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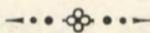
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NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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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,

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1917.

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The Fifth Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington, on Thursday, February 22nd, 1917, and concluded its session on Monday, March 5th, 1917.

The session was opened by the Rev. Albert C. Lawry, President.

The Rev. William A. Sinclair was elected President of the Conference, Mr. John Veale, Vice-President, and the Rev. Edward Drake, Secretary.

QUESTION 1.—Who are the Members of this Conference?

1.—MINISTERS IN FULL CONNEXION WITH THE CONFERENCE.

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George Frost	Archer O. Harris
Harold E. Bellhouse	Charles H. Olds, B.A.
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W. Arthur Hay	
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Valmont Triggs

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Robert B. Gosnell
 Percy Battey
 Harold T. Peat
 Charles A. Foston
 Samuel J. Werren
 J. A. Lester Minifie
 Charles H. Kendon

Native Ministers—

Te Tuhi Heretini
 Robert T. P. Haddon
 Eruera Te Tuhi

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	A. H. Sheat*

*Those marked with an asterisk did not attend the Conference.

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

Robert B. Gosnell
Who has travelled five years.
Percy Battey
Harold T. Peat
Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers Remain on Probation?

1. Charles A. Foston
Joseph R. Sullivan
Samuel J. Werren
Who have travelled three years.
2. A. J. Lester Minifie
William G. Slade, M.A.
Who have travelled two years.
3. George E. Brown
Robert E. Fordyce
William H. Hocking
Charles H. Kendon
Ernest E. Sage
Who have travelled one year.

The following probationers are engaged in Military duties:—Fredrick B. Lawrence, William A. Watson, Arthur A. Bensley, Oswald Burnett, Francis T. Harris, Robert B. Speirs, Joseph R. Sullivan, Percy I. Cooke, Aldwyn R. Gordon, M.A., Henry H. Marshall, Henry J. Odell, E. R. Warburton and George E. Brown.

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

John Dennis
Frederick J. Parker
Alfred M. Costain
Tom Dent
John R. Nelson

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

1. Ernest B. Chambers
George W. Jackson
Who have completed one year,
2. The names of S. J. Mogridge, E. T. Olds, W. S. Smith and W. T. Blight remain on the President's List of Reserve.

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

None.

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

None.

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

1. Rakena Piripi
Who has travelled three years.
2. Paraire R. Paikea
Who has travelled two years.

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.—What Ministers or Probationers have Died since the last Conference?

1. William Gittos
Francis W. Isitt
Joseph Sharp
William Slade
2. George B. Sheridan (President's List of Reserve)

Also—

3. William L. Blamires (A Supernumerary Minister of the Victoria and Tasmania Conference resident in New Zealand)

WILLIAM GITTOS.—In 1850, at the age of twenty-one years, Wm. Gittos commenced in the Kaipara one of the longest and most remarkable careers among the Missionaries of the South Pacific. A master of the native mind, and language and customs, he, by his disinterested zeal for the welfare of the people, became the most potent force for righteousness in the Northern Territory. At a time when the Natives were constantly armed for inter-tribal wars, and when suspicion and hostility marked the mutual attitude of Pakeha and Maori, he prevented bloodshed and strengthened the foundations of abiding peace.

As a preacher he was intensely loyal to the fundamentals of evangelical Christianity, and in his zealous regard for the purity of the Faith, was perturbed by modern criticism; but he was catholic in thought and sympathy, and won a welcome in the homes of men of diverse creeds, and of no creed. Throughout the whole of his ministry he determined to know nothing but Christ and Him crucified, and was privileged to see some remarkable outpouring of the Divine Spirit as he

preached the Word. After spending thirty-five years in the Kaipara, and several years in the Waikato and King Country, he finally made his home in the Auckland City, and was appointed General Superintendent of Maori Missions in the Auckland Province; a position he held until the year 1913, when increasing infirmities compelled his retirement. At the age of eighty-six, with a faith undimmed, and the natural force of his strong mind unabated, he fell asleep in Jesus.

FRANK WHITMORE ISITT.—As a social reformer the Rev. F. W. Isitt holds a place second to none in the history of this Dominion. He came as a young Minister to New Zealand from Richmond Theological College, England, in 1870, and was stationed at Balclutha, where his observations on the baleful effects of the Liquor Traffic converted him from the advocacy of "moderate drinking" to an ardent advocacy of total abstinence. After years of strenuous labour he became convinced that moral suasion must be accompanied by State assistance in this reform, and ultimately resolved that the only effective method was "total abstinence for the individual and prohibition by the will of the people." He, with his brother (Leonard M. Isitt, M.P.), became, some thirty years ago, recognised not only in the Methodist Church, but in all the Churches and Societies, as the leaders of the Temperance Movement; assisting the Government in its tentative legislation, and inspiring the people by fearless and impassioned utterances in pulpit and on platform throughout the country. But Mr. Isitt was more than a Temperance reformer. His wide sympathies and liberal thought made him a minister of righteousness in every department of social life. Not robust in health, he retired more than once from the active work of the Methodist Ministry, but returned to his loved vocation as soon as his strength permitted. His abundant labours, however, hastened his end, and on November 11th, 1916, he passed to his reward.

JOSEPH SHARP entered the Ministry of the Primitive Methodist Church in England in 1871, and two years later came to New Zealand, where for over forty years he continuously laboured as a successful Circuit Minister. As an earnest preacher of the Gospel, and a diligent and systematic pastor, he enjoyed throughout all these years the appreciation of the people and the confidence of his brethren, who twice elected him to the Presidential Chair, and several times to the office of Conference Secretary. His cheery optimism, genial brotherliness and sanctified humour, made him a welcome fellow-labourer everywhere. It was his expressed desire to labour for the Church to the very day of his death. Like Wesley he loved to sing—

"My body with my charge lay down,
And cease at once to work and live."

His desire was granted; and on the morning of August 15th, 1916, at the age of sixty-eight, he suddenly changed mortality for life.

WILLIAM SLADE came to New Zealand in 1878, and immediately offered himself as a candidate for the Ministry. After a term at Three King's Theological College, and a brief appointment in Circuit work, he heard the call from Fiji, and

in that Mission Field found ample scope for his indomitable energy and executive ability. For sixteen years he laboured in the Islands with marked success, and developed the scope of the Mission. Returning to New Zealand in 1902, he entered Circuit work, to which he brought the same enterprising zeal as had characterised him on the Mission Field. The Conference showed its appreciation by electing him to the Presidential Chair in 1907, and also in appointing him to the charge of the Central Mission in Dunedin, where he initiated a movement to build a home worthy of the Mission; and by his strong will and executive genius, carried the movement against many obstructions to a triumphant consummation in the erection of the Central Mission Hall in the Octagon, Dunedin. But the strain proved too much for him; his health gave way, and in the early part of last year William Slade, the virile Christian and able Minister of the New Testament laid down his life.

GEORGE B. SHERIDAN.—Lieutenant George B. Sheridan lost his life on September 15th during the Battle of the Somme. Throughout his college term he was a most diligent student, both in University classes and Theological course; as a preacher he ranked above the average, and for his gifts and grace was heartily welcomed in the Auckland and Suburban Circuits. Though he hesitated a considerable time before enlisting, being unable to decide whether the higher duty was to stay and fulfil his obligation to the Church, or to go and fight for his country in her hour of peril, when he once had made up his mind he threw himself without reserve into his military duties and quickly gained a commission. He was held in esteem by his fellow-officers and by his men, before whom he made no secret of his Christian profession and vocation, and amongst whom he was frequently asked to act as spiritual adviser. We deeply mourn his loss, but feel honoured in the memory of his useful life and patriotic death.

QUESTION XII.—What Ministers Continue to be Supernumeraries?

1. John Dumbell
- William Cannell
- John Smith
- William Lee
- John S. Rishworth
- Robert Taylor
- William C. Oliver
- Henry Bull
- David McNicoll
- Joseph S. Smalley
- William H. Beck
- Charles E. Ward
- William J. Williams
- George Bond
- Thomas G. Carr
- Henry R. Dewsbury
- Charles H. Standage
- John Nixon
- James Thomas
- John D. Jory
- Samuel J. Garlick

Cornelius Griffin
 Peter W. Jones
 Thomas Fee
 George W. J. Spence
 Joseph J. Mather
 Hamiora Kingi (Native Supernumerary)
 2. Joseph Blight (for another year)
 George T. Marshall (for another year)

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers now Become Supernumeraries?

Thomas W. Newbold (permanently)
 James Clover

JAMES CLOVER.—On the ground of advancing years and impaired health, the Rev. James Clover becomes a supernumerary after a ministry of forty-three years. Throughout his long and honourable career he has rendered splendid service to the cause of Christ and Methodism in this Dominion. His ministry, until the union of the Methodist Churches, was exercised in the Primitive Methodist Church, of which he was at one time its esteemed President. He possessed the Missionary spirit, and did noble pioneer work in Taranaki. His pulpit ministrations have ever been earnest and practical, resulting in the edification of believers and the salvation of many. In all things his ministry has been characterised by thoroughness and unselfish devotion, and by his practical pastoral work and his friendliness and courtesy towards his official brethren, he has won a host of friends, who wish for him and Mrs. Clover many happy years in life's eventide.

THOMAS W. NEWBOLD.—It is with keenest regret that the Conference, on medical grounds, is compelled to admit Thomas W. Newbold to permanent superannuation, after five annual appointments as a supernumerary. Brother Newbold was received on probation in 1890, his ministry being of a high order, and giving much promise for the future. In 1893 throat trouble caused an interruption to his ministry for four years. Resuming in 1897, Brother Newbold was subsequently ordained, and rendered valuable service in important Circuits, including one year in charge of the Dunedin Central Mission. Earnest and evangelical in spirit, poetical in thought, and fluent in speech, of a brotherly and sympathetic disposition, Brother Newbold gained the love and esteem of a large circle. We deeply regret his early retirement, and pray he may be spared for many happy and useful years.

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

T. Francis Jones

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

None.

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

1. Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., who has permission to act as Registrar of the Auckland University College.
2. James Wilson

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

Joseph B. Suckling
Matthew J. Evans

QUESTION XVIII.—What Ministers or Probationers is it agreed to Transfer to or Receive from any other Conference?

1. Joseph B. Suckling and Matthew J. Evans to the New South Wales Conference.
2. Fred Copeland and Walter J. Enticott, from the New South Wales Conference.
3. Fred Greenwood, from the Queensland Conference.

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

The Districts were called one by one.

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

Richard Wilson, who has voluntarily retired from our work.

QUESTION XXI.—What are the Arrangements for the Annual Examination of Probationers, Students and Candidates for the Ministry and Home Missionaries?**I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.**

Secretary and Convener	Rev. H. E. Bellhouse
Principal, Theological College	... Rev. C. H. Garland
Honorary Members	... Revs. J. H. Simmonds, J. J. Lewis, W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry and G. T. Marshall and T. G. Brooke.

(A) Examiners for Probationers.

Hebrew (1st and 2nd years) and Elementary Hebrew	... Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D.
Hebrew (3rd and 4th years)	... Rev. H. Ranston, M.A.
Greek (1st and 2nd years)	... Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.
Greek (3rd and 4th years)	... Rev. J. H. Haslam
Elementary Greek	... Rev. W. Laycock
Latin	... Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
English Bible (Old Testament) 1st and 2nd years	... Rev. T. J. Wallis
English Bible (Old Testament) 3rd and 4th years	... Rev. J. Wrigley

English Bible (New Testament) 1st and 2nd years	...	...	...	...	Rev. W. J. Elliott
English Bible (New Testament) 3rd and 4th years	...	...	...	...	Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.
Beet's Manual of Theology	...	...	...	...	Rev. J. A. Lochore
Wesley's Sermons	...	...	...	...	Rev. G. Frost
Church History (1st and 2nd years)	...	...	...	...	Rev. T. A. Pybus
Church History (3rd and 4th years)	...	...	...	...	Rev. F. W. Boys
The Book of Laws	...	...	...	...	Rev. T. W. Vealie
The Person of Christ (Mackintosh)	...	...	...	...	Rev. T. A. Joughin
Psychology (James)	...	...	...	...	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
An Outline of Theology (Clarke)	...	...	...	...	Rev. J. Guy
The Church and the Ministry (Lindsay)	...	...	...	...	Rev. W. A. Sinclair
Ethics (Dewey and Tuft)	...	...	...	...	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett)	...	...	...	...	Rev. W. A. Hay
Jesus Christ and the Social Question (Peabody)	...	...	...	...	Rev. J. Cocker
Hinduism (Haigh) and Mohammedanism (Margoliouth)	...	...	...	...	Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.

(B) Examiners for Students.

Theology	...	...	...	...	Rev. E. Drake
Exegesis	...	...	...	...	Rev. A. C. Lawry
English	...	...	...	...	Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
Latin	...	...	...	...	Rev. C. B. Jordan, B.A.
Greek	...	...	...	...	Rev. H. Ranston, M.A.
Hebrew	...	...	...	...	Rev. H. Ranston, M.A.
Mathematics	...	...	...	...	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
History	...	...	...	...	Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
Geography	...	...	...	...	Rev. E. P. Blamires

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Section A	...	...	...	...	Rev. A. Ashcroft
Section B	...	...	...	...	Rev. C. B. Jordan, B.A.
Section C	...	...	...	...	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.

(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English	...	...	...	...	Rev. P. J. Cossum
Theology	...	...	...	...	Rev. W. S. Potter
Bible Knowledge	...	...	...	...	Rev. E. P. Blamires
Church History	...	...	...	...	Rev. E. D. Patches
Homiletics	...	...	...	...	Rev. C. C. Harrison

(E) Examiners for Maoris.

Bible, Old and New Testaments	} Rev. B. F. Rothwell
Wesley's Sermon	...	...	...
Clapperton's Manual	...	...	...
Theology	...	...	...
Church History (Cowan)	...	...	...
Social Teaching (Keeble)	...	...	...
Tongue of Fire (Arthur)	...	...	...
Wesley and His Century (Fitchett)	

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 on the Probationers', Students', Candidates', and Home Missionaries' examinations; to assess the Probationers' book lists and the Candidates' written sermons; to receive all communications from Probationers and Home Missionaries with regard to their examinations; to receive all papers from examiners, arrange for their typing and forwarding to the Chairmen of Districts, who shall return the papers with the examinees' answers thereon to the individual examiners; and to prepare a general report on the examinations for the Examination Committee. (c) To act as Convener of the Examination Committee, keep a record of its proceedings, and present its findings to the Conference. (d) To act generally as executive officer of the Board of Examiners during the year, with the members of the Board located in the same town as a consultative committee.
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 inquiry upon which they may be engaged.
7. The Ministers of the Dunedin Circuits shall be the Committee to make arrangements for the hearing of Candidates' trial sermons.

III.—EXAMINATIONS.

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 the Secretary of the Board of Examiners not later than June 30, stating the subjects in which they are preparing to be examined. The Secretary 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 31.
5. Where a Probationer fails from any cause to take a subject which he has notified the Secretary of the Board it was his intention to take, the Chairman of the District shall, as soon as possible, notify the Secretary of the fact.
6. The Examinations of Probationers, Students on the President's List of Reserve, Candidates, and Home Missionaries shall be held in the second week of December.*
7. The subjects for examination shall be taken in the order in which they appear in the Minutes of Conference.
8. Examiners shall send to the Secretary of the Board, in closed envelopes, copies of Probationers' and Candidates' Examination Papers, as notified, not later than November 10. [See under Examination Committee, 5 (b)].
9. 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 the District, the Supervisors to be, if possible, Ministers of our own Church, who shall certify that the papers have been duly supervised and transmit the answers to questions to the Chairman of the District, who shall forward them to the individual Examiners.
10. Each Examiner shall, not later than January 15, send a written report on the several papers examined by him 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.

*The Examination this year shall commence on Tuesday, Dec. 11th.

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Genesis, Chapters i.-iv.
2. New Testament (Greek): St John, Chapters i-iv, Cambridge Greek Text, and Green's Handbook to the Grammar of the Greek Testament (Revised).
3. Old Testament (English): Genesis, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English) Matthew and Mark, with Century Bible.
5. Beet's Manual, pp. 1-228.
6. Wesley's Sermons, Nos. 1-20, 40, 43-45.
7. Fisher's Church History, pp. 1-143.
8. The Book of Laws—Sections relating to Church Members, Circuit Officials, Local Courts, Ministers, District Courts and the Conference.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Psalms xl.-xlix.
2. New Testament (Greek): St Mark, Chapters xi-xvi; Cambridge Greek Text, and Green's Grammar.
3. Old Testament (English): Job, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Luke and John, with Century Bible.
5. Beet's Manual, pp. 231-437.
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 144-286.
7. Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," 1st half.
3. James' "Text Book of Psychology."

THIRD YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Nahum and Habakkuk.
2. New Testament (Greek): Romans vii.-xi., with Sanday and Headlam's Commentary.
3. Old Testament (English): Isaiah, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Romans and Ephesians, with Century Bible.
5. Clarke's "Outline of Theology."
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 237-483.
7. Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," 2nd half.
8. Lindsay's "The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries."
9. Dewey and Tuft's "Ethics," Part I.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Song of Songs.
2. New Testament (Greek): I. and II. Thessalonians, with Cambridge Greek Text.
3. Old Testament (English): Minor Prophets, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Hebrews and Revelation, with Century Bible.
5. Lidgett's "The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement."
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 484-664.
7. Dewey and Tuft's "Ethics," Parts II. and III.
8. Peabody's "Jesus Christ and the Social Question."

9. Haigh's "Leading Ideas of Hinduism," and Margoliouth's "Mohammedanism."

N.B.—Probationers taking Hebrew are recommended to consult the following commentaries:—For the 1st and 2nd years, International Critical Commentary; for 3rd and 4th years, Century Bible.

REGULATIONS.

1. The minimum number of marks required for a pass in any subject shall be 50 per cent.
2. 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.
3. 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. Probationers who sit for English subjects only must take and pass in Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6. Probationers sitting for Hebrew and Greek must take and pass in Nos. 5 and 6 in addition. Probationers sitting for Greek, and not Hebrew, must take and pass in Old Testament English and Nos. 5 and 6. Probationers sitting for neither Greek nor Hebrew must take and pass in Old Testament English and New Testament English.
4. 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.
5. 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 75); Section B to deal with Exegesis and General knowledge of the book (maximum marks 25). Those who have not passed through the College shall take, in their first year, Smith's *Initia Græca*, pp. 1 to 59; in their second year, p. 59 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 subjects required to be taken.
6. Probationers who have not been in the College are urged to study Hebrew, for which purpose a special curriculum has been provided as follows:—First year. Green's Handbook, pp. 1 to 91; second year. Green's Handbook, pp. 91 to 146.
7. When a Probationer desires to secure exemption from some of his subjects of examination in order to take University work, such exemption shall not be granted in the 4th year, nor for more than two years altogether. Exemptions shall be made by the Board of Examiners, through its Secretary.
8. 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, work done, and success gained shall be obtained by them from their tutors or some University authority, and sent on by them to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

9. 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 and to pass in No. 5 only.

LATIN.

In addition to the subjects required as above, there shall be a course in Latin, special credit to be given to those Probationers who gain above 70 per cent. of marks in this subject. This subject, it is to be noted, is an additional one, and must not be taken in place of one of the subjects set in the Course of Study. The books set for 1916 are as follows:—

- First year: Caesar, *De Bello Gallico*, Book V.
 Second year: Virgil, *Æneid*, Book II.
 Third year: Cicero, *De Amicitia*.
 Fourth year: Horace, *Odes*, Book I.

V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR MAORI PROBATIONERS.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Bible—Genesis and Mark; T. and T. Clark's "Handbooks for Bible Students."
2. Eldridge's *Theology* (first half).
3. Wesley's *Sermons*, 1 to 11 (inclusive).
4. Cowan's "Landmarks of Church History."

SECOND YEAR.

1. Bible—i. and ii. Kings and St. John's Gospel; "Handbooks for Bible Students."
2. Eldridge's *Theology* (second half).
3. Wesley's *Sermons*—12-20, 40, 43-45.
4. Arthur's "Tongue of Fire."

THIRD YEAR.

1. Bible—Psalms and Acts; "Handbooks for Bible Students."
2. Gregory's "Theological Student" (first half).
3. Edwards' "Primer of Homiletics."
4. Fitchett's "Wesley and His Century."

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Bible—Isaiah and Romans; "Handbooks for Bible Students."
2. Gregory's "Theological Student" (second half).
3. Clapperton's "Local Preacher's Manual."
4. Keeble's "Social Teaching of the Bible."

VI. COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS.

The course of study in the Theological College shall 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. Haslett's "Pedagogical Bible School" shall be one of the text-books used in Subject 4.

MEMORANDA.

The attention of the Board of Studies is called to the resolutions re Missionary Training of Theological Students adopted by the Board of Missions and appearing in Minutes of Conference, 1914, p. 97, and to the advisability of keeping the students in touch with the Foreign Mission enterprise of the Church.

That in the arrangement of the curriculum the Board of Studies be instructed to give greater prominence to elocution, and to arrange that at the end of the second term a test of the Students be held in the reading of Holy Scripture, and of hymns, and in the recital of extracts from some of the great English writers.

REGULATIONS.

1. The Principal of the College shall act as tutor in the following subjects:—Theology, Exegesis, Homiletics, Elocution and Greek Testament.
2. The Board of Studies, consisting of the Chairman of the District, the Principal of the College, and three other Ministers appointed annually by the Board of Examiners, shall meet as soon as possible after the opening of the College and arrange the course of studies for the year. (For 1917, the Board of Studies consists of the Principal, the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., H. E. Bellhouse, H. Ranston, M.A., E. T. Cox, M.A., and W. A. Burley, M.A.)
3. Only those students who can satisfy the Board of Studies that there is a reasonable hope of their passing the Matriculation examination at the end of the first year, or, at the latest, the second year, shall take the course.
4. All students who take terms at the University shall sit for the term examinations.
5. No undergraduate shall be excused from taking any portion of the theological course of the College, viz., Greek Testament, Theology, Exegesis and Homiletics.
6. Students shall be permitted, subject to the approval of the Committee of Discipline, to substitute Maori for one of the other subjects of study.
7. The Principal shall furnish the Secretary of the Board of Examiners with the complete results of the Students' Examinations, including Examiners' reports and marks gained, as soon as possible after the holding of such Examinations.

VII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS ON PRESIDENT'S LIST OF RESERVE.

1. 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.
2. The Students on the President's List of Reserve shall be subject to the regulations governing the preaching of Trial Sermons and presenting Book Lists in the cases of Probationers and Candidates. (See under separate headings.)

VIII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

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—Longman's Latin Course, Part I.
3. Greek—Smith's *Initia Græca*, to the Auxiliary Verb, page 59.
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 Workman).

2. Geometry—Lines, Angles, Rectilineal Figures and Area of Rectilineal Figures. (Geometry, Parts I. and II. Baker and Bourne.)
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 and C.
2. Examination Papers shall be set as follows:—
 - (a) General Bible Knowledge and Church History.
 - (b) Systematic Theology.
 - (c) English Grammar and Composition.
 - (d) Latin.
 - (e) Greek.
 - (f) Hebrew.
 - (g) Geography, History and Science.
 - (h) Arithmetic.
 - (i) Geometry.
 - (j) 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 69 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. The Hebrew text-book shall be Sibag's Hebrew Primer and Reading Book, pp. 1-42.
7. Immediately after the September Quarterly Meetings, each Superintendent shall report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners the names and scholastic status of all Candidates recommended in his Circuit.
8. 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 draw the attention of all intending Candidates in his Circuit to the fact that they are required to apply to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners at the earliest possible moment for information and guidance respecting the Course of Study for Candidates. 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 intending 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.

IX.—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.

X.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.**FIRST YEAR.**

English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar (pp. 1 to 80.)

Theology—Second Catechism.

Bible Knowledge—Dods' Genesis (Bible Class Handbooks), Chapter 12: to end.

SECOND YEAR.

English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar (p. 81 to end).

Church History—Cowan's Landmarks of Church History.

Theology—Gregory's Theological Student (pp. 1 to 159).

Bible Knowledge—Anderson's Gospel according to St Matthew. (Clark's Bible Class Handbooks).

THIRD YEAR.

English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar (whole book).

Theology—Gregory's Theological Student (pp. 160 to end).

Homiletics—Clapperton's Manual for Local Preachers.

Bible Knowledge—Ross's Teaching of Jesus. (Clark's Bible Class Handbooks).

REGULATIONS.

1. That the above Syllabus be compulsory on all entering the Home Mission work, and on all employed as Home Missionaries of less than five years' standing and under forty-five years of age, except in special cases, when a dispensation has been granted by the President, in consultation with the Chairman of the District. Every such case shall be reported to the next meeting of the Examination Committee.
2. That a list of those passing in each year be recorded in the Minutes, honours being awarded to those gaining an average of 75 per cent.

N.B.—For Regulations regarding Trial Sermons and Book Lists: see under other headings.

RESULTS OF HOME MISSIONARIES' EXAMINATIONS, 1916.

W. B. Cuming passed 3rd year's with honours.

J. H. Combes passed 1st year's with honours

T. Skuse passed 1st year's with honours.

(Home Missionaries who have taken the full course and completed four years in the work are entitled to a seat in the Annual Synod)

XI.—TRIAL SERMONS.

1. 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 following directions:—(a) The text and main divisions of the sermon; (b) The judgment of its appointed hearers as to its character in respect of grammar and literary style, soundness of composition, correctness of exegesis, skill in illustration, logical arrangement, evangelical and spiritual purpose, force and earnestness, effect on the congregation, and as to the gifts of the Candidate in respect of voice, manner, and general appearance. (c) The marks to be awarded for the sermon and service conjointly.
2. The Chairman of each District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board a signed official report of the Trial Sermon of each Probationer, Student, or Candidate examined in his District.
3. Each of the Students in the Theological College shall preach a Trial Sermon before one of the Ministers of the Auckland or Onehunga Circuits, prior to the holding of the Auckland District Synod; and a written report of each Sermon shall be presented to the Ministerial Committee of the Auckland District. The Principal is to notify the Students respecting time and place for these Trial Sermons.
4. The Students on the President's List of Reserve shall preach Trial Sermons before sub-committees of the Ministerial Committees of the Districts with which they are connected, for report to the Conference as in the cases of Probationers, Students and Candidates.
5. The District Ministerial Committees shall appoint sub-Committees to report on written Sermons.
6. 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.

XII.—BOOK LISTS.

1. 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. The Chairman or a Minister of the District whom he shall appoint shall conduct an oral examination thereon in the District Ministerial Committee.
2. The Students on the President's List of Reserve shall present book lists to the Ministerial Committees with which they are connected, the Committees reporting to the Conference as in the cases of Probationers, Students and Candidates.

3. Candidates for the Ministry are required to submit through the District Ministerial Committee a Book List covering their reading during the twelve months preceding the Synod.
4. Home Missionaries pursuing the three years' course, prescribed for all of less than five years' standing and under forty-five years of age, are required to present Book Lists to their District Ministerial Committee.
5. The Chairman of the District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners all Book Lists submitted to the District Ministerial Committee.
6. The Secretary of the Board shall assess and mark all Book Lists, using the numerals 1 to 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.
7. The District Ministerial Committee shall appoint a sub-committee to report on all Book Lists.
8. The Chairman of each District, or a Minister appointed by him, shall, at the beginning of the year confer with each Probationer in his District as to the course of reading he proposes to pursue during the year, and shall tender him suitable counsel concerning the same.

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. Probationers are especially urged to read the works marked with an asterisk in the various sections.

I. THEOLOGY:

(A) Biblical—

- Moulton's History of the English Bible.
- Westcott's Bible in the Church.
- Ryle's Canon of the Old Testament.
- Westcott's Canon of the New Testament.
- Peake's Critical Introduction to the New Testament.
- *Peake's The Bible: Its Origin, Nature, and Significance.
- Bennett and Adeney's Biblical Introduction.
- Marcus Dods' The Bible: Its Origin and Nature.
- Davidson's Old Testament Prophecy.
- *Davidson's Old Testament Theology.
- *Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.
- Davidson's Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.
- Orr's Problem of the Old Testament.
- Findlay's Books of the Prophets.
- Smith's Book of the Twelve Prophets.
- *Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.
- Ramsay's Church in the Roman Empire.
- Ramsay's St Paul, Traveller and Citizen.
- *Ramsay's Teaching of S. Paul in Terms of the Present Day
- Deissmann's Light from the Ancient East.
- Deissmann's St Paul.
- Shaw's Pauline Epistles.
- Hogg's Christ's Message of the Kingdom.

Wade's Old Testament History.
 Clarke's Sixty Years with the Bible.
 *Paterson's Rule of Faith.
 Warschauer's What Is the Bible?

(b) Philosophical and Apologetic—

- *Fairbairn's Philosophy of the Christian Religion
- Rashdall's Philosophy and Religion
- Illingworth's Reason and Revelation.
- Illingworth's Personality, Human and Divine.
- Illingworth's Divine Immanence.
- Illingworth's Doctrine of the Trinity.
- *Caird's Fundamental Ideas of Christianity.
- Clifford's Ultimate Problems of Christianity
- Orr's Christian View of God and the World.
- Bowne's Studies in Theism.
- Bowne's The Immanence of God.
- Lidgett's Fatherhood of God.
- Denney's Death of Christ.
- Denney's Atonement and the Modern Mind.
- Denney's Jesus and the Gospel.
- Denney's Studies in Theology.
- Warschauer's Problems of Immanence.
- *Salmond's Christian Doctrine of Immortality.
- Fitchett's Unrealised Logic of Religion.
- Fitchett's Beliefs of Unbelief.
- *Ballard's Miracles of Unbelief.
- Ballard's Haeckel's Monism False.
- Ballard's The True God.
- Romanes' Thoughts on Religion.
- Iverach's Christianity and Evolution.
- Walker's Christian Theism.
- *Griffith-Jones' The Ascent Through Christ.
- Schmid's The Scientific Creed of a Theologian.
- Tabrum's Religious Beliefs of Scientists.
- *Inge's Christian Mysticism.
- Inge's Faith and its Psychology.
- *Peabody's Jesus Christ and the Social Question.
- Peabody's Jesus Christ and the Christian Character.
- Simpson's Spiritual Interpretation of Nature.
- Liddon's Divinity of Our Lord.

(c) Pastoral—

- *Wesley's Address to the Clergy.
- *Arthur's Tongue of Fire.
- Dale's Lectures on Preaching.
- Stalker's Preacher and His Models.
- Beecher's Lectures.
- Phillips Brooks' Lectures on Preaching.
- *Jowett's The Preacher: His Life and Work.
- Gladden's Christian Pastor.
- Dykes' The Christian Minister.
- Garvie's Guide to Preachers.
- Henson's Liberty of Prophesying.
- Storr's Preaching Without Notes.
- Jackson's The Fact of Conversion.
- *James' Varieties of Religious Experience.
- Starbuck's Psychology of Religion.

- Coe's The Spiritual Life.
 Coe's Education in Religion and Morals.
 *Coe's The Religion of a Mature Mind.
 Ballard's Does Faith Need Reasons?
 Principles of Religious Education (Symposium edited by
 Bishop Potter).
 Haslett's Pedagogical Bible School.
 Lawrence's How to Conduct a Sunday School.
 Lamoreaux's The Unfolding Life.

II. CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY :

- Wesley's Journals.
 Hatch's History of Early Church Organisation.
 Tyerman's Life and Times of John Wesley.
 Workman's Church of the West in the Middle Ages.
 Gregory's Scriptural Church Principles.
 Fisher's History of Christian Doctrine.
 *Fitchett's Wesley and His Century.
 New History of Methodism.
 Smith's History of Missions.
 *Report of Edinburgh Missionary Conference.
 Dennis' Social Progress and Christian Missions
 Findlay's Century of Methodist Missions.
 *Lindsay's Reformation.

III. SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY :

- Romanes' Darwin and After Darwin.
 Wallace's Darwinism.
 Drummond's Ascent of Man.
 Thomson and Geddes' Evolution.
 Lodge's Man and the Universe.
 Soddy's Matter and Energy.
 Hutton's The Lesson of Evolution.
 Hoffding's Outlines of Psychology.
 Martineau's Types of Ethical Theory.
 Mackenzie's Manual of Ethics.
 Mackenzie's Outline of Metaphysics.
 *Muirhead's Elements of Ethics.
 Jowett's Introductions to Plato.
 Caird's Hegel.
 Wallace's Kant.
 Wardell's First Lessons in Philosophy.
 *Wardell's Contemporary Philosophy.
 Bergson's Creative Evolution.
 *Eucken's Truth of Religion.
 Jones' Rudolf Eucken.
 Bertrand Russell's Problems of Philosophy.
 Marshall's Principles of Economics.
 *Jane T. Stoddart's New Socialism.
 Rae's Contemporary Socialism.
 Hopkins' Profit and Loss in Man.
 Maeterlinck's Life of the Bee.
 Eaton's The Fight Against Drink.
 *Horsley and Sturge's Alcohol and the Human Body.

IV. HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY :

- Plutarch's Lives.
 Horton's History of the Romans.
 *Green's Short History of the English People.
 D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation.
 Ranke's History of the Popes.
 Lindsay's Luther.
 Horsburgh's Savonarola.
 Harrison's William the Silent.
 Froude's John Bunyan.
 Boswell's Johnson.
 Rosebery's Pitt.
 *Carlyle's Cromwell's Letters and Speeches.
 Mazzini's Autobiography.
 Besant's Life of Gaspard de Coligny.
 Sabatier's St. Francis of Assisi.
 Life of F. D. Maurice, by his Son.
 *Life of F. W. Robertson, by Stopford Brocke.
 *Life and Letters of Charles Kingsley, by his Son.
 Herbert Spencer's Autobiography.
 Life and Letters of Huxley, by his Son.
 Cook's Life of Ruskin.
 *Tennyson: A Memoir, by his Son.
 Gosse's Father and Son.
 Life of Darwin, by his Son.
 Bonai's Memoirs of R. M. McCheyne.
 G. A. Smith's Life of Henry Drummond.
 Coley's Thomas Collins.
 Letters of James Smetham.
 *Morley's Gladstone.
 Kelman's Faith of Robert Louis Stevenson
 *R. W. Dale, by his Son.
 Hugh Price Hughes, by his Daughter.
 Dr. George Brown's Autobiography

V. POETRY—

- Shakespeare.
 Milton.
 Matthew Arnold.
 Clough.
 Whittier.
 Browning.
 Tennyson.
 Wordsworth.
 Byron.
 Keats.
 Shelley.
 Watson.
 Francis Thompson.
 Longfellow.
 Russell Lowell.
 F. W. H. Myers' St. Paul.
 Sir Edwin Arnold's Light of the World.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS :

Devotional—

Confessions of St. Augustine.
 Thomas a' Kempis' The Imitation of Christ.
 Brother Lawrence's The Practice of the Presence of God.
 Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.
 Bunyan's Grace Abounding.
 Horton's The Open Secret.
 Lunn's Love of Jesus.
 Walter James' The Unveiled Heart.
 Smellie's The Hour of Silence.
 Matheson's Devotional Volumes.
 Dr. W. E. Orchard's The Temple.

Fiction—

Scott, Thackeray, Dickens, George Eliot, Meredith, Victor Hugo, Stevenson, Mark Rutherford, Rudyard Kipling.

VII. ESSAYS AND BELLES LETTRES :

Lamb, Hazlitt, Leigh Hunt, Macaulay, De Quincey, Matthew Arnold, Walter Pater, A. C. Benson, J. A. Symonds, Ruskin, Carlyle, Emerson, I. K. Marvel, O. W. Holmes, Bagehot, and Birrell.

MEMORANDA.

1. Probationers are recommended to read volumes in the Home University Library, the Cambridge Manuals, and the People's Books, dealing with Religious and Social Questions.

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 Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible and Hastings' Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels. Those who read Hebrew and Greek should use the volumes of the International Critical Commentary and of the Expositor's Greek Testament.

4. It shall be compulsory for each Probationer to include in his Book-list for each year at least two books from each sub-section of "Theology," at least one book from "Church History and Polity," and at least two books from "Science and Philosophy."

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO MAORI PROBATIONERS.

- "The Fact of Christ" (P. Carnegie Simpson, D.D.)
- "Brooks by the Traveller's Way" (J. H. Jowett, D.D.)
- "The Epistles of Peter" (J. H. Jowett, D.D.)
- "Reasons Why I Believe the Bible" (R. A. Torrey, D.D.)
- "Life of Gipsy Smith"
- "The Unrealised Logic of Religion" (W. H. Fitchett)
- "Broken Earthenware" (H. Begbie)
- "The Bridge of History" (Thomas Cooper)
- "Carmel's Hero" (Thomas Champness)
- "How We Got our Bible" (J. Paterson Smyth, D.D.)

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO HOME MISSIONARIES.

4. Each Home Missionary pursuing the three years' course is urged to read the following theological works during the three years:—
- “The Mind of the Master” (J. Watson, D.D.)
 “The Fact of Christ” (P. Carnegie Simpson, D.D.)
 “The Teaching of Jesus Concerning Himself” (James Stalker, D.D.)
 “Christianity in the Modern World” (D. S. Cairns, D.D.)
 “The Teaching of Jesus” (G. Jackson, B.A.)
 “Resurrection of Jesus” (James Orr, D.D.)
 “Aspects of Christ” (W. B. Selbie, D.D.)
 “Doctrines of Grace” (J. Watson, D.D.)
 “The Work of Christ” (P. T. Forsyth, D.D.)
 “Modern Substitutes for Christianity” (P. McAdam Muir, D.D.)
 “Ephesians” (R. W. Dale, D.D.)
 (All the above are in the Expositor's Library: Hodder and Stoughton, 2s net.)
 “The Faith and Modern Thought” (W. Temple, M.A.)
 (Macmillan's Shilling Theological Library.)

UNIVERSITY DECREES.

- 1 That no Minister shall be entitled to have his Degree or Fellowship printed in the Minutes until the approval of the Board of Examiners has been obtained.

QUESTION XXII.—Do we sanction the Alteration or Division of any District or Circuit of this Conference?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **PAPAKURA AND PUKEKOHE.**—That the Northern Boundary of the Pukekohe Circuit, and the Southern Boundary of the Papakura Circuit be:—Bremner's Creek, the old Waiuku Road; and a straight line leading from the bridge to Hunua.
2. **BAY OF ISLANDS.**—That on account of the rapid growth of the district between Kawakawa and Hokianga, some re-arrangement of boundaries be made, and that an agent be placed at Kaikohe, and that a suitable grant be made.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

3. **ADDINGTON AND PAPANUI.**—(a) That Riccarton Village and Masham be taken from the Papanui Circuit and be attached to the Addington Circuit, and that a Married Home Missionary be appointed to the Addington Circuit to work these two places, and the Clarence Road Church now in the Addington Circuit; and that the Addington Circuit be worked at least for one year by three Agents. (b) That as this arrangement will increase the expenditure of the Addington Circuit, and decrease the income of the Papanui Circuit, a suitable grant be made to both Circuits.

4. **RANGIORA AND AMBERLEY.**—(a) That Amberley and Broomfield be added to the Rangiora Circuit, with two Married Ministers as at present. (b) That a new Home Mission Station be formed at Hawarden, to include Hawarden, Scargill, Greta, Omihi, Woodgrove, Peaks, Medbury, with a Married Home Missionary to be stationed at Hawarden; a suitable grant to be made.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

6. **DUNDAS ST. CIRCUIT.**—That Glenavon and its Agent be transferred to Trinity Circuit. Dundas St. Circuit to consist of Dundas St. and Ravensbourne, with one Married Minister.

QUESTION XXIII.—To what Circuits are Additional Preachers to be appointed?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **NORTH SHORE.**—That a Probationer be appointed to reside at Takapuna.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

2. **NEW PLYMOUTH.**—That a Home Missionary be appointed.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

3. **WELLINGTON SOUTH.**—That a Home Missionary be appointed, and that a suitable grant be made to the Circuit.

CHANGES IN THE STAFFS OF CIRCUITS.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **WHAKATANE.**—That an Ordained Minister be appointed to Whakatane, with a suitable grant, and that the stipend be not less than £200.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. **MASTERTON.**—That a Probationer or Home Missionary be appointed to Masterton Circuit to work Kuripuni.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. That Durham St. South be attached to Cambridge Terrace.
2. That Lower High Street be attached to Sydenham.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

3. **WAIMATE.**—That no second Agent be appointed this year.
4. **ASHBURTON.**—That there be no alteration in the status of the Circuit, but that a Home Missionary be stationed for one year.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

5. **TEVIOT STREET CIRCUIT.**—That a Married Minister be appointed to the Teviot Street Circuit as a separate Circuit, as constituted by the Conference of 1916.

QUESTION XXIV.—What New Stations are now Constituted?**SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

1. HAURAKI PLAINS.—That a Home Missionary be appointed to work the Hauraki Plains (western side), and that a suitable grant be made

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. MOKAU.—That a Home Missionary be appointed to Mokau.

QUESTION XXV.—What Circuits are now Due to Provide for Married instead of Single Ministers?**AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

AUCKLAND EAST is due, but is relieved for a year.

WAIUKU.—That this Circuit, as at present constituted, be raised to the status of a Married Minister's Circuit, with a strong recommendation that the minimum stipend be paid.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

PAEROA is due, but is relieved for a third year.

ROTORUA is due, and fulfils its obligation with the aid of a substantial grant from the Home Mission Fund.

OPOTIKI is due, but is relieved for a second year.

TAURANGA is due, and fulfils its obligation with the aid of a suitable grant.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

MANAIA is due, and fulfils its obligation if required, with the aid of a suitable grant.

TAIHAPE is due, but is relieved for a ninth year.

WAIMARINO is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CHRISTCHURCH EAST (St. Albans) is due, but is relieved for one year.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

TIMARU (Bank Street) is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN (Dundas Street) is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

INVERCARGILL (Leet Street) is due, and fulfils its obligation with a suitable grant.

RESOLUTION.

That the following be the order of Circuits in the taking of Married Ministers:—

1. Manaia.
2. Invercargill (Teviot Street).
3. Rotorua.
4. Tauranga.

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

LIST OF STATIONS

OF THE

Methodist Church of New Zealand

President:
REV. W. A. SINCLAIR.

Secretary:
REV. E. DRAKE.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1917.

[N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 126, and (1) to (11) for Maori Stations, 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.**—Charles H. Laws, B.A., John J. Lewis (Alexandra Street and Eden Terrace), Harry Ranston, M.A. (Kingsland), Percy R. Paris (Dominion Road), Arthur J. Seamer (C.F.), Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S. (without Pastoral Charge), Joseph S. Smalley, James Thomas, Cornelius Griffin, George T. Marshall (Supernumeraries).
2. **Auckland West.**—Harold E. Bellhouse; William A. Burley, M.A. (Franklin Road); a Home Missionary.
3. **Auckland East.**—James Wrigley, Charles H. Garland, Alfred M. Costain, one wanted; John Smith, William Lee, David McNicoll, George Bond, Henry R. Dewsbury, Thomas G. Carr, George W. J. Spence, Joseph J. Mather (Supernumeraries).

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

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

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.—Charles H. Garland, Principal.

4. **Auckland (Avondale).**—Lewis Hudson (Mount Albert), Tom Dent; a Home Missionary; Joseph Blight (Supernumerary).

5. **Auckland Methodist Mission.**—Edwin T. Cox, M.A.; James Wilson (without pastoral charge).
6. **Auckland** (North Shore).—William J. Elliott (Devonport); William H. Hocking (Takapuna); John S. Rishworth (Supernumerary).
7. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—Harold A. Sharp; John D. Jory (Supernumerary.)
8. **Onehunga.**—Colin C. Harrison.
9. **Otahuhu.**—William G. Slade, M.A.
10. **Papakura.**—Thomas F. Jones.
11. **Pukekohe.**—J. Frederick Martin; a Home Missionary.
12. **Waiuku.**—William S. Potter.
13. **Mahurangi.**—John Southern (Warkworth).
14. **Paparoa.**—Charles Roberts.
15. **Northern Wairoa.**—William H. Speer (Dargaville); a Home Missionary (Rehia).
16. **Whangarei.**—James R. Clark.
17. **Northern Maori Mission.**—Thomas G. Hammond (General Superintendent of Maori Missions).
- (1) **NGAPUHI.**—
 (a) **Hokianga.**—Piripi Rakena (Mangungu), Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirinaki).
 (b) **Bay of Islands.**—Davis Wilcox (Waimiha).
 (c) **Whangaroa.**—Hapeta Renata (Kaeo).
- (2) **KAIKARA.**—Paraire R. Paikea (Batley).
- (3) **WAIKATO.**—
 Hone M. Hare (Te Kopua).
 Ernera Te Tuhi (Otorohanga).
 Honi Kakuere (Raglan).
 A Home Missionary (Oparure).
- PORT ALBERT.**—A Home Missionary.
COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.
HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary (Kaukapakapa).
BAY OF ISLANDS.—A Home Missionary (Kawakawa).
HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary (Rawene).
WHANGAROA.—A Home Missionary (Kaeo).
MANGONUI.—A Home Missionary.
HIKURANGI.—A Home Missionary.

CHARLES H. GARLAND, Chairman of the District.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

18. **Thames.**—Samuel J. Serpell; a Home Missionary.
19. **Te Aroha.**—John Dukes.
20. **Morrinsville.**—One wanted. *Woollool*.
21. **Waihi.**—John Olphert.
22. **Paeroa.**—One wanted.
23. **Cambridge.**—George S. Cook; a Home Missionary (Leamington).
24. **Hamilton.**—Thomas J. Wallis, John D. McArthur; James Clover (Supernumerary).

25. **Huntly.**—One wanted.
 26. **Rotorua.**—Harold T. Peat (C.F.); John Nixon (Supply).
 27. **Tauranga.**—One wanted.
 28. **Opotiki.**—Charles H. Kendon.
 29. **Te Kuiti.**—One wanted.
 30. **Taumarunui.**—Ernest E. Sage.
 31. **Te Awamutu.**—Samuel Henderson.
 32. **Whakatane.**—One wanted.

TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.

MATAMATA.—A Home Missionary.

OHURA.—A Home Missionary.

NGARUAWAHIA.—A Home Missionary.

MARAKOPA.—A Home Missionary.

WAIMIHA.—A Home Missionary.

SAMUEL J. SERPELL, Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

33. **New Plymouth.**—William A. Sinclair (President of the Conference),
 Horace L. Richards; a Home Missionary; William Cannell
 (Supernumerary).
 34. **Waitara.**—George B. Hinton; a Home Missionary.
 35. **Inglewood.**—Raymond Richards.
 36. **Stratford.**—Robert B. Tinsley; one wanted.
 37. **Eltham.**—Archer O. Harris.
 38. **Hawera.**—Ernest O. Blamires.
 39. **Manaia.**—Frederick J. Parker.
 40. **Cape Egmont.**—Robert B. Gosnell (Opunake); a Home Missionary
 (Rahotu).
 41. **Kaponga.**—Charles Blair.
 42. **Wanganui.**—Henry L. Blamires (C.F.); Samuel J. Werren (Supply);
 a Home Missionary (Gonville).
 43. **Aramoho.**—Charles A. Sims.
 44. **Rangitikei.**—Percy J. Cossum.
 45. **Taihape.**—Robert E. Fordyce.
 46. **Waimarino.**—A. J. Lester Minifie (Raetihi).
 (4) **West Coast Maori Mission** (under the supervision of the General
 Superintendent of Maori Missions).
 Robert T. P. Haddon (Normanby).
 Neho H. Papakakura (Opunake).
 A Home Missionary (Pariroa).
 A Home Missionary (Raetihi).
 (9) **NORMANBY.**—Robert T. P. Haddon.
 (10) **OPUNAKE.**—Neho H. Papakakura.
 PARIROA.—A Home Missionary.
 RAETIHI.—A Home Missionary.
 EAST EGMONT.—A Home Missionary.
 MOKAU.—A Home Missionary.
 PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM A. SINCLAIR, President of the Conference,
 Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

47. **Napier**.—Thomas R. Richards; a Home Missionary.
 48. **Hastings**.—M. A. Rugby Pratt. —
 49. **Cisborne**.—William Wills; one wanted (Te Hapara).
 50. **Waipawa**.—Charles A. Foston.
 51. **Dannevirke**.—Thomas N. Griffin. †
 52. **Woodville**.—Herbert Daniel.
 53. **Pahiatua**.—Harry Cottom.
 54. **Palmerston North** (Broad Street).—Frederick W. Boys; a Home Missionary (Ashurst).
 55. **Palmerston North** (Cuba Street).—Jonathan H. Haslam. †
 56. **Feilding**.—George F. Stockwell; Thomas Coatsworth (Halcombe); P. W. Jones (Supernumerary).
 57. **Sanson and Rongotea**.—R. Purcell Keall (Sanson). †
 58. **Foxton**.—Arthur Harding.

APITI.—A Home Missionary.

NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS, Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

59. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—James G. Chapman; a Home Missionary (Brooklyn); William Walker (C.F.), Leslie B. Neale (C.F.).
 60. **Wellington Central Mission**.—G. Knowles Smith.
 61. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—Amos Reader; one wanted (Karori); John Dumbell, Charles H. Standage (Supernumeraries).
 62. **Wellington South**.—Edward Drake, James Richards (Donald McLean Street); a Home Missionary; John Dawson (who has permission to act as Secretary of the New Zealand Alliance); William H. Beck (Supernumerary).
 63. **Johnsonville**.—Nicholas Turner; one wanted (Porirua).
 64. **Hutt**.—Daniel J. Murray; Frederick Rands (C.F.); Samuel J. Garlick (Supernumerary).
 65. **Petone**.—Angus McBean.
 66. **South Wairarapa**.—William J. Enticott (Greytown).
 67. **Carterton**.—Josiah Ward.
 68. **Masterton**.—James A. Hosking; one wanted (Kuripuni).
 69. **Eketahuna**.—Charles B. Jordan, B.A.
 70. **Levin**.—William H. E. Abbey.
 71. **Otaki**.—Hedley White; a Home Missionary (Paraparaumu).

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

72. **Nelson**.—William Baumber.
 73. **Richmond**.—Arthur Ashcroft; a Home Missionary (Wakefield).
 74. **Blenheim**.—Benjamin F. Rothwell, Thomas R. B. Woolloxall (Tua Marina); a Home Missionary (Picton).
 75. **Hokitika**.—Henry Ryan.
 76. **Greymouth**.—Ernest D. Patchett.
 77. **Motueka**.—One wanted.
 78. **Reefton**.—Charles Penney.
 79. **Westport**.—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
 HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
 MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
 RUNANGA.—A Home Missionary.
 DENNISTON-GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.
 TAPAWERA.—A Home Missionary.
 DOVEDALE.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM BAUMBER, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

80. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Percy N. Knight, B.A.; Henry Bull, John A. Luxford, C.M.G. (Supernumeraries).
 81. **Christchurch** (Durham Street South).—One wanted.
 82. **Christchurch East**.—E. Percy Blamires, Arthur Liversedge (Linwood); a Home Missionary (New Brighton); Arthur Mitchell (C. F.); Robert Taylor, William C. Oliver (Supernumeraries).
 83. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—James Cocker; Charles E. Ward (Supernumerary).
 84. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Fred Copeland; William J. Williams (Supernumerary).
 85. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—William Beckett.
 86. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Thomas W. Vealie; a Home Missionary; a Home Missionary (Riccarton).
 87. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—Albert C. Lawry; one wanted; Thomas Fee (Supernumerary).
 88. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Christopher Abernethy.
 89. **Lyttelton**.—J. Ernest Parsons.
 Maori Mission—
 SOUTH ISLAND.—Rakena Piripi (Rapaki).
 90. **Springston**.—W. Bramwell Scott.
 91. **Tai Tapu**.—Basil Metson.
 92. **Leeston**.—William Laycock; William Grigg (C.F.)
 93. **Kaiapoi**.—Paul W. Fairclough, F.R.A.S.

94. **Ohoka**.—William W. Avery.
 95. **Rangiora**.—James Guy, William Rowe (Woodend).
 96. **Creendale and Malvern**.—John Harris (Greendale); a Home Missionary (Waddington).
 HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
 OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.

ALBERT C. LAWRY, Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

97. **Timaru** (Bank Street).—Thomas A. Joughin, John Dennis; Joseph R. Sullivan (C.F.)
 98. **Timaru** (Woodlands Street).—Ralph J. Liddell.
 99. **Waimate**.—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
 100. **Temuka** (King Street).—John W. Griffin; a Home Missionary.
 101. **Ceraldine**.—George P. Hunt.
 102. **Ashburton**.—George Frost; one wanted.
 103. **Willowby**.—Walter J. Oxbrow.
 104. **Oamaru**.—John A. Lochore.
 METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.
 MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS A. JOUGHIN, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

105. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—W. Arthur Hay, J. R. Nelson (Glenavon); Thomas W. Newbold (Supernumerary).
 106. **Dunedin** (Central Mission).—Clarence Eaton; William Ready (C.F.)
 107. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—Samuel Griffith.
 108. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—Robert Raine.
 109. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Arthur Hopper.
 110. **Dunedin** (Caversham).—Alexander Allen; a Home Missionary.
 111. **Dunedin** (Morningside).—William Greenslade.
 112. **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—T. Arthur Pybus; Frederick T. Read (C.F.)
 113. **Mosgiel**.—James T. Pinfold, D.D. (Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal).
 114. **Port Chalmers**.—Samuel H. D. Peryman.
 115. **Waikouaiti and Palmerston**.—One wanted; a Home Missionary.
 116. **Balclutha**.—Benjamin J. James.
 117. **Milton**.—Jacob Featherston.
 118. **Roxburgh**.—One wanted.
 KAITANGATA.—A Home Missionary.
 LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.
 CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.
 QUEENSTOWN.—Vacant.

SAMUEL GRIFFITH, Chairman of the District.

X.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

119. **Invercargill** (Leet Street).—Alfred Peters.
 120. **Invercargill** (Teviot Street).—Fred Greenwood.
 121. **Invercargill** (Don Street).—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
 122. **Invercargill** (Elles Road).—George Clement.
 123. **Bluff**.—Albert H. Fowles.
 124. **Core**.—George H. Mann.
 125. **Otautau**.—Samuel Bailey.
 126. **Edendale**.—One wanted.

RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.

WINTON.—A Home Missionary.

TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.

NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.

ALFRED PETERS, Chairman of the District.

F. L. Frost, W. Lea and P. Battey are serving with the Expeditionary Forces. For Probationers and Students, see under Question V.

NOTES.

Ministers serving as Chaplains with the Expeditionary Force are marked (C.F.)

While Durham Street South is without an appointment, Durham Street Church shall be attached to Cambridge Terrace Circuit, and Lower High Street Church to Sydenham.

Each Minister of the Dunedin Circuits shall exchange one Sunday during the year with the Superintendent of the Mosgiel Circuit.

J. S. Smalley, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in England.

J. Thomas, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Victoria.

James Wilson and Albert B. Chappell are left without Pastoral Charge.

Ministers are expected to arrive in their new Circuits between the second and third Sundays in April.

Probationers and Home Missionaries appointed to separate Stations are under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

QUESTION XXVII.—How are the Home Missionaries Employed by the Conference Stationed for the Ensuing Year?

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1917.**Auckland District—**

Auckland West (Richmond).—One wanted.

Auckland, Avondale (Waikumete).—One wanted.

Pukekohe (Bombay).—One wanted.

Northern Wairoa (Rehia).—N. Challenger.

Port Albert.—W. A. Porter.

Coromandel.—W. Bowden.

Helensville (Kaukapakapa).—J. H. Edmondson.

Bay of Islands (Kawa Kawa).—F. C. Pace.

Kaikohe.—One wanted.

Hokianga (Rawene).—C. J. People.
 Whangaroa (Kaeo).—A. E. Jefferson.
 Mangonui.—J. Reid.
 Hikurangi.—One wanted.
 Mangonui (Native).—H. Hemara.

South Auckland District—

Morrinsville.—C. W. Brown.
 Paeroa.—C. Duncan.
 Huntly.—A. Fitchett.
 Tauranga.—A. Laybourn.
 Te Kuiti.—J. Richards.
 Whakatane.—H. Ford.
 Cambridge (Leamington).—H. Burton.
 Te Puke.—W. B. Harris.
 Matamata.—W. Richards.
 Ohura.—C. Harris.
 Ngauwahia.—E. H. Pain.
 Waimiha.—A. Smart.
 Hauraki Plains.—W. Wallace.
 Marakopa.—One wanted.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth (St. Aubyn).—F. Souster.
 Waitara (Uriti).—J. Lawrence (Supply).
 Stratford (Midhurst).—G. H. Bridgeman.
 Cape Egmont ((Okato).—One wanted.
 Wanganui (Gonville).—F. P. Kellow.
 East Egmont (Douglas).—C. Aker.
 Patea.—W. Watson.
 Mokau.—One wanted.
 Pariroa (Native).—Tupito.
 Raetihi (Native).—Wi Kaitara.

Hawkes' Bay-Manawatu District—

Napier (Greenmeadows).—One wanted.
 Gisborne (Te Hapara).—One wanted.
 Palmerston North, Broad St. (Ashhurst).—W. S. Neal.
 Apiti.—J. W. Parker.
 Norsewood.—W. Gatman.

Wellington District—

Wellington, Taranaki St. (Brooklyn).—J. H. White.
 Wellington South.—One wanted.
 Johnsonville (Porirua).—R. T. H. Wearne.
 Masterton (Kuripuni).—One wanted.
 Otaki (Paraparaumu).—G. H. Cule.

Nelson District—

Richmond (Wakefield).—L. A. G. Brooks.
 Blenheim (Picton).—One wanted.
 Havelock.—W. Alexander.
 Murchison.—One wanted.
 Runanga.—One wanted.
 Denniston-Granity (Millerton).—M. Ayrton.
 Tapawera.—One wanted.
 Motueka.—A. Nicholls.

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch East (New Brighton).—C. Strand.
 Christchurch (Addington).—W. Harris (Supply).
 Christchurch, Addington (Riccarton).—W. T. Hooper
 Greendale-Malvern (Waddington).—One wanted.
 Hawarden.—H. Spencer.
 Oxford.—F. E. Foot.

South Canterbury District—

Temuka (Denmark St.)—One wanted.
 Ashburton (Wills St.)—One wanted.
 Oamaru.—One wanted.
 Methven.—J. Tyson.
 Mayfield.—W. E. Sleep.

Otago District.—

Dunedin (St. Kilda).—One wanted.
 Dunedin, Caversham (Abbotsford).—One wanted.
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—H. Orchard (Supply), W. B. Pickering
 Roxburgh.—T. W. Featherstone.
 Kaitangata.—O. S. Pearn.
 Lawrence.—S. Keen.
 Cromwell—One wanted.

Southland District—

Invercargill, Don St. (Kennington).—W. Vickers.
 Edendale.—J. Field.
 Riverton.—E. Ranson.
 Winton.—One wanted.
 Tuatapere.—One wanted.
 Nightcaps.—T. Skuse.

RESOLUTIONS.

That Thames (Puriri), one wanted, be struck out.

That Havelock be placed under the supervision of the Blenheim Superintendent.

That the General Secretary of Home Missions write to the Stations for which no appointment is made, and explain to them the present difficulty of finding Supplies.

That the Ashburton Circuit be allowed to arrange with one of its own Local Preachers to act as Supply.

HOME MISSIONARIES ON ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.

P. B. Strongman, H. Benny, R. A. E. Briggs, W. Bratt, T. Flower, H. S. Kings, J. Common, F. G. Brown, J. H. Combes, W. B. Cuming, J. W. Bayliss, J. Fletcher, A. E. Haynes, A. J. Webster, R. T. H. Wearne.

QUESTION XXVIII.—Who are Elected as Chairmen of Districts and as Statistical Secretaries for the Ensuing Year?

CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Auckland—Charles H. Garland.
 Auckland South—Samuel J. Serpell.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—William A. Sinclair (President of the Conference)
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Thos. R. Richards.
 Wellington—Edward Drake.
 Nelson—William Baumber.
 North Canterbury—Albert C. Lawry.
 South Canterbury—Thomas A. Joughin.
 Otago—Samuel Griffith.
 Southland—Alfred Peters.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Auckland—C. C. Harrison.
 Auckland South—T. J. Wallis.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—E. O. Blamires.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—J. H. Haslam.
 Wellington—A. McBean.
 Nelson—A. Ashcroft.
 North Canterbury—W. Beckett.
 South Canterbury—A. N. Scotter, B.A.
 Otago—S. H. D. Peryman.
 Southland—G. Clement.

QUESTION XXVIIIa.—Who are Designated as President and Secretary of the Conference for the Year 1918?

President.—Rev. T. A. Joughin.
 Secretary.—Rev. E. Drake.

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

For Statistical Returns, see Appendix 24.

REPORT OF THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

Careful consideration has been given to the General Returns now submitted, and also to Synod resolutions on the "Work of God." The number of those in full membership is 22,663, being an increase of 160 for the year. Though this is a small advance on last year's figures, we are glad to note that there are 306 on probation. The Junior Roll shows the gratifying increase of 1040, and indicates that recent legislation in the interests of the young is bearing fruit. The number of attendants on Public Worship, however, including Sunday School scholars, shows a decrease of 2020, about one-third of this being accounted for by the fact that in nine out of our ten Districts, there is a decrease of S.S. scholars, the net decrease being 665.

While fully appreciating every token of good afforded by the statistics, and by general information concerning the Work of God amongst us, your Committee feel bound to record their deep conviction that the spiritual condition of New Zealand Methodism is such as to demand the faithful and searching consideration of Conference. Without yielding either to panic or pessimism we cannot but recognise many evidences of slackness and decline, which if not arrested and overcome, must in course of time, seriously endanger our very existence as a Church.

Amongst disquietening signs we note much of "the form of Godliness without the power," a Church-membership which exists in name only, spiritual slackness and the habitual or frequent neglect of the Lord's Supper on the part of many; the rarity of conversions, and the growing gap between the Church and the community. Many of our ministers are conscious of the need of a fresh vision, and a renewal of that spiritual force and fire which alone can render their ministry effective.

Deeply impressed with the imperative needs of the time, we recommend:—

1. That Conference give to these matters its prayerful and earnest consideration.
2. That Conference inaugurate for the ensuing Connexional year a movement of enquiry and prayer, with a view to spiritual quickening and advance.
3. That the recommendations of the North Canterbury Synod be adopted, concerning a special visitation of all our Circuits and Home Mission Stations, and the holding of Conferences of Ministers, Leaders, Local Preachers, S.S. Teachers and Members.
4. That the Conference again recommend the earnest and reverent celebration of Whitsuntide, the Festival of the Holy Ghost.
5. That the President of the Conference be requested to issue a special Pastoral Letter, through the "New Zealand Methodist Times," and, if possible, to be placed in the hands of every member, drawing attention to the spiritual needs of the time, the responsibilities of Church membership, and emphasising the importance and value of the Lord's Supper.

REV. VAL. TRIGGE'S MISSION.

An important part of the Committee's work this year has been arrangements in connection with the Evangelistic Tour of the Rev. Val. Trigge, and we now gratefully acknowledge the great blessing that has attended the devoted labours of this God-honoured evangelist. Missions have been held at Port Albert, Hamilton, Pitt Street, Auckland Methodist Mission, Hawera, Woodville, Foxton, Hastings, Blenheim, Nelson, Motueka, East Belt (Christchurch), Sydenham, Timaru, Ashburton, Lawrence, Broad Bay, St. Kilda, and Cargill Road. Missions are also to be held at Waikouaiti, Kaitangata and New Brighton.

In each place visited conversions have taken place, and great blessing has accrued to the Church. Ministers, Office-bearers and Members have received inspiration, and a gracious work has been wrought amongst the young.

Several Circuits desiring a Mission were unavoidably omitted this year, and there are many applications for Missions next year. Mr. Trigge has intimated his willingness to remain for another year, and the Committee recommends that his offer be accepted.

(Signed) SAMUEL GRIFFITH, Chairman.

R. RAINE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That commencing on Whit-Sunday, May 27th, a week of prayer and inspirational services be held for the promotion of a fuller realisation of the Ministry of the Holy Spirit, and in preparation for "Spiritual Advance."
2. That we recommend the formation of Higher Life and Prayer Circles pledged to wait upon God in private in the early morning hours, and to meet periodically for united intercession.
3. That the Literature Committee be directed to provide a pamphlet, clearly setting forth Wesley's teaching on the experience of Entire Sanctification and the Personality and Work of the Holy Spirit in the believer's heart.
4. That we recommend the revival of Sunday and week-night prayer and fellowship meetings.
5. That a Special Quarterly Meeting be held in every Circuit at the earliest convenient date, with the one object of considering the question, "What shall we do to further the interests of the Kingdom of Christ?"
6. That the business of such Special Quarterly Meetings be considered under the following headings:—

The possibility of opening new preaching places and of taking up work in abandoned places.

The institution of house-to-house and other visitation by Church officials and members.

The arousal of a more evangelistic spirit in the Church.

The establishment of meetings for fellowship and prayer.

The investigation of causes of Sunday School decreases, and how to counteract them.

The commencement of out-door preaching where possible.

The relationship and duty of the Church to the men of the District.

The making of the ordinary Church services more attractive and effective.

The necessity of linking the young people to the Church in membership.

The ensuring of the fuller recognition of the Lord's Supper as a unique means of grace, specially instituted by our Lord.

Preparation for the home-coming of our soldiers—after-war problems.

The fostering of the Missionary spirit in the Church.

Any other matters which concern the Spiritual welfare of the Church.

7. That where necessary a Special Leaders' Meeting be held in every Church at the earliest convenient date, subsequent to the Special Quarterly Meeting, to put into operation the decisions of such Quarterly Meeting.
8. That the President of the Conference issue a special Pastoral Letter through the "New Zealand Methodist Times," and, if possible, that it be placed in the hands of every Church member, drawing attention to the spiritual needs of the time, and the responsibilities of Church membership, and also emphasising the importance and value of the Lord's Supper.
9. That "Come Ye Apart" gatherings be held in every District and Centre for Ministers and Home Missionaries, Local Preachers and others, for the sole purpose of waiting upon God for a true revival of the Church, and a fuller personal knowledge of the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit.
10. That where practicable a whole session be set apart at the Annual District Synod for the purpose of considering how to advance the spiritual life of the Church.
11. That providing suitable arrangements can be made, Conference recommends that Holiness Conventions be held at Hamilton, Feilding and Timaru during the latter half of the year.
12. That the President, or brethren whom he may appoint, visit the Circuits to co-operate with the Ministers and Leaders of our Societies so as to organise all our forces to secure the longed-for revival.
13. That for the practical operation of the foregoing proposals, District Committees be appointed by the Conference, and that in Districts where the Conventions are held the local District Committees make the necessary arrangements.
14. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Ministers of the Dunedin City and Suburban Circuits, Messrs. E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, W. King, J. P. Simon, J. B. Shacklock, J. D. Weir, J. Winton, A. E. Stevens, E. W. Isbister, J. H. Malcolm, J. Dawson and R. Thompson. Convener, Rev. R. Raine.

THE REV. VAL. TRIGGE MISSION.

A report on the Rev. Val. Trigge's Mission was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the engagement of the Rev. Val. Trigge as Conference evangelist be continued for another year.
2. That contributors to the Auxiliary Fund be thanked for their gifts, and that sympathisers with this work be asked for further assistance.
3. That the following be a Special Committee to organise the Trigge Mission:—Revs. S. Griffith, R. Raine and W. Greenslade, Messrs. J. P. Simon, J. Dawson, D. C. Cameron. Convener, Rev. S. Griffith.

4. That the following Ministers, in conjunction with the Chairmen of the respective Districts, be appointed to set up District Committees to arrange for the Conventions, and "Come Ye Apart Gatherings, the Chairmen of Districts to be Conveners:—

Auckland—Revs. C. C. Harrison, E. T. Cox, M.A.

South Auckland—Revs. F. J. Wallis, G. S. Cook.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Revs. E. O. Blamires, R. B. Tinsley.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Revs. G. F. Stockwell, M. A. Rugby X
Pratt

Wellington.—Revs. A. Reader, J. Richards.

Nelson—Revs. A. Ashcroft, E. D. Patchett

North Canterbury—J. Cocker, W. Beckett

South Canterbury—Revs. A. N. Scotter, B.A. R. J. Liddell.

Otago.—Revs. R. Raine, C. Eaton.

Southland—Revs. G. H. Mann, C. H. Olds, B.A.

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

For Sunday School Returns, see Appendix 25.

REPORT OF THE CONNEXIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD.

The Board has met regularly quarter by quarter, and given careful consideration to all matters affecting the welfare of the Young People of our Churches and Sunday Schools.

In the departure of Mr. A. H. Reed for the Front the Board has lost a specially valued member, but we trust that Mr. Reed will be spared to return to a position for which he has exceptional qualifications.

Remit.—The request for a schedule of questions on Sunday School and Young People's work for the guidance of the Quarterly Meetings has been considered. The following is recommended to be taken after Question 5 in the Quarterly Meeting Order of Business (page 51, Book of Laws):—

5. What are the Reports from the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies?

A.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—

1. The number of Sunday Schools in the Circuit.
2. The state of the various schools.
 - (A) No. of Teachers and Average Attendance
 - (B) No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church members
 - (C) No. of Scholars and Average Attendance
 - (D) No. of Scholars (including Bible Classes) who are in Church membership: in Full; Junior
 - (E) No. of Scholars received into Church membership during the quarter
 - (F) No. of names on the Cradle Roll
 - (G) Amount raised for Foreign Missions, Home Missions

B.—YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES—

1. Bible Classes—Young Men's: No. on Roll.....; Average Attendance
- Young Women's: No. on Roll; Average Attendance.....

2. Christian Endeavour Societies and Wesley Guilds: No. of Active Members; Associate Members Total Average Attendance
3. Young Worshippers' League. No. on Roll; Average Attendance

C.—GENERAL—

1. What is the attendance of Young People at the Lord's Supper?
2. Have the Conference regulations relating to Infant and Junior Members been duly carried out?
3. What more can be done to promote the work of God in this Department?

N.B.—With a view to saving the time of the Quarterly Meetings, the Board is of opinion that the above questions should be printed in schedule form, and supplied to an official appointed by each Quarter Board, whose duty it shall be to see that the forms are filled in and presented at the Quarterly Meeting.

TEACHER TRAINING EXAMINATIONS.—The half-yearly examinations of teachers taking the Teachers' Training Course were held in November and May last. In November six candidates entered, but for various reasons three were unable to sit. Two candidates passed the second section, thereby completing the course and gaining the Conference Diploma, viz., Miss E. DeCarteret, Otahuhu, with 88 per cent., obtaining first-class honours; and Miss C. Alexander, of Motueka, with 72 per cent. In the first section, Miss Winifred Harkom, of Wellington, obtained the progress certificate, with 70 per cent. In May, Miss Emma Borrow, of Durham Street, Christchurch, in the second section, secured first-class honours, with 98 per cent., making the thirty-seventh teacher to receive the Diploma. In the first section, Mr. G. P. W. Blakeley, of Petone, secured first-class honours, with 86 per cent. Thanks are due to the Examiner, the Rev. E. P. Blamires; the Tutor, the Rev. J. H. Haslam; and Mr. H. Chapman, the Superintendent, for their acceptable services in this department.

The Board, feeling that more ought to be done to induce teachers to take advantage of this excellent training, decided to circularise all Circuit and Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers re the matter, and there is promise of a decidedly better response during the coming year.

LESSON MATERIAL FOR 1918.—In consequence of the long continued co-operation between the British and American Committees terminating at the end of 1917, a change is being made in lesson material from that date. Preparatory to the inauguration of a six years' course the British Committee has arranged a two-years' interim course of Uniform Lessons for 1918-1919. In addition to this material there is offered the Australian Graded Lesson Literature issued by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, but now being adopted by other Australian denominations. The New Zealand Presbyterian Church is recommending to its Assembly the adoption of the Australian literature. It is proposed under the scheme to form a Consultative Committee, to meet every three years, and determine the course of lessons for the next three years, and all matters relating thereto.

The Board set up a Special Committee, including Mr. A. H. Reed, our Sunday School expert, to go thoroughly into the matter and report to the Board. This Committee had access to all the literature concerned, and was fully supplied with the information necessary to come to a decision. The Board unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Committee, which is as follows:—"Having examined the new Australian lessons, and considered the information available regarding the new British lesson material, the Committee cannot find sufficient reason for asking Conference to recommend a change, for the present, in lesson material to be used in our schools. The Committee has been influenced in its finding by the fact that the British Committee proposes at present to issue a two-years' interim course of lessons only, the literature for which will apparently be of a very limited nature. The Committee is of opinion that the matter should be reconsidered when particulars are available of the complete British courses. The Committee favours the use of British material if suitable, but draws attention to the fact that the Berean lessons recommended by the Conference are issued by a joint American and Canadian Committee, and will continue to be so issued after 1917."

S. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

C. EATON, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE CONNEXIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD.

STATISTICAL RETURNS.

The Statistical Returns received the careful attention of the Board. While pleased to note an increase of 11 in the number of our schools, and a substantial increase (978) in the number of Junior Members, there are disquieting decreases in every other department, viz., Teachers 148, Scholars 665, Scholars Church Members 226, received into Church Membership during year 67, Young Men's B.C. 169, Young Women's B.C. 69. The state of our Sunday Schools clearly demands the closest scrutiny on the part of the Conference. The Board is of opinion that the decay in many schools begins at the top, in the loss of elder scholars, who, owing to weak parental control, are allowed too early to assert a hurtful independence. It is to be feared there is also in many schools inefficiency in the shepherding of the scholars, and in the teaching and general administration of our schools. It is noteworthy that the decreases in scholars do not pertain to the districts of Southland, Otago and South Canterbury, while throughout the other districts the decreases are general, Auckland showing the largest decrease, suggesting that climatic conditions, encouraging a secularisation of the Sabbath, may be in part responsible for the decay. By way of remedial measures the Board urges a more general utilization of Teacher-Training facilities that a higher standard of instruction may distinguish our schools, for in our judgment the most up-to-date methods are nullified, and the finest lesson material rendered ineffective, if accompanied by teaching itself unintelligent and untaught. Further, keener shepherding is much needed; by the employment of official visitors, personal contact between teacher and scholar, and the drawing closer of the tie between the minister and the schools under his care. Parental indifference can only be met by increased activity, and the Board, therefore, heartily endorses the recommendation of the Wellington Synod that during the month of May next, a Dominion effort be organised, by door to door canvassing, to increase the number of our scholars from the homes where parental authority or paternal love unassisted, are too feeble to see to it that no child is suffered to grow up without God and without hope in the world.

TEACHER TRAINING.

The Report of Mr. Chapman, Superintendent of the Teacher Training Department, was received for the half year, showing that six candidates presented themselves for examination in November last, all passing with first-class honours in the first section. The following are the results:

Margaret B. Davidson (Caversham) ...	...	100%
Agnes Davidson (Caversham) ...	...	96%
Bessie Kennard (Caversham) ...	...	96%
Vera L. Milburn (Caversham) ...	...	93%
Walter J. Hall (Wellington South) ...	...	99%
Dorothy E. Hall (Wellington South) ...	...	95%

The Examiner (Rev. E. P. Blamires) writes:—"I do not remember any other occasion when all the papers together have reached such a high standard." Our thanks are due to the Superintendent, Mr. H. Chapman; the Tutor, Rev. J. H. Haslam; and the Examiner, Rev. E. P. Blamires for the continued interest in this good work.

SYNOD RECOMMENDATIONS.

In connection with the schedule of questions on Sunday School work prepared for the guidance of the Quarterly Meetings, we recommend under C General, the additional question: "What arrangements have we made for the Training of our Teachers?"

S. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

C. EATON, Secretary.

The Report was received.

The Balance-sheet and the Sunday School Statistics were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That with a view to retaining our hold upon the boys of our Churches and Sunday-schools, the formation of Boy Scouts, Boys' Brigades, and similar organisations be encouraged, and every effort made to bind our youths permanently to the Church.
2. That the importance of Teacher Training be again stressed by the Conference, and in order to ensure an improvement in this respect our Ministers be directed to form classes in every Circuit for the study of Hurlbut's Teacher Training Handbook, with a view to the preparation of teachers for examination to enable them to qualify for the Conference Diploma.
3. That Sunday-school Superintendents give special attention to the visitation of scholars in their homes, by the appointment of Official Visitors, and by securing, where possible, visitation by the teachers of their own scholars, also that each Minister be urged to seek in every way possible a more intimate relation with the Sunday Schools and the scholars under their care.
4. In order to combat parental indifference and to discover the children who have lapsed from Sunday-school attendance, the Conference recommends that the month of May next be, wherever possible, set apart for a house to house canvass, to be organised by each

Circuit, the result to be specially reported in the Statistical Returns to the Connexional Sunday School Board, the Synods and the Conference under the following headings:—

- (1) Number of houses visited.
 - (2) Number of children not attending any school.
 - (3) Number of new scholars secured.
 - (4) Remarks.
5. That in the opinion of the Conference a more general use of the Catechism is desirable, and that where the First Catechism is employed, C. F. Hunter's "Notes on the Catechism" be recommended for use in conjunction therewith.
 6. That in order to draw closer the tie between the Church and the young it is desirable that, at least quarterly, the morning service in our churches be wholly a Young People's Service.
 7. Lesson Material. In consequence of the long continued co-operation between the British and American Committees terminating at the end of 1917, some changes are being made in the publication of lesson material from that date. The American literature will continue to be published as heretofore. In addition, the British Committee is also arranging, preparatory to the inauguration of a six years' course, a two years' interim course of Uniform Lesson for 1918-1919. There is also offering, the Australian Graded Lesson Literature, originally issued by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and now being adopted as the basis of an Australian series of Graded Lessons.
 8. That the Conference is of opinion that the time has not yet arrived for recommending a radical change in the Lesson Material to be used in our schools, but recognises that it will be well to review the whole position when the complete British courses are available.
 9. That, provided the Leaders' Meeting is satisfied as to their fitness, Infant Members be transferred to the Junior Roll at the age of eight years, and that Junior Members, subject to the same proviso, be transferred to the Senior Roll, after instruction in preparatory classes, at not later than sixteen years of age, at a public recognition service, such service to be fully provided for in the new Book of Offices.
 10. The Conference congratulates the teachers who have this year qualified for the Diploma, but regrets that greater advantage is not taken of this excellent Training Course. It recommends that Ministers and Sunday-school Superintendents be urged to make fresh efforts to bring its claims before the teachers of our schools.
 11. That Rev. E. P. Blamires be heartily thanked for his services as Examiner, and that he be reappointed.
 12. That, in the event of the Synod Representative for Sunday-schools appointed by Conference being unable to attend the Synod, the Chairman of the District shall have power to appoint a substitute on the nomination of the District Committee.
 13. That Annual and Quarterly Tickets for Junior Members be issued, and that it shall be optional which ticket is used by our Societies, the Leaders' Meeting to determine the matter.

14. That the attention of our Sunday-schools be directed to the Conference recommendation re Rolls of Honour, Minutes of Conference, 1915, page 106, par. 7, which shall now read, "That all our churches and Sunday-schools be recommended to procure a Roll of Honour."
15. That the attention of Sunday-school Superintendents be drawn to the fact that in December, 1917, the present series of Uniform International Lessons, issued jointly by Britain and America, will be completed, and thereafter the British International Lessons will be quite different from the American. The Sunday-school Board will present a special report to next Conference.
16. That the Board meet in Dunedin in 1917.
17. That the following be the members of the Board for 1916:—The Circuit Ministers and s.s. Superintendents of the Dunedin City and Suburban Circuits; three representatives to be elected by the Y.M.B.C. Union, and three to be elected by the Y.W.B.C. Union; Messrs. T. McAhan, W. Paris, F. W. Parker, J. Davidson, W. Shrimpton, W. W. Ashby, W. King, A. Pearce, E. Aslin, H. Chapman, A. H. Reed and D. C. Cameron, Junr. Rev. C. Eaton convener.
18. That the sum of £30 be granted from the Contingent Fund to meet the expenses of the Board, if required.
19. That, if the Board think it advisable, a Dominion Convention be held this year, the time and place to be left with the Board.
20. That while recommending the Wesley Guild to our people, the Conference affirms its conviction that the Christian Endeavour Society has by no means outlived its usefulness, and advises churches to foster its maintenance wherever possible.
21. That all baptised children of members and adherents of the Church, whose parents consent thereto, be regarded as infant members of the Church.
22. That the matter of preparing a brief statement of the value and importance of the Lord's Supper, for use among junior and adult members, be referred to the Literature Committee for consideration.
23. That the Conference regrets that our Sunday-schools are slow to adopt the graded system of organisation and the International Graded Lessons, and in view of the soundness of the principle, it strongly urges the Schools to make at least a beginning by organising the Primary and Junior Departments with graded lessons.
24. That Ministers and Leaders' Meetings be earnestly requested to give complete effect, as early as possible, to the Conference legislation, relating to Infant and Junior Members. (See Minutes, 1914, pp. 51-52.)
25. 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 schools standards form departments corresponding with the above.

26. That the Conference endorse the policy of teacher-training, and adopt Hurlbut's Teacher Training Course as the text-book. 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.
27. 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.
28. That schools be recommended to adopt a supplemental (or fundamental) course of Bible Study, which shall include 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, 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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, or re-dedication to Christ, and that, as far as practicable, the Chairman 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.
32. 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.
33. That definite teaching by our Ministers and Sunday-school Superintendents on the fundamental principles and history of Protestantism be given in our Sunday-schools at least once a year.
34. That the Conference heartily commends the Young Worshipers' League to our Ministers, and urges the establishment of such Leagues in connection with all our churches.

35. That the following be appointed Sunday-school representatives to Synods, as per Section VII. of Organisation:—

Auckland—Mr. T. H. Martin.
 South Auckland—Mr. J. H. Lange.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. H. V. S. Griffiths.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr. G. H. Stiles. ✗
 Wellington—Mr. T. Sims.
 Nelson—Mr. A. G. Nightingale.
 North Canterbury—Mr. W. C. Francis.
 South Canterbury—Mr. C. Voegler.
 Otago—Mr. H. Chapman.
 Southland—Mr. V. H. Brown.

36. That the Sunday-school District Representative to Synod be ex-officio a member of the District Committee.

37. That the following be the District Committees, as per Section III., Scheme of Organisation:—

Auckland—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday-schools in the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits and Mr. H. Scott. Conveners: Rev. W. A. Burley and Mr. D. A. Bodley.

South Auckland—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday-schools in the Hamilton and Cambridge Circuits and Mr. Wallace. Conveners: Messrs. Wallace and J. Treloar.

Taranaki-Wanganui—The President of the Conference, the Ministers of the Hawera, Stratford and Eltham Circuits, the Rev. H. L. Richards, with Messrs. E. Dixon, T. Hurrell, E. G. Foster and H. V. S. Griffiths. Conveners: Rev. E. O. Blamires and Mr. E. Dixon.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday-schools in the Napier and Hastings Circuits. Conveners: Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt and Mr. C. G. Cunnold. ✗

Wellington—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday-schools in Wellington City and Suburban Circuits. Conveners: Rev. A. Reader and Mr. T. Sims.

Nelson—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday-schools in Nelson and Richmond Circuits. Conveners: Rev. A. Ashcroft and Mr. A. G. Nightingale.

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. George Frost and Mr. W. B. Beaumont.

Otago—The Sunday-school and Young People's Board. Conveners: Chairman and Secretary of the Board.

Southland—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday-schools in Invercargill and Bluff Circuits. Conveners: Rev. C. H. Olds and Mr. J. Hensley.

N.B.—If any Sunday-school Superintendent be unable or unwilling to occupy his seat on the Advisory Committee, the School shall have power to elect a substitute.

38. That the following questions (to be printed for the use of those who may be appointed to present reports to Quarterly Meetings), be considered annually at the June Quarterly Meeting:—

- (a) What is the report of the Sunday School visitor?
- (b) Are Teachers' Meetings regularly held?
- (c) Are our Sunday Schools graded satisfactorily?
- (d) Are facilities provided for teacher training?
- (e) What place has Missionary Education in the School work?
- (f) Are regular contributions made to the Home and Foreign Missions, and is the Blake System organised?
- (g) Have any scholars been received into Church membership? Have any been received as Junior or Infant Members?
- (h) What is being done to secure the attendance of children at Church?
- (i) What is being done to secure the attendance of children at the Lord's Supper?
- (j) What more can be done to promote the work of God in our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies?

QUESTION XXXI.—What are the resolutions of the Conference with regard to Temperance and Public Morals?

The Report of the Committee was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

Temperance.

That this Conference records its sense of disappointment, shame and indignation at the recent decision of Parliament in regard to the proposed early closing of hotel bars. Such a decision, in view of the imperative need for economy, efficiency and righteousness in these times of national testing, we feel to be not only lacking in true patriotism and statesmanship, but also an affront to the 100,000 electors who petitioned for this reform, and a serious violation of the principles of Democracy.

Gambling.

1. The Conference views with alarm the increasing mania for gambling in the community, and condemns the evil principle of State legislation under which Totalisator Betting, Art Unions and Raffles, flourish in our midst. It expresses profound regret that, in the guise of Patriotism, license should have been given by those in authority to unworthy methods of raising money for our soldiers. Whilst recommending the members and adherents of our Church to support liberally all legitimate means of raising funds for Patriotic purposes, it strongly urges them to discountenance all forms of gambling as being vicious and detrimental to the best interests of the State.
2. In view of the swift and insidious growth of gambling in the Dominion, the Conference impresses upon the Ministers, Sunday-school Superintendents and Junior Leaders of our Church, the necessity of giving definite instruction to the scholars of our Sunday Schools on the evils of gambling.

Liquor and the Maori People.

That the attention of the Minister of Native Affairs be drawn to the growing evil of intemperance amongst the young Maori people on the West Coast, as well as on that part of the East Coast to which attention has recently been drawn), especially through the conveyance of liquor into Native settlements, and that he be earnestly urged to have the law so amended and regulations so enforced immediately as to abolish this shameful and deplorable state of things.

Liquor and Young People.

That the Temperance and Public Morals Committee be requested to take such steps as shall lead to the passing of legislation making it illegal for young people under 21 to have intoxicating liquor in their possession—the Committee to take immediate action.

Band of Hope Returns.

That the column for returns of members of Connexional Bands of Hope be altered to record the number of "pledged abstainers."

District Committees on Temperance and Public Morals.

That the District Advisory Home Mission Committees also act as District Advisory Committees on Temperance and Public Morals.

Sabbath Observance.

1. That the attention of the Lord's Day Alliance be drawn to the fact of the increasing number of the "Penny-in-the-slot" machines being placed in prominent places of the city, increasing the Sunday trading, especially amongst the young people of the Sunday Schools, and the Conference trusts that the League will be able to find ways and means of influencing the Government to bring in legislation whereby this evil may be abated.

2. That in view of the widespread and ever-increasing desecration of the Sabbath, this Conference requests Ministers, Local Preachers, Sunday School Teachers, and members generally, to emphasise the necessity of a fuller recognition of the sanctity of the day, and the importance of employing its hours for spiritual purposes.
3. That the Conference recommend that the last Sunday in November be a Sabbath Observance Day, when the sacred character and obligation of the day shall be emphasised in pulpits, Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, and Conference directs that this resolution be read to all congregations on the day named.
4. Sunday Picture Shows.—That this Conference condemns the opening of Picture Shows on the Sabbath Day in towns on the West Coast and other places, and urges the Government not to permit any halls under its jurisdiction to be used as picture palaces on Sundays, and requests all the public bodies concerned to take action in this matter.

Social Purity.

That this Conference expresses its appreciation of the earnest efforts of the Hon. G. W. Russell to deal with the dangers of Venereal Diseases, and heartily commends the booklet issued by the Defence Department, and the instruction given to our young men in the Military Training Camps concerning this menace. Conference urges our Ministers to acquaint themselves with the facts, so that they may speak with authority in warning young men against the sinfulness and the dreadful consequences involved in sins of immorality.

Censorship of Pictures.

That Conference regards with satisfaction the appointment of a Government Censor of Picture Films, but regrets that photo plays containing suggestive and vulgar scenes continue to be screened at many of our picture theatres, to the moral detriment of the community; the evil being intensified in many instances by the screened announcements preceding the various parts of the films. This Conference urges, not only a stricter censorship in these respects, but also respectfully brings under the notice of the Government the necessity for extending the powers of the censorship so that all newspaper and poster advertisements of picture and other plays shall come within its scope.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the retiring Committee, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Rev. J. Dawson, Messrs. C. M. Luke, T. Sims, W. J. Hellyer, E. Kellow, B. J. Lynneberg, H. Oxley, M. Cable, E. Dawson, W. J. Clarke, J. Raine, G. Petherick, J. H. White, R. G. Denton, Col. Mackintosh, W. E. Redstone, J. Richards, C. Swiney, and Mesdames J. L. Wright and Boxall. Convener, Rev. J. Richards.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1916.

As will be seen from the following summaries, there has not been so much property acquired, nor so many new erections, as usual. In the present condition of public affairs this is only what might be reasonably expected.

According to a Resolution passed by Conference four years ago there must be, during this year, a complete valuation of all our Church properties. This should serve the purpose of securing a complete register of all properties belonging to the Church, as well as a statement of their value. Properties held by the Mission Property Trustees, and those held under special trusts, have not been reported in the annual schedules, and consequently there is no official record of them in the Connexional Office.

I desire again to bear testimony to the good work done by the District Secretaries. It is evident from their Reports that they are trying to help the several Trust Boards to put their finances in a sound position. These gentlemen well deserve the thanks of the Conference and of the Church.

I.—SALES REPORTED.

1. **Paparoa.**—Sale to Hospital Trustees of 4½ acres of parsonage land; proceeds used for improvement of balance of property.
2. **New Plymouth.**—Sale of Queen Street property for £1900; of which £500 has been paid in cash, the balance remaining on mortgage for five years at 5½ per cent.
3. **Mangaweka.**—Sale to Masonic Lodge of a portion of the property with building thereon, leaving sufficient land for a church when needed. After paying the balance due to the Loan Trust, the sum of £186 9s. 8d. is handed to the Treasurers of the Loan Fund, to be available towards the cost of a church when required.
4. **Richmond.**—Sale of site at Wakefield; proceeds to be used for purchase of site in a more suitable position.
5. **Christchurch East.**—Sale of property at St. Asaph Street, for a sum sufficient to pay all liabilities, and to leave a surplus of £130, which is to be used as approved by the Loan Fund Committee.
6. **Springston.**—Sale of property at West Melton for £120; proceeds to be used as a Special Loan Fund for new enterprises in the Springston Circuit, repayable to West Melton if a church is required there at a future time.
7. **Ashburton.**—Sale of quarter acre section of land in Havelock Street, for £260; proceeds used to reduce debt on Parsonage.
8. **Cheviot.**—Sale of property in McKenzie township for £50; proceeds to discharge debt to the Loan Fund.
9. **Temuka.**—Sale of quarter acre of land and house in Denmark St., for £400; proceeds, after discharging mortgage and loan from Fire Insurance Fund, to be used as approved by the Loan Fund Committee.

N.B.—Several of the above sales were not reported on the Schedules.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES REPORTED.

Auckland District.

1. **Auckland East.**—Purchase of site 66ft. x 180ft., at Remuera, at a cost of £495. Amount raised not reported.
2. **Auckland (Avondale).**—Erection of vestry and leadlight windows at Henderson Church, costing £139 11s. 8d.
3. **Pukekohe.**—Grant of half acre of land by Land Board for Church site at Karaka; value £25.
4. **Papakura.**—(1) Erection of S.S. Hall, 60ft. x 46ft., at a cost of £800, debt £250. (2) Erection of class room at Manurewa, 23ft. x 18ft., costing £150; no debt.
5. **Hokianga.**—Purchase 1a. 2r. 27p. at Rawene, cost, with fencing, £57 10s. Debt £22 10s.

South Auckland District.

1. **Morrinsville.**—Additional Parsonage land purchased at cost of £90; fencing and buildings £43 8s. 7d.; amount raised not reported.
2. **Hamilton.**—(1) Erection of business premises at cost of £1108. (2) Additions to S.S. Hall, costing £160. (3) At Hamilton East, S.S. Hall, valued at £380, given by Wesley Church, and re-erected at cost of £127 15s. 11d; no debt.
3. **Ohura.**—Erection of church at Matiere, on land previously reported as a gift by Mr. J. H. Lyon, valued at £100. Cost of erection £283 11s. 5d.; debt £161 13s. 5d.

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

1. **Stratford.**—Gift of site 17.03 perches at Tuna, by Mr. W. Skedgwell, valued at £15.
2. **Hawera.**—Gift of 2 roods at Meremere by Mr. D. J. Williams, valued at £30, as site for Church Hall.
3. **Wanganui.**—Purchase of church site at East Wanganui, 2r. 4.8p., at cost of £425. Interest on purchase money guaranteed by Trustees of Trinity Church.
4. **East Egmont.**—Erection of church and other improvements at Douglas, costing £134 2s. 9d.; debt to Loan Fund, £17 10s.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

1. **Gisborne.**—Erection of church in Victoria Township, on site reported last year, at cost of £250; no debt.
2. **Pahiatua.**—Gift of 1 rood 8 perches at Makomako by Mr. H. Sowry, valued at £25. Erection of church thereon, partly by free labour, valued at £250; debt £50.
3. **Apiti.**—Purchase of 2 acres, with 8-roomed house as parsonage, at a cost of about £400; debt £300. N.B.—The parsonage at Kimbolton is leased with a purchasing clause, and is an asset against the above debt.

Wellington District.

1. **South Wairarapa.**—Extension of business premises at Featherston, at a cost of £294; increased debt £150.
2. **Otaki.**—Purchase of 20.7 perches at Waikanae; church erected thereon by free labour; estimate of value £180, debt reported £70

Nelson District.

1. **Hokitika.**—Small cottage valued at £70; no debt.
2. **Richmond.**—Purchase of new site at Wakefield, in place of site sold; cost £100.

North Canterbury District.

1. **Christchurch East.**—New site for church at Shirley, 1 rood, gift of Mr. A. E. Craddock, valued at £200.
2. **Greendale and Malvern.**—(1) Erection of parsonage at Greendale, on site reported last year, cost £787; debt £350. (2) Gift of half an acre for church site at Aylesbury, by Mr. R. Johnson.

South Canterbury District.

1. **Willowby.**—Erection of schoolroom at a cost of £117 5s. 8d.; no debt.

Otago District.

1. **Waikouaiti.**—Purchase of parsonage property at Waikouaiti.

Southland District.

1. **Nightcaps.**—Purchase of S.S. Hall at Tinkertown, at a cost of £30.

III.—ENLARGEMENTS AND MINOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Following the course adopted last year, the details of expenditure on this account are omitted from this Report, and the District totals are given as follows:—Auckland District, £1532 15s. 6d.; South Auckland, £3005 0s. 9d. (This includes business premises at Hamilton); Taranaki-Wanganui, £273 2s. 4d.; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, £499 17s. 6d.; Wellington, £572 12s. 11d.; Nelson, £4 5s.; North Canterbury, £83 1s. 7d.; South Canterbury, £194 8s. 10d.; Otago, £115 11s. 11d.; Southland, £67 1s. 7d. Total, £6,367 17s. 11d.

The above figures show that efforts in the way of enlargements to church premises, and improvements generally are being restricted by the abnormal conditions which at present obtain. Only about two-thirds of the amount spent in 1915 has been spent in this way during the past year, and only a trifle more than one-half of the amount spent during the year immediately preceding the war.

IV.—CURRENT TRUST ACCOUNTS.

The total Trust income reported, which includes credit balances amounting to £4,317 14s. 11d., was £43,376 0s. 2d. The total Trust expenditure, including debit balances amounting to £1211 4s. 9d., is reported to be £51,649 7s. 11d. Both the income and expenditure show a considerable falling off compared with the previous year. This appears to be the result of the postponement of many new enterprises till after the war. The credit balances carried forward are £3,691 4s. 5d., and the debit balances carried forward are £12,009 15s. 2d. This is an increase on both sides, as compared with last year. Debts to the Church Building and Loan Fund are stated to be £11,986 3s. 3d., and on other securities £105,335. The last-named item shows a large reduction during the year. The total indebtedness has been reduced by £9,209. Insurances have been increased by £14,985.

Last year attention was drawn to the discrepancies which occurred in the balances brought forward, as compared with those carried forward the previous year. This year's schedules do not show any improvement in this respect. Probably the amount of error in any one account is small, but the aggregate is a large item. For some reason the credit balances brought forward in 1916 were £138 5s. 7d. less than those reported as carried forward the previous year. At the same time the debit balances brought forward have grown during the process of transfer from one year's account to another by the large sum of £693 6s. It is very important that the auditors should in every case see that the balances brought forward each year agree with those shown at the close of the previous year's accounts. District Secretaries also should call the attention of those concerned to every case in which there is an error of this kind.

SAMUEL LAWRY,
General Secretary of Church Property.

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:—

Auckland—Mr. A. Messer.
 South Auckland—Mr. F. C. Daniell.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. R. Pepperell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr. T. R. Hodder.
 Wellington—Mr. E. Dawson.
 Nelson—Mr. J. Boon.
 North Canterbury—Mr. C. E. Salter.
 South Canterbury—Mr. J. Watson.
 Otago—Mr. E. Rosevear.
 Southland—Mr. A. S. Froggatt.

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1916.

During the year the following new Loans have been advanced:—

(1) From the General Funds—	£	s.	d.
Invercargill (Teviot Street) S.S. Hall	...	100	0 0
Greytown Parsonage	...	200	0 0
Invercargill Jubilee Hall	...	200	0 0
Ashburton Parsonage	...	200	0 0
Kaponga Church	...	200	0 0
Tahuna Church	...	142	0 0
Maori Hill Church	...	200	0 0
Papakura S.S. Hall	...	200	0 0
		£1,442	0 0
(2) From the Special Branch—	£	s.	d.
Douglas Church	...	20	0 0
Bannockburn Church	...	23	10 0
Taneatua Church	...	300	0 0
Invercargill (Teviot Street) Church	...	100	0 0
Springston Church and Parsonage	...	70	0 0
		£513	10 0

A detailed statement of Current Loans follows the Cash Account printed in the Appendix. It will be seen that the number of serious cases of arrears is not large. Attention was called to each case in the several districts in the Report sent to the Synods. In some instances the Synods have made recommendations to Conference, which will no doubt give them careful consideration.

The case of Huiakama has been before the Conference on several occasions. The Committee has agreed to suspend the payment of Loan instalments for a period of three years, the Trustees undertaking to keep the church insured and in good repair. It is considered that by the end of that period the Trustees and Quarterly Meeting will be in a better position to determine what is to be the future of the place, and of our Church there.

As directed by last Conference, the Treasurers have written off the amounts which were due on account of Island Bay (£11 18s.), and Blackball (£26 5s.)

In accordance with the Resolution of last Conference (see Min., p. 96), the Committee has given special attention to the cases of Whakatane and Taneatua. In regard to the former a loan of £200 has been promised towards the purchase of a site, subject to certain conditions being fulfilled. The Taneatua case was found to be in a very unsatisfactory condition, and no persons could be found willing to accept the Trusteeship with its responsibilities. The Committee at length agreed to lend £300 if the Home Mission Executive would become responsible for its repayment during ten years. This the Executive agreed to do, subject to the endorsement of their action by the Conference. The amount was accordingly paid off the Bank overdraft. Within the last few weeks the Chairman of the District has succeeded in getting a number of persons to consent to act as Trustees, and the property should at once be conveyed to them.

The Committee requests Conference to refer the various Synod recommendations relating to Church Property and Loan Fund affairs to a specially selected Committee, which shall include any Church Property Secretaries who may be available, such Committee to report to Conference in time for its recommendations to be considered in connection with this Report.

In regard to the Synod recommendations this Committee suggests that the recommendations from Auckland re Coromandel be not adopted, but that Conference direct that £25 a year be paid from the Home Mission Fund towards the liquidation of the amounts owing by Coromandel and Kuaotunu, till the whole be paid off. The Committee looks favourably upon the recommendation from South Auckland for the appointment of District Advisory Committees, provided these consist of persons who can be readily got together, that the word "loans" be omitted, and that all matters be first referred by Trust Boards to the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund. It is also thought desirable that the recommendations on the Trust Contributions for working expenses be referred to the Committee indicated in the preceding paragraph.

Ever since the Special Branch of the Fund was raised, a sum of £300 has been kept on deposit to earn interest to meet working expenses. The Committee recommends Conference to authorise the appropriation of one half of the commission received from the sale of Hymn Books to the working expenses of the Fund, so that the amount hitherto held on deposit may be available for loans as originally intended.

In addition to the transactions referred to in the General Report on Church Property, the following have been dealt with by the Committee:—

I.—SALES AND EXTENDED LEASES.

The following Sales and Extended Leases have been sanctioned:—
(Sanction lapses if not acted on by February 28th, 1918).

1. **Auckland Central.**—(1) Sale of a small strip at back of Pitt Street Church to City Council, for roading purposes—compensation by improvements to be effected. (2) Extended lease of one of Pitt Street shops.
2. **Wesley Training College.**—Lease of land at increased rental for five years.
3. **Mahurangi.**—Sale of Parsonage and part of the land at Warkworth for £200, proceeds to be used towards purchase of new Parsonage.
4. **Hamilton.**—Extended lease of land in Collingwood Street for building purposes, with provision for revaluation.
5. **Ngaruawahia.**—Sale of concrete Parsonage; proceeds to be used for purchase of another property, and erection thereon of new Parsonage.
6. **Waitara.**—Lease of Parsonage, with right of purchase.
7. **Kimbolton.**—Lease of Parsonage, with compulsory purchase, at end of three years for £285; proceeds to be used for purchase of Parsonage at Apiti.
8. **Wellington South.**—(1) Sale of 72ft. frontage on Clyde Street, at £4 a foot; proceeds to be used for reduction of debt on the remaining property. (2) Sale of part of the land at Maranui at £4 10s. a foot; proceeds to be used for reduction of debt.
9. **South Wairarapa.**—Exchange of a portion of the property at Featherston for another piece of land, cost of transfer and fencing to be borne by the other party.
10. **Christchurch East.**—Sale of church and land at Windsor for £250; proceeds to be used towards cost of new church.
11. **Waikouaiti.**—Sale of Beach Street property for £100; proceeds to be used for purchase of Parsonage.
12. **Winton.**—Sale of land on terms stated by Conference of 1914. The Committee recommends that the surplus after paying £75 to Don Street, be appropriated to the reduction of the debt on the Winton Church property to the Loan Fund.

The Conference is recommended to confirm the consent given on its behalf by the Committee to the Sales and Leases mentioned in the Church Property Report, and those mentioned above.

II.—PROPOSED ERECTIONS, ETC., SANCTIONED.

(N.B.—The following are additional to those mentioned in the Church Property Report as having been completed).

1. **Mahurangi.**—Purchase of new Parsonage property; conditions approved by the Committee.

2. **Pukekohe.**—The removal of the church building at Pokeno to the new site at Karaka, the cost to be defrayed by the Karaka Trustees
3. **Ngaruawahia.**—Purchase of three acres of land, and erection of Parsonage thereon, subject to sale of present concrete house, and approval of plans by the Committee.
4. **Taumarunui.**—Erection of church on site previously acquired—plans approved and loan promised.
5. **Whakatane.**—Purchase of church site; loan of £200 promised for ten years by the Committee, if satisfactory arrangements made for repayment.
6. **Te Puke.**—Purchase of site at Paengaroa, one half cost to be raised locally, balance to be advanced by the Committee.
7. **Waitara.**—Erection of new parsonage; plans approved by the Committee.
8. **Hawera.**—Erection of church hall at Meremere; plans approved.
9. **Wanganui.**—Enlargement of church at Gonville; plans approved.
10. **Christchurch East.**—Erection of parsonage at New Brighton; plans and financial arrangements approved.
11. **Roslyn.**—Additions to hall at Maori Hill for S.S. purposes; plans approved.

SAMUEL LAWRY,

General Secretary of Church Property.

GENERAL 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 1916-17:—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Woolston, Sydenham, St. Albans and Addington Circuits, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher, J. Down, W. H. Seed, A. F. Drayton, W. Henley, F. Thompson and W. Dalley.
3. That the thanks of Conference be presented to Mr. J. A. Flesher for his services as Lay Treasurer of the Fund, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be conveyed by letter to Colonel G. J. Smith, the retiring member of the Committee, for his past 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 in the case of Home Mission Stations, where there is property, Schedule books be provided free.
9. That the audited Balance-sheets be retained by the District Secretaries of Church Property.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. That sales sanctioned by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be ratified by the Conference.
15. That sales, as enumerated in the Church Property Report, Section I, be sanctioned and confirmed.
16. That Circuit Superintendents be directed to see that all sums raised for Trust purposes are reported to the Synods.
17. That in the judgment of this Conference it is very desirable that each Board of Trustees and of Connexional Properties should make an annual contribution to the working expenses of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, according to the existing scale, rather than that these should be met by a levy on the Contingent Fund.
18. That the attention of the respective Treasurers of the Mission Property Trust, and the Grey Institute Trust be called to the fact that no Capital Account has been presented to the Conference.
19. That the attention of the Treasurer of the Emsly Theological Endowment be called to the fact that only one auditor has signed the Balance-sheet.
20. That the conditions attached to the proposed sale of the Ngaruahia parsonage be referred back to the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund, with a view to the consideration of the request of the Trustees to purchase a house property.
21. That the recommendation of the South Auckland Synod for the appointment of District Advisory Committees be referred to the District Synods to consider and report to next Conference, the Connexional Secretary to draft a scheme for submission to the Synods.

22. That pending the adoption of a general scheme the Chairman of the South Auckland District send to the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund the names of persons who may be consulted during the current year.
23. That all communications to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee from Circuits in charge of Probationers, and from Home Mission Stations relating to Trust matters, be sent through the Chairman of the District concerned.
24. That the Property Schedules used by the South Auckland District be adopted for general use, subject to revision by a Committee consisting of the Connexional Secretary, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., Messrs. F. C. Daniell and H. E. Pacey.
25. That £25 per year be paid from the Home Mission Fund towards the liquidation of the amounts owing by Coromandel and Kuaotunu till the whole be paid off.

C.—REPORT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE, 1916.

The work done during the year has been of the usual character, without anything calling for special comment. As in former years, the names of all Trustees placed on the Register, or removed therefrom, have been sent to the Superintendents of the Circuits concerned, and a detailed report of the transactions in each District has been sent to the several Synods.

From time to time evidence comes to hand of properties having been secured without the necessary particulars being sent to the Authorised Representative for entry in the Register of Trustees. This is frequently the case where, for any reason, the deeds are not sent to the Conference Custodian. It sometimes happens subsequently that names are sent to be added to the list of Trustees, and there is no registered list to which further names can be added. It is important that Superintendents of Circuits should see that these matters are attended to in due course.

Difficulty is still experienced in securing the necessary items for registering some of the properties held by the Primitive Methodist Church. Some Superintendents have given very considerable attention to the matter, and have succeeded in obtaining and forwarding all necessary information. In other cases, notwithstanding a good deal of correspondence, matters are in a very incomplete condition. Efforts to get all these properties put on a proper basis will be continued, and it is to be hoped that most, if not all, of them will be in a satisfactory condition by the end of the year.

The following is the Cash Statement for 1916:—To Balance from 1915, £5 17s. 1d.; Cash received for Registrations, etc, £27 9s. Total £33 6s. 1d. By Payments to Connexional Secretaryship Fund, £30; Stamps and Stationery, £1 15s. 9d.; Fee for Fencourt Cert. Title, 2/-; Advt. in "N.Z. Gazette," 3/6; Total, £32 1s. 3d., leaving a Credit Balance of £1 4s. 10s.

It would be a great convenience if those concerned would invariably observe the rule and send registration fees with the application. The lack of this causes increased correspondence, and consequently increased cost of postage. At present there are outstanding accounts amounting to about £5. Meanwhile it will be seen that the Credit Balance is being reduced to the vanishing point, and without an increased income

it will not be possible to continue the payment of £30 a year from this source to the cost of working the Connexional Secretary's office.

I desire to acknowledge the hearty co-operation of a large number of Superintendents of Circuits in securing information necessary for correct records in the office. There still remains a good deal to be done, and with the help of those in the Circuits concerned, I hope, before long, to have all the records in good order.

SAMUEL LAWRY,

Christchurch,

January 11, 1917.

Authorised Representative.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Cash Statement be received and 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 1917-1918.
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 it be an instruction to the Authorised Representative not to enter in the Register the names of new Trustees until the fees be paid.

D.—REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS, 1916.

During the year the deeds of only ten properties have come into the hands of the Custodian. About half of these relate to new properties, and the balance to properties previously mortgaged, the titles being now freed by payment of the mortgage due.

There are still some deeds missing, and correspondence in regard to them is being conducted with persons who are thought likely to be able to help in their discovery. I would again urge upon Superintendents and Trustees the importance of knowing the location of the deeds of every property under their control. Where these are in private hands, and there are no encumbrances on the property, they should without delay be obtained and sent to the Custodian, and the fact duly noted in the Circuit Schedule for future reference.

SAMUEL LAWRY,

Custodian of Deeds.

Christchurch,

January 11, 1917.

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 to the Conference.
3. That the Custodian be requested to take the necessary steps for the recovery or replacement 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 XXXIII.—What is the Condition of the various Mission, Educational and General Connexional Properties and Investments?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. General Connexional Property Trust.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 4
2. Wesley Training College, Three Kings.
See Question XXXVII.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 5.
3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 6.
4. Probert Trust.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 7.
5. Prince Albert College Property.
The Cash Statement, etc., was presented to Conference.
6. Theological Students' Library Fund.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 8.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

7. Grey Institute.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 9.
The Balance-sheet was presented to Conference.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

9. Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 10.

Report to Conference.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we have to report that in accordance with the decision arrived at, the three free Kindergarten Schools hitherto carried on by the Board in Wellington, were closed as at the 31st December, 1915.

The question of the establishment of an Orphanage then engaged the attention of the Board, and acting with the special Committee set up by the Auckland Conference of 1916, a Bill was promoted to give effect to this, and other important matters affecting the future working of the Trust.

This Bill was passed by Parliament, and immediately thereafter, the Board set about making enquiries for a suitable place wherein to start the proposed institution.

So far, no definite decision has been arrived at, but the Board is giving earnest consideration to several proposals submitted to it.

We hope therefore to be able to announce at no distant date that an Institution has been established.

J. G. CHAPMAN,

Chairman of the Trust Board.

W. C. HEMERY,

Honorary Secretary to the Board.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

10. Canterbury Home Mission Trust Balance-sheet was presented to Conference.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 11.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1916.

1. The Fund has again had the good fortune of not having to meet any claims for loss by fire during the year.

2. Assets show an increase for the year of £795 13s. 9d., the total now being £8,670 1s. 6d. The Committee believed that it would be rightly interpreting the will of the Conference by investing a portion of its funds in War Bonds, and, therefore, invested £500 in this form of security. The interest on investments received during the year amounted to £404 15s. 10d., being an increase of £63 1s. 10d., as compared with last year. The amount received for Insurance Levies for the year was £848 2s. 1d., being an increase of £38 19s. 7d. on the preceding year, a total increase of £102 1s. 5d.

3. In accordance with the Resolution of last Conference, the Committee circularised all the Trust Boards whose properties were not insured in the Connexional Office, requesting them to do their insurance business in the interests of the Church, and in accord with the expressed wish of the Conference. The result has been very disappointing. Comparatively few have replied in any way. The Committee recommends the Conference to express its judgment on the matter in the strongest possible manner. In cases where Trustees or Committees are administering Connexional moneys, the Conference surely may be expected to give an explicit direction that the insurances be effected with the Connexional Fund.

4. The North Canterbury District Synod has sent to the Committee a request to consider the desirability of making a contribution from its Reserve Fund for the purpose of increasing the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund. The Committee recognises that such a contribution would come within the "objects of the Fund," as set forth in the Rules, but is strongly of opinion that it is necessary for the Reserve Fund to reach a considerably larger sum before it would be justified in recommending any such contribution as that requested. The further strengthening of the Reserve Fund will enable the Committee to carry a larger proportion of the risks, and so reduce the amount now paid for reinsurance. Last year £258 5s. 2d. was paid on this account.

5. The Committee has considered another way of helping the Trust Funds of the Church, and at the same time offering an additional inducement to Trustees to be prompt in their payment of levies. It is

proposed to notify Trust Treasurers that a discount will be allowed on all levies paid by due date. This should have the further effect of leaving Trust Boards without excuse for not insuring with the Connexional Office. The Conference is recommended to authorise this to be done.

6. At the time of Methodist Union the sum of £2,315 12s. 1d. was owing by the Trustees of various Primitive Methodist Church properties to the Fire Insurance Fund. In most cases the security consisted of a Promissory Note payable to the Treasurer on demand, without any agreement for interest, although 5 per cent. was being paid in all cases. Since then £784 5s. 9d. has been paid off. The following table shows the present unpaid amount of the various accounts with the overdue interest (where any) on December 31, 1916:—

Date.	Place.	Amt. of Loan.			Interest.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1903—Richmond Rd., Auckland ...		215	0	0	—		
	(Nothing paid since 1909).						
1904*—Huiakama ...		50	0	0	6	17	6
	(No Interest since Jan., 1914).						
1905—*Anderson's Bay ...		140	0	0	30	9	0
	(No Interest since Union).						
1907—*Waihi ...		15	0	0	3	9	9
	(No Interest since Union).						
1907—Fencourt ...		69	0	0	—		
	(Nothing paid since 1912).						
1907—Hamilton ...		200	0	0	—		
	(£50 paid during 1916).						
1907—*Madras St., Ch.Ch. ...		125	0	0	—		
1907—*Fairfield, Otago ...		50	0	0	0	12	6
1908—Fitzroy ...		120	0	0	1	10	0
1910—*Waterview ...		150	0	0	—		
1910—East Hamilton ...		62	6	4	—		
	(£15 11s. 8d. paid during 1916).						
1911—*Great North Rd., Auckland ...		80	0	0	—		
1911—Halcombe ...		80	0	0	—		
	(Paying off £10 p.a.)						
1911—*Temuka ...		25	0	0	3	8	9
	(Last Interest May, 1914).						
1912—*Woodlands St., Timaru ...		150	0	0	—		
		£1531	6	4	£46	7	6

*Those marked with an asterisk have not paid off any portion of the original Loan.

Although in some of these cases the security is technically defective, there is no reason to suppose that any of the Loans, except that of Anderson's Bay, will not eventually be paid. The Committee is trying to arrange in all cases for repayment, either in a lump sum or by instalments.

7. In the case of Huiakama, the Trustees and the Quarterly Meeting request that in view of the financial difficulties, interest be remitted for three years, to enable them to test the possibilities of the place. The Committee recommends the Conference to authorise the remission of three years' interest from September, 1916.

8. In view of the increase in the number of mortgages, and in the inconvenience arising from having these executed in the names of the Treasurers for the time being, the Committee requests the authority of

the Conference for becoming an incorporated body, under the provisions of "The Religious, Charitable and Educational Trust Act, 1908." ||

9. Mr. E. W. Hall is the retiring lay member of the Committee, and Mr. H. Holland is nominated as his successor.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Committee for its services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. E. Ward, T. Fee and Messrs C. E. Salter, G. Barrell, H. Buttle, E. C. Brown and H. Holland.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be given to Mr. E. W. Hall, the retiring member of the Committee.
4. That the Trustees and Treasurers of Connexional and other Church properties be requested to consider the advisability of effecting insurances in the Connexional Office.
5. That the attention of the Superintendents of Circuits and Trustees of properties be called to the impropriety of Trustees receiving personal profits from insurances effected in offices in which Trustees are directly interested.
6. That in all cases, except where mortgage liabilities make it impracticable, the Conference strongly urges that all the Connexional Trust and Circuit Properties be insured in the Connexional Office.
7. That the Committee be authorised to allow a rebate on insurance levies paid on or before due date.
8. That the interest due on the Huiakama loan be remitted for three years as from September, 1916.
9. That the Conference authorise the Committee to become incorporated as "The Methodist Church Fire Insurance Fund." ||/||

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

During the year the work of the Secretary has been spread over a wide area. After the Conference of 1916 he visited a large part of the South Auckland District, and besides having the opportunity of conferring with the District Secretary of Church Property and other interested persons in regard to Church affairs, he was able to obtain a large amount of useful information respecting our Church properties in that District. This has been of value in connection with several questions that have arisen during the year. He also visited several Circuits in the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District. Later in the year, nearly a week was spent in the Taranaki-Wanganui District, and the information given and received should be of great advantage in dealing with Connexional interests in that District in the future.

In September nearly three weeks was spent in Home Mission deputation work in the Manawatu Circuits, and in attending an important Conference Committee meeting held at Palmerston North. During the whole of the year the Secretary has been fully engaged in supplying pulpit services in our Churches, and has given one or more services to seven of the ten Districts of the Connexion.

The following figures will give some idea of the extent to which the work has increased during the six years the office has been held by the present Secretary. In 1910 the amount of revenue collected for the various Funds administered in the office was £3634 8s.; in 1916 it had grown to £12,011 9s. At the end of 1910 the capital of the Funds administered in the office amounted to £15,032 7s. 6d.; at the end of 1916 it had reached £112,860 12s. 2d. Also several new duties which add nothing to the revenue of the office have been added to the work of the Secretary, and during this year the work of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund is to come in. It may be interesting also to note that in 1910 the Home Mission Fund contributed £42 10s., and the Contingent Fund £175, whereas in 1916 Contingent Fund contribution was £165, and nothing was received from the Home Mission Fund, thus showing that from a financial point of view the office is more nearly self-supporting than formerly. A statement has been prepared showing the details of the above figures, and this will be presented to Conference for the information of its members.

The income for 1916 has been as follows:—Credit Balance from 1915, £14 8s. 1d.; Conference Appropriations, £700; "Methodist Times," £18 15s.; Total, £733 3s. 1d. The Expenditure has been:—Salaries, £468 15s.; Office Rent and House Allowance, £155; Connexional Charges, £55; Travelling, £6 2s.; General Office Expenses, £45 12s. 2d.; Total, £730 9s. 2d.; leaving a Credit Balance of £2 13s. 11d. A full Statement of the accounts will be laid on the table of the Conference.

The Committee estimate that for all purposes about £740 will be required during the current year, and the Conference is recommended to authorise the following appropriations:—Contingent Fund, £165; Church Building and Loan Fund, £165; Fire Insurance Fund, £190; Supernumerary Fund, £170; Authorised Representative, £25; "Methodist Times," £25. Total, £740.

According to Rule, Col. G. J. Smith is the retiring member of the Committee. The following are nominated as the Committee for 1917:—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Addington and St. Albans Circuits, together with Messrs. A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), J. C. Prudhoe, C. E. Salter, J. A. Flesher, G. Barrell, W. Dobbs, E. C. Brown, L. M. Isitt, M.P., and E. Iles.

The Committee desires to place on record once again its high appreciation of the services of the Secretary, Rev. S. Lawry. He has fulfilled the duties of his position with great ability and loyalty to the best interests of the Church. With the utmost courtesy and unflinching willingness to assist any department of our work, he has not only directed the increasing business of the Committee, but has also greatly assisted in many other ways the general interests of the Connexion.

ALBERT C. LAWRY, President,
Chairman of the Committee.

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 Colonel G. J. Smith for his services as Treasurer, and that Mr. A. F. Drayton be appointed Treasurer for 1917-18.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch Durham Street, Christchurch East, St. Albans, Addington and Cambridge Terrace Circuits; Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe, C. E. Salter, J. A. Flesher, G. Barrell, A. F. Drayton, W. Dobbs, E. C. Brown, L. M. Isitt, M.P., and E. Iles.
4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. S. Lawry for his faithful and efficient services in the carrying out of the increasing duties of the office of Connexional Secretary.

QUESTION XXXVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting the Theological College?

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

ENLISTMENT.

Of the twenty-one students that have passed through the College during the last three years, thirteen have enlisted for Military Service. They are:—A. A. Bensley, O. Burnett, A. R. Gordon, M.A., F. T. Harris, H. H. Marshall, S. J. Wodridge, H. I. Odell, T. E. Olds, G. S. Sheridan, W. S. Smith, R. B. Speirs, E. R. Warburton and W. A. Watson. Of these Lieutenant Sheridan lost his life on September 15th, during the Somme battle. Throughout his College term Mr. Sheridan was a most diligent student, both in his university classes and theological course. As a preacher he ranked above the average, and for his gifts and grace was heartily welcomed in the Auckland and Suburban Circuits. Though he hesitated a considerable time before enlisting, being unable to decide whether the higher duty was to stay and fulfil his obligation to the Church, or to go and fight for his country in her hour of peril, when he once had made up his mind he threw himself without reserve into his military duties, and quickly gained a commission. He was held in esteem by his fellow-officers and his men, before whom he made no secret of his Christian profession and vocation, and amongst whom he was frequently asked to act as a spiritual adviser. We deeply mourn his loss, but feel honoured in the memory of his useful life and patriotic death.

The resident students now number instead of fourteen but seven, or rather six, for Mr. Dennis, at the call of the President, leaves the College to-day to supply in the Leeston Circuit. Of these six, one is below the military age, and two have been rejected as unfit for military service. The others are not shirkers. Their lives having been consecrated to the Christian Ministry, and a large proportion of the theological students and probationers having gone to the front, they are remaining simply out of a sense of duty to the Church. In the event of the "ballot" calling out any one of them, he will not seek exemption, but will obey his country command without a murmur.

STUDIES.

Mr. W. T. Blight is the only undergraduate in the College this year. He is sitting for second year terms in Latin, mathematics, economics and mental science, and expects to sit for the B.A., first section. Four will sit for matriculation. Their tutors, Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., and E. T. Cox, M.A., consider that they will do exceedingly well, if they secure a partial pass, for they are attempting to do in one year what requires at least twice that period. If candidates for the Ministry could but realise the advantage of preparation before they enter College they would not waste a single hour. The majority of non-undergraduate candidates give no thought to matriculation work before they enter College, and then attempt to crowd into two years the four years' course of a secondary school. The Conference has, no doubt wisely declined to insist on matriculation as a necessary condition for candidature, but unless candidates are for two or three years steadily moving towards that goal, their term at a Theological Institution does not give them the training and advantage for which the Institution is designed. The usual course in Theology, Exegesis, Homiletics, Greek and Greek Testament have been followed. In connection with the study of Homiletics, the men have been aided by helpful addresses from the Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., and J. J. Lewis. The students not taking Latin have had as their extra subject Psychology, using Stout's "Ground-work of Psychology" as their Text-book.

All have studied portions of Haslett's "Pedagogical Bible School," and Mr. Frank Payne (formerly of Blenheim), in addition to giving the men an illuminating talk on "Blackboard Illustrations," has generously offered to give a course of six or eight lectures on the "Teacher's use of the Blackboard," and begins that course this week.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Although still affiliated with the Christian Student Movement, we have been unable this year to maintain our "Foreign Missions" Circle. But interest in the work has been stimulated by an address from the Australian Secretary of the C.S.M., the Rev. P. A. Wisewould, M.A., who visited us in August, and by two addresses from the Rev. E. P. Blamires on the "Principles and History of Foreign Missions," and by a visit from the Rev. T. G. Hammond, who spoke to us on "The Mind of the Maori." The students conducted their first Foreign Missionary Meeting this year. The meeting was held in the Grafton Road Church, and the students as Chairman, Speakers, Organist and Singers, acquitted themselves with credit.

PREACHING.

The Sunday work has been heavier than usual. For though our number is but half that of other years of late, the men, in addition to conducting services in all the Auckland and some of the country Circuits, have had to supply every Sunday the Auckland East, the Avondale, for a time the Pukekohe, and now the Devonport (Takapuna) Circuit.

The Principal is giving a service each Sunday to Auckland East, for which the Circuit is contributing to the Funds of the College.

HEALTH.

Throughout the year the health of all has been excellent. The salubrious situation and beautiful surroundings of "Dunholme" make it easy to keep "fit." Our number being too small to maintain, as in

former years, an athletic club, the men, as vacancies permitted, joined the Mount Eden Methodist Hockey Club (Gordon's), and did their share in winning the silver cup trophy as the premier club of their grade. One advantage—and no light advantage—of our small number is that just now each student has a room to himself, and the majority have been in that happy position for the whole of the year.

NEXT YEAR.

All the students are due to return. Messrs Blight, Dennis and Parker for a third year, Messrs. Hocking, Costain, Chambers and Jackson for a second year. But the war conditions render it impossible to forecast the arrangements the Conference will find it necessary to make.

(Signed), C. H. GARLAND,

Principal.

P.S.—Since the above report was written Mr. W. T. Blight sat for second year's terms examinations, and secured first-class pass in Latin, in economics, in mental science, and third-class in mathematics.

(Signed), C. H. GARLAND,

25th October, 1916.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the lease of "Dunholme" be continued, that Principal Garland retain his title, and that he be appointed to an Auckland Circuit.
3. 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.
4. That the re-appointment of the Rev. C. H. Garland as Principal of the College for a further term of six years from 1918.
5. That Mr. G. A. Buttle, Treasurer of the Theological College, be thanked for his services, and re-appointed.
6. That the following be the Committee of Management for the ensuing year:—Revs. C. H. Garland, G. Bond, J. H. Simmonds, C. H. Laws, B.A., J. J. Lewis, H. E. Bellhouse, J. Wrigley, T. F. Jones, W. J. Elliott, E. T. Cox, M.A., and H. Ranston, M.A., Convener, Messrs. A. C. Caughey, G. A. Buttle, A. Peak, J. E. Wheeler, J. Vealie, T. W. Jones, J. W. Shackelford, J. J. Parker. The Committee shall meet quarterly.
7. That the Board of Studies should ascertain the educational status of each student on entering the College, with a view to determining in what cases it is desirable that a University career should be followed, and in what cases the training should be of a character suited to a more direct preparation for the work of the Methodist Ministry.
8. That it be laid down as a principle that while no barrier should be placed in the way of suitable students receiving higher secular education, our students should rather receive a training specially suited for their work as Methodist Ministers than a training of a secondary school character.

9. That this Conference draws the attention of Ministers to the importance of bringing under the notice of our congregations and families the claims of the Ministry upon their lives and service, and that where practicable, theological tuition be given to those willing to begin work in this direction.
10. That in order to assist in the support of additional Theological Students in the College 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, 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 Contingent Fund be required by the Chairman of their respective Districts to sign an agreement to refund the amount received in the event of their resigning before they enter the College, such agreement to be in the hands of the Treasurers before the money is paid.
13. That in the event of a Minister resigning after his ordination there shall be granted for each year of service (reckoning only probationary and ministerial years) a rebate of one-tenth of his personal indebtedness.
14. That the Conference re-affirms its conviction that all candidates for the Ministry should aim at matriculation as an educational standard.
15. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the good results obtained by the Students in the various examinations during the year.
16. That the following appropriations for 1917 be made:—

Probert Estate	...	...	...	£300
Contingent Fund	...	...	...	£100
Home Mission Fund	...	...	...	£50
Prince Albert College	...	...	...	£50
Emsly Trust	...	...	...	£90
				Total £590

B.—NEW THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 12.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The position remains much the same as last year. The property at Epsom is still held, and rented to the best advantage. The annual income is insufficient to meet the expenditure in interest and rates, etc., by some £100 annually. It is the general opinion, however, that the capital value of the property has increased, and that the enhanced value more than counterbalances the deficits in the Revenue Account, which each year discloses.

Until the question of the University site is settled no definite action can be taken in regard to the utilization of the site.

In the meantime the promotion of the original scheme is impossible, and no funds are coming in from voluntary subscriptions.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-sheet be adopted.
2. That the following be the Committee:—Revs. C. H. Garland, G. Bond, J. H. Simmonds, C. H. Laws, B.A., W. J. Elliott, H. E. Bellhouse, C. C. Harrison, T. F. Jones, J. Wrigley and H. Ranston, M.A., with Messrs. G. Winstone, Senr., A. C. Caughey, G. A. Buttle, A. Peak, S. J. Ambury, J. E. Wheeler, T. W. Jones, J. Veale, J. H. Gunson, J. W. Shackelford, F. W. Wilson, G. Winstone, Junr., J. Stanton, LL.B., J. M. Caughey, J. W. Court, and J. Watkinson.
3. That Messrs. A. C. Caughey and A. Peak be joint Treasurers.

QUESTION XXXVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Wesley Training College?

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 5.

Report of Principal for Year ended December 31st, 1916.

The year has been one of uninterrupted and successful work. Nothing has happened that calls for lengthened mention in this Report. The drafting away of so many young men for Military Service has tended to reduce the number of applications for admission. It has also tended to lower the average age of the scholars. This is easily understood when we remember that youths, who under normal conditions, would have been free to enter at this and other boarding-schools, have had to stay at home to do the work of elder brothers who have joined the army. We have, however, been able to maintain a nearly full roll.

Progress of the scheme for removal to the new site has been still delayed by the inability of the Board to effect a satisfactory sale of suburban land. A slowly reviving demand for building sites will, it is hoped, ere long render an effective move possible.

The new farm is fulfilling all that could be reasonably expected of it under present conditions. Occupied and managed as the actual site of the College, it will do a great deal better.

The Income Account and Balance-sheet forwarded herewith will show generally the present financial position of the Trust. The Fund for New Buildings, which with accrued interest now amounts to a little over £3,600, is additional to the assets shown on the Balance-sheet.

The Board has noted the proposal to take steps for co-ordinating, as far as practicable, the work and aims of all our Methodist Charitable and Educational Institutions in the Dominion, and has asked the Principal to attend the Conference for the purpose of helping to promote this object.

(Signed) J. H. SIMMONDS, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference expresses its continued appreciation of the work of the Principal of the College.
2. That the Chairman of the District, Rev. C. H. Garland, be the Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

3. The following are the members of the Board:—Thomas McMaster, Geo. Winstone, Senr., Stephen J. Ambury, Andrew Clarke Caughey, James Henry Gunson, Joseph Henry Simmonds, James Edward Wheeler, John Veale, George Bond, George Winstone, Junr., Joseph Stanton, James Wilson Wiseman, Thomas William Jones, Charles Hughlings Garland, William Westney, John Edward Astley, Charles Henry Laws, William Edgar Lewisham and John William Court.
4. That a brief interim report on the work of the College, not including finance, shall be furnished to the Synods.

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

I.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 14.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1916.

As required by the Rules of the Fund, the Board of Management has pleasure in again submitting its Annual Report, covering the working of the Fund for the year 1916.

At the last Conference four Ministers were placed on the Fund. One of these and two other annuitants have died during the year, each of whom has left a widow, who has become an annuitant on the Fund.

The average length of service of Ministers who have been made permanent Supernumeraries by the past four Conferences, and who are still on the Fund, is nearly 40 years. The average length of service rendered by all Ministers now on the Fund is nearly 36 years.

The Cash Account shows that during the year £1,363 9s. 8d. was received on account of Ministers' subscriptions, and £1,777 6s. 6d. on account of Circuit Levies. At the end of December nearly all Circuit Levies, except those due for the quarter just ended had been paid. The following table shows the arrears of subscriptions in each District, with interest due to 31st December.

Districts.	Arrears of Subscriptions.		Interest on Arrears.		Totals.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland	25	3 2	0	17 1	26	0 3
South Auckland	44	5 0	0	4 0	44	9 0
Taranaki-Wanganui	60	1 6	2	8 7	62	10 1
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	4	7 0	0	8 10	4	15 10
Wellington	87	4 6	7	9 10	94	14 4
Nelson	—	—	0	0 6	0	0 6
North Canterbury	53	2 0	3	17 2	56	19 2
South Canterbury	26	6 6	—	—	26	6 6
Otago	35	8 0	1	0 0	36	8 0
Southland	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	335	17 8	16	6 0	352	3 8

The amount shown as arrears of subscriptions includes £158 17s. due by Ministers and Probationers, who are with the Expeditionary Forces. Interest is not being charged on Probationers' subscriptions which have become due since they enlisted, but until Conference determines their status, these subscriptions are being entered up for each year.

Arrangements have now been completed in connection with the purchase of benefits in the Fund on behalf of the Ministers joining from the Primitive Methodist Church. With the exception of the Senior Ministers, who retain an interest in the English Primitive Methodist Superannuation Fund, nearly all have agreed to secure full benefits, and in most cases the payments have been completed. In the remaining cases the Board has agreed to accept the balance due in payments extending over not more than six years from 1st April, 1916, payable in quarterly instalments, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum on the unpaid portion.

On December 31st the amount invested on mortgage was £71,600, all of which is bearing interest at 5½ per cent. The amount of interest due and accrued is shown in the Balance-sheet. As reported last year, the Board holds £5600 worth of New Zealand Government Debentures, and £900 of City of Wellington Debentures, which were taken over from the Australasian Fund. These bear interest at 4 per cent., and are redeemable at various periods. The Board also has £3000 worth of New Plymouth Borough Debentures, bearing interest at 5 per cent.

The average rate of interest earned during the five years since separation from the Australasian Fund has been a little over 5 per cent., and for 1916 it was £5 5s. 7d. per cent., showing a steady increase in the rate earned during the period under review.

In the valuation of the Fund, 10 per cent. of the income from Ministers' subscriptions and Circuit levies is allowed for working expenses. The average amount spent on working expenses during the five years' history of the Fund is 8.89 per cent.

The Board has been in communication with the Actuary in regard to having a valuation of the Fund made at an early date, and the desirability of making provision for the special risks created by several Ministers having, in various capacities, joined the Expeditionary Forces. After giving these matters very careful consideration, the Board submits the following recommendations to the Conference:—

1. That a valuation of the Fund be made as from 31st December, 1917.
2. That the attention of the Conference be given to the special risk to the Fund incurred in the case of those Ministers who in any capacity are engaged in the war, and the Conference is recommended (a) to provide that in case of death or disablement the amount to be received as pension from the Defence Department shall be taken into account in connection with any claim they may have on the Supernumerary Fund. (b) That at the close of the war an estimate be made of the increased liability of the Fund (if any), and necessary steps taken to provide for the same by such means as shall meet the requirements of the case.

* The amount to the credit of the Benevolent Branch of the Fund is £1070 4s. 3d., of which £61 6s. 6d. represents interest earned during the year. The Board has appointed a Committee of its members to deal with the distribution of benefits on the lines approved by last Conference.

A mortgage of £500 having been paid off during the year, the Board has purchased with this amount City of Christchurch Loan Debentures, bearing interest at 5½ per cent., with a currency of 15 years.

The Board has considered the medical certificates referring to Supernumeraries and Candidates for the ministry, and in each case approves the Report of the Board's Acting Chief Medical Officer, as endorsed on the certificates.

The Rev. W. Lee having removed from the District, now retires from the Board, and the Rev. W. J. Williams is nominated to fill the vacancy.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

SAMUEL LAWRY }
J. C. PRUDHOE } Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be the Supernumerary Fund Board for 1917:—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. S. Lawry), the Revs. W. J. Williams, T. Fee, A. C. Lawry, J. Cocker, W. Beckett, Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe, C. E. Salter, J. A. Flesher, W. H. Seed, W. Dobbs, and G. Bowron.
3. That a valuation of the Fund be made as from 31st December, 1917.
4. That attention be given to the special risk to the Fund incurred in the case of those Ministers who in any capacity are engaged in the war, so as (a) to provide that in the case of death or disablement the amount to be received as pension from the Defence Department shall be taken into account in connection with any claim they may have on the Supernumerary Fund. (b) That at the close of the war an estimate be made of the increased liability of the Fund (if any), and necessary steps taken to provide for the same by such means as shall meet the requirements of the case.
5. That gratification be expressed at the administration and growth of the Fund.
6. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. S. Lawry and Mr. J. C. Prudhoe, Treasurers of the Fund, and also to the Board, for their valuable services.
7. That Mr. J. C. Prudhoe be re-appointed Lay Treasurer to the Fund.

II.— CHILDREN'S FUND.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 15.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance-sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to Rev. W. Beckett and Mr. E. Kellow for their services as Treasurers during the year, and that the Rev. D. J. Murray and Mr. E. Kellow be the Treasurers for 1917.
3. That the assessment for the ensuing year be 12 per cent.

4. That the Three Kings Wesley Training College, the Connexional Secretary, and Home Mission Secretary Departments, and the Theological College 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 Funds 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 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 when a Circuit is temporarily relieved of supporting a Minister or Probationer, the payment of the usual Connexional Charges shall cease on the 1st of April following the Conference which grants such relief, and that when another appointment is made to the Circuit, Connexional Charges shall begin with the year of such appointment on the basis of the stipend paid.
11. That the travelling expenses of one of the Treasurers to Conference be paid out of the Fund.
12. That Ministers who have been permitted by Conference to marry during their probation, and those who have been received as married candidates for the ministry, be entitled to children's allowances for all children who are of the specified ages at the time of their reception into full connexion.
13. That Huntly Circuit be relieved of the charge of £2 2s. for the March quarter of 1916.

III.—CONTINGENT FUND.

For Statement of Income and Expenditure and Table of Levies, see Appendix 16.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance-sheet for 1916 be adopted.
2. That the levy for the current year be 6½ per cent.
3. That Rev. W. A. Hay and Mr. E. Rosevear be thanked for their services, and that they be re-appointed.
4. That £165 be voted for the Connexional Secretary's Office, £500 to the Theological College. £40 honoraria to the Editors of the "New Zealand Methodist Times," together with incidental

- expenses incurred in connection with the paper, and one per cent. on the taxable income of the Fund for the Conference Representatives' Equalisation Fund; also the amounts voted in connection with the appointments of chaplains.
5. That the cost of supplies for deceased or disabled Ministers include the Circuit levy for the Supernumerary Fund when this is not paid by the Circuit.
 6. For Regulations with reference to the appointment of a Minister in full connexion to a Circuit, withdrawal or temporary withdrawal see Children's Fund, Nos. 9 and 10.
 7. That postage allowances for this year be as follows:—President and Secretary, £10 each; Chairman of Districts, Auckland and North Canterbury, £4 each; South Auckland, Taranaki-Wanganui, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, Wellington and Otago, £3 each; Nelson, South Canterbury and Southland, £2 each.
 8. That the travelling expenses of the Rev. F. Greenwood from Brisbane to the first port of call in New Zealand be paid by the Contingent Fund.
 9. That the following be a Committee to sit during the year with a view to taking such action as will lessen the expense of printing the Agenda and Minutes:—The President, Secretary, S. Lawry, C. H. Laws, B.A., A. Ashcroft and Mr. E. Rosevear. Secretary of Conference (Convener.)

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

For Statement of Income, see Appendix 17.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

FINANCE.

To October 26 the sum of £3200 has been received during the year. This is far short of the £5000 which the Board of Missions expects New Zealand to raise. But as yet only about thirty Circuits have sent in their full returns, while from fifty-one Circuits no return of any kind has been received. It would greatly help to lift the financial burden from the Mission Board Treasurers if all monies raised in Circuits were sent promptly to the Conference Treasurers. The overdraft on September 30 was £25,000; this will show the urgent need.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND.

This Fund now stands at £451 16s. 3d.; of this £400 has been invested and the remainder deposited in the Auckland Savings Bank. Of this amount, £175 10s. 11d. was received from the estate of the late Mr. W. H. Scott, of Dunedin.

MOTOR KETCH FOR PAPUA.

To an appeal made by the Rev. M. K. Gilmour, Chairman of the Papua District, for a motor ketch, to enable him to carry on his work more effectively, Auckland, largely through the enthusiasm of our esteemed Treasurer, has made a magnificent response by raising £500 towards a total cost of £741—the balance being raised by Mr. Gilmour in Australia. The Executive gratefully acknowledges the generosity shown.

DEPUTATIONS.

The Rev. W. R. Poole rendered efficient service as deputation in the early months of the year, and later Mr. F. T. Broome gave assistance to Otago and South Canterbury Circuits. In other Districts Ministers and Laymen have given considerable help, and the Executive appreciates the valuable service so freely given.

REMITTS FROM CONFERENCE.

1. Organising Secretary—The Rev. J. W. Burton, having stated that he was unable to accept nomination as Organising Secretary for Foreign Missions in New Zealand, it was unanimously decided, after careful consideration, to submit the names (in alphabetical order) of the
 Rev. E. P. Blamires
 and Rev. W. A. Sinclair
 for designation to this office at the ensuing Conference.
2. Time for Closing Accounts.—The Executive strongly recommends that the Annual Foreign Missionary Effort be completed in each year by September 30th. (For 1917, a month's grace to be given).

VACANCIES TO FILL.

The Rev. J. G. When writes: "Apart from any supplies for any new Stations, we may want Ministerial Supplies for vacancies as follows:—

Fiji District (Fijian Section)	...	...	3
Fiji District (Indian Section)	...	...	1
New Britain	...	...	2
Papua	...	...	3
Solomon Islands	...	...	1
			10

There are thus ten vacancies in all. Married men will be needed for all these positions with perhaps, one exception."

It is to be hoped that our Conference, notwithstanding exceptional demands, will be able to allow two of its Ministers to help to supply the need.

A FORWARD POLICY FOR NEXT YEAR.

The Executive unanimously passed the following resolution:—"In face of the urgent claims of the Mission Field, the New Zealand Auxiliary should, in the near future, aim at raising an annual income of £10,000. For the coming year we recommend Conference to give, as its estimate to the Foreign Mission Board, £7000; £6000 for the General Fund, and all above that to be added to the New Zealand Working Capital Fund."

The Executive has been encouraged by the generous offer of a lover of Missions, who chooses to be known as "Investor," who offers £500 if £10,000 be reached, and £250 if £7000.

We believe this generous example will stimulate many to largely increase their subscriptions to Foreign Missions.

ORGANISATION.

That with a view to reach the goal of £7000 for next year the Conference appoint strong substantial deputations to every Circuit and Home Mission Station, who shall confer with the local officials as to organisation, and also advocate the Forward Movement in public meetings.

TREASURER.

Mr. J. W. Court is recommended to Conference for re-appointment.

COMMITTEE.

The names of the nominated Committee will be submitted to the Auckland Synod.

RETURNS NOT FORWARD.

Our accounts for this year will close on December 20th. Will Circuits which have not yet forwarded the amounts raised, do so at once, and also supply a complete Circuit List for insertion in the Annual Report—which is to be published early in the year.

T. FRANCIS JONES, F.M. Secretary.

The Report and Financial Statement were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the increase in the ordinary income for this Fund.
2. That the Conference re-affirms the decision to postpone the allocation of a separate field for our Foreign Missionary work until after the war.
3. That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair (President of the Conference) be appointed Organising Secretary for Foreign Missions, such appointment to take effect in 1919.
4. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. J. W. Court, and that he be re-appointed Treasurer of the Fund.
5. That the Rev. G. T. Marshall be appointed Foreign Mission Secretary for the year, and receive an honorarium of £75.
6. That the following be the Committee for 1917:—Revs. C. H. Garland, C. H. Laws, B.A., J. J. Lewis, L. Hudson, J. Wrigley, H. E. Bellhouse, W. J. Elliott, E. T. Cox, M.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., T. F. Jones, G. T. Marshall (Convener), Mrs. H. E. Pacey, Mrs. J. W. Court, Miss Madge Buttle, Messrs. G. Winstone, Senr., A. C. Caughey, J. H. Gunson, B. Buttle, J. W. Shackelford, J. Stanton, LL.B., F. W. Stone, S. L. Hurst, J. W. Court and G. Fleming.
7. That for the ensuing year we aim at raising £10,000 for Foreign Missions, to be allocated as follows:—£6350 for the General Fund, £2000 for the Working Capital Fund, and the balance as directed by the Mission Board.
8. That the first week in June be set apart for self-denial in connection with the effort to raise £10,000 for the Foreign Mission Fund.

9. That the following deputations be appointed to confer with local officials, and to advocate the Forward Movement:—
- Auckland: The President of the Conference, Principal Garland, Mr. J. W. Court.
- North Auckland:—Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A., the Vice-President.
- South Auckland:—Principal Garland, Mrs. Pacey, Mr. F. W. Stone.
- Thames and Upper Thames:—Rev. L. Hudson, Mr. G. Winstone.
- New Plymouth and Wanganui District:—The President, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., Mr. E. Dixon, Mr. F. Denton, Mr. T. B. Hughson.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District:—Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., F. W. Boys, M. A. Rugby Pratt and Mr. J. H. Oldham. ✕
- Wellington District:—The President of the Conference, Mr. G. W. Kirk.
- Masterton:—Rev. J. G. Chapman, Mr. J. H. Oldham.
- Nelson District (Nelson and Blenheim):—Rev. J. G. Chapman and Mr. J. Lomas.
- West Coast:—Rev. E. P. Blamires.
- North Canterbury:—Rev. R. C. Nicholson, Rev. E. P. Blamires, Messrs. C. E. Salter, J. H. Blackwell, F. W. Francis, Sheppard Green.
- South Canterbury:—Revs. S. Lawry, P. N. Knight, B.A., Messrs. J. H. Blackwell and H. Buttle.
- Waimate and Oamaru:—Rev. A. C. Lawry, Mr. E. Rosevear.
- Otago District:—The President of the Conference and Mr. J. H. Blackwell.
- Southland District:—Rev. W. A. Hay and Mr. E. Rosevear.
10. That for places not included in the above list, the Chairman of the District, in consultation with the District Foreign Mission Committee, make all necessary arrangements.
11. That the visits of the Deputations, so far as is possible, be made during May and June. ✕
12. That the itinerary of the Rev. R. C. Nicholson and Mr. H. A. Tunnicliffe be arranged by the Chairman and Secretary of the Executive.
13. That the Secretary for Foreign Missions be designated "General Secretary for Foreign Missions."
14. That official correspondence from the Mission Board go to the General Secretary, and Circuit correspondence to the Conference Secretary, Rev. G. T. Marshall.
15. That the following be Representatives to the Mission Board:—Revs. W. A. Sinclair and C. H. Laws, B.A., and Mr. J. W. Court.
16. That the following be the District Committees for Foreign Missions:
- Auckland:—Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A. (Convener), Messrs. J. W. Court and F. W. Stone.
- South Auckland:—Revs. T. J. Wallis (Convener), and G. S. Cook, Messrs. R. Reynolds and T. L. Hames.
- Taranaki-Wanganui:—Revs. E. O. Blamires (Convener), and R. B. Gosnell, Mr. E. Dixon.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:—Messrs. J. H. Oldham (Convener), and J. Harding, Rev. J. H. Haslam.
- Wellington:—Rev. A. McBean (Convener), Messrs. G. W. Kirk and J. P. Shand.

Nelson:—Rev. E. D. Patchett (Convener), Messrs. S. Gorman and W. D. Pike.

North Canterbury:—Revs. S. Lawry and E. P. Blamires, Messrs. C. E. Salter, W. C. Francis, F. Sheppard Green (Convener.)

South Canterbury:—Revs. J. A. Lochore and A. N. Scotter, B.A., Mr. E. Holdgate (Convener).

Otago:—Rev. C. Eaton, Messrs. E. Dawson and E. Rosevear (Convener).

Southland:—Revs. A. H. Fowles (Convener), G. H. Mann, Mr. J. J. Wesley.

17. That financial arrangements, place of residence and such matters in connection with the office of General Secretary, be referred to the Executive in Auckland, which shall report to the next Conference.
18. That the date for closing the Foreign Mission accounts for each year be September 30th, but that for the current year one month's grace be granted.
19. That the attention of those appointed to deputation work be drawn to the following publications:—"The World and the Gospel,"
 X J. H. Oldham; "Missions, Their Rise and Development," Mrs. Creighton; "India Awakening," Sherwood Eddy; "International Review of Missions."
20. That the Conference desires the entire Church to recognise in the present war situation an accentuation of the fact that the world's greatest need is the Gospel of Christ, and a challenge to the Church to unprecedented missionary effort and intercession. We hold the serious conviction that Christ is demanding from His Church to-day the same seriousness of purpose, the same sense of stewardship and the same willingness to sacrifice which the nations manifest in the prosecution of the war.
21. That in order to awaken and extend Missionary interest, the Conference directs—
 - (a) That Missionary advocacy be not limited to annual sermons, the visits of deputations, nor to quarterly lessons in the Sunday-schools, but rather interfuse the life of the entire Church the whole year through.
 - (b) That Missionary Study Circles be formed, or that Missionary Study be combined with Bible Study in Bible Classes, Fellowship Meetings, etc.
 - (c) That Missionary Topics be conspicuous in the syllabus of the Wesley Guild and other Societies of the Church.
 - (d) That the reading of Missionary Biography be encouraged in connection with the Sunday-school Libraries and in home reading.
 - (e) That the Editor of the "Methodist Times" be asked to set aside a special page for missionary news.
 - (f) That the interest of the Church be directed habitually to the various phases of the world-wide programme of Christianity.
22. That, recognising the importance and value of the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Conference recommends that a retiring collection be taken up in all our churches on Bible Sunday, May 7, or other suitable Sunday, in aid of the Society's Funds.

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

The Financial Statement for 1916 and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1917 was presented to Conference.

**REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION EXECUTIVE FOR THE
SYNODS, 1916.**

In presenting this report to the Synods, the Home Mission Executive wishes to express its thanksgiving to God for the work it has been permitted to undertake and direct during the year. It entered upon the duties committed to it with a full sense of its responsibility, and it has sought His guidance in all that has been done. If any measure of success has been achieved then to Him be all the glory.

A notable breach in the ranks of the Executive has been made by the deaths of Mr. F. L. Prime and the Rev. W. Gittos. Both of these men rendered conspicuous service for a lengthened period of years. The work of the former was confined to Executive management. That work began with the inception of the Church's Home Mission policy, and it was continued until old age and feebleness made it imperative that he should retire. During the whole thirty-nine years that Mr. Prime held office as General Treasurer, he devoted himself to the work with a sacrifice that was only possible because of his great love for it. The service of Mr. Gittos was of a widely different nature. He was a man of action on the field of conflict, a militant servant of the Great Head of the Church. His was the career of a great Missionary with his whole life consecrated to the uplifting and salvation of the Maori. His work as a member of the Executive was controlled by this passion. Of him it could truthfully be said: "This one thing I do."

The meetings of the Executive have, as usual, been held on alternate months, with an occasional extra meeting for urgent business. The attendance of both Ministers and Laymen has been satisfactory, the average of each order being twelve. One member of the Executive has been incapacitated through prolonged illness, and three others have not attended any meeting. In accordance with Conference rule these gentlemen cease to be members of the Executive.

The perennial difficulty of the Executive is to find suitable men to fill the appointments, and this year has been more stressful than usual. War conditions have made such a claim on the young manhood of the country that very few unmarried men are now offering for the work. It has only been possible to find four of them. Married men are, however, prepared to make the necessary sacrifice, and eight of them have been added to the staff. Others might have been employed, for there are fourteen vacant stations, only the stations themselves decline to receive a married Agent, and so nine other offers have had to be declined. At the Conference there is every prospect of a further decrease of the unmarried men, and more stations will be compelled to make provision for married Missionaries. Four of our young Missionaries have sought permission to enlist for military service, and another has done so without permission.

The work of Sister Nellie Hayes, as a Deaconess among the Maoris has ceased. For eight years she has rendered the Church unstinted and loyal service in this department of its operations, but the strain of

it has proved too great to be borne any longer. Her health compelled her to tender her resignation, which was regretfully accepted. This made it necessary to terminate, for the time being, the employment of Whaitiri Taipoto, and she has consequently gone back to her own people.

After the close of last Conference considerable friction arose in connection with some of the Home Mission appointments, and as a consequence the Executive was compelled to recast several of them. Five of the stations were involved in these changes, and there is every reason to believe that the alterations made have given satisfaction and tended to efficiency.

The ordinary work of the year has been carried on with a large measure of success. The Home Missionaries have been holding the fort in many a difficult area, and as a rule they show the spirit of heroes in the way in which they labour and sacrifice. In several cases there have been encouraging evidences of the presence and blessing of God. Direct conversions can also be reported.

The number of appeals for special grants has been unusually large, and as far as possible these have been met. Necessarily some have had to be declined. There seems a disposition on the part of some, both Ministers and Circuits, to ask for a grant to tide them over every difficulty, instead of making some more adequate local effort to meet their own need. This is especially the case in regard to removal expenses. If the Executive responded to all such appeals that come, it would mean a very heavy tax on the income of the Fund. In these particulars a more self-reliant policy needs to be cultivated.

Notwithstanding the stress of war times the Executive is glad to report the receipt of generous gifts from C.W.O., of £100, in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, for many years honoured members of our Church in Nelson; from Mr. H. Brittain, of Wellington, of £100, for immediate use as the Committee deems fit, and from G.P.W., of £52. In addition to these gifts the following legacies have been received from the executors of the estates of the late Mr. Robert Wallace, of Mangare, of £100, and of the late Mr. Samuel Stone, of Auckland, of £100. These amounts, except that of G.P.W., have been placed to the credit of the Capital Account. The executors of the late Mr. G. P. Wake, have informed the Committee that the Home Mission Fund will benefit under his will, while from the estate of the late Mr. F. L. Prime the Fund is to receive £100.

For these practical evidences of the loyalty of our people to their Church, and their keen interest in its Home Mission operations, we thank God and take courage.

C. H. GARLAND, Chairman.

T. G. BROOKE, General Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Organising Secretary be received and adopted.
2. That the Report of the Home Mission Executive be received and adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS.

1. General Secretary.—That the Rev. T. G. Brooke be heartily thanked for the marked ability and devotion with which he has discharged the duties of the General Secretaryship of the Fund, and that he be re-appointed. (See Addendum).

2. General Treasurer.—That a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to the Rev. G. Bond for the eminently satisfactory way in which he has discharged the duties of the General Treasurership during the year, and that he be re-appointed; also that he receive the usual honorarium.
3. Lay Treasurer.—That a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. J. Veale for his services as Lay Treasurer, and that he be reappointed.
4. Executive Committee.—That a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to the Executive Committee for its services during the year, and that the following be appointed as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:—The General Secretary, the General Treasurer, the Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Rev. T. G. Hammond, Mr. J. Veale (life member), Messrs. J. E. Wheeler, J. W. Shackelford, T. McMaster, T. W. Jones, T. Caley, A. Peak, J. Trounson, W. Hetherington, J. W. Court, J. Watkinson, W. S. Stone, W. J. Holdsworth, H. Fraser, H. Crump, T. Clark, J. J. Parker, R. Gunson, M. Harding, W. Dimery, J. Tyler, C. J. Smith, G. Higgott and C. Jansen.

Addendum.—The Conference desires to place on record its high appreciation of the fidelity and thoroughness with which the Rev. T. G. Brooke has fulfilled the duties of the dual office of General Secretary of Home Missions, and Superintendent of the Northern Maori Missions for several years.

The Conference recognises that many of the special gifts and legacies which have been received from time to time are due to his personal influence and appeals, while the largely increased income from the Maori Stations is evidence of his organising ability and vigilant oversight of the Natives, whose confidence and esteem he has won.

5. That the Rev. C. H. Garland prepare a form for signature by Home Missionaries containing their pledge to preach the doctrines and maintain the discipline of the Methodist Church.
6. That it is unnecessary for the recommendations of the Home Mission Executive in regard to the annual appointment of its officers and members of the Committee, to be reported to the various Synods, and suggests that these recommendations be sent to the Conference through the Auckland Synod only.
7. That in the event of Home Missionaries being called up in the Military ballot, the President of the Conference appeal on their behalf for exemption if they so desire.
8. That the following be the District Home Mission Advisory Committees:—

Auckland.—The Home Mission Executive acts as per Rule.

South Auckland.—The Chairman of the District, the Superintendents of the Hamilton, Cambridge and Te Awamutu Circuits, with Messrs. T. L. Hames, R. Reynolds, J. A. Clothier, E. H. Pain, and F. C. Daniell. Rev. T. J. Wallis, Convener.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—The Ministers in full connexion belonging to the Taranaki Ministerial Council, with Messrs. R. Pepperell, G. H. White, E. Dixon, E. O. Chivers, T. P. Hughson and F. J. Denton. The Secretary of the Council, Convener.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Chairman of the District, the Superintendents of Feilding, Sanson and Rongotea, Palmerston North, (Broad St.) and Palmerston North (Cuba St.) Circuits, with Messrs. T. H. Verry, J. G. Cobbe and T. Masters; also as corresponding members, the Superintendents of Napier, Hastings and Gisborne Circuits, with Messrs. L. T. Bisson, C. T. Russell and C. Vincent. Convener, Chairman of District.

Wellington.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, with Messrs. W. E. Redstone, F. Chinchin, C. M. Luke, C. Swiney, G. Petherick, B. J. Lynneberg, W. Truman, J. P. Shand, A. E. Moss, W. J. Clark. J. Laurensen. Rev. A. Reader, Convener.

Nelson.—Revs. W. Baumber and A. Ashcroft, Messrs. A. A. Lucas, S. Gorman, W. Burrough, T. Bell, J. Lomas. Convener, Rev. A. Ashcroft.

North Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch Durham St., East, St. Albans, Papanui, Woolston, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Springston and Addington Circuits, with Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, F. Thompson, H. E. Peryman, W. C. Francis, W. Dobbs, W. L. Thomas, C. H. Earwaker, F. Campion, S. R. Webb and F. Sheppard Green. Rev. J. Cocker, Convener.

South Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, the Superintendents of Timaru, Waimate, Temuka and Geraldine, with Messrs. J. W. Holdgate, A. Stead, J. Boothroyd, W. F. Cheverton, R. Maxwell and J. Sutherland. Convener, the Chairman of the District.

Otago.—The Chairman of the District, the Superintendents of Trinity, Central Mission, Mornington, Balclutha and Milton Circuits, with Messrs. E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, Junr., J. Dawson, W. King and T. W. Hemer.

Southland.—The Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits, with Messrs. J. J. Wesley, J. Stead, A. S. Froggatt, G. Brown, J. Hensley, A. Peterson, W. Kellow. Chairman of the District, Convener.

9. That the Home Mission Fund pay £50 towards the Theological Institution Fund, and that it undertake the repayment of the Coromandel Loan at the rate of £25 per annum.
10. That the question of grants to Circuits paying less than the minimum salary be remitted to the Home Mission Executive, and that the Executive report to the next Conference as to the best means of securing the payment of such minimum.
11. That the question of increasing the minimum salary of Married Home Missionaries from £130 in addition to house and furniture to £140, be remitted to the Home Mission Executive for consideration, and report to next Conference.
12. That in all cases when the Executive is asked to make a grant towards Removal Expenses, a detailed statement of such expenses be forwarded with the application.
13. That the Home Mission Executive make enquiry concerning the advisability of amalgamating the Whakatane and Opotiki Circuits with the view of placing a Minister in Full Connexion there instead of the Home Missionary as now determined, and that it report to next Conference.

14. That the action of the Home Mission Executive in changing the residence of Rakena Piripi from Temuka to Rapaki be confirmed.
15. That the Memorial from the Cape Egmont Circuit in re the representation of Home Missionaries in Conference be remitted to the Committee set up by the Conference to consider an alteration in the Constitution of the Conference, for consideration and report to next Conference.
16. That permission to make personal appeals to the Conference Home Mission Committee be given only to those members of the Conference who are either Representatives or Circuit Stewards or Ministers of the Circuit concerned.
17. That the enquiry by the Home Mission Executive in re the matter of the relation of the proceeds of the sale of lands administered by the Mission Property Trustees to the Home Mission Fund Executive as directed by the Conference of 1916, be continued during the present year, and a report of the same be presented to next Conference.
18. That the suggested transfer of Henare Hemara from Mangonui to Oparure in the King Country be not given effect to, but that the Home Mission Executive be requested to secure another agent for that appointment.
19. That Thames (Puriri) "One Wanted" be struck out.
20. That Havelock be placed under the supervision of the Blenheim Superintendent Minister.
21. That the General Secretary of Home Missions write to Stations entered as "One Wanted" and explain to them the present difficulty of finding supplies.
22. That the Ashburton Circuit be allowed to arrange with one of its own Local Preachers to act as supply.
23. That the following be a Committee to consider and report to next Conference what should be the recognised policy of the Church with regard to the status of Senior Home Missionaries:—The Revs. J. J. Lewis, G. Bond, T. G. Brooke, C. H. Garland, C. H. Laws, B.A., H. E. Bellhouse, the Vice-President (Mr. J. Veale), Messrs. G. Winstone, T. W. Jones, H. E. Pacey and Mr. G. Knight; and the following as corresponding members:—The President, Ex-President and Secretary of the Conference, the Rev. S. Lawry and Messrs. E. Rosevear, E. Dixon, J. H. Blackwell and F. C. Daniell. Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., Convener.

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

The Report of the Special Committee was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That, wherever practicable, the interests of Maori work have recognition in the activities of European Circuits, in the holding of occasional united public services, common use of churches, and other ways offering advantage.
2. That the Conference confirms the action of the President and the General Secretary of Home Missions in altering the residence of the South Island Maori Minister from Temuka to Rapaki.

3. That Conference directs the South Island Circuits in which Maori paha are situated, to enter these places on the plan and arrange for regular services to be conducted there, and to see that Church members are visited during the absence of the Maori Minister.
4. That the Maori Mission Stations be grouped together in the various districts throughout the Dominion and placed below the printed list of European Stations, and numbered consecutively.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. That, while regarding the amalgamation of the native work with the adjacent European Circuits as the end to be aimed at in our policy as a Church, this Conference is of opinion that for the present this is impracticable, and that adequate European supervision must be provided in some other way.
2. That the control of the native work by the Principal of Wesley Training College is impracticable.
3. That its control by the Foreign Mission Secretary is also impracticable.
4. That the work be controlled by a European minister.
5. That the office be known as that of General Superintendent of Maori Missions.
6. That the Rev. T. G. Hammond be appointed to this office, and that, he having stated to the Committee his purpose of retiring from the active work at the Conference of 1919 after 45 years of service, he be requested to postpone his retirement until 1920, and that the appointment be for three years.
7. That a suitable minister be designated for this office at the Conference of 1918 and take up the duties at the Conference of 1919, and that the Home Mission Executive nominate three Ministers to the next Conference.
8. That the Rev. T. G. Hammond, having intimated his intention to reside elsewhere than in Taranaki, pursuant to last Conference's permission, the Conference approve of his residing in the Auckland Provincial District as General Superintendent of Maori Missions.
9. That, in recommending to Conference the appointment of a General Superintendent of Maori Missions and the consequent removal of the native work in the Auckland Provincial District from the direction of the General Secretary of Home Missions, this Conference expresses its high appreciation of the able and faithful manner in which the Rev. T. G. Brooke has carried out his duties in connection with the Maori work, and accords to him its best thanks.
10. That the European Circuits system be introduced into the Maori work, with Maori Superintendents, except that the General Superintendent shall have the right to preside in each Quarterly Meeting.
11. That in our judgment the Ngapuhi work be continued with its present boundaries as one Circuit, but with three sections financially separate, viz., Hokianga with two Ministers, Whangaroa with one Minister and a Home Missionary, and Bay of Islands with

- one Minister; that Piripi Rakena be appointed Superintendent; that the Kaipara work be continued as at present; that the work in the King Country be continued as one Circuit as at present, but that sectional Quarterly Meetings be organised as soon as possible for the central and coast parts of the work, and that Hone Hare be appointed as Superintendent; that an additional Minister be appointed to this Circuit, and that he reside at Oparure; that the work in the Taranaki-Wanganui District be continued as one Circuit, with Robert Haddon as Superintendent, and that if deemed advisable it be divided into sectional Quarterly Meetings as in the north.
12. That a District Maori Committee, consisting of all the Maori Ministers and laymen who are members of Synod, together with the General Superintendent of Maori Missions and the Minister designated to that office, be set up in the Auckland and Taranaki-Wanganui Districts, to meet on a day prior to Synod, the General Superintendent presiding.
 13. That the time is opportune for the setting up of a separate Maori Mission Executive.
 14. That it shall be the aim of our Church in its Maori Mission:—
 - To maintain an adequate supply of suitable men for the Native Ministry.
 - To keep in effective touch with the young life of the Native people.
 - To promote the development of educational work among both Native boys and girls.
 - To provide an adequate industrial or agricultural training for selected youths.
 - To foster the instruction of Native girls and women in hygienics, sick nursing and the domestic arts.
 15. That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair (President), Messrs. E. Dixon and J. G. Cobbe (the Rev. W. A. Sinclair being convener), be a sub-committee to confer with the Revs. T. G. Hammond and R. Haddon on the question of a School for Maori Girls, such school to be located in the Taranaki district if possible, and that they submit recommendations to other members of the Committee for subsequent incorporation in the Committee's findings.
 16. That this sub-Committee also consider similarly the question of the appointment of deaconesses to settlements whence girls go to the Girls' School and whither they return after their school course.
 17. That the Home Mission Executive be recommended to appoint a deaconess to Waima, provided suitable lodging can be secured.
 18. That all Ministers engaged in the Maori work be requested to use their best endeavours to secure a supply of candidates for the Native Ministry, with a view to their receiving preliminary education at Wesley Training College and subsequent training at the Theological Institution in company with European students.
 19. That the following be a Committee to issue literature and music for our Maori work:—Revs. T. G. Hammond, T. A. Joughin, B. F. Rothwell, A. J. Seamer, E. T. Cox, M.A., and A. B. Chappell, M.A. Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A., Convener.

20. That the matter of Maori Agents offering for Foreign Mission work be referred to the District Maori Committees.
21. That the following recommendation be referred to the Home Mission Executive for consideration and its recommendation thereon be reported to the next Conference through the District Synods:—

Maori Representation in Synod and Conference:—

District Synod: 1. All Native Ministers shall be members of the Annual Synod of the District within which they are stationed, and shall have the right to speak and vote on all matters of business transacted by the Synod, except those dealt with under Questions IV., V., VI. and VII. 2. Native Probationers shall attend the Annual District Synod, but have no vote. 3. The Quarterly Meeting of each Circuit or section of a Circuit shall have the right to elect from its members one Lay Representative to the Annual District Synod for each Native Minister in full connexion, appointed to such section of the Circuit by the preceding Conference and employed therein at the time of election. A Substitute Representative may also be elected. The election shall take place at the Quarterly Meetings immediately preceding the Synod. 4. Native Ministers shall be members of the District Ministerial Committee, but shall have no vote on matters which relate exclusively to European Ministers and Probationers.

22. That the following recommendation be remitted to the Special Committee on "The Constitution of the Conference" for consideration, such Committee to report through the Synods to the next Conference:—

The Conference: 1. All Native Ministers and an equal number of Lay Representatives elected by the Maori Circuit Quarterly Meetings shall be entitled to attend each Annual Conference, and shall have the full rights of members on all matters except those dealt with under Questions II. to VI. and XIII. to XVI. 2. When Native Probationers are directed by the Ministerial Committee of their District to attend the Conference for ordination their travelling expenses shall be paid by the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund. 3. Until such time as Maori Circuits pay the necessary connexional charges, the travelling expenses of Maori Ministers and Lay Representatives to Conference be not made a charge on the Equalisation Fund. 4. That all Lay Representatives to District Synod and Conference must be members of the Church in good standing in the Circuits by which they are elected.

DUTIES OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF MAORI MISSIONS.

A. (General). To have the general superintendence and control of the Maori work throughout the Dominion.

To meet the special circumstances of the work in the South Island, the South Island Mission shall be under the supervision of the Chairman of the district in which the agent resides. The agent shall report quarterly, through his Chairman, to the General Superintendent. The General Superintendent shall visit the South Island Maori Mission Station once a year.

B. (Detailed). 1. To preside at all meetings of the District Maori Committee, and to see that the business of the Committee is transacted according to the order of the questions arranged by the Conference.

The Committee shall appoint its own Secretary, who shall prepare a record of the business transacted, which shall be in the custody of the General Superintendent and a signed copy shall be sent to the Chairman of the District in which the meeting is held.

The order of business shall be as for the District Synod (the Methodist Law Book, p. 60) with the following omissions and alterations:—Omit questions 4, 5, 6, 7, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 33, and 38-50 with the exception of No. 44. Question 14 to read:—"What amounts have been raised for (a) the Home Mission Fund; (b) the Foreign Mission Fund; (c) Local Church Purposes?"

Question 17. The General Superintendent shall ask for information in regard to matters referred to under this question. Add the following question: "Are the Native properties in the district legally vested in the Methodist Church?" The Conference directs "that the Home Mission Committee of the next Conference be requested to take into serious consideration the question of legally securing the Maori Church properties to the Connexion."

Question 24. Under this question (4) and (5) to be considered.

Question 25. (1) How many native students from this district have been sent to Wesley Training College during the year? (2) What can be done to secure students for the coming year for Wesley Training College?

Question 29. Under this question (1) to be dealt with; also can any measures be adopted for promoting the work of God in the district?

(2) To attend all the Maori Quarterly Meetings, and see that the specified questions are duly asked.

The order of business shall, as far as possible, follow that of the European Quarterly Meeting. (Methodist Law Book, p. 51). Question IV. to read: Have collections been made at each public service in accordance with Conference rule?

(3) To direct and supervise the work of the Native Ministers and generally to promote the interests of the Methodist Church among the Maori people.

The General Superintendent shall, if possible, be present at all important native gatherings, or, if unable to attend, make arrangements with one or more native Ministers to represent the Church on such occasions.

QUESTION XLII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

Reports were received and adopted from Auckland Methodist Mission, Wellington Central Mission, Dunedin Central Mission.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Regulations of Conference (Minutes, 1914, page 103), with regard to Missions, be re-affirmed
2. That the Conference expresses its high appreciation of the work of the Ministers and Laymen associated with the various City Missions.

3. That this Conference believes that the erection of an Institutional Mission Hall in the City of Wellington for the permanent housing of the Methodist Central Mission, would be a fitting memorial to the noble sacrifice made by so many Methodist men in this great war.
4. That the Conference desires to encourage the Trustees of the Dunedin Central Mission in its efforts to reduce its heavy Trust liability, and recommends a timely appeal to the Methodists of the South Island to assist an aggressive evangelistic work, which has strong claims to the practical sympathies of all our people.
5. That the following Committees of Management be appointed for the ensuing year:—

AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.

The Members of the Mission Quarterly Meeting, with Messrs. S. J. Ambury, J. E. Wheeler, T. Clark, T. Hodgson, A. Peak, J. Burton, and T. W. Jones. Convener, the Superintendent of the Mission.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL MISSION.

The Members of the Mission Quarterly Meeting, with Messrs. W. E. Howe, A. E. Moss, W. C. Burd, C. D. Macintosh, E. Tonks, R. G. Denton and J. R. Burley. Convener, the Superintendent of the Mission.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

That the Committee of Management for the ensuing year be confined to the members of the Quarterly Meeting.

QUESTION XLIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the Training of Deaconesses?

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 20.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Sister Ruth be heartily thanked for her services as Lady Superintendent of the Deaconess House, and that she be re-appointed.
2. That the Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., be thanked for his services as Secretary and Treasurer of the Institution.
3. That the following Committee be appointed for the ensuing year:—
The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of Durham Street, Christchurch East, Durham Street South, St. Albans, Sydenham and Addington Circuits, Messrs. E. C. Brown, E. Iles, H. S. J. Goodman, R. H. Turner, F. Thompson, C. E. Salter and L. M. Isitt, M.P., together with five ladies, who shall be members of the House Committee. Convener, Rev. W. Beckett.
4. That Mr. E. Iles be appointed Lay Treasurer.
5. That the Home Mission Executive be recommended to consider the advisability of employing Deaconesses who have been trained in the Deaconess Institution, in suitable spheres, if possible in a Circuit with a Minister or Home Missionary.

6. That each Deaconess recognised by the Conference shall, during the month of August, furnish the Committee with an Annual Report of her work.
 7. That each Superintendent of a Circuit employing a Deaconess shall furnish, during August, an Annual Report of the work of the Deaconess, with special reference to the requirements of the following year.
 8. That the appointment of a Deaconess shall be an annual one, and that the invitation to remain in the appointment shall be made in September, and forwarded to the Committee, through the September Quarterly Meeting.
 9. That the appointments shall be made by the Committee after consultation with, and with the consent of, the Circuits concerned. These appointments shall be reported to Conference. The Committee shall also have power to make necessary adjustments during the year.
 10. That applications for the new appointment of a Deaconess shall be made to the Committee in October.
 11. That Deaconesses shall be granted four weeks' holiday in each year.
 12. That all cases of withdrawal from the work, or of prolonged absence, shall be reported to the Committee by the Superintendent of the Circuit affected.
 13. That the choice of a distinctive name by any Deaconess be made only with the consent of the Committee.
 14. That an Annual Deaconess Convention shall be held in the June quarter; each Deaconess unable to attend being required to forward greetings, and being entitled to receive a report of the meetings.
 15. That each Probationer in training shall be asked to contribute twenty pounds a year towards the cost of board and training. Where this cannot be done, special arrangements shall be made for the repayment of, at least, part of the cost of training.
 16. That 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 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.

17. That the Central Deaconess Committee prepare the curriculum and make arrangements for the examination of these extra-mural students.
18. 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.
19. 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 Deaconess House, and that Circuits be advised not to seek the appointment of a Deaconess without first ascertaining whether a trained agent be available.
20. That the removal expenses of any Deaconess of a Circuit shall be paid by the Circuit receiving her.
21. That a letter of sympathy be forwarded to Sister Howard in her sickness.
22. That Sister Kenneth McKenzie be entered on the list of Connexional Deaconesses provided she be willing that such be done.

LIST OF DEACONESSSES.

- Sister Mabel—Sister in Charge, South Island Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch.
 Sister Howard—Resting.
 Sister Jean—Palmerston North.
 Sister May—Taranaki Street, Wellington.
 Sister Lilian—Resting.
 Sister Catherine—Addington, Christchurch.
 *Sister Douglas—Pitt Street Church, Auckland.
 *Sister Ruth—Lady Superintendent, Deaconess House, Christchurch.
 *Sister Florence—Sydenham, Christchurch.
 Sister Nellie
 *Sister Emily—Auckland East.
 *Sister Constance—
 Sister Mildred—
 Sister Edith Walton—Durham Street, Christchurch.
 *Sister Dora Cherrie—Orphanage, Christchurch.
 *Sister May Barnett, Orphanage, Christchurch.
 Sister Annie Tocker, Wesley Church, Christchurch East.
 Sister Kenneth MacKenzie, Auckland.

ON PROBATION.

- *Sister Constance Ashby.
 *Sister Edith Goodall.

STUDENTS IN TRAINING.

- Miss White, entered for medical training, Christchurch Hospital.
 Miss Berry, entered for medical training, New Plymouth Hospital.
 Miss H. R. Brodie.
 *Trained at Deaconess House, Christchurch.

QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Regarding the Connexional Orphanages?

A.—THE NORTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

(Mount Albert, Auckland.)

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 21.

REPORT FOR YEAR 1916.

In presenting our Third Annual Report, we gratefully record the successful work of another year.

Our present number of children in residence is twenty-seven (sixteen girls and eleven boys), eleven have been admitted during the year, and twelve have been removed; three of these have gone to Christian, well-to-do people, who purpose adopting them. For seven months of the year we had our full complement of thirty-two.

The Matron reports that the health of her charges has been uniformly good, they are amenable to discipline, and receptive to spiritual teaching. The results of the constant endeavour to train them to be useful are encouraging, and the affectionate regard shown to Mr. and Mrs. Blight testifies to the happy relationships existing in the Home.

All the children save one are of school age and attend the District Public School.

At our Mount Albert Church on Sunday mornings there is a regular muster of children in charge of members of the staff. They also attend the Sunday School in full force.

We desire to express our indebtedness for the valuable services generously rendered by our Honorary Physician, Dr. Leslie Thompson, F.R.C.S.E., and also those of our Honorary Dentists, Messrs. F. Brown and H. D. Crump.

The additional two acres of land leased from Mr. A. C. Caughey at a peppercorn rent, have now been purchased at a low figure on very generous terms, the purchase money remaining as a loan to the Trustees for a period of five years without interest. The area of the property is now nearly five acres.

The Ladies' Committee have displayed untiring interest, and their help has been greatly appreciated by our worthy Matron. Mrs. F. W. Wilson recently gave an "At Home" in the Pitt Street Schoolroom, with a view to increasing interest in the Orphanage and of raising funds to assist in the clothing of the children. The attendance was good and the results most gratifying.

In conclusion, the Board of Management wish to thank the many friends who have contributed to the funds of the Home, to the Circuits who responded so liberally to our Christmas appeal, and for the many contributions of clothing, fruit, vegetables, etc.

C. H. GARLAND, Chairman.

WM. ASTLEY, Hon. Secretary.

B.—THE SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

(Papanui, Christchurch).

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 22.

REPORT FOR 1916.

We have much pleasure in presenting this, our Third Annual Report, and of stating that the year has been one of continued success. It has also been a year of strenuous work for the staff, because of the large increase in our numbers, and of the limited accommodation the present Home affords. Notwithstanding, the health of the staff continues good. The Matron (Sister Mabel) has been able to carry out the arduous, and often extremely difficult duties, most successfully, and we are pleased to report that her health has been well maintained. We wish to note also the excellent work done by Sisters Dora and May, who have faithfully carried out their several duties under the supervision of the Matron.

One of the outstanding features of the work of the Home this year has been the large increase in the number of children. Last year we only reported a total number of eighteen; this year we have pleasure in reporting a total of twenty-nine, viz., fifteen girls and fourteen boys.

The health of the children, on the whole, continues wonderfully good. Apart from small ailments usual among children, they have been keeping in splendid health, happily escaping the prevailing epidemic, which has been so general in the city and suburbs.

We are pleased to report the successful work undertaken by our Organising Agent (Sister Isabel) during the year. She has been able to visit most of the districts, and reports sympathetic and sustained interest in the welfare of the Home.

On account of the large increase of children during this year the Committee has been compelled to face the matter of a necessary extension scheme. Plans have been duly prepared, the whole matter carefully reviewed by the Committees, and finally thoroughly discussed and sanctioned by the Board of Management. The additions will cost £1500. This scheme, when completed, will provide accommodation for double the present number of children, viz., sixty.

The Board wishes to heartily thank the numerous friends for their generous contributions to the funds of the Institution, especially thanking our annual subscribers, and commends the work of this growing and worthy Institution to all our people throughout the South Island.

We also express our gratitude and deep appreciation of the work of all the ladies, together with the members of the Young Ladies' Bible Classes, who have so kindly assisted the staff in the working of the Institution.

In conclusion, we desire to call the attention of all our people to the growing claims of this Christian philanthropic work, and to point out the necessity for continued and increasing liberal support during the coming year, especially in view of this extension scheme, which will involve such a large outlay.

ALBERT C. LAWRY, Chairman.

THOS. W. VEALIE, Secretary.

The Reports and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

A.—NORTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

1. The Conference records its deep thankfulness for the successful work of the Orphanage at Mt. Albert during the past year. It rejoices in the fact that a comfortable and Christian home, with every helpful influence has been given to 32 children, who sorely needed it. It congratulates both the Board of Management and those in charge of the Home on the past year's record, and with the utmost heartiness recommends the Institution to the continued and increased support of the Methodist congregations throughout the North Island.
2. That Mr. Percy Winstone be thanked for his services as Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That Mr. W. Astley be thanked for his services as Secretary, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Dr. Leslie Thompson, as Honorary Physician, and to Messrs. F. Brown and H. D. Crump, as Honorary Dentists.
5. That the following constitute the Board for next year:—The Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban, Papakura and Pukekohe Circuits, together with the Supernumeraries, Miss Harvey, Mesdames F. W. Wilson, J. H. Gunson, A. H. White, J. P. Armitage, J. Burton, J. Trounson and G. H. White, Messrs. T. Hodgson, J. E. Wheeler, T. W. Jones, J. W. Shackelford, A. Peak, A. H. White, S. J. Ambury, J. Veale, J. Trounson, F. W. Stone, H. E. Pacey, T. A. Ashton, W. Astley, W. Percy Winstone, J. Marsden Caughey and A. C. Caughey (life member).

B.—SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

1. That Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of the work done at the South Island Orphanage by Sister Mabel and her assistants. It cordially approves of the forward move made by the Committee. It commends the work of the Home to the sympathies and help of our Methodist people throughout the South Island.
2. That Mr. George Bowron be thanked for his efficient services as Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That the Rev. T. W. Vealie be thanked for his services as Secretary, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That Sister Isabel be thanked for her successful work as collector for the South Island Orphanage.
5. That the following be the Board for the ensuing year:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, the Revs. H. Bull, C. E. Ward, and W. J. Williams, Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron, H. Bery, W. H. Seed, C. E. Salter, J. A. Flesher and D. Jones, the Trustees of the Institution, with Messrs. T. T. Robson, G. Scott, A. F. Drayton, J. Gilmour, H. Buttle, J. Marshall, W. Dobbs, W. Keith, F. E. Jones, Geo. Bowron and J. H. Blackwell. Convener: Rev. T. W. Vealie.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

That our Sunday-schools in the Dominion be fully informed as to the work of our Orphanages, so that by their interest being thus aroused support for the Orphanage funds may be obtained.

C.—PROPOSED WELLINGTON EDUCATION TRUST ORPHANAGE.

The Report from the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments' Trust was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference express pleasure that the Trustees are considering sites for the proposed new Orphanage in the Wellington District.
2. That the sanction of Conference be given for the purchase of land for the purpose of erecting an Orphanage.
3. That the Committee of Management for the proposed Wellington Orphanage be appointed by the Wellington Methodist Educational Trustees, and the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit nearest the proposed site.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Trustees for their earnest and successful work in connection with the Educational Trust.
5. That Rev. J. G. Chapman be re-elected as Chairman of the Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.
6. The following Committee was appointed to act in co-operation with the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Trust:— President and Vice-President of Conference, Revs. C. H. Garland, C. H. Laws, B.A., and Mr. A. Peak. Convener, Rev. C. H. Laws.
7. That the allocation of Districts for the several Orphanages be as follows:—
 South Island Orphanage.—The whole of the South Island as its field of operations.
 Wellington Orphanage.—Wellington and Hawke's Bay-Manawatu Districts.
 Auckland Orphanage.—The remainder of the North Island.

That the whole matter be reviewed and re-arranged at the next Conference, owing to the suggested establishment of a Hostel in Christchurch.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 13.

REPORT OF "METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

This Committee has met at stated times during the year to transact the business of its department. Foremost among the many matters that have claimed the attention of the Committee has been the advancement of "Methodist Times" interests. There is a general feeling

among the members that, if we can maintain our circulation and successfully finance the paper during the war period without assistance from the Contingent Fund, we shall have achieved a useful end. Throughout the year the circulation has gradually increased, and there should be no difficulty in meeting all liabilities. Owing to the increased cost of production, the last Conference agreed to increase the annual subscription from 5/6 to 6/-; and we are pleased to report that our people have loyally supported the Conference resolution, so that few, if any, subscribers have been lost on this account.

From time to time we have received evidence that the paper is fully maintaining its popularity and usefulness, and under normal conditions it should have an exceedingly prosperous future.

The Committee again desires to recognise the excellent services rendered to the Church by the Editor and Associate-Editor.

Early in the year Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., asked to be relieved of the task of revising the English booklet for the guidance of young Methodists. This work has now been taken over by Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., and the revised booklet will be in circulation before the next Annual Conference.

The Committee has also decided to print 3000 copies of a booklet, entitled "Starting Points for Starters," by Rev. Val. Trigge. It is considered that this publication will serve a useful purpose in connection with evangelistic missions, and all Churches contemplating such missions will do well to order at once. The printing is being done in Christchurch, and it is estimated that the cost to Circuits will not exceed 3/- per dozen. Application may be made to the Convener of the Literature Committee.

From the Wanganui District came a request for the Committee to publish a booklet, "The Call to Social Service," to be written by Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A. The Committee resolved that owing to the increased cost of printing and the fact that most of our young men (to whom the pamphlet would make a special appeal) are at the Front, the time is deemed inopportune for immediate action. However, a small Committee was set up to consider the whole question, and report at a later date.

The question of the advisability of setting up a Connexional Printing Establishment has been left in abeyance owing to the present unfavourable conditions caused by the war.

As directed by Conference, the Committee desires to call attention to Rev. T. G. Hammond's booklet, "In the Beginning," which is an attractively written history of the work of the early missionaries amongst the Maoris of Taranaki. This publication is highly spoken of by those best qualified to judge its merits, and we confidently recommend it to our people.

There is still in stock a large number (2500) of Dr. Fitchett's booklet, "What Methodism Stands For," and we trust that the various Synods will recognise its value and advocate its circulation within their respective bounds.

In accordance with the Conference resolution, the English Methodist bookrooms have been urged to take steps towards placing more of the best Methodist literature on the New Zealand market.

It may seem that some matters in the Committee's programme for the year have not been hurried forward. In this connection we wish

to say that all matters have been carefully thought out; and in view of the increased cost of printing, it has been deemed inadvisable to make too heavy a demand upon the Contingent Fund, or to place too many publications before our people at the same time.

A. C. LAWRY, Chairman.
W. LAYCOCK, Convener.

The Methodist Hymn Book:

Received as commission on sale of Methodist Hymn Books:—

(1) For 1915	...	...	...	...	£11 19s. 0d.
(2) For 1916	...	...	...	...	£36 19s. 0d.
Total					£48 18s. 0d.

The General Report of the Committee was received and adopted.

The Report of the "Methodist Times" Committee was presented and received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the question of arrears in subscriptions to the Connexional paper be brought before the March Quarterly Meetings, with a view to securing the prompt payment by all subscribers.
2. That the keeping of the "Methodist Times" accounts be attached to the Connexional Office, and that the sum of £25 per annum be paid by the "Methodist Times" Committee to the Connexional Office account.
3. That the Editor and Associate Editor be heartily thanked for their services, and that they be re-appointed.
4. That in order to effect a speedy sale of Dr. Fitchett's booklet, "What Methodism Stands For," the price be reduced to 2/6 per dozen.
5. That the attention of Ministers, Quarterly Meetings and Bible Classes be directed to the Rev. Val. Trigge's booklet "Starting Points for Starters."
6. That the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch (Durham Street South), Christchurch (East), Christchurch (Sydenham), Christchurch (Woolston), Circuits, the Rev. W. J. Williams, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher, E. W. Hall, F. H. Christian, W. Dobbs and H. Goodman. Convener, Rev. W. Laycock.

METHODIST HYMN BOOK.

A Report was received, showing the income from the sale of the Hymn Book to be £48 18s.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the amount received from the sale of the Methodist Hymn Book and the Sunday-school Hymnal be appropriated to the Church Building and Loan Fund, to be used for working expenses in equal portions by the two branches of the Fund.

BOOK OF OFFICES.

RESOLUTION

That in view of the cost of printing, the publication of a "Book of Offices" be deferred until after the war.

QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Affairs?

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 23.

The Report and Balance-sheet of the Wellington Military Committee was received and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

ENLISTMENT OF MINISTERS.

The following recommendations were adopted:—

1. That we greatly rejoice in the patriotism of our Ministers, Home Missionaries and Students as manifested by the fact that 26 per cent of those who are eligible have enlisted or have responded to the ballot without appeal. We also heartily appreciate the loyalty to the Church shown by those young Ministers who have requested of the President permission to enlist, but consented to wait until this Conference had considered the situation. The Methodist Church, through this its Supreme Court, assumes the entire responsibility of determining the relationship of its Ministers to the Military Service Act, taking the full onus of appealing.
2. That having considered the whole situation of the Circuits, Stations and Chaplaincies, and finding that in consequence of the 52 Ministers, Students and Home Missionaries who have enlisted, there are among the many vacancies 18 important places seeking in vain for supplies, this Conference feels that the whole of the remaining staff is required, the irreducible minimum being now reached.
3. That every Minister and Home Missionary called up in the ballot shall at once inform his Chairman, who shall immediately communicate the information to the President of the Conference.
4. That the President of the Conference, as the head of our Church in New Zealand, be appointed to make such appeals as may be found necessary, in harmony with the foregoing resolutions either personally or by deputy duly appointed by him.
5. That the following be the Committee with whom the President of the Conference may consult during the year as to the advisability of appealing in particular cases, viz.:—The President Elect (Rev. T. A. Joughin), the Vice-President (Mr. J. Veale), the Secretary (Rev. E. Drake), Revs. C. H. Garland, C. H. Laws, B.A., and H. E. Bellhouse; Messrs. A. Peak and T. W. Jones; Corresponding Members, Revs. A. C. Lawry and J. Dawson.

The Committee shall also advise as to the appointment of Chaplains, and as to the adjustments of Circuits, etc., in case vacancies arise as a result of the military situation.

CONFERENCE MINUTES FOR MEMBERS OF THE
EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

That a copy of the Minutes of Conference be forwarded to every Minister, Probationer, Student and Home Missionary on active military service.

ANZAC SUNDAY.

That Anzac Sunday be suitably observed on April 22nd.

That each church and school be requested to prepare a "Roll of Honour."

WELLINGTON MILITARY COMMITTEE.

1. That the Wellington Military Committee control the Fund for the use of Chaplains at the front.
2. That all matters relating to the Expeditionary Camps be under the control of the Wellington Military Committee.
3. That the Wellington District Committee be empowered to make an appeal to all our Circuits for the funds necessary for the carrying on of the work in the Expeditionary Training Camps.
4. That all moneys for this Fund be paid through the Chairmen of Districts, and forwarded by them to the General Treasurer.
5. That Conference heartily congratulates the Committee upon the completion and furnishing of the Trentham Institute, and recognises with pleasure the effective and successful way in which Chaplain Seamer took up and carried on the duties there in succession to Chaplain Walker now at the front.
6. That Mr. C. M. Luke be heartily thanked for his services as Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed and designated General Treasurer.
7. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. Ernest Dawson for his valuable services as Auditor, and that he be re-appointed.

MAORI CONTINGENT.

That the Government be urged to appoint Eruera Te Tuhi as a Chaplain to the Maori Contingent of the Expeditionary Forces.

**II.—MINISTERS, PROBATIONERS AND STUDENTS ENLISTING
IN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.**

1. That in the case of Circuits from which a Minister or Probationer has been withdrawn on account of a shortage of Ministers, and a supply has been appointed, the Contingent Fund Levy be paid on the usual basis; this shall also apply to all future similar cases.

2. That in view of the fact that a Captain-Chaplain's pay and mess allowance are equal to a stipend of £300 a year, and a house allowance of £83 per year, the only grant made be the personal subscription and Circuit levy to the Supernumerary Fund; and as Major-Chaplains pay and mess allowance are equal to a stipend of £350 and house allowance of £97 a year, the only grant made be the Circuit levy for the Supernumerary Fund.
3. That in all cases of Ministers in full connexion who enlist or are called up by the ballot, and have less than commissioned officers rank, both the personal subscription and Circuit levy for the Supernumerary Fund be paid, with a grant of £10 a quarter for any of them who are married.
4. That to enable the above grants to be made from the Contingent Fund, the sum of £125 be voted from the Home Mission Fund to the Contingent Fund, payable in quarterly instalments, for military service.
5. That a letter be forwarded to each of our Ministers, Probationers, Students and Home Missionaries enlisted in the Expeditionary Forces, conveying Conference greetings; and also that a letter of a suitable character be sent to each member and adherent of the Methodist Church now serving with the colours.
6. That letters of sympathy be sent to those members of our Church who have sustained, and to those who may sustain, loss of relatives through the war.

III.—THE TERRITORIAL FORCES.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. That all Military Chaplains shall be members of the District Committees of the District in which they are stationed.
2. That any Chaplain may be appointed a corresponding member of any Committee of the Military District in which he resides.
3. That the Chairman of the District shall be a member of the District Military Committee.
4. That the Wellington District Committee consider and arrange for a Hymn-book suitable for Territorial Camps.
5. That paragraph 5, page 106, Minutes of Conference, 1915, be altered to read, "The Senior Chaplain in each District, in consultation with the Military Committee of the District, shall nominate Chaplains to the Territorial Forces."
6. That Chaplains appointed to Territorial Camps be strongly recommended to co-operate 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.

7. That the following be appointed as Chaplains to Methodists on His Majesty's ships of war visiting the undermentioned ports of New Zealand:—

Auckland: Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
 Wellington: Rev. J. G. Chapman
 Lyttelton: Rev. J. Ernest Parsons
 Timaru: Rev. T. A. Joughin
 Dunedin: Rev. W. A. Hay
 Port Chalmers: Rev. S. H. D. Peryman
 Bluff: Rev. A. H. Fowles

8. That the Conference approach the Government with the view of securing for our Naval Chaplains in New Zealand ports official recognition in the form of a document showing their authority to officiate as Chaplains to Methodists on board His Majesty's ships.

9. That the following be the District Committees:—

Auckland District.—The Chaplains in the District and Messrs. T. W. Jones, B. Buttle and W. S. Stone. Convener: Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.

Wellington District.—The Chaplains in the District, Revs. E. Drake (Secretary of Conference), and Messrs. C. D. Macintosh, W. H. Bennett, C. M. Luke (General Treasurer), Isaac Clark, J. P. Shand. Convener: Rev. A. Reader.

Canterbury District.—The Chaplains in the District, Revs. T. A. Joughin (President Elect), G. Frost, Messrs. A. F. Drayton, C. E. Salter, J. H. Blackwell, W. Dobbs, H. Frampton and W. F. Cheverton. Convener: Rev. W. Beckett.

Otago District.—All the Chaplains in the Military District; Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock, D. C. Cameron, J. P. Simon, J. H. Brown, J. J. Kernohan. Rev. C. Eaton, Convener.

OFFICIAL LIST OF METHODIST CHAPLAINS TO THE TERRITORIAL FORCES.

Second Class: Ranking as Lieut.-Colonel.

Luxford, Rev. J. A., C.M.G. Captain, Nov. 27th, 1898

Third Class. *(Imagine)*

Murray, Rev. D. J.	...	...	...	...	May 27th, 1914
					Captain, May 27, 1904
Dewsbury, Rev. H. R.	...	...	...	...	Sept. 10th, 1914
					Captain Sept. 10th, 1904
Mitchell, Rev. A.	...	...	...	...	Jan. 27th, 1916
					Captain, Jan. 27th, 1906
Boys, Rev. F. W.	...	...	...	...	June 27th, 1916
					Captain, June 27th, 1906
Rothwell, Rev. B. F.	..	...	...	...	July 29th, 1916
					Captain, July 29th, 1906

Fourth Class: Ranking as Captain

Reader, Rev. A.	...	...	April	25, 1910
Grigg, Rev. W.	...	...	"	5, 1911
Blamires, Rev. H. L.	...	...	"	27, 1911
Read, Rev. F. T.	...	...	"	28, 1911
Pratt, Rev. M. A. Rugby	...	...	"	28, 1911
Laws, Rev. C. H., B.A.	...	...	May	1, 1911
Chapman, Rev. J. G.	...	...	"	16, 1911
Serpell, Rev. S. J.	...	...	"	16, 1911
Baumber, Rev. W.	...	...	July	3, 1911
Fairclough, Rev. P. W.	...	...	"	27, 1911
Paris, Rev. P. R.	...	...	Sept.	8, 1911
Copeland, Rev. F.	...	...	May	13, 1912
Cox, Rev. E.	...	...	"	13, 1912
Eaton, Rev. C.	...	...	"	13, 1912
Elliott, Rev. W. J.	...	...	"	13, 1912
Griffin, Rev. T. N.	...	...	"	13, 1912
Richards, Rev. T. R.	...	...	"	13, 1912
Sinclair, Rev. W. A.	...	...	"	13, 1912
Patchett, Rev. E. D.	...	...	June	17, 1912
Pybus, Rev. T. A.	...	...	"	17, 1912
Wrigley, Rev. J.	...	...	July	1, 1912
Strand, Rev. C.	...	...	Feb.	19, 1913
Seamer, Rev. A. J.	...	...	Mar.	31, 1914
Knight, Rev. P. N.	...	...	Aug.	24, 1914
Hay, Rev. W. A.	...	...	Sept.	18, 1914
Ready, Rev. W.	...	...	"	21, 1914
Joughin, Rev. T. A.	...	...	"	30, 1914
Walker, Rev. W.	...	...	Mar.	11, 1915
Bailey, Rev. S.	...	...	April	7, 1915
James, Rev. B. J.	...	...	"	7, 1915
Cook, Rev. G. S.	...	...	"	10, 1915
Beckett, Rev. W.	...	...	"	10, 1915
Dawson, Rev. J.	...	...	"	10, 1915
Haslam, Rev. J. H.	...	...	"	10, 1915
Abbey, Rev. W. H. E.	...	...	"	26, 1915
Mann, Rev. G. H.	...	...	June	26, 1915
Daniel, Rev. H.	...	...	"	26, 1915
Burley, Rev. W. A., M.A.	...	...	"	26, 1915
Allen, Rev. A.	...	...	July	1, 1915
Ashcroft, Rev. A.	...	...	"	23, 1915
Neale, Rev. L. B.	...	...	Aug.	5, 1915
Peat, Rev. H. T.	...	...	"	10, 1915
Sullivan, Rev. J. R.	...	...	Oct.	4, 1915
Knowles-Smith, Rev. G.	...	...	Oct.	25, 1915
Speer, Rev. W. H.	...	...	Nov.	18, 1915
Rands, Rev. F.	...	...	Dec.	7, 1915
Garland, Rev. C. H.	...	...	May	3, 1916
Lawry, Rev. A. C.	...	...	May	3, 1916
Te Tuhi, Rev. Eruera	...	...	May	8, 1916

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

During the year the following documents have been received for custody:—

- ✓ 1. Sketch of Life of Mr. F. Gardiner, Auckland's earliest Local Preacher, by Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.
- ✓ 2. History of the Hastings Circuit, by Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.
3. "True Patriotism," and "The Christian Patriot," being sermons for the times, by Rev. J. Buller, preached in Wellington, Nov., 1857.
4. Legal Opinion by Messrs. Devore and Cooper, re Grafton Road Institution.
5. Copy of Ticket of Membership, 1739, and of Reception "On Trial," from Mr. R. Hill Fisher.
6. Copies of agreements re purchase of Mission Lands from Maoris.
7. Letters from Governor Hobson to Rev. J. H. Bumby, 1840.
8. Letters relating to establishment of the Mission at Waikouaiti, 1839-1840.
9. Register of Baptisms, Minute Books, Cash Books and Sundry documents relating to the Waimate and Oamaru P.M. Circuits, 1879-1913.

HENRY BULL
SAMUEL LAWRY } Custodians.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods or Committees for Report?**A.—ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF CONFERENCE.****REPORT OF COMMITTEE.**

The Committee makes the following recommendations:—

1. That after 1918, the inaugural address be delivered by the President taking office that year.
2. That for the year 1918, the retiring President deliver his address at the opening session of the Conference; and the newly inducted President deliver his official address at the opening of the "Conversation on the Work of God."
3. That regarding the Ordination Charge, no change be made in the present arrangements
4. That in 1918 and thereafter, the President and Secretary be elected at the opening session of the Conference.
5. That if the person elected as President or Secretary for the following year be unable for any reason to take office, the Conference shall proceed at its first session to fill the vacant position.
6. That the necessary alterations be made in the Laws to bring them into conformity with the foregoing.

W. A. SINCLAIR,
Convener of Committee.

The Report was received and adopted, clause 4 being amended as follows: "That in 1918 the President and Secretary for the following Conference be elected at the opening session of the Conference."

The necessary emendations in the ^{BOOK OF LAWS} Book of Laws to be made by Rev. S. Lawry and Mr. J. A. Flesher.

3.—CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES' EXPENSES EQUALISATION FUND.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

(Minutes of Conference, 1916, p. 121).

The Committee does not recommend any alteration in the existing Rule this year. It recognises that there may be cases of hardship under the present Rule, but cannot devise any other workable scheme which would not be likely to involve equal or greater hardship in exceptional cases. The Committee, therefore, recommends that in view of all the facts of the case no alteration be made in the existing rule.

E. ROSEVEAR, Treasurer.

The Report was received and adopted.

QUESTION XLIX.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?

(See Book of Laws, p. 78).

1. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Ministers of the Wellington, Johnsonville, Hutt and Petone Circuits, Rev. H. Bull; Messrs. T. Buddle, J. Veale, G. Tiller, H. Brittain, W. E. Redstone, E. Kellow, J. G. Harkness, J. A. Flesher, C. M. Luke, J. Lomas, A. J. Luke, J. B. Shacklock, H. Holland and A. Peak. Convener and Secretary, Secretary of the Conference.

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 L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?

THANKS.

Retiring President.—That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to Rev. A. C. Lawry for the faithful, diligent and efficient services rendered by him to the Church during the past year.

Retiring Vice-President.—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the retiring Vice-President, Mr. G. Winstone, for the faithful manner in which he has carried out the duties of his office.

Retiring Secretary.—That the best thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. W. A. Sinclair for the efficient and courteous manner in which he has discharged the numerous and important duties of the office during the year.

ORDINATION CHARGE.

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. A. C. Lawry, Ex-President, for his earnest and inspiring charge delivered to the newly-ordained Ministers.

Church Unity and Co-operation.

That the Conference notes with gratification the progress in many countries of the movement for close relations of the Christian Church and that the Committee on Unity and Co-operation be re-appointed as follows:—Revs. C. H. Garland, L. Hudson, C. H. Laws, B.A., J. Wrigley, H. E. Bellhouse, Messrs. J. Veale, T. H. Chapman, W. S. Stone, J. W. Shackelford and A. Peak. Convener, Rev. H. E. Bellhouse.

Banking Accounts.

That it be obligatory on Treasurers of all our Church Funds to open a Banking Account in the name of the Funds for which they act, when such sum exceeds £20.

Disfranchisement of Circuits.

That all Circuits on the List of Stations having supplies owing to Ministers being absent at the front, be not disfranchised as to representation at the Conference, providing the usual Circuit contributions be paid to the Contingent Fund.

METHODIST CENTENARY IN NEW ZEALAND.

X Consideration was deferred until next Conference.

INCORPORATION OF COMMITTEES.

Committees controlling Church Funds who lend money on mortgage are urged to become incorporated bodies.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE.

The following resolution was considered by Conference and referred to a Committee to report to next Conference.

That in view of the strong feeling existing in the Connexion that the Conference has grown too large in numbers for the effective and economical government of the Church, and also that the resources of some of our chief cities are unduly taxed by the present arrangements for entertaining the members of Conference, a Committee be appointed which shall prepare and submit to the next Conference:—

- (1) A scheme for a Conference which, while reduced in numbers, shall contain an adequate representation of the Ministry of the Church and of the Circuits of the Connexion.

- (2) An alternate scheme whereby, in the event of no such change being made in the Constitution of the Conference, its entertainment may impose a less heavy burden upon the cities in which it may meet.

Committee: The President, Vice-President and Secretary of Conference, the Superintendents of the Christchurch Circuits, the Connexional Secretary, the Revs. P. W. Fairclough, C. H. Laws, B.A., W. Laycock, W. B. Scott and J. Guy, Messrs. J. A. Flesher, J. C. Prudhoe, W. H. Seed, C. E. Salter, F. Thompson, E. C. Brown, A. F. Drayton, H. Holland, E. W. Hall, J. Down, J. H. Blackwell, E. Rosevear, W. Dobbs and H. Buttle. Connexional Secretary, Convener. The travelling expenses of the members of this Committee not resident in Christchurch are to be paid from the Contingent Fund.

LOCAL PREACHERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

The Report of the Association was read and received.

The following Committee was set up to deal with matters named below:—The Superintendents of the Christchurch Circuits, the Connexional Secretary and Messrs. R. H. Turner, W. H. Seed, F. Thompson, C. E. Salter, A. G. Williams, C. W. Barrell, W. C. Francis, E. W. Hall and H. Patten. Convener, Mr. C. W. Barrell.

Order of Reference for above Committee:—

(1) The best method of securing capable men to take up the work of local preaching; (2) Making provision under the direction of Conference for the study of suitable subjects, with a view to securing greater efficiency in the work; (3) Making provision for the payment of out of pocket expenses in travelling to and from appointments, to all Local Preachers; (4) Making legal and encouraging Local Preachers' meetings, such meetings to be empowered to refer matters of discipline to Quarterly Meetings concerned; (5) The feasibility of granting direct representation to Local Preachers at Synod and Conference; (6) The possibility of establishing a fund to assist Local Preachers in old age and infirmity; (7) To report on any matter that in the Committee's judgment would assist the Local Preachers in their work.

SUPPLY OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

That in view of the lack of sufficient Local Preachers to carry on the work in the preaching places already occupied, and the need to open other places, an urgent appeal be made to young people in our congregations, Sunday-schools and Bible Classes, to offer themselves as candidates for this important work.

AMENDMENTS TO BOOK OF LAWS.

That such amendments to the Book of Laws as may be made from year to year be printed on a perforated page in the Minutes of Conference for insertion in the Book of Laws, the Minutes of this Conference to include all amendments made since the Book of Laws was printed.

Committee to arrange such amendments: The Connexional Secretary, Secretary of Conference and Mr. J. A. Flesher.

MINISTERIAL EXCHANGE.

Conference decided that the Dunedin Ministers shall each be asked to exchange once in the year with the Mosgiel Minister.

ASSISTANCE FOR THORNDON CIRCUIT.

That in view of the fact that no second Agent is available for the Thorndon Circuit, the Conference recommends the Taranaki St. Circuit to permit Mr. J. H. White to divide his time and services between Brooklyn and Karori until the termination of the war, the financial arrangements to be adjusted between the two Circuits interested.

LEGAL ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT.

That Mr. J. A. Flesher be re-appointed.

AGENDA COMMITTEE.

The Secretary of the Conference and Mr. E. Rosevear.

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

At Trinity Church, Dunedin, on Thursday, February 28th, 1918, at 7 p.m.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS, ETC., TO BE RE-AFFIRMED.

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 the Second Catechism 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 Preachers' Meetings 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 at a public service. (For suggested Order of Service, see Minutes, 1905, p. 69.)

STATIONING COMMITTEE.

1. That, in the event of any District not having two Lay Representatives at Conference, the Conference may elect one or more Lay Representatives from any other District or Districts to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

2. That in considering the Station Sheet the Committee begin with the District in which the Conference for the time being sits.

PREPARATION FOR MARRIED MINISTERS' APPOINTMENTS.

Circuits to which a Probationer is appointed shall present a written statement annually to the Synod, setting forth what has been 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.

NEW CIRCUITS AND DIVISION OF CIRCUITS.

1. 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 districts without the bounds of any Circuit, by responsible local persons.

2. 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.

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

4. 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.

TENURE OF EX OFFICIO SEATS IN CONFERENCE.

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.

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT TO CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES.

That the Convener of each Connexional Committee inform each member of his Committee of his appointment and that each Convener be informed of his appointment by the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

That a letter on a printed form be sent from the Conference to each newly-appointed member of a Connexional Committee.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

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

ANNUAL MINISTERIAL HOLIDAY.

That the officials of the various Circuits make such arrangements as will enable Ministers to have at least two weeks' rest each year.

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 assuring the extension of Methodism.

CIRCUIT MEMORIALS.

The Conference desires that as far as possible all business comprised under the ordinary questions shall be brought before it through the medium of the District Synods, and trusts that the method of sending memorials from the December Quarterly Meeting will be adopted only in special cases.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

1. That in addition to the evenings set apart for the Young People's Demonstration (to be held prior to the opening of Conference), the opening of Conference, the Ordination Service and the Home and Foreign Mission Demonstration, not more than two other evenings should be set apart for local functions, and that before fixing the dates of Conference functions the Secretary of Conference be consulted, as well as the President. The first Monday evening of the Conference shall be left free for business.

2. That a public meeting be held during Conference, at which the claims of both Home and Foreign Missions shall be advocated, the offer-tory 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.

5. That a Temperance Demonstration be held during the sessions of all Annual Conferences, to be arranged by the Conference Arrangements Committee.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS CORRESPONDENTS.

That the Conference appoint in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, as official newspaper correspondents, Ministers who shall watch Methodist interests in the leading dailies and contribute articles and letters thereto.

REPORTS FOR SYNODS.

That Reports of Committees for Synods be sent to the Secretary of the Conference, who, at his discretion, shall arrange for the sending of typewritten or printed copies, in whole or in part, of the Reports to the Synods in sufficient quantities for the use of all the members of the Synods.

AUDITORS FOR CONNEXIONAL BALANCE-SHEETS.

That two Auditors be required for all connexional balance-sheets.

Form of Bequest.

The following FORM OF BEQUEST may be used by persons who wish to bequeath a sum of money to any Institution or Fund connected with the Methodist Church of New Zealand :—

I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of.....the
(Here insert the name of the Institution or Fund to be benefited)

sum of.....pounds sterling, to be paid out of my personal estate, in aid of the said.....
(Name the Institution or Fund)

now carried on under the direction of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be a sufficient discharge.

PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCES.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

PLACE.	YEAR.	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C. M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, N.Z.

PLACE	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

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

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND (INDEPENDENT).

Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

PLACE.	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.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES.

YEAR.	CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT.	SECRETARY.
1890	Alfred Peters	Mr. J. A. Flesher
1891	Samuel Macfarlane	Mr. J. A. Flesher
1892	John W. Worboys	Rev. A. Peters
1893	Charles Penney	Rev. A. Peters
1894	John H. Hosking	Mr. J. A. Flesher
1895	John J. Pendray	Mr. J. A. Flesher
1896	Alfred Peters	Mr. J. A. Flesher

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

YEAR.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1892-3	John Orchard	William Ready
1894-5	William Ready	Barton H. Ginger
1896	Barton H. Ginger	Frederick T. Read

A Chronological List

OF THE

Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

Methodist Church of New Zealand.

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| <p>1852—Dumbell, John (Supy.)
 1861 Cannell, William (Supy.)
 1862—Smith, John (Supy.)
 1864—Lee, William (Supy.)
 " Rishworth, John S. (Supy.)
 1866—Taylor, Robert (Supy.)
 1867—Oliver, William C. (Supy.)
 1868—Bull, Henry (Supy.)
 " McNicoll, David (Supy.)
 " Smalley, Joseph S. (Supy.)
 1869—Beck, William H. (Supy.)
 " Simmonds, Joseph H.
 1870—Lewis, John J.
 " Ward, Charles E. (Supy.)
 " Williams, William J. (Supy.)
 1871—Bond, George (Supy.)
 " Carr, Thomas G. (Supy.)
 " Dewsbury, Henry R. (Supy.)
 " Thomas, James (Supy.)
 1872—Ward, Josiah
 1874—Clover, James (Supy.)
 " Fairclough, P.W., F.R.A.S.
 " Hammond, Thomas G.
 " Jory, John D. (Supy.)
 1875—Guy, James
 " Murray, Daniel J.
 " Nixon, John (Supy.)
 " Standage, Charles H. (Supy.)
 1876—Baumber, William
 " Garlick, Samuel J. (Supy.)
 " Griffin, Cornelius (Supy.)
 " Jones, Peter W. (Supy.)
 " Luxford, John A., C.M.G.
 Supy.)
 " Penney, Charles
 " Potter, William S.
 1877—Fee, Thomas (Supy.)
 " Lawry, Samuel
 " Peters, Alfred
 1879—Abernethy, Christopher
 " Hudson, Lewis
 " Spence, George W. J. (Supy.)
 1880—Brooke, Thomas G.
 " Dukes, John
 " Griffin, Thomas N.
 1881—Garland, Charles H.
 " Pinfold, James T., D.D.</p> | <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel
 " Jones, T. Francis (Supy.)
 1883—Marshall, George T. (Supy.)
 " Mather, Joseph J. (Supy.)
 1884—Laycock, William
 " Serpell, Samuel J.
 1885—Lawry, Albert C.
 " Ready, William
 " Rothwell, Benjamin F.
 " Wallis, T. Jackson
 1887—Blight, Joseph (Supy.)
 " Clement, George
 " Joughin, Thomas A.
 " Laws, Charles H., B.A.
 " Wrigley, James
 1888—Dawson, John
 " Grigg, William
 " Olphert, John
 1889—Chapman, James G.
 " Knight, Percy N., B.A.
 " Read, Frederick T.
 1890—Cocker, James
 " Harding, Arthur
 " Mitchell, Arthur
 " Newbold, Thos. W. (Supy.)
 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.
 " Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,
 F.R.E.S.
 " Hosking, James A.</p> |
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- 1897—Cossum, Percy J.
 „ Greenwood, Fred
 „ 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.
 „ Liversedge, Arthur
 „ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.
 „ Wilson, Richard
- 1901—Bailey, Samuel
 „ Cook, George S.
 „ Eaton, Clarence
 „ Featherston, Jacob
 „ Ranston, Harry, M.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—Copeland, Fred.
 „ Harris, John
 „ Metson, Basil
 „ Richards, Raymond
- 1906—Avery, William W.
 „ Clark, James R.
 „ Daniel, Herbert
 „ Paris, Percy R.
 „ Roberts, Charles
 „ White, Hedley
- 1907—Abbey, William H. E.
 „ Blair, Charles
 „ Scott, W. Bramwell
- 1908—Cox, Edwin T. M.A.
 „ Jordan, Chas. B., B.A.
 „ Martin, J. Frederick
 „ Rands, Frederick
 „ Ryan, Henry
- 1908—Speer, William H.
 „ Tinsley, Robt. B.
- 1909—Cottom, Harry
 „ McArthur, John D.
 „ Suckling, Joseph B.
 „ Turner, Nicholas
- 1910—Allen, Alexander
 „ Burley, William A., M.A.
 „ Harris, Archer O.
 „ Olds, Charles H., B.A.
 „ Richards, James
 „ Sharp, Harold A.
- 1911—Enticott, Walter J.
 „ Fowles, Albert H.
 „ Frost, Fred
 „ Höpper, Arthur
 „ Lea, William
 „ Neale, Leslie B.
 „ Richards, Horace L.
 „ Rowe, William
- 1912—Gosnell, Robert B.
 „ Hinton, George B.
 „ Lawrence, Frederick B.
 „ Parsons, John E.
 „ Walker, William
 „ Watson, William A.
- 1913—Battey, Percy
 „ Bensley, Arthur A.
 „ Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Burnet, Oswald
 „ Foston, Charles A.
 „ Harris, Francis T.
 „ Marshall, Henry H.
 „ Speirs, Robert B.
 „ Sullivan, Joseph R.
 „ Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.
 „ Gordon, Aldwyn R., M.A.
 „ Hocking, William H.
 „ Minifie, A. J. Lester
 „ Odell, Henry J.
 „ Slade, William G., M.A.
- 1916—Brown, George E.
 „ Fordyce, Robert E.
 „ Kendon, Charles H.
 „ Sage, Ernest E.
 „ Warburton, Egbert R.
- 1917—Costain, Alfred M.
 „ Dennis, John
 „ Dent, Tom
 „ Nelson, John R.
 „ Parker, Fredk. J.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1882—Rakena, Piripi	1904—Papakakura, Noho Hemi
1894—Kingi, Hamiora (Supy)	1911—Kakuere, Hori
1896—Heretini, Te Tuhi	„ Te Tuhi, Eruera
1900—Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki	„ Wilcox, Davis
„ Renata, Hapeta	1914—Piripi Rakewa
1903—Hare, Hone Marena	1915—Paikea R. Paiaire

APPENDIX.

The Rev. S. F. Prior (1875), Supernumerary of the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, resides in New Zealand.

Alphabetical List of Ministers and Probationers,

In connection with the Methodist Church of New Zealand, together 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.
1879	Abernethy, Christopher	Christchurch (Papanui), 88	1	Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch
1907	Abbey, William H. E.	Levin, 70	4	Queen Street East, Levin
1910	Allen, Alexander			With Expeditionary Forces
1895	Ashcroft, Arthur	Richmond, 73	3	Richmond, Nelson
1906	Avery, William W.	Ohoka, 94	1	Ohoka, Canterbury
1901	Bailey, Samuel	Otautau, 125	5	Parsonage, Otautau, Southland
1913	Bathey, Percy			With Expeditionary Forces
1876	Baumber, William	Nelson, 72	6	Hardy Street, Nelson
1869	Beck, William H. (Supy.)	Wellington South, 62	1913	16 Russell Terrace, Wellington South
1898	Beckett, William	Christchurch (Sydenham), 85	1	4 Harper Street, Sydenham, Christchurch
1894	Bellhouse, Harold E.	Auckland West, 2	2	32 Arthur Street, Auckland
1913	Bensley, Arthur A.			With Expeditionary Force
1907	Blair, Charles	Kaponga, 41	3	Kaponga, Taranaki
1900	Blamires, E. Percy	Christchurch East, 82		173 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch
1904	Blamires, Ernest O.	Hawera, 38	5	South Road, Hawera
1896	Blamires, Henry L.	Wanganui, 42	4	Wicksteed Street, Wanganui
1887	Blight, Joseph (Supy.)	Auckland (Avondale), 4	1910	Methodist Orphanage, Mt. Albert
1871	Bond, George (Supy.)	Auckland East, 3	1915	Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland
1891	Boys, Frederick W.	Palmerston N. (Broad St.), 54	5	126 Church Street East, Palmerston N.
1880	Brooke, Thomas G.	H.M. General Secretary, 3	9	Penryn Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1916	Brown, George E.			With Expeditionary Forces
1868	Bull, Henry (Supy.)	Christchurch (Durham St.), 80	1911	40 Clissold Street, Merivale, Christchurch
1910	Burley, William A., M.A.	Auckland West, 2	5	52 Collingwood Street, Auckland
1914	Burnet, Oswald			With Expeditionary Forces

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1861	Cannell, William (Supy.)	New Plymouth, 33	1900	112 Young Street, New Plymouth
1871	Carr, Thomas G. (Supy.)	Auckland East, 3	1915	Mt. Eden, Auckland
1889	Chapman, James G.	Wellington (Taranaki St.), 59	7	38 Macfarlane Street, Wellington
1896	Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Without Pastoral Charge		Registrar, University, Auckland
1906	Clark, James R.	Whangarei, 16		Bank Street, Whangarei
1887	Clement, George	Invercargill (Elles Rd.), 122	3	57 Elles Road, Invercargill South
1874	Clover, James (Supy.)	Hamilton, 24	1917	Claudelands, Hamilton
1902	Coatsworth, Thomas	Feilding, 56	4	Parsonage, Halcombe
1890	Cocker, James	Ch.Ch. (Cambridge Tr.), 83	2	227 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch
1901	Cook, George S.	Cambridge, 23	2	Queen Street, Cambridge
1915	Cooke, Percy I.			With Expeditionary Force
1905	Copeland, Fred.	Christchurch (Woolston), 84	1	46 Radley Rd., Woolston, Christchurch
1897	Cossum, Percy J.	Rangitikei, 44	1	Marton, Rangitikei
1917	Costain, Alfred M.	Auckland East, 3	1	Beckham Place, Auckland
1909	Cottom, Harry	Pahiatua, 53	2	Pahiatua
1908	Cox, Edwin T., M.A.	Auckland Methodist Mission, 5	3	East Street Hall, Newton, Auckland
1906	Daniel, Herbert	Woodville, 52	1	Parsonage, Woodville
1888	Dawson, John	Sec. N.Z. Alliance, 62	—	136 Coromandel Street, Wellington
1917	Dennis, John	Timaru (Bank St.), 97	1	Timaru
1917	Dent, Tom	Auckland (Avondale), 4	1	Avondale, Auckland
1871	Dewsbury, Henry R. (Supy.)	Auckland East, 3.	1911	Spring Street, Onehunga
1893	Drake, Edward	Wellington South, 62	2	89 Daniell Street, Wellington South
1898	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S.	Westport, 79	3	Derby Street, Westport
1880	Dukes, John	Te Aroha, 19	2	Te Aroha
1852	Dumbell, John (Supy.)	Wellington (Thorndon), 61	1885	Sydney Street, Wellington
1901	Eaton, Clarence	Dunedin Central Mission, 106	3	56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin
1893	Elliot, William J.	Auckland (North Shore), 6	2	17 Church Street, Devonport, Auckland
1911	Enticott, Walter J.	South Wairarapa, 66		Main Street, Greytown
1874	Fairclough, Paul W., F.R.A.S.	Kaiapoi, 93	4	Parsonage, Kaiapoi
1901	Featherston, Jacob	Milton, 117	2	Milton, Otago
1877	Fee, Thomas (Supy.)	Christchurch (St. Albans), 87	1913	Barbadoes Street, St. Albans, Ch.Ch.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1916	Fordyce, Robert E.	Taihape, 44		Taihape, Rangitikei
1914	Poston, Charles A.	Waipawa, 50		Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa
1911	Fowles, Albert H.	Bluff, 123	3	14 Elizabeth Street, Bluff
1912	Frost, Fred L.			With Expeditionary Forces
1893	Frost, George	Ashburton, 102	2	Havelock Street, Ashburton
1881	Garland, Charles H.	Theological College, 3	6	Remuera, Auckland
1876	Garlick, Samuel J. (Supy.)	Hutt, 64	1908	Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt
1915	Gordon, Aldwyn R., M.A.			With Expeditionary Force
1912	Gosnell, Robert B.	Cape Egmont, 40	2	Opunake
1900	Greenslade, William	Dunedin (Mornington), 111	4	56 Lawrence Street, Mornington, Dunedin
1897	Greenwood, Fred	Invercargill (Teviot St.), 120	1	Invercargill
1876	Griffin, Cornelius (Supy.)	Auckland Central, 1	1914	9 Halston Road, Auckland
1895	Griffin, John W.	Temuka, 100	2	Birkett Street, Temuka
1880	Griffin, Thomas N.	Dannevirke, 51	2	High Street, Dannevirke
1882	Griffith, Samuel	Dunedin (Dundas Street), 107	3	52 Dundas Street, Dunedin
1888	Grigg, William			With Expeditionary Forces
1875	Guy, James	Rangiora, 95	2	142 King Street, Rangiora
1874	Hammond, Thomas G.	General Supt. Maori Missions	1	Te Kuiti
1890	Harding, Arthur	Foxton, 58		Foxton, Manawatu
1910	Harris, Archer O.	Eltham, 37	2	Conway Road, Eltham
1914	Harris, Francis T.			With Expeditionary Force
1905	Harris, John	Greendale and Malvern, 96	5	Greendale, Canterbury
1893	Harrison, Colin C.	Onehunga, 8	2	Grey Street, Onehunga
1900	Haslam, Jonathan H.	Palmerston North (Cuba St.), 55	5	23 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North
1897	Hay, W. Arthur	Dunedin (Trinity), 105	4	169 York Place, Dunedin
1894	Henderson, Samuel	Te Awamutu, 31	1	Te Awamutu
1912	Hinton, George B.	Waitara, 34	2	Parsonage, Waitara
1911	Hopper, Arthur	Dunedin (St. Kilda), 109	2	52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh
1900	Hosking, James A.	Masterton, 68	2	46 Worksop Road, Masterton
1879	Hudson, Lewis	Auckland (Avondale), 4	3	Parsonage, Mt. Albert, Auckland
1900	Hunt, George P.	Geraldine, 101	3	Geraldine, Canterbury

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT	NAME	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1903	James, Benjamin J.	Balclutha, 116	4	Parsonage, Balclutha
1876	Jones, Peter W. (Supy.)	Feilding, 56	1901	Kimbolton Road, Feilding
1882	Jones, Thomas F.	Papakura, 10	1	Papakura
1908	Jordan, Charles B., B.A.	Eketahuna, 69	2	Stanley Street, Eketahuna
1874	Jory, John D. (Supy.)	Auckland (Birkenhead), 7	1912	"Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auck.
1887	Joughin, Thomas A.	Timaru (Bank St.), 97	4	Butler Street, Timaru
1899	Keall, R. Purcell	Sanson and Rongotea, 57	4	Sanson, Manawatu
1916	Kendon, Charles H.	Opotiki, 28	2	Opotiki
1889	Knight, Percy N., B.A.	Christchurch (Durham St.), 80	4	54 Chester Street, Christchurch
1912	Lawrence, Frederick B.			With Expeditionary Force
1885	Lawry, Albert C.	Christchurch (St. Albans), 87	2	Rugby St., St. Albans, Christchurch
1877	Lawry, Samuel	Connexional Secretary, 80	7	P.O. Box 931, Christchurch
1887	Laws, Charles H., B.A.	Auckland Central, 1	4	10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland
1884	Laycock, William	Leeston, 92	1	Parsonage, Leeston
1911	Lea, William			With the Expeditionary Forces
1864	Lee, William (Supy.)	Auckland East, 3	1907	Henly Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1870	Lewis, John J.	Auckland Central, 1	2	Sherwood Road, Auckland
1903	Liddell, Ralph J.	Timaru (Woodlands St.), 98	4	114 Arthur Street, Timaru
1900	Liversedge, Arthur	Christchurch East, 82	4	165 Ollivier's Road, Linwood, Christchurch
1895	Lochore, John A.	Oamaru, 104	4	Eden Street, Oamaru
1876	Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Auckland Central, 1	1916	Military Hospital Walton-on-Thames, Eng.
1909	McArthur, John D.	Hamilton, 24	1	Hamilton East, Waikato
1904	McBean, Angus	Petone, 65	2	37 Nelson Street, Petone
1868	McNicoll, David (Supy.)	Auckland (North Shore), 6	1909	Bay View Road, Takapuna, Auckland
1894	Mann, George H.	Gore, 124	2	Irk Street, Gore
1883	Marshall, George T. (Supy.)	Auckland Central, 1	1916	27 Kenneth Avenue, Kingsland, Auckland
1914	Marshall, Henry H.			With Expeditionary Force
1908	Martin, J. Frederick	Pukekohe, 11	1	Pukekohe, Auckland
1883	Mather, Joseph J. (Supy.)	Auckland Central, 1	1915	Henley Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1905	Metson, Basil	Tai Tapu, 91	2	Tai Tapu, Canterbury
1915	Minifie, A. J. Lester	Waimarino, 45	1	Raetihi

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1890	Mitchell, Arthur	Christchurch East, 82	2	With Expeditionary Forces
1875	Murray, Daniel J.	Hutt, 64	1	Parsonage, Lower Hutt
1911	Neale, Leslie B.			With Expeditionary Forces
1917	Nelson, John R.	Dunedin (Trinity), 105	1	Glenavon, Dunedin
1890	Newbold, Thomas W. (Supy.)	Dunedin (Trinity), 105	1912	516 Cumberland Street, Dunedin
1875	Nixon, John (Supy.)	Rotorua, 26	1915	Rotorua
1915	Odell, Henry J.			With Expeditionary Forces
1910	Olds, Charles H., B.A.	Invercargill (Don St.), 121	1	228 Spey Street, Invercargill
1867	Oliver, William C. (Supy.)	Christchurch East, 82	1909	8 Dudley Terrace, Shirley, Christchurch
1888	Olphert, John	Waihi, 21	1	Regent Street, Waihi
1902	Oxbrow, Walter J.	Willowby, 103	4	Willowby, Canterbury
1906	Paris, Percy R.	Auckland Central, 1	2	619 Dominion Road, Auckland
1917	Parker, Fredk. J.	Manaia, 39	1	Manaia, Taranaki
1912	Parsons, John E.	Lyttelton, 89	2	19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton
1902	Patchett, Ernest D.	Greymouth, 76	3	138 Tainui Street, Greymouth
1913	Peat, Harold T.	Rotorua, 26	4	With Expeditionary Forces
1892	Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Port Chalmers, 114	2	Scotia Street, Port Chalmers
1877	Peters, Alfred	Invercargill (Leet St.), 119	1	198 Dee Street, Invercargill
1881	Pinfold, James T., D.D.	Mosgiel, 113	3	Mosgiel, Otago
1876	Potter, William S.	Waiuku, 12	1	Waiuku, Auckland
1902	Pratt, M. A. Rugby	Hastings, 48	3	Queen Street E., Hastings
1897	Pybus, T. Arthur	Dunedin (Roslyn), 112	3	36 Brighton Road, Roslyn, Dunedin
1892	Raine, Robert	Dunedin (Cargill Rd.), 108	2	94 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin
1908	Rands, Frederick			With Expeditionary Forces
1901	Ranston, Harry, M.A.	Auckland Central, 1	2	8 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland
1889	Read, Frederick T.			With Expeditionary Forces
1901	Reader, Amos	Wellington (Thorndon), 61	2	17 Goring Street, Wellington
1885	Ready, William			With Expeditionary Forces
1911	Richards, Horace L.	New Plymouth, 33		Fitzroy, New Plymouth
1910	Richards, James	Wellington South, 62	3	58 Wellington Rd., Kilbirnie, Wellington
1905	Richards, Raymond	Inglewood, 35	2	Parsonage, Inglewood

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann Appt	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1895	Richards, Thomas R.	Napier, 47	4	Madeira Steps, Napier
1864	Rishworth, John S. (Supy.)	Auckland (North Shore), 6	1895	103 Vauxhall Road, Devonport, Auckland
1906	Roberts, Charles	Paparoa, 14	5	Paparoa, North Auckland
1885	Rothwell, Benjamin F.	Blenheim, 74	4	Blenheim
1911	Rowe, William	Johnsonville, 63	1	Johnsonville, Wellington
1908	Ryan, Henry	Hokitika, 75	1	Tancred Street, Hokitika
1916	Sage, Ernest E.	Taumarunui, 30	2	Taumarunui, King Country
1907	Scott, W. Bramwell	Springston, 90	3	Springston, Canterbury
1900	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.	Waimate, 99	1	Coronation Street, Waimate
1903	Seamer, Arthur J.		2	With Expeditionary Forces
1884	Serpell, Samuel J.	Thames, 18	2	Queen Street, Thames
1910	Sharp, Harold A.	Auckland (Birkenhead), 7	2	Birkenhead, Auckland
1869	Simmonds, Joseph H.	Wesley Training College, 3	23	Three Kings, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1904	Sims, Charles A.	Aramoho, 43	3	Aramoho, Wanganui
1891	Sinclair, William A.	New Plymouth, 33	1	Liardet Street, New Plymouth
1915	Slade, William G., M.A.	Otahuhu, 9	2	Papatoetoe, Auckland
1868	Smalley, Joseph S. (Supy.)	Auckland Central, 1	1903	91 St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, London N.
1892	Smith, G. Knowles	Wellington Central Mission, 60	5	21 Hankey Street, Wellington
1862	Smith, John (Supy.)	Auckland Central, 1	1891	35 Fairview Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1899	Southern, John	Mahurangi, 13	3	Neville Street, Warkworth
1908	Speer, William H.	Northern Wairoa, 15	4	Dargaville
1914	Speirs, Robert B.			With Expeditionary Forces
1879	Spence, George W. J. (Supy.)	Auckland East, 3	1916	Grange Road, Auckland
1875	Standage, Charles H. (Supy.)	Wellington (Thorndon), 61	1915	Karori, Wellington
1904	Stockwell, George F.	Feilding, 56	1	West Street, Feilding
1909	Suckling, Joseph B.	Dunedin (Caversham), 110	1	66 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin
1914	Sullivan, Joseph R.			With Expeditionary Forces
1866	Taylor, Robert (Supy.)	Christchurch East, 82	1910	Minchin's Road, Richmond, Christchurch
1871	Thomas, James (Supy.)	Auckland Central, 1	1907	Brockville Road, Toorak, Melbourne
1908	Tinsley, R. Borrows	Stratford, 37	2	Stratford, Taranaki
1909	Turner, Nicholas			176, Durham Street, Christchurch.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.--Continued

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1894	Vealie, Thomas W.	Christchurch (Addington), 86	4	100 Harman Street, Addington, Ch.Ch.
1912	Walker, William			With Expeditionary Forces
1885	Wallis, Thomas J.	Hamilton, 24	3	London Street, Hamilton
1916	Warburton, Egbert R.			With Expeditionary Forces
1870	Ward, Charles E. (Supy.)	Christchurch (Cambridge Tr), 83	1910	Canon Street, St. Albans, Christchurch
1872	Ward, Josiah	Carterton, 67	3	High Street, Carterton
1912	Watson, William A.			With Expeditionary Force
1914	Wegren, Samuel J.	Wanganui, 42	2	Wicksteed Street, Wanganui
1906	White, Hedley	Otaki, 71	2	Kirk Street, Otaki
1870	Williams, William J. (Supy.)	Christchurch (Woolston), 84	1914	Sumner, Christchurch
1899	Wills, William	Gisborne, 49	2	351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne
1904	Wilson, Jas. (without pastoral charge)	Auckland Methodist Mission, 5	5	C/o East St. Hall, Newton, Auckland
1901	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Blenheim, 74	4	Tua Marina, Marlborough
1887	Wrigley, James	Auckland East, 3	3	Pukenui Road, Epsom
NATIVE MINISTERS.				
1900	Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki	West Coast Maori Mission	18	Normanby, Taranaki
1903	Hare, Hone M.	Northern Maori Mission, 17	9	Te Kopua
1896	Heretini, Te Tuhi	Northern Maori Mission, 17	16	Whirinaki, Hokianga
1911	Kakuera, Hori	Northern Maori Mission, 17	4	Raglan
1894	Kingi, Hamiora (Supy.)	Northern Maori Mission, 17	1914	Hokianga, North Auckland
1904	Papakakura, Neho Hemi	West Coast Maori Mission	2	Rahotu
1914	Piripi, Rakena	Southern Maori Mission	2	Temuka, Canterbury
1915	Paikea, Paraire R.	Northern Maori Mission, 17	2	Otorohanga, Waikato
1882	Rakena, Piripi	Northern Maori Mission, 17	4	Ivydale, Kohu Kohu, Hokianga
1900	Renata, Hapeta	Northern Maori Mission, 17	17	Kaeo, Whangaroa
1911	Te Tuhi, Eruera	Northern Maori Mission, 17	6	Reweti, Auckland
1911	Wilcox, Davis	Northern Maori Mission, 17	7	Opua, Bay of Islands

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF HOME MISSIONARIES

**WITH THEIR POSTAL ADDRESSES AND THE YEAR FROM
WHICH THEIR ENTRANCE UPON THE WORK COUNTS.**

N.B.—Only complete years of service are counted. The number following the name indicates the number of years in the present appointment.

- 1904—Aker, C., Douglas, Taranaki, 4.
 1916—Alexander, W., Havelock, Marlborough, 1.
 1917—Allen, James H., Hikurangi, 1
 1910—Ayrton, M., Millerton, Westport, 2.
 1915—Bowden, W., Coromandel, Auckland, 1.
 1908—Bridgman, G. H., Midhirst, Taranaki, 2.
 1916—Brooks, L. A. G., Wakefield, Nelson, 2.
 1908—Brown, C. W., Morrinsville, Waikato, 2.
 1917—Brown, Cyril, Te Puke, 1.
 1917—Burton, T. H., Leamington, Cambridge, 1.
 1917—Challenger, N., Rehia, N. Wairoa, Auckland, 1.
 1917—Cule, G. H., Paraparaumu, Wellington, 1.
 1910—Duncan C., Paeroa, Auckland, 1.
 1917—Earwaker, C. H., Porirua, 1
 1916—Edmondson, J. H., Helensville, Auckland, 1.
 1903—Featherston, T. W., Roxburgh, Otago, 1.
 1913—Fitchett, A., Huntly, Waikato, 2.
 1914—Foot, F. E., Oxford, Canterbury, 2.
 1914—Ford, H., Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, 1.
 1912—Gatman, W., Norsewood, Hawke's Bay, 1.
 1915—Harris, C., Ohura, King Country, 3.
 1904—Hooper, W. T., Riccarton, Christchurch, 1.
 1917—Jefferson, A. E., Kaeo, Whangaroa, 1.
 1907—Keen, S., Lawrence, Otago, 3.
 1909—Kellow, F. P., Gonville, Wanganui, 5.
 1907—Laybourn, A., Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, 1.
 1916—Neal, W. S., Ashhurst, Palmerston North, 1.
 1917—Nicholls, A., Motueka, Nelson, 1.
 1917—Orchard, H. C., Waikouaita, 1.
 1917—Pace, F. C., Kawa Kawa, Bay of Islands, 1.
 1910—Pain, E. H., Ngaruawahia, Waikato, 2.
 1909—Parker, J. W., Apiti, Feilding, 4.
 1915—Pearn, O. S., Kaitangata, Otago, 1.
 1917—People, C. J., Rawene, Hokianga, 1.
 1916—Pickering, W. B., Palmerston, Otago, 2.
 1910—Porter, W. A., Port Albert, Kaipara, 2.

- 1915—Ranson, E., Riverton, Southland, 2.
1916—Reid, J., Mangonui, Auckland, 1.
1916—Richards, J., Te Kuiti, King Country, 2.
1916—Skuse, T., Nightcaps, Southland, 1.
1908—Sleep, W. C., Mayfield, Canterbury, 4.
1915—Smart, A., Waimiha, King Country, 2.
1917—Souster, Fred, St. Aubyn, New Plymouth, 1.
1915—Spencer, H., Hawarden, Canterbury, 3.
1911—Strand, C., New Brighton, Canterbury, 4.
1913—Tyson, J., Methven, Canterbury, 3.
1916—Vickers, W., Kennington, Invercargill, 1.
1909—Watson, W., Patea, Taranaki, 2.
1896—White, J. H., Brooklyn, Wellington. 5.

SUPPLIES.

- Field, John, Edendale, Southland.
Harris, W., Addington, Christchurch.
Lawrence, J., Uriti, Taranaki.
Richards, W., Matamata, Waikato.
Wallace, W., Kaihere, Hauraki Plains.
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APPENDIX.

CONNEXIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD

1

Balance-sheet for Year ending 31st December, 1916.

Treasurer: D. C. CAMERON, Junr.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance in Hand, 1915	...	...	27 13 11	Postages, Envelopes, Typing and Despatching			
Sales—Cards and Books	...	...	3 0 3	Circulars, Cards, etc. ...	...	...	13 16 7
Discount	...	...	0 1 6	Printing—			
Bank Interest	...	...	0 8 9	Pastoral Letters ...	...	...	5 14 0
Contingent Fund	...	...	15 0 0	Teachers' Training	...	...	3 2 6
				Junior Cards	...	...	5 12 6
				Schedule Returns	...	...	1 15 0
				Commission on Sales	...	...	0 11 6
				Auckland Balance (W. F. Freeman)	...	...	0 12 6
							31 4 7
				Balance in P.O. Book	...	...	14 19 10
							£46 4 5
			<u>£46 4 5</u>				<u>£46 4 5</u>

ARCH. T. McINDOE }
 F. B. FOX } Auditors.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

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Cash Account for Year ending 31st December, 1916.

Treasurers: Rev. S. LAWRY and Mr. J. A. FLESHER.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balances forward:—				By Loans:—		
Invested on Mortgage ...	600	0	0	Teviot St. Sunday School ...	100	0 0
Cash on Deposit ...	304	13	7	Greytown ...	200	0 0
Cash at Bank ...	92	10	0	Invercargill (Jubilee Hall) ...	200	0 0
				Ashburton ...	200	0 0
„ Loan Instalments repaid ...			997 3 7	Kaponga ...	200	0 0
„ Interest on overdue Instalments ...	30	17	0	Tahuna ...	142	0 0
„ Interest on Mortgage ...	30	0	0	Maori Hill ...	200	0 0
„ Interest on Deposits ...	15	15	1	Papakura Sunday School ...	200	0 0
	76	12	1	„ Grant to Connexional Secretary's Office ...	144	7 6
„ Contributions from Trusts ...	68	0	0	„ Printing and Stationery ...	3	8 3
„ Working Expense Fees ...	32	8	2	„ Stamps and Telegrams ...	4	10 1
				„ Bank Charges & Exchanges ...	1	11 2
„ Commission on sale of Hymn Books ...			177 0 3	„ Legal Expenses ...	1	13 1
				„ Balances:—		
				Investment on Mortgage ...	600	0 0
				Cash on Deposit ...	176	7 3
				Cash at Bank ...	264	7 4
						1040 14 7
			£2638 4 8			£2638 4 8

January 23, 1917.

Examined and found correct,

A K. ENGLAND
ARTHUR C. REED. } Auditors.

Notes.—1. By direction of the 1916 Conference, the balance of £11 18s., owing by the Island Bay (ex Primitive Methodist) Trustees has been written off the Capital Account. £24 9s. Commission on sale of Hymn Books has been added to the Fund, making the present Capital £10,195 11s. 4d.

2. The Profit and Loss Account shows a credit of £81 5s. 6d., which is included in the Credit Balance shown in the Cash Account.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—LIST OF LOANS.

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Place and Object.	Date of Loan.	Amount of Loan.			No. of Years.	Amount Unpaid Jan. 10, 1917.	Date of Last Payment.	Arrears and Interest Jan., 10/17						
		General Fund.	P.M. Jubilee Fund.	Special Branch.										
Auckland District.														
Kuaotunu Church ...	Oct., 1897	£ 120	s. 0	d. 0	...	...	7	£ 57	s. 19	d. 6	Nov., 1903	£ 57	s. 19	d. 6
Coromandel Church ...	July, 1899	250	0	0	...	...	8	203	2	6	Jan., 1901	203	2	6
Coromandel Church ...	Aug., 1899	25	0	0	...	...	2	25	0	0	...	25	0	0
Kamo Church ...	June, 1902	...	...	...	109	14	6	48	0	0	Nov., 1914	48	0	0
Whangarei Church ...	Oct., 1906	235	0	0	...	...	10	72	9	10	Mar., 1916	67	14	9
Birkdale Church ...	Jan., 1908	80	0	0	...	...	8	Nil	...	...	Jan., 1916	...	...	...
Birkenhead Parsonage ...	Aug., 1908	275	0	0	...	...	10	47	5	0	Nov., 1916	...	...	...
Otahuhu S.S. Hall ...	Feb., 1909	255	0	0	...	...	10	63	15	0	Dec., 1916	6	7	6
Papakura Church ...	Oct., 1909	100	0	0	...	...	8	12	10	0	Oct., 1916	...	...	...
Northcote Church ...	Dec., 1910	100	0	0	...	...	8	20	18	9	Sept., 1916	3	8	9
Te Kopuru Church ...	Feb., 1911	100	0	0	...	...	8	Nil	...	...	May, 1916	...	...	...
Rawene Parsonage ...	Feb., 1911	...	...	...	125	0	0	5	4	2	Nov., 1916	...	...	...
Mt. Albert S.S. Hall ...	Mar., 1911	150	0	0	...	...	7	34	19	4	Dec., 1915	8	5	2
Morningside Church ...	Mar., 1911	...	100	0	0	...	10	80	0	0	June, 1913	33	0	0
Morningside Cottage ...	Mar., 1911	...	100	0	0	...	10	70	0	0	June, 1914	22	0	0
Onehunga Parsonage ...	July, 1911	200	0	0	...	...	8	104	6	3	June, 1916	36	15	6
Penrose Church Site ...	Sep., 1911	...	...	...	50	0	0	Nil	...	...	Dec., 1916	...	...	...
Kaukapakapa Parsonage ...	Feb., 1912	160	0	0	...	...	10	100	0	0	Jan., 1916	...	...	...
Russell Church ...	Sep., 1914	...	...	...	50	0	0	43	15	0	July, 1915	13	9	0
Rawene Land ...	Oct., 1915	...	...	...	25	0	0	20	0	0	Oct., 1916	...	...	...
Papakura S.S. Hall ...	Oct., 1916	200	0	0	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Auckland District:														
Waitoa Church ...	Aug., 1904	100	0	0	10	Nil	Aug., 1916
Aratiatia (Manawaru) Site ...	Ap., 1905	15	0	0	15	0	0

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		General Fund.	P.M. Jubilee Fund.	Special Branch.				
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Otorohanga Church ...	Ap., 1905	50 0 0	6	30 9 9	Aug., 1915	Readjusted
Hamilton Church ...	Nov., 1906	...	50 0 0	...	7	36 0 0	Dec., 1914	36 0 0
Mamaku Church ...	Dec., 1907	22 10 0	...	...	4	1 15 0	April, 1914	1 17 6
Cambridge Church ...	Dec., 1907	190 0 0	...	...	8	Nil	June, 1916	...
Waimana Church Site ...	Apr., 1908	...	...	21 10 6	...	21 10 6	...	...
Kakahi Church Site ...	Dec., 1908	...	...	33 3 2	...	33 3 2	...	...
Taumarunui Lease of Site ...	May, 1908	...	...	170 3 0	...	173 3 0	...	...
Taumarunui Pars. Site (Purchase)	May, 1909	...	...	26 6 11	...	26 6 11	...	...
Opotiki Church Site ...	Nov., 1909	...	...	150 0 0	10	112 10 0	May, 1914	45 10 6
Opotiki Church erection ...	Apr., 1912	250 0 0	...	...	10	200 0 0	July, 1914	72 9 6
Hamilton East Church ...	May, 1912	100 0 0	...	...	5	34 2 3	Dec., 1916	25 1 9
Te Kuiti Church Site ...	Nov., 1912	...	...	50 0 0	5	50 0 0	...	...
Waihi Church Enlargement ...	July, 1914	130 0 0	...	...	7	104 1 11	Aug., 1916	19 19 4
Ohura Church Debt ...	Oct., 1914	...	...	200 6 0	10	167 1 0	Nov., 1916	...
Taneatua Church ...	July, 1916	...	...	300 0 0	10	285 0 0	Dec., 1916	...
Tahuna Church ...	Aug., 1916	142 0 0	...	...	8	142 0 0	...	...
Taranaki-Wanganui District.								
Mangaweka Church ...	June, 1898	60 0 0	...	...	8	Nil	Mar., 1916	...
Hawera Church ...	Feb., 1907	500 0 0	...	...	10	28 6 8	Aug., 1916	14 3 4
Rahotu Church and Parsonage	April, 1908	125 0 0	...	...	8	Nil	Apr., 1916	...
Huiakama Church ...	June, 1908	...	60 0 0	...	8	17 10 0	April, 1915	...
Inglewood Parsonage ...	Aug., 1908	300 0 0	...	...	10	187 10 0	Aug., 1912	157 4 9
Kaponga Parsonage ...	Oct., 1908	250 0 0	10	50 0 0	Oct., 1916	...
Rangataua Site ...	Mar., 1910	44 4 7	...	44 4 7

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		General Fund.	P.M. Jubilee Fund.	Special Branch.				
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Huiroa Church	July, 1910	...	50 0 0	...	10	20 0 0	Sept., 1916	...
Manaia Church	Aug., 1910	...	...	50 0 0	5	Nil	May, 1916	...
Westmere Church	Jan., 1911	...	50 0 0	...	8	12 10 0	Dec., 1916	...
Taihape Church	Mar., 1911	188 0 0	...	...	10	94 0 0	May, 1916	9 9 8
Rangataua Church	June, 1911	...	...	98 0 0	10	114 2 0	Nov., 1916	...
New Plymouth Ch. and Parsonage	July, 1911	850 0 0	...	...	10	390 18 6	Oct., 1916	...
Aramoho Ch. and Parsonage	Oct., 1913	...	...	200 0 0	8	150 0 0	May, 1916	26 6 3
Inglewood, Mountain Road Ch.	Jan., 1914	...	...	132 7 9	...	132 7 9	...	...
Normanby Church	June, 1914	150 0 0	...	...	6	87 10 0	Sept., 1916	...
Gonville Church	Dec., 1914	100 0 0	...	...	4	56 5 0	Oct., 1916	...
Eltham S.S. Hall	Jan., 1915	...	...	100 0 0	6	70 16 8	Dec., 1916	...
Douglas Church and Parsonage	Aug., 1915	...	...	120 0 0	8	105 0 0	Sept., 1916	...
Urenui Church	Jan., 1916	...	...	50 0 0	5	50 0 0	...	5 3 6
Kaponga Church	Aug., 1916	200 0 0	...	...	8	187 10 0	Dec., 1916	...
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District:								
Takapau Site	Nov., 1906	...	...	41 15 11	...	41 15 11	...	...
Scarborough Site	Dec., 1906	...	...	28 6 1	...	28 1 1	...	...
Woodville Parsonage	April, 1909	150 0 0	...	...	8	1 5 0	Nov., 1916	...
Ngaturi Site	May, 1911	...	...	3 0 0	...	3 0 0	...	...
Palmerston N. (Broad St.) Church	Sept., 1911	...	...	250 0 0	10	150 0 0	Oct., 1916	...
Foxton Church	June, 1913	200 0 0	...	...	8	137 10 0	Oct., 1916	13 10 0
Napier South Church	July, 1913	150 0 0	8	87 1 3	Dec., 1916	...
Napier Church	Mar., 1914	150 0 0	8	103 2 6	Oct., 1916	4 17 6

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		General Fund.	P.M. Jubilee Fund.	Special Branch.				
Wellington District:		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Eketahuna Church ...	Sept., 1899	135 0 0	...	40 0 0	8	101 15 6	Dec., 1913 101 15 6	
Eketahuna Parsonage ...	Jan., 1916	200 0 0	...	...	10	190 0 0	Oct., 1916 10 0 0
Webb Street Church ...	Mar., 1903	...	400 0 0	...	13	35 0 0	Sept., 1915 36 16 9	
Northlands Church ...	Oct., 1904	...	50 0 0	...	7	Nil	Sept., 1916 ...	
Karori Parsonage Site ...	Feb., 1906	...	...	140 0 0	10	35 0 0	Jan., 1913 43 11 6
Petone (Jackson St.) Church ...	Oct., 1907	...	40 0 0	...	6	30 0 0	... 30 0 0	
Carterton Site ...	Dec., 1907	...	...	100 0 0	10	10 0 0	Oct., 1916 ...
Wellington (Donald McLean St.)	Mar., 1908	...	50 0 0	...	8	43 15 0	... 49 0 0	
Wellington (Aro Street)	Nov., 1908	300 0 0	...	...	10	60 0 0	Nov., 1916 ...
Brooklyn Church ...	May, 1910	250 0 0	...	...	10	87 10 0	Nov., 1916 ...
Levin Church and Hall ...	Sept., 1910	300 0 0	...	...	10	112 10 0	Nov., 1916 ...
Petone (Nelson St.) Church ...	Sept., 1911	247 10 0	...	...	8	85 2 0	Dec., 1916 ...
Island Bay Church ...	June, 1912	300 0 0	...	...	10	180 10 0	Aug., 1916 16 0 6
Karori Church ...	Jan., 1913	350 0 0	...	...	10	246 0 10	Nov., 1916 39 14 6
Otaki Parsonage ...	July, 1913	250 0 0	...	...	8	148 8 9	Oct., 1916 ...
Te Horo Church ...	Mar., 1914	120 0 0	...	...	6	50 0 0	May, 1916 ...
Greytown Parsonage ...	June, 1916	200 0 0	...	...	8	200 0 0	... 13 6 10
Nelson District:								
Seddon, Leasehold Site ...	Aug., 1900	...	...	19 1 2	...	19 1 2	... ..
Kokatahi Site ...	Dec., 1903	...	...	14 4 7	...	14 4 7	... ..
Flaxbourne Site ...	July, 1906	...	...	50 0 0	...	50 0 0	... ..
Reefton Church ...	Aug., 1906	275 0 0	...	...	8	68 12 0	Sept., 1914 8 3 0
Runanga Church ...	Oct., 1909	100 0 0	8	78 2 6	Nov., 1911 79 0 3	
Greymouth Church ...	Jan., 1912	600 0 0	10	323 13 6	July, 1916 15 7 4	

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		General Fund.	P.M. Jubilee Fund.	Special Branch.				
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Mahakipawa Church ...	Dec., 1912	100 0 0	10	68 8 6	Feb., 1916	16 14 3
Picton Church ...	May, 1913	250 0 0	...	...	8	140 12 6	July, 1916	...
Richmond Church ...	April, 1914	150 0 0	...	...	6	51 15 0	Oct., 1916	...
Murchison Church ...	Jan., 1915	100 0 0	...	...	8	78 2 6	Oct., 1916	...
North Canterbury District:								
Cheviot Church and Site ...	Oct., 1906	...	...	199 17 0	...	44 16 7	...	...
Richmond Church ...	Nov., 1908	...	...	100 0 0	8	Nil	Dec., 1916	...
St. Albans (Edgeware Rd.) Ch.	Jan., 1910	400 0 0	...	...	10	190 10 0	Jan., 1915	65 16 9
Woodend Church ...	Dec., 1911	295 0 0	...	...	10	151 0 0	Sept., 1916	...
South Spreydon Site ...	Feb., 1912	...	...	179 10 4	...	179 10 4	...	...
Clarence Road Church ...	Dec., 1912	...	...	215 0 0	10	129 0 0	Sept., 1916	...
Addington Church Debt ...	Dec., 1913	300 0 0	...	...	10	210 0 0	Dec., 1916	...
Papanui Church ...	June, 1914	500 0 0	...	...	8	315 0 0	July, 1916	32 10 0
New Brighton Church ...	Dec., 1914	500 0 0	...	...	10	437 10 0	Apr., 1916	26 9 8
Ohoka Parsonage ...	May, 1915	200 0 0	...	...	8	162 10 0	Nov., 1916	...
Kaipoi Parsonage ...	Aug., 1915	400 0 0	...	...	8	375 0 0	April, 1916	26 18 4
Springston Church ...	Dec., 1916	...	...	70 0 0	5	70 0 0	...	...
South Canterbury District:								
Temuka Parsonage ...	Feb., 1909	...	...	80 0 0	10	8 0 0	Oct., 1916	...
Waimataitai Church ...	July, 1910	195 0 0	...	...	7	45 12 6	Oct., 1913	45 12 6
Methven Site and Church ...	Feb., 1912	...	...	130 10 0	10	52 4 0	Nov., 1916	...
Mayfield Parsonage ...	Nov., 1914	150 0 0	...	...	8	112 10 0	Nov., 1916	...
Ashburton Parsonage ...	Aug., 1916	200 0 0	8	187 10 0	Nov., 1916	...
Otago District:								
Highcliff Site ...	Mar., 1899	5 4 0	...	5 4 0

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		General Fund.	P.M. Jubilee Fund.	Special Branch.				
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Mornington Church ...	Jan., 1905	600 0 0	10	Nil	Feb., 1916	
Waikouaiti Church ...	April, 1906	...	100 0 0	...	10	Nil	April, 1916	
Cromwell Parsonage ...	Jan., 1907	125 0 0	...	...	8	11 4 0	Dec., 1916
Roslyn Parsonage ...	April, 1909	315 0 0	...	...	10	78 15 0	Nov., 1916
Kew Parsonage ...	May, 1909	...	100 0 0	...	10	40 0 0	Nov., 1915	
Anderson's Bay Church ...	May, 1910	...	50 0 0	...	5	46 6 4	Aug., 1915	
St. Kilda S.S. Hall ...	Oct., 1910	500 0 0	...	...	10	212 10 0	Sept., 1916
Woodhaugh S.S. Hall ...	Nov., 1910	80 0 0	...	...	8	7 10 0	Aug., 1914
Mosgiel Parsonage ...	Oct., 1915	350 0 0	...	...	10	323 15 0	Oct., 1916
Bannockburn Church ...	July, 1916	...	...	23 10 0	5	22 10 0	Dec., 1916
Southland District:								
Winton Church Site ...	Dec., 1904	...	...	150 0 0	...	150 0 0	...
Gore Parsonage ...	Jan., 1906	350 0 0	...	...	10	Nil	July, 1916
Otautau Parsonage ...	Jan., 1907	260 0 0	...	...	10	6 10 0	Oct., 1916
Invercargill (Teviot St.) Church ...	Jan., 1908	...	...	65 0 0	10	37 10 0	Sept., 1915
Gore Church ...	Oct., 1909	350 0 0	...	...	10	105 0 0	Oct., 1916
Winton Church ...	Mar., 1911	...	...	50 0 0	8	19 10 3	Dec., 1916
Elles Road Parsonage ...	Nov., 1911	...	90 0 0	...	9	40 0 0	July, 1916	
Don Street Y.M. Institute ...	June, 1912	...	50 0 0	...	7	27 8 0	Nov., 1916	
Bluff Church Debt ...	Nov., 1913	...	...	100 0 0	8	62 10 0	Nov., 1916
Invercargill Jubilee S.S. Hall ...	Jan., 1916	500 0 0	...	...	8	465 12 6	Oct., 1916
Invercargill (Teviot St.) S.S. Hall ...	April, 1916	100 0 0	...	...	6	91 13 4	Oct., 1916
Invercargill (Teviot St.) Church ...	Oct., 1916	100 0 0	8	100 0 0	...	

MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.

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Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended October 31st, 1916.

Treasurers:—Rev. G. BOND and J. VEALE.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
To Balance brought forward				48	5	7	By Payments to Home Mission Fund	700	0	0		
„ Rents—							„ Gratuity late Mr. F. L. Prime	10	0	0		
Kaeo	43	15	0				„ Management	7	10	0		
Mt. Wesley	41	2	0				„ Insurance and Rates	2	1	0		
Newark	25	0	0				„ Inspection of Properties	16	2	0		
				109	17	0	„ Fencing at Te Kopua	12	7	8		
„ Interest—							„ Legal Expenses	7	7	11		
Auckland City Council Debentures	600	0	0				„ Bank Commission and other charges	3	12	5		
Whata Whata Mortgage	30	0	0				„ Purchase of Deeds Box	1	5	0		
Auckland Savings Bank	4	5	0				„ Account and Minute Books, etc.	1	4	9		
				634	5	0	„ Printing	0	12	6		
„ Refund Half Costs Mt. Wesley—							„ Registration New Trustees, plus Exchange	0	10	6		
Lease					2	4	3	„ Postage Stamps	0	10	0	
Discount					0	0	6					
								763	3	9		
							„ Credit Balance in Bank New Zealand			31	8	7
				£794	12	4				£794	12	4

Audited and found correct,

J. T. HENDERSON }
ARCH. PEAK } Auditors

November 13th, 1916.

EMSLY THEOLOGICAL ENDOWMENT.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending 30th September, 1916.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Interest on Mortgages	...	...	93 10 0	Mortgage Tax	...	6 0 10	
Interest on Deposit at Call	...	...	2 3 9	Law Costs	...	1 1 0	
				Theological Treasurer	...	35 0 0	
				Books and Stationery	...	0 15 0	
				Management	...	4 15 0	
				Cash in Bank	...	48 1 11	
			<u>£95 13 9</u>			<u>£95 13 9</u>	

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Capital	...	...	1887 10 0	By Registered Mortgages	...	1800 0 0	
				„ Waiting Investment (Deposit at Call)	...	87 10 0	
			<u>£1887 10 0</u>			<u>£1887 10 0</u>	

Audited and found correct.

CHAS. H. RALPH, Auditor.

November 13th, 1916.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

Treasurers:—Messrs. T. BUDDLE and G. A. BUTTLE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
October 31, 1915.								October 31, 1915.					
To Cash in Hand ...				36	0	0		By Bank of New Zealand—					
October 31, 1916.								Balance due ...			2773	15	10
To Revenue Account—								October 31, 1916.					
Rents ...	1894	0	1					By Theological Institute—					
Interest ...	49	10	0					Students' Payment Account			300	0	0
				1943	10	1		General Charges—					
Bank of New Zealand—								Repairs and Maintenance	155	7	5		
Balance due ...				2138	16	8		Rates ...	255	19	6		
								Interest ...	406	4	6		
								Supervising Estate and collecting Rents and Interest and Sundries	150	8	3		
								Insurance ...	76	11	3		
											1044	10	11
											£4118	6	9
				£4118	6	9							

Audited and found correct,

November 7, 1916

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

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending 30th September, 1916.

Treasurer—MR. J. EDSON.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 1, 1915—				September 30th, 1916—			
To Balance	60	8	6	By Investment Account	700	0	0
1916—				„ Books Purchased	25	19	8
To Sale of Property	621	16	4	„ Balance Auckland Savings Bank ...	12	11	2
„ Sundry Refunds	16	14	0				
„ Rents Received	23	6	6				
„ Interest Auckland Savings Bank ...	2	5	6				
„ Interest on Investment	14	0	0				
	£738	10	10		£738	10	10

I have examined the above Statement and compared it with the Vouchers and Bank Book relating thereto, and find it to be correct.

J. MUIR BARR.

7th October, 1916.

£700 placed at call (4 per cent.) with the Auckland Gas Co., pending the opportunity of suitable investment.

C.H.G.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

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Statement of Accounts for year ending September 30th, 1916.

Treasurers:—Rev. A. B. CHAPPELL, M.A. and Mr. W. A. COLLIS.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
October 1st—				By Land Tax	52	7	1
To Bank Balance, October 1st, 1915 ...	0	17	5	„ Rates	17	1	5
„ Rents	537	18	0	„ Insurance	4	5	10
„ Interest	33	0	0	„ Secretary's Commission	42	9	8
				„ Stationery and Sundries	2	7	2
				„ Bank Charge	0	10	0
				„ Legal Expenses	8	18	2
				„ General Secretary Home Mission Fund ...	425	0	0
				„ Balance at Bank	18	16	1
	£571	15	5		£571	15	5

Audited and found correct,

R. PEPPERELL
EDWIN CHATTERTON } Auditors.

N.B.—An additional £100 was forwarded to the Home Mission Treasurers immediately after the close of the Trust's financial year.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS. 10

Revenue Account for the Period from 1st October, 1915, to 31st December, 1916.

Treasurer: Mr. C. W. HEMERY.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
October 1, 1915—		December 31, 1916—	
To Balance forward	12143 18 11	By Salaries paid to staff at schools	95 16 8
December 31, 1916—		„ Rents paid for rooms	39 7 6
To Interest received	692 2 5	„ General Expenses:—	
„ Rents received	258 16 3	Printing and Stationery	1 12 0
„ Refund from Conference Contingent Fund of half cost in re Bill	34 6 8	Advertising	2 8 3
		Postages, Telegrams, Exchange	4 10 3
		Rates	8 9 11
		Repairs, Cleaning, etc.	6 10 3
		Travelling Expenses	5 11 5
		Sundry Expenses at Schools	12 18 4
		Law Costs	10 0 0
		Bank Charge	0 10 0
		Expenses in connection with Bill	68 13 3
		„ Furniture Depreciation Account	121 3 8
		„ Balance	15 19 0
			12856 17 5
			<hr/>
	£13129 4 3		£13129 4 3

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1916.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance as per Revenue Account	12856	17	5	Loans on Mortgage				9513	15	0
				Freehold Properties—						
				Wellington	1200	0	0			
				Foxton, No. 1	575	0	0			
				Foxton, No. 2	45	0	0			
								1820	0	0
				Balance in Post Office Savings						
				Bank				1032	2	3
				Interest Accrued to 31st December				131	11	3
				Rents Accrued to 31st December				51	1	3
				Balance at Bank of Australasia				308	7	8
								12856	17	5
	£12856	17	5					£12856	17	5

Audited and found correct,

F. A. BARCLAY, F.I.A.N.Z. }
 F. TURNER } Auditors.

Wellington, 31st January, 1917.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending October 31st, 1916.

Treasurer: Mr. G. A. BUTTLE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.															
				£	s.	d.													
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.										
Bank Balance	384	18	7	Household	...	...	...	532	18	11						
Probert's Trustees	300	0	0	Tutors	...	...	...	50	0	0						
Contingent Fund	350	0	0	Stipend (in addition to House and Board Allowance)	...	...	...	200	0	0						
Emsly Trust	35	0	0	Quarterages	...	...	...	54	0	0						
Prince Albert College	75	0	0	University Fees	...	...	...	22	11	0						
Home Mission	75	0	0	Rent	...	...	...	208	0	0						
A. C. Randerson	10	10	0	Rates and Water Rates	...	...	...	34	0	0						
Auckland East	25	0	0	Furniture	...	...	...	24	3	11						
Miss Garland	10	0	0	Connexional Charges	...	...	...	50	7	8						
W. E. Hutchison (overpaid)	0	19	9	Telephone	...	...	...	13	0	0						
Withdrawn Savings Bank	100	0	0	Insurances	...	...	...	6	2	4						
							Sundries	...	...	...	5	19	9				
							Stamps, Exchanges, etc.	...	...	...	1	1	6				
							Bank Charges	...	...	...	2	11	0				
							Savings Bank	...	...	...	100	0	0				
							Balance	...	...	...	61	12	3				
													£1366	8	4				
				£1366	8	4							£1366	8	4				

November 8th, 1916.

Audited and found correct,

T. W. JONES, Auditor.

"THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TIMES."

Balance-sheet at 31st January, 1917.

Treasurer:—Mr. H. S. J. GOODMAN.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Unexpired Value of Subscriptions	222 14 6	Outstanding Subscriptions	255 4 5
Unexpired Value of Advertisements	26 4 6	Outstanding Advertisements	92 17 2
"Lyttelton Times" Co., Ltd.	241 18 8	Birth, etc., Notices unpaid	5 15 0
Sundry Creditors	7 17 3	Sundry Debtors	30 11 4
	<hr/>	Balance with P.O. Savings Bank	62 13 1
	498 14 11	Accrued Interest	3 17 10
Balance—1915 Profit	12 14 5		<hr/>
1916 Profit	68 5 3	Balance with Bank N.Z.	66 10 11
	<hr/>		128 15 9
	80 19 8		<hr/>
	<hr/>		£579 14 7
	£579 14 7		<hr/>

Examined and found correct,

A. K. ENGLAND }
C. E. SALTER } Auditors.

Christchurch,
12th February, 1917.

STATEMENT RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS REV. VAL. TRIGGE'S MISSION.

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April 1st, 1916, to December 31st, 1916.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Donations	30	2	0	By Rev. Val. Trigge's Stipend 9 months	225	0	0			
„ Port Albert Mission	15	3	6	„ Travelling Expenses Victoria to New Zealand	16	2	0			
„ Pitt St. Mission (Auckland)	20	0	0	„ Travelling Expenses in New Zealand (6 months)	15	15	6			
„ Hamilton Mission	20	0	0	„ Supernumerary Fund Levy	11	10	0			
„ Auckland Methodist Mission	15	0	0	„ Cost of Remittance by Cable to Victoria	0	9	5			
„ Foxton Mission	15	4	0					268	16	11
„ Woodville Mission	15	4	0	„ Printing	4	16	8			
„ Hastings Mission	17	13	6	„ Exchange	0	9	0			
„ Hawera Mission	20	3	6	„ Stamps, Receipt and Postage	0	5	6			
„ Motueka Mission	15	11	6					5	11	2
„ Blenheim Mission	20	0	0	„ Balance				35	5	5
„ East Belt (Ch.Ch) Mission	20	0	0							
„ Nelson Mission	20	3	6							
„ Timaru (Bank St.) Mission	20	8	6							
„ Sydenham Mission	18	0	0							
„ Ashburton Mission	20	12	0							
„ Lawrence Mission	6	7	6							
			309 13 6							
			£309 13 6							£309 13 6

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO MARCH 31st, 1917.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance				By Payments—			
„ Receipts from Various Missions	27	10	0	Rev. Val. Trigge—Stipend 3 months	75	0	0
„ Receipts from Guarantee Fund	47	1	0	Travelling Expenses in New Zealand	20	0	0
			74 11 0	Return Fare to Victoria	20	0	0
„ Balance			15 3 7	Sundries	10	0	0
			£125 0 0				125 0 0
							£125 0 0

E. ROSEVEAR, Hon. Treasurer.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1916.

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Treasurers: Rev. S. LAWRY and Mr. J. C. PRUDHOE.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Subscriptions refunded ...				61		0		By Ministers' Subscriptions ...			1379		0	
„ Annuities ...	3661		11					„ Circuit Levies ...	1676		2		6	
„ Less amount from English Fund ...			42	13	8			„ Levies o/a Missionaries ...	39		14		0	
				3618	18	2					1715	16	6	
„ Furniture Grants ...				230		0		„ Interest on Ministers' Arrears ...	15		2		5	
„ Share of cost of Connexional Secretary's Office ...	150		0					„ Interest on Deposits ...	100		4		8	
„ General Expenses ...	26		4					„ Interest on Investments ...	4354		15		0	
„ Stamps and Telegrams ...	5		4					„ Interest on Balance due from Melbourne (Avery) ...	7		9		4	
„ Printing and Advertising ...	5		7					„ Interest on Primitive Methodist Fund ...	107		11		5	
„ Exchange ...	9		9								4585		2	
„ Bank Interest (£1 19s.) and Charges (10/-) ...			2	9	0			„ Accident Indemnity and Fire Insurance Premiums received ...	30		9		0	
				198		14		„ Less Premiums paid ...	23		19		6	
„ Amount paid to Melbourne ...				57		19						6	9	
„ Balance to Accumulated Funds				3577		0	8	„ Amounts received o/a Melbourne				57	19	0
				£7744		10	10				£7744		10	10

SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1916.

LIABILITIES.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds at 31st Dec., 1915	74183	3	4			
Add received from Melbourne re Avery		107	12	3		
Purchase of Primitive Methodist Benefits	10733	17	4			
	85024	12	11			
Add Revenue A/c Transferred		3577	0	8		
(Balance of Income over Expenditure, 1916)				88601	13	7
Sundry Creditors				107	17	6
Carried forward	£88709	11	1			

ASSETS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Investments—						
Loans on Mortgage	71600	0	0			
Interest due and accrued	837	5	7			
				72437	5	7
Govt. and other Debentures	9495	10	0			
Interest due and accrued	187	6	8			
				9682	16	8
Post Office Savings Bank	1664	0	0			
Interest accrued	38	5	4			
				1702	5	4
Deposits—						
Christchurch City Council	1500	0	0			
Mutual Benefit Bdg. Society	100	0	0			
Ch.Ch. Bdg. and Land Socy.	750	0	0			
Interest accrued	28	4	4			
				2378	4	4
Ministers' Subscriptions due and unpaid	401	12	0			
Interest due on Ministers' Arrears	29	11	7			
				431	3	7
Carried forward	£86631	15	6			

CHILDREN'S FUND.

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		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Brought forward	...	1876	15	10	Brought forward	...	1451	5	0									
					Otago District	... 23	£9	207	0	0								
					Arrears	...		6	15	0								
											213	15	0					
					Southland District	... 7	£9	63	0	0								
					Arrears	...		0	0	0								
											63	0	0					
													1728	0	0			
					Wellington District Short Paid 1915	...		4	10	0								
					Wanganui Refund	...		1	16	0								
					Conference Expenses (Rev W. Beckett, 1915)	...		5	0	0								
					Petty Expenses, Stamps, Stationery	...		2	10	0								
					Bank Charges	...		0	10	6								
					Cheque Book	...		0	10	0								
														14	16	6		
					Credit Balance	...								133	19	4		
																£1876	15	10

Audited and found correct,

January 29, 1917.

A. NEWMAN }
H. PATIENCE } Auditors.

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended December 31st, 1916.

Hon. Treasurers:—Rev. W. A. HAY and Mr. ERNEST ROSEVEAR.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January 1, 1916—													
To Balance				1117	1	3	By Cost of Auckland Conference —						
„ Sale Conference Agenda and Book of Laws	42	7	9				„ Representatives' Expenses Equalisation Fund	301	14	9			
„ Sales per Connexional Secretary	1	5	0				„ Travelling to Conference (Officials, Ministerial Representatives and Probationers for Ordination)	162	2	7			
„ Refund Order of Service of Thanksgiving (per Rev. W. Laycock)	9	5	0				„ Printing Agenda, Minutes, etc.	202	10	10			
„ Interest	3	3	9				„ Stationery, Bibles, Cables, Telegrams, Postage, etc.	24	18	9			
				56	1	6					389	12	2
„ Circuit Levies—							„ Travelling of Chairman and other District Expenses (including Exchanges, Cheque Book, Bank Charges, Stationery, Telegrams, etc.)						
Auckland District	365	10	4				Auckland District	22	12	2			
South Auckland District	165	8	2				South Auckland District	47	16	5			
Taranaki-Wanganui District	204	19	4				Taranaki-Wanganui District	24	0	3			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	174	5	0				Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	12	8	3			
Wellington District	196	19	0				Wellington District	10	12	0			
Nelson District	124	15	4				Nelson District	13	5	3			
North Canterbury District	292	4	10				North Canterbury District	27	2	0			
South Canterbury District	128	17	11										
Otago District	188	17	11										
Southland District	101	13	8										
				1943	11	6							
„ Sale of Minutes—													
Auckland District	1	15	6										
South Auckland District	0	7	0										
Taranaki-Wanganui District	0	17	0										
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	0	14	0										
Wellington District	1	2	0										
				4	15	6	Carried forward	157	16	4	691	6	11
Carried forward				3116	14	3							

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Brought forward	4	15	6	3116	14	3	Brought forward	157	16	4	691	6	11
Nelson District	0	4	0				South Canterbury District	8	7	1			
North Canterbury District	2	2	7				Otago District	11	7	3			
Otago District	1	2	6				Southland District	10	16	11			
					8	4	7				188	7	7
							„ District Synod Expenses—						
							(Ministers, Probationers, Home						
							Missionaries, travelling to Synod,						
							Stationery, Telegrams, etc.)						
							Auckland District	43	2	10			
							South Auckland District	22	18	3			
							Taranaki-Wanganui District	32	1	0			
							Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	14	1	9			
							Wellington District	9	14	8			
							Nelson District	21	3	4			
							North Canterbury District	8	7	11			
							South Canterbury District	5	16	1			
							Otago District	5	19	1			
							Southland District	2	8	1			
											168	13	0
							„ Ministerial Supply—						
							South Auckland District	21	3	0			
							Wellington District	8	2	6			
							Canterbury District	14	2	0			
							Otago District	9	15	0			
											53	2	6
Carried forward	£	3124	18	10			Carried forward	£	1101	10	0		

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.—Continued.

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RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.			
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	3124 18 10	Brought forward	...	1101 10 0	
		„ Military Affairs—	£ s. d.		
		Grant to Mrs. J. A. Lux-			
		ford (House Rent)	16 10 0		
		Grant to Mrs A. Mitchell			
		(House Rent)	56 5 0		
		Grant to Mrs. F. T.			
		Read (House Rent)	56 5 0		
		Grant to Mrs. W.			
		Walker (House Rent)	37 10 0		
		„ Removal Expenses—Chap. Walker		166 10 0	
		„ Supernumerary Fund on Account—		5 14 6	
		Wanganui Circuit	8 12 6		
		Invercargill Circuit	2 17 6		
		Rev. Seamer	8 12 6		
		Rev. Lawrence	8 12 6		
		Rev. Watson	8 12 6		
		Rev. W. Walker	11 10 0		
				48 17 6	
		„ Grant Mrs. F. L. Frost	...	16 10 0	
		„ Supply Greytown Circuit	...	5 17 6	
		„ Charges as per President	...	46 8 4	
		„ Printing and Sundry	...	13 16 10	
					303 14 6
		„ Printing and Publishing Book of			
		Laws	...		97 12 2
Carried forward	£3124 18 10	Carried forward		£1502 16 10	

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.— Continued.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward	£	s.	d.	Brought forward			1502	16	10	
	3124	18	10	„ Compassionate Allowance—						
				Rev. Geo. Frost	25	0	0			
				Rev. G. T. Marshall (£18 19s. 6d.)	18	19	6			
				Rev. A. Allen	25	0	0			
								68	19	6
				„ Grant Theological Institution	500	0	0			
				„ Education Fees (W. H. Hocking)	2	5	0			
								502	5	0
				„ “Methodist Times”—						
				Honoraria Editors	40	0	0			
				Expenses	3	0	0			
								43	0	0
				„ Removal Expenses—						
				Wellington South Circuit	14	0	0			
				Te Kuiti Circuit	15	0	0			
				Gore Circuit	14	0	0			
								43	0	0
				„ Examinations—						
				Printing Papers	9	12	6			
				South Auckland District	4	16	6			
								14	9	0
				„ Grant Connexional Secretary's						
				Office				165	0	0
				„ Grant Connexional S.S. Board	15	0	0			
				„ Auckland S.S. District Committee	1	0	0			
								16	0	0
				„ Travelling Expenses, ex-President						
				Rev. J. Dawson				8	12	0
Carried forward	£	3124	18	10	Carried forward		£	2364	2	4

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.—Continued.

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RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Brought forward	3124 18 10	Brought forward	2364 2 4
		„ Postages, Telegrams, etc., ex- President Rev. J. Dawson ...	3 13 4
		„ Refund Supernumerary Fund Levy (ex-President Rev. J. Dawson) ...	11 10 0
			<u>15 3 4</u>
		„ Travelling Expenses, etc., Presi- dent Rev. A. C. Lawry ...	20 0 0
		„ Postage, President Rev. A. C. Lawry ...	10 0 0
		„ Telephone (Rev. A. C. Lawry) ...	3 0 6
			<u>33 0 6</u>
		„ Printing Certificates Membership	42 10 9
		„ Sundry Printing ...	6 5 0
		„ Methodist Literature Committee— Book Case ...	15 8 0
		Rev. Val. Trigge's Booklet ...	19 14 0
			<u>35 2 0</u>
		„ Special Committee re Maori Work (Travelling Expenses, etc.) ...	28 11 9
		„ Wellington Educational Trust— Expenses Incurred promoting Bill through Parliament ...	37 4 2
		„ Postages, etc., per the Secretary, Rev. W. A. Sinclair ...	11 19 11
		„ Temperance and Public Morais Committee ...	0 10 0
		„ Welfare of Church Committee ...	1 18 6
			<u>2 8 6</u>
Carried forward	<u>£3124 18 10</u>	Carried forward	<u>2576 8 3</u>

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.			
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Brought forward	3124 18 10	Brought forward	2576 8 3		
		„ Bank Charge, two accounts ...	1 0 0		
		„ Exchange, Auckland Account ...	0 14 0		
		„ Exchange, per Hon. Treas. 2 4 9			
		„ Telegrams, per Hon. Treas. 0 9 9			
		„ Stamps, per Hon. Treas. 2 5 9			
			<u>5 0 3</u>		
		„ Interest Overdraft ...		6 14 3	
		„ Balance Bank of New Zealand ...	429 7 7	0 3 9	
		„ Due by Chairman—			
		Taranaki-Wanganui District			
		... 81 1 0			
		Wellington District ... 13 19 0			
		N. Canterbury Dist. 17 5 0			
			<u>112 5 0</u>		
				541 12 7	
	<u>£3124 18 10</u>			<u>£3124 18 10</u>	

Audited and found correct,

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R. VANES }
WM. PENROSE } Auditors.

THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND—NEW ZEALAND AUXILIARY FOREIGN MISSION.

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December 27th, 1916

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Capital Established, 1915	241	17	9	By Two Mount Eden £100 5% Debentures	...	200	0	0
„ Scott's Legacy	175	10	11	„ One Dunedin W. Board 4½% Debentures	...	100	0	0
„ Appreciation Mount Eden Debentures, bought at £98	4	0	0	„ £100 of Government War Bonds, due 5 years	...	80	0	0
„ Error in over transmission to Head Office in 1915	3	7	7	„ Cash in Auckland Savings Bank	...	44	16	3
				<u>£424 16 3</u>							
							<u>£424 16 3</u>				

Interest Account of Working Capital Fund.

To Transfer to Head Office General Funds	...	...	...	£	s.	d.	By Interest Received	...	...	...	£	s.	d.
				10	8	1					10	8	1
				<u>10 8 1</u>							<u>10 8 1</u>		

December 28th, 1916.

Examined and found correct,

J. BURT VEALE.

ALDRED E. LAWRY.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA—NEW ZEALAND AUXILIARY.

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Refund Mr. Broome ...	1	7	9	
Refund Clarke and Matheson ...	0	7	0	
Mornington Circuit for H.M. ...	5	17	3	
Maps ...	0	3	9	
St. Albans Girls' Bible Class ...	10	0	0	
				151 10 7
				<u>£5521 11 2</u>

Miscellaneous—			
Refund ...	8	13	3
Treasurer's Expenses to Conference ...	4	11	10
Missionary Boxes and Postage	3	15	10
Printing ...	7	5	0
Sundry Payments ...	0	5	10
Paid to Working Capital Fund	3	7	7
			<u>4864 8 5</u>
Balance Cash in Bank of N.Z.	642	2	9
			<u>£5521 11 2</u>

Examined and found correct,
 J. BURT VEALE.
 ALDRED E. LAWRY.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA—NEW
ZEALAND AUXILIARY.

B.—Circuit Contributions, 1916.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	From 1915.			General.			Review.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ...				123	15	10	4	2	9	127	18	7
Auckland West ...				73	7	9	2	11	6	75	19	3
Auckland East ...	21	1	7	193	5	5	2	3	1	216	10	0
Auckland (Avondale)				54	12	3	2	0	6	56	12	6
Auckland Meth. Msn.	30	0	0	27	12	3				57	12	3
Auckland (Nth. Shore)				76	15	11	1	14	6	78	10	5
Auckland (Birkenhead)				143	0	9				143	0	9
Onehunga ...				20	0	0	1	1	0	21	1	0
Otahuhu ...				22	3	4				22	3	4
Papakura ...				22	12	6	1	5	6	23	18	0
Pukekohe ...	4	15	9	101	9	5	1	2	6	107	7	8
Waiuku ...				31	1	9	1	11	6	32	12	3
Mahurangi ...				15	0	0	1	3	0	16	3	0
Paparoa ...				25	3	9	1	19	0	27	2	9
Northern Waroa ...				28	13	0	2	8	6	31	1	6
Whangarei ...	4	12	0	4	2	0				8	14	0
Coromandel ...												
Port Albert ...				19	12	4				19	12	4
Helensville ...				5	6	6	0	1	6	5	8	0
Bay of Islands ...	1	13	0	2	6	0	0	1	6	4	0	6
Hokianga ...				1	4	4	1	10	0	2	14	4
Whangaroa ...							0	1	6	0	1	6
Mangonui ...				2	4	7				2	4	7
Hikurangi ...				7	1	6				7	1	6

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II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	From 1915.			General.			Review.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames ...				34	0	3	1	17	6	35	17	9
Te Aroha ...	1	16	4	27	0	6	1	19	9	30	16	7
Morrinsville ...	1	4	11	4	9	6				5	14	5
Waihi ...				22	10	0	1	15	0	24	5	0
Paeroa ...	0	17	0							0	17	0
Cambridge ...	14	2	3	18	3	11				32	6	2
Hamilton ...				74	4	2				74	4	2
Huntly ...				2	2	0				2	2	0
Rotorua ...				7	14	3				7	14	3
Tauranga ...				22	17	9	1	11	6	24	9	3
Opotiki ...	0	10	0							0	10	0
Te Kuiti ...				5	7	8	0	6	0	5	13	8
Taumarunui ...				2	0	0	0	10	6	2	10	6
Te Awamutu ...				2	7	6	0	6	0	2	13	6
Whakatane ...												
Te Puke ...				2	9	0	0	12	0	3	1	0
Matamata ...	2	1	4	2	18	6				4	19	10
Ohura ...				3	10	0	0	1	6	3	11	6
Ngaruwahia ...												
Marakopa ...												
Waimiha ...												

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III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	From 1915.			General.			Review.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth				47	1	6	0	11	6	48	3	0
Waitara				40	1	4	1	0	0	41	1	4
Inglewood				7	5	9				7	5	9
Stratford				27	15	3				27	15	3
Eltham				3	11	8				3	11	8
Hawera				60	0	0	1	7	0	61	7	0
Manaia	1	0	0	3	18	0	0	1	6	4	19	6
Cape Egmont				33	14	7	0	3	0	33	17	7
Kaponga				14	0	0				14	0	0
Wanganui	2	5	0	53	12	3	3	8	0	59	5	3
Aramoho				8	1	0				8	1	0
Rangitikei				25	15	3	0	1	6	25	16	9
Taihape				10	2	0				10	2	0
Waimarino	5	8	11	7	3	10				12	12	9
East Egmont				1	0	0				1	0	0
Patea				5	1	2				5	1	2
	8	13	11	348	13	7	6	12	6	364	0	0

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	From 1915.			General.			Review.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier				40	0	4	0	2	0	40	2	4
Hastings				83	2	8	3	1	6	86	4	2
Gisborne				17	10	6	1	2	6	18	13	0
Waipawa				6	18	2				6	18	2
Dannevirke				8	14	11	1	1	0	9	15	11
Woodville				42	15	0	6	18	0	49	13	0
Pahiatua				8	2	0	1	1	0	9	3	0
Palmerston N. (Broad St)	10	7	2	55	16	10	5	6	6	71	10	6
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	6	2	11	29	10	0	0	18	0	36	10	11
Feilding				101	3	2	3	15	0	104	18	2
Sanson and Rongotea				30	4	4	2	5	0	32	9	4
Foxton	2	0	0							2	0	0
Apiti				20	0	0	4	11	6	24	11	6
Norsewood				2	0	0				2	0	0
	18	10	1	445	17	11	30	2	0	494	10	0

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	From 1915.		General.		Review.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Wellington (Taranaki St.)			161	1 6	3 7 6		164	9 0
Wellington Central Msn.)	0	10 0						0 10 0
Wellington (Thorndon) ...	2	5 6	16	10 6				18 16 0
Wellington (South) ...			46	3 6	2 10 4		48	13 10
Johnsonville ...			12	3 0	0 19 6		13	2 6
Hutt ...			40	16 3	2 18 6		43	14 9
Petone ...	9	4 10	14	8 7	0 8 0		24	1 5
S. Wairarapa ...			7	12 5	2 16 6		10	8 11
Carterton ...			18	2 6	1 17 6		20	0 0
Masterton ...			42	8 0	2 15 6		45	3 6
Eketahuna ...			12	11 3	0 16 6		13	7 9
Levin ...			26	13 9	0 1 6		26	15 3
Otaki ...			28	7 11	1 16 0		30	3 11
	12	0 4	426	19 2	20 7 4		459	6 10

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	From 1915.		General.		Review.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nelson ...			36	1 6	1 10 0		37	11 6
Richmond ...					0 19 6		0	19 6
Blenheim ...	0	5 0	59	3 2	3 2 6		62	10 8
Hokitika ...			10	6 1	0 3 0		10	9 1
Greymouth ...			5	8 11	1 7 0		6	15 11
Motueka ...					0 6 0		0	6 0
Reefton ...			5	8 8	0 9 0		5	17 8
Westport ...	17	3 6	15	15 5	1 1 0		33	19 11
Havelock ...								
Murchison ...								
Runanga ...								
Denniston-Granity ...								
Tapawera ...								
Dovedale ...								
	17	8 6	132	3 9	8 18 0		158	10 3

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	From 1915.		General.		Review.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Ch.Ch. (Durham St.) ...			89	14 5	1	7 0	91	1 5
Ch.Ch. (Durham St. S.) ...			4	3 1			4	3 1
Ch.Ch. East ...	65	17 0	183	10 0	6	16 6	256	3 6
Ch.Ch. (Cambridge Ter.) ...			11	1 0	1	19 0	13	0 0
Ch.Ch. (Woolston) ...			39	11 6	2	5 0	41	16 6
Ch.Ch. (Sydenham) ...	5	13 1	32	0 0	3	2 0	40	15 1
Ch.Ch. (Addington) ...	20	9 0	40	17 9	3	1 6	64	8 3
Ch.Ch. (St. Albans) ...			62	18 3	3	6 0	66	4 3
Ch.Ch. (Papanui) ...			31	18 9			31	18 9
Lyttelton ...	7	13 0	11	6 10	0	2 0	19	1 10
Springston ...			20	8 4			20	8 4
Tai Tapu ...			21	11 6	1	2 6	22	14 0
Leeston ...	8	8 9	25	16 7	0	10 6	34	15 10
Kaiapoi ...			46	12 0	1	10 0	48	2 0
Ohoka ...			32	10 0			32	10 0
Rangiora ...			35	9 0	1	10 0	36	19 0
Greendale and Malvern ...	6	0 0	51	10 9	0	18 6	58	9 3
Amberley ...	1	1 0	7	16 2	0	7 6	9	4 8
Oxford ...			5	8 0			5	8 0
	115	1 10	754	3 11	27	18 0	897	3 9

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	From 1915.		General.		Review.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Timaru (Bank St.) ...			48	17 7	1	1 0	49	18 7
Timaru (Woodland St.) ...	4	12 6	4	1 1			8	13 7
Waimate ...			52	15 6			52	15 6
Temuka ...			35	6 0			35	6 0
Geraldine ...			15	0 0	1	1 0	16	1 0
Ashburton ...			46	0 1	0	15 4	46	15 5
Willowby ...	0	2 0	33	0 5	3	6 0	36	8 5
Oamaru ...			31	10 9			31	10 9
Methven ...								
Mayfield ...			7	13 6			7	13 6
	4	14 6	274	4 11	6	3 4	285	2 9

IX.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

	From 1915.	General.	Review.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin (Trinity) ...		59 16 0	2 9 6	62 5 6
Dunedin (Central Mission) ...		20 1 0		20 1 0
Dunedin (Dundas St.) ...		30 10 6	1 10 0	32 0 6
Dunedin (Cargill Rd.) ...		64 11 7	0 19 6	65 11 1
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ...		7 14 6	0 12 0	8 6 6
Dunedin (Caversham) ...		7 13 3	0 4 6	7 17 9
Dunedin (Mornington) ...		27 7 10	1 14 6	29 2 4
Dunedin (Roslyn) ...		11 14 6	1 10 0	13 4 6
Mosgiel ...		3 15 0	0 10 0	4 5 0
Port Chalmers ...	0 2 7	8 0 0		8 2 7
Waikouaiti-Palmerston ...		11 0 6		11 0 6
Balclutha ...	10 0 0	20 3 10	2 6 6	32 10 4
Milton ...		5 14 9	0 18 0	6 12 9
Roxburgh ...		3 0 6		3 0 6
Kaitangata ...		4 7 11		4 7 11
Lawrence ...		7 10 6	0 7 6	7 18 0
Cromwell ...		6 18 3	0 15 0	7 13 3
	10 2 7	300 0 5	13 17 0	324 0 0

X.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	From 1915.	General.	Review.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Invercargill (Leet St.) ...		59 5 10	3 1 6	62 7 4
Invercargill (Teviot St.) ...				
Invercargill (Don St.) ...	3 10 0	11 17 0	0 10 6	15 17 6
Invercargill (Elles Rd.) ...				
Bluff ...		7 1 3	1 2 6	8 3 9
Gore ...	18 3 10			18 3 10
Otautau ...	3 7 7	7 11 11	0 14 10	11 14 4
Edendale ...		5 11 10		5 11 10
Riverton ...	2 7 0		1 5 3	3 12 3
Winton ...				
Tuatapere ...				
Nightcaps ...		4 0 0		4 0 0
	27 8 5	95 7 10	6 14 7	129 13 10

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND. 19

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1916.

Treasurers—Rev. G. BOND and Mr. J. VEALE.

INCOME.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ...	200	4	4			
Auckland West ...	66	0	4			
Auckland East ...	153	10	2			
Auckland, Avondale ...	53	5	7			
Auckland Meth. Msn. ...	28	14	6			
Auckland, North Shore ...	63	4	3			
Auckland, Birkenhead ...	88	9	3			
Onehunga ...	23	17	8			
Otahuhu ...	23	19	4			
Papakura ...	15	0	0			
Pukekohe ...	41	5	8			
Waiuku ...	19	3	0			
Mahurangi ...	15	1	0			
Paparoa ...	15	0	0			
Northern Wairoa ...	26	2	10			
Whangarei ...	8	0	0			

Maori Missions.

Whangaroa ...	30	0	0
Bay of Islands ...	25	0	2
Hokianga ...	41	1	0
Kaipara ...	40	0	0
Waikato ...	38	2	1

Home Mission Stations.

Port Albert ...	16	11	0
Coromandel ...	5	5	1
Helensville ...	0	0	0
Bay of Islands ...	3	17	9
Hokianga ...	3	19	2
Whangaroa ...	5	0	0
Mangonui ...	4	8	8
Hikurangi ...	2	0	2
			1056 3 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ...	40	15	3
Te Aroha ...	36	17	7
Morrinsville ...	13	17	3
Waihi ...	15	1	0
Peeroa ...	20	0	0
Cambridge ...	20	16	7
Hamilton ...	106	12	2
Huntly ...	3	6	9
Rotorua ...	6	1	8
Tauranga ...	6	5	11
Opotiki ...	6	12	1
Te Kuiti ...	10	0	0
Taumarunui ...	4	0	0
Te Awamutu ...	10	10	0
Whakatane ...	0	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Te Puke ...	3	0	0
Matamata ...	9	6	0
Ohura ...	8	0	0
Ngaruawahia ...	3	5	0
Marakopa ...	0	0	0
Waimiha ...	0	0	0
			324 7 3

Carried forward 1380 10 3

EXPENDITURE.

MAORI MISSIONS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The late Rev. W. Gittos (Honorarium) ...	12	10	0			
Whangaroa.						
Native Minister ...	120	0	0			
Travelling ...	10	0	0			
Native H. Missionary ...	55	0	0			
Travelling ...	10	0	0			
Rent ...	14	15	0			
Bay of Islands.						
Native Minister ...	100	0	0			
Travelling ...	10	0	0			
Hokianga.						
Native Minister No. 1 ...	120	0	0			
Travelling ...	10	0	0			
Native Minister No. 2 ...	90	0	0			
Travelling ...	10	0	0			

Kaipara.

Native Minister ...	100	0	0
Travelling ...	10	0	0

Waikato.

Native Minister, No. 1 ...	120	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0
Rent, Otorohanga ...	9	17	0
Rent Te Kopua ...	17	10	0
Removal Expenses ...	10	0	0
Special ...	15	0	0
Native Minister, No. 2 ...	100	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0
Removal Expenses ...	6	10	0
Native Probationer ...	70	0	0
Travelling ...	10	0	0

West Coast Mission.

Superintendent ...	220	0	0
House Allowance ...	52	0	0
Travelling ...	20	0	0
Connexal. Charges ...	40	4	0

Normanby.

Native Minister ...	160	0	0
Rent ...	40	0	0
Travelling ...	20	0	0

Opunake.

Native Minister ...	120	0	0
Rent ...	25	0	0
Travelling ...	10	0	0
Removal Expenses ...	23	9	3
Special ...	10	0	0
Furniture Grant ...	30	0	0

Patea.

Native H. Missionary ...	50	0	0
Travelling ...	5	0	0

Waimarino.

Native H. Missionary ...	60	0	0
Travelling ...	20	0	0

Okaiawa.

Deaconess, 3 months ...	25	0	0
Native Probationer, 4 months ...	15	16	8

Carried forward 2007 11 11

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1916.—Continued.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Brought forward	1380	10 3	Brought forward	2007	11 11
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			Southern District.		
New Plymouth	50	1 0	Native Probationer	70	0 0
Waitara	24	11 0	Travelling	11	5 0
Inglewood	16	0 1	Removal Expenses	1	7 6
Stratford	34	14 2	Total for Maori Work—	82	12 6
Eltham	23	8 4	£2,090 4 5		
Hawera	52	3 11	AUCKLAND DISTRICT.		
Manaia	19	0 10	Home Mission Stations.		
Cape Egmont	40	0 7	Coromandel (£3		
Kaponga	15	0 0	Special	33	0 0
Wanganui	69	6 6	Helensville	10	0 0
Aramoho	21	1 5	Bay of Islands	40	0 0
Pengitikei	15	0 0	Hokianga	43	15 0
Taihape	10	0 0	Whangaroa	35	0 0
Waimarino	8	0 0	Mangonui	8	15 0
W. Coast Maori Msn.	6	0 0	Hikurangi	15	0 0
Home Mission Stations.			Circuits with Home Missionaries.		
East Egmont	3	2 6	Northern Wairoa	15	0 0
Patea	0	0 0	Aided Circuits.		
407	10	4	Auckland Meth. Msn.	81	5 0
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.			Mahurangi	8	2 6
Napier	33	5 0	289	17	6
Hastings	64	8 2	SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.		
Gisborne	25	8 2	Home Mission Stations.		
Waipawa	12	0 0	Te Puke	40	0 0
Dannevirke	11	7 0	Matamata	38	15 0
Woodville	18	5 1	Ohura	60	0 0
Pahiatua	26	6 6	Waimiha	81	5 0
Palmerston North—			Waimiha, Special	38	10 0
Broad St.	59	8 0	Ngaruawahia	6	5 0
Cuba St.	31	13 10	Aided Circuits.		
Feilding	67	2 5	Opotiki	2	10 0
Sanson and Rongotea	25	6 0	Te Kuiti	46	5 0
Foxton	9	1 8	Taumarunui	100	0 0
Home Mission Stations			Te Awamutu	47	10 0
Apiti	13	1 7	Whakatane	30	0 0
Norsewood	6	0 0	491	0	0
402	13	5	TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.		
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			Home Mission Stations.		
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	125	2 6	East Egmont	58	15 0
Wellington (Central Mission)	7	18 6	Patea	16	5 0
Wellington (Thorn-don)	23	10 9	Circuits with Home Missionaries.		
Wellington South	44	1 11	Waitara	45	0 0
Johnsonville	15	9 6	Cape Egmont	15	0 0
Hutt	25	11 9	Aided Circuits.		
Petone	22	1 10	Inglewood	52	10 0
South Wairarapa	7	18 10	Eltham	15	0 0
Carterton	20	0 0	Kaponga	28	15 0
Masterton	26	15 0	Aramoho	8	15 0
Eketahuna	18	17 1	Waimarino	20	0 0
Levin	27	12 5	260	0	0
Otaki	37	4 9	3131	1	11
402	4	10	Carried forward		
Carried forward	2592	18 10	Carried forward		

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

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Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1916.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward		2592	18 10	Brought forward		3131	1 11
NELSON DISTRICT.				HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
Nelson	...	47	3 5	Apiti	...	15	0 0
Richmond	...	25	0 0	Norsewood	...	10	0 0
Blenheim	...	68	16 9	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Hokitika	...	10	10 9	Gisborne	...	3	15 0
Greymouth	...	13	17 6	Palmerston North—	...		
Motueka and Dovedale	...	4	10 0	Broad Street	...	5	0 0
Reefton	...	5	19 4	Aided Circuits.			
Westport	...	15	11 4	Waipawa	...	33	15 0
Home Mission Stations.				Pahiatua	...	32	10 0
Havelock	...	3	0 0	Foxton	...	15	0 0
Murchison	...	1	5 0	Foxton, Special	...	16	0 0
Runanga	...	0	0 0				131 0 0
Denniston-Granity	...	0	0 0	WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
Tapawera	...	0	0 0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
			195 14 1	Otaki	...	60	0 0
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				Johnsonville	...	40	0 0
Ch.Ch. (Durham St.)	...	36	17 11	Aided Circuits.			
Ch.Ch. (Durham St. South)	...	13	1 4	Wellington Central	...		
Ch.Ch. East	...	127	7 1	Mission	...	80	0 0
Ch.Ch. (Cambridge Tr.)	...	14	6 0	South Wairarapa	...	7	10 0
Ch.Ch. (Woolston)	...	45	11 0	Eketahuna	...	35	0 0
Ch.Ch. (Sydenham)	...	33	18 5				222 10 0
Ch.Ch. (Addington)	...	43	0 0	NELSON DISTRICT.			
Ch.Ch. (St. Albans)	...	40	0 10	Home Mission Stations.			
Ch.Ch. (Papanui)	...	30	15 1	Havelock	...	15	0 0
Lyttelton	...	20	0 0	Murchison	...	30	0 0
Springston	...	12	5 6	Runanga	...	5	0 0
Tai Tapu	...	22	5 2	Denniston-Granity	...	25	0 0
Leeston	...	34	14 9	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Kaiapoi	...	37	12 2	Richmond	...	28	15 0
Ohoka	...	38	13 0	Aided Circuits.			
Rangiora	...	30	15 11	Hokitika	...	40	0 0
Greendale and Malvern	...	51	1 1	Motueka	...	30	0 0
Southern Maori Msn.	...	5	0 0	Reefton	...	23	15 0
Home Mission Stations.				Westport	...	25	0 0
Amberley	...	9	2 7				222 10 0
Oxford	...	4	5 0	NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
			650 12 10	Home Mission Stations.			
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				Amberley	...	30	0 0
Timaru (Bank St.)	...	73	12 5	Oxford	...	30	0 0
Timaru (Woodlands Street)	...	6	6 0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Waimate	...	40	18 3	Papanui-Ricearton	...	36	5 0
Temuka	...	19	10 0	Aided Circuits.			
Geraldine	...	15	0 0	Ch.Ch. Central Mission (1 quarter)	...	21	5 0
Ashburton	...	65	0 0	Ch.Ch., Durham St. South	...	22	10 0
Willowby	...	35	0 0	Ch.Ch., Durham St. South, Special	...	30	0 0
Oamaru	...	34	4 10	Lyttelton	...	18	15 0
Home Mission Stations.				Ohoka	...	5	0 0
Methven	...	2	17 9				193 15 0
Mayfield	...	7	6 0	NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
			300 15 3	Home Mission Stations.			
Carried forward		3740	1 0	Amberley	...	30	0 0
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.				Oxford	...	30	0 0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Papanui-Ricearton	...	36	5 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Ch.Ch. Central Mission (1 quarter)	...	21	5 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South	...	22	10 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South, Special	...	30	0 0
				Lyttelton	...	18	15 0
				Ohoka	...	5	0 0
							193 15 0
Carried forward		3900	16 11	WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Otaki	...	60	0 0
				Johnsonville	...	40	0 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Wellington Central	...		
				Mission	...	80	0 0
				South Wairarapa	...	7	10 0
				Eketahuna	...	35	0 0
							222 10 0
				NELSON DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Havelock	...	15	0 0
				Murchison	...	30	0 0
				Runanga	...	5	0 0
				Denniston-Granity	...	25	0 0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Richmond	...	28	15 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Hokitika	...	40	0 0
				Motueka	...	30	0 0
				Reefton	...	23	15 0
				Westport	...	25	0 0
							222 10 0
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Amberley	...	30	0 0
				Oxford	...	30	0 0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Papanui-Ricearton	...	36	5 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Ch.Ch. Central Mission (1 quarter)	...	21	5 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South	...	22	10 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South, Special	...	30	0 0
				Lyttelton	...	18	15 0
				Ohoka	...	5	0 0
							193 15 0
Carried forward		3740	1 0	WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Otaki	...	60	0 0
				Johnsonville	...	40	0 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Wellington Central	...		
				Mission	...	80	0 0
				South Wairarapa	...	7	10 0
				Eketahuna	...	35	0 0
							222 10 0
				NELSON DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Havelock	...	15	0 0
				Murchison	...	30	0 0
				Runanga	...	5	0 0
				Denniston-Granity	...	25	0 0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Richmond	...	28	15 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Hokitika	...	40	0 0
				Motueka	...	30	0 0
				Reefton	...	23	15 0
				Westport	...	25	0 0
							222 10 0
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Amberley	...	30	0 0
				Oxford	...	30	0 0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Papanui-Ricearton	...	36	5 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Ch.Ch. Central Mission (1 quarter)	...	21	5 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South	...	22	10 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South, Special	...	30	0 0
				Lyttelton	...	18	15 0
				Ohoka	...	5	0 0
							193 15 0
Carried forward		3740	1 0	WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Otaki	...	60	0 0
				Johnsonville	...	40	0 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Wellington Central	...		
				Mission	...	80	0 0
				South Wairarapa	...	7	10 0
				Eketahuna	...	35	0 0
							222 10 0
				NELSON DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Havelock	...	15	0 0
				Murchison	...	30	0 0
				Runanga	...	5	0 0
				Denniston-Granity	...	25	0 0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Richmond	...	28	15 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Hokitika	...	40	0 0
				Motueka	...	30	0 0
				Reefton	...	23	15 0
				Westport	...	25	0 0
							222 10 0
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Amberley	...	30	0 0
				Oxford	...	30	0 0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Papanui-Ricearton	...	36	5 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Ch.Ch. Central Mission (1 quarter)	...	21	5 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South	...	22	10 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South, Special	...	30	0 0
				Lyttelton	...	18	15 0
				Ohoka	...	5	0 0
							193 15 0
Carried forward		3740	1 0	WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Otaki	...	60	0 0
				Johnsonville	...	40	0 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Wellington Central	...		
				Mission	...	80	0 0
				South Wairarapa	...	7	10 0
				Eketahuna	...	35	0 0
							222 10 0
				NELSON DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Havelock	...	15	0 0
				Murchison	...	30	0 0
				Runanga	...	5	0 0
				Denniston-Granity	...	25	0 0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Richmond	...	28	15 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Hokitika	...	40	0 0
				Motueka	...	30	0 0
				Reefton	...	23	15 0
				Westport	...	25	0 0
							222 10 0
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Amberley	...	30	0 0
				Oxford	...	30	0 0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Papanui-Ricearton	...	36	5 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Ch.Ch. Central Mission (1 quarter)	...	21	5 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South	...	22	10 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South, Special	...	30	0 0
				Lyttelton	...	18	15 0
				Ohoka	...	5	0 0
							193 15 0
Carried forward		3740	1 0	WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Otaki	...	60	0 0
				Johnsonville	...	40	0 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Wellington Central	...		
				Mission	...	80	0 0
				South Wairarapa	...	7	10 0
				Eketahuna	...	35	0 0
							222 10 0
				NELSON DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Havelock	...	15	0 0
				Murchison	...	30	0 0
				Runanga	...	5	0 0
				Denniston-Granity	...	25	0 0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Richmond	...	28	15 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Hokitika	...	40	0 0
				Motueka	...	30	0 0
				Reefton	...	23	15 0
				Westport	...	25	0 0
							222 10 0
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Amberley	...	30	0 0
				Oxford	...	30	0 0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Papanui-Ricearton	...	36	5 0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Ch.Ch. Central Mission (1 quarter)	...	21	5 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South	...	22	10 0
				Ch.Ch., Durham St. South, Special	...	30	0 0
				Lyttelton	...	18	15 0
				Ohoka	...	5	0 0
							193 15 0
Carried forward		3740	1 0	WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1916.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.							
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.		
Brought forward		3740	1	0	Brought forward		3900	16	11		
OTAGO DISTRICT.											
Dunedin (Trinity) ...		47	0	0							
Dunedin (Central Msn.)		20	14	0							
Dunedin (Dundas St.)		35	15	2							
Dunedin (Cargill Rd.)		27	4	10							
Dunedin (St. Kilda)		11	11	0							
Dunedin (Caversham)		22	14	6							
Dunedin (Mornington)		19	13	3							
Dunedin (Roslyn)		12	12	2							
Mosgiel		10	0	0							
Port Chalmers		11	5	8							
Waikouaiti and Palmerston		0	0	0							
Balclutha		12	15	8							
Milton		13	15	11							
Roxburgh		9	5	0							
Home Mission Stations.											
Kaitangata		2	18	6							
Lawrence		5	0	6							
Cromwell		7	0	4							
		269	6	6							
SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.											
Invercargill (Leet St. and Teviot St.)		59	12	0							
Invercargill (Don St.)		28	15	0							
Invercargill (Elles Rd.)		20	13	11							
Bluff		7	1	3							
Gore		27	3	9							
Otautau		12	1	9							
Edendale		7	7	6							
Home Mission Stations.											
Riverton		0	0	0							
Winton		0	0	0							
Tuatapere		1	0	0							
Nightcaps		6	10	0							
		170	5	2							
Connexional Properties.											
Auckland		700	0	0							
Grey Institute		525	0	0							
Kai Iwi		105	0	0							
		1330	0	0							
Interest on Investments, etc.											
Auckland		238	8	11							
Canterbury		32	10	0							
Dunedin Debenture		4	10	0							
Meredith Wilson		48	15	0							
Legacy (3 years)		9	10	0							
Samuel Stone's Trustees		17	10	0							
On Advance to Te Kopua Parsonage		35	0	0							
On Money Awaiting Investment		386	3	11							
Memorial.											
Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim		6	0	0							
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim		9	0	0							
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim		6	0	0							
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim		6	0	0							
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson		3	0	0							
		30	0	0							
Carried forward		5925	16	7							
					SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
					Home Mission Stations.						
					Methven	16	17	6			
					Mayfield	30	0	0			
					Aided Circuits.						
					Temuka	7	10	0	54	7	6
OTAGO DISTRICT.											
Home Mission Stations.											
Kaitangata		18	15	0							
Lawrence		8	15	0							
Cromwell		13	15	0							
Circuits with Home Missionaries.											
Waikouaiti and Palmerston		60	0	0							
Roxburgh		6	5	0							
Aided Circuits.											
Caversham, Special		17	10	0							
Mosgiel		55	0	0							
Port Chalmers		22	10	0							
Milton		25	0	0							
Balclutha		3	15	0							
		231	5	0							
SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.											
Home Mission Stations.											
Riverton		22	10	0							
Winton		2	10	0							
Tuatapere		6	5	0							
Nightcaps		15	0	0							
Aided Circuits.											
Invercargill, Don St.		38	15	0							
Bluff		28	15	0							
Otautau		35	0	0							
Edendale		35	0	0							
		183	15	0							
Departmental.											
H.M. General Secretary		275	0	0							
House Allowance		80	0	0							
Travelling, Postage, etc.		95	18	11							
Connexional Charges		50	8	0							
		501	6	11							
General Treasurers' Honorarium		60	0	0							
Incidental Expenses		15	0	0							
		75	0	0							
Office Rent		52	0	0							
Telephone		11	11	7							
		63	11	7							
Carried forward		5010	2	11							

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Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1916.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Brought forward		5925	16 7	Brought forward		5010	2 11
Rents—				Miscellaneous.			
Mototi Property, Raho- tu, Net	...	5	14 0	Ohura	...	25	0 0
Okaiawa House, Net	...	12	5 6	Taumarunui	...	5	0 0
Spring Creek, Blenheim, Net	...	5	19 6				31 0 0
Little River, Canterbury, Net	...	14	18 0	Loan Fund Instalments—			
			38 17 0	Rawene House, plus Exchange	...	20	18 8
Sundry Donations.				Tantatua Church, plus Exchange	...	15	0 6
C.W.O.	...	60	0 0				35 19 2
G.P.W.	...	52	0 0	Rates and Insurance	...	3	0 8
Other amounts	...	13	10 0	Interest	...	52	8 11
			125 10 0	Postage, Telegrams, etc.	...	7	19 2
Special for Waimaha.				Bank Charges, Cheque Book, and Exchange	...	8	4 6
Palmerston North—				Annuity	...	4	10 0
Broad Street	...	22	0 0	Advertising N.Z. Methodist Times	...	2	0 0
Napier	...	8	0 0				78 3 3
Hastings	...	12	10 0	Special.			
" Mere Mere "	...	3	14 4	Military Camps	...	58	0 0
Other amounts	...	2	0 0	Removal Expenses	...	85	0 0
			48 4 4	Cliff College Student's Travelling Expenses	...	25	0 0
Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliaries.				Supernumerary Fund	...	5	15 0
Auckland	...	0	0 0	Half Expenses Special Committee	...	27	3 8
Canterbury	...	30	0 0	Painting House, Okaiawa	...	10	0 0
Otago	...	20	0 0	Purchase of Team of Horses, Te Kopua	...	63	10 0
Oamaru	...	0	10 0	Runanga Agent	...	15	0 0
			50 10 0	Huntly	...	10	0 0
N.Z.Y.W. Bible Class Union	...	0	0 0	Patea	...	10	0 0
				Riverton	...	10	0 0
Miscellaneous.							319 8 8
Birthday League	...	28	2 6	General.			
Sale of Maori Hymn Books	...	21	10 3	H.M. Retiring Allowance	...	40	0 0
Auckland Conference Collection	...	12	6 10	H.M. Deputation Expenses	...	48	0 9
Cliff College Students, Refund	...	11	5 0	Ministerial Supplies	...	62	18 1
Discount	...	0	0 6	Theological Institution	...	50	0 0
			73 5 1	Deaconess Institution	...	25	0 0
				Printing and Posting Reports	...	77	4 4
			6262 3 0	Printing Balance Sheets and Estimates	...	15	15 0
Cr. Balance from 1915	...	534	18 0	Printing Circulars, Cards, etc.	...	20	7 11
				Typing	...	2	2 6
				Stationery	...	1	19 0
				Books of Receipt Forms	...	3	2 6
				Sundries	...	0	5 0
							346 15 1
				To Cr. Balance, January 31st, 1917	...	5821	9 1
							975 11 11
			£6797 1 0				£6,797 1 0

We have audited the accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Fund. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Cash and Bank Books with all Vouchers, and in our opinion the true position as on 31st January, 1917, is shown in these accounts

Auckland, 9th Feb., 1917.

 ARCH. PEAK }
 J. G. HENDERSON } Auditors.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1917.

Treasurers—Rev. G. BOND and Mr. J. VEALE.

INCOME.			
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
	£	s.	d.
Auckland, Central ...	160	0	0
Auckland, West ...	70	0	0
Auckland, East ...	150	0	0
Auckland, Avondale ...	40	0	0
Auckland, Meth. Msn. ...	20	0	0
Auckland, North Shore ...	50	0	0
Auckland, Birkenhead ...	100	0	0
Onehunga ...	30	0	0
Otahuhu ...	20	0	0
Papakura ...	15	0	0
Pukekohe ...	50	0	0
Waiuku ...	15	0	0
Mahurangi ...	12	10	0
Paparoa ...	20	0	0
Northern Wairoa ...	20	0	0
Whangarei ...	20	0	0

Maori Missions.			
Whangaroa ...	30	0	0
Bay of Islands ...	25	0	0
Hokianga ...	45	0	0
Kaipara ...	40	0	0
Waikato ...	50	0	0

Home Mission Stations.			
Port Albert ...	15	0	0
Coromandel ...	5	0	0
Helensville ...	7	0	0
Bay of Islands ...	8	0	0
Hokianga ...	10	0	0
Whangaroa ...	5	0	0
Mangonui ...	5	0	0
Hikurangi ...	10	0	0
	1047	10	0

AUCKLAND SOUTH DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
Thames ...	35	0	0
Te Aroha ...	30	0	0
Morrinsville ...	20	0	0
Waihi ...	15	0	0
Paeroa ...	10	0	0
Cambridge ...	25	0	0
Hamilton ...	50	0	0
Huntly ...	5	0	0
Rotorua ...	10	0	0
Tauranga ...	12	10	0
Opotiki ...	10	0	0
Te Kuiti ...	10	0	0
Taumarunui ...	5	0	0
Te Awamutu ...	12	10	0
Whakatane ...	3	0	0

Home Mission Stations.			
Te Puke ...	3	0	0
Matamata ...	6	0	0
Ohura ...	6	0	0
Ngaruawahia ...	7	10	0
Marakopa ...	0	0	0
Waimiha ...	3	0	0
	278	10	0

Carried forward 1326 0 0

EXPENDITURE.			
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
	£	s.	d.
Maori Mission.			
Gnrl. Superintendent ...	225	0	0
Travelling ...	50	0	0
Rent ...	52	0	0
Connexional Charges ...	40	0	0
Whangaroa—			
Native Minister ...	120	0	0
Travelling ...	10	0	0
Native H. Missn'y. ...	60	0	0
Travelling ...	10	0	0
Rent ...	13	0	0
Bay of Islands—			
Native Minister ...	100	0	0
Travelling ...	10	0	0
Hokianga—			
Native Minister, No. 1 ...	130	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0
Native Minister, No. 2 ...	90	0	0
Travelling ...	10	0	0
Deaconess (Waima) ...	100	0	0
Kaipara—			
Native Minister ...	100	0	0
Travelling ...	20	0	0
Waikato—			
Native Minister, No. 1 ...	130	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0
Rent ...	17	10	0
Native Minister, No. 2 ...	100	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0
Native Probationer ...	80	0	0
Travelling ...	10	0	0
Native H. Missn'y. ...	60	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0

Home Mission Stations.			
Coromandel, if married H.M. ...	30	0	0
Helensville ...	10	0	0
Bay of Islands ...	40	0	0
Hokianga ...	40	0	0
Whangaroa ...	35	0	0
Mangonui ...	10	0	0
Hikurangi ...	15	0	0
Kaikohe (if H.M. appointed) ...	50	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionary.			
Northern Wairoa, if married H.M. ...	30	0	0
Aided Circuits			
Methodist Mission ...	75	0	0
Papakura (if stipend £200) ...	20	0	0
Mahurangi ...	10	0	0
Paparoa (if stipend £200) ...	15	0	0
	1977	10	0

Home Mission Stations.			
Te Puke ...	40	0	0
Matamata ...	50	0	0
Ohura ...	60	0	0
Hauraki Plains ...	50	0	0
Waimiha ...	75	0	0

Carried forward 275 0 0 1977 10 0

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Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1917.—Continued.

INCOME.	
£	s. d.
Brought forward	1326 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Circuits.	
New Plymouth	60 0 0
Waitara	25 0 0
Inglewood	15 0 0
Stratford	35 0 0
Eltham	25 0 0
Hawera	45 0 0
Manaia	20 0 0
Cape Egmont	35 0 0
Kaponga	17 10 0
Wanganui	65 0 0
Aramoho	20 0 0
Rangitikei	15 0 0
Taihape	10 0 0
Waimarino	10 0 0

Maori Mission.

West Coast	50 0 0
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Home Mission Stations.

East Egmont	3 0 0
Patea	3 0 0
Mokau	0 0 0
	453 10 0

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Circuits.	
Napier	30 0 0
Hastings	50 0 0
Gisborne	27 10 0
Waipawa	15 0 0
Dannevirke	12 10 0
Woodville	20 0 0
Pahiatua	15 0 0
Palmerston North—	
Broad Street	50 0 0
Cuba Street	27 10 0
Feilding	55 0 0
Sanson-Rongotea	25 0 0
Foxton	10 0 0

Home Mission Station.

Apiti	10 0 0
Norsewood	5 0 0
	352 10 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits.	
Wellington—	
Taranaki Street	100 0 0
Central Mission	10 0 0
Thorndon	25 0 0
South	40 0 0
Johnsonville	15 0 0
Hutt	22 0 0
Petone	22 0 0
South Wairarapa	13 0 0
Carterton	20 0 0
Masterton	50 0 0
Eketahuna	13 0 0
Levin	20 0 0
Otaki	20 0 0
	370 0 0

Carried forward

2502 0 0

EXPENDITURE.

£	s. d.
Brought forward	275 0 0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Cambridge	25 0 0
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Aided Circuits.

Waihi	20 0 0
Huntly	20 0 0
Rotorua, if married	
Minister	60 0 0
Tauranga, if married	
minister appointed	40 0 0
Opotiki	25 0 0
Te Kuiti	35 0 0
Taumarunui	100 0 0
Te Awamutu	50 0 0
Whakatane (if married minister)	200 0 0
	850 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

West Coast Maori Mission.

Normanby—	
Native Minister	170 0 0
Travelling	25 0 0
Rent	40 0 0
Opunake—	
Native Minister	130 0 0
Travelling	10 0 0
Rent	40 0 0
Patea—	
Native H. Missnry.	50 0 0
Travelling	5 0 0
Waimarino—	
Native H. Missnry.	60 0 0
Travelling	20 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

East Egmont (if stipend £140)	60 0 0
Patea (if stipend £140)	35 0 0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Waitara	30 0 0
Cape Egmont (if stipends raised £10 for Minister and H.M.)	25 0 0

Aided Circuits.

Inglewood	50 0 0
Eltham (if stipend £190, £1 for £1)	10 0 0
Manaia (if married Minister)	45 0 0
Kaponga	20 0 0
Taihape (if married Minister)	45 0 0
Waimarino (if stipend £130)	25 0 0
	895 0 0

Carried forward

3722 10 0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.
Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1917.—Continued.

INCOME.	
	£ s. d. £ s. d.
Brought forward	2502 0 0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Nelson	45 0 0
Richmond	25 0 0
Blenheim	60 0 0
Hokitika	13 0 0
Greymouth	20 0 0
Motueka	6 0 0
Reefton	10 0 0
Westport	17 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock	3 0 0
Murchison	3 0 0
Runanga	0 0 0
Denniston-Granity	4 0 0

206 0 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Ch.Ch., Durham St.	80 0 0
Ch.Ch., Durham St. S.	15 0 0
Ch.Ch., East	100 0 0
Ch.Ch., Cambridge Tr	15 0 0
Ch.Ch., Woolston	45 0 0
Ch.Ch., Sydenham	35 0 0
Ch.Ch., Addington	45 0 0
Ch.Ch., St. Albans	50 0 0
Ch.Ch., Papanui	25 0 0
Lytelton	20 0 0
Springston	27 10 0
Tai Tapu	24 0 0
Leeston	40 0 0
Kaipoi	40 0 0
Ohoka	27 10 0
Rangiora	35 0 0
Greendale and Malvern	30 0 0

Maori Missions.

South Island	10 0 0
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Home Mission Stations.

Amberley	8 0 0
Oxford	5 0 0

677 0 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Timaru, Bank St.	70 0 0
Timaru, Woodlands St.	15 0 0
Waimate	40 0 0
Temuka	15 0 0
Geraldine	15 0 0
Ashburton	65 0 0
Willowby	35 0 0
Oamaru	30 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

Methven	5 0 0
Mayfield	10 0 0

300 0 0

Carried forward 3685 0 0

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d. £ s. d.
Brought forward	3722 10 0

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Apiti (if stipend £150)	15 0 0
Norsewood (if stipend £140)	10 0 0

Aided Circuits.

Waipawa (if stipend £180)	35 0 0
Pahiataua (if stipend £180)	35 0 0
Foxton (if stipend £180)	40 0 0
Dannevirke	30 0 0
Dannevirke (special)	20 0 0

185 0 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Wellington South (if single H.M.)	40 0 0
Johnsonville (if stipend £180)	40 0 0
Otaki	60 0 0
Otaki Special (if stipend £200 £1 for £1)	15 0 0

Aided Circuits.

Central Mission	70 0 0
South Wairarapa	40 0 0
Eketahuna	40 0 0

305 0 0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock (if married H.M.)	40 0 0
Murchison	25 0 0
Denniston-Granity	35 0 0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Richmond	30 0 0
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Aided Circuits.

Hokitika	40 0 0
Motueka	15 0 0
Reefton	25 0 0
Westport	50 0 0

260 0 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Southern Missions—	
Native Probationer	80 0 0
Travelling	15 0 0
Special for 1916	5 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

Oxford	20 0 0
Oxford, special (£1 for £1 if stipend £150)	10 0 0
Hawarden (if Agent appointed)	60 0 0

Carried forward 190 0 0 4472 10 0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND. 19
Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1917.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.						
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Brought forward		3685	0	0	Brought forward		190	0	4472 10 0	
OTAGO DISTRICT.										
Dunedin, Trinity		60	0	0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.					
Dunedin, Centr. Msn.		20	0	0	Addington (if ad- ditional H.M.)		25	0	0	
Dunedin, Dundas St.		30	0	0	Papanui		40	0	0	
Dunedin, Cargill Rd.		30	0	0	Aided Circuits.					
Dunedin, St. Kilda		15	0	0	Lyttelton		20	0	0	
Dunedin, Caversham		15	0	0	275 0 0					
Dunedin, Mornington		25	0	0	SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT					
Dunedin, Roslyn		15	0	0	Home Mission Stations.					
Mosgiel		10	0	0	Methven		17	10	0	
Port Chalmers		15	0	0	Mayfield		30	0	0	
Waikouaita and Pal- merston		12	0	0	Aided Circuits.					
Balclutha		15	0	0	Temuka		15	0	0	
Milton		13	0	0	Temuka, special (£1 for £1 if stipend £190)		5	0	0	
Roxburgh		10	0	0	67 10 0					
Home Mission Stations.										
Kaitangata		6	0	0	OTAGO DISTRICT.					
Lawrence		5	0	0	Home Mission Stations.					
Cromwell		6	0	0	Kaitangata		20	0	0	
302 0 0				Kaitangata		20	0	0		
SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.										
Invercargill—						Lawrence		10	0	
Leet Street		50	0	0	Cromwell (if stipend £110)		15	0	0	
Don Street		20	0	0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.					
Elles Street		20	0	0	Palmerston		35	0	0	
Bluff		7	0	0	Waikouaita (if mar- ried H.M.)		40	0	0	
Gore		15	0	0	Aided Circuits.					
Otautau		15	0	0	St. Kilda		35	0	0	
Edendale		7	0	0	St. Kilda, special, 1916		8	15	0	
Home Mission Stations.										
Riverton		4	0	0	Mosgiel		40	0	0	
Winton		0	0	0	Mosgiel, special		20	0	0	
Tuatapere		0	0	0	Port Chalmers		30	0	0	
Nightcaps		5	0	0	Milton		20	0	0	
143 0 0				Milton, special, 1915		8	10	0		
GENERAL.										
Connexional Properties.						Roxburgh (if mar- ried Minister be ap- pointed)		30	0	
Auckland		700	0	0	312 5 0					
Grey Institute, New						SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.				
Plymouth		450	0	0	Home Mission Stations.					
Kai Iwi, Wanganui		105	0	0	Riverton		25	0	0	
1255 0 0				Nightcaps		15	0	0		
Interest on Investments.										
Auckland		230	0	0	Aided Circuits.					
Canterbury		55	0	0	Invercargill, Teviot St. (if married Minister appointed)		50	0	0	
Dunedin		4	10	0	Invercargill, Don St.		40	0	0	
289 10 0				Bluff		30	0	0		
Carried forward 5674 10 0										
Otautau		35	0	0	Edendale		35	0	0	
289 10 0				Edendale		230	0	0		
Carried forward 5357 5 0										

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1917.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward	5674	10	0	Brought forward	5357	5	0
Memorial.				Departmental.			
Mrs. Ann Carvell				General Treas. of H.M.	275	0	0
Blenheim ...	6	0	0	House Allowance ...	80	0	0
Mr. Francis Terrill				Travelling, etc. ...	90	0	0
Blenheim ...	6	10	0	Connexional Charges	50	8	0
Mrs. E. A. White				495	8	0	
Blenheim ...	6	0	0	General Treasurer's			
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	6	0	0	Honorarium ...	60	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6	0	0	Incidental Expenses	15	0	0
30	10	0		75	0	0	
Rents.				General.			
Okaiawa, Taranaki	25	0	0	C.B. and L. Fund Instalments—			
Spring Creek, Blenheim	5	0	0	Rawene ...	5	4	2
Little River, Canterbury	15	0	0	Coromandel ...	25	0	0
45	0	0		Taneatua ...	30	0	0
Miscellaneous.				Interest and Exchange			
Birthday League ...	30	0	0	Provisional H.M. Grants	50	0	0
Sale of Maori Books	15	0	0	Deaconess Institution	50	0	0
N.Z. Young Women's Bible Class Union	100	0	0	H.M. Deputn. Exs.	30	0	0
145	0	0		H.M.'s Retiring Allowances	150	0	0
	5895	0	0	H.M.'s Insurance Fund	180	0	0
Cr. Balance, 1916	975	11	11	Printing Reports	85	0	0
	6870	11	11	Theological Institution	50	0	0
	326	12	9	Annuity ...	4	10	6
Dr. Balance				734	14	2	
	£7197	4	8	Special.			
				Territorial Camps ...	100	0	0
				Ministerial Supplies	100	0	0
				Contingent Fund for			
				Military Purposes	125	0	0
				Miscellaneous	150	0	0
				475	0	0	
	£7197	4	8	£7197	4	8	

TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR DEACONESSES.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending December 31st, 1916.

Treasurer:—Rev. A. N. SCOTTER, B.A.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Payments for Board and Residence ...	89	7	9						
„ Payments by Probationers ...	22	0	0						
„ Lady Associates' Subscriptions ...	27	8	0						
„ Payments for Probationers ...	28	15	0						
„ Home Mission Grant ...	25	0	0						
„ Miscellaneous ...	3	4	6						
				195	15	3			
Balance Deficit ...				6	15	2			
				<u>£202</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>			
By Balance Deficit ...							11	0	0
„ House Accounts ...	112	8	3						
„ Repairs and Alterations ...	1	17	9						
„ Allowance to Sister in Charge ...	56	12	0						
„ Telephone ...	5	0	0						
„ Rates ...	7	18	7						
„ Insurance ...	1	19	0						
„ Bibles—Consecration Services ...	1	10	0						
„ Bank Charges and Interest ...	1	14	2						
„ Miscellaneous ...	2	10	8						
							191	10	5
							<u>£202</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>

Christchurch,
January 24th, 1917.

Examined and found correct,

F. SHEPPARD GREEN }
C. E. SALTER } Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ending 31st December, 1916.

Property Account.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. BOWRON.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance 31st December, 1915 ...			920 6 7	Property Account:—			
Property Account:—				Payment of Mortgage ...	1250	0	0
Donations ...	8	0	0	Permanent Improvements ...	19	3	8
Donations Maintenance Endowment ...	50	0	0	Progress Payments New Buildings ...	454	1	9
			58 0 0				1723 5 5
Maintenance Account:—				Maintenance Account:—			
Donations ...	295	16	1	Salaries and Wages, and Incidental Charges—			
Annual Subscriptions ...	1188	17	5	Staff and Casual Help for			
Collections ...	65	15	6	Home ...	177	12	0
Maintenance Fees ...	275	4	7	Garden and Farm ...	139	0	6
Sale of Cows ...	13	15	0	Organising Secretary and			
Furnishing Committee ...	7	5	3	Cannasser ...	136	10	8
Sundries ...	3	16	8	Treasurer, to Feb. 16th ...	8	6	8
Post Office Savings Bank—							461 9 10
Interest ...	24	0	0	Food ...	157	18	5
			1874 10 6	Fire and Lighting ...	19	19	5
				Stamps, Stationery and			
				Telegrams ...	23	12	7
				Interest ...	28	6	4
				Telephone ...	9	0	0
				Repairs ...	2	18	0
				Sundries ...	43	14	0
							285 8 9
				Furnishings ...			63 19 0
				Deposit ...			200 0 0
				Balance—			
				Cash in Hand ...	8	6	0
				Bank of Australasia ...	105	0	3
				Post Office Savings Bank ...	2	7	10
							115 14 1
							£2852 17 1
			£2852 17 1				£2852 17 1

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1916.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Endowment Account	400	0	0				3155	17	0	
Maintenance Reserve Account	150	0	0				473	5	5	
				550	0	0	3629	2	5	
Balance being Excess of Assets over Liabilities				3730	16	6				
				£4280	16	6				
							285	0	0	
							66	19	0	
							351	19	0	
							35	19	0	
								316	0	0
								20	0	0
								200	0	0
							8	6	0	
							105	0	3	
							2	7	10	
								115	14	1
								£4280	16	6

We hereby certify that we have examined the Books, Bank Books and Vouchers of the South Island Methodist Orphanage, and that the foregoing Statements and Balance-sheet correctly set forth the position of the affairs of the Orphanage as at the 31st day of December, 1916.

Christchurch, N.Z.
19th January, 1917

For NEWBURGH, BEST and CO.,
W. S. NEWBURGH,
Fellow Public Accountants.
Hon. Auditors.

MILITARY CAMPS COMMITTEE.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Period, January 1, 1916, to January 20, 1917.

INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cr. Balance, 1st January, 1916					14	14	11						
Contributions:—													
Auckland District ...	...	340	5	11									
South Auckland District ...	...	137	5	11									
Taranaki-Wanganui Dist. ...	...	78	19	2									
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu Dist.	...	74	14	2									
Wellington District ...	...	140	9	6									
Nelson and Marlborough Dist.	...	51	19	3									
North Canterbury District ...	...	156	15	10									
South Canterbury District ...	...	69	18	6									
Otago District ...	...	115	11	5									
Southland District ...	...	82	8	5									
					1248	8	1						
Per Chaplain-Captain Walker ...	...	33	14	6									
Per Chaplain-Captain Neale ...	...	14	5	10									
					48	0	4						
N.Z. Bible Class Union ...	...				10	0	0						
Furnishing Account—													
North Canterbury District ...	...	21	0	0									
Auckland Y.W.B.C. Union ...	...	10	0	0									
Per Chaplain-Captain Seamer	...	113	6	8									
					144	6	8						
Grant—Home Mission Fund ...	...				25	0	0						
Sales—													
Seats (to Awapuni Camp) ...	...	10	10	0									
Hymn Books ...	...	3	2	6									
					13	12	6						
								Trentham Institute—					
								Alterations to Building ...					
								Installation of Electric Light ...					
								Furniture ...					
								Stationery ...					
								Books, Magazines, Music and Games ...					
								Lighting ...					
								Hospital Supplies ...					
								Orderly ...					
								Fire Extinguishers ...					
								Repairs ...					
								Postages and Telegrams ...					
								Cartage and Freight ...					
								Fire Insurance ...					
								764 2 8					
								Featherston United Institute—					
								Building, Furniture and Maintenance — Contribution to United Committee ...					
								Lighting ...					
								Hospital Supplies ...					
								Stationery ...					
								Cartage and Freight ...					
								Cleaning ...					
								Furniture ...					
								Postage and Telegrams ...					
								Repairs ...					
								Hymn Books ...					
								564 4 6					

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

1. Auckland District.		Church Membership.														Young People's Societies				Connexional Bands of Hope.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.				
		Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Wesley Guild		Senior C.E.		Junior C.E.			Other Societies		Societies	Members
											Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	Societies	Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies	Members		Societies	Members	Societies	Members
Auckland Central	6	5	3	9	...	1	25	2	744	7	295	287	592	...	...	2	30	3	98	2	85	6	730	2832	
Auckland West	6	2	6	2	...	...	15	1	422	...	183	127	270	...	...	2	33	4	190	...	...	2	120	1674	
Auckland East	7	...	5	2	12	...	1	18	6	562	...	136	60	500	...	...	1	12	2	50	3	60	3	300	1600
Auckland (Avondale)	5	4	2	1	2	1	...	10	...	303	...	38	...	150	...	...	...	2	50	1	20	5	230	1115	
Auckland Meth. Mission	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	5	2	137	6	28	...	60	...	...	1	12	1	30	...	...	1	40	500
Auckland (North Shore)	3	...	1	1	2	...	...	4	...	217	7	50	33	185	1	30	1	15	1	35	...	...	2	220	640
Auckland (Birkenhead)	4	2	1	1	2	...	...	7	...	173	1	60	...	130	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	65	2	250	850
Onehunga	3	1	1	2	1	...	...	2	1	136	15	61	55	95	...	...	2	15	1	25	...	...	1	100	650
Otahuhu	3	1	1	1	1	...	...	4	...	107	...	25	32	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	420
Papakura	2	3	1	1	1	...	...	6	...	130	...	29	15	149	1	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	417
Pukekohe	7	10	...	1	1	1	...	8	...	186	...	30	...	180	...	...	2	23	...	...	...	...	1	50	870
Waiuku	1	5	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	70	...	13	15	50	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	1	25	240	
Mahurangi	2	8	1	1	1	...	...	5	...	83	...	22	...	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	...	375
Paparoa	5	6	...	1	1	...	...	5	...	100	...	17	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	2	110	...	...	...	475
Northern Wairoa	6	13	...	1	1	1	...	12	...	176	...	31	30	80	...	...	...	...	...	2	16	...	...	...	830
Whangarei	2	4	1	1	1	...	...	4	...	118	...	12	17	86	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	30	...	...	820
Port Albert	2	6	1	1	1	1	...	3	...	73	...	27	13	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	30	1	...	270
Coromandel	3	3	3	1	...	1	...	3	...	34	...	16	12	14	...	...	1	8	1	17	...	...	1	21	192
Helensville	4	9	...	2	...	1	...	2	...	64	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
Bay of Islands	3	11	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200
Hokianga	2	16	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	48	...	8	7	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200
Whangaroa	1	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	165
Mongonui	3	6	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	30	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	15	...	...	170
Hikurangi	1	5	1	...	...	1	...	3	...	38	...	6	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	250
Totals	82	118	30	25	40	11	2	145	12	4066	36	1087	...	2911	2	55	12	148	15	495	19	449	26	2086	15005	

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

2. South Auckland District.		Church Membership.										Young People's Societies.						Connexional Bands of Hope.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars						
		CIRCUITS.										Wesley Guild		Senior C.E.		Junior C.E.		Other Societies								
		Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies	Active Members.		Societies	Members	Societies	Members	Societies	Members.
Thames	...	2	..	2	2	1	..	..	5	5	125	..	37	..	100	..	..	..	1	43	..	..	..	..	500	
Te Aroha	...	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	116	2	26	..	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	100	730
Morrinsville	...	3	5	..	1	..	..	1	6	..	110	7	..	..	65	..	..	..	..	..	2	39	..	..	361	
Waihi	...	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	116	..	18	..	70	..	..	..	..	1	30	..	..	..	300	
Paeroa	...	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	58	1	26	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300	
Cambridge	...	4	2	1	1	1	1	..	5	..	106	4	6	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	2	95	1	50	400	
Hamilton	...	4	6	2	2	2	..	..	11	..	290	..	76	45	180	..	..	2	42	1	50	2	20	1	30	1200
Rotorua	...	2	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	82	..	19	..	126	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	330
Tauranga	...	1	5	1	..	..	1	..	6	..	88	..	18	..	45	1	57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	250
Opotiki	...	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	44	..	5	15	35	1	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	210
Te Kuiti	...	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	4	2	45	1	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	200	
Huntly	...	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	62	..	..	..	25	..	..	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	170
Taumarunui	...	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	43	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	175
Te Awamutu	...	1	12	1	1	1	..	..	6	2	102	1	14	..	106	..	..	1	12	1	20	..	..	..	..	516
Whakatane	...	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150
Te Puke	...	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	38	..	..	..	7	1	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	140
Matamata	...	1	9	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	61	..	1	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	1	16	..	..	..	250
Ohura	...	2	6	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	49	..	5	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	185
Ngaruawahia	...	3	4	..	1	..	1	..	7	..	67	..	2	..	24	..	..	..	1	12	..	..	1	35	270	
Marakopa	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waimiha	...	..	8	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	23	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	145
Totals	...	35	95	12	14	10	12	..	83	9	1655	18	255	60	1058	3	97	4	66	5	155	8	178	5	227	6728

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

4. Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District.		CIRCUITS.														Young People's Societies.								Connexional Bands of Hope.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
		Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Wesley Guild		Senior C.E.		Junior C.E.		Other Societies		Societies	Members	
											Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	Societies	Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies	Members	Societies	Members			
Napier	...	6	1	2	1	1	...	12	4	330	25	169	...	260	...	...	...	1	25	...	...	1	30	995
Hastings	...	1	2	2	1	1	...	8	1	332	2	60	...	213	...	...	...	...	...	2	77	...	...	750
Gisborne	...	4	4	1	1	1	1	7	1	190	...	43	...	107	...	...	...	1	30	3	40	...	...	693
Waipawa	...	2	7	...	1	1	...	4	...	65	...	3	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200
Dannevirke	...	1	2	...	1	1	...	1	...	99	2	40	...	40	...	...	...	1	40	...	...	...	...	375
Woodville	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	5	2	135	...	28	...	135	...	...	...	...	1	28	1	50	300	
Pahiatua	...	4	2	...	1	1	...	2	...	80	5	10	...	65	1	12	1	11	...	...	...	...	...	290
Palmerst'n N.(Broad St)	...	3	2	1	1	1	1	11	...	265	20	88	...	255	1	15	1	26	2	38	...	...	...	830
Palmerston N.(Cuba St)	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	8	...	221	1	97	...	150	...	...	1	12	1	20	...	...	...	700
Feilding	...	7	5	2	3	3	...	14	...	272	...	32	...	224	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	780
Sanson and Rongotea	...	3	1	1	1	1	...	4	...	148	...	51	...	100	...	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	365
Foxton	...	3	1	1	1	1	...	3	...	72	...	25	...	58	...	...	...	1	15	1	15	...	...	240
Apiti	...	4	4	...	1	...	1	3	...	56	...	23	...	20	...	...	...	...	3	40	...	...	...	280
Norsewood	...	3	4	...	1	...	1	5	1	118	...	5	...	45	1	36	...	409		
Totals	...	46	35	11	16	14	4	1	87	92383	55	674	...	1692	2	27	4	69	7	168	10	200	3	116	7207	

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GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

5. Wellington District.												Church Membership.				Young People's Societies.				Connex- ional Bands of Hope		Attendants on Pub- lic Worship, includ- ing S.S. Scholars.					
		CIRCUITS.		Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Members on Roll.	On Proba- tion.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communi- cants.	Societies.	Wesley	Senior	Junior		Other	Societies	Members.	Societies	Members.
																			Guil-	C.E.	C.E.		Societies				
Wellington—		3	..	4	1	2	1	1	20	4	612	..	179	..	500	..	..	2	41	1	27	1	21	1	103	1832
Taranaki Street	...	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	208	..	7	..	150	..	..	..	..	1	50	..	..	..	..	1000
Central Mission	...	3	1	3	1	3	..	..	5	..	220	..	77	..	195	..	..	..	..	2	50	1	30	..	..	680
Thorndon	...	6	1	4	..	4	..	..	15	10	410	..	138	..	330	..	..	1	10	4	120	2	50	4	170	1400
South	...	4	..	1	2	1	1	1	3	..	80	3	20	..	90	..	..	1	20	1	20	1	17	1	70	452
Johnsonville	...	4	..	1	1	2	..	..	7	..	159	..	69	..	100	..	..	1	28	..	..	..	..	1	45	500
Hutt	...	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	192	..	18	..	120	..	..	..	..	1	37	..	..	2	90	500
Petone	...	3	2	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	56	..	2	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	180
South Wairarapa	...	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	119	..	13	..	50	..	..	1	11	1	12	..	..	..	..	400
Carterton	...	2	3	4	1	1	..	..	10	..	245	..	113	..	195	..	..	1	45	2	45	2	45	2	150	860
Masterton	...	2	7	1	1	1	3	..	81	2	7	..	50	1	30	425
Eketahuna	...	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	116	..	33	..	80	..	..	1	12	1	18	1	21	..	..	210
Levin	...	5	3	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	95	1	23	..	73	..	..	1	16	..	..	1	9	..	..	267
Otaki	...																										
Totals	...	40	22	23	12	21	4	1	83	16	2593	6	699	..	1963	..	..	6	90	14	407	9	193	12	658	8706

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

6. Nelson District.			Church Membership.														Young People's Societies.				Connexional Bands of Hope.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.				
			Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Wesley Guild.	Senior C.E.	Junior C.E.		Other Societies.			Societies.	Members.		
												Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.			Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members.				Societies.	Members.
Nelson	...	...	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	196	20	25	..	150	..	..	1	25	..	..	..	..	..	70	600
Richmond	...	...	7	2	2	1	1	1	9	..	197	12	8	..	160	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	800
Blenheim	...	...	8	5	2	2	2	..	13	..	362	20	236	..	300	..	1	20	1	15	..	..	..	..	40	1420
Hokitika	...	...	2	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	59	..	12	..	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	140
Greymouth	3	3	1	1	1	..	4	..	138	..	25	..	105	1	40	600
Motueka	...	...	2	2	2	1	1	..	4	..	119	..	..	..	70	..	2	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	310
Reefton	...	...	2	..	1	1	1	..	3	..	72	..	38	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	350
Westport	...	...	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	85	3	62	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	75	1	80	290
Havelock	...	...	4	10	..	1	..	1	..	..	45	1	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	255
Murchison	...	...	1	8	..	..	..	1	..	..	27	..	3	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	120
Runanga	...	...	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	200
Granity	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Denniston	...	..	4	1	..	2	..	1	..	8	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tapawera	...	...	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dovedale	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	...	...	37	40	11	12	9	4	..	50	1408	56	409	..	986	..	..	3	50	3	72	7	158	2	230	5085

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

8. South Canterbury District. CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.				Young People's Societies.						Connexional Bands of Hope.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars		
										Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	Wesley Guild	Senior C.E.	Junior C.E.	Other Societies		Societies	Members		Societies	Members
															Societies.	Active Members.	Societies	Active Members	Societies						Members
Timaru (Bank Street)	4	4	1	1	2	1	17	322	103	300	1	1	22	35	2	270	80	500						
Timaru (Woodland St.)	3	2	1	1	6	150	76	100	70	150	1	40	1	10	1	10	80	500						
Waimate	2	4	1	1	6	230	70	150	12	40	1	10	1	15	1	10	80	500						
Temuka (King Street)	2	4	2	1	1	110	12	40	19	100	1	24	1	24	1	25	80	500						
Geraldine	1	6	1	1	1	102	19	100	30	147	1	13	1	30	1	20	79	500						
Ashburton	5	4	2	2	2	16	274	76	139	170	1	25	1	13	1	30	536	900						
Willowby	5	1	1	1	1	12	134	30	46	172	1	1	1	1	1	1	79	500						
Oamaru	4	2	1	1	1	13	184	3	46	172	1	25	1	13	1	30	536	900						
Methven	2	1	1	1	1	3	40	40	1	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	79	500						
Mayfield	1	4	1	1	1	4	45	1	8	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	79	500						
Totals	29	32	9	10	10	3	84	1591	4	440	139	1246	1	25	4	47	6	151	4	70	3	350	5415	

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9. Otago District.	CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.				Young People's Societies.				Connexional Bands of Hope.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.					
											Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communi-cants.	Wesley Guild	Senior C.E.	Junior C.E.	Other Societies	Societies		Members				
																Societies.	Active Members.	Societies	Active Members				Societies	Members	Societies	Members
Dunedin (Trinity) ...	2	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	6	..	299	..	70	..	250	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	50	950
Dunedin Central Missn.	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	3	..	179	15	23	..	120	..	..	1	35	1	24	..	..	..	..	1300
Dunedin (Dundas St.) ...	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	9	..	220	..	80	..	132	1	15	..	..	3	72	..	..	1	40	650
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	11	1	173	..	60	..	130	..	..	1	24	1	60	..	..	1	50	570
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ...	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	6	1	184	..	59	..	150	...	...	..	..	1	80	..	..	..	..	530
Dunedin (Caversham)	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	11	1	191	..	57	..	140	..	..	1	25	2	62	2	55	1	120	583
Dunedin (Mornington)	2	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	7	1	126	..	49	..	120	1	30	..	..	1	42	..	..	..	..	400
Dunedin (Roslyn) ...	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	1	147	..	64	..	75	..	..	..	2	69	1	42	..	..	..	400
Mosgiel ...	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	61	..	8	..	40	..	..	..	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	200
Port Chalmers	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	82	..	18	..	70	..	..	1	17	1	12	..	..	..	122	260
Waikouaiti & Palmerston	2	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	76	..	10	..	45	...	...	..	..	1	14	2	35	..	..	550
Balclutha ...	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	54	..	30	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300
Milton ...	1	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	58	3	4	..	30	1	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	260
Roxburgh ...	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	62	..	26	..	41	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	78	..	225
Kaitangata ...	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	41	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	1	30	..	..	..	..	Union	104
Lawrence ...	2	3	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	44	1	22	..	29	..	..	..	..	..	2	43	1	30	..	190
Cromwell ...	2	3	..	1	1	41	..	4	..	16	1	7	150
Totals ...	33	22	12	15	15	5	1	66	7	2038	19	584	..	1439	3	70	3	66	15	486	12	284	6	412	..	7622

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10. Southland District. CIRCUITS.		Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Young People's Societies.						Connexional Bands of Hope.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.		
											Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	Wesley Guild	Senior C.E.	Junior C.E.	Other Societies		Societies	Members	Societies		Members	
																Active Members.	Societies	Active Members	Societies	Members						
Invercargill (Leet St.)	2	2	2	1	1	5	2	260	7	80	..	97	2	61	800
Invercargill (Don St.)	3	3	2	1	1	1	..	8	..	175	..	31	..	58	..	..	1	30	1	33	1	30	1	120	630
Invercargill (Elles Road)	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	2	136	..	12	..	100	..	..	1	20	1	46	..	..	1	86	620
Bluff	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	89	1	51	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	63	..	..	225
Gore	..	1	3	..	1	1	..	3	..	113	..	10	..	40	..	..	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	350
Otautau	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	58	1	18	..	56	..	..	2	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	350
Edendale	..	2	4	..	1	1	..	5	..	51	..	8	..	22	24	214
Riverton	..	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	38	..	..	..	26	..	..	1	10	1	15	..	..	..	..	153
Winton	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	14	..	..	..	11	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	70
Tuatapere	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	19	..	5	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150
Nightcaps	..	1	6	1	1	..	1	..	2	28	..	16	..	16	265
Totals	..	19	28	6	9	7	4	35	4	981	9	231	..	484	6	85	6	165	2	93	2	200	3827	

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11. Maori Mission.		Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Parsonages.	Native Ministers and Probationers.	Native Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.				Bands of Hope.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
									CIRCUITS.	Members on Roll.	On Probation	Junior Members.			Communicants (non-members)
Whangaroa ...	...	1	16	1	1	1	3	...	206	...	106	...	...	500
Bay of Islands ...	...	1	10	...	1	...	5	...	105	...	82	...	...	350
Hokianga ...	...	5	22	1	3	...	27	...	665	...	300	...	...	1500
Kaipara ...	...	5	11	...	1	...	27	...	230	...	269	...	...	650
Waikato ...	...	1	35	..	3	...	8	...	632	...	450	...	...	4000
West Coast Mission ...	...	2	50	1	2	2	10	...	115	...	...	...	...	1250
South Island Mission	...	2	22	...	1	...	1	1	95	...	...	...	...	450
Totals ...	...	17	166	3	12	3	81	1	2048	...	1207	...	...	8700

GENERAL SUMMARY OF DISTRICTS, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

DISTRICTS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Young People's Societies.							Connexional Bands of Hope		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.		
										Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	Wesley Guild	Senior C.E.	Junior C.E.	Other Societies		Societies	Members	Societies	Members		Societies	Members
															Societies.	Active Members.	Societies	Active Members	Societies								Members	Societies	Members
Auckland	82	118	30	25	40	11	2	145	12	4006	36	1087	...	2911	2	55	12	148	15	495	19	449	26	2086	15005	
South Auckland	35	95	12	14	10	12	..	83	9	1655	18	255	60	1058	3	97	4	66	5	155	8	178	5	227	6728	
Taranaki-Wanganui	56	62	16	17	18	6	1	88	2	2300	25	642	525	1731	4	110	6	128	9	172	3	95	3	165	7727	
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	46	35	11	16	14	4	1	87	9	2383	55	674	...	1692	2	27	4	69	7	168	10	200	3	116	7207	
Wellington	40	22	23	12	21	4	1	83	16	2593	6	699	...	1963	..	..	6	90	14	407	9	193	12	658	8706
Nelson	37	40	11	12	9	4	..	50	..	1408	56	409	...	986	...	..	3	50	3	72	7	158	2	230	5085
North Canterbury	68	23	28	26	32	4	4	122	15	3708	78	874	93	2631	3	77	12	207	16	381	13	375	15	1191	11760	
South Canterbury	29	32	9	10	10	3	..	84	..	1591	4	440	139	1246	1	25	4	47	6	151	4	70	3	350	5415	
Otago	33	22	12	15	15	5	1	66	7	2038	19	584	...	1439	3	70	3	66	15	486	12	284	6	412	7622	
Southland	19	28	6	9	7	4	..	35	4	981	9	231	...	484	...	..	6	85	6	165	2	93	2	200	3827
District Totals	445	477	158	156	176	59	10	843	74	23563	306	5895	817	16141	18	461	60	956	96	2652	87	2095	77	3835	79082	
Maori Mission	17	166	..	3	12	3	..	81	1	2048	..	1207	8700
General Totals	462	643	158	159	188	62	10	924	75	25611	306	7102	817	16141	18	461	60	956	96	2652	87	2095	77	3835	87782	

GENERAL RECAPITULATION, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

I.—MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS.

DISTRICTS.	Members.	Members on Probation.	Junior Members.	Communicants.	Adherents.
Auckland	4006	36	1087	2911	15005
South Auckland	1655	18	255	1058	6728
Taranaki-Wanganui	2300	25	642	1731	7727
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	2383	55	674	1692	7207
Wellington	2593	6	699	1963	8706
Nelson	1408	56	409	986	5085
North Canterbury	3708	78	874	2631	11760
South Canterbury	1591	4	440	1246	5415
Otago	2038	19	584	1439	7622
Southland	981	9	231	484	3827
Totals	22663	306	5895	16141	79082
Maori Mission	2048	...	1207	...	8700
Grand Totals	24711	306	7102	16141	87782
Increase	162	125	1059	...	...
Decrease ... ..	...	...	...	374	1850

II.—MINISTERS.

DISTRICTS.	EUROPEAN.			MAORI.		Totals.
	Ministers.	Probationers.	Supernumeraries.	Ministers.	Probationers.	
Auckland	25	1	14	8	1	49
South Auckland	7	3	...	...	..	10
Taranaki-Wanganui	12	5	1	2	...	20
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	13	...	1	...	...	14
Wellington	16	1	4	...	...	21
Nelson	8	1	...	...	...	9
North Canterbury	22	1	9	...	...	32
South Canterbury	9	1	...	...	1	11
Otago	14	...	2	...	...	16
Southland	7	...	...	...	...	7
(With the Expeditionary Force unattached to any District)	...	10	...	...	...	10
Totals	133	23	31	10	2	199

SUNDAY-SCHOOL RETURNS YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

1. 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		Using Other	Y.M.B.C.	Y.W.B.C.
	Auckland Central	6	108	81	97	1172	732	53	316	15	312	...	1	5	4701	36	91
	Auckland West	6	68	56	60	848	530	18	183	4	189	...	...	6	1965	43	71
	Auckland East	5	85	73	80	823	589	56	91	6	250	...	1	4	2526	26	53
	Auckland (Avondale)	7	56	48	37	547	389	22	38	4	64	...	...	7	1079	21	32
	Auckland Meth. Missn.	1	13	9	13	135	74	14	28	8	...	...	...	1	800	...	17
	Auckland (North Shore)	3	36	33	32	296	229	50	50	3	30	...	3	...	938	21	20
	Auckland (Birkenhead)	3	35	28	32	305	240	...	100	...	54	...	1	2	950	30	45
	Onehunga	3	30	24	21	305	167	10	61	7	109	...	...	3	575	32	16
	Otahuhu	3	21	20	18	241	190	13	25	...	42	...	2	1	676	22	31
	Papakura	2	14	12	14	156	103	15	29	12	15	...	2	...	...	9	7
	Pukekohe	5	25	19	18	223	157	6	31	2	20	...	...	5	516	3	6
	Waiuku	2	11	8	10	74	38	...	13	...	...	...	...	2	200	...	...
	Mahurangi	2	15	13	15	77	55	...	22	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
	Paparoa	2	8	6	8	49	34	3	6	...	7	...	...	2	...	...	...
	Northern Wairoa	6	25	18	16	251	160	...	6	...	7	...	...	6	181	...	...
	Whangarei	2	21	16	16	246	190	18	22	...	11	...	1	1	380	8	24
	Port Albert	1	10	8	9	47	33	13	20	10	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Coromandel	2	9	7	6	91	73	10	6	...	...	...	2	...	200	2	6
	Helensville	1	5	4	3	48	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	3
	Bay of Islands	2	5	4	3	44	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
	Hokianga	2	7	6	6	66	31	4	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	...
	Whangaroa	1	3	3	2	45	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Mongonui	2	2	1	...	10	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
	Hikurangi	1	6	6	5	52	40	2	7	1	1	330
	Totals	70	618	503	521	6151	4152	307	1055	72	1110	...	13	57	16017	262	426

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2. South Auckland District.	CIRCUITS.	TEACHERS.				SCHOLARS.							LESSONS.		BIBLE CLASSES		
		No. of Schools.	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	Using Other	Volumes in Library.	Y.M.B.C.	Y.W.B.C.
Thames	...	1	22	19	16	162	124	7	37	...	125	...	1	650	...	20	
Te Aroha	...	6	29	26	24	247	193	...	26	4	25	...	6	500	...	10	
Morrinsville	...	2	9	9	9	87	55	6	2	2	30	...	2	120	8	10	
Waihi	...	1	12	11	12	89	73	2	18	...	17	...	1	530	2	2	
Paeroa	...	3	14	11	7	142	84	...	...	...	31	...	3	150	...	...
Cambridge	...	2	18	16	13	152	113	12	6	4	14	...	2	536	...	...
Hamilton	...	4	42	38	35	435	289	25	103	...	35	...	3	655	20	45	
Huntly	...	1	7	5	5	68	36	...	2	...	25	...	1	...	...	6
Rotorua	...	1	10	9	6	66	62	2	19	2	29	...	1	116	5	8	
Tauranga	...	2	10	8	8	63	57	...	18	...	14	...	2	...	...	4
Opotiki	...	1	7	6	7	43	25	...	5	...	22	...	1	100	...	...
Te Kuiti	...	1	7	5	7	59	36	...	...	...	10	...	1	80	...	7
Taumarunui	...	1	6	6	6	40	35	...	...	...	7	...	1	...	...	...
Te Awamutu	...	1	12	9	12	60	40	2	14	2	25	...	1	60	...	...
Whakatane	...	1	2	2	2	14	12	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Te Puke	...	1	3	3	3	20	20	...	...	...	...	...	1	200	...	9
Matamata	...	1	3	3	1	43	35	9	1	1	...	...	1	...	3	6
Ohura	...	1	5	3	2	24	12	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Ngaruawahia	...	4	11	9	10	154	105	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...
Marakopa	
Waimiha	
Totals		35	229	198	183	1968	1406	66	256	15	410	...	4	31	3697	38	127

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3. Taranaki- Wanganui 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	Using Other	Volumes in Library.	Y.M.B.C.	Y.W.B.C.
New Plymouth	...	9	52	45	44	458	346	68	172	22	130	...	5	4	520	19	62
Waitara	...	3	14	12	10	135	88	...	26	...	4	...	1	2	300	2	3
Inglewood	...	2	12	11	11	83	65	...	21	...	30	...	1	1	600	...	...
Stratford	...	5	29	26	24	327	202	10	21	...	28	...	1	4	175	6	22
Eltham	...	2	16	10	13	140	74	8	31	2	15	...	2	2	150	5	12
Hawera	...	4	29	25	26	328	225	55	75	13	90	...	1	3	696	9	26
Manaia	...	1	7	7	7	100	*75	...	12	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Cape Egmont	...	8	25	21	20	223	126	9	9	6	21	...	2	6	...	8	14
Kaponga	...	3	13	10	10	100	68	8	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Wanganui	...	2	27	24	27	231	189	63	57	...	16	...	1	1	420	16	40
Aramoho	...	3	20	19	19	263	200	30	100	...	50	...	...	3	400	18	33
Rangitikei	...	1	11	9	8	82	58	...	14	2	...	...	...	1	200	...	5
Taihape	...	1	13	11	11	79	55	6	18	8	30	...	...	1	...	...	5
Waimarino	...	3	8	7	5	80	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	150	3	2
West Coast Maori Msn.
East Egmont	...	4	7	7	6	127	84	...	10	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
Mokau
Patea	...	3	7	7	4	77	38	...	6	...	10	8	...	3	53	...	...
Totals		54	290	251	245	2833	1948	257	572	55	424	8	12	42	3664	86	224

* Approximate.

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4. Hawke's Bay- Manawatu 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	Using Other	Volumes in Library.	Y.M.B.C.	Y.W.B.C.	
Napier	...	5	36	30	36	333	240	40	169	36	43	...	1	4	688	8	20	
Hastings	...	2	18	16	18	225	161	63	60	15	35	...	...	2	230	22	24
Gisborne	...	4	27	23	24	328	191	24	58	...	14	...	1	3	268	12	12	
Waipawa	...	1	3	2.5	2	31	19	1	5	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	...
Dannevirke	...	1	11	10.8	9	112	95	9	40	1	60	...	...	1	60	...	10
Woodville	...	3	12	11	10	143	100	25	26	8	60	...	...	3	80	20	19
Pahiatua	...	4	14	13	11	98	74	4	...	...	...	...	...	4	250	...	7
Palmerst'n N. (Broad St)	...	3	43	35.5	40	324	218	29	88	16	260	...	...	3	231	22	54
Palmerst'n N. (Cuba St)	...	3	37	33	29	364	238	18	97	...	186	...	...	3	300	16	28
Feilding	...	4	23	20	21	227	157	26	32	...	27	...	...	4	402	...	12
Sanson and Rongotea	...	3	12	12	12	105	72	1	51	2	...	...	...	1	100	7	...
Foxton	...	2	10	8	9	122	70	...	25	...	53	...	...	2	177	...	...
Apiti	...	2	8	8	7	93	63	5	20	3	...	...	...	2	...	5	3
Norsewood	...	4	15	13	15	152	100	...	...	...	36	...	4	...	106	4	15
Totals		41	269	235.3	243	2657	1798	245	671	81	782	...	7	34	2892	116	204	
			1917	2	18	16	17	226	141	64.88	9	88	.	-	2	244	20	24

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5. Wellington District.	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	Using Other		Y.M.E.C.	Y.W.B.C.	
Wellington—																	
Taranaki Street	4	73	61	72	702	451	65	233	15	99	...	...	4	2000	43	39
Central Mission	1	19	16	19	197	126	20	7	...	61	...	...	1	550	5	16
Thorndon	4	46	31	46	330	197	...	50	...	40	...	...	4	1281	8	10
South	7	63	53	57	745	482	24	138	8	207	...	partly	7	1535	45	36	
Johnsonville	4	19	15	11	199	126	...	20	...	84	...	...	4	1950	...	9
Hutt	3	27	23	25	224	133	5	69	2	93	...	...	3	300	6	14
Petone	3	29	23	27	261	169	10	18	2	70	...	...	3	675	13	10
South Wairarapa	3	8	7	6	70	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Carterton	3	23	19	21	147	90	7	13	6	106	...	...	3	500	6	14
Masterton	3	36	32	35	435	265	45	113	...	153	...	...	3	1030	21	47
Eketahuna	3	12	10	9	112	74	5	6	3	21	...	...	3	99	...	12
Levin	2	14	11	14	109	76	7	33	3	40	...	...	2	...	4	6
Otaki	4	14	13	10	112	71	1	23	1	1	3	236	
Totals	44	383	314	352	3643	2315	189	723	40	974	...	1	13	9256	151	213	

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6. Nelson District.		TEACHERS.				SCHOLARS.						LESSONS.		BIBLE CLASSES		
		No. of Schools.	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	Using Other	Volumes in Library.	Y.M.B.C.
	CIRCUITS.															
Nelson	...	1	21	17	18	210	140	16	25	3	44	...	...	450	13	12
Richmond*	...	7	31	27	26	228	163	10	8	...	...	...	...	260	6	12
Blenheim	...	5	50	36	49	441	267	47	236	...	120	...	...	1360	12	26
Hokitika	...	1	6	5	5	33	24	2	11	3	...	...	...	...	1	4
Greymouth	...	1	15	10	10	174	120	13	12	...	29	...	...	...	...	21
Motueka†	...	2	14	12	8	75	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	400	...	...
Reefton	...	2	12	9	10	136	85	...	38	...	64	...	...	...	...	...
Westport	...	1	14	12	13	194	124	7	65	...	24	...	...	150	7	11
Havelock	...	1	3	3	3	25	20	1	...	...	...	...	...	60	...	...
Murchison	...	1	4	2	3	20	9	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	6
Runanga	...	1	4	4	4	70	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Granity	...	5	12	10	12	160	120	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Denniston	...															
Tapawera	...															
Dovedale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals		28	186	147	161	1766	1171	100	398	6	281	...	1	2680	42	92

* Includes Tapawera.

† Includes Dovedale

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7. North Canterbury 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	Using Other	Volumes in Library.	Y.M.B.C.	Y.W.B.C.
Ch.Ch. (Durham St.)	1	15	13	15	144	90	42	18	4	50	...	1	...	402	14	28
Ch.Ch. (Durham St. S.)	2	17	12	16	123	89	8	16	2	54	...	1	...	510	12	20
Ch.Ch. East ...	6	97	84	95	774	514	78	173	22	119	...	1	...	1775	83	64
Ch.Ch. (Cambridge Ter.)	2	18	13	18	150	102	16	...	...	32	...	...	...	573	...	20
Ch.Ch. (Woolston) ...	4	38	32	36	473	314	56	123	...	115	...	...	...	720	4	44
Ch.Ch. (Sydenham) ...	1	33	27	33	368	204	12	52	7	125	...	...	...	485	13	15
Ch.Ch. (Addington) ...	5	55	45	55	487	344	29	99	...	86	...	...	...	695	30	48
Ch.Ch. (St. Albans) ...	2	37	31	36	301	194	25	100	...	90	...	...	...	967	8	35
Ch.Ch. (Papanui) ...	4	37	31	32	279	198	9	45	9	24	...	...	...	641	21	19
Lyttelton ...	1	12	7	12	90	60	20	18	...	50	...	...	...	120	...	13
Springston ...	5	20	17	14	140	110	...	36	...	...	...	1	...	400	4	6
Tai Tapu ...	3	17	16	17	97	73	9	19	...	20	...	1	...	627	4	5
Leeston ...	4	19	14	14	133	103	...	9	...	16	...	...	...	215	...	...
Kaiapoi ...	3	22	16	22	198	118	40	14	...	72	...	...	...	270	11	20
Ohoka ...	4	20	13	17	103	75	...	9	2	18	...	1	...	532	10	10
Rangiora ...	5	26	21	24	245	165	10	64	...	49	...	...	...	700	2	10
Greendale and Malvern	9	25	21	20	229	123	27	89	...	3	...	3	...	500	11	20
Amberley ...	1	3	3	3	13	10	1	...	...	12	...	1	...	...	...	...
Oxford ...	2	6	5	4	62	40	7	5
Totals	64	517	421	483	4409	2926	382	884	46	942	...	10	54	10142	227	382

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8. South Canterbury 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		Using Other	Y. M. B. C.	Y. W. B. C.
Timaru (Bank Street)	6	41	31	33	363	247	6	103	..	29	20	1	5	600	6	20
Timaru (Woodland St.)	2	26	23	25	205	145	18	80	15	50	..	1	1	..	9	15
Waimate	3	22	20	19	166	132	11	70	11	17	..	..	3	460	15	15
Temuka (King Street)	2	13	12	30	123	100	12	12	..	73	9	..	2	..	3	26
Geraldine	2	22	18	20	117	100	20	19	2	22	..	..	2	..	6	20
Ashburton	2	34	29	33	250	182	45	76	..	139	..	..	2	400	10	49
Willowby	5	18	14	14	129	92	3	30	..	..	..	..	5	486	2	8
Oamaru	2	21	19	20	183	130	12	46	10	27	7	..	2	260	7	20
Methven ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	..	..	..	100	..	...
Mayfield	3	8	6	6	74	44	..	8	..	9	..	..	3	40	..	...
Totals	27	205	173	183	1610	1172	127	444	38	382	36	2	25	2346	58	173

SUNDAY-SCHOOL RETURNS YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

9. Otago District.	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		Using Other	Y.M.B.C.	Y.W.B.C.
Dunedin—																
Trinity ...	2	36	30	27	199	166	11	34	...	57	40	2	...	747	13	21
Central Mission ...	1	13	11	11	80	60	15	23	3	38	...	1	...	230	10	24
Dundas Street ...	3	36	32	33	299	221	5	80	...	33	...	1	2	1050	...	18
Cargill Road ...	1	29	24	28	330	238	20	60	3	70	...	1	...	900	17	15
St. Kilda ...	2	14	9	14	194	140	14	59	4	37	...	2	...	300	11	20
Caversham ...	2	35	27	35	259	198	13	52	...	89	...	...	2	400	3	8
Mornington ...	1	21	18	21	130	101	3	49	...	35	...	1	...	300	9	16
Roslyn ...	2	24	22	23	206	166	12	64	2	45	...	1	1	606	5	9
Mosgiel ...	1	5	4	5	46	40	2	8	...	...	...	1	...	70	...	6
Port Chalmers ...	2	12	10	12	93	73	9	18	1	23	1	...	2	154	3	9
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	3	14	11	12	105	78	3	10	2	10	...	...	3	369	...	10
Balclutha ...	1	11	9	6	80	65	...	30	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	16
Milton ...	2	9	8	8	57	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	250	...	...
Roxburgh ...	3	9	...	9	114	76	27	27	3	...	...	3	...	87	22	30
Kaitangata ...	1	5	4	5	44	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	90	...	...
Lawrence ...	1	7	7	6	50	44	...	22	...	...	...	...	1	220	...	...
Cromwell ...	1	6	6	6	32	27	2	4	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Totals	29	286	232	261	2318	1766	136	540	21	437	41	14	15	5773	93	202

SUNDAY-SCHOOL RETURNS YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

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10. Southland	No. of Schools.	TEACHERS.			SCHOLARS.							LESSONS.		BIBLE CLASSES.			
		District.	CIRCUITS.	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	Using Other	Volumes in Library.	Y. M. B. C.
Invercargill—																	
Leet Street ...	3	32	30	29	285	174	43	80	17	72	...	...	3	491	12	36
Don Street ...	5	31	25	21	291	212	13	31	8	35	...	...	5	282	16	27
Elles Road ...	2	23	19	19	256	214	9	12	3	45	...	...	2	280	10	17
Bluff ...	2	11	9	10	114	79	...	51	...	19	...	2	...	50	...	...
Gore ...	1	6	4	6	82	66	10	...	...	...	...	...	1	220	...	10
Otautau ...	2	10	9	8	78	52	14	18	4	...	...	...	2	94	3	8
Edendale ...	4	12	10	12	74	74	...	8	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Riverton ...	2	9	9	7	80	61	...	...	...	29	...	2	...	50	...	...
Winton ...	1	2	2	2	20	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Tuatapere ...	1	3	2	3	39	21	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Nightcaps ...	3	6	4	5	109	64	...	16	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Totals	26	145	123	122	1428	1032	89	220	32	200	...	8	18	1467	41	98	

SUMMARY SUNDAY-SCHOOL RETURNS, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

DISTRICTS.	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	Using Other		Y. M. B. C.	Y. W. B. C.
Auckland	70	618	503	521	6151	4152	307	1055	72	1110	...	13	57	16017	262	426
South Auckland	35	229	198	183	1968	1406	66	256	15	410	...	4	31	3697	38	127
Taranaki-Wanganui	54	290	251	245	2833	1948	257	572	55	424	8	12	42	3664	86	224
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	41	269	235	243	2657	1798	245	671	81	732	...	7	34	2892	116	204
Wellington	44	383	314	352	3643	2315	189	723	40	974	...	1	43	9256	151	213
Nelson	28	186	147	161	1766	1171	100	398	6	281	...	1	27	2680	42	92
North Canterbury	64	517	421	483	4409	2926	382	884	46	942	...	10	54	10142	227	382
South Canterbury	27	205	173	183	1610	1172	127	444	38	382	36	2	25	2346	58	173
Otago	29	286	232	261	2318	1766	136	540	21	437	41	14	15	5773	93	202
Southland	26	145	123	122	1428	1032	89	220	32	200	...	8	18	1467	41	98
Totals	418	3128	2597	2754	28783	19686	1898	5763	406	5892	85	72	346	57934	1114	2141

**RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1917.**

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

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Circuits.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ...	910	0	0	59	3	0	510	0	0	61	4	0
Auckland West ...	440	0	0	28	12	0	240	0	0	28	16	0
Auckland East ...	530	0	0	34	9	0	285	0	0	34	4	0
Auckland (Wesley Col.) ...	240	0	0	15	12	0	140	0	0	16	16	0
Auckland (H.M. Sec.) ...	275	0	0	17	17	8	175	0	0	21	0	0
Auckland (Theo. Col.) ...	275	0	0	17	17	8	175	0	0	21	0	0
Auckland (Avondale) ...	230	0	0	14	19	0	130	0	0	15	12	0
Auckland Meth Mssn. ...	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	15	0	0
Auckland (North Shore) ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Auckland (Birkenhead) ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Onehunga ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Otahuhu ...	130	0	0	8	9	0	70	0	0	8	8	0
Papakura ...	175	0	0	11	7	8	75	0	0	9	0	0
Pukekohe ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Waiuku ...	150	0	0	9	15	0	50	0	0	6	0	0
Mahurangi ...	175	0	0	11	7	8	75	0	0	9	0	0
Paparoa ...	170	0	0	11	1	0	70	0	0	8	8	0
Northern Wairoa ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Whangarei ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Pt. Albert (H.M. Stn.) ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coromandel ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Helensville ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bay of Islands ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangaroa (H.M. Stn.) ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mangonui ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hikurangi ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	5105	0	0	363	17	4	2700	0	0	324	0	0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12 %		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames ...	264	0	0	17	3	4	164	0	0	19	13	8
Te Aroha ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Morrinsville ...	190	0	0	12	7	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waihi ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Paeroa ...	148	15	0	9	13	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cambridge ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Hamilton ...	425	0	0	27	12	8	225	0	0	27	0	0
Huntly ...	130	0	0	8	9	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rotorua ...	140	0	0	9	2	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Tauranga ...	140	0	0	9	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Opotiki ...	130	0	0	8	9	0	70	0	0	8	8	0
Te Kuiti ...	130	0	0	8	9	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taumarunui ...	120	0	0	7	16	0	60	0	0	7	4	0
Te Awamutu ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Whakatane (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Puke "	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Matamata "	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohura "	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ngaruawahia "	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marakopa "	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waimiha "	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2597	15	0	196	17	4	979	0	0	117	9	8

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12 %		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth ...	430	0	0	27	19	0	230	0	0	27	12	0
Waitara ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Inglewood ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Stratford ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Eltham ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Hawera ...	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	15	0	0
Manaia ...	130	0	0	8	9	0	70	0	0	8	8	0
Cape Egmont ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Kaponga ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Wanganui ...	274	0	0	17	16	4	174	0	0	20	17	8
Aramoho ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Rangitikei ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Taihape ...	150	0	0	9	15	0	90	0	0	10	16	0
Waimarino ...	120	0	0	7	16	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Coast Maori Msn.	220	0	0	14	6	0	120	0	0	14	8	0
East Egmont (H.M. St)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patea (H.M. Station)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mokau "	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3029	0	0	208	18	0	1489	0	0	178	13	8

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12 %		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier	220	0	0	14	6	0	120	0	0	14	8	0
Hastings	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	15	0	0
Gisborne	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Waipawa	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Dannevirke	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Woodville	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Pahiatua	170	0	0	11	1	0	70	0	0	8	8	0
Palmerston N (Broad St)	240	0	0	15	12	0	140	0	0	16	16	0
Palmerston N (Cuba St)	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Feilding	400	0	0	26	0	0	200	0	0	24	0	0
Sanson and Rongotea	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Foxton	160	0	0	10	8	0	60	0	0	7	4	0
Kimbolton (H.M. Stn.)	...			4	0	0	...			...
Norsewood .. ,,	...			4	0	0	...			...
	2595	0	0	176	13	0	1295	0	0	155	8	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12 %		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington Taranaki St.	330	0	0	21	9	0	230	0	0	27	12	0
„ Central Msn.	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
„ (Thorndon)	290	0	0	18	17	0	130	0	0	15	12	0
„ South	400	0	0	26	0	0	200	0	0	24	0	0
Johnsonville	170	0	0	11	1	0	70	0	0	8	8	0
Hutt	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Petone	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
South Wairarapa	130	0	0	8	9	0	70	0	0	8	8	0
Carterton	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Masterton	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	18	0	0
Eketahuna	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Levin	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Otaki	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
	2930	0	0	190	9	0	1510	0	0	181	4	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	18	0	0
Richmond	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Blenheim	414	5	0	26	18	4	214	5	0	25	14	4
Hokitika	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Greymouth	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Motueka	150	0	0	9	15	0	50	0	0	6	0	0
Reefton	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Westport	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Denniston (H.M. Station)	...			4	0	0	...			...
Havelock (H.M. Stn.)	...			4	0	0	...			...
Murchison	...			4	0	0	...			...
Runanga	...			4	0	0	...			...
Granity	...			4	0	0	...			...
Tapawera	...			4	0	0	...			...
Dovedale	...			4	0	0	...			...
	1794	5	0	144	12	4	894	5	0	107	6	4

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch—												
Durham Street	312	10	0	20	6	4	212	10	0	25	10	0
Connexional Secret'y.	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	24	0	0
Durham St. South	...			...			...			...
East	440	0	0	28	12	0	240	0	0	28	16	0
Cambridge Terrace	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Woolston	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Sydenham	235	0	0	15	5	8	135	0	0	16	4	0
Addington	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
St. Albans	350	0	0	22	15	0	190	0	0	22	16	0
Papanui	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Lyttelton	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Springston	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Tai Tapu	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Leeston	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Kaiapoi	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	15	0	0
Ohoka	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Rangiora	377	10	0	24	11	0	177	10	0	21	6	0
Greendale and Malvern	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Amberley (H.M. Stn.)	...			4	0	0		
Oxford (H.M. Stn.)	...			4	0	0		
	4160	0	0	278	8	8	2200	0	0	264	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

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CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru (Bank Street)	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	18	0	0
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Waimate ...	218	15	0	14	4	8	118	15	0	14	5	0
Temuka (King Street)	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Geraldine ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Ashburton ...	390	0	0	25	7	0	190	0	0	22	16	0
Willowby ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Oamaru ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Methven (H.M. Stn.)	...			4	0	0	...			...
Mayfield ..	...			4	0	0	...			...
	1798	15	0	124	18	8	898	15	0	107	17	0

OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—	275	0	0	17	17	8	175	0	0	21	0	0
Trinity ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	18	0	0
Central Mission ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Dundas Street ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Cargill Road ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Caversham ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
St. Kilda ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Mornington ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Roslyn ...	190	0	0	12	7	0	90	0	0	10	16	0
Mosgiel ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Port Chalmers ...	160	0	0	10	8	0	60	0	0	7	4	0
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Balclutha ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	80	0	0	9	12	0
Milton ...	155	0	0	10	1	8	...			...
Roxburgh ...	...			4	0	0	...			...
Lawrence (H.M. Stn.)	...			4	0	0	...			...
Cromwell ...	...			4	0	0	...			...
Kaitangata ...	...			4	0	0	...			...
	2770	0	0	192	1	4	1315	0	0	157	16	0

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Invercargill (Leet St.)	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	18	0	0
Invercargill (Teviot St.)	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Invercargill (Don St.)	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Invercargill (Elles Rd.)	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Bluff	170	0	0	11	1	0	70	0	0	8	8	0
Gore	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	12	0	0
Otautau	175	0	0	11	7	8	75	0	0	9	0	0
Edendale	170	0	0	11	1	0	70	0	0	8	8	0
Riverton (H.M. Stn.)	...			4	0	0		
Winton "	...			4	0	0		
Tuatapere "	...			4	0	0		
Nightcaps 			4	0	0		
	1565	0	0	117	14	8	765	0	0	91	16	0

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