvern	25	0 0	
Amberley	8	0 0	
Oxford	5	0 0	
			658 0 0
Carried forward			£3,128 10 0

EXPENDITURE.			
Organising Secretary.			
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward			1,943 10 0
Salary	275	0 0	
House Allowance	80	0 0	
Connexional Funds	53	17 4	
Travelling	90	0 0	
			498 17 4
HOME MISSION STATIONS.			
Auckland District.			
Port Albert	15	0 0	
Coromandel	10	0 0	
Bay of Islands	40	0 0	
Hokianga	35	0 0	
Whangaroa	35	0 0	
Mangonui (If Salary £100)	10	0 0	
			145 0 0
South Auckland District.			
Te Awamutu			
Waimana	45	0 0	
Te Puke	40	0 0	
Matamata (£25 from Thames Circuit)	10	0 0	
Ohura... ..	40	0 0	
			135 0 0
Taranaki-Wanganui District.			
Patea	10	0 0	
			10 0 0
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District.			
Kimbolton	20	0 0	
			20 0 0
Nelson District.			
Havelock	25	0 0	
Awatere (If Married Man)	40	0 0	
Murchison	25	0 0	
Runanga	30	0 0	
			120 0 0
Canterbury District.			
Oxford (If married Man)	30	0 0	
			30 0 0
South Canterbury District.			
Methven (If Married Man)	35	0 0	
Mayfield (If Married Man)	35	0 0	
			70 0 0
Otago District.			
Lawrence	10	0 0	
Cromwell (Special for Removal)	10	0 0	
			20 0 0
Southland District.			
Riverton	15	0 0	
Winton	35	0 0	
Tuatapere	25	0 0	
			75 0 0
CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARIES.			
Auckland District.			
Whangarei, Hikurangi	20	0 0	
			20 0 0
South Auckland District.			
Cambridge (If H.M. sent)	20	0 0	
			20 0 0
Carried forward			£3,107 7 4

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HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.
Estimates of Income and Expenditure.—Continued.

INCOME.

SOUTHERN CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				3,128	10	0
Timaru, Bank Street	70	0	0			
Timaru, Woodlands Street	10	0	0			
Waimate	35	0	0			
Temuka, Main Street	20	0	0			
Temuka, Denmark Street	5	0	0			
Geraldine	12	0	0			
Ashburton	65	0	0			
Willowby	40	0	0			
Oamaru	30	0	0			
Methven	5	0	0			
Mayfield	5	0	0			
				297	0	0

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin, Trinity	75	0	0			
" Central Mission	20	0	0			
" Dundas Street	40	0	0			
" Cargill Road	30	0	0			
" St. Kilda	10	0	0			
" Kew	15	0	0			
" Mornington	25	0	0			
" Roslyn	15	0	0			
Mosgiel	10	0	0			
Port Chalmers	15	0	0			
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	10	0	0			
Balclutha	20	0	0			
Milton	12	0	0			
Roxburgh	10	0	0			
Lawrence	4	0	0			
Cromwell	5	0	0			
Queenstown						
				316	0	0

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Invercargill, Leet Street	50	0	0			
" Don Street	45	0	0			
" Elles Road	35	0	0			
Bluff	2	10	0			
Gore	17	0	0			
Otautau	17	0	0			
Edendale	3	10	0			
Riverton	4	0	0			
Winton	5	0	0			
Tuatapere	3	0	0			
Southern Maori Mission	12	0	0			
				194	0	0

BIRTHDAY LEAGUE	40	0	0			
				40	0	0

CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.

Auckland	275	0	0			
Grey Institute	600	0	0			
Kai Iwi	120	0	0			
				995	0	0
Carried forward				4,980	10	0

EXPENDITURE.

Taranaki-Manawatu District.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				3,107	7	4
Cape Egmont (Rahotu)	20	0	0			
East Egmont (Douglas)	50	0	0			
				70	0	0

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District.

Gisborne	25	0	0			
Sanson-Rongotea	20	0	0			
				45	0	0

Nelson District.

Richmond (Wakefield)	25	0	0			
Blenheim (Picton) If married	20	0	0			
Denniston	60	0	0			
				105	0	0

Canterbury District.

Addington	12	10	0			
				12	10	0

Otago District.

St. Kilda (Anderson's Bay)	65	0	0			
Waikouaiti, Palmerston	40	0	0			
				105	0	0

Southland District.

Otautau (Nightcaps)	50	0	0			
Invercargill, Don Street (If Probationer)	40	0	0			
				90	0	0

AIDED CIRCUITS.

Auckland District.

Auckland Methodist Mission	75	0	0			
Mahurangi (If Salary £175)	15	0	0			
				90	0	0

South Auckland District.

Hamilton	70	0	0			
Opotiki	25	0	0			
Te Kuiti	75	0	0			
				170	0	0

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

Inglewood	55	0	0			
Kaponga	30	0	0			
Aramoho	30	0	0			
Waimarino	80	0	0			
				145	0	0

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District.

Waipawa	25	0	0			
Pahiatua (If Married Man)	50	0	0			
Foxton	25	0	0			
				100	0	0

Wellington District.

Central Mission	125	0	0			
Thorndon	30	0	0			
Wellington South	30	0	0			
Johnsonville	50	0	0			
South Wairarapa	15	0	0			
Eketahuna	35	0	0			
Levin-Otaki	40	0	0			
				325	0	0

Nelson District.

Hokitika	30	0	0			
Motueka	30	0	0			
" (Special for removal)	8	0	0			
Westport	25	0	0			
				93	0	0

Carried forward				4,407	17	4
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HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure.—Continued.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				4,980	10	0
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.						
Auckland	...	225	0	0		
Canterbury	...	61	5	0		
Carvell Memorial Fund	...	6	0	0		
Francis Terrill Mem. Fund	...	6	0	0		
Mototi	...	6	10	0		
Meredith Wilson Bequest	...	16	5	0		
				321	0	0
Maori Books Sold	...	15	0	0		
N.Z.Y.W.M.B.C.U.	...	100	0	0		
Auckland Ladies' Auxiliary	...	50	0	0		
Canterbury Ladies' Auxiliary	...	15	0	0		
				180	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

North Canterbury District.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				4,407	17	4
Ch.Ch. Central Mission	...	100	0	0		
Ohoka	...	30	0	0		
Rangiora (Salaries at least £195 and £175)	...	30	0	0		
Amberley	...	25	0	0		
				185	0	0
South Canterbury District.						
Timaru, Woodlands Street (To be refunded when Property Sold)	...	30	0	0		
Temuka (Second)	...	30	0	0		
				60	0	0
Otago District.						
Roslyn	...	20	0	0		
Mosgiel	...	40	0	0		
Milton	...	25	0	0		
Roxburgh	...	30	0	0		
				115	0	0
Southland District.						
Bluff	...	20	0	0		
Edendale	...	45	0	0		
				65	0	0
SPECIAL.						
Annuity	...	4	10	0		
Ministerial Supply	...	100	0	0		
Deaconess Home	...	30	0	0		
Retiring Allowance (H.M.)	...	100	0	0		
Interest on Rawene Parsonage	...	20	16	8		
Allowance, Mrs. H. Paul	...	10	0	0		
Theological College	...	150	0	0		
Patea Rent	...	15	0	0		
				430	6	8
GENERAL.						
Printing Reports, etc.	...	80	0	0		
Interest and Exchange	...	75	0	0		
Office Rent	...	33	0	0		
Telephone	...	8	10	0		
Miscellaneous	...	150	0	0		
Printing Maori Hymn Books	...	12	10	0		
				359	0	0
Deficiency	...			£5,471	10	0
				409	3	8
				£5,880	13	8
Dr. Balance	...			£5,672	4	0
				208	9	8
				£5,880	13	8

Total
£5,880-13-8
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD.

Receipts and Expenditure.—January 1, 1912-December 23, 1912.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Cr. Balance, Jan. 1, 1912	2	14	6	Postages, 1780 Circulars at $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 259 Letters			
Received from Contingent Fund	20	0	0	at 1d	4	15	9
Received from Contingent Fund for Booklet Debt	20	0	0	Printing	6	16	0
Received from Sunday Schools for Booklet Debt	14	10	0	Stationery, etc.	3	0	0
Received from Sale of Young People's Day Literature	7	7	9	Sundry	0	2	11
	<u>£64</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	Convention Booklet	40	16	10
				Young People's Day Supplies	7	17	2
				Cr. Balance	1	3	7
					<u>£64</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>

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30th December, 1912. Audited and found correct.

D. C. CAMERON, Junr.

GENERAL RETURNS, Methodist Church, September 30th, 1912.

I. Auckland District. CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Pro-bationers.	Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Christian Endeavour.				Connexional Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior.		Junior.			
														Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members		
Auckland (Pitt Street) ...	7	2	3	3	5	2	16	6	659	3	126	9	40	...	...	1	63	4	2950
Auckland West ...	2	...	2	1	1	...	7	3	248	1	52	1	30	1	16	...	...	1	1150
Auckland East ...	7	1	4	2	7	...	18	10	481	...	71	2	20	2	32	2	66	4	1500
Auckland Mission ...	1	...	1	...	2	1	8	1	233	2	...	3	10	1	40	1	32	1	1100
Auckland (North Shore) ...	3	...	2	1	2	1	2	...	141	7	4	...	22	1	15	...	...	1	800
Auckland (Birkenhead) ...	3	3	3	1	2	...	1	...	203	2	72	...	20	...	...	...	1	700	
Onehunga ...	2	2	1	2	1	...	4	1	117	2	30	1	6	1	9	1	30	...	600
Otahuhu ...	4	5	1	1	1	...	6	...	149	...	1	1	18	...	1	10	2	615	
Mahurangi ...	2	7	...	1	1	...	5	...	81	1	10	...	20	...	...	...	...	410	
Thames ...	1	3	1	1	1	...	1	...	98	...	20	2	...	...	...	...	...	550	
Upper Thames ...	4	20	1	1	1	1	16	1	206	...	28	2	45	1	18	...	...	1175	
Waihi ...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	112	...	10	...	...	1	15	1	38	...	396
Paeroa ...	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	56	...	11	...	3	...	...	...	...	300	
Franklin ...	8	12	...	2	1	1	4	...	185	...	20	1	12	...	...	...	...	1100	
Cambridge ...	3	...	1	1	1	...	2	...	85	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	395	
Hamilton ...	5	10	1	1	1	1	18	2	269	...	20	2	10	...	1	20	...	1260	
Huntly ...	1	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	42	...	...	...	...	1	15	1	10	...	215
Paparoa ...	5	4	...	1	1	...	6	1	95	...	10	1	6	...	...	...	...	420	
Northern Wairoa ...	6	8	...	1	1	1	9	...	140	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	750	
Whangarei ...	3	11	1	1	1	1	...	...	114	3	11	...	10	...	...	...	...	724	
Rotorua ...	2	3	1	...	1	...	1	...	43	1	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	190	
Tauranga ...	1	7	...	...	1	...	7	...	109	2	9	1	6	...	...	1	10	...	280
Opotiki ...	1	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	33	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	185	
Te Kuiti ...	...	5	...	...	1	...	4	2	40	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	180	
Auckland Maori Mission ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Albert... ..	2	2	...	1	...	1	3	...	57	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	...	1	200
Te Awamutu ...	2	7	...	1	...	1	3	...	59	1	2	...	8	1	10	...	...	...	321
Coromandel ...	2	8	...	1	...	1	2	1	40	...	24	...	6	1	9	1	24	1	430
Helensville ...	4	7	...	2	...	1	1	...	41	...	...	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	306
Bay of Islands ...	2	8	...	...	1	2	1	1	32	7	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	243
Hokianga ...	2	14	...	1	...	1	6	...	50	...	16	...	...	1	15	...	...	...	400
Whangaroa... ..	1	5	...	1	...	1	1	2	35	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	295
Mangonui ...	3	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	200
Waimana ...	2	5	...	...	1	...	1	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110
Totals ...	94	179	23	31	38	18	155	31	4312	34	553	33	325	13	204	11	298	16	20000

2. Wanganui District.

CIRCUITS.

	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries & Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Christian Endeavour.				Connexional Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.	
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior.		Junior.				
														Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.			
New Plymouth	...	4	4	1	2	2	2	...	283	4	48	4	25	1	8	...	...	...	...	1090
Waitara	...	2	2	1	1	1	...	4	2	69	...	19	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	410
Inglewood	...	4	3	2	1	1	...	5	...	95	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	450
Stratford	...	3	3	...	1	1	...	8	6	119	...	29	...	1	12	1	27	...	...	430
Eltham	...	1	5	1	1	1	...	6	...	85	...	39	...	9	11	...	...	...	...	350
Hawera	...	2	3	2	1	2	...	12	...	200	16	70	...	15	1	30	1	25	...	570
Manaia	...	2	3	...	...	1	...	4	...	69	...	9	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	200
Cape Egmont	...	6	6	...	2	1	9	...	103	...	...	...	9	2	24	...	...	...	...	495
Kaponga	...	2	4	...	1	1	...	1	...	66	2	10	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	350
Wanganui	...	3	...	3	2	1	12	...	343	...	70	5	40	...	...	1	30	...	...	730
Aramoho	...	1	2	1	1	1	...	4	...	75	...	30	3	...	...	1	45	...	...	353
Rangitikei	...	3	2	1	1	1	...	...	70	1	...	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
Sanson and Rongotea	...	2	3	...	1	1	...	4	...	103	...	15	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	300
Feilding	...	3	...	2	1	1	...	5	...	154	12	34	...	20	...	1	30	...	...	370
Palmerston North	...	6	1	2	2	3	15	...	473	7	165	8	...	3	56	4	158	...	...	1643
Taihape	...	2	7	1	...	1	...	2	...	39	...	12	...	2	...	1	10	...	...	330
Waimarino	...	3	4	...	...	1	...	7	...	58	5	5	...	10	...	...	...	...	1	260
Taumarunui
West Coast Maori Mission	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patea	...	2	3	...	1	...	1	...	34	...	...	1	...	1	8	...	...	...	...	240
Kimbolton	...	5	5	...	1	...	1	6	...	63	...	...	...	2	18	...	...	...	...	411
Ohura	...	1	8	...	...	1	4	...	40	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200
North Taranaki	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	57	68	17	20	22	8	114	8	2571	47	563	29	182	12	167	10	325	3	9432

3. Wellington District.

CIRCUITS.

	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries & Deaconesses	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Christian Endeavour				Connexional Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior.		Junior.			
														Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.		
Wellington (Taranaki St.)	5	...	4	1	4	2	18	...	528	...	90	6	...	1	25	2	32	1	2120
Wellington Central Miss'n	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	10	121	2	6	...	10	...	...	...	...	1	570
Wellington (Thorndon)	2	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	125	4	36	...	15	...	...	1	30	1	385
Wellington South	3	4	3	...	2	1	12	...	314	7	61	5	8	...	...	4	102	2	1300
Johnsonville	2	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	57	...	26	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	315
Hutt	4	...	1	1	2	...	5	5	145	...	60	1	10	1	20	1	58	1	600
Petone	2	...	2	1	2	...	5	...	130	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	25	...	400
South Wairarapa	3	4	1	1	1	...	2	...	52	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	175
Carterton	3	3	1	1	1	...	4	...	118	...	5	...	8	1	16	...	...	...	450
Masterton	2	2	4	1	1	1	4	8	239	...	9	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	850
Napier	6	3	1	1	2	...	10	4	253	...	91	2	25	1	20	1	25	5	960
Hastings	1	2	2	1	1	...	6	...	150	...	20	2	12	...	...	...	...	...	475
Gisborne	2	5	1	1	1	1	6	3	164	3	25	1	11	1	32	1	37	1	662
Eketahuna	2	8	1	1	1	...	2	...	90	...	...	...	12	1	16	...	...	1	456
Dannevirke	1	5	...	1	1	...	4	...	90	1	14	1	...	...	...	1	20	...	400
Levin-Otaki	5	4	...	1	1	...	7	9	183	...	54	3	24	1	25	2	45	...	480
Waipawa	2	5	1	1	1	...	3	...	60	...	...	1	6	1	15	...	...	...	215
Woodville	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	137	1	24	...	6	...	...	1	30	1	300
Pahiatua	3	4	...	1	1	...	3	1	70	10	10	1	13	1	6	...	...	...	420
Norsewood	3	3	...	1	...	1	6	...	77	...	10	3	...	1	6	...	...	1	286
Totals	54	54	25	18	26	7	99	42	3103	32	546	27	161	11	181	16	404	15	11799

4. Nelson District. CIRCUITS.		Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries & Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.				Christian Endeavour.				Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.		
										Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior.		Junior.		Connexional Bands of Hope.	
															Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.			Members.
Nelson	...	1	...	2	1	1	...	4	6	199	1	20	6	...	1	23	1	48	1	600
Richmond	...	7	8	...	1	1	1	12	1	181	9	20	...	8	1	16	1	12	2	950
Blenheim	...	6	8	2	2	...	22	1	322	15	38	3	2	1	6	1	28	2	1243	
Hokitika	...	3	2	1	1	1	...	1	...	51	...	7	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	210
Greymouth	...	3	1	1	1	1	...	8	...	169	...	25	2	1	1	25	1	25	1	480
Motueka	...	2	4	2	1	1	...	7	...	114	...	...	...	10	1	6	...	...	1	395
Reefton	...	2	2	1	1	1	...	3	...	83	...	40	...	...	2	2	2	55	1	355
Westport	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	3	...	74	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	300
Havelock	...	4	14	...	1	...	1	2	...	48	...	11	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	340
Murchison	...	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	15	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	10	1	170
Awatere	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Runanga	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	3	...	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	235
Totals	...	32	49	9	10	9	4	65	8	1320	25	184	14	32	7	78	7	178	11	5318

5. Canterbury District.

CIRCUITS.

	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries & Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Christian Endeavour.				Connexional Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.	
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior.		Junior.				
														Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.			
Christchurch (Durham St.)	13	1	7	5	13	2	36	4	1084	10	140	9	39	...	...	4	92	5	3692
Christchurch (Sydenham)	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	190	2	7	2	6	1	17	1	12	...	875	
Christchurch (Addington)	5	...	3	2	1	2	6	1	244	...	80	4	14	1	14	3	78	2	900	
Christchurch (St. Albans)	2	...	2	1	1	1	5	...	297	...	82	2	...	...	...	2	82	1	950
Christchurch (Papanui) ...	5	...	1	2	1	...	3	3	154	2	25	1	...	1	22	1	25	1	680	
Lyttelton ...	...	2	1	1	1	...	1	...	87	...	30	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	470
Springston ...	...	6	2	1	1	...	4	...	138	4	16	2	12	...	...	...	...	...	600
Tai Tapu ...	...	3	1	1	2	1	3	...	103	...	11	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	430
Leeston ...	...	6	1	2	1	1	5	...	148	...	10	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	500
Kaipoi ...	...	6	1	2	1	2	9	...	260	...	44	...	4	2	30	1	30	...	950
Rangiora ...	...	7	...	3	2	2	11	...	234	...	12	4	4	1	26	...	...	...	850
Malvern ...	...	4	3	...	...	...	6	...	50	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
Timaru ...	...	4	3	2	1	2	14	...	292	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	40	...	1100
Waimate ...	...	2	4	1	1	1	6	...	190	...	15	3	6	...	...	...	...	1	450
Temuka ...	...	1	5	1	1	1	4	...	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	320
Ashburton ...	...	3	...	1	1	1	6	...	197	...	23	2	5	...	...	1	30	...	575
Willowby ...	...	5	2	...	1	1	11	1	125	...	10	3	30	1	16	...	...	...	500
Amberley ...	...	1	5	...	...	1	1	...	45	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	240
Oxford ...	...	1	4	...	1	...	1	2	33	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	209
Methven ...	...	2	3	...	...	1	...	...	50	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	115
Mayfield ...	...	1	5	...	...	1	5	...	30	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	236
Cheviot ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Banks Peninsula	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	82	42	29	26	32	10	142	10	4034	18	514	38	177	7	95	14	389	11	14992

261
860
50
250

6. Otago District. CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries & Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Christian Endeavour.				Connexional Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior.		Junior.			
														Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.		
Dunedin (Trinity) ...	3	1	2	1	3	...	16	5	330	...	88	...	20	...	...	1	60	1	1200
Dunedin Central Mission	1	...	1	1	1	...	2	...	172	9	18	...	...	1	12	1	23	...	1200
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ...	3	...	2	1	3	...	14	...	320	...	19	4	12	1	33	2	123	1	1150
Dunedin (Mornington) ...	2	...	1	1	1	...	5	1	148	...	25	1	...	1	12	1	35	...	450
Dunedin (Roslyn) ...	2	...	1	1	1	...	3	1	146	...	26	4	...	1	12	2	73	1	450
Mosgiel ...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	68	...	16	2	5	...	...	1	14	...	230
Port Chalmers ...	3	...	...	1	1	...	5	...	98	...	12	2	2	1	20	1	15	...	400
Balclutha ...	2	1	...	1	1	...	6	...	78	...	15	...	6	...	...	1	15	...	410
Milton ...	1	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	48	...	9	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	269
Invercargill ...	2	3	2	1	2	...	10	1	264	1	52	2	10	...	...	2	55	1	800
Oamaru ...	2	2	1	1	1	...	13	...	147	...	20	1	...	2	25	1	30	...	470
Gore ...	1	3	...	1	1	...	6	...	127	...	7	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	439
Otautau ...	4	4	...	1	1	1	2	...	94	...	14	1	3	1	7	1	20	...	500
Roxburgh ...	3	...	1	1	1	...	3	...	60	...	15	2	6	...	...	1	35	...	170
Lawrence ...	2	3	1	1	...	1	...	...	53	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	140
Cromwell ...	2	3	...	1	...	1	4	...	50	...	10	...	...	...	...	1	45	...	150
Riverton ...	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	43	1	...	...	...	1	11	...	...	1	180
Palmerston ...	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	40	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	200
Winton ...	1	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	200
Tuatapere ...	1	5	...	...	...	1	1	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150
Wakatipu ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	39	39	12	15	19	7	90	8	2361	11	355	21	74	9	132	16	543	6	9158

7. Maori Mission. CIRCUITS.		Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionar- ies & Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
										Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Mem- bers.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.		
Whangaroa ...	...	1	24	...	1	2	...	8	14	303	...	133	8	40	...	700
Hokianga ...	...	4	18	...	1	2	...	19	8	594	...	630	11	...	...	1430
Kaipara ...	...	5	11	...	...	1	...	27	10	255	...	234	7	...	...	640
Waikato ...	...	...	35	...	1	2	...	8	1	605	5	431	20	10	...	4000
West Coast Mission	...	2	54	...	1	2	3	11	...	200	...	...	...	...	...	1500
South Island Mission	...	2	21	...	...	1	...	3	1	95	...	...	...	...	1	450
Totals ...	...	14	163	—	4	10	3	76	34	2052	5	1428	46	50	1	8720

General Summary of Districts.

Districts.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries & Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Christian Endeavour.				Connexional Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior.		Junior.			
														Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.		
Auckland ...	94	179	23	31	38	18	155	31	4312	34	553	33	325	13	204	11	298	16	20000
Wanganui ...	57	68	17	20	22	8	114	8	2571	47	563	29	182	12	167	10	325	3	9432
Wellington ...	54	54	25	18	26	7	99	42	3103	32	546	27	161	11	181	16	404	15	11799
Nelson ...	32	49	9	10	9	4	65	8	1320	25	184	14	32	7	78	7	178	11	5318
Canterbury ...	82	42	29	26	32	10	142	10	4034	18	514	38	177	7	95	14	389	11	14992
Otago ...	39	39	12	15	19	7	90	8	2361	11	355	21	74	9	132	16	543	6	9158
District Totals ...	358	431	115	120	146	54	665	107	17701	167	2715	162	951	59	857	74	2137	62	67699
Maori Mission ...	14	163	...	4	10	3	76	34	2052	5	1428	46	50					1	8720
General Totals ...	372	594	115	124	156	57	741	141	19753	172	4143	208	1001	59	857	74	2137	63	76419
Primitive Meth. Church...	81	91	18	32	43	5	208	49	3291	65	394	39		37	610	33	658	32	16217
United Totals ...	453	685	133	156	199	62	949	190	23044	137	4537	247		96	1467	107	2795	95	92636

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

METHODIST CHURCH.

I.—MEMBERS.

DISTRICTS.	1911.	1912.	Increase.	Decrease.	On Probation.	Junior Members.
Auckland ...	4134	4312	178	...	34	553
Wanganui ...	2568	2571	3	...	47	563
Wellington ...	2941	3103	162	...	32	546
Nelson ...	1279	1320	41	...	25	184
Canterbury ...	3983	4034	51	...	18	514
Otago ...	2268	2361	93	...	11	355
Maori Missions ...	2021	2052	31	...	5	1428
Totals ...	19194	19753	539	—	172	4143

II.—MINISTERS.

DISTRICTS.	European Ministers.	European Probationers	Supernumeraries.	Maori Ministers.	Maori Probationers.	Totals.
Auckland ...	25	7	6	5	2	45
Wanganui ...	17	4	1	1	1	24
Wellington ...	19	3	4	...	...	26
Nelson ...	8	1	...	...	...	9
Canterbury ...	21	5	6	...	...	32
Otago ...	17	1	1	1	...	20
Totals ...	107	21	18	7	3	156
Prim Mth. Church	32	8	3	...	...	43
United Totals ...	139	29	21	7	3	199

GENERAL RETURNS, Primitive Methodist Church, August 31st, 1912.

I. Taranaki District. CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries & Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Christian Endeavour.				Connexional Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior.		Junior.			
														Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.		
New Plymouth	5	2	1	1	2	...	5	2	115	...	40	2	...	3	41	3	47	2	630
Inglewood	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stratford	2	5	1	...	1	...	8	4	78	10	...	2	...	1	15	...	...	1	591
Eltham	1	5	...	1	...	1	2	...	48	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	341
Wanganui	2	...	1	1	1	...	8	2	95	...	25	1	...	2	30	1	40	...	340
East Egmont...	2	9	...	1	1	...	3	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	20	...	328
Totals	14	21	3	4	5	1	26	8	368	10	36	7	—	6	86	6	107	3	2130
2. Wellington District.																			
Wellington I.	3	...	...	1	3	...	6	...	100	...	...	...	...	1	17	...	...	2	420
Wellington II.	3	2	1	2	3	...	10	1	141	1	...	2	...	1	17	1	12	1	1011
Wellington III.	2	...	1	...	1	...	5	...	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	349
Foxton	2	3	...	1	2	...	3	...	93	7	13	...	...	1	20	1	14	1	489
Feilding	4	3	1	1	2	...	12	2	130	2	10	1	...	2	38	1	20	1	607
Halcombe	1	4	1	1	1	...	5	...	57	...	...	...	...	1	14	...	...	1	311
West Coast Mission	5	2	...	2	1	1	8	...	70	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	609
Totals	20	14	4	8	13	1	49	3	687	10	24	3	—	6	106	3	46	6	3796

3. Auckland District. CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionar- ies & Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Christian Endeavour.				Connexional Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Mem- bers.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior.		Junior.			
														Societies.	Active Mem- bers.	Societies.	Members.		
Auckland I. ...	5	1	3	1	2	...	16	3	176	...	30	...	...	2	28	3	36	5	912
Auckland II. ...	3	3	1	1	1	1	10	2	170	...	15	2	...	...	...	1	10	3	1044
Auckland III.	2	1	1	1	2	...	2	4	134	...	67	...	...	2	46	2	67	2	658
Thames ...	1	5	...	1	1	...	4	2	67	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	337
Waihi ...	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80
Hamilton ...	1	5	...	1	1	...	2	...	48	4	...	...	...	1	10	1	14	1	278
Cambridge ...	1	3	...	...	...	1	4	...	37	...	...	...	...	2	21	...	...	...	185
Totals ...	14	19	5	6	7	3	39	11	656	4	112	3	—	7	105	7	127	11	3494
4. Canterbury District.																			
Christchurch I. ...	2	...	...	1	1	...	11	2	135	...	...	4	...	2	20	2	30	2	428
Christchurch II.	2	...	...	...	1	...	7	1	73	...	19	2	...	...	...	1	35	2	217
Greendale ...	3	2	...	1	1	...	7	2	116	3	5	...	...	1	27	1	2	...	389
Ashburton ...	2	7	...	1	1	...	14	3	120	4	1	1	...	1	21	1	20	2	542
Geraldine ...	1	6	1	1	2	...	3	1	80	...	30	1	...	1	25	1	30	...	648
Timaru ...	2	...	...	1	1	...	6	...	92	4	3	...	...	2	36	1	14	...	302
Waimate and Oamaru ...	2	1	...	1	1	...	4	2	48	1	...	1	...	1	9	1	19	...	229
Temuka ...	1	3	1	1	1	...	3	2	58	...	...	2	...	1	14	1	29	1	286
Totals ...	15	19	2	7	9	—	55	13	722	12	58	11	—	9	152	9	179	7	3041

5. Otago & Southland District.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries & Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Christian Endeavour.				Connexional Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior.		Junior.			
														Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.		
Dunedin I. ...	6	...	1	1	2	...	8	12	260	...	85	10	...	3	58	3	85	2	913
Dunedin II. ...	3	...	1	1	2	...	12	...	163	3	49	1	...	3	47	2	24	...	634
Invercargill I. ...	3	3	1	1	1	...	8	...	150	15	...	2	...	1	20	1	35	1	693
Invercargill II. ...	2	2	1	1	1	...	7	2	113	10	10	2	...	1	30	1	36	1	809
Bluff ...	2	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	242
Waikouaiti ...	1	6	...	1	1	...	...	...	56	1	15	...	...	...	1	19	1	239	
Edendale ...	1	6	...	1	1	...	3	...	50	...	5	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	266
Totals ...	18	18	4	7	9	—	39	14	858	29	164	15	—	9	161	8	199	5	3796

GENERAL SUMMARY.

DISTRICTS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries & Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Connexional Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
Taranaki ...	14	21	3	4	5	1	26	8	368	10	36	7	...	6	86	6	107	3	2130
Wellington ...	20	14	4	8	13	1	49	3	687	10	24	3	...	6	106	3	46	6	3796
Auckland ...	14	19	5	6	7	3	39	11	656	4	112	3	...	7	105	7	127	11	3494
Canterbury ...	15	19	2	7	9	...	55	13	722	12	58	11	...	9	152	9	179	7	3041
Otago and Southland ...	18	18	4	7	9	...	39	14	858	29	164	15	...	9	161	8	199	5	3796
Totals ...	81	91	18	32	43	5	208	49	3291	65	394	39	—	37	610	33	658	32	16217

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, Methodist Church of N.Z., September 30th, 1912.

I. Auckland District. CIRCUITS.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.			Scholars.						Lessons.		Volumes in Library.	Bible Classes.		
		No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Members.	No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Members.	Junior Members.	Received into Church during the Year.	No. on Cradle Roll.	In Home Department.	Using Graded Lessons.		Using Other Lessons.	Y. M. B. C.	Y. W. B. C.
Auckland (Pitt Street) ...	7	90	80	77	1016	710	90	126	16	190	...	7	3900	71	85	
Auckland (West) ...	2	33	29	31	450	285	36	52	5	144	...	2	850	35	37	
Auckland (East) ...	5	66	57	58	708	492	96	71	21	115	...	5	2256	44	66	
Auckland Mission ...	1	17	12	16	160	128	23	...	2	63	...	1	400	28	16	
Auckland (North Shore) ...	3	32	29	23	278	192	12	6	...	37	...	3	800	8	30	
Auckland (Birkenhead) ...	3	39	32	35	286	219	16	72	4	6	...	3	750	9	11	
Onehunga ...	2	17	14	17	243	160	8	30	2	70	...	2	648	28	37	
Otahuhu ...	4	20	19	16	207	162	12	1	3	...	...	4	729	24	25
Mahurangi ...	2	8	6	7	72	46	...	4	...	8	...	1	100	...	...
Thames ...	1	12	10	12	112	98	15	20	3	27	...	1	500	10	18	
Upper Thames ...	7	26	22	24	256	196	14	28	...	37	...	2	182	4	8	
Waihi ...	1	17	10	15	90	70	11	10	...	63	...	1	463	...	11	
Paeroa ...	3	14	12	11	134	88	3	11	2	20	...	3	250	...	...
Franklin ...	6	22	17	14	290	162	8	20	3	24	...	6	240	3	10	
Cambridge ...	2	13	12	7	123	80	...	...	...	14	...	1	461	...	...
Hamilton ...	5	23	21	23	241	187	30	20	...	23	...	1	210	15	18	
Huntly ...	1	8	7	8	82	70	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	...	...
Paparoa ...	4	13	11	10	87	60	2	3	2	20	...	1	3	...	...
Northern Wairoa ...	5	19	16	12	222	163	...	...	...	...	...	5	180	...	8
Whangarei ...	3	22	15	12	187	108	...	33	...	...	...	1	777	6	23
Rotorua ...	1	4	4	4	45	35	12	...	4	16	...	...	...	6	16
Tauranga ...	1	6	5	5	73	43	6	8	...	14	...	...	...	6	10
Opotiki ...	1	5	5	4	50	30	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Te Kuiti ...	2	7	6	7	53	32	9	...	...	...	...	2	50	...	5
Port Albert ...	2	10	9	6	66	56	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	...
Te Awamutu ...	1	3	2	3	36	30	...	...	...	...	...	2	110	...	...
Coromandel ...	4	13	13	7	130	110	1	24	...	12	...	1	418	...	...
Helensville ...	1	6	4	3	64	31	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
Bay of Islands ...	2	3	2	3	34	27	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Hokianga ...	2	4	4	4	53	34	...	8	...	...	...	2	50	4	10
Whangaroa ...	2	5	5	4	43	36	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	5
Manganui ...	1	1	1	1	14	10	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	12
Waimana ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	87	578	491	479	5815	4120	404	547	67	908	—	15	72	13,824	312	460

2. Wanganui District. CIRCUITS.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.			Scholars.								Lessons.		Volumes in Libraries.	Bible Classes.	
		No. on Roll.	Average Atten- dance.	Church Mem- bers.	No. on Roll.	Average Atten- dance.	Church Mem- bers.	Junior Members.	Received into Church during the Year.	No on Cradle Roll.	In Home De- partment.	Using Graded Lessons.	Using Other Lessons.	Y.M.B.C.		Y.W.B.C.	
New Plymouth ...	6	38	35	33	370	278	18	41	8	55	...	...	...	700	...	28
Waitara ...	4	12	11	9	170	103	...	19	13	...	...	1	...	80	...	...
Inglewood ...	3	20	17	17	170	120	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	600	...	...
Stratford ...	2	15	14	15	132	80	...	27	...	20	...	...	...	64	7	10
Eltham ...	2	10	9	8	94	77	6	34	...	26	...	...	...	50	6	12
Hawera ...	2	19	18	19	175	132	45	70	2	96	...	...	...	614	25	37
Manaiā ...	1	4	3	4	29	21	...	5	...	12	...	...	...	121	...	...
Cape Egmont ...	10	29	27	20	226	175	7	4	...	20	...	1	...	...	5	10
Kaponga ...	1	3	3	3	37	28	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	11
Wanganui ...	3	24	18	23	310	200	140	60	25	110	...	...	...	430	53	59
Aramoho ...	1	8	6	8	130	85	5	30	...	35	...	...	...	100	...	12
Rangitikei ...	7	8	7	7	61	42	4	...	...	32	...	...	...	200	6	4
Sanson and Rongotea ...	2	7	6	6	81	75	2	15	1	...	...	1	...	110	...	6
Feilding ...	1	11	9	11	105	80	28	34	2	50	...	1	...	320	10	11	
Palmerston North ...	6	56	52	53	777	504	129	133	10	560	...	4	...	850	62	66	
Taihape ...	1	7	6	5	65	45	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
Waimarino ...	2	7	6	5	80	55	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	210	9	4
Taumarunui ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Coast Maori Mission ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patea ...	3	3	3	2	50	37	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	50	...	...
Kimbolton ...	4	15	14	10	110	78	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	4
Ohura ...	2	7	6	3	59	42	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	63	303	270	261	3231	2257	385	500	61	1040	—	10	—	4499	194	274	

3. Wellington District. CIRCUITS.		No. of Schools.	Teachers.			Scholars.						Lessons.		Bible Classes.			
			No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Members.	No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Members.	Junior Members.	Received into Church during the Year.	No on Cradle Roll.	In Home Department.	Using Graded Lessons.	Using Other Lessons.	Volumes in Libraries.	Y.M.B.C.	Y.W.B.C.
Taranaki Street	...	5	82	71	73	925	624	103	90	17	889	...	...	5	1835	59	54
Central Mission	...	1	10	9	9	90	47	3	5	...	58	...	...	1	180	...	...
Thorndon	...	2	25	23	25	184	124	55	36	3	74	...	1	1	640	18	12
Wellington South	...	6	69	57	53	715	455	32	61	13	194	...	1	5	790	69	60
Johnsonville	...	3	15	12	12	175	111	...	11	...	15	...	...	3	535	2	3
Hutt	...	3	16	14	14	249	165	19	60	...	52	...	...	3	350	8	12
Petone	...	2	19	15.5	19	162	107	6	5	...	49	...	1	1	389	20	12
South Wairarapa	...	3	6	6	4	60	41	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	100	...	...
Carterton	...	3	22	18	18	163	91	3	5	2	156	...	...	3	580	5	7
Masterton	...	2	32	28	26	391	303	48	9	...	124	...	...	2	1206	37	53
Napier	...	5	22	20	20	308	216	32	91	8	36	...	1	4	459	22	20
Hastings	...	2	14	12	12	156	121	12	20	...	7	...	...	2	355	23	20
Gisborne	...	2	24	20	24	242	183	18	25	4	34	...	...	2	360	6	4
Eketahuna	...	3	7	6	6	95	56	8	...	4	...	...	...	3	97	8	7
Dannevirke	...	3	11	9	7	125	101	3	14	...	51	...	...	3	140	...	11
Levin-Otaki	...	4	24	22	21	212	155	20	41	6	23	...	1	3	182	6	24
Waipawa	...	1	3	2.5	3	24	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...
Woodville	...	4	17	15	16	171	85	12	24	8	50	...	...	2	86	...	12
Pahiatua	...	1	11	9	11	104	75	3	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Norsewood	...	3	10	8.5	10	125	73	1	10	...	5	...	...	3	45	...	...
Totals	...	58	439	377.5	383	4876	3249	378	507	63	1817	—	6	47	8379	283	311

4. Nelson District. CIRCUITS.		No. of Schools.	Teachers.			Scholars.						Lessons.		Volumes in Libraries.	Bible Classes.		
			No. on Roll.	Average Atten- dance.	Church Mem- bers.	No. on Roll.	Average Atten- dance.	Church Mem- bers.	Junior Members.	Received into Church during the Year.	No. on Cradle Roll.	In Home De- partment.	Using Graded Lessons.		Using Other Lessons.	Y.M.B.C.	Y.W.B.C.
Nelson	...	1	23	17	20	200	146	25	20	5	151	...	...	500	26	...
Richmond	...	6	29	20	21	191	143	2	18	16	...	...	...	...	34	25
Blenheim	...	8	52	40	52	546	350	35	30	...	142	...	6	1000	25	20	
Hokitika	...	1	5	4	4	33	27	...	7	...	...	...	...	100	...	...
Greymouth	...	1	13	11	12	175	135	20	25	3	45	...	...	200	25	10
Motuëka	...	2	13	12	11	104	63	3	...	...	...	...	...	160	13	23
Reefton	...	2	14	12	15	111	70	...	38	...	35	...	...	580	...	...
Westport	...	1	14	13	12	120	100	13	25	6	30	...	...	260	...	17
Havelock	...	4	9	8	5	100	70	...	16	...	...	...	...	150	...	...
Murchison	...	1	2	2	1	46	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Runanga	...	1	6	5	...	60	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	...
Totals	...	28	180	144	153	1685	1193	98	179	30	403	—	6	—	3950	163	95

5. Canterbury District. CIRCUITS.		Teachers.				Scholars.						Lessons.		Volumes in Libraries.	Bible Classes.		
		No. of Schools.	No. on Roll.	Average Atten- dance.	Church Mem- bers.	No. on Roll.	Average Atten- dance.	Church Mem- bers.	Junior Members.	Received into Church during the Year.	No. on Cradle Roll.	In Home De- partment.	Using Graded Lessons.		Using Other Lessons.	Y.M.B.C.	Y.W.B.C.
Durham Street	...	13	154	138	138	1474	998	111	127	37	310	...	4	9	4123	137	118
Sydenham	...	1	26	24	22	385	241	18	7	2	70	...	...	1	560	17	16
Addington	...	5	43	36	40	437	287	47	77	6	46	...	...	5	893	29	33
St. Albans	...	2	39	31	36	357	233	23	82	...	126	...	...	2	958	14	25
Papanui	...	4	34	27	30	280	204	12	25	6	13	...	...	4	600	3	12
Lyttelton	...	2	14	12	14	165	111	23	30	4	36	...	...	2	300	18	25
Springston	...	5	26	21	25	192	141	7	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tai Tapu	...	3	17	15	16	113	82	9	11	15	50	...	...	...	618	4	9
Leeston	...	4	18	16	16	119	89	3	...	3	...	...	1	3	485	3	14
Kaiapoi	...	6	35	25	35	263	182	5	35	5	83	...	1	5	880	23	27
Rangiora	...	4	25	21	25	217	156	16	11	8	...	...	...	4	1060	12	19
Malvern	...	3	7	6	4	64	42	3	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	3	7
Timaru	...	6	39	31	25	339	253	34	...	10	47	...	1	5	600	24	24
Waimate	...	2	15	14	10	146	112	5	14	...	...	...	1	1	455	13	11
Temuka	...	1	6	5	6	59	48	5	...	3	...	...	...	1	230	...	24
Ashburton	...	1	24	20	13	179	118	21	23	2	94	...	1	...	434	10	27
Willowby	...	5	20	15	16	136	96	...	...	9	...	...	...	5	130	8	10
Amberley	...	1	3	3	3	27	20	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Oxford	...	2	6	5	5	57	51	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	2
Methven	...	1	2	2	2	15	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	8	6
Mayfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	71	553	467	481	5024	3466	342	463	112	875	—	9	62	12326	328	409

6. Otago District. CIRCUITS.		No. of Schools.	Teachers.			Scholars.							Lessons.		Bible Classes.	
			No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Members.	No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Members.	Junior Members.	Received into Church during the Year.	No. on Cradle Roll.	In Home Department.	Using Graded Lessons.	Using Other Lessons.	Volumes in Libraries.	Y.M.B.C.
Dunedin (Trinity) ...	3	57	48	56	279	236	51	88	10	63	79	2	1	1078	16	26
Dunedin Central Mission	1	8	6	7	50	35	...	10	7	...	...	1	...	150	...	30
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ...	3	47	41	43	515	385	52	19	25	119	...	...	3	1170	65	42
Dunedin (Mornington) ...	2	25	24	22	161	125	12	25	3	47	...	2	...	350	5	12
Dunedin (Roslyn) ...	2	32	30	26	208	151	11	26	...	145	...	2	...	690	10	7
Mosgiel ...	1	6	5	5	45	40	...	16	...	...	...	...	1	249	5	9
Port Chalmers ...	2	13	10	13	97	75	10	14	3	44	...	...	2	302	4	10
Balclutha ...	2	10	9	9	125	78	3	15	2	...	...	...	2	326	...	16
Milton ...	1	8	7	5	56	37	6	8	...	...	...	...	1	60	...	16
Invercargill ...	2	26	21	25	248	183	38	52	6	39	...	1	1	400	26	21
Oamaru ...	1	14	12	14	120	82	25	20	5	40	...	...	1	400	12	18
Gore ...	1	10	8	9	80	53	2	7	9	...	...	...	1	225	...	12
Otautau ...	3	13	11	11	89	57	12	14	2	...	...	...	1	156	8	9
Roxburgh ...	3	9	9	6	76	54	...	12	...	...	...	...	3	36	...	...
Lawrence ...	1	3	3	2	26	23	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cromwell ...	1	3	3	3	22	18	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Riverton ...	1	3	3	3	25	15	2	...	2	16	...	...	1	60	...	...
Palmerston ...	1	7	6	3	69	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	60	...	20
Winton ...	1	3	3	3	30	22	3	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Tuatapere ...	1	2	2	...	19	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Totals ...	33	299	261	265	2340	1729	227	344	77	513	79	10	21	5712	151	248
Grand Totals	340	2352	2010	2022	22971	16014	1834	2540	410	5556	79	56	202	48690	1431	1797

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1. Taranaki District. CIRCUITS.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.			Scholars.							Using International Lessons.	Volumes in Libraries.	Finance.	
		No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Members.	No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Members.	Junior Members.	Received into Church during the Year.	No. on Cradle Roll.	Income.			Outgo.	
New Plymouth ...	6	25	23	24	245	192	30	46	4	35	5	238	32 5 9	29 12 7	
Inglewood ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stratford ...	3	14	14	14	204	137	10	...	2	115	2	150	37 6 3	28 11 7	
Eltham ...	2	6	6	5	66	48	...	1	...	...	...	100	...	...
Wanganui ...	2	17	14	13	145	111	18	35	15	43	2	276	25 5 8	21 5 7	
East Egmont ...	5	9	8	7	102	83	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 14 9	2 6 8
Totals ...	18	71	65	63	762	571	58	82	21	193	9	764	98 12 5	81 16 5	
2. Wellington District.															
Wellington I. ...	3	24	20	23	220	129	...	...	...	90	2	782	66 16 1	61 1 1
Wellington II. ...	4	29	21	20	246	150	17	...	...	56	2	885	97 4 2	90 15 3
Wellington III. ...	2	21	14	18	169	101	2	...	2	61	2	370	65 3 0	51 7 0	
Foxton ...	4	22	15	19	199	100	9	14	16	77	3	180	29 17 5	21 1 10	
Feilding ...	5	29	25	21	202	128	9	10	1	19	4	95	46 12 9	33 11 11	
Halcombe ...	3	10	8	6	96	65	...	...	...	...	2	...	8 5 6	7 14 4
West Coast Mission ...	5	31	20	21	234	176	1	1	...	...	5	...	46 10 4	30 1 1
Totals ...	26	166	117	128	1368	849	38	25	19	303	20	2312	360 9 3	295 12 6	

3. Auckland District. CIRCUITS.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.			Scholars.						Using International Lessons.	Volumes in Libraries.	Finance.		
		No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Mem- bers.	No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Mem- bers.	Junior Members.	Received into Church during the Year.	No. on Cradle Roll.			Income.	Outgo.	
Auckland I....	5	52	35	35	602	325	5	36	1	43	5	2728	350 7 9	280 6 7	
Auckland II.	4	44	36	35	574	413	30	15	2	120	4	1223	136 14 9	103 1 6	
Auckland III.	2	29	24	27	328	218	50	67	...	51	2	380	72 12 0	75 9 3	
Thames ...	1	10	8	9	72	55	1	...	...	...	1	100	28 7 7	23 0 3
Waihi ...	1	4	4	4	20	20	...	...	...	31	1	100	20 5 8	19 18 10
Hamilton. ...	2	9	7	7	73	46	...	14	...	22	2	200	16 9 1	13 3 11	
Cambridge ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	15	148	114	117	1669	1077	86	132	4	267	15	4731	624 16 10	515 0 4	
4. Canterbury District.															
Christchurch I.	2	20	17	19	208	158	27	15	9	20	2	566	94 0 9	70 17 4	
Christchurch II.	2	14	14	14	107	80	10	19	...	15	2	365	31 19 8	29 19 11	
Greendale ...	4	18	12	14	134	85	11	5	3	9	3	800	49 6 9	24 4 7	
Ashburton ...	3	18	15	14	127	112	29	1	...	25	1	...	32 6 6	21 0 11	
Geraldine ...	4	19	17	12	148	108	12	30	...	40	1	...	27 3 10	19 3 6	
Timaru ...	2	18	16	18	142	103	16	3	...	40	2	...	30 10 7	20 0 0	
Waimate and Oamaru ...	3	10	10	9	114	87	4	...	...	9	2	100	14 13 1	10 6 8
Temuka ...	1	10	9	10	66	42	4	...	...	26	1	...	17 12 7	14 5 10
Totals ...	21	127	110	110	1046	775	113	73	12	184	13	1831	297 13 9	207 18 9	

5. Otago and Southland District. CIRCUITS.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.			Scholars.						Using International Lessons.	Volumes in Libraries.	Finance.	
		No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Mem- bers.	No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Mem- bers.	Junior Members.	Received into Church during the Year.	No. on Cradle Roll.			Income.	Outgo.
Dunedin I. ...	4	50	40	48	352	229	62	85	15	59	4	990	89 10 0	86 1 11
Dunedin II. ...	2	32	27	31	239	184	23	49	16	14	2	415	59 8 4	37 8 11
Invercargill I. ...	3	25	20	18	292	184	...	...	...	32	2	410	48 19 10	36 17 2
Invercargill II. ...	2	19	17	18	219	175	30	20	12	51	...	200	25 0 0	22 19 6
Bluff ...	1	11	8	9	92	66	8	58	...	38	1	80	10 0 0	10 0 0
Waikouaiti ...	1	8	6	8	54	39	5	15	15	21	1	503	11 18 3	9 18 6
Edendale ...	4	11	9	9	77	53	1	3	...	...	4	...	5 19 5	5 10 9
Totals ...	17	156	128	141	1325	930	129	230	58	215	14	2598	250 15 10	208 16 9
Grand Totals	97	668	534	559	6170	4202	424	542	114	1162	71	12236	1583 7 7	1309 4 11

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

REPORT of the General Treasurers for the Year ending 31st December, 1912, with Revenue Account and Balance-sheet.

As directed by paragraphs 506-7-8 of the Book of Laws, the Board of Treasurers has the honour to present to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference the yearly Report for 1912. The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the year, which have been duly audited, are also submitted.

During the year eleven of the properties in possession have been sold. All these had been held for some years, and the prices obtained were satisfactory. The loss was provided for by the Reserve Account, and the amount appears therein. The Treasurers have carefully revised the list of properties still held, and the present credit of the Reserve Account is considered ample for any further likely loss.

A further remittance of £63 12s. 10d. has been received from the English Book Room on account of the Hymn Book. Some additional donations have also been made to the Special Benevolent Fund.

The year has been one of unusual activity in regard to loans, as will be seen from the fact that the Loans repaid have amounted to £36,710 13s., while the nett amount of Loans on Mortgages was nearly £28,000 more on 31st December last than the year previous. As every property offered as security, whether accepted or not, has been inspected, this has involved a good deal of labour outside the office, and numerous Meetings of the Board. The Treasurers are glad to report that the nett earnings of the Fund amount to £4 13s. 5d. per cent.

Eight Supernumeraries have died during the year. Seven of these left Widows, who are now annuitants. Three Widows also died. The nett amount of annuities lapsing through death was £545 13s. 4d.

Two Ministers died in full work, leaving Widows who are claimants on the Fund. The decease of five Ministers' wives was also reported. One widow has generously relinquished her Annuity on remarrying. Twenty Ministers became Supernumeraries in April last. Their average term of service was 35.9 years. Probably seven of them will only be temporarily on the Fund. Two Supernumeraries returned to the full work.

One hundred and six Supernumeraries and one hundred and forty-two widows were claimants on the Fund at the end of the year, as against ninety-eight Supernumeraries and one hundred and thirty Widows on 31st December, 1911.

The Fund was held liable under the State Land Tax in regard to the Properties in Possession. The Treasurers thought we were entitled to exemption, but after making the utmost efforts, failed to secure same. The sum of £52 7s. 3d. has therefore been paid as tax for the years 1910 and 1911.

For Annuities the sum of £15,429 1s. has been paid during the year, and £832 13s. 4d. for Furniture Grants. After meeting this liability, and providing for the current expenditure, the Treasurers have the satisfaction of stating that the sum of £20,433 16s. has been added to the Fund's assets, the total now being £460,959 5s. 5d.

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.—The following are the amounts received during the year from the Treasurers of the Annual Conferences:—

New South Wales Conference	..	£2060	11	8
Victoria and Tasmania	..	2037	14	8
South Australia	..	1015	11	4
*New Zealand	..	1279	7	1
Queensland	..	610	9	6
Western Australia	..	314	14	6
		£7318	8	9

*Included in this is an amount of £1131 1s. 1d. retained by New Zealand Conference Treasurers as arranged, and which is part of the debit balance of £7241 10s. 1d. shown in the balance-sheet.

For Circuit levies the receipts were as under:—

New South Wales Conference	..	£3074	5	3
Victoria and Tasmania	..	2691	0	1
South Australia	..	1412	12	6
*New Zealand	..	1386	12	11
Queensland	..	904	7	9
Western Australia	..	509	10	9
		£9978	9	3
Less Conference Treasurers' Expenses	..	58	19	6
		£9919	9	9

*In the amount from New Zealand is included the sum of £1085 15s. 5d. retained by New Zealand Conference Treasurers as arranged. This is part of the debit balance of £7241 10s. 1d. shown in the Balance-sheet.

Every effort has been made to secure the payment of overdue Circuit levies of Western Australia, but the amount owing is still £338 6s. 2d.

With great regret the Treasurers report the large sums owing by Ministers on account of arrears of Subscriptions, Fines, and Interest.

The details are as under:—

	ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.	FINES AND INTEREST.	TOTALS.
N.S. Wales Conference	£1363 18 11 ..	£396 16 8 ..	£1,760 15 7
Victoria & Tas. ,,	2456 2 1 ..	1009 5 6 ..	3,465 7 7
South Australia ,,	1118 7 0 ..	505 12 2 ..	1,623 19 2
New Zealand ,,	477 4 10 ..	101 1 3 ..	578 6 1
Queensland ,,	1189 6 9 ..	403 1 0 ..	1,592 7 9
West. Australia ,,	791 5 0 ..	251 8 6 ..	1,042 13 6
	£7396 4 7 ..	£2667 5 1	£10,063 9 8

These figures show an increase of liability in the New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, South Australia, Queensland, and Western Australia Conferences, while those of the New Zealand Conference have been reduced. The total is £650 in excess of last year. A very large number of Ministers pay their Subscriptions with unflinching regularity. But in nearly every Conference there are a few men who are very heavily indebted, and the situation for them is full of peril. In case of their decease their wives and children would be the sufferers. The Conference Treasurers have lists of those who are seriously behind, and steps should be taken to ensure a satisfactory arrangement being come to in each case, for the gradual discharge of these liabilities.

A sum of £5000 has been remitted to New Zealand as part of the amount which will be payable to the Super-numerary Fund to be established there in connection with the independent Conference, on behalf of the Ministers and Ministers' widows who have agreed to join the Dominion Fund. The subscriptions and levies received in New Zealand during the year have also been by arrangement retained by the Treasurers there.

The two Treasurers, who in the order of their appointment should retire from the Board at the General Conference in May next, are the Rev. Thos. Grove and Mr. Thos. Lockwood. Both of these gentlemen have a thorough acquaintance with the work of the Fund, and their experience and ready help are of great service. The Board therefore respectfully requests that, under the powers given in paragraph 489 of the Book of Laws, as amended at the General Conference of 1910, the Victoria and Tasmania Conference will recommend their re-election.

As directed by the General Conference, a valuation of the Fund as at 31st December, 1911, has been obtained from Mr. D. Carment, and is specially reported.

WILLIAM MORLEY	} General Treasurers.
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THOMAS GROVE	
THOMAS LOCKWOOD	
WILLIAM HUNT	
GEORGE SWEET	
JOSEPH NICHOLSON	
THOMAS BOND	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS'

DR.	REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR:		
To Ministers' Annuities ..	£9,521	3	7
„ Widows' Annuities ..	5,907	17	5
			£15,429 1 0
„ Furniture Grants ..			832 13 4
„ Ministers' Subscriptions returned ..			872 12 0
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Arrears written off ..			141 17 7
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Fines remitted ..			25 19 2
„ Auditors' Fees ..			69 6 0
„ Managing Treasurer—			
House Rent ..	£90	0	0
Furniture Allowance ..	10	0	0
Travelling Expenses ..	7	4	0
Connexional Levies ..	27	10	0
			134 14 0
„ Salaries—			
Managing Treasurer, Accountant, and			
Clerks ..			893 7 6
„ Rent—Office ..	£100	0	0
Less Sub-Rent ..	28	0	0
			72 0 0
„ Printing and Stationery ..			46 3 6
„ Exchange ..			49 7 2
„ General Expenses—			
Telephone ..	£9	8	7
Postages, &c. — N.S.W.			
Committee ..	11	8	8
W.A. Com-			
mittee ..	0	10	0
Rent—Safe Deposit ..	4	9	0
Postages and Telegrams ..	42	5	0
Land Tax, 1910-11 ..	52	7	3
Removal Expenses, General			
Conference ..	2	10	0
Sundries ..	25	12	1
			148 10 7
„ Inspections—Melbourne ..			11 1 3
„ Office Cleaning ..			14 10 10
„ Clerical Treas. Expenses ..			2 17 0
„ Conference ..			58 10 2
„ Commissions paid—N.S.W., W.A., and Q'land			230 0 8
„ Interest on Benevolent Fund ..			9 11 6
„ Sutherland Bequest ..			5 0 0
„ Depreciation Office Furniture ..			5 0 0
„ Managing Treas. Furniture ..			5 0 0
„ Legal Expenses ..			4 14 6
„ Actuarial Expenses ..			157 10 0
„ Balance to Capital ..			20,423 16 0
			£39,643 3 9

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

OF AUSTRALASIA.
AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1912.

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By English Annuitant and Mission Societies ..	£299	13	2
" Interest on Mortgages ..	£17,413	5	10
Less Interest in Suspense ..	173	10	0
	£17,239	15	10
" Interest on Debentures and Govt. Stock ..	2,222	19	6
" Interest on Arrears and Fines Ministers' Subscriptions ..	326	16	3
" Interest on Fixed Deposit, Union Bank ..	131	1	11
	19,920	13	6
" Dividend Commercial Bank Pref. Shares ..	54	0	0
" Nett Rents—Properties in Possession ..	938	17	8
" Sales of Properties in Possession, being amount received <i>re</i> Interest Written Off ..	397	8	7
" Ministers' Subscriptions ..	£7,610	18	0
" " Fines ..	117	7	5
	£7,728	5	5
" Amounts received by Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities in the Fund ..	345	8	11
	8,073	14	4
" Circuit Levies ..	9,863	12	2
" Commissions Received ..	16	0	6
" Marriage Fines ..	8	11	0
" New Hymn Book ..	63	12	10
" Donation ..	2	0	0
" Sutherland Bequest Interest ..	5	0	0

£39,643 3 9

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.C.P.A.
H. G. M'CUTCHEON, F.C.P.A. } AUDITORS.
25th January, 1913.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA.
 SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.
 BALANCE-SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1912.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
To Capital at 31st Dec., 1911 £440,535 9 5	By Investments—
Plus Revenue Account transferred .. 20,423 16 0	Loans on Mortgage £353,364 6 11
£460,959 5 5	„ Interest Arrears, &c. £1,343 1 1
„ Sundry Creditors 287 1 6	„ Interest Accrued 2,131 6 1
„ Special Benevolent Fund 227 1 4	3,474 7 2
„ Legacy <i>re</i> late Mrs. Eliza Plumb's Estate 100 0 0	£356,838 14 1
„ „ „ Sutherland Bequest .. 100 0 0	Less Interest in Suspense 899 10 10
„ Suspense <i>re</i> Foreclosed Property .. 492 13 7	£355,939 3 3
	Properties in Possession 22,547 7 5
	Preference Shares, Commercial Bank .. 1,800 0 0
	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures 35,464 19 8
	Victorian Government Stock and Debentures 14,630 4 8
	West Australian Government Debentures 4,000 0 0
	New Zealand Government and City of Wellington Debentures 7,600 5 0
	Interest on Debentures, &c., and Dividend Accrued 701 18 7
	£442,683 18 7
	Less Provision for Shrinkage in the Value of Securities and Losses of Interest as per Reserve Account .. 9,616 4 10
	£433,067 13 9
	„ Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines .. £11,074 6 0
	Less amounts Paid in Advance £147 19 8

	Less amounts to be paid by Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have pur- chased Annuities into the Fund ..	862 16 8	1,010 16 4	
				10,063 9 8
„	Circuit Levies .. ..	..	..	3,119 16 7
„	Furniture Grants .. ..	..	..	632 10 0
„	Second Marriage Premiums .. ..	..	..	44 14 0
„	Furniture—House .. ..	..	..	115 0 0
„	„ Office .. ..	..	..	65 0 0
„	Petty Cash, Stamps, &c. .. ..	..	..	12 3 7
„	Cash at Bankers and in hand, Melbourne .. ..	..	..	4,396 6 7
„	„ „ „ N.S.W. Committee of Advice .. ..	..	..	3,310 2 6
„	„ „ „ West Aust. „ „ .. ..	..	..	97 15 1
„	New Zealand Conference Treasurers, being amount re- mitted, and Subscriptions and Levies retained in view of separation .. ..	..	..	7,241 10 1
				<u>£462,166 1 10</u>

DR.		RESERVE ACCOUNT.	(PROVISION FOR LOSSES).	CR.
1912—31st Dec.—	To Loss on Sales, &c., of Properties	£2,627 1 2	1911—31st Dec.—By Balance	£12,241 0 10
	To Balance (see Amount deducted from Invest- ments in Balance-sheet)	9,616 4 10	1912—31st Dec.— „ Amount received Account Loss previously written off	2 5 2
		<u>£12,243 6 0</u>		<u>£12,243 6 0</u>
				<u>£12,243 6 0</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.

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

MELBOURNE, 25th January, 1913.

WM. A. MEWTON, F.C.P.A.
H. G. M'CUTCHEON, F.C.P.A. } AUDITORS.

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

**TRIENNIAL REPORT of the Board of Treasurers
to the General Conference of 1913, and to the
Annual Conferences Preceding.**

As per direction by paragraph 509 of Book of Laws, the Treasurers have the honour to submit the following Report of the triennium:—

1. The Annual Reports, Revenue Accounts, and Balance-sheets of the Fund for the years 1910, 1911, and 1912 have been duly presented to the Victoria and Tasmania Annual Conference as directed, and copies of the same have been forwarded to the other Annual Conferences, and bound up with their Minutes.

2. Special returns as directed by the General Conference of 1907 (see Resolutions 10 to 13, page 37), have been prepared from the Revenue Accounts, and those for 1910 and 1911 have been forwarded to the President of the General Conference and the Presidents of the Annual Conferences.

3. Two or three small donations have been made to the Fund, and the Treasurers have accepted £100 as the capital sum of the Sutherland bequest in Queensland. The legacy of Mrs. Plumb of New South Wales, is still held by the Treasurers, to be used as directed.

4. There have been only a few responses to the appeal for the Benevolent Fund, which was directed to be made. The amount now standing to its credit is £227 1s. 4d.

5. Further sums amounting to £1500 13s. 10d. have been received from the English Book Room on account of the new Hymn Book, making a total of £1828 3s. 10d. on that account.

6. Taking advantage of the buoyancy of the real estate market during the last two years, nearly one-half of the properties in possession as held in 1910 have been sold, prices realised being generally in excess of what could have been obtained in 1910. The losses incurred have been met in the Reserve Account, and the Board considers the amount still standing to the credit of that account is sufficient to meet any further likely losses. It will be noted that the State land tax of Victoria is now payable on account of the properties held. The Treasurers made every effort to secure exemption, but failed.

7. The special provision extended by the General Conference of Adelaide for remitting a portion of fines when heavy arrears of subscriptions of Ministers were being paid up expired on 31st March last. The Treasurers regret that few availed themselves of the terms offered, and the present amount due by a comparatively few Ministers is far too large.

8. As directed, the Treasurers obtained from the Actuary tables for the purchase of Second Wives' Annuities by additional payments in one sum or during the period of life and labour, but very few have taken advantage thereof.

9. The Treasurers are thankful to report that during the whole triennium, good securities have been obtained, and the average rate of interest has been over $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

10. After paying the annuities and other charges, the Treasurers have the pleasure of reporting that the assets of the Fund have been increased by over £60,000, the total now being £460,959 5s. 5d.

11. The number of Ministers and Probationers in active work at 31st December 1912, was 857. As all these are possible beneficiaries, it is clear that the responsibility of the Fund is rapidly growing. At the end of 1909 the number of annuitants on the Fund was 218. At 31st December the number was 106 Supernumeraries and 142 Widows—total, 248.

12. The Rev. Thos. Grove and Mr. Thos. Lockwood are the Treasurers due to retire this year. Both, however, render very excellent service, and in accordance with the rule as amended three years ago, the Board recommends their reappointment.

13. Messrs. W. A. Mewton, F.C.P.A., and H. G. M'Cutcheon, F.C.P.A., are recommended for reappointment as Auditors of the Fund until the next General Conference.

14. The Report of the Actuary and the Valuation of the Fund as at 31st December, 1911, are referred to in our Annual Report. The Treasurers consider the results disclosed to be very gratifying, and their recommendations thereon will be found following the Actuary's report.

WILLIAM MORLEY	} General Treasurers.
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The Methodist Church of Australasia
Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers'
Widows' Fund.

ACTUARY'S REPORT.

REPORT to the Board of Treasurers of the Methodist Church of Australasia regarding the position, &c., as at 31st December, 1911, of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund.

In conformity with the instructions conveyed to me by Dr. Morley, I now beg to supply the following Report as a result of my investigations into the position of the above Fund as at 31st December, 1911.

Before actually commencing the work of valuation, an investigation was made into the experience of permanent retirements during the years 1895-1912. The experience was found to be, on the whole, favourable, when compared with the retirements that would have taken place had the rate assumed in the valuation as at 31st December, 1905, actually prevailed. The figures showing this result are below:—

DURATION.	ACTUAL RETIREMENTS.	EXPECTED RETIREMENTS.
0—4	0	.2
5—9	1	1.4
10—14	1	2.0
15—19	5	2.9
20—24	9	6.4
25—29	11	18.2
30—34	18	32.4
35—39	36	38.2
40—44	36	44.5
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	117	146.2

This experience of a somewhat lighter rate of permanent retirement is a point in favour of the Fund, but the improvement here evidenced should be shown to exist during a much longer period than seventeen years before it could safely be given full effect to in a valuation. I have therefore considered it desirable to make use of the same tables as were constructed and employed on the occasion of the last valuation.

The rate of interest assumed in the valuation has been 4 per cent. I note with satisfaction that considerably over 4 per cent. on the mean funds has been earned during the past six years, but do not consider that a higher rate than 4 per cent. should be employed in valuing the liabilities of a Fund of this description. Some margin on the safe side is always necessary, while the recent general rise in interest rates is not likely to prove permanent. During the period under review the Fund has received in interest some £11,500 in excess of that required to show a 4 per cent. return on the capital, so that a considerable benefit has accrued to the members.

My instructions having been to the effect that New Zealand was forming a separate Conference, and that a division of the Fund was accordingly desired, it became necessary to make separate valuations of the two sections as at 31st December, 1911. A list was supplied to me showing the Ministers joining the New Zealand Conference, while cards and lists were supplied relating to all members. These enabled the necessary division to be made, and I now beg to advise that my estimate of the value of the liabilities is:—

For the Australian Section	£348,780.9
For the New Zealand Section	55,432.7
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Total liability	£404,213.6

As the funds at 31st December, 1911, were £440,535.5, a surplus of £36,321.9 is disclosed. This is after providing for the increase in second wives' annuities and furniture grants since the date of the last valuation. The increase in the furniture grants alone has added over £3800 to the total liabilities of the Fund. Full particulars of the detailed results of the valuation (showing number of Ministers involved, &c.) are given in the appended Schedules A and B. These Schedules are also useful as showing the capital cost of any increment in the benefits payable. Thus in the Australian Section the capital value of the prospective superannuation allowances to the Ministers now in active work is £246,714.3, hence an increase of 10 per cent. in this portion of the benefits will add £24,671.4 to the liabilities, and so for the other benefits granted by the Fund.

In the course of the investigation it was found that the average ages at entry of Ministers in the two Sections were:—

For Australia	25.3 years
For New Zealand	27.5 years

The average age in the Australian Section has increased but slightly since the last valuation, and it was therefore considered fitting to employ for that section the whole of the tables used in the last valuation. This saved a considerable amount of time, and facilitated the work. The average in the New Zealand Section being higher, it was

necessary to modify the tables to suit the altered conditions, which represent an increased liability per member in that Section.

It would appear that the average age at entry is likely to continue rising, since in the Australian Section the ages of entrants during the period 1901-1911 have averaged 26.4 years. Possibly candidates for the Ministry now undergo a longer course of study, so that the assumption of full ministerial responsibility takes place at a somewhat higher age than formerly.

Division of the Fund as at 31st December, 1911.

The value of the liabilities of the Australian and New Zealand Sections being £348,780.9 and £55,432.7 respectively, while the total funds were £440,535.5, a sum of £60,413 16s. (sixty thousand four hundred and thirteen pounds, sixteen shillings), as at 31st December, 1911, should, in my opinion, be paid to the New Zealand Conference on assuming responsibility for the benefits to members accepting the guarantee of the newly-constituted New Zealand Fund in lieu of that belonging to the whole Australian Church. This will leave £380,121 14s. remaining to the credit of the Australian Section of the Fund.

I now proceed to deal with the points on which my opinion was also sought, viz. :—

- (a) The possibility of an increase to the present annuities.
- (b) Any desirable or necessary adjustment in the scale under which annuities are paid.
- (c) The regulations regarding Second Wives' Annuities, and the question of whether any amounts can be safely added to the amounts purchased, and in what way.
- (d) Provision for orphan children.
- (e) Any other points in the working of the Fund which may be improved.

(a) As the Fund shows a considerable surplus, some increase in the annuities can now be given. To increase all current and prospective annuities (except those to second wives, which have already been increased) by 10 per cent., will add some £44,260 10s. and £6744 4s. to the liabilities of the Australian and New Zealand Sections respectively, showing consequent relative deficiencies of about £13,000 and £1760. Notwithstanding the deficiencies here shown, I recommend that this increase be granted, as a continuance of careful management in both sections will, in my opinion, result in the deficiencies being extinguished within a reasonable period, provided the Fund continues to earn the

present rate of interest (over $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent), and new entrants, whose ages do not exceed the average ages at entry shown above—viz., 25.3 in the Australian, and 27.5 in the New Zealand Sections—continue to be added annually. It may be considered inequitable that all Ministers and annuitants should benefit to the same extent, as the rate of subscriptions has been increased of late years. As against this, however, it may be pointed out that the surplus arising from excess interest is attributable mainly to the accumulations in respect of the older members, and therefore, in my opinion, substantial justice will be done to all sections of the membership if the uniform increase of 10 per cent. be granted as recommended.

(b) As it is desirable to still further watch over the progress of the Fund, I do not propose that any alteration should be made in the scale of benefits at the present juncture. The existing scale is not easy to handle in calculations, but adjustment may well be left over till it is seen whether a further increase in annuities is possible.

(c) Regulation No. 545 of the Methodist Church of Australasia (published in 1905) provides that "Each application for the purchase of an annuity for other than a first wife shall be dealt with by the Board of Treasurers on strictly actuarial principles. Should the Conference hereafter resolve to grant additions to the amount purchased, those who have purchased under this regulation shall not be precluded from the benefits so granted." From the first part of this regulation, it is evident that it was intended that the Fund should only be liable for annuities to first wives, and that all annuities for second and subsequent wives should be the subject of a special purchase. The second part, however, seems to contemplate that additions may be made to the annuities so purchased, although nothing is said as to the source out of which the cost of the additional benefit is to be provided.

The amendment appearing on page 66 of the Minutes of General Conference, 1910, allowing a Minister the option of purchasing an annuity for his second wife by means of an annual or single premium is certainly an improvement.

Out of the total membership of the Fund a little over 5 per cent. are married to other than a first wife, the amount of the Fund's liabilities in respect of 21 second wife annuities which have already been purchased by Ministers still in active work being:—

£3,409.0 for Australian Section

£227.5 for New Zealand Section.

The annuities so purchased average about £36 each, while from the above figures it will be easy to ascertain how much an increase of 5 per cent. or 10 per cent. would add to the liability. Beside these there are also 26 cases in which Ministers have remarried, but have not purchased annuities for their second wives. To provide a £10 annuity to each wife after the death of her husband would add

about £940 to the liabilities of the Australian Section, and about £343 to that of the New Zealand Section. If annuities averaging £36 were granted, the addition to the liabilities would be about

£3384 in the Australian Section
£1235 in the New Zealand Section.

(Full particulars of 21 cases only were available, but for the other five, in which the ages of the wives were not supplied, an estimate was made.) There may be other second, &c., marriages unreported, while the provision of an annuity to second, &c., wives, might induce more widowers to remarry, so that the estimate of additional liability may be insufficient. Under these circumstances, and seeing that any provision for granting additions to already existing annuity contracts, or for assisting the other Ministers to purchase annuities, must be a charge on the Fund's surplus, I do not feel justified in making any definite recommendation for an increase of these annuities unless the increase in current and prospective annuities proposed under heading (a) be somewhat lessened. Without, however, knowing how far the Board of Treasurers feel disposed to go, I cannot yet fix the amount of such reduction. Endeavour should be made to ascertain how many will benefit by any proposed alteration of the rules.

Whatever may be done regarding the existing Ministers, the Subscriptions and Circuit Levies now payable will be sufficient to allow, in respect of all future entrants, annuities according to Scale C [increased by 10 per cent., as noted under (a)], being granted to the widow of any marriage taking place during the Minister's active work. A deduction of 1 per cent. for each year that a *second* or *subsequent* wife is more than five years younger than her husband should, however, be made. Thus a second, &c., wife, of ten years younger than her husband would be entitled to the annuity per scale, less 5 per cent., and so on. If only this portion of my recommendations is found practicable, the trouble involved in arranging an adequate provision providing for second wives will gradually disappear.

(d) Provision for orphan children will add but little to the Fund's liabilities, and I would recommend that in the case of orphans the widow's annuity be continued till the youngest child reaches the age of 18.

(e) The only point to which I would refer under this heading is the rate of expense, which is equal to nearly 10 per cent. of the revenue from subscriptions and Circuit levies. A reserve has been made to provide against expenses in the future on the same basis; but it seems to me that some reduction should be possible, especially as the Fund has no heavy expenditure to meet in obtaining new members. The division of the Fund will tend to increase expenses, and careful attention should be paid to this point by the managers of both Sections, and especially in New Zealand, where the funds handled will be relatively small.

Unless expenditure be curtailed, the Australian Section of the Fund will show a higher rate than 10 per cent., and expenses will accordingly outrun the provision now made. This, however, is a matter which I must leave to the Board of Treasurers.

In concluding this Report, I would say that I have taken the assets to be of the full value stated in the Balance-sheet of the Fund as at 31st December, 1911, and have accordingly assumed that provision for depreciation has been duly made in the case of all doubtful securities.

It also gives me much pleasure to mark the great improvement in the Fund's position since the date of the last valuation. A continuance of careful and watchful management should result in still further improvement in the near future.

Respectfully submitted by

D. CARMENT, F.I.A., F.F.A.

87 Pitt-street, Sydney,
18th December, 1912.

Appendix A.

METHODIST FUND.

Valuation Summary at 31st December, 1911.

Australian Section, Interest 4 per cent.

Annuities at present payable.

Value of annuities in respect of:—

Permanent Supernumeraries (Widowers or unmarried), 19 ..	£2,011	3	4 p.a.	£11,670.1
Permanent Supernumeraries (husbands), 63	5,290	12	0 p.a.	37,444.0
Temporary Supernumeraries	nil			
Widows, 125	5,316	2	2 p.a.	53,026.8

Reversionary Annuities (payable to prospective widows).

Value of Reversionary Annuities in respect of:—

63 married Permanent Supernumeraries (£2,866 4s. 8d. or thereabouts)	13,362.5
19 remarried Ministers in active service (£644 4s. p.a.)	3,409.0
First wives of Ministers now in active service (comprising 533 husbands and 172 bachelors, or widowers), entitled in all to 672.8 full benefits	99,474.5

Men in Active Work.

Value of prospective superannuation allowances to 705 Ministers entitled to 672.8 full benefits	246,714.3
Value of annuities payable in event of temporary supernumeraryship	11,442.0
Value of Furniture Grants payable in event of death in full work or on becoming supernumerary	16,305.8
Value of Furniture Grants payable to four Widows on 1st April, 1912 (two-thirds full grants)	181.2
Reserve in respect of thirteen Ministers (transferred as a result of Methodist Union) who have purchased no benefits in the Fund, but have a certain interest therein	1,139.1
Reserve in respect of four other transferred Ministers whose interests are at present undefined	1,022.2
Reserve in respect of four Ministers "Without Pastoral Charge"	1,453.8
Reserve for future expenses—10 per cent. value of Subscriptions and Circuit Levies	16,371.3
	<u>£513,016.6</u>
Value of future contributions and Circuit Levies (£8 17s. and £11 10s. respectively p.a.), allowing for loss of same during temporary supernumeraryship	£163,713.3
Value of annuities from English Fund (£93 17s. 6d. p.a.)	522.4
	<u>£164,235.7</u>
Net liability (Australian Section)	£348,780.9

Appendix B.

METHODIST FUND.

Valuation Summary at 31st December, 1911.**New Zealand Section. Interest, 4 per cent.****Annuities at present payable.**

Value of annuities in respect of:—

Permanent Supernumeraries (Widowers or unmarried), 3	£284 13 8 p.a.	£1,048.7
Permanent supernumeraries (husbands), 8	823 11 4 p.a.	5,724.3
Temporary Supernumeraries, 4	288 1 0 p.a.	2,496.5
Widows, 12	444 6 4 p.a.	4,348.5

Reversionary Annuities (payable to prospective widows).

Value of Reversionary Annuities in respect of:—	
8 married Supernumeraries (Permanent), (£406 15s. p.a. or thereabouts)	1,888.0
2 remarried Ministers in active work £45 p.a.	227.5
4 temporary supernumeraries	974.5
First wives of Ministers now in active work (comprising 80 husbands and 28 bachelors or widowers), entitled in all to 116.2 full benefits	16,143.8

Men in Active Work.

Value of prospective superannuation allowances to 117 members entitled to 116.2 full benefits	41,317.6
Value of annuities payable in event of temporary supernumeraryship	1,953.0
Value of furniture grants payable in event of death in full work or on becoming supernumerary	3,047.0
Value of Furniture Grants payable to widows on 1st April, 1912	nil
Reserve in respect of two Ministers transferred as a result of Methodist Union, but whose interest in the Fund is at present undefined	306.6
Reserve for future expenses (equals 10 per cent. of value of subscriptions and Circuit levies)	2,614.1
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	£82,091.0
Value of future contributions and Circuit Levies (£8 17s. and £11 10s. p.a. respectively), allowing for loss of same during temporary supernumeraryship	£26,140.9
Value of annuities from English Fund (£120 os. 8d. p.a.)	517.4
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	£26,658.3
Net liability (New Zealand Section)	£55,432.7

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

**REPORT by the Board of Treasurers on the
Actuarial Valuation of the Fund.**

As directed by the General Conference of 1910, the Board arranged for an actuarial valuation of the Fund's Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December, 1911, by Mr. D. Carment, F.I.A., F.F.A., of the A.M.P. Society, Sydney. As General Conference had determined that New Zealand should be an independent Conference, the Actuary was requested not only to report on the Fund generally, but also to show the proportion of the funds, to which the Methodist Church of New Zealand would be entitled, on account of their Ministers and Widows who have signified their intention of joining the Fund which is to be established there.

The Treasurers have now pleasure in submitting the Report and the Valuation of the Australian and New Zealand Sections respectively to the Annual Conference for information, and to the General Conference. The Board desires to congratulate the Members of the Fund and the Church generally on the financial position disclosed. Not only have the special payments of arrears, the increases to Second Wives' Annuities, the additions to Furniture Grants, and other payments ordered by the General Conference of 1907 been provided for, but a very substantial surplus is shown. A large part of this is accounted for by the higher Interest rates prevailing. A considerable number of new entrants into the Ministry, for whom no claims have yet accrued, has also been an important factor, and nearly £3000 have been received from special sources. The greater care exercised in the making of Supernumeraries during the past ten years has also largely tended to the favourable result obtained.

The Board of Treasurers has given earnest and prolonged attention, both before and since receiving the valuation, to the questions specially remitted to them, for consideration and report, by the General Conference of 1910 (see Minutes, page 67, Resolution 22).

They have now the pleasure of making the following recommendations:—

1. **Increase of Annuities.**—That the Annuities to Ministers and Ministers' Widows (excluding Second Wives, whose annuities were increased by the General Conference of 1907) be increased by 10 per cent., such increase to date from 1st April, 1913.

2. **Adjustment of Scale.**—While the Board is conscious of some anomalies in the Scale, and is aware that it does not follow a regular curve, yet in view of the objects which the

General Conference has decided should be kept in view, it is recommended that no alteration be made therein.

3. **Second Wives' Annuities.**—The Board gave prolonged attention to this matter. All the cases of second marriages were reviewed, and it was found that all were not on the same footing. The several groups were also considered individually. The Board now recommends:—

- (a) That all new entrants on the Fund (say dating from 1912) be placed in a class by themselves, and that in their case second wives be placed on the same footing as the first in regard to Annuities from the Fund, except that a deduction of 1 per cent. from such Annuity be made yearly for each year of juniority on the part of the second wife beyond five years, provided, however, that the husband may purchase from the Fund an amount that will equal any such deduction, the cost of the privilege to be determined by the Actuary in each case. A Medical Certificate shall be required from the husband marrying a second time, as under the present rules.
- (b) The case of those Ministers who have remarried under the rules in operation prior to 1901, when only small payments were made on account of purchases, and to which considerable additions were made by the Fund itself, was met by the legislation of the General Conference of 1907.
- (c) A number of Ministers have remarried, but have made no provision for purchasing reversions through the Fund, either on the basis recommended by Mr. Graham or on the Life and Labour Tables prepared by Mr. Carment. The cost of placing these second wives in the position of first wives as regards annuity to be paid and the annual increment thereof is prohibitive, and would also be unfair to other members of the Fund. To meet these cases as far as possible it is recommended:—

- (1) That Ministers who have travelled not more than 30 years be allowed to purchase a Reversion of from £20 to £60 per annum, the cost being determined actuarially, and medical certificate being required for the husband. The payment for such reversion shall be made as under the present rule—viz., within two years from the marriage. On such purchase being made, the Fund will grant in each case, one-fourth of the purchase-money—that is, the applicant will only pay 75 per cent. of the cost. When such purchase has been completed, a second wife, who is not more than five years younger than her husband, shall, commencing with the next year, be en-

titled to the yearly increment as for a first wife. Provided also that in cases where the second wife is more than five years her husband's junior, 1 per cent. of the Reversion per annum be deducted for each excess year of juniority beyond the five.

- (2) That Ministers who have travelled over 30 years shall also be allowed to purchase a fixed Reversion of from £20 to £60 per annum (in the same way as Ministers of a less standing) on an actuarial basis, and with medical certificate furnished. In their case also one-fourth of the cost shall be contributed by the Fund, but the option of placing the second wife in a position similar to that of the first wife as to yearly increments will not be given to Ministers who have travelled over 30 years.
- (3) A Minister now in active service who has remarried, and whose wife is not in the Fund may purchase a Reversion on the foregoing conditions not later than the end of December, 1914.
- (d) Certain Ministers having purchased reversions for second wives absolutely, and it being provided that they shall not be debarred from participating in any amount subsequently granted by the Fund, it is recommended that in these cases the Reversion purchased shall be increased by one-third at the expense of the Fund.

Note.—The words "second wife" may also be read as "other than first wife."

4. That provision be made by the Fund for children of Ministers who have been deprived of both parents by death, by a payment of £10 per annum for each boy up to the age of sixteen, and each girl up to the age of eighteen, provided that the total of such payments shall not exceed in any year the amount of the Widow's Annuity had she survived her husband.

5. A proposal made by an Annual Conference three years ago that Ministers who are 60 years of age, and who have travelled 35 years, shall be allowed to become Super-numeraries without a medical certificate, has been again urged. The Board does not recommend it.

In view of the greatly improved condition of the Fund, and the surplus as disclosed by the Valuation, the Board expresses its gratification that it is able to make the above recommendations, and thinks they can be carried out with safety to the Fund.

For the Board of Treasurers.

WM. MORLEY, Managing Treasurer.

