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of New Zealand.**

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OF THE

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of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in  
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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH  
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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

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**THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand was  
held in 1903.

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**THE FIRST CONFERENCE**

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

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**THE FIRST CONFERENCE**

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The Twelfth Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Durham Street Church, Christchurch, on Thursday, 28th February, 1924, and concluded on March 10th, 1924.

The Session was opened by the Rev. W. Grigg, Acting-President, after which the President-Elect, the Rev. A. Ashcroft, was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. Frank Thompson was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office.

The Secretary-Elect, the Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., was introduced and took up his duties.

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Carterton	...	...	...	...	*G. Butler
Masterton	...	...	...	...	C. E. Daniell
Eketahuna	...	...	...	...	A. J. Daysh
Levin	...	...	...	...	P. W. Goldsmith
Otaki	...	...	...	...	W. G. Taylor

## Nelson District.

Nelson	...	...	...	...	S. Gorman
"	...	...	...	...	*A. A. Lucas
Richmond	...	...	...	...	Mrs. J. R. Nelson
Blenheim	...	...	...	...	Mrs. Reeves
"	...	...	...	...	D. McCallum
Greymouth	...	...	...	...	Mrs. B. J. James
Motueka	...	...	...	...	V. Wallis
Westport	...	...	...	...	*W. J. Warren
Hokitika	...	...	...	...	*S. W. Duff

## North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	...	...	...	...	E. C. Brown
"	...	...	...	...	L. M. Isitt, M.P.
Christchurch (East)	...	...	...	...	J. Buxton
"	...	...	...	...	F. Sheppard Green
"	...	...	...	...	F. W. Sincock
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	...	...	...	...	H. Holland, C.B.E.

Christchurch (Woolston) ... ..	H. Buller
Christchurch (Sydenham) ... ..	W. Dobbs
Christchurch (Addington) ... ..	J. H. Jones
Christchurch (Riccarton) ... ..	G. Duncan
Christchurch (St. Albans) ... ..	W. Simpson
Christchurch (Papanui) ... ..	A. Williams
Lyttelton ... ..	F. J. Carr
Springston ... ..	W. T. Foster
Tai Tapu ... ..	J. Gilmour
Leeston ... ..	G. Sheat
Kaiapoi ... ..	J. H. Blackwell
Ohoka ... ..	C. V. Woodfield
Rangiora ... ..	F. E. Foot
Greendale-Malvern ... ..	G. Hight

#### South Canterbury District.

Timaru ... ..	H. H. Brown
„ ... ..	J. A. Doak
Waimate ... ..	J. I. Hayman
Temuka ... ..	E. B. Cooper
Geraldine ... ..	E. H. Logan
Ashburton ... ..	F. Frampton
„ ... ..	S. Graham
Willowby ... ..	H. Wills
Oamaru ... ..	

#### Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity) ... ..	E. Aslin
Dunedin Central Mission ... ..	Miss J. Boot
Dunedin (Dundas Street) ... ..	*Wm. King
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ... ..	E. Dowland
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ... ..	I. Winton
Dunedin (Caversham) ... ..	J. G. Weir
Dunedin (Mornington) ... ..	G. Harvey
Dunedin (Roslyn) ... ..	*Miss M. Clyde
Mosgiel ... ..	*G. R. Brown
Port Chalmers ... ..	*E. W. Isbister
Waikouaiti-Palmerston ... ..	
Balclutha ... ..	*Mrs. W. Gatman
Milton ... ..	
Invercargill (Central) ... ..	
Invercargill (St. Peter's) ... ..	W. Kellow
Bluff ... ..	G. R. George
Gore ... ..	
Otautau ... ..	*T. Buckingham

#### Solomon Islands District.

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

William B. Pickering  
Who has travelled four years.

**QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?**

1. Henry Benny  
Allan H. Cropp  
Who have travelled three years.

2. James Henry Allen  
Leslie A. G. Brooks  
Thomas H. Burton  
John F. Jack  
Hector C. Orchard  
Who have travelled two years.

3. Albert Blakemore  
Samuel S. Green  
Eric W. Hames, M.A.  
Who have travelled one year.

4. Herbert Spencer.

N.B.—Allan H. Cropp has passed in his third year, conditionally upon his written examination proving satisfactory.

Samuel S. Green is required to take during this year a written examination in the following subjects:—1. Beet's "Manual of Theology"; 2. Grubb's "Christ in Christian Thought"; 3. Anderson's "St Matthew" Clark's Bible Class Hand-books.

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

1. John Bailey  
E. Hugh Brooker  
H. Granville Brown  
Herbert L. Fiebig  
Who have completed three years at the Theological College.

2. Cecil R. Taylor  
Who has completed one year at the Theological College.

3. Moses Ayrton  
Frank Bateup  
Harry S. Kings  
Robert McGregor  
Oliver S. Pearn  
John Reid  
Oliver S. Pearn is received on medical probation for four years.

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

1. Gordon R. Peterson  
Who has completed two years at the Theological College.

2. Frederick G. Brown  
James H. Hall  
Gordon R. Harris  
Arthur Harry Voyce  
Who have completed one year at the Theological College

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

Bernard R. Hames  
 Norman P. Larson  
 Maurice J. W. Paulger  
 Athol R. Penn  
 Ivor M. Raynor  
 A. Wharton E. Silvester  
 Harry V. Utting

N.B.—Maurice J. W. Paulger is received subject to further medical examination before ordination.

**QUESTION VII.—Who now are admitted as Native Ministers?**

Matarae Tauroa  
 Who has travelled four years.  
 Paraire R. Paikea (re-admitted)

**QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Native Preachers on Probation?**

Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri  
 Who has travelled three years.  
 E. Oliver Haddon  
 Who has travelled two years.

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

None.

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

None.

**QUESTION XI.—What Home Missionary Probationers are there, and have they passed their examinations in their respective years?**

G. R. Marr passed in his first year with honours.  
 C. Robinson passed in his year.

**QUESTION XII.—What Ministers or Probationers have died since last Conference?**

John Dumbell  
 Percy Battey  
 Victor S. Mercer

**The Rev. J. Dumbell.**—The Rev. J. Dumbell was born in the Isle of Man on February 12th, 1830, and died at Wellington, New Zealand, October 28th, 1923. He was converted at the age of 18 years, under the ministry of the late Rev. David Tuton, and soon became a local preacher. He was received on probation in the Primitive Methodist Ministry, and appointed in 1852 to the Preston Circuit, in Lancashire. He was ordained in 1854, and served with distinction in Bacup, Oldham, Runcorn, Southport and Liverpool Circuits. The English P.M. Conference, in 1870, appointed Mr. Dumbell to the New Plymouth Circuit, New Zealand. He and his family arrived in Wellington, N.Z., by the ship "Hydaspes," on October 9th of that year. He served with marked distinction in

the following Circuits, New Plymouth, Wellington, Timaru, Dunedin. On different occasions he was President of the New Zealand District Meeting of the Ex-Primitive Methodist Church. Through ill-health he superannuated in 1884, and took up residence in Wellington. During his superannuation he acted as District Secretary and General Book Steward for the Dominion. He was a man of great natural ability, and charming personality, and possessed, as a preacher, an effective eloquence. He was a man of wide reading and a fresh thinker. He kept abreast of modern thought, and in the events of Church and State. He also had large sympathies. During his ministry in Wellington there were frequently to be found in his congregations Cabinet ministers and statesmen, who found stimulus and inspiration for their onerous and responsible duties. Mr. Dumbell is enshrined in the memories of the people of our Church throughout this Dominion. Many rise up and call him blessed and his works do follow him. After Methodist Union took place in 1913, and when he was well over fourscore years of age, he undertook the duties of Bible Class Leader in the United Sydney Street and Molesworth Street Sunday Schools. Happily, Mr. Dumbell kept healthy and wonderfully vigorous to the last, being laid aside only for two days before his death. His interest in spiritual things continued to the end of his consciousness, and during his last hour he sang lustily "Lead Kindly Light."

**Percy Battey.**—Percy Battey was born at Wadworth, Yorkshire, England, in the year 1887. He arrived in New Zealand in 1910, and here became a local preacher. Later he laboured for one year as a Home Missionary. He was subsequently accepted for the Ministry and ordained to the full work in 1917. After acting for a brief period as the President's Supply in Christchurch, he enlisted in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force early in 1917. The Y.M.C.A. authorities made application for his services after he was posted to the New Zealand Medical Corps, and he was accordingly lent to them. He left New Zealand with the 32nd Reinforcements, and was attached to the New Zealand Field Artillery in France. He performed with them a chaplain's and Y.M.C.A. secretary's duties until the Armistice. While in France, he sustained an injury to his foot and suffered an illness which undermined his constitution, and predisposed him to the trouble which finally proved fatal. Prior to his return to New Zealand, he continued to perform duties for the Y.M.C.A. at Torquay. His genial and gallant conduct on the field of battle proved a source of inspiration to all with whom he had to do, and he was very popular with all ranks in the Army. After his return, in 1919, to New Zealand, he continued to serve the Church with commendable devotion and personal charm. He had a magnetic personality, full of transparent honesty and integrity. He was greatly beloved in all his Circuits, and his ministry was a fruitful one. His brief life suddenly and peacefully ended on the morning of July 12th, 1923.

**Victor S. Mercer.**—Victor Stanley Mercer was born in Adelaide on January 8th, 1885, but while still a child he removed with his parents to Perth, where he received his education, and afterwards spent several years in positions of trust with members of the legal profession. Some years ago he came to New Zealand, and was for a time employed as a Home Missionary with a sister Church, and later as a Y.M.C.A. secretary. In 1919 he entered the Home Mission work of our Church, being stationed at Norsewood. At the Conference of 1920 he was accepted as a candidate for the

Ministry, and was received on probation, his first appointment being to Tauranga, where he laboured with great acceptance for two years. Transferred to Bluff in 1922, he rapidly established himself in the esteem of the Church and community by the winsomeness of his character and the conscientious performance of his duties. In the final year of his probation he was laid aside by prolonged sickness, which terminated fatally on December 1st last. The Otago-Southland Synod, hopeful of his recovery, unanimously recommended him for ordination at this Conference, but God called him to higher service. By his death the Church has lost a brother with rich mental and spiritual endowments, who gave every promise of a gracious and fruitful ministry.

**QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?**

1. John Smith  
William Lee  
David McNicoll  
Joseph H. Simmonds  
John J. Lewis  
Charles E. Ward  
William J. Williams  
George Bond  
Thomas G. Carr  
Henry R. Dewsbury  
James Thomas  
Josiah Ward  
Thomas G. Hammond  
John D. Jory  
James Guy  
Daniel J. Murray  
John Nixon  
Charles H. Standage  
William Baumber  
Cornelius Griffin  
Peter W. Jones  
William S. Potter  
Thomas Fee  
Alfred Peters  
Christopher Abernethy  
Thomas N. Griffin  
James T. Pinfold, D.D.  
Samuel Griffith  
T. Francis Jones  
George T. Marshall  
Joseph Blight  
George Clement  
Thomas A. Joughin  
James G. Chapman  
James Cocker  
Thomas W. Newbold  
Semese Nau (with permission to reside in Tonga)
2. James R. Clark (for another year).  
Arthur Harding (for another year)  
Thomas Arthur Pybus (for another year)

## QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

(Min. Con., 1920, p. 121.)

Thomas G. Brooke  
 Benjamin F. Rothwell, Ex-President  
 James Wrigley

**Thomas G. Brooke.**—The Rev. T. G. Brooke began his ministry in the year 1879, and during this long period of 44 years he has served the Church with exceptional devotion and untiring zeal. As a Circuit minister he has always proved himself to be an able expositor of the Word, a sympathetic pastor, a wise administrator, and above all, a soul-winning preacher. He has laboured in various Circuits in Auckland, North Canterbury, South Canterbury, Nelson, Otago and Taranaki-Wanganui Districts, over some of which he has presided as Chairman, and in 1906 he was elected President of the Conference, which high office he filled with advantage to the Church and credit to himself. In 1909 he was elected General Secretary of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund, he being the first appointee of the Department—and for 15 years he has, without a break, discharged the onerous duties of this office with marked ability, tactfulness and success. Under his trusted generalship, the Department has extended its operations, the funds have vastly increased, and the position of the Home Missionary has greatly improved. Thus as a Circuit and Departmental minister he has left his mark upon the Church. He retires from the active work in good health of mind and body, having earned a good degree. His brethren—ministerial and lay—by whom he is esteemed for his work's sake—desire for him many years of such occasional service as his strength may permit, for the Church he loves so ardently, and of which he has proved himself to be so loyal and faithful a minister.

**Benjamin F. Rothwell.**—It is with deep regret that, owing to the ill-health of our beloved President, Conference grants his request to become a permanent supernumerary. It places on record its high appreciation of the splendid service, covering a period of thirty-nine years, he has rendered to the cause of Christ and of Methodism in this Dominion. Early in life he came from Ireland to New Zealand with his parents, and was brought up on a farm in the Waikato. About 1881, under the ministry of Rev. Cornelius Griffin, he made open confession of Christ as his Saviour and became a local preacher. He was accepted as a candidate to the ministry in 1883, and spent two years at the Three Kings College. His first appointment was in 1885 at Gore, and since then he has been stationed in Circuits from Northern Wairoa, in the north, to Wakatipu, in the south. Three years of his ministry were given to Mission work in Freeman's Bay, Auckland. He also spent some time among the Natives, by whom he is much esteemed. His zeal for Prohibition has been a notable feature in his ministry, while his preaching, always earnest and practical, has resulted in the edification of believers and the conversion of sinners. Brother Rothwell's ministry has been characterised by unselfish devotion, a keen sense of humour, and successful pastoral work. In 1918 he became Chairman of the Nelson District, and last year he was elected to the highest position the Church has to offer, that of President of the Conference. In his retirement, the Conference assures Mr. Rothwell of its sincere sympathy and esteem, and prays that God may crown his years of strenuous service with many others of restfulness and peace.

**James Wrigley.**—In seeking superannuation, the Rev. James Wrigley closes a ministry of thirty-eight years. He has served the Church with conspicuous zeal and ability. As an expositor of the Word of God, he holds a high place, and as a man and a brother, he is beyond reproach. Deeply interested in everything pertaining to the Kingdom of God, he has given time and talents willingly to social reform. The Conference trusts that release from the strain of the active work of the ministry will so tend to conserve his strength, as to ensure him a period of happy rest, with the pleasure of rendering personal service as opportunity makes possible.

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

William A. Watson

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

George B. Hinton was granted permission to rest another year.

William A. Sinclair was granted permission to visit England, and was accredited to the British Wesleyan Conference, Ecumenical Committee and other Methodist Conferences.

Robert Raine was granted permission to visit England, provided that he make arrangements for a "supply" that shall be satisfactory to the Chairman of the Otago-Southland District; and that he be accredited to the British Primitive Methodist Conference.

Alfred M. Costain was granted permission to rest for a year.

Colin C. Harrison was granted permission to rest for a year.

Harold E. Bellhouse was granted permission to visit England should he be able to make satisfactory "supply" arrangements with his Circuit.

George S. Cook is recommended to have permission to rest in 1925, and to have a supply granted.

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

None.

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

1. H. Granville Brown
2. E. Oliver Haddon

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

None.

**Auckland Central.**—Permission was granted to Auckland Central Circuit to approach the British Wesleyan Methodist Conference with a view to securing a suitable minister for 1926. All expenses, including fares to and from New Zealand, and such extra stipend as may be arranged, shall be borne by Pitt Street Trustees. The appointment shall be for one term.

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

No.

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

1. J. Napier Milne, who voluntarily resigns in order to seek re-admission in the British Wesleyan Methodist Conference.
2. A. J. Lester Minifie, who has voluntarily retired.
3. Neho Hemi Papakakura, who has voluntarily resigned.
4. W. Rangitewhata Fraser.

**QUESTION XXII.—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. J. H. Haslam
Principal, Theological College	... Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.
Honorary Members	... Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, G. T. Marshall, T. G. Brooke, H. E. Bellhouse, A. C. Lawry, T. A. Joughin, J. Cocker, and A. Asheroft.

#### (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., Litt.D.
Greek (1st and 2nd years)	... Rev. W. Laycock
Greek (3rd and 4th years)	... Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., F.R.E.S.
Elementary Greek	... Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.
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. W. Grigg.
English Bible (New Testament) 1st and 2nd years	... Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.
English Bible (New Testament) 3rd and 4th years	... Rev. P. J. Cossum
Beet's Manual of Theology	... Rev. W. A. Hay
Wesley's Sermons	... Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt
Church History (1st and 2nd years)	... Rev. J. A. Lochore
Church History (3rd and 4th years)	... Rev. F. T. Read
The Person of Christ (Mackintosh)	... Rev. E. Drake
Psychology (Mellone and Drummond)	... Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
Psychology of Industry (Drever)	... Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
An Outline of Theology (Clarke)	... Rev. E. P. Blamires
The Church and the Ministry (Lindsay)	... Rev. C. C. Harrison

Ethics (Mackenzie)	...	...	...	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett)	...	...	...	Rev. W. J. Elliott
Jesus Christ and the Social Question (Pea- body)	...	...	...	Rev. T. R. Richards
History of Religion (Menzies)	...	...	...	Rev. W. Wills.
Ancient Heresies in Modern Dress (Radford)	...	...	...	Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.
The Christian Preacher (Garvie)	...	...	...	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.

**(B) Examiners for Students.**

Theology	...	...	...	Rev. W. A. Sinclair
Exegesis	...	...	...	Rev. C. Roberts.
Homiletics	...	...	...	Rev. J. Wrigley
English	...	...	...	Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A.
Latin	...	...	...	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A.
Greek	...	...	...	Rev. G. Frost
Hebrew	...	...	...	Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D.
Mathematics	...	...	...	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
Social Economics	...	...	...	Rev. E. O. Blamires
Mental and Moral Philosophy	...	...	...	Rev. J. H. Haslam
Comparative Religions	...	...	...	Rev. L. B. Neale.

**(C) Examiners for Candidates.**

Section A	...	...	...	Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt
Section B	...	...	...	Revs. J. H. Haslam and R. B. Tinsley.
Section C	...	...	...	Rev. H. L. Richards.

**(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.**

English	...	...	...	Rev. F. Copeland
Theology	...	...	...	Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall
Bible Knowledge	...	...	...	Rev. W. Beckett
Church History	...	...	...	Rev. E. D. Patchett
Homiletics	...	...	...	Rev. W. Greenslade

**(E) Examiners for Maoris.**

Bible, Old and New Testaments	...	} Rev. B. F. Rothwell Rev. A. J. Seamer
Wesley's Sermons	...	
Clapperton's Manual	...	
Theology	...	
Church History (Cowan)	...	
Tongue of Fire (Arthur)	...	
Wesley and His Century (Fitchett)	...	

## II.—EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

1. The Examination Committee shall consist of the President, President-elect, 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 follow:—(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, and to prepare a general report on the examinations for the Examination Committee. To supply Probationers, Candidates and Home Missionaries with a code word to be used instead of their names in their answers to questions; to receive from Supervisors papers taken by the Examinees, with the Examinees' answers thereon, and transmit them to the individual Examiners; (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 City Circuits, where Conference is to be held, 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, except that in the Examination of Candidates for the Ministry, the time for papers in Geography, History and Science shall be two hours each.
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. All Examination Papers, with the exception of Hebrew, shall be type-written.
4. The Examination of Probationers shall be taken in two sections, the first section in the last week in July, and the second section in the first week in December (see Regulation 3, Course of Study, as to order of subjects).
5. Probationers must themselves communicate with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners not later than April 30th, for the first section, and September 30th for the second section, stating the subjects allocated to each section 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 31st, so far as the first section examination is concerned.
6. 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, he shall, as soon as possible, notify the Secretary of the fact.
7. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall be held in the third week in September, and the results reported to the Synods concerned, and the Examination of Students on the President's List of Reserve and of Home Missionaries shall be held in the first week of December.
8. The subjects for examination in the case of Probationers shall be taken in the order of each section as prescribed by the regulations, and in all other cases in the order in which they appear in the Minutes of Conference. Examinees are in no case to put their names on their answers to questions, but to use the code word supplied by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners prior to the examination.
9. Examiners shall send to the Secretary of the Board, in closed envelopes, copies of Probationers' and Candidates' Examination Papers, as notified by the Secretary of the Board (See under Examination Committee, 5 (b)).
10. 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 Secretary of the Board of Examiners, who shall forward them to the individual Examiners. The Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall provide a list of instructions and forward them through the Chairman, to Supervisors for their guidance.

11. Each Examiner shall, without delay, after receipt of the papers to be examined by him, notify the Secretary of the Board the marks awarded for such papers, and shall, not later than October 21st, in the case of the Probationers' first section examination and the Candidates' examination, and January 15th in all other cases, send to the Secretary of the Board a written report of such papers; such written report, in the case of Candidates only, to be sent to the Conference for reference.
12. The Secretary shall communicate to the Synods concerned the result of the Candidates' Examination and first section of the Probationers' Examination, and shall 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.
13. 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.

N.B.—The first section of the Probationers' Examination shall, this year, commence on Tuesday, July 29th, and the second section on Tuesday, December 2nd. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry and Home Missionary Probationers shall commence on Tuesday, December 2nd.

#### IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS

##### FIRST YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Genesis, Chapters i.-iv.
2. New Testament (Greek): St. John, Chapters i-v, Cambridge Greek Text, and Moulton's Introduction to the Study of New Testament Greek.
3. Old Testament (English): Genesis, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English) Mark and Acts, with Century Bible.
5. Beet's Manual, pp. 1-228.
6. Wesley's Sermons, Nos. 1-20, 40, 43-44.
7. Fisher's Church History, pp. 1-143.
8. Radford's Ancient Heresies in Modern Dress.

##### SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Psalms xl.-xlix.
2. New Testament (Greek): St Mark, Chapters xi-xvi; Cambridge Greek Text, and Moulton's Introduction.
3. Old Testament (English): Job, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): John, with Clark's Handbooks for Bible Classes (2 vols.)
5. Beet's Manual, pp. 231-437.
6. Lidgett's "The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement."
7. Fisher's Church History, pp. 144-286.
8. Mellone and Drummond's Elements of Psychology (for non-collegiates), or Drever's Psychology of Industry (for collegiates).

## THIRD YEAR

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Nahum and Habakkuk.
2. New Testament (Greek): I. and II. Thessalonians, with Cambridge Greek Text.
3. Old Testament (English): Isaiah, with Cambridge Bible (Skinner).
4. New Testament (English): Romans, with Century Bible.
5. Clark's Outline of Theology.
6. Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," 1st half.
7. Fisher's "Church History," pp. 287-483.
8. Lindsay's "The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries."
9. Mackenzie's Manual of Ethics.

## FOURTH YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Song of Songs.
2. New Testament (Greek): Romans vii.-xi., with Sanday and Headlam's Commentary.
3. Old Testament (English): Minor Prophets, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Hebrews and Revelation, with Century Bible.
5. Peabody's "Jesus Christ and the Social Question."
6. Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," 2nd half.
7. Fisher's "Church History," pp. 484 to 664.
8. Garvie's "The Christian Preacher."
9. Menzies' "History of Religions."

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

The Text Book in New Testament (English) for first year, after this year will be St. Matthew (Century Bible Series, edited by Box).

## 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 in at least five subjects, and pass in not less than four. Probationers of the three following years shall be examined in at least six subjects, and pass in not less than five. Probationers who sit for English subjects only must take 3, 4, 5, 6, and one other, for the first year, and 3, 4, 5, 6, and two others, for each subsequent year. 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 subjects for the July examination shall be Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 6, and for the December examination Nos. 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9. Of these subjects three only shall be taken in the July examination, and the remainder required to comply with regulation 3 in the December examination; providing that a Probationer failing in **one** subject, in the July examination, may present, in the December examination, that subject in which he has failed.
5. The Conference requires every Probationer who is acquainted with Greek or Hebrew to take the Greek or Hebrew papers specified in the list of subjects for his year.
6. 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 70; Section B to deal with Exegesis and General Knowledge of the book (maximum marks 30). Those who have not passed through the College shall take, in their first year Nunn's Elements of New Testament Greek, pp. 1 to 64, in their second year, p. 64 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 1924, are as follows:—

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

## V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR MAORI PROBATIONERS.

### FIRST YEAR.

1. Bible—St. Mark (Guild T. Books).
2. Hunter's "Notes on the Catechism."
3. McLeod's "Church, Ministry, and Sacrament" (first half).
4. Outlines of Early Church History (B.C. Primers).

### SECOND YEAR.

1. Bible—St. Luke (Guild T. Books).
2. McLeod's "Church, Ministry, and Sacrament" (second half).
3. Telford's "Short History of Methodism."
4. Protestant Missions (Bible Class Primers).

### THIRD YEAR.

1. Bible—Acts of the Apostles (Guild Text Books).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 1 to 20 (inclusive).
3. McClymont's "New Testament and Its Writers."
4. Lilly's "The Principles of Protestantism."
5. Trumbell's "Individual Work for Individuals."

### FOURTH YEAR.

1. Bible—St. Paul's Teaching (Guild Text Books).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 21 to 52 (inclusive).
3. Healing's "Old Testament and Its Writers."
4. Fitchett's "What Methodism Stands For."
5. Stalker's "Life of Christ."

## VI. COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS.

### 1. CURRICULUM.

Subjects.	Hours per Week
1. Theology (Systematic) ... ..	2 hours
(Biblical) ... ..	1 "
2. Bible Introduction and Exegesis ... ..	2 "
3. Homiletics ... ..	1 "
4. New Testament—Greek ... ..	2 "
5. Hebrew (if taken) ... ..	2 "
6. Latin ... ..	2 "
7. English Language and Literature ... ..	2 "
8. Mathematics ... ..	2 "
9. Mental and Moral Philosophy (3 years' course) (Including Child Psychology and Principles of Pedagogy).	1 "
10. Social Economics (2 years' course) ... ..	1 "
11. Elocution and Voice Production—Instruction by a Professional Teacher.	
12. In the Third year, a brief Course of Lectures will be given in Cir- cuit and Sunday School Organisation, Pastoral Efficiency, and Methodist Law as related thereto.	
13. Comparative Religions (third year).	

## 2. REGULATIONS.

1. The College terms shall coincide with the terms of the Auckland University College, except that the first term shall commence on the third Monday in March. Students are expected to enter during the week previous.

2. Students shall go out of residence at the College during the vacations.

3. The Curriculum shall be arranged on a basis of a Three Years' Course of training, and only in the case of the most extreme necessity shall a Student be called out for Circuit work before the expiration of this term.

4. During Conference no Student who has not completed his three years' course shall be removed from the College for employment in Circuit work except by a two-thirds vote of the Stationing Committee and Conference, and no President shall remove a Student during the year, without the recommendation of the Principal of the College. In every case where a Student is called out during the year, the President shall present, in writing, to the following Conference, a full statement of reasons for his action.

5. There shall be an examination in each subject at the end of each term, conducted by the Lecturers or Tutors and, in addition, an examination in the last week of November on the whole year's work, conducted by Examiners appointed by Conference, other than the Lecturers or Tutors. The marks from both series of examination shall be reported to Conference, and shall count for all prizes, etc.

6. There shall be a Board of Studies, consisting of the Chairman of the District, the Principal of the College, the Tutor in Languages, the Ministerial Lecturers, and two other persons appointed by such Board. This Board shall decide all adjustments in the Course of Study in accordance with the Regulations of Conference.

7. No Student shall enter upon a University Course without the consent of the Board of Studies, nor shall any Student prepare for Matriculation without such consent and without satisfying the Board that he has a reasonable prospect of success within at least two years.

8. In the case of a Student pursuing a Pass or Honours Course at the University College, the Board of Studies may make modifications in the College Curriculum, but no Student shall be relieved from taking the full Course in Theology, Bible Exegesis, Homiletics and Greek, unless he is taking the last-named subject at the University Pass or Honours standard.

9. All Students who attend University lectures shall sit for the University or University College Examinations in such subjects, and the result shall be reported to Conference.

10. The Board of Studies shall determine what Students are to take Hebrew.

11. Any Student proposing to offer himself for the Maori work may substitute Maori for one of the subjects set out in the Curriculum. The Board of Studies must first approve of the arrangement, and decide what subject shall be omitted.

12. Students on the List of Reserve for admission to the College shall pursue their studies under the direction of the Board of Studies, who shall report thereupon to Conference.

13. The Principal shall, after laying the results before the Board of Studies, furnish the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, at the earliest possible date, with the complete results of the Student's Examination conducted by the Conference Examiners and the College Lecturers and Tutors.

14. Each Student shall preach a trial sermon before one or more of the Ministers of the Auckland City or Suburban Circuits, a written report of which, marked according to the scale appointed by Conference, shall be presented to the Auckland District Ministerial Committee and forwarded to Conference. The Board of Studies shall arrange for these trial sermons.

#### 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 Board of Studies, 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 Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why?"

N.B.—Candidates are required by Conference to read carefully Wesley's Forty-four 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—Walters and Conway's Limen, Part I., Sections 1-138.
3. Greek—Clapperton's First Steps in New Testament Greek.
4. Geography—Longman's Geographical Series, Book II. The World (a) Mathematical and Physical Geography; (b) Sections on the British Empire and Current Events.
5. History and Current Events.—History of England from 1714 to 1921 (Warner and Martin, part iii.); and a knowledge of current events, questions on which to comprise one-fourth of the paper.
6. Science—Any one of the following subjects:—(a) Geology; (b) Zoology; (c) Botany (Neve); (d) Human Physiology; (e) Inorganic Chemistry; (f) Heat, Sound, and Light.

## 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, Rectilinear Figures and Area of Rectilinear Figures. (Geometry, Parts I. and II. Baker and Bournes.)
- 3 Algebra—Easy Examples and Problems, to Simple Equations. (Hall and Knight, chapters i. to xxii.)

## REGULATIONS.

1. There shall be four Examiners, one for each section of the subjects of A, C, and two for B.
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) (1) Geography, (2) History, and (3) 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, except in the subjects of Section A. It is most desirable that Latin be one of the subjects taken for the matriculation examination.
6. The Hebrew text-book shall be Sibag's Hebrew Primer and Reading Book, pp. 1-42.

7. Immediately after the June 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.—(1) 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. Copies of previous years' papers for Candidates may be had on application to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

(2) Each Superintendent Minister is required to notify the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, not later than June 1st, of any Candidate he intends to nominate for the ministry at the June Quarterly Meeting, in order that arrangements may be made for the written examination of any such candidate.

#### **Senior Home Missionaries and Their Reception as Candidates for the Ministry.**

1. That save in exceptional circumstances the age limit for Home Missionaries who desire to present themselves as candidates for the Ministry shall be forty years.
2. That no Home Missionary shall be received into the Ministry of the Church on the ground of seniority only.
3. That sympathetic consideration be given to the application of a Senior Home Missionary to enter the Ministry, but satisfactory proof shall be required of—
  - (a) Educational fitness and capacity to study;
  - (b) Ability to preach;
  - (c) Aptitude in the conduct of Church affairs.
4. That the present examinations for candidates for the Ministry provide such an educational test, but in the case of a Home Missionary who has completed 12 years of service as a Home Missionary of our Church, or whose case on other grounds is considered worthy of exceptional treatment, the following subjects now compulsory for non-matriculated candidates, be made optional:—Geography, history, science, and arithmetic. This leaves Bible knowledge, Theology, Church history, and English as compulsory subjects. In all other respects such a Home Missionary coming forward as a candidate must comply with the present regulations.
5. That Senior Home Missionaries thus accepted on probation for the Ministry shall be required to pass the usual probationary tests of the Church, except that for the first year of probation they take in the annual examination only Old Testament (English), New Testament (English), and Theology; and for the three fol-

lowing years these three subjects, together with one other to be chosen by them from the Course of Study; and also that Greek be made an optional subject throughout the four years.  
(N.B.—The Conference has power in exceptional cases to grant exemption, in whole or in part, from these 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—Warner and Martin's "Groundwork of English History," part iii.
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—Banks' "Manual of Christian Doctrine," to page 133.

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—Banks' "Manual of Christian Doctrine," page 133 to end.

Homiletics—Clapperton's Manual for Local Preachers.

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

##### REGULATIONS.

1. That all persons accepted for employment in the Home Mission work shall, unless the Conference or the Home Mission Executive at the time of their employment otherwise determine, be regarded as Probationers for the position of Home Missionary, and shall be called Home Missionary Probationers.
2. That such Probationers shall continue for three years, during which time they shall annually preach a trial sermon, present a Book List, and take the examination prescribed by the Conference. A report of their work on the Station shall also be presented.

3. 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.
4. Home Missionary Probationers shall not administer the Sacraments, nor perform the Marriage Ceremony without the special permission of the President of the Conference given on the recommendation of the Chairman of the District.
5. That Home Missionary Probationers who have satisfactorily passed the required tests for the three years shall be formally set apart as Home Missionaries at a service to be arranged and conducted by the Chairman of the District or his Deputy, and shall receive at such service a Certificate of Reception as a Home Missionary of our Church, duly signed by the President of the Conference. A suitably inscribed Bible shall also be presented. They shall then have power to administer the Sacraments, and to perform the Marriage Ceremony.
6. That each duly admitted Home Missionary shall be a member of the District Synod of the District to which he belongs, but Home Missionary Probationers shall not be eligible for membership in the Synod, but may attend, if invited by the Chairman of the District.

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

#### XI.—TRIAL SERMONS.

1. The persons appointed to hear Probationers', Students', Home Missionary Probationers' 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, Home Missionary Probationer or Candidate examined in his District.
3. 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.
4. The District Ministerial Committees shall appoint sub-Committees to report on written Sermons.
5. 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. Each Probationer is required to study carefully the Methodist Book of Laws, and to include it in his book list during the first or second year of his probation. The Chairman, or a Minister of the District whom he shall appoint, shall conduct an oral examination thereon in the District Ministerial Committee. The following text books when not taken for examination are required to be read by Probationers in their respective years:—Radford's "Ancient Heresies in Modern Dress," Mellone and Drummond's "Elements of Psychology," Mackenzie's "Manual of Ethics," Garvie's "The Christian Preacher," and Menzies' "History of Religions." Probationers are also required to read during their probation Macdougall's "Social Psychology," Garvie's "Apologetics" (Duckworth), Peake's "Critical Introduction to the New Testament."
3. 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.
4. Candidates for the Ministry are required to submit through the District Ministerial Committee a Book List covering their reading during the two years preceding the Synod.
5. Home Missionary Probationers are required to present Book Lists to their District Ministerial Committee, and to be examined thereon.
6. The Chairman of the District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners all Book Lists submitted to the District Ministerial Committee.
7. The Secretary of the Board shall assess and mark all Book Lists, using the numerals 1 to 10, 10 to represent the maximum. The Book List must not include books taken for examination, and must be classified as follows:—1. Theology; 2. Science and Philosophy; 3. History and Biography; 4. Poetry; 5. Miscellaneous.
8. The District Ministerial Committee shall appoint a sub-committee to report on all Book Lists.
9. The Secretary to the Board of Examiners shall, at the beginning of the year confer with each Probationer as to the course of reading he proposes to pursue during the year, and shall tender him suitable counsel concerning the same.

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### ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

Theology—The Second Catechism.

Church History—History of Methodism. Telford's Annotated Edition.

Old Testament—Maclear's Primer.

New Testament—Maclear's Primer.

English—Standard VI, Essay on Selected Subject.

## STUDENTS.

## FIRST YEAR.

Theology—Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine. Lectures.  
 Church History—"What Methodism Stands For" (Fitchett). Lectures.  
 Old Testament—"Genesis" (Dod's B.C. Handbooks). Lectures.  
 New Testament—"St. Paul" (Stalker; B.C. Handbooks). Lectures.  
 English—"Manual of English Grammar" (Nesfield). Lectures.  
 Elocution—Lectures.

## SECOND YEAR.

Theology—Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine. Lectures.  
 Church History—"Landmarks of Church History." Lectures.  
 Old Testament—"Job." Century Bible. Lectures.  
 New Testament—"The Teaching of Jesus." B.C. Handbooks. Lectures.  
 English Literature—  
 "Simple History of English Literature" (A. L. Stronach). Lectures.  
 "Readings in Literature" (R. F. Savage).  
 Elocution—Lectures.

## 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

- Bennett and Adeney's Biblical Introduction.  
 Clarke's Sixty Years with the Bible.  
 Charles' Between the Testaments.  
 Davison's Old Testament Prophecy.  
 \*Davison's Old Testament Theology.  
 Davison's Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.  
 Deissmann's Light from the Ancient East (revised).  
 Deissmann's St Paul.  
 Dods' The Bible: Its Origin and Nature.  
 Findlay's Books of the Prophets.  
 Glover's Jesus of History.  
 Glover's Jesus in the Experience of Men.  
 G. B. Gray's Critical Introduction to the Old Testament.  
 Hogg's Christ's Message of the Kingdom.  
 Moulton's History of the English Bible.  
 \*Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.  
 \*Paterson's Rule of Faith.  
 Peake's Critical Introduction to the New Testament.  
 Peake's The Bible: Its Origin, Nature, and Significance.  
 Pinfold's St. Luke.  
 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  
 Robertson's The Spiritual Pilgrimage of Jesus.  
 Ryle's Canon of the Old Testament.  
 Shaw's Pauline Epistles.  
 Souter's Text and Canon of the New Testament.  
 Smith's Isaiah.  
 Smith's Book of the Twelve Prophets.

Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.  
 Wade's Old Testament History.  
 Warschauer's What Is the Bible?  
 Westcott's Bible in the Church.

(b) Philosophical and Apologetic—

- Ballard's Haeckel's Monism False.
- \*Ballard's Miracles of Unbelief.
- Ballard's The True God.
- Bennett's The Realm of God.
- Bowne's Studies in Theism.
- Bowne's The Immanence of God.
- \*Brown's The Christian Hope
- \*Caird's Fundamental Ideas of Christianity.
- Chapman and Weatherhead's The O.T. and To-day.
- Clifford's Ultimate Problems of Christianity.
- Concerning Prayer (Symposium by Anglican writers).
- Davison's The Indwelling Spirit.
- Denney's Christian Doctrine of Reconciliation.
- Denney's Death of Christ.
- Denney's Jesus and the Gospel.
- Denney's Studies in Theology.
- \*Fairbairn's Philosophy of the Christian Religion
- Fitchett's Beliefs of Unbelief.
- Fitchett's Unrealised Logic of Religion.
- \*Grubb's Christ in Christian Thought.
- \*Griffith-Jones' The Ascent Through Christ.
- Griffith Jones' Faith and Immortality.
- Hegel's Eternal Life.
- Humphrey's The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience.
- Illingworth's Divine Immanence.
- Illingworth's Doctrine of the Trinity.
- Illingworth's Personality, Human and Divine.
- Illingworth's Reason and Revelation.
- \*Inge's Christian Mysticism.
- Inge's Faith and its Psychology.
- Iverach's Christianity and Evolution.
- A. G. James' Personal Immortality.
- \*Kidd's Science of Power.
- Leckie's The World to Come and Final Destiny.
- Lidgett's Fatherhood of God.
- Lofthouse's Altar, Cross and Community.
- Mosley's The Doctrine of the Atonement.
- Orr's Christian View of God and the World.
- Peabody's Jesus Christ and the Christian Character.
- Rashdall's Philosophy and Religion.
- \*Rauschenbusch's Christianity and the Social Crisis.
- Romanes' Thoughts on Religion.
- \*Salmond's Christian Doctrine of Immortality.
- Schmid's The Scientific Creed of a Theologian.
- Simpson's Spiritual Interpretation of Nature.
- Strachan's The Individuality of St. Paul.
- Walker's Christian Theism.
- Warschauer's Problems of Immanence.
- Waterhouse's The Philosophy of Christian Experience.

(c) Pastoral—

- Arthur's Tongue of Fire.
- Ballard's Does Faith Need Reasons?
- Beecher's Lectures.

- Coe's Education in Religion and Morals.  
 Coe's The Religion of a Mature Mind.  
 Coe's The Spiritual Life.  
 \*Dale's Lectures on Preaching.  
 Dykes' The Christian Minister.  
 Garvie's Guide to Preachers.  
 Gladden's Christian Pastor.  
 Haslett's Pedagogical Bible School.  
 Henson's Liberty of Prophesying.  
 Horne's The Romance of Preaching.  
 Jackson's The Fact of Conversion.  
 Jackson's The Preacher and the Modern Mind.  
 \*James' Varieties of Religious Experience.  
 \*Jowett's The Preacher: His Life and Work.  
 Lamoreaux's The Unfolding Life.  
 Lawrence's How to Conduct a Sunday School.  
 \*Phillips Brooks' Lectures on Preaching.  
 Principles of Religious Education (Symposium edited by  
 Bishop Potter).  
 Stalker's Preacher and His Models.  
 Wesley's Address to the Clergy.

## II. CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY :

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

## III. SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY :

- Bergson's Creative Evolution.  
 Baudoin's Studies in Psychoanalysis.  
 Caird's Hegel.  
 Drever's Psychology of Everyday Life.  
 Drummond's Ascent of Man.  
 Eaton's The Fight Against Drink.  
 \*Eucken's Truth of Religion.  
 \*Horsley and Sturge's Alcohol and the Human Body  
 Hutton's The Lesson of Evolution.  
 \*Jane T. Stoddart's New Socialism.  
 Jones' Rudolf Eucken.  
 Jowett's Introductions to Plato.  
 Lodge's Man and the Universe.  
 Lay's The Child's Unconscious Mind.  
 Mackenzie's Outline of Metaphysics.  
 Maeterlinck's Life of the Bee.  
 Marshall's Principles of Economics.  
 Martineau's Types of Ethical Theory.  
 McDougall's Social Psychology.

- \*Muirhead's Elements of Ethics.
- Rae's Contemporary Socialism.
- Romanes' Darwin and After Darwin.
- Soddy's Matter and Energy.
- Thomson and Geddes' Evolution.
- Wallace's Darwinism.
- Wallace's Kant.
- \*Wardell's Contemporary Philosophy.
- Wardell's First Lessons in Philosophy.

#### IV. HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY :

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

#### V. POETRY—

- Sir Edwin Arnold's Light of the World
- Bridges.
- Browning.
- Byron.
- Clough.
- Emerson.
- Francis Thompson.
- Keats.
- Longfellow.
- Matthew Arnold.
- Milton.
- F. W. H. Myers' St. Paul.

Russell Lowell.  
 Shakespeare.  
 Shelley.  
 Tennyson.  
 Watson.  
 Whittier.  
 Wordsworth.  
 Yeats

## VI. MISCELLANEOUS :

### Devotional—

Brother Lawrence's The Practice of the Presence of God.  
 Bunyan's Grace Abounding.  
 Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.  
 Confessions of St. Augustine.  
 Dr. W. E. Orchard's The Temple.  
 Horton's The Open Secret.  
 Welsh's Classics of the Soul's Quest.  
 Matheson's Devotional Volumes.  
 Smellie's The Hour of Silence and In the Secret Place.  
 Thomas a' Kempis' The Imitation of Christ.  
 Walter James' The Unveiled Heart.  
 Fosdick's The Manhood of the Master.  
 „ The Meaning of Prayer.  
 „ The Meaning of Faith.  
 „ The Meaning of Service.  
 Bosworth's Christ in Everyday Life.  
 Davis's Meeting the Master.  
 McAfee's Psalms in Social Life.  
 Fleming's Marks of a World Christian.

### Fiction—

Dickens, George Eliot, Hugo, Joseph Conrad, Kipling, Mark Rutherford, Meredith, Seton Merriman, Scott, Stevenson, Thackeray.

## VII. ESSAYS AND BELLES LETTRES :

Arnold, Bagehot, Belloc, Benson, Birrell, Burke, Carlyle, Chesterton, De Quincey, Emerson, Goldsmith, Hazlett, Hunt (Leigh), Holmes, Lamb, Lucas (E.V.), Macaulay, Pater (Walter), Russell (Geo. W. E.), Ruskin, Symonds (J.A.)

### 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 and Hastings' Dictionary of the Apostolic Church. 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.)  
 Fosdick's Manhood of the Master.  
 „ The Meaning of Prayer.

**LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO HOME MISSIONARIES.**

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.)

"The Faith and Modern Thought" (W. Temple, M.A.)  
 Fosdick's The Manhood of the Master, The Meaning of Prayer, The Meaning of Faith, the Meaning of Service.

**UNIVERSITY DEGREES.**

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.

2. The Conference learns with pleasure that Rev. Eric W. Hames has secured the Degree of M.A. in the University of New Zealand, with first class honours in History, and gives its sanction to this Honour being printed in the Minutes of Conference.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. J. H. Haslam for his services as Secretary and Convener of the Board of Examiners during the year, and that he be re-appointed.

2. That the Rev. Allan H. Cropp be required to take five subjects only for his Probationary Examination, and that he take the whole examination at the time and place to be arranged by the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District.

3. That on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners the Conference appoint each year an Examiner for the oral examinations at the succeeding Conference, and that in the event of such Examiner not being able to attend the Conference, a substitute be appointed by the President.

4. That the Examiner for 1925 be the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE RE CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.**

1. That Superintendents of Circuits be requested to report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, the Rev. J. H. Haslam, before the end of July, the number of prospective candidates in their Circuits within the next two years, also stating if the candidate is preparing for general or foreign work.

2. That Ministers be urged to be constantly on the watch for suitable young men for the ministry, and that they be recommended to refer occasionally from the pulpit to the claims of the Christian ministry on the young men of the congregation.

3. That Quarterly Meetings and Preachers' Meetings be instructed to give serious consideration, at the June Quarterly Meetings, to the duty of securing young recruits for the ranks of the local preachers, as from this source only can candidates for the ministry be obtained.

4. That in cities and elsewhere, where there are Circuits that do not afford any opportunity for young men who desire to become local preachers, arrangements be made by the Ministers' Meeting for these young men to preach in other Circuits.

5. That Camps Executives be requested to arrange for a minister to place these claims before the Conference of Bible Class leaders and secretaries.

6. That a Question be inserted in the Quarterly Meeting business to the following effect:—Are there any young men connected with this Circuit who are likely to become local preachers or candidates for the ministry? (This question shall be asked at the June Quarterly Meeting).

**QUESTION XXIII.—Do we Sanction the Alteration or Division of any District or Circuit of this Conference?****AUCKLAND.**

1. Waikato-Maniapoto (Native).—That the Waikato-Maniapoto (Native) Circuit be transferred to the South Auckland District. That whenever possible the General Superintendent of the Home Mission and Maori Department shall attend the South Auckland Synod.
2. That the Whangaroa, Bay of Islands Maori Circuit be divided, the northern portion to be called Whangaroa.

**SOUTH AUCKLAND.**

Hamilton.—That the present Hamilton Circuit be divided so as to form two Circuits, Hamilton and Hamilton East, the latter to include Hamilton East, Matangi, Rototuna, Fairfield, Newstead, Eureka, Tauwhare and Puketaha, with boundaries on the west at the Waikato River except that the portion of Hamilton Borough on the east side of the river known as Claudelands be a part of the Hamilton Circuit, and the remainder of the present Hamilton Circuit to form the new Hamilton Circuit. That this division be subject to the following conditions.—(a) That the sum of £75, £50, £50, £25, respectively, for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th years, respectively, be paid by the new Hamilton Circuit to the new Hamilton East Circuit Funds. (b) That the division assumes the appointment of a Probationer to the Frankton end of the new Hamilton Circuit, and, until such be appointed, the Circuit continue as at present undivided. (c) That any special development of the work within the Claudelands area, if mooted, be viewed as a matter for special consideration by the combined Quarterly Meetings with a view to adjustment by mutual consent.

Matamata.—That Matamata Circuit shall be divided. That Putaruru become a separate H.M. Station. A married Home Missionary to be appointed, with a suitable grant.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Taihape.—That a married Probationer be appointed to Taihape, instead of an ordained minister.

WELLINGTON.

Taranaki Street Circuit and the Wellington Central Mission.—That the Taranaki Street Circuit and the Wellington Central Mission be amalgamated, with Wesley Church as the centre.

NELSON.

Denniston-Granity.—That the present arrangement for working Denniston-Granity and Runanga Home Mission Stations be continued for another year, with an additional appointment.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—That the married minister be withdrawn, and a married Home Missionary be appointed.

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

AUCKLAND.

1. Papakura.—That a single Home Missionary be stationed at Manurewa with a suitable grant.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

1. Hamilton.—That a Probationer be appointed to Frankton.
2. Paeroa and Hauraki Plains.—That a Probationer be appointed to the Hauraki Plains.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

New Plymouth.—That a Probationer be appointed as third agent.

WELLINGTON.

1. Wellington, Taranaki Street.—That a Probationer be appointed to reside at Brooklyn.
2. Wellington South.—That a Probationer be appointed as second agent.
3. Masterton.—That a Home Missionary be continued at Kuripuni.
4. Kilbirnie.—That a Probationer be appointed as second agent.

NELSON.

Blenheim.—That a married Home Missionary be appointed to Picton.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

- 1.—Durham Street.—That a Probationer be appointed to reside at Cashmere Hills.
2. Woolston.—That a Probationer be appointed to reside at Sumner, if a suitable grant can be made.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Cargill Road.—That a Probationer be appointed to reside at St. Clair, with a suitable grant.

Roslyn.—1. That a Probationer be appointed to reside at Maori Hill.

2. That the name of the Circuit be Roslyn and Maori Hill.

St. Kilda.—That Otakou Heads be transferred to St. Kilda Circuit.

**QUESTION XXV.—What new Stations are now constituted?**

Hamilton East to include Hamilton East, Matangi, Rototuna, Fairfield, Newstead, Eureka, Tauwhare and Puketaha, with boundaries on the west at the Waikato River, except that portion of Hamilton Borough on the east side of the river known as Claudelands, be a part of the Hamilton Circuit, and the remainder of the present Hamilton Circuit form the new Hamilton Circuit.

**QUESTION XXVI.—What Circuits are due to Provide for Married instead of Single Ministers?****TARANAKI-WANGANUI.**

Waimarino is due, but is relieved for a twelfth year.

**WELLINGTON.**

Thorndon 2nd fulfils its obligation.

**NELSON.**

Hokitika is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.

Motuoka is due, but is relieved for an eleventh year.

Reefton is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.

**NORTH CANTERBURY.**

St. Albans 2nd fulfils its obligation.

**SOUTH CANTERBURY.**

Timaru 3rd is due, but is relieved for a sixth year.

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.**

Dunedin Trinity 2nd is due, but is relieved for another year.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

That the following be the order in which Circuits shall provide for married ministers, in 1925:—

I.—

1. Rangiora.
2. Motuoka.
3. Eketahuna.
4. Timaru 3rd.
5. Reefton.
6. Hokitika.
7. Palmerston North (Broad Street).
8. Wellington South.
9. Feilding.
10. Mosgeil.
11. Whakatane.
12. Mahurangi.
13. Waimarino.

II.—That the Probationers' appointments now vacant be filled in the following order:—

1. Dunedin (Maori Hill).
2. Wellington South.
3. Christchurch (Woolston).

QUESTION XXVII.—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. ARTHUR ASHCROFT.  
Secretary: REV. ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A.

**STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1924.**

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 123, and (1) to (9) for Maori Stations and the Solomon Islands Mission Circuits, is the head of a Circuit or Mission, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent or 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**—Percy N. Knight, B.A., Amos Reader, G. E. Brown; George B. Hinton (resting); John J. Lewis, James Thomas, Daniel J. Murray (Supernumeraries).  
THE FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.—William A. Sinclair, General Secretary.  
THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Arthur J. Seamer, General Superintendent.
2. **Auckland West**.—Charles H. Olds, B.A., John Olphert; William S. Potter (Supernumerary).
3. **Auckland East**.—Edward Drake, James Richards (Remuera), William G. Slade, M.A.; John Smith, William Lee, David McNicoll, George Bond, Thomas G. Carr, Henry R. Dewsbury, Cornelius Griffin, Thomas G. Brooke, Samuel Griffith, T. Francis Jones (Supernumeraries).  
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., Principal; Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt. D., Tutor in Classical Languages and Literatures.
4. **Auckland (Avondale)**.—Arthur Liversedge, William T. Blight, B.A.; a Home Missionary; George T. Marshall, Joseph Blight (Supernumeraries).
5. **Auckland Methodist Mission**.—Samuel S. Green.
6. **Auckland (Devonport)**.—John E. Parsons.
7. **Auckland (Takapuna)**.—Thomas R. B. Woolloxall.

8. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—William A. Burley, M.A.; John D. Jory, James Wrigley (Supernumeraries).
9. **Onehunga**.—George S. Cook.
10. **Otahuhu**.—James A. Hosking.
11. **Papakura**.—J. Wesley Griffin, a Home Missionary; Joseph H. Simmonds (Supernumerary).
12. **Pukekohe**.—Thomas Coatsworth; a Home Missionary (Bombay).  
WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.—PAERATA.
13. **Waiuku**.—John Southern.
14. **Mahurangi**.—One wanted (Warkworth).
15. **Paparoa**.—Harry S. Kings.
16. **Northern Wairoa**.—William A. Watson.
17. **Whangarei**.—William H. Speer.
18. **Whangaroa**.—One wanted.
19. **Maori Missions**.—Arthur J. Seamer, General Superintendent.
- (1) **WHANGAROA**—Bay of Islands (Native)—  
Hapeta Renata.
- (2) **BAY OF ISLANDS**—  
Matarae Tauroa.
- (4) **KAIPARA** (Native)—  
A Home Missionary.
- (3) **HOKIANGA** (Native)—  
Piripi Rakena.  
Te Tuhi Heretini.  
A Home Missionary.  
Eruera Te Tuhi.  
Paraire R. Paikea
- PORT ALBERT**.—A Home Missionary.
- COROMANDEL**.—A Home Missionary.
- HELENSVILLE**.—A Home Missionary.
- KAUKAPAKAPA**.—A Home Missionary.
- BAY OF ISLANDS**.—A Home Missionary (Kawa Kawa).
- HOKIANGA**.—A Home Missionary (Rawene).
- MANGONUI**.—A Home Missionary (Kaitaia).
- HIKURANGI**.—A Home Missionary.
- REHIA**.—A Home Missionary (Arapohue).
- OHAEAWAI**.—A Home Missionary.

PERCY N. KNIGHT, B.A., Chairman of the District.

## II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

20. **Thames**.—Arthur Ashcroft (President of the Conference).
21. **Te Aroha**.—Samuel Henderson; one wanted.
22. **Morrinsville**.—Fred Greenwood.
23. **Waihi**.—Harry Cottom.
24. **Paeroa and Hauraki Plains**.—Alfred E. Jefferson; E. Hugh Brooker (Ngatea).
25. **Cambridge**.—William J. Elliott; a Home Missionary.

26. **Hamilton.**—William Ready, Leslie A. G. Brooks.  
 27. **Hamilton East.**—Frank E. Leadley.  
 28. **Rotorua.**—J. Henry Allen.  
 29. **Tauranga.**—Fred L. Frost.  
 30. **Opotiki.**—William B. Cuming  
 31. **Taumarunui.**—One wanted.  
 32. **Te Awamutu.**—Hedley White.  
 33. **Whakatane.**—One wanted.  
 34. **Matamata.**—Percy I. Cooke; Thomas G. Hammond (Supernumerary)  
 (5) **WAIKATO-MANIAPOTO**—Hori Kakuere, Davis Wilcox (Raglan).  
     A Home Missionary (Te Kawa).  
     A Home Missionary (Marokopa).  
     A Home Missionary (Kawhia).  
     A Home Missionary (Te Kuiti).  
**TE PUKE.**—A Home Missionary.  
**NGARUAWAHIA.**—A Home Missionary.  
**MOKAUITI.**—A Home Missionary.  
**HUNTLY.**—A Home Missionary.  
**TE KUITI.**—A Home Missionary.  
**OHURA.**—A Home Missionary.  
**PUTARURU.**—A Home Missionary.

ARTHUR ASHCROFT, President of the Conference,  
 Chairman of the District.

### III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

35. **New Plymouth.**—Thomas R. Richards, W. H. E. Abbey, John Bailey; John Nixon (Supernumerary).  
 36. **Waitara.**—Robert B. Gosnell; a Home Missionary.  
 37. **Inglewood.**—Hector C. Orchard.  
 38. **Stratford.**—George P. Hunt; a Home Missionary.  
 39. **Eltham.**—William W. Avery.  
 40. **Hawera.**—Walter J. Oxbrow.  
 41. **Manaia.**—Charles Roberts.  
 42. **Cape Egmont.**—Ernest B. Chambers; a Home Missionary.  
 43. **Kaponga.**—Charles H. Kendon.  
 44. **Wanganui.**—Edwin T. Cox, M.A.; one wanted.  
 45. **Wanganui North.**—William Lea; one wanted.  
 46. **Marton.**—Herbert Daniel.  
 47. **Taihape.**—John Reid.

48. **Waimarino.**—Moses Ayrton.(6) **TARANAKI-WAIMARINO**

Robert T. Haddon (a Home Missionary, supply).

Rakena P. Rakena.

Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri.

A Home Missionary (Waimarino).

**MOKAU.**—A Home Missionary.**PATEA.**—A Home Missionary.

Robert T. Haddon has permission to work in connection with the New Zealand Alliance.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS, Chairman of the District.

IV.—**HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.**49. **Napier.**—Basil Metson.50. **Hastings.**—Fred Copeland.51. **Gisborne.**—George Frost; a Home Missionary.52.—**Waipawa.**—Frederick J. Parker.53. **Dannevirke.**—Ernest E. Sage.54. **Woodville.**—Percy J. Cossum.55. **Pahiatua.**—Charles A. Foston.56. **Palmerston North** (Broad Street).—M. A. Rugby Pratt; one wanted.57. **Palmerston North** (Cuba Street).—Harold T. Peat.58. **Feilding.**—Arthur Mitchell; one wanted; Peter W. Jones (Super-numerary).59. **Sanson-Rongotea.**—Wallace S. Neal.60. **Foxton.**—Samuel H. D. Peryman.**APITI.**—A Home Missionary.**NORSEWOOD.**—A Home Missionary.**WAIROA.**—A Home Missionary.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Chairman of the District.

V.—**WELLINGTON DISTRICT.**61. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—Clarence Eaton, Cecil R. Taylor; John Dawson (who has permission to act as secretary of the New Zealand Alliance); Benjamin F. Rothwell, James G. Chapman (Supernumeraries).62. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—William Greenslade, Frederick B. Lawrence; James T. Pinfold, D.D. (Supernumerary).63. **Wellington South.**—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.; one wanted; Josiah Ward (Supernumerary), Colin C. Harrison (resting).64. **Wellington** (Kilbirnie).—E. Thomas Olds, Thomas H. Burton.65. **Johnsonville-Ngaio.**—John Dennis; one wanted.66. **Hutt.**—William Rowe; Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).67. **Petone.**—John A. Lochore.68. **South Wairarapa.**—G. Knowles Smith; Alfred M. Costain (resting).69. **Carterton.**—R. Purcell Keall.

70. **Masterton**.—William Beckett; one wanted; James Cocker (Super-numerary).  
 71. **Eketahuna**.—Herbert Spencer.  
 72. **Levin**.—John D. McArthur.  
 73. **Otaki**.—Ralph J. Liddell; a Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GREENSLADE, Chairman of the District.

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VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

74. **Nelson**.—Henry L. Blamires.  
 75. **Richmond**.—John R. Nelson; a Home Missionary.  
 76. **Blenheim**.—William Grigg, Jacob Featherston, Frank Bateup.  
 77. **Hokitika**.—John F. Jack.  
 78. **Greymouth**.—J. Frederick Martin.  
 79. **Motueka**.—One wanted.  
 80. **Reefton**.—Henry Benny.  
 81. **Westport**.—William B. Pickering.  
     **HAVELOCK**.—A Home Missionary.  
     **MURCHISON**.—A Home Missionary.  
     **DENNISTON-GRANITY**.—A Home Missionary.  
     **WAKEFIELD-DOVEDALE**.—A Home Missionary.  
     **RUNANGA**.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GRIGG, Chairman of the District.

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VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

82. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—W. Arthur Hay, Eric W. Hames, M.A.; William Baumber, Christopher Abernethy, Thomas A. Joughin (Supernumeraries).  
     **CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE**.—Samuel Lawry.  
     **YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT**.—E. Percy Blamires, General Secretary.  
 83. **Christchurch** (East).—Ernest D. Patchett, Frederick T. Read, Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.; James Guy and James R. Clark (Super-numeraries).  
 84. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—John Harris; Charles E. Ward (Supernumerary).  
 85. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—T. Jackson Wallis; one wanted; William J. Williams, Thomas Fee (Supernumeraries).  
 86. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Percy R. Paris.  
 87. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Robert B. Tinsley.  
 88. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—Benjamin J. James.  
 89. **Christchurch** (St Albans).—Leslie B. Neale, Samuel J. Werren.  
 90. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Henry Ryan; Alfred Peters, Thomas N. Griffin (Supernumeraries).  
 91. **Lyttelton**.—Samuel Bailey.  
 92. **Springston**.—James W. Parker.

93. **Tai Tapu.**—William Laycock.  
 94. **Leeston.**—Archer O. Harris.  
 95. **Kaiapoi.**—W. Bramwell Scott.  
 96. **Ohoka.**—Francis T. Harris.  
 97. **Rangiora.**—Charles Blair; one wanted (Woodend).  
 98. **Greendale-Malvern.**—Oswald Burnet; a Home Missionary.  
     **HAWARDEN.**—A Home Missionary.  
     **OXFORD.**—A Home Missionary.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

99. **Timaru.**—Albert C. Lawry, Henry J. Odell, Albert Blakemore;  
     Charles H. Standage (Supernumerary).  
 100. **Waimate.**—Albert H. Fowles.  
 101. **Temuka.**—Raymond Richards.  
 102. **Geraldine.**—Harold A. Sharp.  
 103. **Ashburton.**—Thomas W. Vealie.  
 104. **Willowby.**—Walter J. Enticott.  
 105. **Oamaru.**—George F. Stockwell.  
     **METHVEN.**—A Home Missionary.  
     **MAYFIELD.**—A Home Missionary.

ALBERT C. LAWRY, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

106. **Dunedin (Trinity).**—Harold E. Bellhouse, Herbert L. Fiebig;  
     George Clement, Thomas W. Newbold, T. Arthur Pybus (Super-  
     numeraries).  
 107. **Dunedin (Central Mission).**—William Walker.  
 108. **Dunedin (Dundas Street).**—Ernest O. Blamires.  
 109. **Dunedin (Cargill Road).**—H. Leslie Richards, O. S. Pearn (St.  
     Clair).  
 110. **Dunedin (St. Kilda).**—Edwin S. Harkness; one wanted.  
 111. **Dunedin (Caversham).**—William Wills.  
 112. **Dunedin (Morningside).**—Robert Raine.  
 113. **Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill).**—Arthur Hopper; one wanted.  
 114. **Mosgiel.**—One wanted.  
 115. **Port Chalmers.**—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., F.R.E.S.  
 116. **Balclutha.**—William Gatman.  
 117. **Milton.**—Thomas Skuse.  
 118. **Roxburgh.**—Robert E. Fordyce.  
 119. **Invercargill (Central).**—Angus McBean; Maori Mission Travelling  
     Agent, vacant.  
 120. **Invercargill (St. Peter's).**—Jonathan H. Haslam.  
 121. **Bluff.**—Robert McGregor.  
 122. **Gore.**—William H. Hocking.

123. **Otautau.**—Herbert Ford.

EDENDALE.—A Home Missionary.

KAITANGATA.—A Home Missionary.

LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.

CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.

RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.

TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.

NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.

HAROLD E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman of the District.

## X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- (7)
- Roviana.**
- John Francis Goldie (Roviana); Tom Dent (Marovo); Allan H. Cropp, Hugh G. Brown (Bougainville); E. Oliver Haddon (Luaniua); a Maori Minister (Pelau); Joeli Soakai; Semesi Nau (Supernumerary), with permission to reside in Tonga. Two Lay Missionaries.

Sisters' Home.—Two Missionary Sisters; one Nursing Sister.

District Training Institution.—John F. Goldie, Principal; Headmaster.

Roviana Day School.—John F. Goldie.

Kokeqolo.—A Catechist.

Kia.—Joeli Soakai.

Saikili.—A Catechist.

Wana Wana.—A Catechist.

Kepi.—A Catechist.

Marovo.—Tom Dent; a Catechist.

Mono (Treasury Island).—A Catechist.

Fauro.—A Catechist.

Luaniua.—A Maori Minister.

Pelau.—A Maori Minister.

Kela.—A Catechist wanted.

Ramada.—A Catechist.

Ugeli.—A Catechist.

Sibo.—A Catechist.

Bougainville.—Allan H. Cropp; Hugh G. Brown.

Siwai.—A Catechist.

Tiop.—A Catechist.

Buka.—A Catechist.

- (8)
- Vella Lavella.**
- Arthur A. Bensley (Bilua).

Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister.

Circuit Training Institution.—Arthur A. Bensley.

Bilua Day School.—Arthur A. Bensley.

Elioteve.—A Catechist.

Naravai.—A Catechist wanted.

Sirubai.—A Catechist.

Java.—A Catechist wanted.

- Dovele.—A Catechist wanted  
 Mudi Mudi.—A Catechist.  
 Jurio.—A Catechist.  
 Sirulado.—A Catechist wanted  
 Ranoqa.—A Catechist.  
 Luqa.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Kidu.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Sabala.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Kuokota.—A Catechist wanted.
- (9) **Choiseul.**—Vincent Le C. Binet (Seqa); John R. Metcalfe (Bambatana).  
 Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister.  
 Circuit Training Institution.—Vincent le C. Binet.  
 Bambatana Day School.—John R. Metcalfe.  
 Lologai.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Malanaua.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Tepazaka.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Bira Bira.—A Catechist wanted  
 Sepa.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Seqa Day School.—Vincent le C. Binet; a Catechist.  
 Varisi.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Kuboro.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Taba Taba.—A Catechist.  
 Ririo.—A Catechist.  
 Jiku.—A Catechist wanted.

JOHN FRANCIS GOLDIE, Chairman of the District.

#### NOTES.

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

James Thomas (Supernumerary) has permission to reside in Victoria.

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

The following, once a member of this Conference, is attached to the New South Wales Conference for Foreign Mission work:—Arthur H. Scrivin.

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

#### HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1924.

##### Auckland District—

Auckland, Avondale (Henderson).—C. C. Hoskin.

Papakura (Manurewa).—One wanted.

Pukekohe (Bombay).—J. H. Edmondson.



**Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—**

- Gisborne (Te Hapara).—E. Puddle.  
 Palmerston North, Broad Street (Ashburst).—G. Hall.  
 Feilding (Halcombe).—A. E. Haynes.  
 Apiti.—C. Robinson.  
 Norsewood.—J. Boothroyd (Supply).  
 Wairoa.—One wanted.

**Wellington District—**

- Wellington South.—J. C. Draper.  
 Johnsonville (Porirua).—C. G. H. Bycroft.  
 Masterton (Kuripuni).—F. J. Handy.  
 Otaki (Paraparaumu).—A. L. Witheford.

**Nelson District—**

- Motueka.—W. E. Sleep.  
 Havelock.—R. T. H. Wearne.  
 Murchison.—R. T. Alexander.  
 Denniston-Granity.—H. Dyson.  
 Richmond (Wakefield).—F. T. Hoten.  
 Runanga.—One wanted.

**North Canterbury District—**

- Greendale-Malvern (Waddington).—J. Belshaw.  
 Hawarden.—F. J. Rickard.  
 Oxford.—T. W. Featherstone.  
 Rangiora (Woodend).—F. E. Foot.

**South Canterbury—**

- Methven (Rakaia).—E. R. Alexander.  
 Mayfield.—A. Beeson.

**Otago-Southland—**

- Roslyn (Maori Hill).—I. Sarginson (Supply).  
 Mosgiel.—T. F. Watson (Supply).  
 Edendale.—G. H. Bridgman.  
 Kaitangata.—C. G. Scrimgeour.  
 Lawrence.—H. Vowell.  
 Cromwell.—G. H. Marr.  
 Riverton.—H. E. Haynes.  
 Tuatapere.—One wanted.  
 Nightcaps.—G. F. O. Whittlestone.  
 St. Kilda (Peninsula).—H. S. Ratcliffe.  
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—C. Duncan.

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

**CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.**

Auckland—Percy N. Knight, B.A.  
 South Auckland—Arthur Ashcroft (President of Conference)  
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Thomas R. Richards.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—M. A. Rugby Pratt.  
 Wellington—William Greenslade.  
 Nelson—William Grigg.  
 North Canterbury—W. Arthur Hay.  
 South Canterbury—Albert C. Lawry.  
 Otago-Southland—Harold E. Bellhouse.  
 Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

**STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.**

Auckland—William A. Burley, M.A.  
 South Auckland—Frank E. Leadley.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Walter J. Oxbrow.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Percy J. Cossum.  
 Wellington—William Beckett.  
 Nelson—Jacob Featherstone.  
 North Canterbury—Ernest D. Patchett.  
 South Canterbury—Albert H. Fowles.  
 Otago-Southland—William Wills.  
 General Statistical Secretary for the Dominion—M. A. Rugby Pratt.

**SYNOD SECRETARIES.**

Auckland—William A. Burley, M.A.  
 South Auckland—Frank E. Leadley.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui—William W. Avery.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Percy J. Cossum.  
 Wellington—To be elected.  
 Nelson—To be elected.  
 North Canterbury—Ernest D. Patchett.  
 South Canterbury—George F. Stockwell.  
 Otago-Southland—To be elected.

**QUESTION XXX.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1925?**

President—Rev. Thomas R. Richards.  
 Secretary—Rev. Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

**QUESTION XXXa.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Centenary of New Zealand Methodism?**

(See Minutes Conf., 1921, pp. 145-153.)

**REPORT, 1923.**

**Thanksgiving Fund.**

In accordance with the resolution of last Conference the main campaign on behalf of the fund ceased at the end of May. The Organising Secretary, Rev. A. C. Lawry, made the final tour after Conference, visiting Auckland, Marton, Stratford and Wellington. Valuable service was also rendered by Revs. W. Laycock, C. Abernethy, A. N. Scotter, B.A., and W. S. Potter, to whom our thanks are due.

Since April 1st about £800 has been added to the Dominion total, which now stands at nearly £43,500, including the balance still aimed at by the S.S. and Y.P.'s Department to complete their £1000.

We desire to draw special attention to the fact that apart from the above balance over £10,000 has not yet been paid. About half of this sum is represented by large promises, payment of which is sure, but has been delayed by financial stringency. The other half is made up by comparatively small promises, from the majority of our Circuits. Many of these promises are two years old, and unless quickly collected are in danger of being overlooked. The Committee requests Conference to give especial attention to this matter, and to urge prompt and vigorous measures to secure full and final payment as quickly as possible.

While the Main Campaign is closed the Treasurers are still open to receive additional sums from any whose offerings have been unavoidably delayed, and who still desire to share in this historic Thank Offering.

**Historic Roll.**

This is in course of preparation by Rev. A. C. Lawry, the names of all subscribers that are available being enrolled without the amounts given.

**The Centenary Volume.**

A separate report is presented by the Publication Committee, but the Centenary Committee desires to draw attention to the fact that nearly 1000 volumes remain unsold. In view of this, and the large deficiency on the Book Account, we recommend Conference to reduce the price of the book, and to arrange for a commission on sales.

**Committee for 1924.**

The following are nominated:—The Chairman of the Auckland District, the Superintendent of Auckland East Circuit, Revs. C. H. Laws, D.D., S. Griffith, J. Olphert, and A. C. Lawry (corresponding member), Messrs. H. Field, G. Winstone, T. W. Jones; Rev. S. Griffith, convener.

**The Treasurers.**

The Committee recommends that the Treasurers, Rev. S. Griffith and Mr. H. Field, be cordially thanked for their faithful services, and recommended for reappointment.

(Signed) P. N. KNIGHT, Chairman.  
F. COPELAND, Convener.

The Report was received.

The Balance-sheet and the Allocation Account were received and adopted.

### Resolutions.

1. The Conference expressed its gratification that the sum of £43,500 had been subscribed to the Thanksgiving Fund. As two years have elapsed since the Centenary date, Conference urges Circuits and subscribers to make every effort to speedily complete the payment of all sums promised.
2. That the Committee be authorised to arrange, if necessary, for the Clerical Treasurer to visit Circuits to assist in securing the final payments.
3. That the final division of the fund be made at the Conference of 1925, and that the Committee then be disbanded, and that subscribers be requested to complete payments by December 31, 1924.
4. That in the scheme of allocation, the Maori Girls' School participate pro rata, with other funds, on a basis of £3000.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to all who have assisted in canvassing on behalf of the Fund, also to Messrs. J. Smith and W. S. Mackay, the Auditors of the Fund.
6. That the Committee be thanked for its services, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year, namely—The Chairman of the Auckland District, the Superintendent of the Auckland East Circuit, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., Rev. John Olphert, and Rev. S. Griffith (convener), Messrs. H. Field, T. W. Jones, J. Veale, and W. S. Mackay.
7. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Treasurers, Rev. S. Griffith and Mr. H. Field, and that they be re-appointed.
8. That while the main campaign for this Fund is closed, it may be made widely known that the Treasurers are authorised to receive further donations from those desiring to share in this historic thanksgiving, but whose gifts have been delayed. The co-operation of ministers and others in this connection will be much appreciated.

### Centenary Volume.

1. The Report of the Publication Committee was received and adopted.
2. That owing to the lapse of time since publication, and the difficulty of equitably allocating the amounts to be paid by the several guarantors, and the further difficulty of collecting the same, no call be made on the guarantors to meet the deficiency on the Book Account.
3. That the price of the book be reduced to three shillings and sixpence, and a commission of one shilling be allowed per volume.
4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Committee, and especially to Rev. William Baumber for his valuable services, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year—Revs. W. Arthur Hay, W. Baumber, J. Guy and E. D. Patchett (convener), Messrs. G. Bowron, J. C. Prudhoe and F. H. Christian.

**QUESTION XXXI.—What is the Report of the General Statistical Secretary?**

### REPORT, 1923.

The Conference of last year requested me to prepare for the several District Synods separate reports upon the position of our work within their respective bounds. The intention was to show, as I did last year for the ten Provincial Districts and for the fifteen Urban areas of the

Dominion, how the various Circuits appeared in the light of the State Census and of our own General Returns.

I accordingly made a close study of the number of persons, who, in the Census paper claimed to be Methodists, and who reside in the 129 Counties and 117 Boroughs into which the Dominion is divided. When, however, I came to compare the figures supplied by the 155 Circuits and Home Mission Stations, and to examine their circumstances, I found that their boundaries differed so vastly from those of the Counties and Boroughs that no comparison of any real value was possible. That fact I duly communicated to the Synods.

I have made an analysis of the schedules of statistics as presented to the recent Synods, and note that no statistics relating to our Maori work are supplied. As the organisation of the Native work is now so well advanced, I recommend that the Home Mission Department be asked to supply, through the General Superintendent, full returns of property held and other figures for the Maori stations, in harmony with those furnished by the European Circuits.

### The Youth Department.

The Rev. E. P. Blamires has again courteously supplied me with the returns from the various Synod Districts relating to the work amongst the youth of the Church. No figures for the individual Circuits are supplied to me, and having only District totals, I cannot trace to the Circuits concerned, the responsibility for losses or gains. For the purposes of more efficient review I recommend that Conference ask each District Sunday School Secretary to send me immediately after Synod, a copy of the detailed schedule of youth returns.

The returns available show an increase of 101 Teachers for the year. Most teachers are church members, but North Canterbury District supplied no figures under this head.

Scholars who are Junior Church Members have increased by 201, despite the fact that 268 fewer scholars than in the previous year sought enrolment. From the General Returns, however, it is clear that the year brings a net gain of 292 Junior Members.

The Junior Boys' Bible Classes show the substantial gain of 137, and the Young Men's Classes an increase of 67 members. A gratifying increase of 275 members is reported by the Junior Girls' Bible Classes, but once again the Young Women's Bible Classes report a loss, the decrease this year being 22. That fact is symptomatic of the world-wide change of the attitude of young womanhood to the things for which the Church stands, and it emphasises the great need for and the difficulty of doing work for the young women of the Church. Our ground of hope is the growth of the Junior Girls' Bible Classes.

Several Districts report the formation of additional schools, but as decreases are reported from South Auckland (4), Wellington (1), and Nelson District (2), the net result is a decrease of two schools.

The most arresting feature of all our returns, however, is that, for Children's Year, despite all our efforts, and the growing efficiency of the Youth Department, our enrolment of scholars is 1625 less than a year ago, and the average attendance of those who are enrolled is 1356 less than it then was. Only two Districts report increases, namely Auckland (290), and Wellington (59). Decreases are shown by South Auckland (443), Taranaki-Wanganui (471), Hawke's Bay-Manawatu (132), Nelson (80), North Canterbury (88), South Canterbury (277), and Otago-Southland (483).

Our total enrolment of Senior and Junior Bible Class members is 5,946; the aggregate of Sunday scholars is 28,838, whilst the Cradle Roll accounts for 4,018 little ones. As the constituency touched by our Youth Department is virtually composed of those under 25 years of age, and as the Dominion includes 56,126 nominal Methodists in that category, it will be seen where we stand and how challenging is the task confronting us to-day.

The following table is worthy of study as showing the age-grouping of young Methodists:—

Under 5 years	...	...	11,754
5 and under 10	...	...	12,615
10 and under 15	...	...	12,074
15 and under 20	...	...	10,813
20 years old	...	...	1,878
21 and under 25	...	...	6,992
Total			56,126

Only approximate figures of school attendances are available for other churches, but these suggest that after all we do touch a bigger proportion of our young people than other churches do of theirs. That fact in no way lessens the greatness and importance of our own problem.

### Property.

Once again I urge greater care in the preparation of property returns. In 1921 four stations reported a decrease of 8 churches, and in 1922 three places each reported a reduction of one church. This year Feilding, Pahiatua, Granity, Thorndon and Wellington South Circuits each return one church less than last year. Thus, despite all new erections, we to-day return 435 churches as against 438 three years ago, and 449 five years ago. These figures do not include Maori church buildings, of which no return is supplied. The number of schoolrooms reported is 169, an increase of 6, despite the disappearance of one in Napier Circuit. Hutt and Greymouth Circuits each report one parsonage less than last year.

### Preaching Places and Preachers.

In addition to the 435 church buildings we report this year 437 other preaching places, an increase of 7 over last year, despite a reduction of 2 preaching centres in Taranaki-Wanganui and 1 in South Canterbury. Still, excluding the Maori Mission, we have 11 fewer preaching places than we had five years ago, and 36 fewer than ten years ago. This infringement of John Wesley's injunction to "open new preaching places and to try again places which have not been recently visited" may be due to the fact that to-day we have a staff of only 757 local preachers as against 855 ten years ago, and 841 five years since. The number of local preachers shows a steady decline, and that fact reflects itself not only in the contraction of our borders but in the shortage of candidates for our ministry. This year the number of ministers is 2 less than last year, but there is an increase of 5 Home Missionaries. A forward movement is essential, and one definite objective should be the enlistment of capable young men as local preachers. A co-operative effort of ministers and Bible Class Unions might do much to improve this position.

### Membership and Communicants.

The enrolment of church members this year stands at 23,491, an increase of 40. No District shows any marked change. Five years ago our European membership totalled 23,288, and ten years ago it stood at 21,751. We are slowly moving forward.

Junior members show an increase of 292, and now total 6764. Five years ago the figure was 6524, and ten years ago 3863. That growth is a healthy sign.

Communicants are returned at 16,488, a figure that remains fairly constant year by year. Efforts should be made to encourage a larger participation of our church members in the Holy Communion service.

### Church Attendance.

The number of attendants on public worship is given as 73,239, an increase of 34 upon last year. The method of ascertaining the number of attendants is quite arbitrary, but I am convinced it affords fairly reliable information. The Convener of the Welfare of the Church Committee has supplied me with a copy of that Committee's recommendations for a change of statistical method. I am, however, satisfied that the reasons adduced for a change do not take account of all the factors required by sound statistical science. That issue can be discussed by the Conference.

### Our Relative Position.

When viewing the interests of God's Kingdom it has never been a habit of Methodists to narrow their horizon, and here it may be well to survey our position in relation to the other great Christian Churches of New Zealand. It is noteworthy that of the total of those who, in the Census of 1921 specified their religion 92.5 per cent. claimed attachment to the Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches, in that order. The remaining small percentage is distributed chiefly amongst Baptists, Salvationists, Brethren, Church of Christ, Congregationalists, Lutherans, and Adventists, in the order given. Non-Christian faiths, such as Jewish, Confucian, Mohammedan and Theosophist exist in still smaller numbers. No fewer than 38,591 people objected to state their religious faith, but it is worthy of note that those professing to be Freethinkers have, since the previous Census, decreased by 3240, a percentage decrease of 72.83 for the last five years, and of 12 per cent. for the previous 30 years. Only 726 persons profess agnosticism, whilst 1510 wear the label of "Spiritualist."

The table given below will indicate the relative standing of the four large Christian Churches. The figures showing the numerical and percentage increases since the previous Census in October, 1916, indicate that we are not increasing as rapidly as the other large churches, or in the same ratio as the population of the Dominion. The general rate of increase of the Christian Churches as a whole for the period 1916-1921 was 10.91 per cent. Our increase was 5.96. These percentages, however, show an even better result than is actually the case, for they include the returned members of the Expeditionary Forces, who had left New Zealand before the previous Census of 1916.

A generation ago Methodism was increasing at a more rapid rate than the general population, but the steady decline in recent years, falling in the last quinquennium to 5.96 per cent. reduces our average intercensal increase for the last thirty years to 10.07 as against a general increase of population of 11.74 per cent. Of late we have lamentably failed to sustain even our own normal rate of growth.

	Methodist	Roman Catholic	Presbyterian	Anglican
Number of Adherents ... ..	112,344	164,133	299,545	514,607
Percentage of Total ... ..	9.53%	13.93%	25.42%	43.66%
Quinquennial Increase (numerical)	6,320	12,527	38,876	55,584
Quinquennial Increase (percentage)	5.96%	8.26%	14.91%	12.11%
Average Quinquennial Increase				
1891-1921 ... ..	10.07%	11.13%	13.34%	12.73%

### Interesting Features.

A few comments will make clear the tabular statement given below, wherein I have grouped, for ready comparison, certain figures that throw interesting light upon our position. It will be seen that in the geographical distribution of Methodists we stand in substantially the same relation as does the general population. Three per cent. more than our due proportion resides in the Urban areas, and three per cent. less than our rightful quota is in the Rural area. The Anglicans hold a perfectly normal proportion in both town and country, but the Presbyterians have 6 per cent. less than their true proportion in the towns and a like excess in country districts.

An analysis of the sex proportions of the various churches is suggestive. As nearly as possible there are in the Dominion 51 males for every 49 females. All the smaller churches show a marked preponderance of female adherents. In the four larger churches the disparity of sex ratio is less marked, but we have 2.52 per cent. less than our rightful share of males and more than our due proportion of females.

So far as the age-constitution of the Church is concerned it will be seen that the average age of Methodists in the Dominion, namely 28.27 years, is slightly less than the average age of the people as a whole.

Taking the number of Ministers registered under the Marriage Act as a basis, and remembering that, in this connection, Home Missionaries are included, it appears that of the four largest churches our own has the distinction of having the largest proportion of ministers to people. In the light of that fact our relatively smaller rate of progress should occasion us the gravest concern.

	Whole Popu'n	Metho-dist	Roman Catholic	Presby-terian	Angli-can
Adherents North Island	60.81	62.0	61.4	48.2	66.5
Adherents South Island	39.19	38.0	38.6	51.8	33.5
Adherents Urban Areas	56.0	59.0	57.0	50.0	56.0
Adherents Rural Areas	44.0	41.0	43.0	50.0	44.0
Male Adherents ...	51.13	48.61	50.45	51.11	51.01
Female Adherents ...	48.87	51.39	49.55	48.89	48.99
Average Age (years) ...	28.53	28.27	27.61	28.66	28.43
Number of Ministers ...		244	273	377	440
Adherents per Minister		460	601	795	1170

## Occupational Status.

The Government Statistician has remarked upon the noticeable relevancy between the religious and the industrial distribution of the people, and the percentages given below, showing the occupational status of males only, will prove of interest. It will be seen that amongst Methodists the proportion of employers of labour is greater than among the general population, as is also the number of Methodists working on their own account, a position that is reversed in the case of the Roman Catholic Church. On the other hand the ratio of Methodists who are working for wages is far less than the general proportion for the Dominion. That circumstance is full of suggestiveness. Of unemployed wage-earners fewer than the normal ratio claim Methodist attachment.

The percentage of males in the four groups—Professional, Commercial, Industrial and Primary Producers—will repay study.

As bearing upon the moral welfare of the land particulars are given of the number of persons engaged in producing alcoholic liquor, in staffing licensed hotels, and in running the alleged "sport" of racing. The contribution of the four leading denominations to the population of the gaols and industrial schools is also shown.

Status	Whole Popu'n	Metho-dist	Roman Catholic	Presby-terian	Angli-can
<b>PERCENTAGES—</b>					
Employers of Labour ...	7.64	8.01	5.62	8.90	7.41
Working on Own Account	10.30	10.37	9.10	10.49	10.13
Relative Assisting without wages ...	1.09	1.23	1.15	1.26	0.99
Working for Wages ...	43.21	40.53	44.12	41.77	43.76
Wage-workers Unemployed	1.78	1.57	2.12	1.54	1.76
<b>NUMBERS ENGAGED—</b>					
Malting, Brewing & Bottling (Males) ...	1152	45	207	212	570
Licensed Hotels (Males)	3944	74	1090	539	1759
Licensed Hotels (Females)	4107	118	1527	633	1634
Racing ...	1397	22	318	221	762
Inmates of Gaols and Industrial Schools—Males	1080	34	315	171	513
Females	309	4	192	24	63

There is in our church life something to cheer us and more to challenge us. To meet the challenge one of our chief needs is a revival of holy enthusiasm. Methodism loses its true glory when it loses its enthusiasm. So many are self-satisfied and unconcerned and faint-hearted. Lacking a burning zeal for God and His Kingdom they are mere "cinder heaps of burnt-out enthusiasm." Causes are not won without zeal. We need an enthusiasm that will shame us out of critical aloofness, and niggardly giving and half-hearted service. The catching fire of the spirit of man comes along the line of personal faith in the Spirit of God. That faith will fan from the grey ashes of cold service a fire of glowing, ardent devotion in the warmth of which mighty deeds will be done.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,  
General Statistical Secretary.

Palmerston North,  
19th January, 1924.

The Report was received.

The Statistical Tables in Appendix Nos. 1 and 3, Maori Mission Returns furnished by the Rev. A. J. Seamer, and Report on Statistics (Appendix, page 65) contained in the Welfare of the Church Committee's Report, were received.

That the General Returns of Maori Missions be supplied to the General Statistical Secretary each year through the General Superintendent.

It was resolved that the report on statistics embodied in the Welfare of the Church Committee's Report with its recommendation for a revision of the method of compiling our statistics be not agreed to.

That the District Returns of Sunday Schools and Young People's Work be supplied to the General Statistical Secretary immediately after Synod by the District Statistical Secretaries.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for his work as General Statistical Secretary, and that he be re-appointed.

#### **QUESTION XXXIa.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Welfare of the Church?**

(For Statistical Returns, see Appendix)

#### **WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE. REPORT FOR 1923.**

The Committee has met again since the Synods were held, and carefully considered the various recommendations remitted to it.

##### **Church Calendar.**

In accordance with the resolution of the last Conference the Committee prepared a Church Calendar during the year, a copy of which was sent to the Church Literature Committee with a recommendation that it be published as soon as possible. The design of the Calendar, however, did not command the general approval of that Committee, and a small sub-committee was appointed to confer with the Church Welfare Committee with a view to designing a Calendar which would be more widely acceptable. A communication has been received from this Sub-Committee and the suggestions contained therein will receive the attention of the Church Welfare Committee during the coming year.

##### **Caucus Meetings.**

The Committee, moved by the various letters which have appeared in the Connexional paper, and by the unmistakable interest which has been aroused in the matter of caucus meetings, gave considerable thought to this subject. Our finding, after a lengthy discussion, was to the effect that, while not disposed to regard this growing practise in our Church as a thing wholly evil in itself, and while recognising that on occasions it may be a useful instrument of service to the cause of Christ, this Committee nevertheless is persuaded, that there is urgent need for some Conferential guidance as to when, and under what conditions, such meetings may be held. Evidence is not wanting that caucus meetings may become an instrument of unrighteousness unless controlled by some authoritative regulations.

As the framing of such regulations requires careful thought, we recommend that Conference appoint a special committee to go into the whole subject, and report to the Synods of 1924.

### Suburban Settlements.

The Committee was impressed too by the challenge being made to the resources of our Church to establish herself in those rapidly developing settlements, which are springing up contiguously to our city centres and the more progressive provincial towns. It was felt that in these localities there are rare opportunities for spiritual service, and that if the best interests of our Church in this Dominion are to be conserved these opportunities should be seized at once. It is too much, however, to ask the adjacent Circuits to undertake this work. Their resources are usually utterly inadequate to grapple with the situation in such a manner as the occasion demands. When left to them, the approach is usually made in a small and unpretentious fashion, whereas the success of the venture very largely depends upon a bold and confident entrance, sustained by a trained ministerial appointment. In our judgment therefore, there is need for some kind of Connexional policy which will ensure the most intimate co-operation, and co-ordination of the Home Mission Department and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee. We are impressed with the urgency of this matter, and recommend Conference to take steps to meet the situation.

### The Ministry of Teaching.

A fourth matter that engaged the attention of the Committee had to do with the tuitional aspect of our ministerial work. It was felt that a paramount need of the present day is to acquaint our people with the accepted findings of Biblical Research, and to unfold to them in clear and concise terms that statement of our faith which is accepted by those Christian thinkers whose interpretations are more in harmony with the modern outlook upon life, and with the acknowledged findings of science.

That such tuition work involves difficulties is unquestionably true, but to ignore it on that account not only savours of a want of courage, but is fraught with peril to our Church. We are of opinion that missions of instruction and inspiration should be held in as many of our Circuits as possible during the year, and that wherever they can be arranged, lectures should be given specially designed to meet the needs of Lay Preachers, Sunday School Teachers, and all those engaged in instructional work in our churches.

We desire to draw the attention of Conference to the desirability of there being in every Methodist pulpit a copy of the Revised Version of the Bible.

### Visitation of Circuits.

In the opinion of this Committee the time has arrived when in order to promote a more efficient working of our Church, Chairmen of Districts should be empowered to appoint suitable commissions to visit the various Circuits and H.M. Stations in the District to confer with the Ministers and Home Missionaries and members of the Quarterly Meetings as to the condition of affairs connected with the various departments of the Circuit or Home Mission Station visited, and the best means to be adopted to secure better and more successful results.

An important duty of such commission shall be to hold inspirational meetings for the members and adherents of the Church, at which addresses of a stimulating and encouraging character shall be delivered.

The commission shall submit a report of its finding to the Chairman of the District, who shall furnish a copy to the Quarterly Meeting concerned.

We further recommend that at each annual Synod, the Chairman, in reviewing the work of the year, shall make special mention of the work of the commission.

#### Statistical Returns.

Several of the Synods sent on a recommendation that in each District there shall be only one Statistical Secretary. The Welfare of the Church Committee favours this and urges Conference to endorse it.

We also recommend that on the Circuit Returns Schedule, provision be made for entering thereon the number of Wesley Guilds in the Circuit. This would bring the Schedule in line with that supplied for Sunday School Returns.

Also a column needs to be added to the Sunday School Returns Sheet wherein may be entered the number of Junior Church Members in our Junior Bible Classes. Junior Bible Class members are not necessarily Junior Church Members.

#### F.M. Deputation Expenses.

We recommend that the expenses incurred for local F.M. deputation work be met in the same way as those incurred for similar work on behalf of Home Missions, viz., by arrangement with the Executive Committee through the Chairman of District.

#### Committee for 1924.

We recommend that the Committee for 1924 be as follows:—The Superintendent Ministers of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, with Messrs. E. Rosevear, R. N. Vanes, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., D. C. Cameron, R. Moffatt, W. King, W. M. Roberts, J. B. Shacklock, W. H. Johnston, J. H. Brown, T. W. Hemer, P. Nixon, C. J. Lowry, and J. M. Benton; the Rev. H. L. Richards to be convener.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

H. L. RICHARDS, Secretary.

The above Report was received.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That paragraph I, re Church Calendar, be endorsed.
2. That the matter of "Caucus Meetings" be referred to a committee, which shall consider the whole matter during the year, and report to the Synods and Conference.
3. **Caucus Meetings Committee**—That the following be the Committee:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Revs. S. Lawry, W. Arthur Hay, E. D. Patchett, P. R. Paris, H. Ryan, R. B. Tinsley; and Messrs. F. Thompson (Vice-President of the Conference), J. H. Blackwell, W. Simpson, J. C. Prudhoe, W. Dobbs, W. H. Seed, A. G. Williams; together with the following corresponding members: The Chairmen of the various Districts, Dr. C. H. Laws, and the convener of the Church Welfare Committee. Convener of the Committee, Rev. H. Ryan.
4. **Suburban Settlements.**—That paragraph 3 be adopted, with the addition of a direction that the Home Mission Department and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee confer with a view to evolving some kind of a policy whereby the designs of the above paragraph may be given effect to.

5. That the paragraph dealing with "The Ministry of Teaching" be not endorsed. That the following be substituted:—We are of opinion that Missions of Inspiration and Appeal open to all should be held during the year in as many centres as possible with the special needs in view of Preachers (ministerial and lay), Sunday School Teachers and Bible Class Leaders. It is considered necessary at each Mission to give instruction of the generally accepted findings of Biblical research. Nevertheless, the dominant feature should be positive, constructive and warm-hearted evangelism, and emphasis upon religion as personal experience, fundamentals which are unaffected by literary or scriptural investigation.
6. That the Committee for 1924 be as per Report.
7. That Conference affirms the desirability of there being, in every Methodist pulpit, a copy of the Revised Version of the Bible.
8. **Presbyterian Church re Gipsy Smith.**—That the Conference approve of the suggestion, conveyed by letter from the Presbyterian Church, that we co-operate in extending an invitation to Gipsy Smith, provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made for him, to conduct a Mission in New Zealand, and that the matter be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee.
9. That the Revs. Dr. Ranston and W. A. Sinclair prepare a letter to be read to all our congregations embodying the decisions of the Conference at the Conversation on the Work of God.
10. That in continuance of the Centenary Commemoration and in accordance with the original proposals, the year 1925 be observed as a year of organised evangelistic effort in every Circuit and Home Mission Station.
11. That next year, 1924, be observed as a year of special spiritual preparation for this evangelistic campaign.
12. That the March Quarterly Meetings and Leaders' Meetings be instructed to consider carefully, ways in which meetings for prayer and fellowship may be strengthened. In Circuits where a Minister is removing it is recommended that a special Quarterly Meeting be held as soon as possible after the arrival of the new Minister.
13. That Ministers be instructed to make earnest efforts to form circles or groups of members for purpose of fellowship, and that Dr. Ranston's "Studies in Fellowship" be recommended as a leaflet suitable for use in such Fellowship Circles.
14. That the Home Mission Executive be instructed to consider all arrangements in connection with this Evangelistic Campaign, and present a report to the Synods of 1924 and to the Conference of 1925: that in considering these arrangements, the methods now being adopted in England by the Wesleyan and other Methodist Churches be carefully studied by the Home Mission Executive.
15. **Theological Summer Schools.**—That an endeavour be made to establish Theological Summer Schools in all the larger centres, and if practicable in the larger Provincial towns.
16. **Visitation of Circuits.**—That the policy re "Visitation of Circuits" be referred back to the Committee for report to the next Synods.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.  
REPORT FOR CONFERENCE, 1924.**

**I. CHILDREN'S YEAR.**

The chief feature of the year has been "Children's Year" Propaganda. In every district, some part of the programme has been translated into deeds.

The Sunday School Recruiting Scheme initiated by our Department, was adopted by the Presbyterian and other churches, so that in many areas a co-operative campaign resulted.

In a score of our Circuits more than a thousand new scholars were recruited. It is regrettable that this gain is more than counterbalanced by the losses from a large number of schools.

The demand for more teachers has been accentuated, and the Bible Classes are our chief source of recruiting.

There is considerable revival in S.S. building schemes, in connection with which our counsel has been sought. In places where one building only is erected for all church purposes, there is more regard now paid to Sunday School requirements.

We have had abundant evidence that our Children's Year pamphlets and literature have been appreciated in a practical way. In some schools the material equipment has been improved, others have increased the average attendance, improved the discipline, or directed the evangelistic purpose more in harmony with the nature and development of young life.

The church membership relations of our children and young people is a vital question, and while 20,000 of our scholars remain unenrolled, we have white fields waiting for the harvesters. In this connection we are glad to report that the value of the Sunday School Communion Service, and the public service for reception of new church members is becoming more widely recognised.

On July 1st we opened a Correspondence Sunday School. This is designed to reach children who are living in remote places. Sister Mabel Morley is the Superintendent, and there is a small staff of teachers, but more are needed. The initial correspondence has confirmed our impression of the great need for this work, and though we have begun in a small way there is promise of considerable development.

The League of Young Methodists is gaining in popularity, and is climbing near to its goal of 5000 membership.

**2. THE SECRETARY'S ITINERARY.**

The General Secretary has visited Circuits and Home Mission Stations in almost every district, giving counsel on local problems, and linking up local efforts with the Dominion policy.

Conferences held with S.S. teachers and all interested in Young People's work have proved their value. Our Church has an army of workers occupying a vital position in making the Church of the future. They are bravely toiling on, but often baffled by pressing problems, discouraged by comparative failure, and dismayed at the tragic outward drift of young life. To answer their questions, give direction to their effort, put hope into their hearts, and leave them with the conviction that their work is supremely worth while, is a work urgently needed everywhere, and it is a privilege to carry the message of the Church to them.

We appreciate most sincerely the co-operation of ministers and others who have prepared for the Secretary's visit, for we cannot recall an instance this year of any neglect in this matter.

During recent months it has been gratifying to find certain schools enquiring concerning Standards of Efficiency, with evident earnest desire to effect improvements and strengthen weak parts. This stirring of ambition is a movement full of promise.

Dunedin has provided the best systematic help to S.S. teachers this year, through Miss Warner's Training School. Some 200 teachers of all denominations joined, and the General Secretary's visit to Dunedin was timely for helping to bring more Methodist teachers into touch with the classes. It is part of our purpose for 1924 to organise Teacher Training Classes in several city and provincial centres.

In the matter of organisation we record the appointment this year of Circuit Young People's Secretaries, elected by 70 Quarterly Meetings.

### 3. BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

The Young Men's and Young Women's B.C. Movements are consolidating their work.

We briefly note as a Department the encouraging fact that, pursuing the new district camps policy some 14 camps were held last Easter, mustering a total of 1400 young people, easily a record for any one Church in any one year in this Dominion. Miss Lynn's work is increasingly effective as Travelling Secretary among the young women; and the young men, having the first year's finance in hand in advance, have appointed Mr. G. Cyril Burton as their field officer. He is eminently qualified for the position. This is in harmony with our cherished policy for Team Work in the Department, as already endorsed by Conference. The Department cannot regard the policy as complete until a special Sunday School agent is also assisting. The policy is one of close co-ordination, and the self-government granted by the Church to the B.C. Movement has its counterpart in the whole-souled loyalty of the Movement to the Church.

The tragic loss by the Church in the past of two-thirds of her youth in the early teen years was ample challenge to the Church to establish a Special Department to grapple with the problem. Some progress is being made. The growth of Junior Bible Classes continues, and we now draw attention to another development in Intermediate Classes, which are springing up in many places. As the Church learns to conserve its young life in the adolescent years we may anticipate that the Bible Class membership will be as large as that of the main school of to-day. "The Church will be invincible when she learns how to enrol and discipline the armies of her youth."

### 4. FINANCE.

The Dr. Balance a year ago was £258. We received £150 from Contingent Fund, reducing this to £108 19s. 3d. On ordinary current account we have gone back during 1923 £112, add to this interest £18, and special Children's Year expenditure £50, the debit on the year then stands at £180 11s. 11d.

The total accumulated debt now stands at £289 11s. 2d. Circuit organisation is improving. The income from Circuits has risen during the year from £334 (1922) to £510 (1923).

The estimated expenditure for 1924 is £724. The Board asks for assistance from Connexional Funds.

## 5. STATISTICS.

The principal increases reported are:—Teachers 101, Bible Class Members 457, Scouts 243, Schools using Australasian Graded Lessons 42.

Among the decreases are:—Scholars 1215, Band of Hope Members 893. Although our Junior Bible Classes are conserving a goodly number of our youth, our schools report 390 scholars of 13 to 15 years of age as having “ceased to attend.”

The Conference Statistical Secretary comments upon our statistics in his report.

We regret that some errors and omissions affect District and Dominion totals and make comparisons from year to year somewhat unreliable. Early in this year the Department will be investigating every local schedule, and will issue reports based thereon to the Circuits.

## 6. MISCELLANEOUS.

We appointed a committee during the year to investigate the possibilities of the Cinema being introduced into our Sunday School Halls. We cannot see our way to take action at present, but we possess information that will guide us if at any future time it should be deemed wise to proceed.

The movement for co-operation with other churches in the proposed National Council of Religious Education has been unavoidably retarded.

We have observed the action of the London County Council renewing permission to use the public parks for Sunday Games, and our vigilance will lead to action in New Zealand if occasion should arise.

Our General Secretary represents us on a new committee formed by the New Zealand Alliance to advance Temperance education and training among the young.

As we review the past and contemplate the potentialities of our work for the future, the conviction deepens that all the Church's problems must find their most direct solution in an adequate, consistent and sustained policy of young people's work.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

E. P. BLAMIRE, General Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. The Conference reviewing Children's Year with its gains and its losses, is impressed with the gravity of the present day youth problem. The lesson of Children's Year is that we can afford no lethargy in the face of the opposing forces of to-day, that we must expect to lose ground where we have not an adequate and sustained policy of Young People's work, but that encouraging advance can be, and is being, made where there is a set purpose and a well-directed policy.
3. That the Department be known simply as “The Young People's Department.”
4. That the programme of Children's Year be followed up and incorporated in the permanent policy of our schools in respect to (a) Recruiting, (b) Standards of Efficiency, (c) Evangelism and Church Membership, and (d) Shepherding and guiding Young People's Societies.
5. That Decision Day be known as Declaration Day.

6. That we recommend that an Annual Meeting be held in each church in the interests of S.S. and Y.P.'s work, both local and Connexional.
7. That the commission on sales of S.S. Hymnals, hitherto received by the Church Building and Loan Fund, be credited to the Young People's Department.
8. That Teachers' Meetings be urged to establish a Teachers' Library in connection with each school.
9. That Conference places on record its appreciation of the splendid foundation work that is being done by the Young People's Department and of the valuable service that is being rendered to the Church by the labours of the General Secretary, Rev. E. P. Blamires. Conference declares that the office of General Secretary is necessary to the Church's effective work among its young people, and should be heartily and enthusiastically supported.
10. That Conference heartily congratulate the Y.M.B.C. Movement upon the appointment of Mr. J. Cyril Burton as Travelling Organiser, and commends its foresight in the financial arrangements made.
11. That Conference reaffirms its confidence in the work of the Young Women's B.C. Movement, and their Travelling Secretary, Miss Delight Lynn, B.A.
12. That Conference notes with hearty approval the District Camps policy of the Bible Class Movement, the growing interest of senior members in forming and fostering junior and intermediate Bible Classes, and the emphasis upon service which is leading many to accept duty in the Church and Sunday School.
13. That the Conference commends to the consideration of the Young Men's Bible Classes the need that exists almost everywhere for still further recruiting the ranks of Local Preachers.
14. That Conference appreciates the work of Sister Mabel Morley and the teachers of the Correspondence Sunday School, which was opened during the year, in the interests of children living in remote places.
15. That Conference again urges the necessity of, (a) Yearly preparation classes for Church membership; (b) The co-operation of ministers and Bible Classes in this important work.
16. That schools be recommended to register the Church membership relations of scholars.
17. That the Young People's Board be requested to consider, during the year, the basis of the compilation of infant membership.
18. That Conference expresses its pleasure with the action of the N.Z. Alliance in setting up a Young People's Department of the Alliance with representation of the churches thereon. Our Sunday Schools and Bible Classes are recommended to consider and act upon the new policy.
19. That the following be appointed S.S. representatives to Synods as per Section VI. of S. S. Organisation:—Auckland, T. H. Martyn; South Auckland, J. Treloar; Taranaki-Wanganui, J. T. Griffin; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, G. H. Stiles; Wellington, C. R. Edmond; Nelson, S. Collier; North Canterbury, W. A. Bascand; South Canterbury, C. J. Vogeler; Otago-Southland, A. H. Reed. That in the event of the Synod Representatives for Sunday Schools approved by the 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.

### District Committees

That the following be the District Committees for 1924:—

- Auckland.**—Revs. P. N. Knight, B.A., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., C. H. Olds, B.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., J. Richards, J. A. Hosking, W. G. Slade, M.A., A. Liversedge, E. Drake, G. E. Brown, Miss Winstone, Messrs. T. Clarke, T. H. Martyn, A. Beer, J. L. Bycroft, H. Scott, F. Keesing, A. D. Whitehead, W. Sussex, J. W. Court and S. E. Chappell. Convener, Rev. G. E. Brown.
- South Auckland.**—The Ministers of Hamilton, Cambridge and Morrinsville Circuits, together with the Superintendents of the Main Sunday Schools in those Circuits. Convener, Rev. F. Greenwood.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.**—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Palmerston North Circuits; Messrs. H. N. Vivian, G. H. Bennett, Gordon Bennett, and G. H. Stiles. Convener, Mr. G. H. Stiles.
- Taranaki-Wanganui.**—The Ministers of Hawera, Kaponga, Inglewood, Stratford, Eltham and Marton Circuits; and Messrs. J. W. Boon, H. J. Hopkins, E. Dixon, J. T. Griffin, E. G. Foster, and Mrs. Williams. Convener, Rev. G. P. Hunt.
- Wellington.**—The Ministers of the Wellington City Circuits; Messrs. H. P. Mourant, W. M. King, J. Cable, E. C. Gamble, T. J. Phillips, W. B. Strong, A. E. Waite, E. Wallwork, E. Fairbain, and J. W. Buchanan. Convener, J. W. Buchanan.
- Nelson.**—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Nelson and Richmond Circuits. Convener, S. Collier.
- North Canterbury.**—The Chairman of the District, Revs. S. Bailey, W. B. Scott, H. Ryan, S. J. Werren; with the Executive of the North Canterbury Methodist Sunday School Union. Convener, W. A. Bascand.
- South Canterbury.**—The Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of Timaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits; with Messrs. C. G. Vogeler and E. O. G. Holdgate. Convener, C. G. Vogeler.
- Otago.**—The Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of Dunedin City Circuits, with Messrs. J. Davidson, D. C. Cameron, Jun., R. Moffatt, H. Austin, H. M. Wilkinson, A. McIndoe, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., T. W. Hemer. Convener, T. W. Hemer.
- Southland (Sub-Committee).**—The Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of the Invercargill Circuits; with Messrs. S. Stephens, L. James, Mesdames Brown and Pasley, Misses B. Cheyne and G. James. Convener, Rev. A. McBean.

#### Nota Bene.—

1. In each case the Chairman of the District shall be ex officio a member of the Committee.
2. The Young Men's and Young Women's B.C. Unions in each District have power each to elect two representatives to act on the District Committee.
3. The Sunday School District representative to Synod is ex officio a member of the District Committee.

**Board for 1924.**

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Y.P. Board for their services during the year, and that the following be appointed members of the Board for 1924:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. T. A. Joughin, E. D. Patchett, P. R. Paris, R. B. Tinsley, S. Lawry, B. J. James, L. B. Neale; and Messrs. M. Kershaw, A. E. Lawry, W. C. Francis, C. H. Virtue, J. H. White, A. Williams, F. Thompson, J. H. Jones, H. Chapman, E. M. Cowey, G. Cyril Burton, Miss Delight Lynn, B.A., and Sister Mabel Morley. Convener, Rev. E. P. Blamires.

N.B.—In addition the Young Men's and Young Women's B.C. Unions shall elect two representatives to act on the Board.

**Finance.**

1. That the Balance-sheet be adopted.
2. That a grant of £150 be made from the Contingent Fund towards paying off the debit balance.
3. That the Conference recommends to the favourable consideration of the Fire Insurance Board a grant of £100 towards the same object.
4. That the income required for 1924 be apportioned to Circuits pro rata on the basis of membership.
5. That financial responsibility in each Circuit be located in the Quarterly Meeting, but every Circuit should secure the co-operation of its Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

**QUESTION XXXIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to Temperance and Public Morals?**

**TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE REPORT, 1923.**

The Committee has met during the year as occasion required, and has endeavoured to deal faithfully with the various matters committed to its charge.

At the beginning of the connexional year the Rev. E. Drake was elected Chairman, and the convener, Dr. J. T. Pinfold, being on a visit to England, Rev. S. J. Werren was appointed acting-convener.

During the year the Committee has looked into the question of what can be done to stem the sale and circulation of immoral and pernicious literature which is being so widely read to-day to the social and moral detriment of the community.

The Minister of Internal Affairs was interviewed with regard to the provisions made for the banning and censorship of such literature. We are glad to report that the Minister has announced a proposal, appointing what amounts to a Censorship Board of Appeal.

Under the provisions of this Board, persons indenting publications detained by the Customs or the Post Office, as suspected of containing immoral or seditious literature shall be entitled to appeal to this Board for its decision, which shall be accepted as final by the Government, except in so far as any decision turns on purely legal consideration.

The Board will also be available to deal with complaints against books which have not been opened by the Customs or the Post Office, but which in the opinion of some section of the community should have been stopped.

This we feel to be a very material advance upon the erstwhile machinery of censorship.

A special meeting of the Committee was summoned to take action against the proposal of the Liquor Party to replace the State Purchase and Control Issue at present on the Ballot Paper, by the "Corporate Control" Issue; also to emphatically protest on behalf of our Church against any move to introduce License into the King Country.

The demoralising nature of some of the Picture Films still screened in our midst led to the setting up of a Committee to watch closely the nature of the films screened. The Committee has also done its best to thwart the insidious efforts that continue to be made to secularise the Lord's Day, and to educate public opinion upon the wisdom of observing the Sabbath as a day for rest and worship. The following resolutions are forwarded to Conference for its favourable consideration. The Committee recommends the name of Dr. Pinfold as convener for next year.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

JAMES T. PINFOLD, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS.

### 1. TEMPERANCE.

Whereas intoxicating beverages are admitted to be destructive to man's moral and intellectual faculties, and have been openly condemned by the President of the British Medical Association as agents of death and loathsome disease, this Conference urges the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Church to continue with unremitting zeal the struggle for the abolition of the liquor traffic in New Zealand.

Whereas the people have on three occasions by a majority of votes condemned the continuance of the liquor traffic in New Zealand, and

Whereas the issue of State Purchase and Control of the liquor traffic has twice failed to secure less than six per cent. of votes, and

Whereas the proposed substitution of "Corporate Control" in place of State Purchase on the ballot paper involves the making of the Government an active partner in the liquor traffic, and will in any event prevent a clear expression of the people's will as between Prohibition and Continuance.

Therefore this Conference respectfully urges the Government to decline any partnership in a traffic internationally recognised as economically, socially and morally injurious, and to afford the people of this Dominion a fair opportunity of voting on the clear-cut issues of Prohibition and Continuance.

The Conference further records its emphatic protest against the unworthy efforts made by interested parties to induce the Government to discard dishonourably the solemn pact made in 1884, whereby it was agreed that no licenses should be granted in the King Country, and begs the Government to protect the Maori race by continuing the observance of the covenant then made.

The Conference further places on record its opinion that the expressed will of the people being emphatically against the continuance of the liquor traffic, any legislation increasing facilities for drinking or the expansion of the liquor traffic will constitute a betrayal of the people's trust.

This Conference recognises to the full the degradation and devastation caused by the Drink Traffic in this fair land, especially among the young people and deplors the increase in drinking at social functions by the young women of the community. It calls upon our people in every part of the Dominion to assist with all their might this insidious evil, and to again gird on the armour and fight until victory is won.

This Conference expresses its great regret that advertisements for intoxicating drinks are found on school sports programmes, and the use of liquor as a beverage is thus being popularised, and school children are thus being used to further the interests of the Trade.

The Conference endorsed the proposals for the establishment of a Young People's Branch of the N.Z. Alliance.

## 2. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Believing that a Day of Rest and Worship is essential to the physical and spiritual well-being of the community, this Conference regards with apprehension the attempts that are being made to popularise Sunday sports and amusements, and calls upon its Church members and adherents to do all in their power to safeguard the sanctity of the Lord's Day, and to urge upon members of the Legislature and other public bodies not to encourage but to oppose the efforts made to secularise the Sabbath.

## 3. GAMBLING.

That this Conference deeply deplors the continual prevalence of the gambling spirit in the community, realising that it constitutes a very grave moral danger to the State. We not only regret exceedingly the granting of increased facilities for the cultivation of this spirit, by the increase in the number of race days; we urge upon our members and adherents the necessity of discountenancing in every possible way the gambling spirit which is gripping both old and young in our Dominion, and of taking immediate and active steps in opposition to the expressed determination of the Government to introduce legislation in the coming session to increase the number of totalisator permits, to legalise the publication of totalisator dividends, and in other ways strengthen and extend the already inimical hold racing, as associated with gambling, has upon the people of this Dominion. We suggest that other churches should be approached to arrange a joint deputation of ministers and influential business men to interview the Prime Minister upon the subject.

That this Conference brings before the Y.M.'s and Y.W.'s Bible Class Executive Councils the inroad made by the gambling evil to the serious detriment of the moral life of our Dominion. This Conference urgently calls for the fullest co-operation of the Movements to bring this matter before every B.C. member, suggesting that District Union visitors make a personal appeal to classes to fight this evil. Conference also requests that this matter be brought before the coming Easter Camps.

That the preparation of a pamphlet dealing with the ethics of gambling be considered by the Literature Committee, and that it have power to publish such a pamphlet, the cost to be borne by the Contingent Fund.

#### 4. BANDS OF HOPE.

This Conference notes with great regret the decrease in the number of Bands of Hope that has taken place in recent years. It recognises in this branch of the Church's service a powerful influence for good among our young people who are to be the voters of the future, and who will decide the kind of character the nation will possess. The Conference urges upon all who are interested in this matter to do all in their power to start Bands of Hope wherever possible, and to assist in their development so that they may become, as they have been in the past, great factors in solving the problem of Prohibition.

#### 5. LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

This Conference places on record its profound conviction that war is an un-Christian method of settling disputes between nations, and that the time has come for all international differences to be settled by arbitration. It expresses its pleasure at the good work which the League of Nations, in spite of its present limitations, has already achieved. We urge upon all our people to seek, by prayer and effort, the fostering of the spirit of peace, the perfecting of international organisation for the removal of the causes of war; the settlement of disputes and the promotion of international co-operation; and the developing of an international sense of solidarity which will make war impossible. We commend the League of Nations Union to all our Churches and counsel our people to give it their enthusiastic and active support by enrolling themselves as individual members, and by the enrolment of individual churches as members thereof.

This Conference suggests that Anzac Day be regarded, not only as a day of memorial, but as our soldiers, living and dead, would wish it, as an opportunity for advocating the great principle of universal peace.

#### REPORT ON IMMIGRATION FOR 1924.

The work of this department is steadily developing, and should yield good results for the future. Every steamer arriving in Wellington is met, and many Methodists and others are welcomed and guided to their destination. A card of introduction to the nearest minister is given, though in some cases they are not used. Some overseas settlers do not avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the schemes, while on the other hand, some make early application to our Church authorities in London, and information is sent on.

The scheme suggested by Major Baven, of the Y.M.C.A., whereby individual churches nominate and receive suitable immigration, is worthy of the Church's serious consideration. Before closing this brief report upon a department of our work which is full of interest and pleasure, as well as vital importance, the Chief Immigration Officer would like to express his appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. G. M. Silver, of the Y.M.C.A., and Mr. R. G. Denton, of Wellington.

J. F. MARTIN, Chief Immigration Officer.

The above Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

That the minister appointed to the Auckland Methodist Mission be Immigration Officer for Auckland, and the Rev. S. Bailey for Lyttelton.

That this Conference believing that the scheme propounded by the Y.M.C.A. for the settlement in this Dominion of families from the

membership of Christian churches at Home is commendable, agrees to co-operate therein, and to set up such an Immigration Committee as shall be able to effectually represent our Church in such united effort.

That the Rev. C. Eaton be appointed as Chief Immigration Officer, and that the Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., Messrs. R. G. Denton, J. Laurensen, H. P. Maurant and C. M. Luke be associated with him.

That Conference authorise the preparation and printing by the Immigration Committee of letters of welcome to be handed to Immigrants on leaving the Old Country and arriving in New Zealand, the cost to be borne by the Contingent Fund.

## SOCIAL CREED OF THE CHURCH.

### STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Recognising that great changes are necessary to bring society within even measurable distance of the Christian ideal, and desiring to make our position clear to all classes of the community, we declare that the Methodist Church stands for:—

1. The sacredness of human personality and the equal value of all men in the sight of God.

2. The affirmation that the true principle of industry is not merely competition for personal gain, but co-operation for the service of the needs of the community.

3. The best service the worker can render, and for the condemnation as utterly un-Christian of scamped work and restricted output; as well as the condemnation for the same reason of the practice of sweating the worker and of exploiting the consumer.

4. The principle of a wage that shall suffice to ensure the health and vigour of family life, housing conditions that will make for happiness and virtue, and the enjoyment of a fair measure of the comforts of life.

5. For such conditions in the toil of women and young people as shall safeguard the physical and moral health of the community.

6. For a weekly day of rest, for reasonable hours of labour, adequate holiday periods, and leisure such as will ensure opportunity for the enjoyment of life and a reasonable use of the good gifts of God.

7. For constitutional methods of securing redress of grievances and of promoting industrial and social reforms.

8. For the removal of the root causes of poverty and unemployment, including vice, waste, and extravagance, as well as those causes relating to the purely economic aspects of trade and education.

9. For the fact that in the message and mission of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ—a message of goodwill and of brotherhood—will be found the only power for promoting effectively the reconstruction and regeneration of society. Hence we seek to secure the recognition of the Golden Rule and of the Mind of Christ, as the supreme law of society and the sure remedy for all social ills.

10. Recognising the need for Christian influence in the realm of ethics that deals with good government (that is in political life), and also convinced that Parliament and public bodies need moral reinforcement, we call upon our people to realise more fully the obligation of Christian citizenship to share more fully in the civic and political life of the land.

## REPORT TO METHODIST CONFERENCE OF THE BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS COMMITTEE.

The Committee has to report that copies of the resolutions passed by the last Conference (pages 78 and 79), Minutes 1923), and of the findings of the Committee on the two matters (e and f) remitted to it by Conference, were forwarded to the Secretary of the United Conference of the Churches with a request that he would place them before the members of that Conference. The findings of the Committee on the two matters referred to were, in a summarised form, as follows:—

(e) That in making legislative provision for the plan of Bible-reading agreed to by the Conference of Christian Churches, it is essential to repeal the words in the Education Act "the teaching shall be entirely of a secular character."

(f) That when legislation is being passed, the plan should, with any alterations necessary to suit the circumstances, be made to apply to the United Conference.

The Committee also sent on to the United Conference three other proposals from the Wellington Bible-in-Schools Propaganda Committee:—

(1) That the whole Bible should be used instead of a Text Book, or that the teachers should handle a Text Book, and the children the complete Bible.

(2) That an Organiser for Bible-in-Schools be appointed.

(3) That a column for the publication of Bible-in-Schools news be secured in the denominational journals.

Early in July last the Committee learned that a deputation had waited on the Prime Minister in Wellington, asking that a Bible-in-Schools Bill be introduced. This Committee was not aware that the deputation had been arranged for, and it was not represented on it. According to newspaper report, however, Mr. Massey expressed doubt as to whether legislation could be passed that session; but, in answer to Mr. Isitt, said that he was quite willing to give facilities for a private Bill. Mr. Isitt later on introduced a Bill, entitled "The Religious Exercises in Schools" Bill.

In July last the Committee passed a resolution asking His Grace Archbishop Julius to convene a meeting of the United Conference representatives to consider the resolutions passed by the last Methodist Conference and the findings of this Committee; also Mr. Isitt's Bill. His Grace complied with the request, but before the Conference was held, the Rev. John Paterson, M.A., asked that the Presbyterian and Methodist Bible-in-Schools Committees should meet together and confer on the subject. The meeting was arranged for, and was attended by a considerable number of Presbyterians and by four members of the Methodist Committee. Three of the latter supported a resolution that was passed accepting Mr. Isitt's Bill, which he had amended, and one opposed it. The amendments made in the Bill brought Native Schools under its provisions, but failed to provide for the repeal of the secular clause in the Education Act as desired by the Methodist Conference, and by this Committee.

The United Conference was held in Wellington on 17th August, the Archbishop presiding. The Methodist Church was represented by the President (Rev. B. F. Rothwell), Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, and the convener of the Committee. The Rev. Dr. Gibb proposed that the Conference approve of Mr. Isitt's Bill. As an amendment, Mr. Prudhoe moved to the effect that the Conference could not give its support to any Bill that fails to provide for the repeal of the secular provision "the teaching shall be entirely of a secular character." The amendment was not seconded, and the motion was carried. The Conference took no action regarding the proposals of the Wellington Propaganda Committee.

Mr. Isitt's Bill was dropped, with other measures, at the conclusion of Parliament. It is now for the Methodist Conference to say whether it will accept the decision of the United Conference to approve of Mr. Isitt's Bill, or whether it will stand by its clearly expressed opinion that the Education Act should be definitely unsecularised by repealing the secular provision.

The Committee recommends Conference to adopt the following resolutions:—

1. The Conference expresses its regret that the Hon. the Prime Minister did not introduce legislation to provide for Bible instruction in public schools, and records its appreciation of Mr. Isitt's willingness to take charge of a Bill in the House.

2. The following are appointed members of the Committee for 1924 to consider all matters relating to the Bible-in-Schools question, and to take such action, in harmony with Conference resolutions, as it may deem desirable:—Revs. W. Arthur Hay, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, E. D. Patchett, H. Ryan, R. B. Tinsley, J. Harris and B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.; Messrs. J. A. Flesher, E. C. Brown, A. F. Drayton, F. Sheppard Green, L. M. Isitt, M.P., W. C. Francis, M. Kershaw, J. C. Prudhoe, and W. H. Seed. Rev. H. Ryan (convener).

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

J. C. PRUDHOE, Convener.

8th February, 1924.

The Report was received.

Resolved:—That this Conference strongly supports the United Conference of the Bible-in-Schools Committee in its support of the "Religious Exercise in Schools" Bill, introduced by Mr. L. M. Isitt, M.P., and trusts that the Bill will be passed during the next Session of Parliament.

That recommendation No. 1 in the Report be withdrawn in favour of the following:—"That Conference records its appreciation of Mr. L. M. Isitt's willingness to take charge of a Bill in the House."

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

**A.—GENERAL REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1923.**

**1. Sales Reported.**

**Auckland East.**—Section at Clonbern Avenue for £600; proceeds for repayment of mortgage and other liabilities.

**Auckland (Takapuna).**—Old Church and section at Takapuna for £1497 15s. 9d.; proceeds used towards erection of new S.S. Hall.

**Waimarino.**—Half-acre section at Raetihi for £240; proceeds for purchase of another site in the same town.

**Stratford.**—Church and section at Huiakama for £70; proceeds used for discharge of liabilities.

**Waipawa.**—Vacant sections as follows:—(1) Elsthorpe, 1 rood for £10; (2) Kaikora, 2 roods for £40; (3) Otane, 2 roods 6 perches for £20; the purchase moneys used for church and section at Wai-pukurau.

**Wellington (Thorndon).**—House and land in Aitken Street for £2000; proceeds used as follows:—Discharge of mortgage £1300, balance absorbed in current account.

**Wellington South.**—Church, house and section in Donald McLean Street for £3500; proceeds used as follows:—£800 discharge of mortgage, £500 to Trinity Parsonage Trust, £200 to Wellington Central Mission, £110 for extensions at Trinity S. S. Buildings, £54 to Circuit Account, £250 to Maranui, £600 to Island Bay, £100 to Lower Hutt, £100 to Haitaitai New Church Fund, £200 to Solomon Islands Hospital. The balance to be dealt with later.

**Seddonville.**—Church and land for £50; held in trust.

**Christchurch (St. Albans).**—Section in Trafalgar Street for £162; proceeds used for discharge of liabilities.

**Ashburton.**—Church and half-acre section at Greenstreet for £75; money on deposit for future use.

## 2. New Erections and Purchases Reported.

**Auckland Central.**—Dominion Road Extension, Church site, 179 feet by 100 feet, cost £384.

**Auckland East.**—Remuera—(1) Purchase of land, 1 rood 7 perches, and erection of Church, total cost £5892; (2) Removal thereto of building from Clonbern Road, net debt £1574 8s. 2d.

**Auckland (Avondale).**—New Lynn—(1) Purchase of section, 1 rood 13.6 perches, cost £200, debt £185; (2) Erection of Church on above, cost £671, no debt; (3) Avondale, erection of Church, cost £612 10s., debt £269 11s. 6d.

**Auckland (Takapuna).**—(1) Purchase of section, 66 feet x 132 feet, at Lake Road, cost £885 9s. 6d., debt not stated; (2) Erection of S.S. Hall at Takapuna, cost £5326 14s. 6d., debt £3800.

**Papakura.**—Erection of Shops and Offices, costing £4053, all the money raised on loan.

**Hokianga.**—(1) Purchase of additional parsonage land at Rawene, cost £40 12s. 11d., no debt; (2) Section at Kohukohu, valued at £100, gift.

**Northern Wairoa.**—Addition to Church at Te Kopuru, cost £53 12s. 9d., debt £10 2s. 6d.

**Thames.**—Additions to S.S. Hall, cost £91 16s. 6d., no debt reported.

**Paeroa and Hauraki Plains.**—Half-acre at Waitakururu, cost £26.

**Cambridge.**—Erection of Bible Class rooms, cost £219, debt (since paid off), £119.

**Hamilton.**—(1) Purchase of additional land, 24 perches, at Hamilton East, cost £175; (2) Additions to Church, cost £302 17s., debt not reported.

**King Country Rural Mission.**—Purchase of leasehold with right of purchase  $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre with house for parsonage, at Taumarunui, cost £531 2s. 11d., the whole amount owing to the Building Society.

**Te Awamutu.**—Additions of three new class rooms to Sunday School, cost £189 3s. 8d., no debt.

**New Plymouth.**—Purchase of 20 perches at Westown, cost £145, no debt reported.

**Cape Egmont.**—Quarter-acre section at Opunake, cost £122, no debt.

**Napier.**—Vestry and class room erected at Onepoto, cost £89 5s. 1d., no debt.

**Gisborne.**—Purchase of land at Kaiti, cost £1377 10s., mortgage debt of £1000.

**Hastings.**—Erection of Bible Class rooms and kitchen, cost £550, debt £100.

**Waipawa.**—Purchase of land at Waipukurau, cost £150, building thereon and additions, cost £293, total £443, debt to Loan Fund £150.

**Palmerston North (Broad Street).**—(1) Purchase of section of 30 perches at rear of St. Paul's Church with cottage thereon, cost £775, debt £750; (2) Erection of class rooms to St. Paul's Sunday School, cost £100 besides free labour, no debt; (3) Purchase of one acre one rood 33 perches with house at Ashhurst, cost £468, debt £302 2s. 9d.

**Feilding.**—Addition of class rooms to Church, cost £259 17s., no debt reported

**Wellington Central Mission.**—Purchase of parsonage property in Bidwell Street, cost £1800, debt £1600.

**Wellington (Thorndon).**—Purchase of land with house thereon at Karori, cost £1526 11s. 6d., debt £1700 mortgage.

**Wellington South.**—Extension of Church and vestry at Newtown for S.S. purposes, cost £150, no debt.

**Johnsonville.**—Erection of S.S. Hall, cost £650, debt £475.

**Granity.**—Additions to parsonage, cost £140, no debt.

**Christchurch (Deaconess House).**—Purchase of property for £4000.

**Christchurch (Durham Street).**—Land at rear of Cashmere Church exchanged for equal area at side of Church.

**Christchurch East.**—(1) One rood purchased at rear of New Brighton Church, cost £350, debt £350; (2) Three class rooms erected at New Brighton, cost £363 4s. 6d., debt £250.

**Christchurch (Addington).**—Erection of schoolroom in brick at Lincoln Road, cost £466 6s. 10d., no debt.

**Rangiora.**—Erection of motor shed, cost £37 1s. 4d., no debt.

**Dunedin (Dundas Street).**—City leasehold property secured in Leith Street with house of nine rooms, cost £1200.

**Dunedin (Cargill Road).**—Purchase of Church property at St. Clair, cost £1500, debt £1550.

**Milton.**—Erection of new Church, cost £1900, debt £667 1s. 11d.

**Invercargill Central.**—Vestry and kitchen added to Church at Otatara, cost £64 16s., no debt.

### 3. Current Trust Accounts, September 30th, 1923.

The following Statement shows the transactions in connection with the Trust Accounts for the year ending September 30th, 1923, as compiled from the Circuit Schedules:—

			£	s.	d.
To Credit Balances from last year	...	...	7,727	15	9
„ Credit Balances held for special purposes	...	...	16,385	12	3
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	...	...	3,727	5	0
„ Loans from other sources	...	...	20,989	7	8
„ All other receipts	...	...	60,228	11	3
Total Receipts	...	...	109,058	11	11
Debit Balances	...	...	11,156	3	10
			<u>£120,214</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>

			£	s.	d.
By Debit Balances from last year	...	...	9,217	3	2
„ Loan Fund Instalments repaid	...	...	2,239	14	9
„ Other Loans repaid	...	...	11,388	8	10
„ Interest on Loans and Overdrafts	...	...	6,636	5	9
„ Purchase of Land, Erection and Additions to Buildings	...	...	33,494	11	6
„ Rents, Taxes, Cleaning, Repairs, etc.	...	...	32,317	7	9
Total Expenditure	...	...	95,293	11	9
Credit Balances	...	...	8,380	9	9
Balances held for special purposes	...	...	16,540	14	3
			<u>£120,214</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>

#### 4. Statement of Debts and Insurances.

			£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	...	...	110,018	18	10
Add New Loans received during the year	...	...	26,671	19	3
			136,690	18	1
Deduct Loans Repaid	...	...	15,074	14	5
Mortgage Debt 30/9/23	...	...	<u>£121,616</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
Unpaid General Accounts	...	...	£1,696	3	5
Unpaid Interest	...	...	117	3	6
Total of Fire Insurances Reported,					£498,607 10s. 0d.

It is very evident that the auditing of the Trust Accounts is very far from perfect. The balance forward, both credit and debit show large discrepancies compared with those reported last year. In some cases the balance-sheets sent to the District Secretaries are not audited at all. In several cases the Superintendent Minister has signed in the dual capacity of Superintendent Minister and deputy for one of the Circuit Stewards. This, of course, is quite out of order. In a large number of cases only one Steward has signed the sheets. In small trusts this is not of much importance, but in a few cases where large sums had been handled, and the accounts were somewhat complicated, this want of compliance with the rule occurred.

Last year attention was called to the fact that the Loans received and paid were reported differently in the statements of debts and in the current accounts. This has been repeated this year. In some cases where purchases have been made and part of the purchase money left on mortgage, this has not been taken notice of in the current account.

The year has been one of considerable activity. The total receipts are £24,441 more than the previous year. The amount expended, on purchase of land and erections, etc., has increased by £14,128. Of this sum the amount borrowed is only £1,559 more than the previous year.

A great amount of work would be saved to the District Secretaries and the General Secretary if those who compile the Circuit schedules would make them accurate and complete. They should test their own accounts by carrying out the totals and making correct balances.

The following are recommended as District Secretaries for 1924:—

- Auckland.—Mr. J. W. Shackelford.  
 South Auckland.—Mr. F. C. Daniell.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—Mr. R. Pepperell.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Mr. T. R. Hodder.  
 Wellington.—Mr. C. Swiney.  
 Nelson.—Mr. W. D. Pike.  
 North Canterbury.—Mr. F. Thompson.  
 South Canterbury.—Mr. John Watson.  
 Otago-Southland.—Mr. A. S. Froggatt.

SAMUEL LAWRY,  
 General Secretary.

### CHURCH PROPERTY RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the District Secretaries for their services during the past year, and the following be appointed for the ensuing year:—

- Auckland.—Mr. J. W. Shackelford.  
 South Auckland.—Mr. F. C. Daniell.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—Mr. R. Pepperell.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Mr. T. R. Hodder.  
 Wellington.—Mr. C. Swiney.  
 Nelson.—Mr. W. D. Pike.  
 North Canterbury.—Mr. F. Thompson.  
 South Canterbury.—Mr. John Watson.  
 Otago-Southland.—Mr. A. S. Froggatt.

3. That the Circuit Property Schedules with audited balance-sheets be sent to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st, and that the revised Schedules with summaries and reports be sent by the District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than December 10th.
4. That with a view to facilitating the work of the District Secretaries, Circuit Superintendents be directed to carry out the totals of the several columns, and to see that a correct balance is secured on each Schedule.
5. That the attention of auditors be called to the essential importance of seeing that the balances brought forward agree in every case with the balances given in the preceding year's accounts.
6. That Circuit Superintendents be directed to see that all moneys raised for Trust purposes are reported on the Schedules submitted to the District Synods.
7. That where moneys are raised for special purposes it is desirable that they should not be used temporarily for other purposes.
8. That all moneys held in Trust by local Church officers for special purposes be invested only in those securities authorised by the Trust Act, 1908, or its amendments.
9. That the Secretary and Treasurer of Church Property Trusts be elected year by year at the annual meeting of Trustees.

## B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

### Report for the Year ending 30th September, 1923.

The Cash Statement showing receipts and expenditure, and the Balance-sheet of the Fund are herewith presented to the Conference. A little over £3000 has been received from the Centenary Fund, and the total receipts for the year, including the balance brought forward, amounted to £6122 13s. 10d.

#### New Loans Advanced.

During the year ending September 30th, 1923, new loans were advanced as follow:—Ngaio, £200; Edendale, £112 10s.; Greymouth, £200; Riccarton, £500; Wellington Central Mission, £500; Milton, £600; Morrinsville, £250; Paraparaumu, £300; Waipukurau, £150; Waikomete, £50; Tauranga, £300; Gisborne, £250; Hutt, £100; Remuera, £300; Ashhurst, £215; Total, £4027 10s. Of the money held in Trust from sale of property, £100 was repaid to Feilding. During the year £500 has been transferred from the Working Expenses Fund to Capital, which now stands at £17,050 19s. 2d. The proceeds of properties sold and held in Trust amount to £1403 12s. 10d.

#### Sales Sanctioned.

The following sales and extended leases have been sanctioned by the Committee, and the Conference is asked to confirm them:—

**Auckland (Pitt Street).**—Strip of land to City Council for roading purposes.

**Auckland East.**—Section at Clonbern Road, Remuera, for £15 per foot frontage, proceeds to discharge of mortgage and liabilities on new property at Vincent Avenue.

**Te Kuiti.**—Goodwill of leasehold for £251, proceeds for purchase of another section and erection of Church thereon.

**Stratford.**—Church property at Huiakama for £70, proceeds to discharge liabilities.

**Waimarino.**—Sections on which Church was built at Raetihi for £240, proceeds towards cost of purchasing another section with cottage, for £775, the Church to be removed to this section.

**Pahiatua.**—Church property at Kaitawa, proceeds to be used in effecting repairs to Pahiatua parsonage.

**Palmerston North (Broad Street).**—Parsonage and part of the land in Church Street, proceeds towards cost of new parsonage on remaining portion of land.

**Hutt.**—Strip of frontage to Laings Road for street widening purposes, substantial fence to be erected as compensation.

**Christchurch (Durham Street).**—(1) Sale of Deaconess House property in St. Asaph Street, proceeds towards purchase of new property in Latimer Square; (2) Exchange of part of land at Cashmere for similar area adjoining.

**Christchurch (Sydenham).**—Sale of part of parsonage land, proceeds towards erection of new parsonage.

**Christchurch (St. Albans).**—Old Church site in Trafalgar Street for £170, proceeds to discharge mortgage and other liabilities of the Trust.

**Greendale and Malvern.**—Two vacant sections at Sheffield, proceeds for reduction of debt on Greendale parsonage.

- Hawarden.**—Two  $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre sections of parsonage land, proceeds towards liquidation of debt.
- Ashburton.**—Half-acre with Church building at Greenstreet for £75, proceeds to be used for Church extension work in the Ashburton County.
- Dunedin (St. Kilda).**—Vacant section at Highcliffe for £15, proceeds to pay debts to Loan Fund and balance to St. Kilda Trust.
- Invercargill Central.**—Renewal of permission to sell properties at Leet Street, Dee Street and Don Street, proceeds after liquidating liabilities to go towards building a new Central Church.

#### Extended Leases Sanctioned.

- New Plymouth.**—Extended leases for 21 years at Grey Institute Mission property, rentals to be determined by valuation.

#### General.

During the year several cases have occurred of Trustees proceeding to purchase and to erect buildings without consulting the Committee. Takapuna was reported in this connection last year, and has again broken the rule by buying a section and erecting a house thereon without consulting the Committee. The Gisborne Trustees, without consulting the Committee until after committing themselves to the purchase, bought land costing £1377 10s., and left a mortgage debt of £1000. This is more noticeable because a loan of £250 had just previously been advanced for reduction of debt, on the assurance that over £500 had been raised locally. The Trust balance-sheet shows only £200 of loan paid off, £50 less than received from Loan Fund—and the debit balance has increased by £400. At Onepoto, in the Napier Circuit, nearly £100 has been spent on additions without consulting the Committee. At Te Awamutu class rooms have been erected, but the Committee was not consulted. While in some cases such action may be excusable, it is evident that serious difficulties may arise by disregarding the Rule.

The following have been nominated as the unofficial members of the District Advisory Committees:—

- Auckland.**—Revs. S. Griffith and E. Drake; Messrs. T. W. Jones and S. E. Chappell.
- South Auckland.**—Revs. W. Ready and S. Henderson, Messrs. J. Fow and J. E. Tidd.
- Taranaki-Wanganui.**—Superintendents of New Plymouth, Wanganui, and Wanganui North Circuits, Messrs. W. Ambury, F. Webb Jones, and E. Dixon.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.**—Superintendents of Palmerston North Circuits, Messrs. G. H. Stiles and F. S. Guy.
- Wellington.**—Ministers of Taranaki Street and Wellington South Circuits, Messrs. W. H. Barrett and B. J. Lynneberg.
- Nelson.**—Ministers of Blenheim Circuits, Rev. H. L. Blamires, Messrs. C. W. Parker and A. A. Lucas.
- South Canterbury.**—Ministers of Timaru Circuits, Messrs. W. G. Irwin and J. Holdgate.
- Otago-Southland.**—Superintendents of Trinity, Central Mission and Morningson Circuits, Messrs. D. C. Cameron and J. B. Shacklock. Southland Sub-Committee.—Superintendent of St. Peters and Mr. P. A. Pearce.

The North Canterbury District Synod has nominated the following as the Committee for 1924:—The Chairman of the District (ex officio), the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, and St. Albans Circuits, Rev. F. T. Read, Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), A. C. Reed, T. T. Robson, W. Dobbs, S. H. Maddren and C. H. Virtue.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

### CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Cash Account, and Balance-sheet be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the members of the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Chairman of the District (ex officio), the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent Ministers of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham and St. Albans Circuits, Rev. F. T. Read; Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), A. C. Reed, T. T. Robson, W. Dobbs, S. H. Maddren and C. H. Virtue.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., for his services as Treasurer of the Fund, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That the sanction by the Committee for the sale or extended lease of properties as reported, be ratified and confirmed by the Conference. (N.B.—The sanction above given lapses if not acted on by 31st March, 1925.)
5. That the Conference express its great regret and displeasure at the frequent breaches of the Rule which requires that the approval of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be obtained prior to the erection, enlargement or purchase of property, and directs that the Rule in this matter be strictly observed.
6. That all applications for permission to sell, lease or purchase property be accompanied by plans showing the locality and other information required to enable the Committee to arrive at an intelligent decision on the proposal.
7. That all communications to the Church Building and Loan Committee from Circuits in charge of Probationers, and from Home Mission Stations, relating to Trust matters, be sent through the Chairman of the District.
8. That in each District, except North Canterbury, a District Advisory Committee be appointed, consisting of the Chairman of the District and the District Secretary of Church Property (ex officio), with at least one other Minister and Layman in each District, the Chairman of the District to be convener. Those named in the Report as nominated for the several Districts are the unofficial members in the Districts named.

### AMENDMENT OF RULES.

That clause 3 of "Duties of the Committee" be amended by adding the words, "and leases of properties for a longer period than seven years," after the words, "trust properties."

That Rule 9 of "Condition of Loans" be amended to read as follows:—

- (a) **Liquidation of Debt.**—Before receiving a loan for the liquidation or reduction of debt on any property, the Trustees must have raised a sum at least equal to the loan.
- (b) **Erections.**—The Conference Rule requiring two-thirds of the cost of building Churches and Sunday Schoolrooms to be raised by the Trustees must be complied with. Any loan towards the cost of such erecting shall not exceed one half of the amount raised locally (without borrowing), except that in cases declared by a two-thirds vote of the Committee to be "Special" this proportion may be exceeded to such extent as the Committee may consider necessary. Loans towards the cost of erecting or purchasing parsonages shall not exceed one half the cost of same, nor in any case more than the amount raised locally. In all cases the cost of land may be included.

That to Rule 11 the words be added—"except in cases declared to be 'Special,' as in Rule 9, when the period shall be fixed by the Committee."

#### AMENDMENT OF MODEL DEED.

That Clause 10 of "The Methodist Model Deed, 1887," be amended by the insertion after the words "right of renewal" the words "without the consent of the aforesaid Conference."

#### Wanganui East Property.

That the following Committee be set up to consider matters affecting the sale of Wanganui East property:—Revs. E. T. Cox, M.A., W. Lea, S. Lawry and Messrs. F. Webb-Jones, F. Whitlock and E. Dixon. Convener, Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.

#### Waikouaiti Site.

That the Waikouaiti Memorial re site of the old Mission House be referred for consideration to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

### C.—REPORT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE AND CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS, 1923.

Complete details of the registration and removal of the names of Trustees were sent to the respective District Synods, also of all new Trusts registered. A statement also was sent of all Deeds received and removed during the preceding year.

A considerable number of registrations are incomplete. It is not sufficiently recognised that when properties are purchased, the Titles should be obtained from the solicitors and sent to the Authorised Representative for registration. When mortgage arrangements make this impossible, the names of the Trustees and all the particulars of the Title should be obtained and forwarded for registration.

Apparently there are occasional failures to report to the Authorised Representative the names of new Trustees appointed, the names removed by death or the vote of the Trustees. As only those whose names have been registered have a right to act, and as all those whose names are still on the Register are entitled to receive written notices of all meetings held, it is very important that the local record should in all cases correspond with the Register.

The amount received for registration fees during the year was £36 5s. This has been paid to the account of the Connexional Secretaryship Fund.

SAMUEL LAWRY,

Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds.

**AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That in accordance with the provisions of the "Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887," the Rev. Samuel Lawry be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1924-5.
3. That the Rev. S. Lawry was thanked for his services.

**QUESTION XXXV.—What is the Condition of the Various Mission, Educational, and General Connexional Properties and Investments?****AUCKLAND.**

1. General Connexional Property Trust.
2. Wesley Training College, Three Kings.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.  
(Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
4. Probert Trust.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.) Balance-sheet adopted.
5. Prince Albert College Property.  
Balance-sheet adopted.
6. Theological Students' Library Fund.  
Balance-sheet adopted.

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI.**

7. Grey Institute.  
Balance-sheet adopted.
8. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.  
Balance-sheet adopted.

**WELLINGTON.**

9. Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.  
Balance-sheet adopted.

**REPORT OF PROBERT TRUST BOARD.  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1923.**

It is with some degree of pleasure the Board reports a further increase in the revenue. A better rent is now being obtained from most of the shops than was formerly the case, and further advances may be looked for ere long. The financial arrangements made with the Board's Bankers during the year 1922, have resulted in the reduction of the total indebtedness on building account by some £840.

The general charges, although still high, show a reduction of some £200, although included in these charges is the sum of £100 7s. 6d. paid on account of Land Tax. This is the first occasion on which the Board has been assessed for Land Tax. Recent legislation has made it obligatory for the Board to pay a reduced rate of Land Tax, and in future this will be an annual charge.

During the year the Board decided that the time had come for removing the old wooden buildings on the Queen Street property, and erecting a structure more in keeping with the progress the city is making. Plans for a ferro concrete structure eight stories high have been approved. Tenders are now being called for the erection of a portion of this building four stories high.

During the year Mr. James Buttle resigned his seat on the Board owing to failing health. Three new members have been appointed, viz., Messrs. A. J. Buttle, W. E. Lewisham and Albert Parker. The full Board consists of Mr. G. A. Buttle (Chairman), Revs. C. H. Laws, D.D., and Geo. Bond, Messrs. S. J. Ambury, T. W. Jones, J. Veale, Frank M. Winstone, A. J. Buttle, W. E. Lewisham and Albert Parker.

G. A. BUTTLE, Chairman.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report of the Probert Trust Board be received and adopted, and pleasure expressed at the increased revenue of the Trust, and the progressive policy being initiated.
2. That in future statements of receipts and expenditure, the Trustees be requested to supply such details of income as will make possible a clearer understanding of the year's operations.

#### RECOMMENDATION.

##### AUCKLAND.

That Conference set up a Committee to enquire into means by which the Probert Trust and Wesley College Trust can best have direct representation to Conference.

#### REPORT ON PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST. YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1923.

We have to report in reference to this Trust that the rent has been regularly paid, and that the mortgage has been reduced by £300, now standing at £4,900, on which we are paying interest at the rate of 6½ per cent.

During the year there have been added to the Trust Board:— Dr. C. H. Laws, Messrs. H. P. Caughey, John Astley, W. E. Lewisham and F. Winstone. These are made by reason of the resignations of Mr. W. Hetherington and Mr. Wheeler (who has since passed away), and the death of the Rev. C. H. Garland and Mr. Thomas Buddle.

There has been no question of importance effecting the Trust during the year, and the balance-sheet is presented, duly audited.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

Resolution.—That the Report be received and adopted.

#### GREY INSTITUTE TRUSTEES. REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1923.

We have pleasure in submitting the Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th September, 1923, showing receipts from rents £576 19s. 4d., and from interest £50 10s. 7d.

During the year matters connected with the renewal of leases for a further period of 21 years, in accordance with the terms of the existing leases have occupied much time and attention.

The necessary arbitration to fix the amount of rent has been completed and the awards signed, and leases are now being prepared for issue to tenants, who under the terms of their leases are entitled to new leases by December 1st.

The sum of £300 has been remitted to the Home Mission Treasurer during the year, and on closing the year we have a credit balance at the bank of £274 8s. 1d., of this amount £82 1s. 8d., is set aside for Land Tax, which is payable in November, and the balance is held towards the

cost of arbitration for the new rentals. Our arbitrators' fee, and half the legal costs of appraisements and stamp duty will run us into an expenditure of about £250. The portion of costs in excess of the amount held in hand at date of balance will be a charge against the 1923-24 rents. The increased rents as the result of the valuation will be about £140 per annum, but the rents for first half of the ensuing year will be at the old rentals, the first collection under the new appraisements will be at 31st, May, 1924.

For the Grey Institute Trustees,

W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

R. PEPPERELL, Secretary.

**Resolution.**—That the Report be received and adopted.

#### KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

I have pleasure in presenting the cash statement showing the transactions for the year.

It is pleasing to report that we have this year entered on a more lucrative period of the lease to our present tenant, Mr. W. E. Smith. This lease dates from September 30th, 1918, to September 30th, 1939. For the first four years the annual rental was at £125, but from the 30th September, 1922, the rate is £226 4s.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Mr. Geo. Campbell, who as a capable farmer, has been in the past a very valuable member of the Trust.

This reduces the personnel of the Trust under the legal number, and will necessitate the increasing of our representation. It is our intention to pay a visit to the farm when such necessary addition has been made.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours faithfully,

F. G. BEAVEN, Secretary.

**Resolution.**—That the Report be received and adopted.

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

##### REPORT FOR CONFERENCE 1924.

There is nothing of special moment to refer to from the Board as regards its operations during the year, 1923.

A full report as to the Masterton Children's Home is supplied by the local Committee.

We desire to express our appreciation of the splendid work done by the Committee, and ask for their appointment as now constituted.

Early in the year the President of the Conference acceded to our nomination of Rev. C. Eaton as Chairman of the Board. We ask Conference to re-appoint him.

Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of our funds as at 31st December, 1923, are herewith.

We trust that very soon the whole of the accommodation at the Home will be filled. There is still room for a number of children.

Every effort should be made throughout the District allocated to us to secure new entrants.

Submitted on behalf of the Board.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

W. C. HEMERY, Hon. Secretary.

**Resolution.**—That the Report be received and adopted, and that the Rev. C. Eaton be re-appointed the Chairman of the Board.

**Connexional Funds.**—That Conference recommends to Treasurers of Connexional Funds, the advisability of seeking interest-bearing investments for such balances as may accumulate from time to time even if only available for a short period.

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

#### **FIRE INSURANCE REPORT, 1923.**

As required by the Rules and Regulations, the Board again presents to the Conference the Annual Report on the working of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund. The business continues to increase as will be seen from the fact that during the course of 12 months the additional risks accepted amounted to £27,285. These represent both new properties and additional insurance on many properties previously insured with the Connexional Fund. The total amount of cover given by the Fund as at November 30th, 1923, amounted to £396,341. The Board still continues the safe policy of reinsuring all large risks. The total amount of reinsurance cover is £103,876.

During the year the Treasurers have, in accordance with resolutions adopted by last Conference, paid £100 to the Deaconess House Committee, £50 to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund, and an additional £100 to the Centenary Fund, making a total to this Fund of £500 as authorised by last Conference. The sum of £47 10s. has been written off the amount due by the Fairfield Trustees to the Fund.

After paying £243 16s. for fire losses and paying all working expenses, the accumulated funds increased during the year past by £1568 19s. 6d., and the total assets of the Fund now amount to £15,831 1s. 5d. The investments of the Fund are set out in the Balance Sheet. In view of the increasing risks carried by the Fund, the Board repeats the opinion expressed a year ago, that it is essential that not less than £1000 a year be added permanently to the Accumulated Funds. By this means the Board will be able to give an increasingly good security to the Trustees whose properties are insured in the office, and also gradually to reduce the amount paid for reinsurance.

For several years past the Board has allowed a rebate of 5 per cent. of the premium levies for prompt payment, in other respects following the tariff adopted by Insurance Companies. But for the current year all the public Fire Insurance Offices in New Zealand are allowing a rebate of 15 per cent. The Board does not think it safe to give any further rebate than this, especially as it has to pay the regular tariff rates for all its reinsurance. While cheap insurance may be desirable, safety is even more desirable.

The Board once more calls attention to the very inadequate insurance on many Church properties. There are several Church buildings insured for about £100, and some for less. In some cases valuable additions have been made to buildings without any addition to the insurance. It is very desirable that Trustees should from time to time review the amount for which their properties are insured.

In order to conserve the interests of the Fund, and to prevent disappointment on the part of possible applicants, the Board desires to indicate that in its judgment and as a matter of policy it is not desirable to make grants to local trusts, but to use any surplus funds for general Connexional objects. The Conference is strongly recommended to endorse this view.

The Board recommends the Conference to authorise the following appropriation of the past year's profits, viz.:—Deaconess House Fund, £100; Benevolent Branch of Supernumerary Fund, £100; Foreign Mission Fund, £100; Home Mission Fund, £100, and that the balance of £1168 19s. 6d. be added permanently to the Accumulated Funds.

The following have been nominated by the North Canterbury Synod as the Board of Management for 1924:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. T. Fee and A. Peters, Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Treasurer), Messrs. H. Holland, C.B.E., S. R. Webb, F. H. Christian and A. A. Sandford.

The Board expresses its high appreciation of the very efficient manner in which the Connexional Secretary has managed the business of this Fund during the past year, and tenders to him its warmest thanks.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Board,

THOMAS FEE, Chairman.

#### FIRE INSURANCE FUND RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the members of the Board of Management for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Board for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. T. Fee and A. Peters, Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Treasurer), Messrs. H. Holland, C.B.E., S. R. Webb, F. H. Christian and A. A. Sandford.
3. That the past year's profits be appropriated as follows:—To the Deaconess House Fund £100; Benevolent Branch of Supernumerary Fund £100; Foreign Mission Fund £100; Home Mission Fund £100.
4. That from the balance of £1,168 19s. 6d. shown in the Report, the Board be authorised to appropriate a sum not exceeding £100 towards the liquidation of the debit balance in the Cash Statement of the Young People's Department, provided that immediate steps be taken to raise the amount required from other sources, the amount payable from this Fund to be limited to 50 per cent. of the amount raised in other ways.
5. That, in all cases, except where mortgage obligations make it impracticable, Trustees and Committees in charge of Trust or Circuit properties be strongly urged, in the interests of Connexional loyalty and as a means of helping other Connexional enterprises, to effect all their insurance with the Connexional Office.
6. That the attention of Superintendents be called to the inadequate insurance of some Church Properties.

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

**REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE  
FOR 1923.**

There have been no new features in connection with the work of the Office during the past year, but the work of all the Departments continue to grow. As the work performed is dealt with in the various Departmental Reports submitted to the Conference there is no need to summarise them here.

The working expenses have been provided for by the appropriations made by the Conference of 1923. The receipts have been as follows:—Credit Balance from previous year, £16 18s. 2d., Church Building and Loan Fund £190, Fire Insurance Fund £225, Supernumerary Fund £210, Contingent Fund £165, "Methodist Times" £70, H.M. Retiring Fund £15, Authorised Representative £36 5s., Sundry Cash 14s. 2d.; total £928 17s. 4d. The Expenditure has been £892 13s. 11d., leaving a balance of £36 3s. 5d. The rent of the office has been increased from £75 to £130 a year, and there has also been a considerable increase in telephone charges.

The estimated expenditure for 1924 is £930, and the following appropriations are requested for 1924:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £195; Fire Insurance Fund, £240; Supernumerary Fund, £210; Contingent Fund, £165; "Methodist Times," £70; Authorised Representative (say), £35; H.M. Retiring Fund, £15; Total, £930.

The question of office accommodation has received the attention of all the Committees concerned, both separately and unitedly, and there has been complete unanimity as to the desirableness of the Connexion securing its own offices. The matter was referred by last Conference to the Supernumerary Fund Board for consideration and report. The recommendations submitted by that Board have been unanimously endorsed by the other Committees.

The North Canterbury District Synod has nominated the following as the Committee for 1924:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, St. Albans and Papanui Circuits; Mr. A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Supernumerary Fund and "Methodist Times" (ex officio), and Messrs. L. M. Isitt, M.P., M. Kershaw, W. H. Seed, C. A. Newman, F. H. Christian and J. Lomas.

The Committee places on record its high appreciation of the faithful and able services of Rev. S. Lawry, who by his usual promptitude and kindness has maintained the high efficiency of the office.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be thanked for their services.
3. That the Rev. S. Lawry be thanked for his services.
4. That the Committee for 1924 be as recommended in the Report.

**QUESTION XXXVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Theological College?**

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)

**METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.**

**A.—ACTING-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1923.**

1. The Acting-Principal and his family took up their residence at "Dunholme" on March 15th, a day or two before Dr. Laws sailed for Europe. The College opened on March 19th, when the following students came into residence:—Messrs. J. Bailey, E. H. Brooker, H. G. Brown, H. L. Fiebig (third year); G. R. H. Peterson (second year); F. G. Brown, J. H. Hall, G. R. Harris, C. R. Taylor, and A. H. Voyce. These men have done a good year's work. Discipline has been maintained; attention has been given to spiritual development; diligence in study has been excellent. Outdoor work and recreation have assisted to keep them in good health.

2. Concerning last year's work it is necessary to report that the "Edson" Prizes for Greek were won by Messrs. Fiebig (1) and Peterson (2); and the "Garland" Prizes for Theology were obtained by Messrs. E. H. Brooker (1) and H. G. Brown (2). This information was not available for the Synods last year.

3. This year, for the first time, the students competed for the Elocution Prizes made possible by the generosity of the late Mr. Edson. The tests were carried out in both public and private, and were thorough. All the men satisfied the judges, who awarded the prizes to Messrs. Brooker (1) and Fiebig (2).

4. During the year the students have conducted services in Auckland and the districts around. Avondale, New Plymouth, Birkenhead and Te Aroha Circuits had student assistance during the short vacation, and already nine Circuits have applied for aid during the Long Vacation.

5. During the year gifts of books to the College Library have been made by Mrs. Batten and Mr. G. A. Buttle, and a small group of Auckland laymen presented the students with a full set of hockey sticks.

6. The men this year have undertaken the systematic visitation of the Young Men's Bible Classes on behalf of the Union.

7. The household arrangements have been excellently managed by Mrs. Ranston during the year.

8. The Course of Study for 1923 has been as follows:—

(a) **THEOLOGY**, (1) Systematic. The Person and the Works of Christ. Text Book: Clarke's "Outline of Theology," Part IV.

Lectures by Rev. J. A. Lochore on—The Virgin Birth, Incarnation, Messianic Consciousness, Atonement, Resurrection and Exaltation of our Lord. (2 classes per week.)

(2) Biblical. The teaching of Jesus in the Four Gospels. Text Book: Steven's "The Theology of the New Testament." Weekly lectures by Dr. Ranston.

(b) **BIBLE INTRODUCTION**. The authorship, date, contents, composition and destination of the Four Gospels. Text Book: Peake's "Critical Introduction to the New Testament." Also lectures on the style and characteristics of the Gospels; the general characteristics, methods of interpretation and the originality of the teaching of Jesus. Weekly classes conducted by Dr. Ranston.

- (c) **BIBLICAL EXEGESIS.** The principles of exegesis and a detailed study of St. Mark's Gospel. Text Book: Plummer's "Gospel according to St. Mark." Weekly lectures by Dr. Ranston.
- (d) **HOMILETICS.** Classes have been conducted by the Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A., who delivered a course of lectures on Sermon Preparation, Delivery and the Conduct of Public Worship. In addition each student has preached a criticism sermon, which has been discussed in class.
- (e) **GREEK.** Two senior and two junior classes have been conducted weekly by Dr. Ranston. Senior work:—Lectures in Syntax and the reading of the following chapters. Matthew VI.; First Epistle of John; Philippians II.; Revelation III.; Romans XIV.; Hebrews XII.; together with some papyrus remains and classical Greek. Junior work: Accidente; easy New Testament passages. Text Book: Moulton's "Introduction."
- (f) **LATIN.** Two classes per week have been conducted by Dr. Ranston in preparation for the Matriculation examination.
- (g) **MATHEMATICS.** The Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., has taught two classes per week up to Matriculation standard.
- (h) **ENGLISH.** Two weekly classes up to Matriculation standard have been conducted by the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A. The work has included Nesfield's Manual, "Principles of Essay Writing," detailed study of selections from standard English authors.
- (i) **SOCIAL ECONOMICS.** A weekly class has been conducted by the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S. Text Book; Chapman's Elementary Economics. Subjects: Purpose of Economics; nature of wealth; utility; value; demand and supply; factors in production; capital and labour; factory legislation; competition, speculation, markets, price, money, banking, etc.; all treated from the point of view of the minister's need for knowledge of essential facts.
- (j) **MENTAL AND MORAL PHILOSOPHY.** A weekly class has been conducted by the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S. The work has covered the first part of Wardell's "First Lesson in Philosophy," and also a course in the elements of Psychology. Logic and Ethics have been taken in the preceding years.
- (k) **ELOCUTION AND VOICE PRODUCTION.** Mr. T. Harris, professional elocutionist, has given a course of instruction.
9. **UNIVERSITY WORK.** Messrs. Bailey, Fiebig and Brooker have attended University lectures; the two former being excused subjects (f) to (j) in the above course; while Mr. Brooker was excused subjects (f) to (h).
- (a) Mr. Bailey, who last year passed for the B.A. degree in History and Education, has this year attended lectures and passed the terms examination in Mental and Moral Philosophy, Greek and Advanced Economics, and will sit in November for the second section of the B.A. degree.
- (b) Mr. Fiebig, who last year passed for the B.A. degree in History and Education, has this year attended lectures and passed the terms examination in Mental and Moral Philosophy; Latin, Advanced History and will sit in November for the second section of the B.A. degree.
- (c) Mr. Brooker has attended University classes in Education, and passed the examination.

(d) Messrs. Peterson and Hall are sitting for the Matriculation examination in December.

10. Thanks are due to the lecturers who have so heartily co-operated during the year with the Acting-Principal.

HARRY RANSTON, Acting-Principal.

Auckland, November 1, 1923.

The Report was received and adopted, and the course of studies was approved.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Dr. Ranston be cordially thanked for his services as Acting-Principal, and Mrs. Ranston for her work in connection with the College.
2. That the Assistant Tutors be thanked for their services.
3. That the Principal, Dr. Laws, be congratulated and welcomed on his safe return from the Old Land.

#### B.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1923.

In the absence in England of Principal Laws, the College has for the past year been under the control of Acting-Principal Ranston, who has had, as in previous years, the co-operation of visiting lecturers. Everything has gone happily and a successful year of work is to be recorded.

CONGRATULATION.—Early in the year very cordial congratulations were extended to the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., on his attainment by examination of the degree of Doctor of Literature.

GIFTS.—Grateful thanks are extended by the Committee to the following donors of gifts to the College:—Mrs. Battey, gift to the Library of a collection of books from the library of the late Rev. P. Battey; Mr. G. A. Buttle, gift to the College Library of a volume; various anonymous donors of hockey equipment for use by the students' hockey team.

SECRETARY.—Owing to ill-health, the Rev. T. F. Jones, after some years of valued service found it necessary to resign from the Secretaryship of the Committee. While accepting the resignation, the Committee expressed sympathy with Mr. Jones in his illness, and recorded warm appreciation of services rendered in the office.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES.—Following its previous decision to establish Prospective Candidates' Classes in 1924, the Committee took steps to publish all information regarding such classes with a view to encouraging young men to avail themselves of the opportunities of preparatory training that these will afford. It is hoped that members of Synods, both ministerial and laymen, will without delay forward all information with respect to those likely to enrol in these classes so that this new development may be fully undertaken when College resumes in March of next year.

With the return of Dr. Laws and the initiation of the new organisation involving the appointment of Dr. Ranston as permanent tutor, the Committee looks forward next year to the commencement of an era of progressive work in developing the College function of meeting the growing need for a trained and efficient ministry.

WILLIAM G. SLADE, Convener.

## C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

The expenditure on the maintenance of the College has been kept well within the estimate, although there were two items of extraordinary outlay. Notwithstanding four additional students were in residence, the total cost has only been £129 7s. 7d. more than last year. Included in this expenditure there is an item of £32 19s. 1d. for repairs, and also £9 7s. for a hoarding, neither of which should be recurring. The hoarding was erected in connection with the Prohibition Campaign.

On the receipts side, the Probert Trust contributed £700. The Contingent Fund also shows a contribution of £700, but this was owing to the delay over the payments from this fund the previous year. The actual amount contributed for this year was £600. Elmsly Trust £107, being £3 short of the estimate. Nothing has been drawn from either the Home Mission Treasurers, or the Prince Albert College Trust.

There is an item on this side, Dr. Laws £28 11s. 4d. This appears simply through some confusion in transferring the management from Dr. Laws to Dr. Ranston, and was not discovered by the Treasurer until the end of the financial year. The amount is really a return by Dr. Laws of a sum of money he held in hand for casual expenditure. Mr. H. H. Marshall has paid a further £10 off his indebtedness. I regret neither Mr. Mogridge or Mr. Attwood have paid anything.

A word of commendation is due to Dr. and Mrs. Ranston, for their admirable management of the College during the period they have been in residence. Although Mrs. Ranston has not enjoyed the best of health, she has controlled the household work of the College excellently, and everything has gone smoothly.

G. A. BUTTLE.

## BUDGET FOR 1924-25.

Owing to the uncertainty as to the number of students that will go into residence next March, and also the appointment of Dr. Ranston as permanent tutor, it is very difficult to estimate very closely what the total expenditure will be next Connexional year. I have, therefore, endeavoured to make ample provision for any contingency. I have estimated the cost at £2000, and have made provision as follows:—

Receipts—		£	s.	d.
Probert Trust	... ..	1200	0	0
Contingent Fund	... ..	500	0	0
Elmsly Trust	... ..	110	0	0
Auckland East	... ..	100	0	0
Home Mission	... ..	50	0	0
P. A. College	... ..	40	0	0
		£2000 0 0		
Expenditure—				
House	... ..	600	0	0
Stipends	... ..	550	0	0
Rents	... ..	338	0	0
Connexional	... ..	120	0	0
Quartermage	... ..	80	0	0
Rates	... ..	76	0	0
University Fees	... ..	50	0	0
Telephone	... ..	30	0	0
Garden	... ..	50	0	0
Elocution	... ..	6	0	0
Insurances	... ..	10	0	0
Recreation	... ..	20	0	0
Sundries	... ..	70	0	0
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The Budget was received and adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That thanks be tendered to the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., for his services as Secretary and Convener of the Committee of Management, and that he be re-appointed.
2. That the Theological Committee take into consideration the matter of the stipends of the Principal and the Tutor with a view to the payment of salaries more commensurate with their abilities and standing.
3. That the Conference places on record its appreciation of the valuable 24 years' service of Mr. G. A. Buttle as Treasurer of the Theological College. During that long period most important developments have taken place, and the College will always bear the marks of his business ability and sacrificial services. More whole-hearted service for the welfare of the students could not have been rendered. The Conference tenders him its heartiest thanks.
4. That the Theological Committee elect its own Treasurer for this year.
5. That the proposal to regard the third year of a student at College as the first of his probation was referred for consideration to the Ministerial Committees and Synods.
6. That the following be the Committee for 1924: Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., P. N. Knight, B.A., G. Bond, J. H. Simmonds, G. T. Marshall, T. F. Jones, W. A. Sinclair, W. A. Burley, M.A., E. Drake, A. B. Chappell, M.A., Dip. Jour., C. H. Olds, B.A., W. G. Slade, M.A., Messrs. A. C. Caughey, G. A. Buttle, G. Winstone, A. Peake, J. W. Shackelford, J. Veale, T. W. Jones, S. J. Ambury, J. Stanton, LL.B., J. J. Parker, H. P. Caughey, W. H. Worsley, F. M. Winstone, and A. C. A. Sexton.
7. The proposal for the organisation of a modern Sunday School in connection with Theological College was referred to the Principal and the Board of Studies for consideration.

**REPORT OF METHODIST THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION  
BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.**

**EPSOM PROPERTY.**

I have to report that all Sections in the Estate have now been sold, and a considerable portion of the purchase money has been paid over by the purchasers. The Capital Account stands at £3,125 5s. 11d., but as the £1,200 charged as loan by Mr. A. C. Caughey has been appropriated to the Theological Institution by Mr. Caughey as part of his Centenary Contribution, the Capital Account is actually £4,325 5s. 11d.

Balance of purchase money owing carries interest at 6%. All monies received are invested at 4½% and 5% pending such time as they are needed in connection with the new College. Messrs. A. Peak and J. J. Parker have acted as Treasurers during the year and will accept re-appointment. Their duties now comprise the investment, under the direction of the Theological Committee, of funds as they become available.

For the Trustees,

ARCH. PEAK.

The Report was received and adopted.

Messrs. A. Peak and J. J. Parker were thanked for their services, and were re-appointed.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix

**WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE—REPORT TO CONFERENCE FOR 1923.**

The most important event of the year has been the selection and appointment of Mr. R. C. Clark to succeed the Rev. J. H. Simmonds as Principal of the College and Manager of the College Farm. Mr. Clark holds an M.A. Degree and Diploma of Education from the University of Melbourne. In addition to good experience in the scholastic work of high grade schools, he has the special advantage of having been for two years science master at a State Agricultural College, where he took a keen interest in the practical operations of the farm as well as in the science of agriculture. Mr. Clark is at present a member and lay preacher in the Presbyterian Church; but he was brought up a Methodist, and will willingly accept the fellowship of our own Church when he comes amongst us as Principal of the College.

The next most important event of the year has been the decision of the Board to proceed with the sub-division of the suburban lands for leasing in building sites. Complete sub-division plans have already been prepared, and steps are in progress for leasing allotments fronting existing public roads. The formation of new roads will follow later as demand and resources develop.

The declared policy of the Board with respect to the admission of scholars to the College is to blend Europeans and Natives on equal terms and without any restriction as to relative numbers. Fitness in character and physical health will be required in all cases, and fees will be charged according to the ability of parents or guardians to make payment. Our roll this year has been small; but we have had good boys, and have further proved the feasibility of housing and teaching Europeans and Natives in the same residential school.

Our most urgent concern just now is the formation of a roll for next year. If suitable boys offer, we can take 45. The average cost per annum to boys who gain places in this College will be far less than the average in any other residential school offering equal advantages. Boys who have otherwise no hope of ever getting to a residential school at all may come to Wesley Training College and receive a training that will help them on the way to efficient citizenship and success in business. Members of the Conference can assist the Board by seeking out such boys and applying on their behalf for admission.

(Signed) S. J. AMBURY, Chairman.

(Signed) J. H. SIMMONDS, Principal.

The Report was received and adopted, and pleasure was expressed at the appointment of Mr. R. C. Clark.

**PERMISSION TO SELL PARTS OF LOT 87 IN THE PARISH OF TITIRANGI.**

Subject to the provisions of the Methodist Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1911, and the Methodist Charitable and Educational Trusts Act Amendment, 1914, the Conference sanctions the sale of all or any of the sections fronting Vincent Road and Mount Albert Road on a plan for the subdivision of Lots 87, 87a and 87b in the Parish of Titirangi; the said plan having been prepared by Mr. J. C. Simmonds.

Licensed Surveyor, and approved by the Minister of Lands, as recorded in the Survey Office, Auckland, under No. 1280. In the event of the said subdivision plan being altered or amended, the sanction to sell shall be deemed to apply to any part or parts of the total area comprised in the sections thereon fronting Vincent Road and Mount Albert Road as aforesaid.

This sanction to sell is given by Conference, on the understanding that the net proceeds of sales shall be applied, in the first place, to paying off the Board's liability due to the acquisition of land and erection of buildings at Paerata.

The following new members were appointed to the Board:—Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, Alfred Trenwith and Thomas H. Chapman.

**QUESTION XL.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting the Connexional Funds?**

**1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.**

(For Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, see Appendix)

**REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1923.**

The Board has pleasure in presenting to the Conference the Report for the year 1923. The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet must be taken as part of the Report, containing, as it does, some of the information that the rules require to be submitted to the Conference.

During the year one Supernumerary has died, also a Minister in full work, and a Probationer, and one Minister has resigned. There are at present 38 Supernumeraries and 31 Ministers' Widows receiving annuities from the Fund. During the year the sum of £6922 3s. 9d. has been paid as Annuities and Furniture Grants.

There appears to be a tendency on the part of both Ministers and Circuit Stewards to delay making their payments to this Fund. Chairmen of Districts complain of the difficulty of getting prompt payment. The arrears due on account of Ministers' personal subscriptions on December 31st were £272 ls. 10d., as compared with £351 7s. 3d. a year previously. The arrears of Circuit Levies on December 31st were £576 11s. This amount includes the Levies on December 31st, also the sum of £9 12s. 6d. due by one Circuit to which a Minister has been appointed for some years past who is a member of the Australasian Fund. The decision of last Conference has not been accepted by the Minister of the Circuit. In some way this matter should be brought to finality, and the Conference authority maintained.

The working expenses of the Fund during the year amounted to £280. This represents a little over 7½ per cent. of the income from subscriptions and Circuit levies.

Of the Accumulated Funds £94,300 is invested on mortgage, the rate of interest varying from 5½ to 7 per cent. In most cases the interest has been paid with commendable promptness. There are a few cases of arrears, but it is not anticipated that any loss will be sustained.

The amount invested in Government and Local Bodies' Debentures is £22,806 15s. Two small parcels taken over from the Australasian Fund bear interest at 4 per cent. These will mature on 1st February, 1924, and 1st May, 1929. The interest on other debentures varies from 5 per cent. to 6½ per cent.

The average rate of interest earned on the mean funds for the year has been £6 6s. 5d.

### Benevolent Fund.

During the year subscriptions for the Benevolent Fund have been received to the amount of £27 19s. 6d. £50 has been paid by the Fire Insurance Fund Treasurers, and £84 2s. 3d. has been received for interest. A mortgage investment of £500 has been repaid, and the money invested in Christchurch Drainage Board Debentures at 5½ per cent. Grants amounting to £150 have been made to supplement annuities, mostly to widows with very small incomes.

### Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

There has been nothing in the working of this Fund during the past year calling for special notice. The financial position is fully set forth in the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance-sheet, as printed in the Appendix. The sum of £139 19s. 7d. has been paid to Home Missionaries who have retired, and £35 has been repaid to the Home Mission Fund Treasurers. The net assets of the Fund are £2216 9s. 8d., an increase of £468 2s. 5d., and the interest earned during the year was £111 0s. 2d., being £32 2s. 3d. more than the previous year.

### Deaconess Retiring Fund.

This is still a very small Fund, but it is steadily growing. The investment of its moneys with the Supernumerary Fund enables interest to be earned at much more than ordinary deposit rate. The accumulated funds now stand at £479 11s. 1d., and interest has been earned amounting to £26 16s. 4d.

### Annuities to Those on Australasian Scale.

At the last general Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia it was decided to make a considerable reduction in the scale of annuities payable to Supernumeraries and Ministers' Widows. This raises the question of the annuity to be paid by the New Zealand Fund to those who by the "plan of separation" were guaranteed that they should not receive less than the amount payable by the Australasian Fund. The Board is of opinion that this provision implies that the rule must be both ways, and if they are not to receive less, they are not entitled to more than the amount payable by the Australasian Fund. The Board does not wish to see the amount payable to those concerned reduced, and Conference is recommended to approve of a proposal, providing that those affected may contract themselves out of the provision referred to, and continue to receive the same rate of annuities as is paid to those who are not so affected. In anticipation of this a circular has been sent to all concerned asking for their individual consent to such arrangement, without which there is no authority for paying them more than the Australasian rate. (See Min. Conf., 1921, p. 95, Res. 6) A copy of the letter is appended.

### Connexional Offices.

The Conference of 1923 affirmed the desirability of securing property for Connexional purposes in Christchurch, and remitted the matter to the Supernumerary Fund Board for consideration and report to the Conference of 1924. In order to secure the strongest possible support for its recommendations the Board, after having decided that it was desirable that a portion of the Supernumerary Fund should be invested in property suitable for Connexional Offices and for letting purposes, invited the Fire Insurance Board, the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and the Connexional Secretaryship Committee each to send

three members to meet a Committee of the Board. After full consideration that Committee adopted the following recommendations:—

1. That premises suitable for Connexional Offices and for letting purposes be erected or purchased by investing therein moneys under the management of the Supernumerary Fund Board, which shall control the investment.
2. That no land be bought or building erected unless approved by 75 per cent. of the members present at a united meeting of the above four Boards or Committees, and by 75 per cent. of the members of the Supernumerary Fund Board, who shall express their consent in writing or by vote at a special meeting of the Board called for the purpose of considering the matter.
3. That the sum to be invested for the above shall not exceed £25,000.

These recommendations have been submitted to and approved by all the Boards and Committees named, and the Conference is requested to give its approval to them.

#### Valuation of the Fund.

A valuation report of the Fund is being prepared by Mr. P. Muter, F.I.A., and if received in time this will be presented to the Conference. The time between the closing of the accounts at the end of the year and the opening of Conference is very short for the purposes of audit and valuation.

#### Members of Board for 1924.

As Rev. A. H. Fowles expects to be leaving Christchurch he will be the retiring member of the Board. The following are nominated for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. Baumber, E. D. Patchett, P. R. Paris, J. Guy, W. Arthur Hay, Messrs. W. H. Seed (Treasurer), J. C. Prudhoe, W. Dobbs, G. Bowron, W. H. Foster and A. F. Drayton.

#### Alteration of Rules.

The Board recommends the following alterations to the Rules and Regulations:—

1. Add to Rule 2—"When the Lay Treasurer of the Fund retires he shall be continued as a member of the Board for a further period of not less than three years.
2. Add to Rule 8 (re Investment of Funds)—(e) In the purchase of freehold property and (or) erection of buildings, when approved by at least three-fourths of the members of the Board, and sanctioned by the Conference or any Committee authorised by the Conference to sanction any such purchase or erection.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

WILLIAM BAUMBER, Chairman.  
 SAMUEL LAWRY }  
 J. C. PRUDHOE } Treasurers.

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**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND.**

P.O. Box, 931, Christchurch,  
20th December, 1923.

Dear.....

In connection with the formation of a separate Supernumerary Fund for the New Zealand Conference, the following provision was made:—

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

Hitherto every increase of annuity made by the General Conference has been followed by a similar increase by the New Zealand Conference. The New Zealand Supernumerary Fund has been strengthened to meet these extra claims by a large appropriation from the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund and by increased contributions by Ministers and Circuits. From the 1st April, 1924, the Australasian Fund will reduce annuities by more than 12% below those now being paid by the New Zealand Fund. The annuity payable to you under the new Australasian Scale will be £ less than that payable under the present New Zealand Scale. The Board is recommending to the Conference that those Ministers and Ministers' Widows affected by the above legislation shall continue to receive the larger annuities payable by the New Zealand Fund, on condition that they sign an agreement surrendering their claim to any larger annuity that may possibly become payable from the Australasian Fund, with the provision that they shall not at any time receive a less annuity than is payable under the New Zealand regulations to those not affected by the above legislation. If you agree to the proposed arrangement please sign the enclosed form of agreement and return it to me at the above address not later than 31st January, 1924, keeping the duplicate for your own future reference.

On behalf of the Board,

Yours faithfully,

SAMUEL LAWRY.

**VALUATION REPORT.**

I have the honour to submit the following report on the Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand as at 31st December, 1923.

The Fund came into existence on the 1st January, 1912, by separation from the Australasian Fund, the surplus at that date on a 4% valuation basis, after deducting the amount subsequently refunded for depreciation of securities, being £4374. The annuities were increased by 15% and second wives admitted to the benefits, which resulted in a deficiency at the next valuation—31st December, 1917—of £4346. A further increase of 15%, viz., 17½ on the original scale, was then made.

the cost being partly provided for by a grant of £8000 from the Methodist Centenary Fund, and an increase in the contributions and Circuit levies from £8 17s. and £11 10s. per annum respectively, to £10 and £15 per annum, which, at the valuation at 31st December, 1920, increased the deficiency to £10,629. A still further increase of 10% (11½ on the original scale) by way of a bonus to be reviewed at each valuation has since been made, but dating from 1st April, 1920.

Using 5% interest for the valuation basis, the Fund at 31st December, 1920, was in a solvent condition, notwithstanding the increases and bonus, and I am asked to make the valuation at this rate of interest, and report whether the bonus can be continued.

The effective rate of interest earned on the funds was £5/15/5% in 1921, £6/0/7% in 1922, and £6/6/5% in 1923, and as far as can be seen at least 5% is likely to be earned for many years to come. It must be remembered, however, that a valuation assumes that the funds are accumulated at compound interest clear of all losses during the lifetime of the youngest contributor or the last survivor.

Assuming 5% interest as a tentative measure for the basis of valuation, the net liabilities, if the increases and bonuses are regarded as permanent, amount to £115,569—vide Table III.—as compared with funds amounting to £118,343, as shown in the Consolidated Revenue Account—Table I.—leaving a surplus of £2774. On a 4½% valuation basis the deficiency would be about £8,800.

The subscriptions, levies, and annuities, are apparently all such as may from time to time be fixed by the Conference, vide rules Nos. 14, 18, 38 and 49, although the division of the scale of annuities into permanent allowances, and bonuses for temporary periods, is somewhat in conflict with this interpretation.

The profit from interest earned over and above 5% amounts to £3601, of which £600 has been used to strengthen the "Investment Fluctuation Reserve," bringing the amount to £1600.

In making the valuation I have used the British Office Life Annuity Tables, 1893, for valuing the annuities to Ministers and Widows, and also for the reversionary annuities to prospective widows.

The progress of the Fund (Table II.) shows that at 31st December last there were 145 contributors compared with 142 at 31st December, 1920, while the number of Ministers receiving pensions decreased from 39 to 38, and the number of widows increased from 25 to 32. The deaths amongst contributors and pensioners numbered 9 compared with 18 for the previous three years.

The expense of management during the triennium averaged £7/14/5% of the contributions and Circuit levies, and a reserve of 8% for future expenses has been made in the valuation.

The result of the investigation shows that the present scale of annuities and bonuses can be continued, and that no reduction is necessary at present. Five per cent. interest, however, is a high rate to assume except for a limited period, and the surplus £2774, although very satisfactory, is a small one and any demand for further increases based on its existence should therefore be firmly resisted by the Board.

A high rate of interest is being earned on the money invested, and the Fund is apparently very ably managed, but the results of this do not belong exclusively to the present annuitants, but to all the members, and the surplus should be accumulated with the object of continuing the bonus indefinitely.

PERCY MUTER, F.I.A.

7th February, 1924.

### SUPERNUMERARY FUND RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received as adopted.
2. That the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Supernumerary Fund, the Cash Account and Balance-sheet of the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, the Cash Statement and Balance-sheet of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, and the Cash Statement of the Deaconess' Retiring Fund be received and adopted.
3. That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. J. C. Prudhoe for his services as Lay Treasurer of the Fund. For a period of twelve years Mr. Prudhoe has held this position, and is now retiring at his own request. From the inception of the Fund he has watched its interests with unremitting care; and has placed at the service of the Board and the Church the practical experience gained by long service in connection with an institution doing a large business of a somewhat similar character. The Conference hereby places on record its high appreciation of the faithful and valuable service rendered to the whole Church and especially its Ministers, and trusts that Mr. Prudhoe may find in other spheres opportunities for continuing to serve the Church which has so long received the benefit of his counsel, fidelity and devotion.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Board of Management for their services during the past year, and that the following members be the members of the Board for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. Baumber, E. D. Patchett, P. R. Paris, J. Guy, W. Arthur Hay, Messrs. W. H. Seed, J. C. Prudhoe, W. Dobbs, G. Bowron, W. H. Foster, and A. F. Drayton; Mr. W. H. Seed to be Lay Treasurer of the Fund.
5. That resolutions 4 to 10 as printed on page 104 of the Minutes of Conference 1923, be re-affirmed.
6. Whereas paragraph 12 of Section E of the "Plan of Separation," on pages 149-153 of the Book of Rules and Regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand contains the following provision:—  
 "No Minister who at the time of the Actuarial investigation above referred to shall have made thirty (30) or more annual payments into the Australasian Fund shall be required to pay more to the New Zealand Fund than he would have been required to pay had he remained in the Australasian Fund, nor shall he or his widow, or any Supernumerary or widow then receiving such payments from the Australasian Fund be paid less than he or she would have received by remaining in the last-mentioned Fund, provided further that any Minister, Supernumerary, or widow herein referred to shall be entitled to receive a guarantee from or on behalf of the New Zealand Conference for the fulfilment of this provision." And whereas it is considered desirable that all Supernumeraries and widows on the New Zealand Fund should be entitled to the same scale of annuities, and in consideration of any Minister, Supernumerary or widow undertaking that he or she will not at any time claim more than is allowed by the scale of Annuities for the time being in force under the New Zealand Fund it is hereby resolved:—
  - (1) That such Minister, Supernumerary or widow shall, on becoming a claimant on the New Zealand Fund, be entitled to payment under the Scale of Annuities for the time being in force in New Zealand.
  - (2) That an agreement to give effect to these conditions be signed by the Minister, Supernumerary or widow concerned, and by the President of the Conference, who is hereby authorised to affix the seal of the Conference thereto.

- (3) That if any such Minister, Supernumerary or widow refuse or fail to sign the agreement above referred to on or before 1st June, 1924, he or she shall be paid an annuity according to the scale in force for the time being in connection with the Australasian Fund.

N.B.—Before action is taken upon No. 6 and sub-sections, the Supernumerary Fund Board shall obtain from two Solicitors independently of each other an investigation and endorsement of the same as protecting the beneficiaries' interests and fulfilling the legal obligations of the Conference.

#### Connexional Offices.

7. That Conference re-affirm the desirability of securing property in Christchurch suitable for Connexional Offices and for letting purposes, and hereby sanctions the investment therein of moneys under the management of the Supernumerary Fund Board, subject to the following conditions:—
- (1) That no land be bought or building erected unless approved by not less than three-fourths of the members present at a united meeting of the Supernumerary Fund Board, Fire Insurance Board, Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, and Connexional Secretaryship Committee, and by not less than three-fourths of the members of the Supernumerary Fund Board, who shall express their consent in writing or by vote at a special meeting of the Board called for the purpose of considering the matter.
- (2) That the sum to be invested for the above shall not exceed £25,000.
8. That to enable such an investment to be made the following be added to Rule 8 (see investment of Funds)—(e) In the purchase of freehold property and (or) erection of buildings, when approved by at least three-fourths of the members of the Board, and sanctioned by the Conference or any Committee authorised by the Conference to sanction any such purchase or erection.
9. That the Valuation Report by Mr. P. Muter, F.I.A., be received, and that the Conference express its satisfaction with the condition of the Fund as shown by the Report.
10. That the scale of annuities and bonus with the Furniture Grants adopted by the Conference of 1921, be continued until the next valuation of the Fund.
11. That the following addition be made to Rule 2:—When the Lay Treasurer of the Fund retires he shall be continued as a member of the Board for a further period of not less than three years, unless otherwise determined by the Conference.

## 2.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

### RESOLUTIONS.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

That the Rev. W. Rowe be appointed Ministerial Treasurer, and Mr. E. Kellow re-appointed Lay Treasurer of the Children's Fund for 1924.

That the young son of the late Rev. V. S. Mercer be put on the Children's Fund.

That the matter of increasing the Children's Allowance be referred to the Treasurers of the Fund to consider and report to the next Conference.

That the levy for 1924 be 10%.

That the Treasurers of the Children's Fund pay over £200 to the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund.

### 3.—CONTINGENT FUND.

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

#### RESOLUTIONS.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

That the sum of £125 be paid in compassionate allowances.

That the Contingent Fund Levy for the current year be 6½%.

That Conference heartily thanks Mr. E. Rosevear for his long, efficient, and devoted service as Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.

That the Rev. W. B. Scott and Mr. J. H. Blackwell be the Treasurers of the Fund.

### 4.—THE REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

The Balance-sheet (duly audited) and Summary are presented herewith as part of the Report.

The total income received for 1922 and 1923 is £661 13s. 3d., to which must be added £73 6s. 2d. arrears, making a total of £734 19s. 5d. (say £735). By adding 50% of this amount to represent next year's income we get a total of £1102 10s. to pay out from in the fourth year.

The total removal expenses of 1922 and 1923 amount to £1722 12s. 9d., while there are four ministers who have not yet furnished the amount of their expenses. Add say another £50 for these and it gives us a total of £1772 12s. 9d., or a yearly average expenditure of £886.

In order to meet this and to provide a reserve in case of any unusual expenditure, it is estimated that a levy of 2¼% would have to be struck on the total stipends paid, as per Conference Minutes £36,137, which would return an income of £993. The Committee considers this margin not quite sufficient for stability, and would recommend a levy of 3% which would return £1083.

In view of this the Committee asks Conference to give the most careful consideration to the scheme before final adoption in 1925, as in its opinion the levy will bear very heavily upon many Circuits.

The Committee recommends that the Treasurers (Rev. E. D. Patchett and Mr. W. H. Seed) be thanked and re-appointed; and that the following be the Committee:—Revs. W. Arthur Hay, E. D. Patchett, H. Ryan, P. R. Paris, and Messrs. W. H. Seed, M. Kershaw, F. Thompson, W. Dobbs and A. A. Sandford. Convener, Rev. P. R. Paris.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

PERCY PARIS, Convener.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

The Report was received.

That the scheme be referred back to the Committee for report to Synods and next Conference.

That the Committee consider during the year the liability of Circuits now reduced to Home Mission Stations.

That the Committee for 1924 be as follow:—The Rev. W. Arthur Hay, E. D. Patchett, H. Ryan, P. R. Paris, and Messrs. W. H. Seed, M. Kershaw, F. Thompson, W. Dobbs, A. A. Sandford and J. C. Prudhoe. Rev. E. D. Patchett and Mr. J. C. Prudhoe (Treasurers). Convener, Rev. E. D. Patchett.

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

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, 1923.**

The year has been a busy one on the Mission field, and reports from the Chairman and the Missionaries indicate progress in the work of the Mission. The Chairman of the District has been engaged for a considerable time in connection with the sittings of a Land's Commission, where he has represented the natives, both Christian and heathen, in claims which they have made with regard to land, of which they have been unjustly deprived. Here he has met with more success than he had dared to hope for. The Board of Mission has heartily supported Mr. Goldie in his efforts to secure justice for the natives.

**Staff.**

During this year Sisters Mansfield and Stanford have resigned as Missionary Sisters, owing to their marriage. They will, however, continue to serve on the field as Missionaries' wives. Nurses Common and Saunders have filled the positions thus vacated. Sister Common is at present at the Head Station, and Sister Saunders has been appointed to Bambatana, on the Island of Choiseul.

Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe have been on furlough. Mr. Waterhouse, the head-master of the school at Kokengolo, has married during the year. Miss Jones, a certificated school teacher, has been accepted for appointment, but shortage of accommodation at the Head Station, is delaying her leaving for the field. Nurse Trott, a Plunket nurse, is in training at the Deaconess House, Christchurch.

The staff now consists of six European Missionaries, two lay Missionaries, and six Missionary Sisters, one Tongan Minister, together with Tongan and Solomon Island native teachers.

**Finance.**

Owing to the arrangement whereby the appeal is made in the South Island in the latter part of the year, it is not now possible to give the Synods a statement of the income for the year. Despite the special efforts of this year, the indications are that there will be another deficiency. The amount received by the Treasurers up to October 18 is £7463. Accounts close on December 31st.

A change is being made in the method of presenting accounts, and the statements for this year will show missionary and plantation accounts separately. A considerable amount of the deficiency last year was due to the working of the plantation.

The sum of £1500 has been received from the Treasurers of the Centenary Fund. The use to be made of the Centenary Fund money will be considered at the annual meeting of the Board, and recommendations will be made to the next Conference.

A legacy of £1000 has been received from the estate of the late Emily J. Martin, of Auckland. The Board has decided to place £500 of this amount to Working Capital in accordance with the regulations, and £500 to Reserve for the Hospital, which it is proposed to erect when a medical man is available.

**Equipment.**

The most notable addition to the equipment of the field this year is the wireless plant. This is now in working order, and is a great boon to the Missionaries and the Board of Missions. The Chairman of the

Mission District is of opinion that the plant will pay for itself, owing to the knowledge of the market thereby gained, facilitating the sale of copra. The sawmill is now in course of erection, and we hope soon to hear that it is in working order. Another Delco lighting plant has been given by Mr. J. W. Court for use on the new Mission Station at Senga.

#### Medical Mission.

There are now five trained nurses on the field, one of whom is a Plunket nurse, and one a fully qualified Fijian nurse. Miss Trott, a Plunket nurse, has also been accepted by the Board of Missions for appointment when the way is open. Mr. E. T. Sayers, of the Medical School, Dunedin, was recognised by the last Conference as a student in training for medical mission work. Proposals are under consideration for the establishment of a suitable hospital when funds are available and a doctor is on the field.

#### Publications.

The quarterly Magazine, "The Open Door," has been favourably received, and has now a circulation of 5100. The Children's Missionary paper, "The Lotu," has considerably increased its circulation during the year, and now stands at 5750. There are still, however, many Sunday Schools which do not support the paper.

The story of the life of the native teacher, Daniel Bula, has been published by the Rev. R. C. Nicholson, and will soon be on sale throughout the Dominion.

#### Women's Auxiliaries.

It is impossible to speak too highly of the work of the Women's Auxiliaries. They are proving a great educational force in the churches where they are established. It is worthy of record that the whole of the Sisters' salaries are paid by this excellent organisation. Half the salary of the Plunket nurse is provided by the Young Women's Missionary Movement of Dunedin.

#### Maori Volunteers.

Difficulties have arisen in connection with the appointment of Maori ministers to the Mission field, making their appointment impossible this year. It is hoped that the way may yet open for representatives of the Maori Church to serve in the Solomons.

#### Furlough and Deputations.

The Revs. J. F. Goldie and A. A. Bensley are due for furlough next year. It is expected that the Rev. A. A. Bensley will be the deputation in the North Island, and the Rev. J. F. Goldie in the South Island. The Board of Missions has placed on record its appreciation of the splendid services rendered by the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Metcalfe as deputation this year.

#### Interesting the Men of the Church.

The Board has given attention to the question of securing in larger measure the assistance of the men of the Church in our Missionary work. It is felt that the time is not opportune for the creation of special machinery in this connection, but it is recommended that next year, in every meeting wherever possible, the assistance of laymen be secured as chairmen and speakers. District Committees are to be instructed to give special attention to this in preparing the deputation plan.

### General Secretary.

The General Secretary, in addition to the office and general work involved in the administration of the affairs of the Missionary Society, has done deputation work in no less than 61 Circuits and Home Mission Stations this year. On the whole, the meetings have been splendidly attended, and a growing interest is being manifested in this department of the work of the Church. Satisfactory arrangements are being made for the carrying on of the work during the visit of the General Secretary to England.

### Thanks.

The best thanks of the Board are due to District Committees, District Secretaries, Circuit Committees and Secretaries, Deputations, Collectors, and all workers who have assisted in the campaign of this year.

W. A. SINCLAIR, General Secretary.

### NOMINATION OF GENERAL SECRETARY FOR 1925.

The Board of Missions has unanimously nominated the Rev. W. A. Sinclair for appointment for a second term as General Secretary from the Conference of 1925.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, 1924.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Mission was held in Auckland on February 6th and 7th, and was presided over by the Rev. W. Grigg, Acting-President. The Rev. J. F. Goldie, Chairman of the Mission District was present at the meeting. Two whole days were spent in considering the business of the Missionary Society.

The New Zealand income amounted to £11,407 16s. 1d., an increase of £637 18s. 7d. upon the income of last year, but a deficiency of £1592 3s. 11d. upon the estimated income for the year. On the other hand the Mission District shows an increase of £1203 13s. 6d. on last year's income, and a surplus of £546 17s. 6d. on the estimated income for the year. The sum of £750 has been paid off the Australasian deficiency, which now stands at £2250. In accordance with the resolution of last Conference, the Banga Plantation account has been separated from the ordinary Mission account.

The Conference empowered the Board of Missions to deal with the Centenary Fund as it deemed best. The Board has allocated £500 for the purchase of a launch, has resolved to place £1500 to reserve for a hospital in the Solomons, and proposes to use the remainder, which is estimated at not less than £2000, for the building of a Sisters' Home and Mission houses, to be used in subsidising the cost of such building up to 75%.

The Emily Martin legacy of £1000 is to be allocated as follows: £500 to Working Capital Fund, and £500 placed to reserve for the Mission Hospital.

Efforts have been made to get all arrangements completed in connection with the formation of the Trust Association. An Order-in-Council validating the Association is now awaited. The titles to properties are all being put into order.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the matter of showing the amount due to the Australasian Board of Missions as part of Capital Expenditure be considered by the Board during the year, and that the accounts be adjusted accordingly if it is deemed desirable that this should be done.

2. That the following be the estimates of income for 1924 :

New Zealand	...	£13,000
Solomon Islands	...	3,000

N.B.—This amount does not provide for any reduction of the accumulated deficiency in New Zealand.

3. That in future there be presented an annual balance-sheet in addition to the statements now furnished.
4. That the date of closing accounts be December 31st, with fifteen days' grace, and that the annual meeting of the Board of Missions be held during the first week in February.
5. That Conference direct that all collections and other money contributed to the Foreign Mission Fund shall not be retained in Circuit Funds, but shall immediately be handed over to the Circuit Missionary Secretary, who shall, without delay, remit to the General Treasurers of the Fund.
6. That Mr. N. J. Jenkins, of Victoria, be invited to visit New Zealand with a view to meeting laymen, and stimulating their interest in Foreign Missions, and that Mr. Goldie be requested to confer with him, and if possible make arrangements for such a visit.
7. That the Board hears with pleasure of the desire of the Young Men's Bible Class Union to support a Medical Missionary in the Solomons, and expresses its willingness to facilitate effect being given to such a proposal.

#### 8. Medical Mission Policy—

(1) The aim of the Missionary Society shall be the establishment of a well-equipped hospital in the Solomon Islands, with a medical man in charge, for the treatment of native cases and the training of native and other medical helpers.

(2) The name of the hospital shall be "The Helena Goldie" Hospital.

(3) There shall be a men's ward, a women's ward, and a small ward for Europeans.

(4) The women's ward shall be named "The Emily Martin" Ward.

(5) The sum of £1500 from the Centenary Fund and £500 from the Emily Martin legacy and £200 from the Donald McLean Street Trustees shall be placed to "Reserve" to assist in the building of such hospital.

(6) The hope is expressed that the Women's Missionary Union through its Auxiliaries may be able to raise the sum of £500 during the next three years for hospital purposes.

(7) In the event of Mr. E. T. Sayers completing his medical course in 1924, he shall spend 1925 in gaining hospital experience in New Zealand. During 1926 he shall spend sufficient time in the School of Tropical Medicine in Townsville, Queensland, to acquire a knowledge of tropical diseases and their treatment. His first year on the Mission Field shall be devoted to investigating conditions, gaining experience and learning the language. No definite steps shall be taken towards the erection of a permanent hospital until the doctor has had sufficient experience of conditions and needs on the Mission Field to enable him, in consultation with the Chairman of the District, to make definite recommendations to the Mission Synod and Board of Missions and the Conference. In the meantime, buildings of a temporary character may be erected for use until the permanent hospital is built.

(8) The stipend of the Medical Missionary shall be the same as that of a Minister in full Connexion employed on the Foreign Mission Field.

(9) Fees from European residents for services rendered by the Medical Missionary shall be placed to the credit of the Medical Mission Fund, together with any fees contributed by the natives.

(10) In the event of the Medical Missionary being compelled to leave the Mission Field through ill-health or for any other reason approved by the Board of Missions, the Board shall give such assistance as may be agreed upon to assist in the purchase of a practice for him in New Zealand.

9. The Board heartily approves of the present system of a Central Dispensary, and urges that instead of special contributions being sent to individual workers on the Field they be sent to the Central Dispensary through the Chairman of the District.
10. That Missionary Sisters be advised to pay in to the Central Fund any amounts sent specially to them for medicines.

#### Missionary Sisters and Their Training.

11. That a term report for each student in training for Missionary work in the Deaconess House be furnished to the Board of Missions through the Deaconess Committee.
12. That the course of study for each Missionary student be arranged by the Deaconess Committee in consultation with the Board of Missions.
13. That no person be accepted as a Missionary student unless a satisfactory report has been received from the Women's Missionary Union after a personal interview.
14. That in the case of every candidate there shall be a period of training in the Deaconess House, or testing otherwise, before being finally accepted for the Mission Field.
15. That an additional minister be appointed to the Mission District to enable the appointment to be made of a second minister to Bougainville.
16. That the Chairman of the Mission District be instructed to take steps towards securing titles to Church sites, as freehold if possible—or alternatively on lease at a peppercorn rental.
17. That the following additional questions be asked at the Synods of the Mission District:
  - (1) Have the sites of churches been legally secured to the Missionary Society, and if not, what sites are not legally secured, and what steps are being taken to secure them.
  - (2) Is the Connexional property adequately insured?
18. That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair's appointment as General Secretary date from the year 1922.
19. That the Rev. G. T. Marshall be appointed Acting-General Secretary during the Rev. W. A. Sinclair's absence from the Dominion.
20. That the Treasurers, the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court, be thanked for their services during the past year, and that they be re-appointed.
21. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Auditors for their services.
22. That one representative of the Women's Missionary Union for each District be appointed as members of Synods, on the nomination of the Women's Missionary Union Executive, and by appointment of the President of the Conference.

23. That in every Circuit at least one meeting of women be held in the interests of Foreign Missions.
24. That the District Secretary for Foreign Missions have a seat in Synod ex officio.
25. Resolution 20, page 121, Minutes 1923, was re-affirmed.
26. **Week of Prayer and Sacrifice.**

(1) That a special week of prayer and sacrifice be held in every Circuit and Home Mission Station during the week immediately preceding the Foreign Mission anniversary, as a spiritual preparation for that important event.

(2) That ministers and local preachers conducting services on the Sunday commencing the week of prayer be requested to call special attention to the needs of the work and the necessity for making this week of prayer a time of real spiritual concern and sacrificial effort; and that members of the Church be called together for prayer at the close of the Sunday evening service or other suitable time on that day.

(3) That wherever possible special meetings for prayer be called during this week, and that Christian men and women be invited to pray in secret and at the family altar for our Missionary work.

(4) That the March Quarterly Meetings in the North Island, and June Quarterly Meetings in the South Island, be instructed to make adequate preparation for the observance of the week of prayer.

(5) That a statement be prepared for use by ministers and local preachers setting forth the need for extension on the Mission Field, and the present financial position of the Missionary Society.

27. **Thanks and an Appeal.**

The Conference acknowledges with gratitude to God the liberality of the members and adherents of the Church throughout New Zealand in providing the sum of £11,407 for our Foreign Missionary work. It thanks all who have assisted in any way in the missionary effort of the year. It calls upon all our people for further sacrifice and service in order that the work which we have undertaken in the distant Solomons may be strengthened and extended, and the Gospel carried without delay to the multitudes who still sit in darkness.

**Board for 1924.**

That the following be the Board of Missions for 1924:—The President of the Conference (Rev. A. Ashcroft), the General Secretary (Rev. W. A. Sinclair), the Treasurers (Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court), Mesdames G. Bowron, H. E. Pacey, T. H. Stevens and Miss Carr, the Chairman of the Auckland District, Revs. Dr. Laws, B.A., E. Drake, A. Liversedge, W. A. Burley, M.A., C. H. Olds, B.A., Dr. Ranston, M.A., S. Lawry, W. Beckett, W. W. Avery, M. A. Rugby Pratt, Messrs. H. Field, W. S. Mackay, F. W. Stone, A. Peak, J. P. Blair, J. E. Astley, A. J. Buttle, L. Joll, E. Rosevear, F. Thompson, B. J. Lynneberg, F. Sheppard Green.

**District Foreign Mission Secretaries.**

- Auckland.—Rev. A. Liversedge.  
 South Auckland.—Rev. F. E. Leadley.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—Rev. W. W. Avery.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Rev. F. Copeland.  
 Wellington.—Rev. J. A. Lochore.  
 Nelson.—Rev. H. L. Blamires.  
 North Canterbury.—Mr. F. Sheppard Green.  
 South Canterbury.—Rev. G. F. Stockwell.  
 Otago-Southland.—Rev. A. Hopper.

**District Missionary Committees.**

Auckland.—Revs. Dr. Ranston, T. R. B. Woolloxall, G. S. Cook, W. G. Slade, M.A., J. E. Parsons; Messrs. W. S. Mackay and F. G. Steinert. Convener, Rev. G. S. Cook.

South Auckland.—The Ministers of the Hamilton and Cambridge Circuits; Messrs. A. T. Maunder, T. L. Hames, J. T. Bryant, J. T. Johnson. Convener, Rev. F. E. Leadley.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Superintendent of Wanganui Circuit, Revs. W. Lea, W. W. Avery, C. Strand; Messrs. W. G. Basset, F. J. Benton, J. Parker, A. S. Wansborough, J. Goodey, F. Whitlock; Mesdames E. R. Morgan, W. Brown and Miss Cunliffe. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendents of Palmerston North, Hastings, Feilding, Sanson-Rongotea Circuits, Messrs. T. R. Hodder, J. Harding, C. E. Taylor, F. J. Gibbs, J. H. Oldham. Convener, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.

Wellington.—Included in District Executive Committee.

Nelson.—The Chairman of the District, the Minister of Greymouth (Convener); Messrs. C. A. Gunn, I. Nelson, Jas. McIndoe, F. Pullin; Mesdames McIndoe and Butcher, and Miss White.

North Canterbury.—The District Executive Committee.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers of the Timaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits; Messrs. C. G. Voegeler, J. E. Chiles, T. E. Holdgate, R. H. White, R. Maxwell. Convener, Mr. T. E. Holdgate.

Otago-Southland.—The Superintendents of the Dunedin Circuits; Messrs. E. A. Rosevear, E. A. Harman, P. Nixon, D. C. Cameron, jnr., T. W. Hemer, J. P. Simon, W. M. Roberts, R. N. Vanes, R. Jamieson. Convener, Rev. A. Hopper.

Southland Sub-Committee.—The Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits; Messrs. J. J. Wesley, A. Noble, A. S. Froggatt, F. W. Preddy, J. Hensley, P. A. Pearce, S. Stevens, C. F. Roberts, W. Kellow. Convener, the Minister of Invercargill Central Circuit.

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

**REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION EXECUTIVE, 1923.**

In forwarding the report of the Home Mission Executive for another year the members wish to express their gratitude to God for His continued mercy. They have never lost sight of the fact that it

is His work in which they are engaged, and in all sincerity they have sought to promote the interests of His Church. There have been many demands upon both their time and thought, and they have ungrudgingly given of their best. So far there have been seven meetings of the Executive during the current year, and two more have been arranged. The Special Committee appointed to consider any urgent business that may arise between the specified meetings of the Executive has been in frequent session. All meetings show a remarkably high average of attendance. While there has been no break in the ranks of the Executive during the year, two of its members, the Rev. J. A. Hosking and the Rev. W. T. Blight, have had to mourn the loss of their wives, and much sympathy is felt for them.

The year has been marked by the usual crop of difficulties in regard to the staffing of the stations. At the very beginning there had to be several adjustments in the appointments. Under legal advice the President transferred the Rev. T. F. Watson to Porirua, and Mr. F. E. Foot to Woodend. Then the Executive recast four of the other appointments as follows:—Kaukapakapa, J. W. Bayliss; Bay of Islands, J. Thomas; Hokianga, W. McDonald; and Nightcaps, C. Duncan. The Executive is glad to report an improvement in the number of unmarried men offering for employment. This time last year there were ten such men on the list, now there are fourteen. Four of the staff were accepted as candidates for the ministry at the last Conference—Messrs. H. C. Orchard, F. Spencer, and A. Blakemore being appointed to Circuits, and Mr. F. G. Brown becoming a student at Dunholme. In the early part of the year, Mr. G. H. Cule and the Rev. J. Boothroyd tendered their resignations, and more lately, Mr. H. Bateup and Mr. R. G. Hemmings have been compelled to do the same. Especial regret was expressed regarding the retirement of Messrs. Bateup and Hemmings, for both of them are young men with "gifts and graces," and both were compelled to take action because of serious nerve trouble. Two of the former Home Missionaries, Messrs. M. Ayrton and A. F. Attwood, have returned to the work, and six new men, J. W. Cocks, E. R. Alexander, H. Thornley, C. G. Scrimgeour, F. J. Richard, and G. F. O. Whittlestone, have been employed. Seven other applications have been before the Executive, and have been declined, and there are two others that have not yet been considered. At the present there are fifty three men on the staff, of whom thirty-nine are married. There are still nine vacant stations.

A matter that called for early attention by the Executive was the resolution of the Conference authorising Dr. Laws to select and send out a number of young men from England for our Home Mission work, and requesting the Executive to make detailed arrangements with him. After a full consideration of the Resolution, the Executive decided as follows, and supplied Dr. Laws with a copy:—

1. That the Resolution passed by Conference be understood to include:—

- (a) The securing of at least six young men who shall serve the Church for a stated period as Home Missionaries before they can be received as Candidates for the Ministry;
- (b) Also some young men who are accepted Candidates for the Ministry;
- (c) Also some young men who are already Probationers;
- (d) And also some ordained Ministers; but in such cases the Executive must be cabled to for advice before committing it to any financial responsibility.

2. That Dr. Laws be authorised to make an offer of half fares under the N.Z. Government's Emigration Scheme. It was felt, however, that Dr. Laws should have a free hand in deciding the proportion which each man should pay.

3. That the cost of such importations shall not exceed the sum of £300, and that the Contingent Fund be asked to provide an equal share of it with the Home Mission Fund.

4. That each man coming to New Zealand under these arrangements shall be required to sign a bond agreeing to the following conditions:—

- (a) That the young men who come out to undertake the work of Home Missionaries shall serve the Church in that capacity for the period of two years before they either retire from the work or become Candidates for the Ministry, otherwise they shall refund to the Church the amount expended in bringing them to this country;
- (b) That in the case of an accepted Candidate for the Ministry, he shall serve the Church as a Probationer after the expiry of his college course for four years, otherwise he shall refund to the Church the sum which it paid towards his passage out. In addition to this he shall be required to meet the usual obligations that are imposed upon all students that are received for training;
- (c) That in the case of a Probationer, he shall serve the Church in its ministry for four years, otherwise he shall be required to refund to the Church the cost it incurred in bringing him to New Zealand.

Dr. Laws has been in constant touch with the Executive, and in his most recent letter, dated September 5, he says: "I am giving a great deal of time to the matter of choosing men for New Zealand, and though thus far I have only accepted two, I am in touch with several others, and among them some excellent applicants. You may, I think, rely upon getting a dozen by Conference time." The two men already selected are expected to reach New Zealand some time before Christmas.

The Executive has given much thought to the Policy Questions remitted to it by the Conference, and, in accordance with its instructions, after the fullest consideration it has recast the duties of the General Superintendent, and it now sends them on to the Synods and Conference in the form of Recommendations that will in due course be presented. It has also decided that the appointment of a minister as assistant to the General Superintendent is necessary, and it nominates the Rev. E. T. Olds for the position.

P. N. KNIGHT, Chairman of Committee.

T. G. BROOKE, General Secretary.

1. That the Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure be received and adopted.
3. That the Report of the Home Mission Executive, after deleting the last sentence, be received and adopted.
4. That, on the eve of his retirement from the office of General Secretary of Home Missions, the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. G. Brooke for his conspicuous service covering a period of fifteen years, and that he be appointed a Life Member of the Home Mission Board.
5. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. G. Bond, the General Treasurer, for his services during another year, and that he be re-appointed with the usual honorarium.

6. That Mr. J. Veale be cordially thanked by the Conference for his services as the Lay Treasurer during another year, and that he be re-appointed.
7. That in the future the Home Mission Executive be designated "The Home Mission Board."
8. That a Corresponding Secretary (honorary) to the Board be appointed.
9. That the Home Mission Executive be thanked for its services during another year, and that the following be the Board for 1924:—  
The General Superintendent, the General Treasurer, the Lay Treasurer, Rev. T. G. Brooke (Life Member), the Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, and Messrs. J. Veale (Life Member), T. W. Jones, T. L. Caley, A. Peak, W. S. Stone, T. Clark, J. J. Parker, C. Jansen, W. S. Mackay, J. Trounson, H. Field, G. O. Blakey, F. G. Steinert, A. Trenwith, C. K. Wigglesworth, W. H. Worsley, H. S. Crowe, Howard Knight, J. Boyce, C. Bycroft, E. O. Chivers and C. Strong. Hon. Secretary, Rev. E. Drake.
10. That the following resolution from Auckland Synod be referred to the Home Mission Board for consideration, and report through the Synods to the next Conference:—The Conference shall direct the Home Mission Board to consider during the year the financial need of the Home Mission and Church Extension Department for the following year, and to send the result of its findings to the Synods, stating the amount necessary to be raised by the Circuit or Station.

**" DUTIES OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ETC."  
TITLE, OBJECTIVES, ETC.**

I. That the title of the Department be "THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT."

II. That the objectives of the Department be briefly defined as:—

- (1) The furtherance of the Christian evangelisation of New Zealand.
- (2) The propagation throughout the Dominion of that vital interpretation of Christianity in practical life and experience for which Methodism stands.
- (3) The intensive and extensive development of our work in areas permanently occupied by our agents, and the establishment of new causes in neglected areas.
- (4) The further development and extension of Maori work.

III. That in pursuance of these objectives, the following lines of action be adopted:—

- (1) The awakening of interest and the promotion of enthusiasm in the Mission of Methodism.
- (2) A searching investigation into all those problems which affect the development and extension of Methodism, so as to insure the best possible use being made of our resources—both men and money.
- (3) The securing of an adequate number of efficient agents, and the multiplication of our voluntary workers.
- (4) The development of official co-operation between the Maori Stations and the ordinary Circuit organisation.
- (5) The promotion and support of aggressive evangelistic work.
- (6) The promotion and fostering of social and philanthropic work.
- (7) The establishment of a Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society.

### DUTIES OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

As the Chief Executive Officer of the Department, the General Superintendent shall:—

1. Be regarded as the General Adviser and Director of Church Extension for the Dominion.
2. Assume the responsibilities and duties previously attached to the offices of General Secretary of Home Missions and General Superintendent of Maori Missions, as specified in the Book of Laws, and in the Minutes of previous Conferences, and in pursuance of, or in addition to these duties, he shall:—
  - (a) Visit personally or by deputy all Home Mission Stations and Aided Circuits, and confer with the Minister or Home Missionary and officials concerning the state of the work, Circuit organisation and finance, and future prospects, and report thereon to the District Committee, the Executive Committee, the Synod and the Conference.
  - (b) Encourage Circuits and H.M. Stations to increase their usefulness, strengthen their organisation and finance, and improve their status.
  - (c) Advise and assist in the organisation of special Inspirational and Evangelistic Missions.
  - (d) Promote the employment of Deaconesses in city and rural areas.
  - (e) Study the growth of population in both city and country, visit personally or by deputy those parts of the Dominion where Methodism is not yet officially represented, and ascertain what openings there are for our work, and report thereon to the District Committee, the Executive Committee, the Synod and the Conference.
  - (f) Have power, in consultation with the Chairman of the Districts and the Superintendents of the Circuits concerned, to call conferences of Ministers and Officials to discuss proposals concerning Church Extension and Consolidation and Evangelistic work.
  - (g) Where new stations are established, to take, in conjunction with the Chairman of the District, whatever steps are necessary to place the station on a sound organised basis.
  - (h) Advise and co-operate with the S.S. and Y.P. Department with a view to establishing Sunday Schools in areas where we have as yet no Circuit organisation strong enough to deal with the matter.
  - (i) Keep in close and effective touch with each District Committee, seeking and giving the fullest information possible concerning the present state of the work, and the possibilities of improvement and extension.
  - (j) Arrange, in consultation with the Chairman of the District and the Secretary of the District H.M. Committee, for the annual visitation of every Circuit and H.M. Station by a Deputation of a type that will be both inspirational and educational, and which, especially in the case of the weaker Circuits and H.M. Stations, shall seek to assist and give impetus to the local work, as well as to gain support for the H.M. Fund.

## GENERAL.

That the consideration of the question of setting apart a Minister with special gifts for Inspirational and Evangelistic work as an assistant to the General Superintendent be deferred for a year.

1. That the Chairmen of Districts and Secretaries of District Committees, together with the Connexional Secretary, shall be regarded as corresponding members of the Board in connection with the consideration of:—

- (a) All matters affecting their respective Districts; and
- (b) Important policy questions.

2. That the Board shall not act as the Auckland District Committee, but a separate Committee with a different Secretary shall be appointed

3. That the present District Advisory Committee shall in future be known as the District Home Mission Committee, and its powers and responsibilities shall be progressively developed.

4. That in the interest of both the Circuits and the Department, Conference directs,

- (1) That H.M. Deputation Itineraries be arranged in detail as early as possible in advance.
- (2) That Ministers and Officials make such local arrangements in connection with the Home Mission Anniversary and the visit of the Deputation as shall ensure gatherings worthy of the occasion.

5. That all Ministers and Officials be requested to give the utmost possible assistance in the arrangement of satisfactory supplies for any Minister or Local Preacher engaged in H.M. Deputation work, or Inspirational and Evangelistic Missions.

6. That the Chairmen of Districts pay, as far as possible, annual official visits of an inspirational and advisory character to the Circuits in their respective Districts, and that Circuit Superintendents be directed to make the fullest possible use of the Chairman's visit by arranging public functions, special services, official meetings, etc.

7. That the H.M. Department, in conjunction with the Literature Committee, take steps to secure the compilation and publication of a Methodist Service Book, suitable for the use of Readers in Public Services in localities where and on occasions when fully qualified local preachers are not available.

## DUTIES OF CIRCUIT HOME MISSION SECRETARIES.

I. The Circuit Home Mission Secretary shall in consultation with the Minister or Ministers of the Circuit:—

- (a) Supervise the Home Mission campaign for the whole Circuit.
- (b) See to the appointment of a local Secretary and Treasurer in each Church or Preaching Place.
- (c) Arrange to secure a Chairman (layman if possible) to preside at the annual meeting in each church.
- (d) Keep in constant touch with the Local Secretaries receiving moneys from them and remitting the same without delay to the General Treasurer of the Fund.
- (e) Present an annual report to the Quarterly Meeting, and keep that meeting advised of all matters relating to Home Missions which affect the Circuit.

- (f) Arrange for all advertising in connection with the Sunday Services and Annual Meetings.
- (g) Have a good supply of Home Mission Boxes and Collecting Books on hand, and distribute as required to Local Secretaries.

#### DUTIES OF LOCAL SECRETARIES.

- II. The Local Secretary shall in consultation with the Minister—
- (a) Arrange for pulpit announcements for the two Sundays preceding the Home Mission Anniversary Services, and other pulpit announcements affecting the interests of the Department.
  - (b) Arrange for the distribution of Annual Reports and Subscription Lists at least two or three weeks prior to the Anniversary.
  - (c) Arrange for the distribution of all advertising matter in connection with the Sunday Services and Annual Meeting.
  - (d) Arrange with Choirmaster for special musical items for the Anniversary Services.
  - (e) Prepare beforehand for the Annual Meeting, arranging the programme and presenting a short report.
  - (f) Attend to the distribution of Mission Boxes.
  - (g) Receive all collections, contents of Mission Boxes, and subscriptions received, and hand the same without delay to the Circuit Secretary.
  - (h) In connection with the every wage-earner canvass attend to—
    - (1) The distribution of literature;
    - (2) The appointment of collectors;
    - (3) The distribution of collecting books, and the apportionment of names to collectors, entering names and addresses into the collecting books;
    - (4) The compilation, when the effort is complete, of full returns for the Circuit Secretary.

#### CHATHAM ISLANDS.

That in view of uncertain and irregular communication with the Islands, the probable cost of visitation, the sparse population, and the lack of men, no further action be taken.

#### The Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

1. That Section 8, Minutes of Conference, 1922, be amended to read £15 instead of £12, and £5 instead of £4. This Rule shall come into operation for the quarter ending June 30th, 1924.
2. That for the present there be no further alteration in the Rules governing the administration of the Fund.
3. That an amended Table of Prospective Retiring Allowances (see Minutes of Conference, 1919, page 99) be prepared by the Board of Management and presented to the next Conference, showing the probable amount that will be due to each beneficiary at the time of his retirement, such table to be calculated upon a five per cent. basis.
4. That the Connexional Office issue to each Home Missionary on the list a certificate showing the amount to his credit in the Retiring Fund as from December 31st, 1923, and every successive three years from that date.

### Home Missionaries and the District Ministerial Committee.

5. That Home Missionaries present at the Synod shall have a right to a seat and vote on the Ministerial Committee when questions affecting the Home Missionaries are under consideration.

### The Acceptance of Senior Home Missionaries into the Ranks of the Ministry.

6. That the Examination Committee deal with each case on its merits.

### Further Resolutions.

That one half of the expense of bringing men from England be borne by the Contingent Fund.

That both Ministers and Home Missionaries are directed to give greater attention to Section 7 of the Pastoral Resolution on page 138 of the Methodist Law Book. The policy of undue centralisation and curtailment adopted by many brethren in many places is directly opposed to the genius and history of Methodism, and it is disastrous to Church life and progress. The Conference further directs that no preaching place in either a Circuit or Home Mission Station be abandoned nor the services therein discontinued without the consent of the District Home Mission Committee, after investigation by the Chairman or his deputy.

That the removal expenses of Mosgiel be paid one-third each by Home Mission Fund, Contingent Fund and Mosgiel Circuit.

That so far as possible, the interests of Home and Foreign Missions shall have equal time and opportunity on the programme of the Conference Public Meeting.

That in the event of young men from England being available for Home Mission work, the Board have power to act.

### HOME MISSION DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

**Auckland.**—The Chairman of the District, the Superintendent of the Auckland Central, West, East, Avondale, Devonport and Onehunga Circuits; and Messrs. W. P. Winstone, A. W. Parker, A. J. Buttle, O. Paterson, A. J. Harris and R. Clarke, also a Home Missionary to be nominated by the Chairman of the District. Convener, the Superintendent of the Onehunga Circuit.

**South Auckland.**—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Hamilton and Cambridge Circuits, a Home Missionary (to be nominated by the Chairman); Messrs. Hames and Fow. Convener, Rev. F. E. Leadley.

**Taranaki-Wanganui.**—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the New Plymouth, Waitara and Inglewood Circuits; Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, R. Pepperell, P. J. White, C. Carter, W. Ambury, A. G. Fischer, E. Taylor and J. Gibson. Convener, Chairman of the District.

**Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.**—The Ministers of the Napier, Hastings, Dannevirke, Palmerston North, Feilding, and Sanson-Rongotea Circuits; Messrs. G. W. Venables, L. A. Denton, E. Bethell, J. Harding, F. S. Guy and R. Print. Convener, the Chairman of the District.

**Wellington.**—The District Executive Committee.

**Nelson.**—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Blenheim Circuit; Messrs. W. D. Pike, C. W. Parker, C. White. Corresponding members. The Minister of Greymouth Circuit and Mr. Jas. McIndoe. Convener, Chairman of the District.

**North Canterbury.**—The North Canterbury District Executive Committee.

South Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Timaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits; Messrs. A. Stead, W. G. Irwin and A. W. Barnett. Convener, Mr. A. Stead.

Otago-Southland.—The Ministers of Dunedin City and Suburban Circuits; Messrs. E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, T. W. Hemer, W. Roberts, R. M. Vanes, P. Nixon and R. Jamieson. Convener, Rev. H. L. Richards.

Southland Sub-Committee.—The Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits; Messrs. A. Noble, A. S. Froggatt, F. W. Preddy, J. Hensley, P. A. Pearce, W. Kellow, C. F. Roberts. Convener, the Superintendent of the Invercargill Central Circuit.

**QUESTION XLIII.—What is the State of the Maori Work, and What Can be Done to Promote its Interests?**

**MAORI MISSION REPORT, 1923.**

The year has been full of evidences of the Divine Presence on our Maori Mission Fields. There have been minor failures and disappointments for there is much that is human in our organisation. On the other hand, there have been outstanding successes, and, in general, consistent and steady progress because The Master Builder is our Chief Worker.

We are now carrying on vigorous and extensive work in the Waikato, King Country and Taranaki Districts. In Rangitikei and North Auckland we have also extended our boundaries and gained many new members. About eighty genuine adult conversions have been reported, and a good percentage of these are developing into workers and preachers.

Our staff of volunteer workers is steadily increasing in efficiency and numbers, and we are particularly glad to be able to report that in several Districts there is a very definite increase of interest on the part of neighbouring Christian pakeha organisations and individuals.

If this development of interest can be so fostered and organised as to strengthen and extend it to all Districts we have no doubts of the future. It is the worldly, the immoral, the anti-Christian influence of many of the neighbouring Europeans that is the greatest handicap to our Mission, and this can only be surmounted by the self-sacrificing and kindly activities of adjacent European Christians.

The importance of work amongst the children is becoming more generally recognised, and in several settlements the leading chiefs regularly gather the children and give them Christian instruction. The Deaconesses are giving a fine lead in this work, and their influence is continually strengthening and extending.

The decision of the Women's Missionary Union to support an additional Deaconess was welcomed very heartily by the Executive and all the Mission Staff. The Native Ministers and Chiefs are very proud of the work that is being done by the Deaconesses, and speak most highly of them.

There has been quite a revival of interest lately in our Church Buildings. Two have been thoroughly renovated at a cost of some £200, and the people are now raising money for the renovation of three others. The Maoris like to co-operate in these matters. Each settlement helps the others and then later looks for assistance in its turn.

Probably there never was a time in the history of our Mission when Prayer meant so much to the Natives as it does to-day. In nearly all our homes family prayer is observed at least once a day, and in general the prayers are reverent, earnest and sincere.

A very pleasing feature of the work in many places is the piety and loyalty of the young men.

Temperance sentiment is making headway. Some of our young men in the North, who had been victims of appetite, went in a body and took out permanent Prohibition Orders against themselves.

Our Mission was privileged to pay a prominent part during the year in assisting the N.Z. Alliance to counter the attempt being made to legalise the sale of intoxicants in the King Country. The Chiefs and the Alliance have expressed themselves as deeply grateful for the timely aid thus rendered.

The inherent difficulty of raising a primitive people to Christian standards in faith and morals, great though it be, is as nothing compared to the problems created when that people is closely pressed by the vices and hypocrisies of our modern civilisation.

The establishment of a Mission Hospital at Te Kuiti is a step that was long overdue. In a small and unsuitable building some forty cases have already been successfully treated. We have now taken a large and suitable house and confidently anticipate that this work will grow in influence and importance.

The infant mortality is startlingly heavy. Even more serious than the heavy mortality is the fact that a very large proportion of the children who do survive carry permanent physical infirmities and suffer from chronic diseases which are directly attributable to their parents' lack of knowledge. In co-operation with the more enlightened Natives, and with the Government, we are seeking ways and means to educate the parents. It is a tedious and difficult task, but it must not be shirked because of its difficulty and magnitude, for this matter vitally affects not only the individuals concerned, and the Maori race as a whole, but also the future welfare of the Dominion.

Our Maori Mission Fathers have bequeathed us a heavy responsibility but also a marvellous asset. Our Missionary record is in some respects unrivalled, and this is recognised by Maori leaders to-day whose descendants, when their status and habits of life become more stabilised, will be proud to be pillars in a Church that has such a record.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTION.

That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. A. J. Seamer, the General Superintendent of Maori Missions, for the very efficient and satisfactory way in which he has conducted the work of his department during another year, and it prays that the blessing of God may continue to rest upon our Maori work in all its branches.

#### QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting City Missions?

##### 1.—AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. A Report was presented and adopted.
2. That the Trustees of the East Street Hall be recommended to enlarge the Trust by including the members of the Freeman's Bay and Parsonage Trusts, and that the new Trust Board dispose of the East Street property as soon as a satisfactory price can be secured;

that the money from the sale be invested for the present in first class security, and when an opportune time arrives it be devoted to the securing or erection of Mission property in Auckland; and further, that Trustees shall have the right to use the interest from such money in the meantime to carry on Mission work in Auckland.

3. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be urged to give the Trustees of the East Street Hall immediate permission to proceed with the sale of the property.
4. That in order to conserve its present interests, the Auckland Methodist Mission be continued as a separate Circuit, with Alexandra Street as the centre, and that a suitable agent be appointed.

## 2.—WELLINGTON MISSION.

See under Question XXIII.

## 3.—DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

The Report was received and adopted.

## QUESTION XLV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with Regard to the Training of Deaconesses?

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1923.

During the year interest has centred largely in the pursuance of the Forward Policy, recommended in last year's report, approved by Conference, and made practicable by the acquisition of the property in Latimer Square.

The dedication and formal opening of the New Deaconess House took place on 16th June, conducted by the Rev. W. Arthur Hay, assisted by a number of our ministers.

The function was most successful, a very large gathering being present. Keen interest was evinced and the new House was thoroughly inspected, expressions of approval and congratulations being general.

Successful gatherings, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary and the Bible Class Union, were held on the two succeeding Saturdays. In connection with the transfer of quarters from the old Deaconess House, heavy demand was made on the time and services of the Ladies of the House Committee, while much extra work, amid the discomfort associated with removing and house renovations, was cheerfully overtaken by Sister Ruth (Superintendent), Miss Hawkins (House Sister), with Sister Marion and Miss Trott, students in training. Needless to say the improved conditions and more congenial outlook now enjoyed are much appreciated.

#### House Sister.

Miss Hawkins was appointed House Sister, as from 1st May, at a salary of £75 per annum.

#### Old Deaconess House Property.

The sale of the old Deaconess House property, in St. Asaph Street, was effected on 27th June, at £1100.

During the year, Miss Fabrin (Sister Marion) completed her training and left, on 12th June, to take service in connection with our Maori work.

Miss Trott completes her course of training for Foreign Mission work at the end of the current year.

At the beginning of the year Miss Jupp, student in training, tendered her resignation which was accepted.

#### **Expected Admissions.**

Two definite applications for admission as students have been received and accepted, subject to the usual conditions in respect to the Entrance Examination and a satisfactory Medical Certificate.

The Superintendent reports being in close touch with five other young women, two of whom are at present taking hospital training, who are making serious inquiry with a view to taking up Deaconess or Foreign Mission work.

#### **Hostel.**

In addition to the two at present using Deaconess House as a hostel, six applications for accommodation have been received for next year.

#### **Meetings of Classes, Etc.**

The Committee Room is being utilised by the Women's Auxiliary, the Bible Class Union, and our own Committee, while a Leaders' Study Circle, a Kindergarten Training Class, and a Missionary Study Class hold regular weekly meetings.

#### **Accommodation.**

The new House, which contains 15 rooms, promises to be fully occupied next year, and in further pursuance of the forward movement it is proposed to provide accommodation for an additional six or eight residents.

#### **Funds.**

For these additions and furnishings, and to provide funds for the completion of the purchase of the new premises, it will be necessary to raise a sum of about £2500

#### **Canvass.**

A canvass of the Dominion will be undertaken, and a sympathetic and worthy response is earnestly hoped for. There can be little doubt that adequately supported, the Institution will fulfil all that is required of it as a training institution for Deaconesses, a hostel for girls, a home for Missionary Sisters on furlough, and a centre of Women's work in connection with our Church.

#### **Grants.**

It will be necessary to request grants from the Home Mission Fund, Foreign Mission Board, Contingent Fund and the Fire Insurance Board on the same scale as authorised by last Conference.

#### **Thanks.**

We wish again to express our thanks to Sister Ruth (Superintendent), Miss Hawkins (House Sister), the Ladies of the House Committee, and the Lecturers, for the efficient manner in which they have carried out their duties, and to the associate members for their interest and financial support. Thanks are also due to others outside the House Staff and Committee, who in connection with minor alterations, renovations, etc., contingent on taking possession of our new quarters, have cheerfully rendered very valuable advice and assistance.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

C. A. NEWMAN, Hon. Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Committee be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Lady Superintendent, the ladies of the House Committee, the lecturers, and the Secretary, Mr. C. A. Newman, for their services during the year.
3. That the Committee be heartily congratulated on the successful opening of the new Deaconess House, and on the excellent facilities provided for the carrying on of work among women and girls; and that the Conference commends the financial needs of the new venture to the generosity of our people throughout the Dominion.
4. That the grants for 1924 be:—Home Mission Fund £75, Foreign Mission Fund £75, Contingent Fund £75, Fire Insurance Board £100.
5. That the following be the Committee for 1924:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits, together with the Ministers appointed to New Brighton and Linwood; Messrs. L. M. Isitt, M.P., E. C. Brown, J. C. Prudhoe, A. Borrows, C. A. Newman, W. Dobbs, G. Bowron, and the five ladies of the House Committee. Convener, C. A. Newman.
6. That we re-affirm Standing Resolutions 3, 4, 5, and 7, Minutes of Conference, 1922, p. 142.
7. That the Ministers be urged to bring the claims of the Deaconess Order before the young women of the Church.

## OFFICIAL LIST OF DEACONESSES AND PROBATIONERS.

## Home Work—

## Deaconesses—

- \*1908 Sister "Ruth" Fawcett, Deaconess House, Christchurch.
- Sister "May," Masterton Children's Home.
- \*1914 Sister "Annie" Tocker, St. Helens Hospital, Wellington.
- \*1914 Sister "Lily" White, Wellington South.
- \*1918 Sister "Winifred" Beaumont, Pitt Street, Auckland.
- 1918 Sister "Hazel" Hamilton, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- 1920 Sister "Mildred" West, Ashburton.
- 1920 Sister "Bessie" Macfarlane, Te Aro Mission, Wellington.
- 1921 Sister "May" Ralph, Broad Street, Palmerston North.
- \*1922 Sister "Jean" Dalziel, Addington, Christchurch.

## Maori Work—

## Deaconesses—

- \*1921 Sister "Eleanor" Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
- \*1923 Sister "Marion" Fabrin, Maori Mission, Te Kuiti.

## Probationer—

- 1921 Sister Nicholls, Te Kuiti.

## Foreign Work—

## Deaconesses—

- \*1913 Sister "May" Barnett, Solomon Islands.
- \*1914 Sister "Lilian" Berry, Solomon Islands.
- \*1922 Sister "Elizabeth" Common, Solomon Islands.
- 1922 Sister "Ada" Saunders, Solomon Islands.

## Deaconess Resting—

- 1907 Sister "Mabel" Morley.

\*Trained in Deaconess House.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix

**A.—THE MOUNT ALBERT METHODIST ORPHANAGE.**

**ANNUAL REPORT, 1923.**

In presenting the Tenth Annual Report, the Committee rejoices over the development and results of the Orphanage work.

At the close of the first year, 18 children were in residence; to-day, 63 children are in our two Homes.

Despite the prevalent influenza, the health of the children has been consistently good.

In a prized report from the Headmaster of the District School, our Matron was complimented on the appearance, competency and conduct of her "little flock."

At the S.S.U. Scripture Examination, 8 received passes, 12 won prizes, and 7 obtained honours. Every Sunday morning 53 attend Church service, and 62 go to Sunday School.

By means of a Sale of Work, the children and staff raised £15 in aid of Foreign Missions.

Several "old boys" of the Wesley Home have placed their Savings Bank Books in the Matron's charge—a significant tribute.

Miss Coatman is now Housemother of Epworth Home, in succession to Mrs. Hutchens, and Miss Atkinson has joined the permanent staff. Otherwise, our fine staff remains unchanged.

We cannot praise too highly the unflagging, sacrificial labours of Mrs. Armitage and of her loyal, consecrated associates. They are serving the Church, the children and the Master with a rare devotion.

We also appreciate the keen interest of the Overseer in the welfare of the children, and the development of the Homes.

A valuable addition to the Wesley Home grounds has been made by the purchase of a property from the estate of Mr. W. H. Caughey, at a cost of £430. The grounds have also been considerably improved.

The 20th of December is the Tenth Anniversary of the opening of the Orphanage. We propose to commemorate it by preparing, in co-operation with the Masterton and Christchurch Homes, an Orphanage Xmas Supplement to the "Methodist Times." This Supplement will be distributed free of charge to every family associated with the Methodist Church.

We gratefully acknowledge a bequest of £1,000 by the late Miss Emily Martin. (This gift has been placed to capital account.)

We regret, however, having to report a considerable decrease in the contributions made by individual subscribers and Circuits. Although practically every Home Mission Station responded to our appeal for Xmas Offering, there are twelve Circuits which sent nothing.

For the credit balance of £254 we are largely indebted to the United Protestant Orphanage Appeal Fund of Auckland, which has now made its final allocation.

Our official collector, Miss E. Mason, has done good work, and we request all Quarterly Meetings to appoint a Circuit Orphanage representative to co-operate with her in increasing the number of annual subscribers.

We appreciate the valuable work of the Ladies' Committee who supervise the staffing and clothing departments, and thank Miss A. Mason for her useful and gratuitous services.

The resignation of the Secretary (Rev. W. A. Burley) was accepted with deep regret. For three years past he has worked in the interests of the Orphanage with commendable zeal and devotion.

Mr. A. L. Caughey has been appointed Treasurer, in succession to Mr. G. M. Fowlds.

To Dr. H. Pettit our thanks are due for invaluable help in time of need. Nor would we forget the donors of clothing, food and money, and all who entertained the children at Xmastide.

The Selection Committee has now the thankless and pathetic task of declining applications, eight having been received in one month after every vacancy was filled.

Is not the call for a further extension of this Christly work becoming too insistent to be long ignored?

We commend to the prayers and care of all Churches and Sunday Schools the fatherless and motherless bairns who lie so near the heart of our Lord.

Yours, on behalf of the Committee,

PERCY N. KNIGHT, Chairman.

A. LIVERSEDGE, Secretary.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be the Committee for 1924:—Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., P. N. Knight, B.A., G. Bond, W. A. Sinclair, G. T. Marshall, W. S. Potter, E. Drake, C. Griffin, T. G. Brooke, S. Griffith, J. E. Parsons, W. T. Blight, B.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., J. Blight; Mesdames A. H. White, A. E. Snowden, Adlington and Blight, Misses Kirk, Harvey, A. Mason and E. Mason; Messrs. A. C. Caughey and W. Astley (life members), T. W. Jones, A. Peak, J. Trounson, H. P. Caughey, G. M. Fowlds, T. Clark, E. O. Chivers, A. Trenwith, A. L. Caughey (Treasurer). Rev. A. Liversedge (Secretary).
3. That the Secretary, Rev. A. Liversedge, and the Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Caughey, be heartily thanked for their services, and that they be re-appointed.

#### B.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON. REPORT FOR 1923.

We commence our report by thanking God for His help and blessing in connection with our work. The health of the children has been remarkably good. Last winter was the wettest on record in Masterton, and for a time influenza was prevalent in the district, yet we had not one case in the Home.

We regret to report the death of one of our youngest girls, Marjorie Green. She was not strong when she entered the Home, and required considerable attention. She passed away after a serious operation in the Masterton Hospital. We desire to express our appreciation of the attention given to Marjorie by the Matron and staff during her sickness. We record our thanks to Dr. N. H. Prior, our Honorary Medical Officer, who has been most diligent in his oversight of the health of the residents in the Home. By his services he has gained the gratitude of the Committee.

We desire to express our deep sympathy with the Rev. B. F. Rothwell, President of Conference and Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Management, who has passed through a serious sickness, but we are pleased to learn he is now improving in health.

The members of the staff have worked in harmony, and a fine spirit of co-operation has existed among them. Sister May, as Matron, has further proved during the year that she is specially qualified for the position. Her work has been greatly appreciated by the members of the Committee. Miss Christie, of Waihi, was for some months a member of the staff, but was compelled to resign her position and return to her home owing to the sickness of a relative.

Financially we have been considerably assisted by receiving a bequest of £200 from the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Smith; £150 from the Trustees of the T. C. McCarthy Trust; and £100 from the Rathbone Trust. The sums were paid when we were in need of financial help. We feel the need of a settled source of income from annual subscribers in the area served by the Home, and we hope in the near future to secure a suitable canvasser. Fifty contribution boxes have been placed in Churches and Sunday Schools, and we are hoping that they will form a source of income. The people of the Masterton district by their gifts have in a practical manner expressed their appreciation of the work being done in the Home.

During the year the work has been steadily developed, and the Home is increasing in usefulness. Since the Home was opened some two years ago, 34 children have been received. Several have left and gone to suitable homes provided for them, but at the time of writing the report arrangements are being made for others to enter the Home. We have room for a number of children, and the Committee will be pleased to receive applications on behalf of suitable children.

With a view to bringing the work of the Home before our people and increasing their sympathy and support we united with our other Orphanages in issuing a special "Methodist Times" Orphanage Supplement.

We commence the new year with faith and hope.

The following are nominated as the Committee of Management for 1924:—Messrs. O. N. C. Pragnell (Chairman), C. E. Daniell, J. A. Donald, A. H. Daniell, Dr. N. H. Prior, F. E. Wells, S. J. Smith and Rev. (new minister's name to be inserted); Mesdames J. Elliott, O. N. C. Pragnell, J. Cocker, Miss Burton, Mrs. (name of new minister's wife), Sister May, and Rev. J. Cocker, Secretary and Treasurer.

O. N. C. PRAGNELL, Chairman.

J. COCKER, Secretary.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. J. Cocker (Secretary), and Messrs. O. N. C. Pragnell and Mr. C. E. Daniell be thanked for their services, and that the Chairman and Secretary be re-appointed.
3. That the following be the Committee of Management for 1924:—Messrs. O. N. C. Pragnell (Chairman), C. E. Daniell, J. A. Donald, A. H. Daniell, Dr. N. H. Prior, F. E. Wells, S. J. Smith and Rev. W. Beckett; Mesdames J. Elliott, O. N. C. Pragnell, J. Cocker, W. Beckett, Miss Burton, Sister May. Rev. J. Cocker (Secretary and Treasurer).
4. That the Taranaki District be transferred to the area served by the Masterton Children's Home.

### C.—THE SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

It is with deep sense of thankfulness to God that we present our annual report.

At present we have 34 children in the Home, exclusive of the five older boys, who are boarded in the Presbyterian Boys' Home. The number is smaller than last year, on account of several parents being in a position to care for their own children. The health of the children has been excellent, only minor cases of sickness having been experienced.

Several of our boys and girls sat for the Scripture Examination, two gained prizes, and eleven secured diplomas.

We have to report that Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have resigned from the position of Manager and Matron. Several applications were received, and after careful selection, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Butler, of Linwood, were appointed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Butler are Methodists of long standing, and the newly appointed Matron is a certified nurse of wide experience, and Mr. Butler has had considerable experience in working among boys, in connection with the Boy Scout Movement.

We have carried out some long needed renovations at a cost of about £100, and the need for financial support is urgent. In this connection we regret to report there has been a serious falling off in the revenue from the Circuits. We trust that each Synod will consider our claim and make provision for the adequate support of our work.

We thank all who have rendered valuable service, amongst whom are Dr. A. J. Orchard, Mr. Sevick Jones (Optician), the members of the Ladies' House Committee, the members of the Staff and the friends who forwarded gifts of useful provender.

Once again we commend to the practical consideration of all our people our "Christmas Cheer Fund," and thank them for past assistance.

(Signed) W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

(Signed) J. HARRIS, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be the Board of Management for 1924:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, St. Albans, Papanui, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, Woolston and Riccarton Circuits, Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, A. Peters, C. E. Ward, T. A. Joughin and B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.; Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, T. A. Joughin, E. D. Patchett, and Sisters Mabel and Ruth; Messrs. W. H. Seed, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., F. Thompson, G. Bowron (Treasurer), L. M. Isitt, M.P., F. A. Sheat, J. Lomas, W. T. Burley, F. Campion, M. Kershaw, W. H. Marshall and J. Gilmour.
3. That the Rev. J. Harris (Secretary) and Mr. G. Bowron (Treasurer) be heartily thanked for their services, and re-appointed.

### GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Conference expresses its regret that any Circuit should have failed to make any contribution to Orphanage Funds for the year.
2. That the publication of the Orphanage Supplement to the "Methodist Times" be heartily approved, and that it be made an annual feature; care to be taken that the issue is forwarded in good time for the Christmas appeal.

3. That Conference add the following to the list of questions to be asked at the September Quarterly Meetings:—"What is being done in the Circuit on behalf of the Orphanages?"
4. That it be a recommendation to the Orphanage Committee that a Supernumerary Minister, or some other suitable person, be appointed to visit our Circuits in the interests of the Institutions, to revive and perfect local organisation.

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

**REPORT OF THE "METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.**

The Committee has pleasure in reporting that interest in the "Methodist Times" has been well maintained.

The Synods all express high appreciation of the work of the Editor, and regret his retirement from the Editorial Chair, owing to his return to England. We wish him a safe return to the Old Land, and a successful ministry there, enriched by his experience of this Dominion.

With equal unanimity the Synods acknowledge the work of the Associate Editor. We congratulate him upon the growing success of the "Lym Page."

**SYNOD RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**1. Connexional Editor.**

Six Synods supported the nomination of the Rev. P. R. Paris as successor to the Rev. J. Napier Milne, two leave the matter to Conference, and one has no recommendation to make. The Committee heartily nominate Mr. Paris as Connexional Editor. It recommends that in the event of Mr. Paris being appointed, there shall be such arrangement of the duties of Editor and Associate Editor as shall enable him to retain control of the "Lym Page."

**2. B.C. Unions and the "Methodist Times."**

Three Synods recommend that more space be given in the "Methodist Times" to B.C. Unions.

The Committee affirms the principle of the Editor's right to control the literary matter presented in the Connexional paper.

It considers that in view of the fact that from five to five and a half columns, in addition to the "Lym Page," are given to Young People's work, and having regard to the necessary variety of contributions to the paper, that the space already allotted is generous.

**3. Revision of Catechism.**

The Committee recommends the adoption, where needed, of the new catechism published by the Victorian Conference, supplies of which may be obtained from the Secretary of the S.S. and Y.P. Board.

**4. Finance.**

The Balance-sheet will be presented to Conference.

**Visit of the Rev. J. Alfred Sharp, D.D.**

The Committee held a special meeting to meet Dr. J. Alfred Sharp, and discussed with him matters relating to the establishment of a Book concern in connection with our Church in this Dominion. This is strongly recommended by the Wellington Synod. We recommend that a special committee be set up, at the first session of Conference, to consult with Dr. Sharp with a view to the establishment of such a Book concern.

On behalf of the Committee,

ROBT. B. TINSLEY,

Secretary.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. A hearty resolution of thanks was carried to Mr. Milne for his splendid service rendered to the Connexion as Editor of the "Methodist Times."
3. The Conference expressed its hearty thanks to the Rev. P. R. Paris for his services as Associate-Editor, and for his successful editorship of the "Lym" Page.
4. The Conference resolved:—
  - (a) That the Rev. P. R. Paris be appointed Editor of the "Methodist Times."
  - (b) That the Editorial duties be so arranged as to allow Mr. Paris to retain control of the "Lym" Page.
5. It was resolved that the Rev. W. J. Williams be appointed Editor Emeritus, and that his name appear as such in the "Methodist Times."
6. That the Rev. E. D. Patchett be appointed Associate-Editor.
7. That the Rev. S. Lawry be heartily thanked for his services as Business Manager, and re-appointed.
8. That Mr. H. Holland, C.B.E., be heartily thanked for his services as Treasurer of the Fund, and re-appointed.
9. That the Rev. R. B. Tinsley, Convener of the "Methodist Times" and Literature Committee, be heartily thanked for his services, and re-appointed.
10. That copies of the "Methodist Times" be sent to Hospitals and Public Libraries.
11. That regret be expressed at the amount of pernicious literature that is finding its way into Methodist homes.

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

**REPORT OF WELLINGTON MILITARY COMMITTEE  
FOR YEAR 1923.**

One meeting of the Committee has been held during the year. The Balance-sheet, presented by the Treasurer, Mr. C. M. Luke, revealed a credit of £571 10s. 6d. The grant of £50 recommended by the Conference was passed by the Committee. Mr. Luke reported that he had interviewed the Under Secretary for Internal Affairs, and had urged that the Methodist Church be given full control of the funds of the Military

Camps Committee, in the interest of our returned Chaplains and other Ministers of the Church, who in consequence of the strain of Active Service, were likely to come upon the Supernumerary Fund at an earlier age than otherwise would be the case. It was agreed to write to the Department making application for the handing over of the Fund to the Methodist Church, and to support the claim by a Deputation from the Committee to wait upon the Minister of Internal Affairs.

Correspondence was read from the Rev. J. H. Bateson, Secretary of the Naval and Military Board in London, stating that the names of the Naval Chaplains appointed by our Conference to look after the welfare of the men on His Majesty's Ships visiting the Dominion, had been forwarded to the British Admiralty, and their official appointment recommended. Information was also forwarded regarding the forthcoming visit of British Cruisers now on a World Cruise, and expressing the hope that the appointed Naval Chaplains would give a welcome to the men of our own Church belonging to the Fleet. The following particulars were given for the guidance of Chaplains:—Wellington, April 24th to May 8th, Battle Cruiser Squadron; Lyttelton, May 1st to 8th, Light Cruiser Squadron; Auckland, May 10th to 17, all the Battle Cruisers and Light Cruisers; Dunedin, H.M.S. Dunedin will visit, no date supplied; Bluff, a Light Cruiser to visit some time after April 26th. Steps are being taken to ensure that at all these ports all possible hospitality shall be extended by our Church to the visitors.

The Committee recommends the re-appointment of the Representatives to the Boards of Chaplains; of the Naval Chaplains; and of the District Military Committees, with whatever alterations in personnel as may be rendered necessary. Also that the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Treasurer of the Fund, Mr. C. M. Luke, and to the Auditors, Messrs. Dawson and Cable.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

C. EATON, Secretary.

### LIST OF CHAPLAINS.

†Served with Expeditionary Force.

#### THIRD CLASS.

- †Mitchell, Rev. A.—January 27, 1916
- Reader, Rev. A.—April 25, 1920.
- †Blamires, Rev. H. L.—April 27, 1921.
- Pratt, Rev. M. A. Rugby—April 28, 1921.
- †Read, Rev. F. T.—April 28, 1921.
- Cox, Rev. E. T., M.A.—May 13, 1922.
- Eaton, Rev. C.—May 13, 1922.
- Pybus, Rev. T. A.—June 17, 1922.

#### FOURTH CLASS.

- Laws, Rev. C. H., B.A., D.D.—May 1, 1911.
- Copeland, Rev. F.—May 13, 1912.
- Patchett, Rev. E. D.—June 17, 1912.
- Strand, Rev. C.—February 19, 1913.
- †Seamer, Rev. A. J.—March 31, 1914.
- Knight, Rev. P. N., B.A.—August 24, 1914.
- Hay, Rev. W. Arthur—September 18, 1914.
- †Walker, Rev. W.—March 11, 1915.
- James, Rev. B. J.—April 7, 1915.

- Bailey, Rev. S.—April 7, 1915.  
 Haslam, Rev. J. H.—April 10, 1915.  
 Abbey, Rev. W. H. E.—April 26, 1915.  
 Daniell, Rev. H.—June 26, 1915.  
 Burley, Rev. W. A., M.A.—June 26, 1915.  
 Chappell, Rev. A. B., M.A.—July 23, 1915.  
 +Neale, Rev. L. B.—August 5, 1915.  
 +Peat, Rev. H. T.—August 10, 1915.  
 Speer, Rev. W. H.—November 18, 1915.  
 +Green, Rev. S. S.—January 14, 1916.  
 Te Tuhi, Rev. Eruera—May 8, 1916.  
 +Olds, Rev. C. H., B.A.—March 11, 1918.  
 +Hopper, Rev. A.—June 19, 1918.  
 Sharp, Rev. H. A.—August 15, 1918.  
 +Frost, Rev. F. L.—October 23, 1918.  
 Parker, Rev. F. J.—May 15, 1919.  
 Gosnell, Rev. R. B.—June 14, 1919.  
 Tinsley, Rev. R. B.—November 16, 1921.  
 Brown, Rev. G. E.—February 9, 1922.  
 +Werren, Rev. S. J.—February 17, 1922.  
 +Olds, Rev. E. T.—July 19, 1922.  
 +Blight, Rev. W. T., B.A.—November 16, 1923.  
 Skuse, Rev. T.—November 22, 1923.  
 Cottom, Rev. H.—December 7, 1923.  
 Leadley, Rev. F. E.—December 7, 1923.  
 +Cooke, Rev. P. J.—December 7, 1923.  
 Allen, Rev. J. H.—December 7, 1923.  
 Parsons, Rev. J. E.—December 7, 1923.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
3. That the Treasurer, Mr. C. M. Luke, be thanked for his services, and also the Convener, Rev. C. Eaton, and that they be re-appointed.
4. That the Auditors, Messrs. E. Dawson and J. Cable, be thanked for their services.
5. That an urgent effort be made to secure the consent of the Department of Internal Affairs to the Methodist Church assuming full control of the funds of the Wellington Military Camps Committee.
6. That No. 8 (page 140 Min. of Conf, 1923) be re-affirmed.
7. That the following be appointed to represent the Church on the Chaplains' Boards:—Headquarters, Rev. C. Eaton; Northern Command, Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.; Central Command, Rev. C. Eaton; Southern Command, Rev. W. Walker.
8. That the list of our Chaplains be published in the Minutes of Conference for 1924 in the order of their seniority.
9. That all Chaplains be urged to take immediate steps through their representative to the Board of Chaplains, to secure attachment to some unit in their command.
10. That the following be the Committees:—

Headquarters and Central Command.—The Chairman and Chaplains of the District, Ministers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Messrs. C. M. Luke, C. Swiney, C. R. Edmond, J. E. Riddell, J. Laurensen, H. P. Mourant. Convener, Rev. C. Eaton.

Northern Command.—The Chaplains in the District, and Messrs. T. W. Jones, B. Buttle, W. S. Stone and H. Field. Convener, Rev. A. Reader.

Southern Command.—The Chaplains in the North Canterbury District, Messrs. A. F. Drayton, Colonel G. J. Smith, T. T. Robson, J. H. Blackwell, W. Dobbs, E. R. Caygill, with the following as Corresponding Members: Revs. W. Walker and H. A. Sharp. Rev. F. T. Read, convener.

Otago Sub-committee.—Chaplains of the Otago-Southland District, Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. R. Shacklock, D. C. Cameron, J. P. Simon, and H. Hogg. Convener, Rev. W. Walker.

### NAVAL AFFAIRS.

1. That the Naval Chaplains of the Conference be notified that they are now authorised by the British Admiralty to act as Chaplains on His Majesty's ships visiting the Dominion, and that they be directed to take steps to welcome the men of our Church belonging to the British Cruising Squadron now on a World's Tour, and shortly to visit our chief ports.
2. That the following be the Naval Chaplains appointed by the Conference:—

Wellington.—Rev. C. Eaton.

Auckland.—Rev. J. E. Parsons.

Lyttelton.—Rev. S. Bailey.

Timaru.—Rev. A. C. Lawry.

Dunedin.—Rev. H. E. Bellhouse.

Port Chalmers.—Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., F.R.E.S.

Bluff.—Rev. R. McGregor.

Nelson.—Rev. H. L. Blamires.

New Plymouth.—Rev. T. R. Richards.

Picton.—Rev. F. Bateup.

Greymouth.—Rev. J. F. Martin.

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

#### REPORT OF CUSTODIAN.

Only one item has been handed in during the year. This is a copy of the "Canterbury Circuit Plan" for the Quarter April to July, 1859. This was presented by Mrs T. Jones, through Mr. F. Thompson.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Custodian.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTION.

That the Rev. S. Lawry be thanked for his services, and that he be re-appointed.

**QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods or Committees for Report?**

**AMENDMENTS TO BOOK OF LAWS.**

The Committee has considered the matter remitted to it, (see Min. 1923, p. 143), and recommends that a new edition be prepared and printed. In order to facilitate the work, and to make it as complete as possible, it is suggested that those who are in charge of Departments or Funds should collate all alterations already made, with any further amendments desired, and send them to the Convener of the Committee, which will have charge of the work. The Committee could have galley proofs ready for the Conference of 1925, and all proposed new legislation would be submitted to the Conference before the new book is published.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL LAWRY.

The Report was received and adopted.

The following Committee was set up to carry out the recommendations in the report:—Revs. S. Lawry, H. Ryan; Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., and W. Dobbs, with the President and Secretary as Corresponding Members.

**QUESTION LI.—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. W. J. Williams, Messrs. J. Veale, G. Tiller, W. E. Redstone, E. Kellow, J. A. Flesher, C. M. Luke, J. Lomas, A. J. Luke, J. B. Shacklock, H. Holland, A. Peak, S. T. Martin, and T. W. Jones. Convener and Secretary, Secretary of 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 (Taranaki Street) 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.

It was resolved that the Secretary of Conference revise the personnel of the above Committee during the year.

**QUESTION LII.—Who are the Members of District Executive Committee?**

**WELLINGTON.**

That a Wellington District Executive Committee be established together with the functions and representatives—

**Functions—**

1. To be the official Conference District Executive Committee undertaking the duties now discharged by:
  - (a) The District Foreign Mission Executive;
  - (b) The District Home Mission Advisory Committee;

- (c) The Temperance and Public Morals' Committee;
  - (d) Committee of Exigency (1923 Minutes, p. 124);
  - (e) Advisory Committee for Church Property (1923 Minutes, p. 87);
  - (f) Any other Committee which may be set up by the Conference.
2. To deal with all matters which may be remitted thereto by the Conference or District Synod.
  3. To encourage a rigorous Church Extension Policy, arranging for such efforts or action as may be considered likely to promote the spiritual life of the Church, or to facilitate the efficient working of the Church within the District.
  4. To confer with and advise Circuit Meetings and Trust Boards with regard to Circuit or other local adjustments within the District.
  5. To take action in regard to any public matter which may require attention.

**Representatives:**—All the Ministers of Wellington City and Suburbs, appointed by the Conference, together with two lay representatives from each Quarterly Meeting, with an additional representative for each minister or probationer appointed by Conference to the Circuit after the first, with one representative from each of the following organisations: Young Women's Bible Class Union, Young Men's Bible Class Union, and the Women's Auxiliary of Home and Foreign Missions, with the Superintendents of all Circuits other than City and Suburban as Corresponding Members. **Officers:**—Chairman, wherever possible the Chairman of the District, and a convener appointed by Conference. Other officers considered necessary to be appointed by the Executive Committee when set up.

**Committee.**—In compliance with the above par., the following names were supplied:—Messrs. H. P. Mourant, R. C. Herron, W. H. Hindle, E. Tregurtha, J. Laursen, A. Swift, H. Dixon, H. Goodhall, H. D. C. Horwood, H. Moston, L. J. Berry, F. Lockwood, D. Simpson, J. Mitchell, W. Walton, B. J. Lynneberg, W. H. Clark, —. Varcoe, Mrs. Pinfold, Miss Armstrong. Convener, Rev. E. T. Olds.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY.

The Chairman of District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch, Lyttelton and Kaiapoi Circuits, the Revs. W. J. Williams, J. Guy, F. T. Read, and B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.; the Treasurer of the "Methodist Times" and Literature Fund (Mr. H. Holland, C.B.E.), Messrs. A. F. Drayton, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., W. H. Seed, F. Sheppard Green, F. Thompson, W. Dobbs, H. E. Peryman, E. C. Brown, W. Simpson, F. H. Christian, J. Lomas, R. Hampton, H. Chapman, H. Chaplin.

#### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

That Conference appoint a District Executive in the Otago-Southland District.

That the work of the District Executive relating to Foreign Mission Advisory Committee, the Home Mission Advisory Committee, and the Welfare of the Church Committee be dealt with by Committees, the Chairman of the District to be ex-officio Chairman of each Committee. Each Committee shall report its findings to the District Executive, and a copy of each such report shall be sent to the Chairman of the District.

That the Southland Sub-Committee continue to act in an advisory capacity as at present.

That the following be the personnel of the District Executive:—The Superintendents and Probationers of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Circuits, the Superintendents of the two Invercargill Circuits, Revs. G. Clement and T. A. Pybus; with Messrs. T. Smith, R. N. Vanes, E. A. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, R. Moffatt, A. T. McIndoe, J. B. Shacklock, T. W. Hemer, S. G. McFarlane, W. King, L. Mercier, H. J. Malcolm, C. H. McLean, C. W. Brown, E. W. Isbister, and W. H. Johnston.

**QUESTION LIII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference on Other Questions?**

#### **JUBILEE CONFERENCE.**

The Conference held a "Jubilee" Session, and it was resolved:—

That in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the first New Zealand Conference, this Conference is moved to a grateful acknowledgment of the grace and mercy of Almighty God, by which such a commemoration has been made possible. It also realises afresh its indebtedness to the wise foresight and faithful service of those who were honoured to be the pioneers and founders of Methodism in New Zealand. It expresses its thankfulness that amid all the change of method and polity that have marked the course of our Church during these fifty years, there has been a steadfast endeavour to maintain and carry forward all that is best in the traditions of Methodism. The Conference recognises the possession of a sacred trust, that it believes will be more and more honoured in the coming years, giving increasing cause for gratitude, that Methodism ever found a place in this land among the forces that are claiming it for the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The resolution was adopted.

It was resolved that letters of greetings be sent to all surviving members of the first Conference, conveying a copy of the resolution and also information of a very pleasant gathering.

The motion was spoken to by the Revs. W. J. Williams and G. Bond, members of the first New Zealand Wesleyan Conference.

#### **LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT, 1923.**

The Executive wishes to announce the occurrence of several important events during the year.

1. The old Mutual Aid Association has ceased to act separately, and has, by decision of its last Annual Meeting, merged itself in our Association. There is now, therefore, only one Association of Local Preachers in the Dominion.

2. The Book Supply Scheme has now been brought into actual operation. It provides a suitable equipment for Local Preacher Candidates, and also useful reading for the fully accredited brethren. Experience has already proved the value of this help.

3. We feel it is desirable in the Synods, where Home Missionaries are present, that attention be called to the special provision made for them in the Book Scheme. Any Home Missionary may now secure £2 worth of selected works (English published price) for the payment of £1, delivered post free.

4. Copies of the Recognition Service for fully accredited Local Preachers, now in use in British Methodism, have been received, and Circuit Superintendents needing help may obtain copies from the District Branches.

5. In the Auckland District our Ministers have held a Summer School of Theology, to which Local Preachers were invited. We commend this movement to other Districts, and trust that it will be embraced and be responded to by our brethren.

Now that the Association is in a position to greatly help its members, the Executive solicits the co-operation of Church leaders in encouraging the lay ministry of the Church.

Signed of behalf of the Association,

H. FIELD, President.

W. S. MACKAY, Hon. Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted

#### Pastoral Session.

Resolved that this Conference set up a Committee to consider the advisability of establishing a Pastoral Session in connection with the Annual Conference, such session to be, not for legislative, but for purely pastoral purposes; all matters relating to Ministerial Character and Pastoral Efficiency shall be dealt with in this session.

That the Committee consist of:—The President and Secretary of Conference, Chairmen of Districts, Revs. S. Lawry, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., W. A. Sinclair, E. Drake, W. S. Potter, J. Olphert, W. S. Cook, A. Liversedge; Messrs. H. Field, J. W. Court, C. Strong, W. S. Mackay, J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., H. Holland, C.B.E., H. P. Mourant, E. Dixon, E. A. Rosevear. Convener, Rev. E. Drake. Members of the Committee non-resident in Auckland shall be Corresponding Members.

That the Committee shall report to the Synods of 1924.

That the recommendations of the Synods shall be referred to the Committee, which shall meet again and a full report furnished to the Conference of 1925.

#### Stationing of Ministers.

Resolved that this Conference directs the Committee on Caucus Meetings, etc., to consider the whole question of stationing, giving full weight to the rights of Circuits which have invited ministers, and to remit its findings to September Quarterly Meetings and Synods of 1924, and the Conference of 1925. See Question 31a.

#### Law Book.

Resolved:—That paragraph 2 on page 10 of the "Additions and Amendments to Methodist Law Book," be amended to read as follows:—That two Auditors be required for all Connexional Balance-sheets, except when they are audited by a Public Accountant, when one signature shall suffice.

**Expediting Conference Business.**

Resolved:—That the following Committee be appointed to devise some method whereby the business of Conference will be expedited:—The President and Secretary, the Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, T. R. Richards, C. Eaton, W. Arthur Hay, E. D. Patchett, S. Lawry, P. R. Paris and H. Ryan; Messrs. H. Holland, C.B.E., F. Thompson, W. H. Seed, Webb Jones, J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., H. P. Mourant, F. Sheppard Green, W. Simpson and A. Williams. Con- vener, Mr. Frank Thompson, Vice-President.  
N.B.—The Committee shall report to the various Synods, and from there to next Conference.

**Conference Committees.**

Conference resolved that some method of marking or lettering the names of representatives as printed in the Agenda should be adopted, so that members of the Conference may know at the earliest possible date, upon what Committee they are to serve.

**Irish Conference.**

That the reply of the Irish Methodist Conference to greetings conveyed by Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D., be received.

**Vice-Presidency Committee.**

That the following Committee be set up consisting of the Vice-President, Messrs. H. Holland, C.B.E., J. H. Blackwell, W. Dobbs; whose duty it shall be to consider, in correspondence with all other ex-Vice-Presidents, what steps can be taken to make the office of Vice-President of the Conference more useful and influential, and report to the ensuing Synods.

**Committee re Rating Act.**

That the following Committee be set up to act in conjunction with the representatives of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, to secure an amendment of the Rating Act to provide that Sunday School Halls as heretofore shall be exempt from rating:—The Rev. S. Lawry, Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., and L. M. Isitt, M.P.

**Book Room.**

The Conference appointed the following Committee to explore during the year, the possibilities of establishing a Book Room in this Dominion, and any other way of increasing the sale of Methodist literature.

That the following be the Committee:—The "Methodist Times" and Literature Committee, as set up by the North Canterbury District Executive, together with the Chairmen of the Districts, the President and Secretary of Conference, and Messrs. F. W. Stone, F. W. Hetherington, C. E. Bellringer, T. R. Hodder, J. Laurenson, E. H. Penny, W. G. Irwin, and D. C. Cameron, and that it be a recommendation to confer with Methodist booksellers. Con- vener, Rev. R. B. Tinsley.

**Agenda Committee for 1925.**

That the Revs. S. Lawry and S. J. Werren be the Agenda Committee for 1925.

**President's Committee of Advice.**

The Revs. S. Lawry, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., W. Grigg, P. N. Knight, B.A., E. Drake, and Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.

## WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

(See Minutes, 1923, pages 61 and 64.)

### REPORT BY CONVENER OF COMMISSION.

During the year correspondence has been maintained with the Secretary of the World Conference on Faith and Order, and with the Convener of the Commission of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, concerning the movement to promote world-wide Christian re-union. In many lands group commissions have met to study the various problems relating to the re-union of Christendom.

No date or meeting place has yet been definitely fixed for the world-wide Conference. It is idle to deny that, despite the approach made towards the other Churches by the last Lambeth Conference, the ideal of church union is as yet only a goal to be saluted from afar. The recent Anglo-Catholic Congress held in London revealed the chasm of cleavage that still exists, and emphasised the difficulty of the task of reconciling the differences that divide the Christian Churches of the world. Still the movement aiming at a World Conference is doing useful service in exploring the problem as a whole.

I recommend that we re-appoint the Commission with the deletion of the name of the Rev. J. Napier Milne, owing to his return to England, and that we repeat the grant of £10 made last year from the Contingent Fund.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Convener of Commission.

Palmerston North, 21st January, 1924.

The Report was received and adopted.

### VOTES OF THANKS.

**President.**—That the best thanks of Conference be accorded to the President (Rev. Arthur Ashcroft) for his inspiring inaugural address to the Conference, and for his courteous manner in presiding over the sessions of Conference and public functions.

**Vice-President.**—That the Vice-President (Mr. Frank Thompson) be heartily thanked for his efficient services throughout the Conference sessions.

**Ex-President.**—That the Conference place on record its sincere sympathy with the Ex-President (Rev. B. F. Rothwell) in his prolonged affliction, and prayerfully commend him to the care of our Heavenly Father.

**Ex-Acting-President.**—That the best thanks of Conference be accorded to the Ex-Acting-President (Rev. W. Grigg) for his gracious and efficient services to the Connexion during the President's (Rev. B. F. Rothwell) illness.

**Ex-Vice-President.**—That Conference place on record its appreciation of the services of the Ex-Vice-President of the Conference, Mr. H. Field, who is also President of the Local Preachers' Association, in going up and down the country, strengthening the Local Preachers' Associations and otherwise enthusing our Church officers in their work.

**Retiring Secretary.**—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to Rev. A. Ashcroft for his diligent and effective services as Secretary during the past year.

**Ordination Charge.**—That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Ex-Acting-President (Rev. W. Grigg) for his inspiring Ordination Charge, and that he be requested to allow the same to be published in the "New Zealand Methodist Times."

**Legal Adviser.**—That the Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of the efficient and generous services rendered by Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., during the year as Legal Adviser to the President, and that he be re-appointed.

**Secretaries.**—That the thanks of Conference be accorded to the Secretary, Assistant Secretaries and Precentor for their services to the Conference.

**Trustees, Hosts, Etc.**—That the thanks of Conference be accorded to the Durham Street Church Trustees for the use of their premises for Conference sessions and functions; also to the Hosts and Hostesses for their generous hospitality to Conference representatives, and to the Conference Arrangements Committee.

**Press.**—That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Press Committee for their excellent arrangements and services; to the Press Association, and to the Christchurch Press for their excellent reports.

**Choirs.**—That this Conference places on record its grateful appreciation of the excellent rendering of the Oratorio, "The Creation," by the combined Methodist Choirs, under the efficient leadership of Mr. E. Firth, F.R.C.O., and tenders its thanks to Mr. Firth and choirs for the musical production. Also that all the choirs who assisted in making the functions successful be heartily thanked.

**QUESTION LIV.**—When and Where shall the next Conference be held;

On Thursday, February 26th, 1925, at 7 p.m., in Taranaki Street Church, Wellington.

ARTHUR ASHCROFT, President.

FRANK THOMPSON, Vice-President.

ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A., Secretary.

## Form of Bequest.

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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.

### 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

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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

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Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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**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
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E. H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Chas. H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rothwe.	H. Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

**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
Fallding	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 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

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| <p>1862—Smith, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1864—Lee, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1868—McNicoll, David (Sup.)</p> <p>1869—Simmonds, Joseph H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1870—Lewis, John J. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Ward, Charles E. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Williams, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1871—Bond, George (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Carr, Thomas G. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Dewsbury, Henry R. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Thomas, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1872—Ward, Josiah (Sup.)</p> <p>1874—Hammond, Thomas G. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Jory, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1875—Guy, James (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Murray, Daniel J. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Nixon, John (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Standage, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1876—Baumber, William (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Griffin, Cornelius (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Jones, Peter W. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Potter, William S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Lawry, Samuel<br/>         ,, Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1879—Abernethy, Christopher (Sup.)</p> <p>1880—Brooke, Thomas G. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Griffin, Thomas N. (Sup.)</p> <p>1881—Pinfold, James T., D.D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1884—Laycock, William</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C.<br/>         ,, Ready, William<br/>         ,, Rothwell, Benjamin F. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Wallis, T. Jackson</p> | <p>1887—Blight, Joseph (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Clement, George (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.<br/>         ,, Wrigley, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1888—Dawson, John<br/>         ,, Grigg, William<br/>         ,, Olphert, John</p> <p>1889—Chapman, James G. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Knight, Percy N., B.A.<br/>         ,, Read, Frederick T.</p> <p>1890—Cocker, James (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Harding, Arthur (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Mitchell, Arthur<br/>         ,, Newbold, Thos. W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Cinclair, William A.</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D.<br/>         ,, Raine, Robert<br/>         ,, Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward<br/>         ,, Elliott, William J.<br/>         ,, Frost, George<br/>         ,, Harrison, Colin C.</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E.<br/>         ,, Griffin, John W.<br/>         ,, Henderson, Samuel<br/>         ,, Vealie, Thomas W.</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur<br/>         ,, Lochore, John A.<br/>         ,, Richards, Thomas R.</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L.<br/>         ,, Hosking, James A.</p> <p>1897—Cossum, Percy J.<br/>         ,, Goldie, John Francis<br/>         ,, Greenwood, Fred<br/>         ,, Hay, W. Arthur<br/>         ,, Pybus, T. Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1898—Beckett, William<br/>         ,, Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S.</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P.<br/>         ,, Southern, John<br/>         ,, Wills, William</p> |
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## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—(Continued)

- 1900—Blamires, E. Percy  
 ,, Greenslade, William  
 ,, Haslam, Jonathan H.  
 ,, Hunt, George P.  
 ,, Liversedge, Arthur  
 ,, Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.
- 1901—Bailey, Samuel  
 ,, Cook, George S.  
 ,, Eaton, Clarence  
 ,, Featherston, Jacob  
 ,, Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.  
 ,, Reader, Amos  
 ,, Woolloxall, Thomas R. B
- 1902—Coatsworth, Thomas  
 ,, Oxbrow, Walter J  
 ,, Patchett, Ernest D.
- 1903—James, Benjamin J.  
 ,, Liddell, Ralph J.  
 ,, Pratt, M. A. Rugby  
 ,, Seamer, Arthur J.
- 1904—Blamires, Ernest O.  
 ,, McBean, Angus  
 ,, Stockwell, George F.
- 1905—Copeland, Fred.  
 ,, Harris, John  
 ,, Metson, Basil  
 ,, Richards, Raymond
- 1906—Avery, William W.  
 ,, Clark, James R. (Sup.)  
 ,, Daniel, Herbert  
 ,, Paris, Percy R.  
 ,, Roberts, Charles  
 ,, Ryan, Henry  
 ,, White, Hedley
- 1907—Abbey, William H. E.  
 ,, Blair, Charles  
 ,, Scott, W. Bramwell
- 1908—Cox, Edwin T., M.A.  
 ,, Jordan, Chas. B., M.A.,  
 ,, Martin, J. Frederick F.R.E.S.  
 ,, Speer, William H.  
 ,, Tinsley, Robt. B.
- 1909—Cotton, Harry  
 ,, McArthur, John D.
- 1910—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 L.  
 ,, Hopper, Arthur  
 ,, Lea, William  
 ,, Neale, Leslie B.  
 ,, Richards, Horace L.  
 ,, Rowe, William
- 1912—Gosnell, Robert B.  
 ,, Hinton, George B.  
 ,, Lawrence, Frederick B.  
 ,, Leadley, Frank E.  
 ,, Parsons, John E.  
 ,, Walker, William  
 ,, Watson, William A.
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A.  
 ,, Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Binet, Vincent le C.  
 ,, Burnet, Oswald  
 ,, Foston, Charles A.  
 ,, Harris, Francis T.  
 ,, Werron, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.  
 ,, Olds, E. Thomas  
 ,, Odell, Henry J.  
 ,, Slade, William G., M.A.
- 1916—Brown, George E.  
 ,, Fordyce, Robert E.  
 ,, Hocking, William H.  
 ,, Kendon, Charles H.  
 ,, Metcalfe, John R.  
 ,, Sage, Ernest E.
- 1917—Blight, William T., B.A.  
 ,, Chambers, Ernest B.  
 ,, Dennis, John  
 ,, Dent, Tom  
 ,, Nelson, John R.  
 ,, Parker, Fredk. J.
- 1918—Costain, Alfred M.  
 ,, Neal, Wallace S.  
 ,, Parker, James W.  
 ,, Skuse, Thomas
- 1919—Cuming, William B.  
 ,, Ford, Herbert  
 ,, Gatman, William  
 ,, Jefferson, Alfred E.
- 1920—Pickering, William B.
- 1921—Benny, Henry  
 ,, Cropp, Allan H.  
 ,, Harkness, Edwin S.

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1922—Allen, James H.	1924—Ayrton, Moses
„ Brooks, Leslie A. G.	„ Bailey, John
„ Burton, Thomas H.	„ Bateup, Frank
„ Green, Samuel S.	„ Brooker, E. Hugh
„ Jack, John F.	„ Brown, H. Granville
	„ Fiebig, Herbert L.
1923—Blackmore, Albert	„ Kings, Harry S.
„ Hames, Eric W.	„ McGregor, Robert
„ Orchard, Hector C.	„ Pearn, Oliver S.
„ Spencer, Herbert	„ Reid, John
	„ Taylor, Cecil R.

## NATIVE MINISTERS.

1882—Rakena, Piripi	1914—Rakena, P. Rakena
1896—Heretini, Te Tuhi	1920—Matarae Tauroa
1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki	1921—Teuawiri, Hoani Hakaraia
„ Renata, Hapeta	1922—Haddon, E. Oliver
1911—Kakuere, Hori	
„ Te Tuhi, Eruera	
„ Wilcox, Davis	

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### NEW ZEALAND.

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in parentheses immediately after his address. The number of the Circuit in the Station is denoted in the right hand column. The Foreign Mission Stations are distinguished by numbers in square brackets.

2. H.M. = Home Missions. F.M. = Foreign Missions. M.M. = Maori Missions. C.S. = Connexional Secretary. S.S. and Y.P. = Sunday School and Young People's Department. Th. C. = Theological College. W.T.C. = Wesley Training College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1907	1	Abbey, William H. E., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	35
1879	S	Abernethy, Christopher, 363 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch (1919)	82
1922	1	Allen, James H., Rotorua	28
1895	2	Ashcroft, Arthur, Queen Street, Thames	20
1906	1	Avery, William W., King Edward Street, Eltham	38
1901	4	Bailey, Samuel, 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton	91
1876	S	Baumber, William, 91 Hackthorne Road, Christchurch (1918)	82
1898	1	Beckett, William, 46 Worksop Road, Masterton	70
1894	2	Bellhouse, Harold E., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin	106
1921	2	Benny, Henry, Reefton	80
1913	3	Bensley, Arthur A., Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands	[8]
1914	3	Binet, Vincent le C., Seqa, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	[9]
1907	1	Blair, Charles, King Street, Rangiora	97
1900	3	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	S.S. and Y.P.
1904	2	Blamires, Ernest O., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin	108
1896	4	Blamires, Henry L., 150 Hardy Street, Nelson	74
1923	2	Blakemore, Albert, 31 James Street, Timaru	99
1887	S	Blight, Joseph, Mount Albert, Auckland (1910)	4
1917	5	Blight, William T., B.A., Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland	4
1871	S	Bond, George, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1915)	3
1880	S	Brooke, Thomas G., Penryn Avenue, Mount Eden, Auckland (1924)	3
1922	1	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Frankton, Hamilton	26

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1916	1	Brown, George E., 11 Sherwood Street, Dominion Road, Auckland	1
1910	2	Burley, William A., M.A., Onewa Road, Birkenhead, Auckland	8
1914	2	Burnett, Oswald, Greendale, Canterbury	98
1922	1	Burton, Thomas H., Kilbirnie, Wellington	64
1871	S	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Road, Mount Eden, Auckland (1915)	3
1917	1	Chambers, Ernest B., Opunake, Taranaki	42
1889	S	Chapman, James G., 76 Tinakori Road, Wellington (1920)	61
1906	S	Clark, James R., 25 Wyon Street, Linwood, Christchurch (1923)	83
1887	S	Clement, George, Ings Avenue, St. Clair, Dunedin (1903)	106
1902	1	Coatsworth, Thomas, Edinburgh Street, Pukekohe	12
1890	S	Cocker, James, 46 Albert Street, Masterton (1922)	70
1901	2	Cook, George S., Grey Street, Onehunga	9
1915	2	Cooke, Percy I., Matamata, Waikato	34
1905	1	Copeland, Fred, Queen Street, Hastings, H.B.	50
1897	3	Cossum, Percy J., Grey Street, Woodville	54
1918	1	Costain, Alfred M., visiting England	68
1909	3	Cotton, Harry, Waihi	23
1908	1	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	44
1921	3	Cropp, Allan H., Roviana, Solomon Islands	[7]
1919	2	Cuming, William B., Ford Street, Opotiki	30
1906	3	Daniel, Herbert, 53 Wellington Road, Marton	46
1888	12	Dawson, John, 136 Coromandel Street, Wellington	61
1917	1	Dennis, John, Porirua Road, Johnsonville	65
1917	3	Dent, Tom, Roviana, Solomon Islands	[7]
1871	S	Dewsbury, Henry R., "Mai Ora," Epsom, Auckland, (1911)	3
1893	1	Drake, Edward, Selwyn Road, Epsom, Auckland	3
1898	2	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., 165 Ollivier's Road, Linwood, Christchurch	83
1901	2	Eaton, Clarence, 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington	61
1893	1	Elliott, William J., Queen Street, Cambridge	25
1911	1	Enticott, Walter J., Willowby, Canterbury	104
1901	1	Featherston, Jacob., Tua Marina, Blenheim	76
1877	S	Fee, Thomas, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch (1913)	85
1919	1	Ford, Herbert, Otautau, Southland	123
1916	2	Fordyce, Robert E., Roxburgh, Otago	118
1914	2	Foston, Charles A., Pahiatua	55
1911	1	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Coronation Street, Waimate	100
1912	2	Frost, Fred. L., Devonport Road, Tauranga	29
1893	1	Frost, George, 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne	51
1919	2	Gatman, William, Balclutha, Otago	116
1897	23	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	[7]
1912	1	Gosnell, Robert B., Mowatt Street, Waitara	36
1922	1	Green, Samuel S., c/o Rev. P. N. Knight, 10 Hope-toun Street, Auckland	5
1900	1	Greenslade, William, 12 Rossmoor Crescent, Thorndon, Wellington	62
1897	3	Greenwood, Fred, Thames Street, Morrinsville	22
1876	S	Griffin, Cornelius, 7 Eglinton Avenue, Mount Eden, Auckland (1914)	3
1895	3	Griffin, John W., Papakura, Auckland	11

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1880 ...	S ...	Griffin, Thomas N., 56 James Avenue, Papanui, Christchurch (1918)	90
1882 ...	S ...	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Road, Mount Eden, Auckland (1920)	3
1888 ...	1 ...	Grigg, William, High Street, Blenheim	76
1875 ...	S ...	Guy, James, 124 Bealey Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1921)	83
1923 ...	1 ...	Hames, Eric W., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	82
1874 ...	S ...	Hammond, Thomas G., Leitchfield, Waikato (1920)	34
1890 ...	S ...	Harding, Arthur, Raroa Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington (1923)	66
1921 ...	1 ...	Harkness, Edwin S., Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	110
1910 ...	3 ...	Harris, Archer O., Leeston, Canterbury	94
1914 ...	2 ...	Harris, Francis T., Ohoka, Canterbury	96
1905 ...	4 ...	Harris, John, 227 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch	84
1893 ...	1 ...	Harrison, Colin C., 4 Jeypore Street, Berhampore, Wellington	63
1900 ...	3 ...	Haslam, Jonathan H., 118 Elles Road, Invercargill	120
1897 ...	2 ...	Hay, W. Arthur, 54 Chester Street, Christchurch	82
1894 ...	2 ...	Henderson, Samuel, Church Street, Te Aroha	21
1912 ...	3 ...	Hinton, George B., visiting England	1
1916 ...	2 ...	Hocking, William H., Irk Street, Gore	122
1911 ...	2 ...	Hopper, Arthur, 36 Brighton Road, Roslyn, Dunedin	113
1896 ...	3 ...	Hosking, James A., Station Road, Otahuhu	10
1900 ...	1 ...	Hunt, George P., East Road, Stratford, Taranaki	38
1922 ...	3 ...	Jack, John F., Hokitika	77
1903 ...	1 ...	James, Benjamin J., 43 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton, Christchurch	88
1919 ...	2 ...	Jefferson, Alfred E., Paeroa	24
1876 ...	S ...	Jones, Peter W., Sandiland Street, Feilding (1901)	58
1882 ...	S ...	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	3
1908 ...	2 ...	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., F.R.E.S., Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	115
1874 ...	S ...	Jory, John D., "Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland (1912)	8
1887 ...	S ...	Joughin, Thomas A., Dryden Street, Sumner (1922)	82
1899 ...	1 ...	Keall, R. Purcell, Carterton	69
1916 ...	3 ...	Kendon, Charles H., Kaponga	43
1889 ...	5 ...	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland	1
1912 ...	1 ...	Lawrence, Frederick B., Karori, Wellington	62
1885 ...	2 ...	Lawry, Albert C., 1 Butler Street, Timaru	99
1877 ...	14 ...	Lawry, Samuel, P.O. Box 931, Christchurch	C.S.
1887 ...	5 ...	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., 70 Remuera Road, Auckland	Th. C.
1884 ...	3 ...	Laycock, William, Tai Tapu, Canterbury	93
1911 ...	2 ...	Lea, William, 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho	45
1912 ...	2 ...	Leadley, Frank E., 32 Firth Street, Hamilton East, Waikato	27
1864 ...	S ...	Lee, William, Henley Road, Mount Eden, Auckland (1907)	3
1903 ...	1 ...	Liddell, Ralph J., Kirk Street, Otaki	73
1870 ...	S ...	Lewis, John J., Tenterden Avenue, Mount Eden, Auckland (1919)	1
1900 ...	2 ...	Liversedge, Arthur, Parsonage, New North Road, Mount Albert, Auckland	4
1895 ...	1 ...	Lochore, John A., Nelson Street, Petone	67

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1909	1	McArthur, John D., Queen Street, Levin	72
1904	1	McBean, Angus, Spay Street, Invercargill	119
1868	S	McNicoll, David, c/o J. R. McNeill, Pukekohe (1909)	3
1883	S	Marshall, George T., Mount Albert, Auckland (1920)	1
1908	1	Martin, J. Frederick, Franklin Street, Greymouth	78
1916	5	Metcalfe, John R., Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	191
1905	1	Metson, Basil, Madiera Steps, Napier	49
1890	2	Mitchell, Arthur, West Street, Feilding	58
1875	S	Murray, Daniel J., Quest Terrace, Dominion Road, Auckland (1920)	1
1918	1	Neal, Wallace S., Sanson, Manawatu	59
1911	1	Neale, Leslie B., 139 Rugby Street, St. Albans	89
1917	4	Nelson, John R., Wesley Street, Richmond, Nelson	75
1890	S	Newbold, Thomas W., 275 George Street Dunedin (1912)	106
1875	S	Nixon, John, New Plymouth (1907)	35
1915	3	Odell, Henry J., 111 Arthur Street, Timaru	99
1910	3	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auckland	2
1915	2	Olds, E. Thomas, 58 Wellington Road, Hataitai, Wellington	64
1888	1	Olphert, John, 52 Collingwood Street, Auckland	2
1923	2	Orchard, Hector C., Konini St., Inglewood, Taranaki	37
1902	2	Oxbrow, Walter J., South Road, Hawera, Taranaki	40
1906	4	Paris, Percy R., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch	86
1917	1	Parker, Frederick J., Waipawa, Hawke's Bay	52
1918	3	Parker, James W., Springston, Canterbury	92
1912	3	Parsons, John E., 17 Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	6
1902	4	Patchett, Ernest D., 173 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch	83
1913	2	Peat, Harold T., 23 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North	57
1892	1	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Foxton, Manawatu	60
1877	S	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch (1920)	90
1920	2	Pickering, William B., Westport	81
1881	S	Pinfold, James T., D.D., "The Nook," Main Road, Karori, Wellington (1921)	62
1876	S	Potter, William S., 155 Crummer Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland (1919)	2
1902	2	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, 280 Church Street, Palmerston North	56
1897	S	Pybus, T. Arthur, Helena Street, Dunedin (1923)	106
1892	3	Raine, Robert, 56 Lawrence Street, Mornington, Dunedin	112
1901	2	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., 5 Moehau Street, Grafton, Auckland	Th. C.
1889	2	Read, Frederick T., 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch	83
1901	2	Reader, Amos, 8 Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland	1
1885	2	Ready, William, London Street, Hamilton	26
1911	3	Richards, H. Leslie, 49 Wesley Street, South Dunedin	109
1910	3	Richards, James, Remuera Road, Auckland	3
1905	1	Richards, Raymond, Birkett Street, Temuka	101
1895	1	Richards, Thomas R., Liardet Street, New Plymouth	35

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1906 ...	2 ...	Roberts, Charles, Manaia, Taranaki	41
1885 ...	S ...	Rothwell, Benjamin F., Turnbull Street, Wellington (1924)	61
1911 ...	5 ...	Rowe, William, 1 Knight's Street, Lower Hutt, Wellington	66
1906 ...	3 ...	Ryan, Henry, Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch	90
1916 ...	3 ...	Sage, Ernest E., Dannevirke	53
1907 ...	5 ...	Scott, W. Bramwell, Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	95
1900 ...	1 ...	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 24 Colombo Street, Wellington	63
1903 ...	1 ...	Seamer, Arthur J., 17 Disraeli Street, Mount Eden, Auckland	H.M.
1910 ...	1 ...	Sharp, Harold A., Geraldine	102
1869 ...	S ...	Simmonds, Joseph H., Princess Street, Takanini, Auckland	11
1891 ...	6 ...	Sinclair, William A., 509 N.Z. Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland; English address: Bank of N.S.W., 29 Threadneedle Street, London	F.M.
1918 ...	3 ...	Skuse, Thomas, Johnson Street, Milton, Otago	117
1915 ...	4 ...	Slade, William G., M.A., 12 East Avenue, Mount Eden, Auckland	3
1892 ...	1 ...	Smith, G. Knowles, Greytown, Wairarapa	68
1862 ...	S ...	Smith, John, 35 Fairview Road, Mount Eden, Auckland (1891)	3
1899 ...	3 ...	Southern, John, Queen Street, Waiuku, Auckland	13
1908 ...	4 ...	Speer, William H., Bank Street, Whangarei	17
1923 ...	1 ...	Spencer, Herbert, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	71
1875 ...	S ...	Standage, Charles H., 18 Craigie Street, Timaru (1915)	99
1904 ...	2 ...	Stockwell, George F., Eden Street, Oamaru	105
1871 ...	S ...	Thomas, James, 103 White Horse Road, Box Hill, Melbourne (1907)	1
1908 ...	5 ...	Tinsley, Robert B., 100 Harman Street, Christchurch	87
1894 ...	6 ...	Vealie, Thomas W., Havelock Street, Ashburton	103
1912 ...	2 ...	Walker, William, 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin	107
1885 ...	4 ...	Wallis, T. Jackson, 46 Radley Street, Woolston, Christchurch	85
1870 ...	S ...	Ward, Charles E., Canon Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1910)	84
1872 ...	S ...	Ward, Josiah, 128 Ohio Road, Brooklyn, Wellington	63
1912 ...	1 ...	Watson, William A., Mangawhara, Northern Wairoa	16
1914 ...	1 ...	Werren, Samuel J., Edgeware Road, St. Albans, Christchurch	89
1906 ...	2 ...	White, Hedley, Te Awamutu	32
1870 ...	S ...	Williams, William J., 24 Nayland Street, Sumner, Christchurch (1914)	85
1899 ...	1 ...	Wills, William, 66 Fitzroy Street, Caversham	111
1901 ...	6 ...	Woolloxall, Thomas R., Takapuna, Auckland	7
1887 ...	S ...	Wrigley, James, Birkenhead	8

#### NATIVE MINISTERS.

1900 ...	Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki, Normanby, Taranaki	[6]
1922 ...	Haddon, E. Oliver, Roviana, Solomon Islands	[7]
1896 ...	Heretini, Te Tuhi, Whirinaki, Hokianga	[3]
1911 ...	Kakere, Hori, Ngaruawahia, Waikato	[5]
1924 ...	Paikea, Paraire R., Batley, Kaipara	[4]
1914 ...	Rakena, Rakena P., Rahotu, Taranaki	[6]

Entered.	Name and Address	Circuit.
1882 ...	Rakena, Piripi, Mangamuka, Hokianga	... [3]
1900 ...	Renata, Hapeta, Kaeo	... [1]
1920 ...	Tauroa, Matarae, Kawa Kawa	... [2]
1911 ...	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Rewiti, Kaipara	... [4]
1921 ...	Te Uawiri, Hoani H., Norfolk Street, Patea, Taranaki	... [6]
1911 ...	Wilcox, Davis, Raglan	... [5]

**CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF HOME MISSIONARIES AND HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS, WITH POSTAL ADDRESS.**

N.B.—Only complete years of service count. The number following the address indicates the years of present appointment.

- 1896—John H. White, Mapua, Nelson (retired); 5.  
 1899—John Oliver, Main Street East, Palmerston North (retired); 7.  
 1904—C. Aker, Port Albert, Kaipara; 1.  
 1904—W. T. Hooper, Gonville, Wanganui; 1.  
 1907—S. Keen, Ngaruawahia, Waikato; 4.  
 1908—G. H. Bridgman, Edendale, Southland; 4.  
 1908—C. W. Brown, Putaruru, Waikato; 1.  
 1908—W. E. Sleep, Motueka, Nelson; 2.  
 1909—T. W. Featherston, Oxford, Canterbury; 2.  
 1909—F. P. Kellow, Gonville, Wanganui (retired); 3.  
 1909—W. Watson, Patea, Taranaki (retired); 2.  
 1910—C. Duncan, Waikouaiti, Otago; 1.  
 1911—A. E. Haynes, Halcombe, Manawatu; 3.  
 1911—C. Strand, Te Kuiti, King Country; 1.  
 1913—J. Common, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty; 4.  
 1914—F. E. Foot, Woodend, Canterbury; 2.  
 1915—T. Flower, Okato, Taranaki; 3.  
 1916—J. H. Edmondson, Bombay, Auckland; 1.  
 1917—A. L. Witheford, Paraparaumu, Wellington; 1.  
 1919—J. Belshaw, Waddington, Canterbury; 4.  
 1919—P. Bridge, Huntly, Waikato; 4.  
 1923—J. W. Cocks, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty; 2.  
 1923—A. F. Attwood, Taumarunui; 1.  
 1924—G. F. O. Whittlestone, Nightcaps, Southland; 1.

**HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.**

**A.—Exempted from Examination Work.**

- 1919—J. W. Bayliss, Kaukapakapa, Kaipara; 2.  
 1919—P. Bridge, Huntly, Waikato; 4.  
 1919—J. Belshaw, Waddington, Canterbury; 4.  
 1921—A. Besson, Mayfield, Canterbury; 2.  
 1922—H. Ashworth, Ohura, King Country; 3.  
 1923—H. Thornley, Warkworth, Auckland; 2.  
 1924—J. M. Smeeth, Kaeo, Whangaroa; 1.

**B.—Due to take Examination Work.**

- 1920—R. T. H. Wearne, Havelock, Marlborough; 1.  
 1920—C. G. H. Bycroft, Porirua, Wellington; 1.  
 1920—W. Parker, Ohaeawai, Bay of Islands; 1.  
 1921—J. Thomas, Kawa Kawa, Bay of Islands; 2.  
 1921—F. J. Handy, Kuripuni, Masterton; 1.  
 1921—H. Vowell, Lawrence, Otago; 1.  
 1922—G. H. Marr, Cromwell, Otago; 1.  
 1922—C. Robinson, Apiti, Feilding; 3.  
 1923—E. R. Alexander, Rakaia, Canterbury; 1.  
 1923—E. J. Clarke, Arapohue, Northern Wairoa; 1.  
 1923—C. C. Hoskin, Glen Eden, Auckland; 1.  
 1923—W. McDonald, Rawene, Hokianga; 2.  
 1923—H. E. Haynes, Riverton, Southland; 1.  
 1924—R. T. Alexander, Murchison, Nelson; 1.  
 1924—J. C. Draper, Island Bay, Wellington; 1.  
 1924—H. Dyson, Granity-Westport; 1.  
 1924—H. Fallows, Helensville, Auckland; 1.  
 1924—G. Hall, Ashhurst, Manawatu; 1.  
 1924—F. T. Hoten, Wakefield, Nelson; 1.  
 1924—W. M. Jones, Coromandel, Auckland; 1.  
 1924—F. J. Rickard, Hawarden, North Canterbury; 1.  
 1924—H. Noble, Hikurangi, Whangarei; 1.  
 1924—E. Puddle, Te Hapara, Gisborne; 1.  
 1924—H. S. Ratchiffe, Broad Bay, Dunedin; 1.  
 1924—C. G. Scrimgeour, Kaitangata; 1.  
 1924—B. H. N. Teague, Mangonui, Auckland; 1.

**HOME MISSION SUPPLIES.**

- 1921—T. A. Brady, Dublin Street, Wanganui; 1.  
 1921—T. F. Watson, Mosgiel, Otago; 1.  
 1924—J. Boothroyd, Norsewood; 1.  
 1924—I. Sarginson, Maori Hill, Dunedin; 1.

**MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.**

- Wi Kaitara, Purerua, Bay of Islands.  
 Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihamao, Te Kopua, Waikato.  
 Aihe Huirama, Marokopa.  
 Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga.  
 McDavis, Wharehuia, Te Kuiti.  
 Hone Taotahi, Pipiriki.  
 Matene Keepa, Kawhia, King Country.  
 W. Te Rangitewhata Fraser, Normanby, Taranaki.



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CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.					YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.						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		Conxl. Bands		Hope of			
															Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.				Members.	Societies.	Members.
Auckland Central ..	4	..	4	3	12	..	1	17	2	723	..	204	..	600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1970	
Auckland West ..	5	1	6	2	3	..	..	6	..	380	..	109	..	295	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1410	
Auckland East ..	6	2	6	4	13	..	..	16	..	696	11	293	..	612	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2093	
Auckland (Avondale) ..	5	4	3	1	2	1	..	10	1	369	13	118	..	347	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1185	
Auckland Meth. Mission ..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	146	..	20	..	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	450	
Auckland (Devonport) ..	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	178	..	56	..	166	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	620	
Auckland (Takapuna) ..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	2	90	4	35	..	83	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300	
Auckland (Birkenhead) ..	4	2	4	1	2	..	..	8	..	199	..	68	..	190	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	600	
Onehunga ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	202	..	110	..	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	600	
Otahuhu ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	169	..	95	..	125	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	600	
Papakura ..	2	3	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	144	..	40	..	120	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	465	
Pukekohe ..	7	7	1	2	1	1	..	8	..	189	..	34	..	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1000	
Waiuku ..	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	74	..	30	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	375	
Mahurangi ..	2	6	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	65	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	360	
Paparoa ..	5	5	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	74	..	35	..	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	280	
Northern Wairoa ..	5	13	..	1	1	..	..	12	..	139	..	34	..	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	561	
Whangarei ..	2	6	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	135	..	35	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	500	
Whangaroa ..	1	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	165	
Port Albert ..	3	5	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	66	..	18	..	56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	220	
Coromandel ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	37	..	4	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	230	
Helensville ..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	45	..	20	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	
Kaukapakapa ..	3	6	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	39	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	200	
Bay of Islands ..	2	8	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	19	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	270	
Hokianga ..	1	10	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	71	..	2	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300	
Mangonui ..	3	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	170	
Hikurangi ..	1	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	190	
Rehia ..	1	14	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	54	2	4	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	500	
Ohaeawai ..	1	11	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	35	..	12	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	315	
General Totals	78	131	41	31	42	13	1	122	8	4430	30	1386	..	3522											16079

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.—GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.					YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.						Conn. Band of Home	Hore	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.	Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.				Societies.	Members.		
Thames .. ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	119	..	..	..	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	340	
Te Aroha .. ..	3	7	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	150	3	43	4	90	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	58	..	..	..	620	
Morrinsville ..	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	10	1	130	5	10	6	90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	420	
Waihi .. .. .	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	88	..	18	..	60	..	..	1	22	..	..	..	..	1	45	..	200	
Paeroa and H. P.	1	10	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	76	..	26	..	20	1	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	193	
Cambridge .. .	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	153	..	76	94	140	..	1	62	1	36	1	21	2	40	..	..	640	
Hamilton .. .	5	9	2	2	2	..	..	18	6	492	..	198	180	380	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	40	1	60	..	1800	
Huntly .. .. .	1	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	31	..	2	10	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	
Rotorua .. ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	72	..	41	22	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	250	
Tauranga .. .	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	101	..	24	12	50	1	74	..	..	..	..	1	44	..	..	..	299	
Opotiki .. .. .	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	35	..	6	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	
Te Kuiti .. ..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	56	..	36	..	105	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	36	..	..	..	180	
King Country Rural Mission ..	1	17	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	90	..	11	45	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	445
Te Awamutu ..	2	9	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	116	..	18	32	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	536	
Whakatane .. .	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	43	..	10	..	35	..	1	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	105	
Matamata .. .	3	10	..	2	1	1	..	1	1	104	..	43	..	114	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	30	..	..	..	550	
Ohura .. .. .	2	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	47	..	26	11	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	160	
Te Puke .. .. .	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	49	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	54	..	7	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	..	..	..	275	
Mokauiti .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
General Totals	40	104	11	17	15	8	..	69	8	2006	8	595	416	1438	2	90	3	109	1	36	13	295	4	145	..	7383	

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.—GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.								Attendants on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.						
	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.	Communi-cants.	Wesley Guild	Senior C.E.	Junior C.E.		Other Societies	Conxi. Bands of Hope				
	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Societies.	Members.	Societies.	Members.	Societies.	Members.	Societies.	Members.	Societies.	Members.	Societies.	Members.		Societies.	Members.				
New Plymouth	8	6	2	2	2	..	..	17	..	520	..	140	..	365	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	203	1	14	1550
Waitara	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	100	..	35	..	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	48	..	..	400
Inglewood	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	66	..	35	..	55	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	130
Stratford	7	1	2	3	1	1	..	8	..	135	5	50	..	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	686
Eltham	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	127	..	31	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	100	..	..	200
Hawera	3	1	2	1	1	1	..	10	..	271	4	122	..	166	..	..	1	39	3	189	..	..	..	..	643
Manaia	4	1	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	84	..	45	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300
Cape Egmont	6	4	2	3	1	1	..	8	..	112	..	20	..	108	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	19	..	..	430
Kaponga	2	6	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	36	..	10	..	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	46	..	..	290
Wanganui	4	..	2	2	1	1	1	9	..	386	..	114	..	327	..	..	..	1	51	3	138	1	50	..	994
Wanganui North	3	..	3	2	1	1	..	7	2	184	..	71	..	72	..	..	2	76	2	82	2	220	2	220	570
Marton	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	68	..	40	..	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	22	..	..	275
Taihape	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	63	..	..	..	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	20	..	..	300
Waimarino	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	62	..	5	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	170
Patea	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	19	..	7	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
General Totals	56	35	18	72	15	5	1	88	2	2233	9	725	..	1591	..	..	1	9	4	166	20	867	4	284	6983

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.—GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.		Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.			Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.					YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.								Attendants on Public Worship including S.S., Scholars.		
	Other Preaching Places.	Other Societies.			Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Members on Roll.			On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communi-cants.	Wesley Guild		Senior C.E.		Junior C.E.		Other Societies		Consl. Band.		Home	
														Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Societies.	Members.	Societies.				
Napier .. .. .	6	1	1	1	1	..	16	1	380	8	228	..	150	..	..	..	..	..	2	70	1	50	850		
Hastings .. .. .	1	3	2	1	1	..	8	..	340	..	114	..	250	..	..	..	..	..	1	96	..	..	750		
Gisborne .. .. .	4	5	1	1	1	1	7	..	257	..	88	..	150	..	..	1	20	..	1	30	1	40	760		
Waipawa .. .. .	3	4	..	1	1	..	3	..	56	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	190		
Dannevirke .. .. .	1	5	..	1	1	..	8	..	129	5	40	..	105	..	..	..	1	32	1	43	..	..	400		
Woodville .. .. .	2	1	..	1	1	..	6	..	100	..	18	..	70	1	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300		
Pahiatua .. .. .	3	4	..	1	2	..	3	..	60	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	234		
Palmerston N. (Broad St.)	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	7	261	..	95	..	240	1	30	..	..	1	20	..	..	1	89	750	
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	3	..	2	1	1	..	7	..	251	..	52	..	168	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	640	
Feilding .. .. .	7	1	2	2	2	1	13	..	258	..	78	..	220	1	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	850	
Sanson-Rongotea .. .. .	3	..	1	1	1	..	4	..	128	..	..	..	67	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	..	..	..	350	
Foxton .. .. .	2	1	2	1	..	1	6	..	64	..	15	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	2	45	..	..	..	290	
Home Mission Stations—																									
Apiti .. .. .	4	4	..	1	..	1	2	..	60	..	15	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	
Norsewood .. .. .	2	3	..	1	..	1	1	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	
Wairoa.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
General Totals	44	34	12	16	13	6	1	91	1	2394	13	743	..	1566	3	95	1	20	2	52	8	299	4	194	6524



NELSON DISTRICT.—GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923.

CIRCUITS	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.					YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.								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		Concl. Bands of Home	Members.							
															Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.		Societies.		Members.	Societies.	Members.		
Nelson .. ..	1	..	2	1	1	1	..	6	..	319	..	102	..	240	1	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	800	
Richmond .. ..	9	1	2	1	1	..	..	18	..	255	..	16	..	137	1	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	690	
Blenheim .. ..	7	5	3	2	2	..	..	17	..	431	..	90	..	300	1	30	2	23	1	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	1150	
Hokitika .. ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	50	..	10	..	50	..	..	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	130	
Greymouth .. ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	148	..	25	..	100	1	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	350	
Motueka .. ..	1	5	1	1	..	1	..	9	..	108	1	2	..	96	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	..	..	..	..	459	
Reefton .. ..	2	2	1	1	2	..	..	4	..	63	..	21	..	50	..	..	2	45	1	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	225	
Westport .. ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	91	..	57	..	70	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	220	
Home Mission Stations—																												
Havelock .. ..	4	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	43	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	1	35	..	..	1	18	..	..	380	
Murchison .. ..	1	6	1	..	..	1	..	2	2	23	..	2	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	130	
Granity-Denniston	5	3	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	
General Totals	35	32	13	11	9	5	..	68	3	1601	1	325	..	1091	4	155	5	68	4	116	1	30	1	18	..	..	4634	

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NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.					YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.						Conxl. 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.	Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.				Societies.	Members.	
CHRISTCHURCH—																										
Durham Street ..	2	..	1	1	7	..	2	10	3	328	..	44	..	250	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	84	..	..	1150	
East ..	6	2	5	3	4	..	1	18	..	669	..	325	..	445	1	48	2	42	3	112	4	75	1	100	1753	
Cambridge Terrace ..	3	..	..	2	2	..	..	6	..	182	..	16	..	120	..	..	1	20	..	..	3	100	2	152	470	
Woolston ..	4	..	4	1	3	..	..	6	..	213	..	53	..	155	..	..	..	..	2	36	5	117	2	183	545	
Sydenham ..	2	3	2	2	1	..	..	3	..	206	..	83	..	100	..	..	..	..	1	45	1	35	1	30	500	
Addington ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	1	6	..	227	..	140	..	155	..	..	..	..	1	35	3	136	1	220	646	
Riccarton ..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	102	..	31	..	65	..	..	1	8	1	25	3	92	..	..	267	
St. Albans ..	2	..	2	1	2	..	..	8	..	336	..	98	..	170	..	..	..	..	1	50	4	195	1	40	520	
Papanui ..	3	..	1	1	3	..	..	2	..	154	..	70	..	200	1	40	1	10	1	46	..	..	..	..	400	
Lyttelton ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	110	..	39	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	53	..	..	360	
Springton ..	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	142	14	..	..	150	3	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	480	
Tai Tapu ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	138	..	19	..	107	1	65	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	60	311	
Leeston ..	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	160	..	10	..	115	1	55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	40	430
Kaipoi ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	152	..	20	..	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	44	..	..	600	
Ohoka ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	75	..	9	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	30	..	..	220	
Rangiora ..	8	1	3	2	1	1	..	12	..	264	..	28	..	132	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	38	..	..	751	
Greendale-Malvern ..	7	4	..	2	1	1	..	8	..	140	..	45	..	151	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	348	
Hawarden ..	1	5	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	38	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	200	
Oxford ..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	77	..	..	..	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	22	..	..	120	
General Totals	67	20	28	25	32	4	4	108	3	3713	14	1030	..	2605	7	358	5	80	10	349	34	1021	10	825	10071	

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.								YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.								Attendants on Public Worship including S.S., Scholars.										
	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.	Communi-cants.	Wesley Guild	Senior C.E.		Junior C.E.	Other Societies	Conxl. Band.	Home						
															Societies.	Active Members.		Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Societies.	Members.	Societies.	Members.		
Timaru .. ..	6	3	2	2	4	..	..	21	..	474	..	155	..	350	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1580
Waimate .. ..	2	6	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	201	..	87	..	182	1	30	..	..	..	1	60	2	70	..	..	..	630
Temuka .. ..	1	3	3	1	1	..	..	3	..	95	..	20	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	1	14	1	37	..	..	..	200
Geraldine .. ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	112	..	17	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	1	17	1	20	..	..	..	295
Ashburton .. ..	4	4	1	1	1	..	1	14	..	303	..	81	..	175	..	..	..	..	1	35	..	..	..	1	100	..	775
Willowby .. ..	5	2	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	147	..	41	..	155	..	..	1	16	..	..	..	..	..	2	80	..	500
Oamaru .. ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	150	4	25	..	120	..	..	..	..	1	25	1	20	1	25	..	450	
Rakaia-Methven .. ..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	32	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	37	..	100
Mayfield .. ..	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	50	..	..	..	80	..	..	..	..	1	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	190
General Totals .. ..	26	27	10	9	9	2	1	64	..	1564	4	426	..	1167	1	30	1	16	9	284	9	255	6	267	..	4720	

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.—GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923.

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CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.					YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.						Attendees 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	Conxl. Bands	Hope					
															Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.		Societies.	Members.	Societies.	Members.
DUNEDIN—Trinity ..	3	..	3	1	5	..	..	7	..	329	..	89	..	204	..	..	..	1	36	3	79	1	115	800	
Central Mission ..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	179	..	15	20	120	..	..	..	1	10	1	74	..	..	1300	
Dundas Street ..	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	4	..	148	..	35	..	100	..	..	..	1	35	4	125	..	30	475	
Cargill Road ..	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	197	..	94	..	200	1	25	..	1	60	..	..	1	40	500	
St. Kilda ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	148	..	52	..	135	..	..	..	1	45	3	87	1	42	476	
Caversham ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	165	..	60	..	120	..	..	..	1	15	5	117	1	35	455	
Mornington ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	168	..	12	..	70	..	..	..	..	..	1	20	1	141	380	
Roslyn ..	2	..	2	1	1	1	..	4	1	151	..	58	..	120	..	..	2	28	2	72	1	45	..	..	400
Mosgiel ..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	55	..	3	..	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	130
Port Chalmers ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	86	..	24	..	90	..	..	..	..	..	2	14	..	..	..	240
Waikouaiti & Palmerston ..	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	59	..	26	..	41	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	177
Balclutha ..	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	60	..	30	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	23	..	..	250
Milton ..	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	64	..	19	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	2	35	..	..	..	350
Roxburgh ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	66	..	12	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	3	35	..	..	..	250
Invercargill—Central ..	3	1	1	2	1	..	..	9	..	297	..	86	..	100	..	..	2	20	1	25	..	..	1	80	650
St. Peters ..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	170	..	22	..	100	..	..	..	1	32	1	52	..	..	..	350
Bluff ..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	62	..	12	..	41	..	..	..	..	..	2	45	..	26	..	250
Gore ..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	110	..	41	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	..	..	..	200
Otautau ..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	57	..	34	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	1	35	..	195
Edendale ..	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	31	..	3	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	1	20	..	..	..	215
Kaitangata ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	38	..	2	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95
Lawrence ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	42	2	15	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	1	20	..	..	..	180
Cromwell ..	2	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	35	..	2	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	1	18	..	..	..	49
Riverton ..	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	31	..	5	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	203
Tuatapere ..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	18	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
Nightcaps ..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	36	..	12	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	41	..	..	..	100
General Totals	49	35	15	25	22	9	..	74	3	2802	10	763	20	1830	1	5	4	48	10	330	36	886	7	544	8730

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SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1923.

DISTRICTS.	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.	Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	Wesley Guild	Senior C.E.	Junior C.E.	Other Societies		Societies	Members					
															Societies.	Active Members.	Societies	Active Members				Societies	Members	Societies	Members	
Auckland ... ..	78	131	41	31	42	13	1	122	6	4430	30	1386	...	3532	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16079
South Auckland ... ..	40	104	11	17	15	8	...	60	8	2006	8	595	...	1428	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7383
Taranaki-Wanganui ... ..	56	35	18	22	15	5	1	88	2	2233	9	725	...	1591	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6983
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ... ..	44	34	12	16	13	6	1	91	1	2394	13	743	...	1566	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6524
Wellington ... ..	40	19	21	18	21	3	3	82	2	2748	10	771	...	1678	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8115
Nelson ... ..	35	32	13	11	9	5	...	68	3	1601	1	325	...	1091	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4634
North Canterbury ... ..	67	20	28	25	32	4	4	108	3	3713	14	1030	...	2605	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10071
South Canterbury ... ..	26	27	10	9	10	2	1	64	...	1564	4	426	...	1167	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4720
Otago-Southland .. ..	49	35	15	25	22	9	..	74	3	2802	10	763	...	1830	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8730
Totals 1923 ... ..	435	437	169	174	179	55	11	757	30	23491	99	6764	...	16488	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73239
Totals 1922 ... ..	437	430	163	175	181	50	10	773	29	23451	109	6472	...	16415	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73205
Increases .. ..	..	7	6	..	..	5	1	..	1	40	..	292	..	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
Decreases .. ..	2	..	..	1	2	..	..	16	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

## SUMMARY OF MAORI RETURNS (Incomplete).

## Auckland Maori Mission.

No. of Churches	...	...	...	12
Other Preaching Places	...	...	...	77
Ministers and Probationers	...	...	...	8
Home Missionaries	...	...	...	5
Deaconesses	...	...	...	3
Local Preachers	...	...	...	112
Church Members	...	...	...	1735
Junior Members (including infants)	...	...	...	806
Attendants on Public Worship (approx.)	...	...	...	4000

## South Island Maori Mission.

Churches	...	...	...	...	3
Other Preaching Places	...	...	...	...	7
Local Preachers	...	...	...	...	2
Senior Members	...	...	...	...	140
Junior Members	...	...	...	...	37
Infant Members	...	...	...	...	40
Attendants at Public Worship	...	...	...	...	300

No Ministers or Parsonages, etc.

SUMMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1923.

DISTRICTS.	TEACHERS.			SCHOLARS.								No. on Cradle Roll.	BIBLE CLASSES.				Number of Scholars between 13 and 15 years who have ceased to attend	Young Workers' League.	Wesley Guild	Christian Endeavour	Junior Christian Endeavour	Band of Hope	Boy Scouts or Y.C.L.	Girl Scouts, etc.	Using Australian-graded Lessons	Schools Providing Teacher Training	Schools holding Communion Service	Schools contributing to H. and F. Missions
	No. of Schools.	No. on Roll.	Average Attendance	No on Roll.	Average Attendance	Church Members in full.	Junior Members.	Infant Members	Received into full membership during the year	Received into Junior membership during the year	Number taking S.S. Examination		Junior Girls'	Young Women's	Junior Boys'	Young Men's												
Auckland ...	72	729	510	7157	4722	375	1283	206	117	227	483	769	270	389	238	420	26	854	186	173	602	965	267	227	36	6	1	54
South Auckland ...	43	265	234	2780	1802	188	578	405	26	67	39	209	156	85	103	66	48	283	151	127	36	205	77	20	21	2	...	22
Taranaki-Wanganui	50	281	222	2758	1847	90	598	515	48	74	43	550	247	118	213	97	44	569	76	8	181	284	142	87	23	10	2	27
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	43	261	170	2728	1886	213	553	116	80	70	68	349	160	174	111	163	34	381	70	20	52	179	30	...	26	...	2	31
Wellington ...	40	402	337	3894	2596	192	706	66	51	125	164	521	194	163	159	211	60	720	133	15	569	203	145	...	20	4	3	32
Nelson ...	23	165	144	1743	1249	111	253	69	51	49	66	284	78	98	58	143	17	340	162	95	235	24	34	...	11	1	2	14
North Canterbury ...	59	482	413	4433	3197	295	890	265	79	143	236	697	209	272	181	204	31	790	730	70	394	879	146	...	44	1	9	47
South Canterbury ...	26	177	149	1327	1009	110	205	94	43	45	4	277	64	128	67	87	12	409	83	16	238	194	47	...	11	...	...	18
Otago-Southland ...	43	338	285	2428	1883	96	580	97	18	31	...	362	124	185	171	140	18	863	164	28	260	505	..	...	18	3	6	30
Totals	399	3100	2464	29248	20191	1670	5646	1833	513	831	1103	4018	1502	1612	1301	1531	390	5209	1755	552	2567	3438	888	334	210	27	25	275
Increases ..	...	101	...	...	...	201	1	5	...	...	...	...	275	...	137	67	95	43	...	1	28	...	202	41	42	8	...	14
Decreases ..	2	...	57	1215	1076	224	...	...	...	268	44	114	...	22	...	...	...	43	138	1	...	893	...	...	...	...	7	...

CENTENARY THANKSGIVING FUND.

Statement of Income and Expenditure to February 13th, 1924.

Treasurers: REV. S. GRIFFITH and MR. H. FIELD.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Reported to Last Conference	22,639	8	4				Reported to Last Conference—				
Mortgage, Bonds, etc.	2,774	0	0				Centenary Sketches	401	2	9	
				25,413	8	4	General Secretary	1,545	19	9	
Donations				7,657	4	8	Assistant Canvassers and English Delegate	343	1	7	
Kaeb Donations for Memorial Church	143	11	0				General Expenses	652	18	1	
Value of Site given	180	0	0				Allocations	13,471	11	3	
				323	11	0			16,414	13	5
Collections				15	0	11	Expenditure 1923-4—				
S.S. & Y.P. Department				142	0	0	General Secretary—				
Interest				348	7	10	Stipend, Feb.-Mar., 1923	54	3	4	
Sale of Furniture				33	5	6	Connexional Charges	16	13	9	
Sale of Centenary Sketches				38	5	0	Travelling and General Expenses	32	18	6	
War Certificates				31	0	0	Rent	61	12	0	
							Storage of Furniture (2 years)	17	1	0	
									182	8	7
							Assistant Canvassers and Local Expenses		34	15	9
							Treasurers' Postage & Stationery		10	9	0
							Printing & Typing		13	1	5
							Exchange & Bank Charges		5	11	6
Carried forward .. .. .				34,002	3	3	Carried forward .. .. .		16,662	19	8

CENTENARY THANKSGIVING FUND—Continued.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward .. .. .	34,002	3	3		16,662	19	8
Allocations—							
Supernumerary Fund (balance of interest) ...		132	6	11			
Church Building and Loan Fund ...	2,022	13	1				
Theological College ...	2,700	0	0				
Foreign Mission Fund ...	2,500	0	0				
Deaconess Fund ...	1,029	7	0				
Local Preachers' Association	80	0	0		8,464	7	0
Kaeo Memorial Church—							
Value of Site given ...	180	0	0				
Expenses ...	1	2	0		181	2	0
Auckland Mortgage ...	2,000	0	0				
Bonds and War Certificates ...	731	0	0				
Deposited with Wesley Training College ...	5,950	0	0				
Cr. Bal. Bank of N.Z., Auckland	14	14	7		8,695	14	7
	<u>£34,002</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£34,002</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

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Audited and found correct,  
 JOSEPH SMITH }  
 WM. S. MACKAY } Auditors.

Auckland, February 13th, 1924.





**STATEMENT.**

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.									
				£	s.	d.							
To Debit Balance .. .. .			289	11	2		Stock in Hand .. .. .				4	0	0
„ Outstanding Account .. .. .			0	9	3		Filing Cabinet .. .. .				5	10	0
							Outstanding Accounts .. .. .				7	13	7
							Balance .. .. .				272	16	10
			£290	0	5						£290	0	5

**MISSION BOAT AND MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY FUND.**

**Statement of Receipts.**

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				£	s.	d.							
To Contributions (1921) .. .. .			120	19	10		Paid to General Treasurers .. .. .				237	17	0
„ Contributions (1922) .. .. .			342	8	8		Due from Y.P. Dept. .. .. .				268	8	0
„ Contributions (1923) .. .. .			24	16	6								
„ Interest .. .. .			18	0	0								
			£506	5	0						£506	5	0

Audited and found correct,

18th January, 1924.

H. VIRTUE  
E. H. SMITH } Auditors.



## CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1923.

LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Capital as at 30/9/22				13,380	19	2			
Centenary Fund .. .. .	3022	13	1				16,164	1	0
Fire Insurance Fund .. ..	100	0	0				600	0	0
Hymn Book Commission .. ..	47	6	11				992	2	3
Transferred from Working Ex- penses Fund .. .. .	500	0	0				756	2	11
				3,670	0	0	1,748	5	2
Accumulated Capital 30/9/23				17,050	19	2			
Proceeds of Properties sold and held in trust .. .. .				1,403	12	10			
Working Expenses Fund .. ..				57	14	2			
				£18,512	6	2	£18,512	6	2

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SAMUEL LAWRY }  
 J. A. FLESHER } Treasurers.  
 23rd October, 1923.

Audited and found correct,  
 A. K. ENGLAND  
 ARTHUR C. REED





BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE—Continued.  
Farm Working and College Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1923.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1923—							Dec. 31, 1923—						
To Stock in Hand ... ..	1,674	0	0				By Sales of Stock ... ..	660	10	2			
Purchases ... ..	298	13	7				Sales of Wool ... ..	244	6	10			
				1,972	13	7	Sales of Cream ... ..	352	13	3			
Balance, being Gross Profit				882	18	8	Sales of Produce ... ..	52	12	0			
											1,310	2	3
							Stock on Hand, 31/12/23 ...				1,545	10	0
				£2,855	12	3					£2,855	12	3
Dec. 31, 1923—							Dec. 31, 1923—						
To Freight and Commission ...	46	5	1				By Gross Profit ... ..	882	18	8			
Salaries and Wages ... ..	1,203	6	11				Improvements ... ..	100	0	0			
Insurance ... ..	31	16	8				School Fees ... ..	137	5	5			
Rates ... ..	235	5	6				Balance, being ... ..				1,120	4	1
Repairs and Maintenance ...	340	13	4				Net Loss ... ..				1,643	14	1
Seeds and Manure ... ..	405	18	4										
Meat, Bread, Groceries and Sundries ... ..	500	12	4										
				2,763	18	2							
				£2,763	18	2					£2,763	18	2

Certified correct,

S. J. AMBURY, Chairman.



BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.—Continued.

Brought forward ... ..	£21,006 16 8	Brought forward ... ..	£91,117 14 0
Capital Account—			
General Trust 70,786 19 5			
Furniture Fund 73 9 1			
	70,860 8 6		
Plus Sports Fund ...	30 6 2		
Donations ...	35 0 0		
Sale of Old Buildings	170 18 9		
	71,096 13 5		
Less excess of Expenditure over Income ...	985 16 1		
	70,110 17 4		
	<u>£91,117 14 0</u>		<u>£91,117 14 0</u>

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We certify that we have audited the above Balance-sheet, together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust at the 31st December, 1923, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors a certificate that all Title Deeds and Securities are in order, and have been furnished with certified valuations of Stock and Plant which we have accepted as correct.

LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A. (N.Z.), Secretary.

HUTCHISON & ELLIFFE, Auditors.

Certified correct,

S. J. AMBURY, Chairman.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1923.

Sept. 30, 1922—				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.	
To Balance in Bank	..	..	..	1	2	1	By Theological College	..	..	..	108	0	0	
„ Balance in Hand	..	..	..	0	3	0	„ Shaw Unpaid Interest	..	..	..	6	10	0	
Sept. 29th, 1923—								„ Bank Commission	..	..	..	0	10	0
To J. D. Hayes	..	..	..	26	0	0	„ Cheque Book	..	..	..	0	4	0	
„ J. & L. Shaw	..	..	..	16	5	0	„ Management	..	..	..	5	16	6	
„ S. & W. Whitburn	..	..	..	45	10	0	„ Balance in Bank	..	..	..	3	4	7	
„ M. Greenwood	..	..	..	20	5	0								
„ Government Bonds	..	..	..	15	0	0								
				<u>£124 5 1</u>							<u>£124 5 1</u>			

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Investment Account.

Sept. 29th, 1923—				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
To Capital	..	..	..	1900	0	0	By Hayes Mortgage	..	..	..	400	0	0
							„ Shaws Mortgage	..	..	..	200	0	0
							„ Whitburn Mortgage	..	..	..	700	0	0
							„ Greenwood Mortgage	..	..	..	300	0	0
							„ Government 5 per cent. Bonds	..	..	..	300	0	0
				<u>£1900 0 0</u>							<u>£1900 0 0</u>		

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We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Emsly Trust Board and compared the same with the Bank Pass Book, and are of opinion they show the correct position of the Trust as on the 29th September, 1923.

G. A. BUTTLE, Treasurer.  
November 19th, 1923.

T. W. JONES }  
C. A. PIPER } Auditors.

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st October, 1923.

Oct. 31, 1923—	£	s.	d.	Oct. 31, 1922—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To REVENUE A/C—				By BALANCE DUE BANK OF N.Z.	1783	6	9			
Rents .. .. .	2694	7	6	Oct. 31, 1923—						
„ BANK OF NEW ZEALAND—				By THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION—						
Balance due .. .. .	2936	3	10	Paid to Trustees .. .. .	700	0	0			
				„ GENERAL CHARGES—						
				Repairs and Maintenance	130	10	6			
				Rates .. .. .	390	13	0			
				Interest .. .. .	241	6	6			
				Insurance Premiums .. .. .	94	18	9			
				Secretary's Salary .. .. .	50	0	0			
				Land Tax .. .. .	100	7	6			
				Com. on Rents Collected						
				and Sundries .. .. .	139	8	4			
								1147	4	7
				„ J. EDSON'S TRUSTEES—						
				Deposit .. .. .				200	0	0
								£5630	11	4
								£5630	11	4

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Audited and found correct

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.)  
LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.

(Signed) G. A. BUTTLE }  
GEO. BOND } Hon. Treasurers.

Auckland, 27th November, 1923.



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

Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st October, 1923.

Oct. 31st, 1922—	£	s.	d.	Oct. 31st, 1923—	£	s.	d.
To Balance .. .. .	110	8	0	By Rents Received .. .. .	2694	7	6
Oct. 31st, 1923—				„ Balance .. .. .	207	6	0
To Rents Accrued .. .. .	2791	5	6				
	<u>£2901 13 6</u>				<u>£2901 13 6</u>		

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Examined and found correct,

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.)

(Signed) LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A. (N.Z.)

} Auditors.

(Signed) G. A. BUTTLE

(Signed) GEO. BOND

} Hon. Treasurers.

Auckland, 27th November, 1923.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Balance-sheet for Year Ending September 30th, 1923.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
October, 1922—Balance A.S.B.	...	18 15 3	To Interest paid	...	333 2 6
Rent Received for Year	...	696 0 0	„ Paid off Mortgage	...	300 0 0
Interest	...	2 0 9	„ Commission, Stamps and Registration	...	5 2 6
			„ Registration	...	0 2 6
			„ Balance A.S. Bank	...	78 8 6
		<u>£716 16 0</u>			<u>£716 16 0</u>

Capital Account.

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	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
October, 1922—Mortgage A.S. Bank	...	5200 0 0	March 27, 1923—Paid A.S. Bank	...	100 0 0
			June 29, 1923—Paid A.S. Bank	...	100 0 0
			September 20, 1923—Paid A.S. Bank	...	100 0 0
			September 30, 1923—Balance on Mortgage	...	4900 0 0
		<u>£5200 0 0</u>			<u>£5200 0 0</u>

Audited and found correct, 16/11/23.

JAS. P. BLAIR.  
WM. ASTLEY.

STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ending 30th September, 1923.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
By Balance	...	...	...	26	10	5	To Books	...	...	...	20	13	2
„ Interest Debenture	...	...	...	42	0	0	„ Balance	...	...	...	48	10	3
„ Savings Bank Interest	...	...	...	0	13	0							
				<u>£69 3 5</u>							<u>£69 3 5</u>		

Capital Account.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
Sept. 30, 1923—				800	0	0	Sept. 30, 1923—				798	0	0
To Cash	...	...	...				By Auckland City and Tramway Debentures	...	...	...	2	0	0
				<u>£800 0 0</u>				„ Auckland Savings Bank	...	...			
											<u>£800 0 0</u>		

ARCH PEAK }  
C. H. LAWS, D.D. } Treasurers.

I hereby certify that I have compared the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and Capital Account with the Books, and find them to be correct.

9th February, 1924.

J. MUIR BARR.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Balance-sheet for Year Ended September 30th, 1923.

REV. W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

R. PEPPERELL, F.P.A. (N.Z.), Secretary and Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at Bank, September 30th, 1923	...	94 1 11	By Home Mission Treasurer	...	300 0 0
„ Rents	...	576 19 4	„ Secretary's Salary	...	50 0 0
„ Interest on Mortgage and Savings Bank	...	50 10 7	„ Rates and Taxes	...	90 5 10
„ Consent Fees and Sundries	...	5 7 10	„ Printing and Advertising	...	3 6 0
			„ Bank Charge	...	0 10 0
			„ Audit Fee	...	2 2 0
			„ Stamps, Exchange, Etc.	...	5 9 11
			„ Insurance	...	0 17 10
			„ Balance at Bank	...	274 8 1
		<u>£726 19 8</u>			<u>£726 19 8</u>
			N.P. Savings Bank	...	110 0 0
			Money on Mortgage	...	600 0 0
					<u>£710 0 0</u>

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I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1923. All receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been duly banked, and vouchers have been produced for all payments. I have also checked the credits to the respective tenants' accounts and found these in order.

New Plymouth, 1st Nov., 1923.

VAL. DUFF, A.I.A. (N.Z.), Auditor.

















SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1923.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.											
				£	s.	d.									
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
To Annuities .. .. .				6787	3	9	By Amount of Funds as at								
„ Furniture Grants .. .. .				135	0	0	1st January, 1923 .. .. .				114,832	2	8		
„ Subscriptions Refunded .. .. .					74	5	0	„ Ministers' Personal Sub-							
„ Expenses of Management—								scriptions .. .. .				1,462	9	0	
Share Cost of Connexional								„ Circuit Levies .. .. .				2,265	11	6	
Secretary .. .. .	210	0	0					„ Interest of Arrears, Minis-							
Audit Fees .. .. .	16	16	0					ters' Subscriptions .. .. .	31	14	2				
Stamps, Telegrams, etc .. .. .	11	1	2					„ Interest on Investments .. .. .	7,202	17	5				
Bank Charges .. .. .	2	14	9									7,234	11	7	
Medical Expenses .. .. .	10	10	0					Less Int. on Over-							
Printing and Advertising .. .. .	4	15	6					draft .. .. .	31	17	9				
Exchanges .. .. .	15	18	8					Less Benevolent							
Mortgage Indemnity Prem-								Branch .. .. .	10	16	9				
iums .. .. .	0	9	0					Less H.M. Retiring							
Valuation Fees .. .. .	1	10	0					Fund .. .. .	29	7	3				
				273	15	1		Less Deaconess Re-							
„ Sundries .. .. .					6	9	11	tiring Fund .. .. .	17	9	4				
„ Investment Fluctuation Reserve												89	11	1	
Fund .. .. .															
„ Amount of Funds at 1st															
January, 1923 .. .. .	114,832	2	8									7,145	0	6	
„ Increase of Funds, 1923	3,510	18	5					„ Fire Insurance Premiums					14	11	2
				118,343	1	1									
				£125,719	14	10						£125,719	14	10	

**SUPERNUMERARY FUND. Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1923.**

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Accumulated Funds as per Revenue Account ..				118,343	1	1	Investments—					
Meth. Orphanage and Children's Home ..	500	0	0				Loans on Mortgage ..	94,300	0	0		
Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund ..	852	1	1				Gov. and Other Debentures ..	22,806	15	0		
Deaconess Retiring Fund ..	467	0	2						117,106	15	0	
Benevolent Branch ..	188	10	0				Cash at P.O. Savings Bank ..	720	3	2		
				2,007	11	3	Cash at Bank of New Zealand ..	527	6	2		
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund, 1922 ..	1,500	0	0						1,247	9	4	
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund, 1923 ..	100	0	0				Accrued—					
				1,600	0	0	Interest on Mortgages ..	2,536	3	10		
Amount in Trust (Fire Claims) Plus P.O. Savings Bank Int.	631	14	8				Interest on Debentures ..	498	2	1		
	23	9	0						3,034	5	11	
							Circuit Levies Due and Unpaid Balance Due Purchase Benefits	100	0	0		
	655	3	8				Interest Due and Unpaid ..	48	12	10		
Less Interest and Mortgage Indemnity Premium ..	180	15	0						148	12	10	
							Ministers' Subscriptions ..	272	1	10		
Sundry Creditors ..				474	8	8	Interest Due and Unpaid ..	57	9	3		
				24	10	2			329	11	1	
							Sundry Debtors ..			6	6	0
				£122,449	11	2			£122,449	11	2	

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We have examined the above Balance-sheet and attached Revenue Account, and have compared them with the books of the Fund, and certify to their correctness. We have had all the securities produced to us, with the exception of those held by the Bank of New Zealand and Solicitors of the Fund, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st December, 1923.

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
J. C. PRUDHOE } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A. (N.Z.), F.I.A.N.Z.  
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A., (N.Z.)

Christchurch, January 22nd, 1924.

### HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Cash Statement for Year ending 31st December, 1923.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Personal Subscriptions ..	183	0	0				
„ Circuit Levies .. ..	163	0	0				
„ Home Mission Fund .. ..	195	0	0				
	541 0 0						
„ Interest on Deposits and De- bentures .. ..		111	0 2				
Sundry Cash .. ..		6	9 11				
	£658 10 1						
				Payments to Missionaries ..	154	0	2
				Payment to H.M. Fund Treasurers	35	0	0
					189 0 2		
				General Expenses .. ..		1	7 6
				Balance to Accumulated Funds		468	2 5
						£658 10 1	

### HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1923.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Accumulated Funds at 31st December, 1922	1748	7 3	Government and Other Deben- tures .. ..		1359 0 0
Add 31st December, 1923 .. ..	468	2 5	P.O. Savings Bank .. ..	5 8 7	
			Supernumerary Fund .. ..	852 1 1	
				857 9 8	
				£2216 9 8	
	£2216 9 8				

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
J. C. PRUDHOE } Treasurers.

Christchurch,  
January 29th, 1924.

Audited and found correct,  
ARTHUR C. REED }  
A. A. SANDFORD } Auditors.



## CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December, 1923.

Hon. Treasurers:—Rev. H. E. BELLHOUSE and Mr. ERNEST ROSEVEAR.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.					
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January 1, 1923—									
To Balance ... ..				1015	17	10			
„ Sale Conference Agenda ... ..				18	6	0			
„ Sale Book of Laws, Members' Roll Books, etc., per Connexional Secretary ... ..				3	0	0			
Less Postage ... ..				1	6	3			
							1	13	9
„ Centenary Fund Committee Refund ... ..				6	15	6			
„ Circuit Levies...									
Auckland District ... ..	580	4	0						
South Auckland District ... ..	334	18	0						
Taranaki-Wanganui District ... ..	328	8	0						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District ... ..	262	0	0						
Wellington District ... ..	321	4	0						
Nelson District ... ..	184	16	8						
North Canterbury District ... ..	479	10	0						
South Canterbury District ... ..	188	0	0						
Otago-Southland District ... ..	423	12	0						
				3102	12	8			
„ Sale of Minutes...									
Auckland District ... ..	0	8	0						
South Auckland District ... ..	0	15	0						
Taranaki-Wanganui District ... ..	0	13	6						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District ... ..	0	11	0						
Wellington District ... ..	1	5	0						
Nelson District ... ..	0	9	0						
By Cost of Dunedin Conference—									
Representatives' Expenses									
Equalisation Fund ... ..	313	6	0						
Travelling to Conference (Official Ministerial Representatives and Probationers for Ordination) ... ..	252	11	0						
Printing Agenda, Minutes, Statements, etc. ... ..	279	13	1						
Stationery, Bibles, Cables, Telegrams, Postage, etc. ... ..	20	7	9						
Press Work Committee ... ..	9	3	6						
							875	1	4
„ Travelling of Chairman and Other District Expenses (including Exchange, Cheque Book, Bank Charge, Stationery and Postage)—									
Auckland District ... ..	28	10	2						
South Auckland District ... ..	37	5	8						
Taranaki-Wanganui District ... ..	35	1	6						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District ... ..	24	7	0						
Wellington District ... ..	24	17	9						
Nelson District ... ..	19	10	0						
North Canterbury District ... ..	13	15	4						
South Canterbury District ... ..	11	7	6						
Otago-Southland District ... ..	37	6	10						
							232	1	9

N. Canterbury Dist.	2	6	6		
"          "          "	1	13	9		
S. Canterbury Dist.	1	2	0		
				5	2
Otago-Southland District	...	0	0	0	
					9 3 9
„ South Auckland District—					
Synod Collection	...				4 11 4

„ District Synod Expenses (Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries travelling to Synod, Telegrams, Stationery, etc.)—					
Auckland	...	63	2	3	
South Auckland	...	25	18	5	
Taranaki-Wanganui	...	31	16	5	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	24	7	10	
Wellington	...	11	1	2	
Nelson	...	43	0	9	
North Canterbury	...	4	8	8	
South Canterbury	...	8	1	2	
Otago-Southland	...	41	13	9	
					253 10 5
„ Ministerial Supply—					
Auckland District	...	6	0	0	
Taranaki-Wanganui District	...	16	8	0	
Wellington District	...	8	15	0	
North Canterbury District	...	5	5	0	
South Canterbury District	...	0	6	3	
Otago-Southland District	...	21	0	10	
					57 15 1
„ Removal Expenses...					
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	...	9	5	0	
Wellington District	...	7	2	4	
North Canterbury District	...	6	0	0	
					22 7 4
„ Grants—					
Theological College	...	600	0	0	
S.S. and Y.P. Board	...	150	0	0	
Deaconess Training Institution	...	75	0	0	
Connexional Secretary's Office	...	165	0	0	
Compassionate Allowance—					
(Otago District)	...	40	0	0	
					1080 0 0
Carried forward	...	4159	0	10	

Carried forward ... 2470 15 11

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.										
				£	s.	d.								
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
Brought forward	...	...	...	4159	0	10	Brought forward	...	...	2470	15	11		
							„ “Methodist Times” — Editor,							
							Sub-Editor, Cost of Exchanges,							
							etc. ... ..			48	19	0		
							„ President's Office—							
							Balance 1922 Expenses	7	10	11				
							Supply, 1923	13	10	0				
							Travelling Expenses, Cabling,							
							Telegrams, Postage, etc. ...	19	17	11				
							Acting-President's Expenses,							
							Cabling, Telegrams, Post-							
							ages, etc. ... ..	45	11	5				
										86	10	3		
							„ Vice-President's Travelling —							
							North Auckland, etc. ...			12	7	9		
							„ Secretary Conference — Postage,							
							Stationery, etc. ... ..			19	3	0		
							„ Examination Committee — Medical							
							Fees, Printing and Other							
							Expenses ... ..			32	3	8		
							„ Supernumerary Fund, on ac-							
							count Rev. E. B. Chambers			25	4	8		
							„ Printing—							
							Reports ... ..	5	5	0				
							Schedules ... ..	4	15	0				
							Membership Tickets ... ..	59	3	4				
										69	3	4		
							„ World Conference Faith and Order			10	9	10		

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MINISTERS' REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ending December 31st, 1923.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Credit P.O.S. Bank, Jan. 1, 1923				By Stationery	...	...	1 6 0
To Circuit Levies—			246 18 10	„ Postage and Exchange	...	...	3 14 0
Auckland	...	81	18 2	Dec. 31/1923—			
South Auckland	...	51	19 0	By Credit Balance	...	...	656 13 3
Taranaki-Wanganui	...	38	7 10				
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	31	5 9				
Wellington	...	39	1 1				
Nelson	...	19	15 4				
North Canterbury	...	61	7 0				
South Canterbury	...	25	12 0				
Otago-Southland	...	46	5 3				
			395 11 5				
To P.O.S. Bank, Interest	...		19 3 0				
			<u>£661 13 3</u>				<u>£661 13 3</u>
Jan. 1st/1924—							
To Credit Balance, deposited P.O.S. Bank,			£656 13s. 3d.				

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I have audited the above statements, and compared them with the Receipt Book and P.O. Savings Bank Book, and certify them to be correct.

E. D. PATCHETT }  
W. H. SEED } Treasurers.

F. SHEPPARD GREEN.

Christchurch, 15th Jan., 1924.



METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND—Continued

Brought forward ... ..	£11,407 16 1	Brought forward ... ..	£15,240 14 7
Sales of Produce—		By Interest on Overdraft & Loan	210 8 1
Bambatana Plantation ... ..	20 11 8	„ Working Expenses ... ..	1,286 15 9
Bilua Plantation ... ..	648 14 3	„ Sundry Payments ... ..	89 16 9
Kogengolo Plantation ... ..	461 4 7		
	<u>2,591 5 6</u>		
	13,999 1 7		
Balance deficit ... ..	2,828 13 7		
	<u>£16,827 15 2</u>		<u>£16,827 15 2</u>

Audited and found correct, and in order with Bank Pass Book and Islands Report.  
14/2/24.

J. BURT VEALE } Hon. Auditors.  
ALDRED E. LAWRY }

PLANTATION ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
BANGA PLANTATION—				By Transfer from General A/c.						
To Sales of Produce, 1923 ... ..	455	12	0	„ Expenditure, 1923—				1,473	3	0
Balance—deficit ... ..	2,187	2	4	Wages Account ... ..	309	9	0			
				Food, Clothing, Light,						
				Soap, etc. ... ..	702	5	4			
				Tools, etc. ... ..	27	7	0			
				Boats & Transport ... ..	108	0	0			
				Copra Cart ... ..	17	10	0			
				Medical & Hospital Charges	5	0	0			
								1,169	11	4
								<u>£2,642</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>

Audited and found correct, and in order with Islands Report.

J. BURT VEALE } Hon. Auditors.  
ALDRED E. LAWRY }

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N.Z.  
CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS, 1923.

## I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	441	7	9
Auckland West	142	5	4
Auckland East	660	13	3
Auckland (Avondale)	From 1922	3	0
Auckland (Avondale)	372	0	1
Auckland Methodist Mission	27	2	7
Auckland (Devonport)	82	10	7
Auckland (Takapuna)	43	14	8
Auckland (Birkenhead)	112	2	7
Onehunga	59	3	7
Otahuhu	From 1922	15	8
Otahuhu	70	3	8
Papakura	80	18	5
Pukekohe	55	19	7
Waiuku	80	18	5
Mahurangi	17	1	3
Paparua	53	5	9
Northern Wairoa	From 1922	2	2
Northern Wairoa	38	8	3
Whangarei	38	1	5
Port Albert	82	9	6
Coromandel	4	5	0
Helensville-Kaukapakapa	7	15	11
Bay of Islands	19	5	0
Hokianga	15	2	0
Whangaroa	7	12	0
Mangonui	1	5	0
Hikurangi	7	3	4
Rehia	3	0	0
Ohaeawai	10	0	0

Women's Auxiliaries, per M.W.M.U. £2553 12 10  
Auckland £50, Whangarei £14

## II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames	120	0	0
Te Aroha	133	2	4
Morrinsville	32	16	0
Waihi	31	10	0
Paeroa	6	10	7
Cambridge	96	0	3
Hamilton	From 1922	8	7
Hamilton	155	10	3
Huntly	6	7	1
Rotorua	18	18	10
Tauranga	30	2	2
Opotiki	6	10	6
Te Kuiti	26	6	6
Ohura	8	11	7
Taumarunui	From 1922	8	18
Taumarunui	—	—	—
Te Awamutu	39	11	4
Whakatane	3	0	0
Matamata	25	0	1
Te Puke	24	15	3
Ngaruawahia	12	0	0

Women's Auxiliaries— £793 18 3  
Thames £10, Hamilton £5.

## III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	...	...	...	...	...	178	9	11
Waitara	...	...	...	...	...	72	16	0
Inglewood	...	...	...	...	...	14	0	11
Stratford	...	...	...	...	...	65	0	0
Eltham	...	...	...	...	From 1922	1	10	0
Eltham	...	...	...	...	...	18	15	2
Hawera	...	...	...	...	From 1922	20	12	2
Hawera	...	...	...	...	...	170	0	0
Manaia	...	...	...	...	...	54	9	3
Cape Egmont	...	...	...	...	...	91	15	3
Kaponga	...	...	...	...	...	10	12	9
Wanganui	...	...	...	...	...	130	10	5
Wanganui North	...	...	...	...	...	56	1	2
Marion	...	...	...	...	...	44	2	7
Taihape	...	...	...	...	...	8	19	6
Waimarino	...	...	...	...	...	15	5	9
Patea	...	...	...	...	...			
						£953 0 10		

## Women's Auxiliaries—

New Plymouth £20, Wanganui  
£30, Hawera £30, Waitara £11,  
Lepperton £4 5s.

## IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
Napier	...	...	...	...	...	82	10	10
Hastings	...	...	...	...	...	162	10	7
Gisborne	...	...	...	...	...	45	13	0
Waipawa	...	...	...	...	...	15	11	5
Dannevirke	...	...	...	...	...	62	5	7
Woodville	...	...	...	...	From 1922	5	8	0
Woodville	...	...	...	...	...	60	0	0
Pahiatua	...	...	...	...	...	25	3	11
Palmerston North (Broad St.)	...	...	...	...	...	162	17	11
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	...	...	...	...	...	191	3	10
Feilding	...	...	...	...	...	304	3	7
Sanson-Rongotea	...	...	...	...	From 1922	5	0	0
Sanson-Rongotea	...	...	...	...	...	59	2	0
Foxton	...	...	...	...	...	16	9	0
Apiti	...	...	...	...	...	7	5	0
Norsewood	...	...	...	...	...	8	15	8
						£1214 0 4		

## Women's Auxiliaries—

Palmerston North £43 15s.,  
Hastings £30, Gisborne £12.

## V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki Street) ... ..	178	11	11
Wellington Central Mission ... ..	10	3	0
Wellington (Thorndon) ... ..	84	12	7
Wellington South ... ..	86	17	2
Wellington (Kilbirnie) ... ..	53	10	9
Johnsonville ... ..	88	13	9
Hutt ... ..	58	13	7
Petone ... ..	47	18	9
South Wairarapa ... ..	19	15	6
Carterton ... ..	40	2	6
Masterton ... ..	113	17	8
Eketahuna ... ..	27	19	10
Levin ... ..	143	2	0
Otaki ... ..	27	2	1

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 £981 1 1

Women's Auxiliary—  
Wellington £62 10s.

## VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson ... ..	154	12	6
Richmond ... ..	20	10	0
Richmond ... ..	44	11	11
Blenheim ... ..	50	0	0
Blenheim ... ..	195	14	1
Hokitika ... ..	1	14	0
Hokitika ... ..	21	17	6
Greymouth ... ..	10	0	0
Greymouth ... ..	60	0	0
Motueka ... ..	27	6	1
Reefton ... ..	10	10	0
Reefton ... ..	11	10	0
Westport ... ..	18	11	0
Westport ... ..	20	12	6
Havelock ... ..	6	0	0
Murchison ... ..	5	11	1
Denniston (Granity) ... ..	3	0	0

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 £662 0 8

Women's Auxiliaries—  
Nelson £30. Blenheim £10.

## VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

				£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham Street) ...	...	...	...	169	0	1
Christchurch East ...	...	...	From 1922	12	2	9
Christchurch East ...	...	...	...	176	7	5
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace) ...	...	...	...	33	10	0
Christchurch (Woolston) ...	...	...	...	78	16	4
Christchurch (Sydenham) ...	...	...	From 1922	0	1	6
Christchurch (Sydenham) ...	...	...	...	34	9	11
Christchurch (Addington) ...	...	...	From 1922	36	2	0
Christchurch (Addington) ...	...	...	...	63	2	4
Christchurch (Riccarton) ...	...	...	...	31	13	4
Christchurch (St. Albans) ...	...	...	From 1922	19	11	0
Christchurch (St. Albans) ...	...	...	...	155	0	4
Christchurch (Papanui) ...	...	...	...	71	0	0
Lyttelton ...	...	...	...	28	0	0
Springston ...	...	...	...	61	12	1
Tai Tapu ...	...	...	...	40	6	0
Leeston ...	...	...	From 1922	42	10	0
Leeston ...	...	...	...	37	10	0
Kaiapoi ...	...	...	From 1922	1	0	0
Kaiapoi ...	...	...	...	75	11	1
Ohoka ...	...	...	From 1922	68	15	8
Ohoka ...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Rangiora ...	...	...	...	102	0	0
Greendale-Malvern ...	...	...	...	63	7	6
Hawarden ...	...	...	From 1922	1	17	7
Hawarden ...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Oxford ...	...	...	...	15	3	0
				£1418 9 11		

Women's Auxiliary—  
Christchurch £150.

## VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

				£	s.	d.
Timaru ...	...	...	...	177	2	6
Waimate ...	...	...	...	113	4	3
Temuka ...	...	...	From 1922	36	9	9
Temuka ...	...	...	...	45	6	3
Geraldine ...	...	...	...	32	13	0
Ashburton ...	...	...	From 1922	99	6	0
Ashburton ...	...	...	...	103	2	6
Willowby ...	...	...	From 1922	9	14	6
Willowby ...	...	...	...	44	17	11
Oamaru ...	...	...	...	38	4	0
Methven ...	...	...	...	1	10	0
Mayfield ...	...	...	...	7	10	0
				£709 0 8		

Women's Auxiliary—  
Oamaru £3 10s.

## IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity) ... ..	...	...	...	...	97	19	11
Dunedin Central Mission ... ..	...	...	From 1922	...	1	7	6
Dunedin Central Mission ... ..	...	...	...	...	84	12	1
Dunedin (Dundas Street) ... ..	...	...	...	...	56	17	4
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ... ..	...	...	From 1922	...	30	9	4
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ... ..	...	...	...	...	62	9	5
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ... ..	...	...	...	...	34	12	2
Dunedin (Caversham) ... ..	...	...	...	...	38	17	0
Dunedin (Mornington) ... ..	...	...	...	...	67	14	7
Dunedin (Roslyn) ... ..	...	...	...	...	66	0	1
Mosgiel ... ..	...	...	...	...	7	8	0
Port Chalmers ... ..	...	...	...	...	23	19	5
Waikouaiti-Palmerston ... ..	...	...	...	...	22	8	0
Balclutha ... ..	...	...	...	...	14	0	0
Milton ... ..	...	...	From 1922	...	17	0	0
Milton ... ..	...	...	...	...	24	14	1
Roxburgh ... ..	...	...	From 1922	...	10	17	3
Roxburgh ... ..	...	...	...	...	11	0	8
Invercargill Central ... ..	...	...	...	...	39	15	0
Invercargill (St. Peter's) ... ..	...	...	From 1922	...	4	19	2
Invercargill (St. Peter's) ... ..	...	...	...	...	26	11	0
Bluff ... ..	...	...	...	...	11	0	0
Gore ... ..	...	...	From 1922	...	1	0	0
Gore ... ..	...	...	...	...	28	6	0
Otautau ... ..	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Edendale ... ..	...	...	From 1922	...	13	7	6
Edendale ... ..	...	...	...	...	13	11	2
Kaitangata ... ..	...	...	From 1922	...	2	9	9
Kaitangata ... ..	...	...	...	...	6	5	11
Lawrence ... ..	...	...	...	...	8	1	4
Cromwell ... ..	...	...	...	...	18	14	0
Riverton-Tuatapere ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	1	10
Nightcaps ... ..	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
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					£853	9	6

Women's Auxiliary—  
Dunedin £57 10s.

## SUMMARY:

					£	s.	d.
Districts:—							
Auckland ... ..	...	...	...	...	2553	12	10
South Auckland ... ..	...	...	...	...	793	18	3
Taranaki-Wanganui ... ..	...	...	...	...	953	0	10
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ... ..	...	...	...	...	1214	0	4
Wellington ... ..	...	...	...	...	981	1	1
Nelson ... ..	...	...	...	...	662	0	8
North Canterbury ... ..	...	...	...	...	1418	9	11
South Canterbury ... ..	...	...	...	...	709	0	8
Otago-Southland ... ..	...	...	...	...	853	9	6
Women's Auxiliaries ... ..	...	...	...	...	715	10	0
Interest ... ..	...	...	...	...	365	4	2
Treasurer's List ... ..	...	...	...	...	188	7	10
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					Total	£11,407	16 1
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METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st October, 1923.

Treasurers: Rev. GEO. BOND and Mr. J. VEALE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
To Balance brought forward ..				91	18	6	By Payments to H.M. Fund ..	675	0	0		
„ Rents—							„ Management .. .. .	15	0	0		
Kaeo .. .. .	60	0	0				„ Repayment of Loan to H.M. Capital on Mangungu Par- sonage .. .. .	149	0	0		
Mt. Wesley .. .. .	50	0	0				„ Rates and Insurance .. .. .	2	11	11		
Newark .. .. .	25	0	0				„ Office Rent .. .. .	5	0	0		
Te Waitere .. .. .	0	1	0				„ Postage and Exchange .. .. .	0	15	0		
				135	1	0	„ Bank Commission and Other Charges .. .. .	3	10	0		
„ Interest—												
Auckland City Debentures ..	600	0	0				„ Credit Balance in B.N.Z. ..		850	16	11	
Whata Whata .. .. .	24	0	0						129	12	7	
Auckland Savings Bank ..	4	10	0									
				628	10	0						
„ Sales—												
Native Parsonage, Mangungu	75	0	0									
Teacher's House, Te Kopua ..	50	0	0									
				125	0	0						
				£980	9	6				£980	9	6

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Audited and found correct,

ARCH. PEAK  
J. G. HENDERSON

15/11/23.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.

Balance-sheet for the year ending October 31st, 1923.

Treasurers: Rev. GEO. BOND and Mr. J. VEALE.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To H.M. Capital Account in respect to advance to former Parliament St. and Beach Road Properties ..	1,330	0	0				By Auckland City Council Debentures ..
„ Advance to Te Kopu Native Parsonage .. ..	103	4	0				„ Whata Whata Mortgage .. ..
				1,433	4	0	„ Deposit Auckland Savings Bank ..
„ Balance of Assets over Liabilities .. ..				15,996	8	7	„ Mission Properties .. ..
				<u>£17,429</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	„ Credit Balance in General Statement ..
							<u>£17,429</u>
							<u>12</u>
							<u>7</u>

We have examined the Books and information submitted to us, and certify that the above Statement appears to be a correct Statement.

ARCH. PEAK  
J. G. HENDERSON

November 15th, 1923.





## HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1924—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
<b>NELSON DISTRICT.</b>				<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
<b>Circuits.</b>				Patea (if M.H.M.) ... £ s. d. £ s. d.			
				(if Single, nil) 60 0 0			
Nelson	...	113	0 0	<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries</b>			
Richmond	...	40	0 0	Cape Egmont ... 30 0 0			
Blenheim	...	165	0 0	<b>Aided Circuits.</b>			
Hokitika	...	25	0 0	Waitara ... 25 0 0			
Greymouth	...	34	0 0	Inglewood ... 25 0 0			
Motueka	...	20	0 0	Manaia ... 15 0 0			
Reefton	...	15	0 0	Kaponga ... 30 0 0			
Westport	...	33	0 0	Taihape ... 35 0 0			
				Waimarino ... 45 0 0			
				1255 0 0			
<b>Home Mission Stations</b>				<b>HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.</b>			
Havelock	...	7	10 0	Apiti ... 10 0 0			
Murchison	...	7	10 0	Norsewood ... 35 0 0			
Denniston-Granity	...	8	0 0	Wairoa (if M.H.M.) ... 75 0 0			
Runanga	...	2	0 0	<b>Aided Circuits.</b>			
			470 0 0	Waipawa ... 55 0 0			
				Woodville ... 20 0 0			
				Pahiatua ... 35 0 0			
				Foxton (if M.M.) ... 30 0 0			
				260 0 0			
<b>NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.</b>				<b>WELLINGTON DISTRICT.</b>			
<b>Circuits.</b>				<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>			
Christchurch—				Johnsonville ... 30 0 0			
Durham Street	...	175	0 0	Otaki ... 90 0 0			
East	...	200	0 0	<b>Aided Circuits.</b>			
Cambridge Terrace	...	40	0 0	Kilbirnie ... 50 0 0			
Woolston	...	70	0 0	South Wairarapa ... 40 0 0			
Sydenham	...	50	0 0	Eketahuna ... 45 0 0			
Addington	...	60	0 0	250 0 0			
Riccarton	...	25	0 0	<b>NELSON DISTRICT.</b>			
St. Albans	...	90	0 0	<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Papanui	...	45	0 0	Havelock ... 50 0 0			
Lyttelton	...	33	0 0	Murchison ... 30 0 0			
Springston	...	50	0 0	Denniston-Granity ... 40 0 0			
Tai Tapu	...	50	0 0	Runanga ... 50 0 0			
Leeston	...	60	0 0	<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>			
Kaipoi	...	50	0 0	Richmond ... 10 0 0			
Ohoka	...	44	0 0	<b>Aided Circuits.</b>			
Rangiora	...	66	0 0	Hokitika ... 10 0 0			
Greendale-Malvern	...	50	0 0	Motueka ... 15 0 0			
				Reefton ... 20 0 0			
				Westport ... 30 0 0			
				Blenheim (if 3 Agents) ... 40 0 0			
				295 0 0			
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>				<b>SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.</b>			
Hawarden	...	15	0 0	<b>Circuits.</b>			
Oxford	...	15	0 0	Timaru ... 137 10 0			
			1188 0 0	Waimate ... 60 0 0			
				Temuka ... 25 0 0			
				Geraldine ... 20 0 0			
				Ashburton ... 100 0 0			
				Willowby ... 47 10 0			
				Oamaru ... 50 0 0			
				<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Methven-Rakaia	...	15	0 0				
Mayfield	...	15	0 0				
			470 0 0				





## N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPT.

### Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1923.

Treasurers: REV. G. BOND and MR. J. VEALE.

#### RECEIPTS.

##### AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

###### Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	304	13	2			
Auckland West ..	70	4	3			
Ditto, 1922 ..	11	2	0			
Auckland East ..	350	16	8			
Ditto, 1922 ..	88	12	2			
Auck., Avondale ..	177	0	2			
Auck., Mission ..	0	0	0			
Auck., Devonport ..	48	16	7			
Auck., Takapuna ..	33	9	10			
Ditto, 1922 ..	1	0	0			
Auck., Birkenhead ..	60	0	2			
Ditto, 1922 ..	48	9	9			
Ditto, 1922 ..	4	0	0			
Otahuhu ..	27	0	0			
Papakura ..	52	7	3			
Pukekohe ..	14	17	6			
Ditto, 1922 ..	47	15	4			
Waiuku ..	58	7	6			
Mahurangi ..	13	18	6			
Ditto, 1922 ..	12	0	0			
Paparoa ..	30	0	0			
Ditto, 1922 ..	0	11	6			
Northern Wairoa ..	13	3	4			
Ditto, 1922 ..	30	16	6			
Whangarei ..	46	11	0			
Ditto, 1922 ..	5	7	7			

###### Maori Missions.

Whangaroa ..	30	0	0
Bay of Islands ..	30	0	0
Hokianga ..	50	0	0
Kaipara ..	25	0	0
Waikato ..	80	0	0

###### Home Mission Stations.

Port Albert ..	56	0	0
Ditto, 1922 ..	1	0	0
Coromandel ..	9	9	4
Helensville ..	0	0	0
Kaukapakapa ..	5	11	4
Bay of Islands ..	16	3	4
Hokianga ..	19	7	5
Whangaroa ..	0	0	0
Mangonui ..	1	0	0
Hikurangi ..	7	19	6
Rehia ..	1	5	0
Ditto, 1922 ..	2	3	6
Ohaeawae ..	25	6	0

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##### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

###### Circuits.

Thames ..	84	7	6
Te Aroha ..	83	8	11
Morrinsville ..	11	0	6
Waikato ..	0	0	0
Paeroa ..	12	0	0
Ditto, 1922 ..	6	5	10
Cambridge ..	48	14	9
Hamilton ..	86	7	9
Ditto, 1922 ..	3	6	0
Huntly ..	4	1	0

#### EXPENDITURE.

##### MAORI MISSIONS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Superintendent ..	300	0	0			
Travelling ..	147	0	0			
House Allowance ..	137	10	0			
Connexional Chgs. ..	59	0	0			
Native Ministers and H.M.s—						
Whangaroa ..	185	0	0			
Bay of Islands ..	151	5	0			
Hokianga ..	325	0	0			
Ditto, Deaconess ..	145	0	0			
Kaipara ..	395	0	0			
Waikato ..	950	0	0			
Ditto, Deaconesses (2) ..	239	6	0			
West Coast Mission ..	866	5	0			
Deaconess ..	155	0	0			
Deaconess Retiring Fund ..	13	0	0			
Southern Mission ..	204	11	8			

###### SPECIAL.

Typed Circular ..	6	5	0
S.S. Requisites ..	25	0	0
Evangelistic Mission ..	30	0	0
Equipment, Horses, etc. ..	60	15	0
Hymn Book Committee Expenses ..	8	14	6
Removal Exes. ..	63	8	6
Annuity ..	21	10	0
Furniture ..	102	10	0
Synod Hospitality ..	16	0	0
Books for Native Preacher ..	25	0	0

Total for Maori Work      £4,632 0 8

##### AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

###### Home Mission Stations.

Port Albert ..	10	0	0
Coromandel ..	52	10	0
Helensville ..	20	0	0
Kaukapakapa ..	20	0	0
Bay of Islands ..	56	5	0
Hokianga ..	51	5	0
Whangaroa ..	43	15	0
Mangonui ..	30	0	0
Hikurangi ..	21	5	0
Rehia ..	55	0	0
Ohaeawae ..	93	15	0

###### Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Pukekohe ..	16	5	0
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###### Aided Circuits.

Takapuna ..	52	10	0
Papakura ..	16	5	0
Waiuku ..	22	10	0
Mahurangi ..	20	0	0

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# N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1923.—Continued.

## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rotorua ..	23	10	6			
Tauranga ..	18	3	0			
Opotiki ..	6	0	0			
Ditto, 1922 ..	5	0	0			
Te Kuiti ..	17	14	10			
Taumarunui ..	4	2	0			
Te Awamutu ..	42	0	0			
Whakatane ..	0	0	0			
Matamata ..	12	16	2			

### Home Mission Stations.

Te Puke ..	6	7	6			
Ngaruawahia ..	11	0	0			
Ohura ..	11	6	5			
				407	12	8

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

### Circuits.

New Plymouth ..	99	16	1			
Ditto, 1922 ..	20	19	0			
Waitara ..	30	0	0			
Inglewood ..	5	0	7			
Stratford ..	40	1	1			
Eltham ..	7	0	0			
Hawera ..	68	5	0			
Ditto, 1922 ..	94	11	6			
Mania ..	28	16	0			
Cape Egmont ..	44	1	6			
Kaponga ..	0	0	0			
Wanganui ..	84	8	4			
Wanganui North ..	0	0	0			
Marion ..	19	0	4			
Ditto, 1922 ..	8	5	9			
Taihape ..	0	0	0			
Waimarino ..	0	0	0			

### Maori Mission.

West Coast ..	50	0	0			
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### Home Mission Station.

Patea ..	5	19	11			
				606	5	1

## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

### Circuits.

Napier ..	67	13	3			
Hastings ..	46	1	8			
Gisborne ..	12	13	0			
Ditto, 1922 ..	32	0	0			
Waipawa ..	15	10	5			
Dannevirke ..	35	4	3			
Woodville ..	29	0	8			
Ditto, 1922 ..	11	0	1			
Pahiatua ..	20	0	0			
Palmerston North—						
Broad Street ..	79	14	7			
Ditto, 1922 ..	56	7	1			
Cuba Street ..	18	5	0			
Feilding ..	113	12	8			
Sanson—Rongotea ..	35	11	3			
Ditto, 1922 ..	10	1	0			
Foxton ..	12	4	10			
Ditto, 1922 ..	3	4	4			

## EXPENDITURE.

### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

#### Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Te Puke ..	31	5	0			
Ngaruawahia ..	25	0	0			
Ohura ..	61	5	0			

#### Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Matamata ..	37	10	0			
Paeroa ..	143	15	0			
Morrinsville, quarter ..	1	6	5			

#### Aided Circuits.

Waihi ..	31	5	0			
Huntly ..	41	5	0			
Rotorua ..	42	10	0			
Opotiki ..	90	0	0			
Te Kuiti ..	197	10	0			
Taumarunui ..	156	5	0			
Whakatane ..	72	10	0			
Tauranga ..	56	5	0			
				992	10	0

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

#### Home Mission Stations.

Patea ..	28	15	0			
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#### Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Cape Egmont ..	36	5	0			
Wanganui, 1 quarter ..	20	0	0			
Wanganui North, 1 quarter ..	8	15	0			

#### Aided Circuits.

Waitara ..	31	5	0			
Inglewood ..	50	0	0			
Mania ..	30	0	0			
Kaponga ..	57	10	0			
Marion, 1 quarter ..	2	10	0			
Taihape ..	25	0	0			
Ditto, Special ..	25	0	0			
Waimarino ..	52	10	0			
				367	10	0

## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

#### Home Mission Stations.

Apiti ..	21	5	0			
Norsewood ..	40	0	0			

#### Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Gisborne ..	21	5	0			
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#### Aided Circuits.

Waipawa ..	62	10	0			
Dannevirke ..	16	5	0			
Woodville ..	31	5	0			
Pahiatua ..	41	5	0			
Foxton ..	47	10	0			
				281	5	0

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

#### Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Johnsonville ..	56	5	0			
Otaki ..	112	10	0			
Masterton ..	18	15	0			



## N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1923.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Rangiora ..	66	10	3				Cromwell ..	47	10	0		
Ditto, 1922 ..	5	0	0				Riverton ..	42	10	0		
Greendale and Malvern ..	39	15	8				Tuatapere ..	60	0	0		
							Nightcaps ..	26	5	0		
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>				<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>								
Hawarden ..	12	13	10				Roslyn ..	26	5	0		
Oxford ..	14	6	1				Waikouaiti and Palmerston ..	52	10	0		
				1,063	19	5						
<b>SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.</b>				<b>Aided Circuits.</b>								
<b>Circuits.</b>							St. Kilda, 1 quarter ..	6	5	0		
Timaru ..	144	18	0				Caversham ..	21	5	0		
Waimate ..	69	0	0				Port Chalmers ..	52	10	0		
Temuka ..	12	9	1				Mornington, 1 quarter ..	2	10	0		
Ditto, 1922 ..	1	5	0				Mosguel ..	32	10	0		
Geraldine ..	18	9	0				Balclutha ..	17	10	0		
Ashburton ..	103	0	0				Milton ..	42	10	0		
Willowby ..	47	10	7				Roxburgh ..	31	5	0		
Oamaru ..	46	15	0				Bluff ..	21	5	0		
							Gore ..	20	0	0		
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							Otautau ..	31	5	0		
Methven ..	14	0	0				Edendale ..	36	5	0		
Mayfield ..	15	4	6									
				472	11	2						
<b>OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.</b>							619	11	8			
<b>Circuits.</b>							<b>Total for Circuits and H.M. Stations</b>			£4,134	11	8
Dunedin—							<b>Departmental.</b>					
Trinity ..	94	6	10				H.M. General Secretary ..	325	0	0		
Central Mission ..	24	18	3				House Allowance ..	100	0	0		
Dundas St. ..	45	10	11				Travelling and Postage ..	95	6	2		
Cargill Rd. ..	41	8	6				Travelling to Dunedin Conference ..	13	15	5		
St. Kilda ..	30	9	10				Connexional Chgs. General Treas.' ..	63	10	0		
Caversham ..	25	17	9				Honorarium ..	85	0	0		
Mornington ..	27	15	1				General Treas.' Incidental Exs. ..	15	0	0		
Roslyn ..	30	8	2				General Treas. Travelling to Dunedin Conference ..	12	4	3		
Mosgiel ..	14	0	3				Office Rent and Rates ..	112	0	4		
Port Chalmers ..	26	1	7				Lighting and Cleaning ..	7	5	0		
Waikouaiti-Palmerston ..	14	12	6				Telephone ..	19	5	4		
Balclutha ..	18	0	0				Postage, Telegrams, and Parcels ..	14	0	0		
Milton ..	14	4	6				Bank Commission, Exchanges ..	0	10	0		
Roxburgh ..	22	0	0									
Invercargill—							862	16	6			
Central ..	30	7	0				<b>Printing, etc.</b>					
St. Peter's ..	18	1	8				Balance Sheets & Estimates ..	21	17	6		
Bluff ..	15	0	0				Reports, including Postage ..	133	10	0		
Gore ..	16	11	9									
Otautau ..	11	5	0									
Edendale ..	13	12	1									
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>												
Kaitangata ..	16	0	0									
Lawrence ..	12	10	3									
Cromwell ..	12	5	9									
Riverton ..	0	0	0									
Tuatapere ..	1	0	7									
Nightcaps ..	9	0	3									
				585	8	6						
<b>Total from Circuits, including from 1922</b>												
	£671	7s	1d									
				£6,988	16	0						

## N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPT.

## Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1923.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.						
GENERAL.										
Connexional Properties.				Circulars, Letter etc.	Cards, Heads,	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.						
Auckland ..	725	0	0	..	14	12	2			
Grey Institute, New Plymouth ..	300	0	0	..	18	6	0			
Kai Iwi, Wanganui ..	205	0	0	..	6	5	10			
			1,230	0	0			196	3	0
<b>Interest on Investments.</b>				<b>Miscellaneous.</b>						
Auckland ..	289	7	10	Rents—Ohura ..	35	0	6			
Canterbury ..	58	10	0	C.B. and L. Fund						
Dunedin Debenture	4	10	0	Instalments—						
Estate of late				Coromandel and						
G. W. Wake ..	494	18	4	Kuaotunu ..	25	0	9			
Estate of late				Taneatua ..	30	2	0			
Mrs. Dawson ..	13	3	6	Interest ..	170	8	9			
War Bond, late				Rates & Insurance	3	16	10			
N. Robinson ..	4	10	0	Methodist Times,						
On Loan to Native				Advt. & Space	12	10	0			
Parsonage, Te								276	18	10
Kopua ..	17	10	0	<b>General.</b>						
On Moneys Awaiting Investment	120	0	0	H.M. Retiring Allowance ..	40	0	0			
			1,002	9	8					
<b>Memorial.</b>				H.M. Retiring Fund ..	190	0	0			
Mrs. Ann Carvell				Deaconess' Retiring Fund ..	24	0	0			
Blenheim ..	6	0	0	H.M. Deputation						
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim ..	6	0	0	Expenses ..	44	10	8			
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim ..	6	0	0	Removal Exes ..	89	5	4			
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	6	0	0	Ministerial Supplies ..	53	8	1			
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6	0	0	Removal Expenses Fund ..	6	5	0			
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tu a Marina ..	6	0	0	Refund to Waitara ..	5	10	0			
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim ..	6	0	0	On account of Men from England ..	300	0	0			
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere ..	6	0	0					752	19	1
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parker, Blenheim ..	6	0	0	Total for 1923 ..				10,855	9	9
			54	0	0			788	10	9
<b>Rents.</b>										
Okalawa ..	32	9	8	Dr. Balance, 1922 ..						
Spring Creek ..	6	0	0							
			38	9	8					
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>										
Sale of Maori Books ..			8	4	6					
Dunedin Conference Collection ..	29	6	7							
N.Z.Y.W.B.C. Union for Deaconess ..	145	1	9							
N.Z.M.W.M. Auxiliary, Auckland ..	40	0	0							
N.Z.M.W.M. Auxiliary, Canterbury ..	30	0	0							
N.Z.M.W.M. Union for Deaconess ..	322	0	0							

**N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPT.**

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1923.—Continued.**

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
N.Z.M.W.M. Union for General Work (includ- ing Henderson £10, Hastings £10 ..	41	0 0						
Y.M.B.C. Union for Native Preachers	25	0 0						
<b>Refunds.</b>								
H.M.R.F. ..	35	0 0						
Other Boards' Con- tribution, Office R e n t, Tele- phone, etc. ..	78	9 4						
Discounts, Birth- day League, etc.	1	19 8						
			747	17	4			
<b>Sundry Donations.</b>								
Special Anony- mous Gift ..	179	14 11						
C.W.O. ..	60	0 0						
Mr. G. Sowerby (Westport) ..	10	0 0						
Anonymous ..	5	0 0						
Mr. Thomas Allen	3	3 0						
W.S.P. ..	2	0 0						
Other Amounts ..	3	0 0						
			262	17	11			
Total Income			10,332	15	1			
Debit Balance, 1923			1,311	5	5			
			£11,644	0	6			
						£11,644	0	6

We have audited the accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department. All our requirements as auditors have been complied with. We have examined cash and bank books, and all vouchers, and in our opinion the true position as on the 31st of January, 1924, is shown in these accounts.

Dated at Auckland this 8th day of February, 1924.

ARCH. PEAK.  
J. G. HENDERSON.















SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME—Continued.

Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1923.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Endowment Account .. .. .		6031	3 9	Freehold Property .. .. .			5076	17	5
Maintenance Reserve Account .. .. .		150	0 0	Furnishings .. .. .	324	0 0			
Property Depreciation Account .. .. .		500	0 0	Additions during Year .. .. .	60	0 0			
Trust Account—late G. H. Jones' Children .. .. .		114	17 6				384	0 0	
				Less Depreciation .. .. .	38	0 0			
		6796	1 3				346	0 0	
<b>Balance</b> — being excess of Assets over Liabilities .. .. .		4289	17 7	Two Cows .. .. .			20	0 0	
				Waimairi County Council Debenture .. .. .			100	0 0	
				Cash on Deposit .. .. .	4720	0 0			
				Add Accrued Interest .. .. .	135	10 4			
							4855	10 4	
				Loan to Conference Arrangements Committee .. .. .			12	0 0	
				Cash in Hand .. .. .	46	4 5			
				Post Office Savings Bank .. .. .	2	7 10			
				Bank of New Zealand .. .. .	626	18 10			
							675	11 1	
		<u>£11,085</u>	<u>18 10</u>				<u>£11,085</u>	<u>18 10</u>	

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I hereby certify that I have examined the Books, Deposit Receipts, Vouchers and Bank Pass Book of the South Island Methodist Orphanage, and that in my opinion the foregoing Statement and Balance-sheet correctly set forth the position as at 31st December, 1923.

Christchurch,  
28th January, 1924.

F. SHEPPARD GREEN,  
Auditor.





METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.—MILITARY CAMP COMMITTEE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31st December, 1923.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance in Hand, 1/1/23	...	...	549 7 1	Bank Fee	...	...	0 10 0
Interest, P.O.S.B. Account	...	...	22 15 2	Postage	...	...	0 1 9
				Balance, 31/12/23—			
				Bank of Australasia	...	...	31 14 8
				P.O.S.B.	...	...	539 5 10
				Cash in Hand	...	...	0 10 0
			<u>£572 2 3</u>				<u>£572 2 3</u>

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The Cash Book and Receipts relating to the receipt and payment of moneys of the Methodist Military Committee have been duly examined by us, and we hereby certify that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments is in accordance therewith.

CHARLES M. LUKE, Hon. Treasurer.

JAMES CABLE }  
 ERNEST DAWSON } Hon. Auditors.

Wellington, 5th February, 1924.

**RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND  
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1924.**

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ...	840	0	0	54	12	0	540	0	0	54	0	0
Conf. F.M. Secretary	350	0	0	22	15	0	250	0	0	25	0	0
Auckland West ...	525	0	0	34	2	8	325	0	0	32	10	0
Auckland East ...	775	0	0	50	7	8	475	0	0	47	10	0
Auckland—H.M. Sec.	325	0	0	21	2	8	225	0	0	22	10	0
„ Theo. Col.	600	0	0	39	0	0	400	0	0	40	0	0
„ Avondale	665	0	0	43	4	8	325	0	0	32	10	0
„ H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Meth. Mis.	180	0	0	11	14	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
„ Devonport	275	0	0	17	17	8	175	0	0	17	10	0
„ Takapuna	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
„ Birkenhead	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Onehunga ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Otahuhu ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Papakura ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Pukekohe ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Pukekohe H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waiuku ...	240	0	0	15	12	0	140	0	0	14	0	0
Mahurangi H.M. Sta.	180	0	0	11	14	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paparoa ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Northern Wairoa ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Whangarei ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Northern Maori Mission	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Pt. Albert H.M. Sta.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coromandel ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaukapakapa ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Helensville ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bay of Islands ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangaroa ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mangonui ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hikurangi—H.M. Sta.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rehia ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohaeawai ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	7435	0	0	535	6	4	4495	0	0	449	10	0

N.B.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 1 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames ... ..	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Te Aroha ... ..	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Morrinsville ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Waibi ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Paeroa ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Cambridge ... ..	275	0	0	17	17	8	175	0	0	17	10	0
Hamilton ... ..	575	0	0	37	7	8	375	0	0	37	10	0
Rotorua ... ..	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	12	10	0
Tauranga ... ..	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	12	10	0
Opotiki ... ..	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	12	10	0
Te Kuiti ... ..	225	0	0	14	12	8	150	0	0	15	0	0
Taumaranui ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Te Awamutu ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Matamata ... ..	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	10	0	0
Putaruru H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Huntly ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whakatane ... ..	180	0	0	11	14	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Puke—H.M. Station	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohura ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ngaruawahia ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mokauiti ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3980	0	0	282	15	0	2325	0	0	232	10	0

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth ... ..	550	0	0	35	15	0	350	0	0	35	0	0
Waitara ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Inglewood ... ..	180	0	0	11	14	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Stratford ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
.. H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eltham ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Hawera ... ..	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Manaia ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Cape Egmont ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
.. H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaponga ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Wanganui ... ..	325	0	0	21	2	8	225	0	0	22	10	0
.. H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wanganui North ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
.. H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marton ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Taihape ... ..	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	12	10	0
Waimarino ... ..	180	0	0	11	14	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Patea—H.M. Station	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mokau ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3760	0	0	244	8	4	2340	0	0	234	0	0

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## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier ... ..	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Hastings ... ..	280	0	0	18	4	0	180	0	0	18	0	0
Gisborne ... ..	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waipawa ... ..	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	12	10	0
Dannevirke ... ..	240	0	0	15	12	0	140	0	0	14	0	0
Woodville ... ..	235	0	0	15	5	8	135	0	0	13	10	0
Pahiatua ... ..	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	12	10	0
Palmerston N (Broad St)	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palmerston N (Cuba St)	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Feilding ... ..	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanson and Rongotea	260	0	0	16	18	0	160	0	0	16	0	0
Foxton ... ..	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	12	10	0
Apiti—H.M. Station	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Norsewood ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wairoa ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3140	0	0	228	2	8	1940	0	0	194	0	0

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington Taranaki St.	340	0	0	22	2	0	240	0	0	24	0	0
Central Mis.	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Thorndon	475	0	0	30	17	8	275	0	0	27	10	0
South ... ..	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kilbirnie ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Johnsonville ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hutt ... ..	275	0	0	17	17	8	175	0	0	17	10	0
Petone ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
South Wairarapa	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Carterton ... ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Masterton ... ..	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eketahuna ... ..	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	12	10	0
Levin ... ..	275	0	0	17	17	8	173	0	0	17	10	0
Otaki, Paraparaumu	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3940	0	0	272	2	8	2440	0	0	244	0	0

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## NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.	Contingent Fund Levy 6½%	After Exemption.	Children's Fund Levy 10%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nelson	325 0 0	21 2 8	225 0 0	22 10 0
Richmond	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
H.M.	...	4 0 0	...	...
Blenheim	350 0 0	22 15 0	350 0 0	35 0 0
Hokitika	180 0 0	11 14 0	...	...
Greymouth	250 0 0	16 5 0	135 0 0	13 10 0
Motueka	180 0 0	11 14 0	...	...
Reefton	175 0 0	11 7 8	125 0 0	12 10 0
Westport	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
Havelock	...	4 0 0	...	...
Murchison	...	4 0 0	...	...
Runanga	...	4 0 0	...	...
Denniston-Granity	...	4 0 0	...	...
Wakefield-Dovedale	...	4 0 0	...	...
	1960 0 0	151 8 0	1135 0 0	113 10 0

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.	Contingent Fund Levy 6½%	After Exemption.	Children's Fund Levy 10%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch—				
Durham Street	350 0 0	22 15 0	250 0 0	25 0 0
Connexional Secretary	350 0 0	22 15 0	250 0 0	25 0 0
S.S. and Y.P. Dept.	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	20 0 0
East	775 0 0	50 7 8	475 0 0	47 10 0
Cambridge Terrace	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
Woolston	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
Sydenham	260 0 0	16 18 0	160 0 0	16 0 0
Addington	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
Riccarton	225 0 0	14 12 8	125 0 0	12 10 0
St. Albans	470 0 0	30 11 0	310 0 0	31 0 0
Papanui	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
Lyttelton	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
Springston	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
Tai Tapu	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
Leeston	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
Kaiapoi	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
Ohoka	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	15 0 0
Rangiora	350 0 0	22 15 0	200 0 0	20 0 0
H.M.	...	4 0 0	...	...
Greendale & Malvern	225 0 0	14 12 8	125 0 0	12 10 0
H.M.	...	4 0 0	...	...
Hawarden—H.M. Sta.	...	4 0 0	...	...
Oxford	...	4 0 0	...	...
	5805 0 0	393 7 0	3595 0 0	359 10 0

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## SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru, Bank Street ...	752	10	0	48	18	4	492	10	0	49	5	0
Waimate ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Temuka, King Street ...	225	0	0	4	12	8	125	0	0	12	10	0
Geraldine ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Ashburton ...	275	0	0	17	17	8	175	0	0	17	10	0
Willowby ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Oamaru ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Methven—H.M. Station	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Mayfield ..	...			4	0	0	...			...		
	2252	10	0	154	8	8	1392	10	0	139	5	0

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—												
Trinity ...	460	0	0	29	18	0	300	0	0	30	0	0
Central Mission ...	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Dundas Street ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Cargill Road ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Caversham ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
St. Kilda ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
H.M. ...	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Mornington ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Roslyn ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
H.M. ...	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Mosgiel ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	...			...		
Port Chalmers ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	250	0	0	16	5	0	...			...		
Balclutha ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Milton ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Roxburgh ...	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	12	10	0
Invercargill Central ...	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Invercargill, St. Peter's	275	0	0	17	17	8	175	0	0	17	10	0
Bluff ...	180	0	0	11	14	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Gore ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Otautau ...	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	12	10	0
Edendale—H.H. Station	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Lawrence ..	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Cromwell ..	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Kaitangata ..	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Riverton ...	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Nightcaps, H.M. Station	...			4	0	0	...			...		
Tuatapere ..	...			4	0	0	...			...		
	4895	0	0	354	4	0	2745	0	0	274	10	0

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Trustees and other persons having charge of Methodist Church Property should support their own Fund. Year by year large sums are being voted to Connexional objects.

All Insurances are effected at Tariff Rates, subject to a rebate for prompt payment.

Write for Proposal Forms to the Secretary—

**REV. S. LAWRY,**  
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