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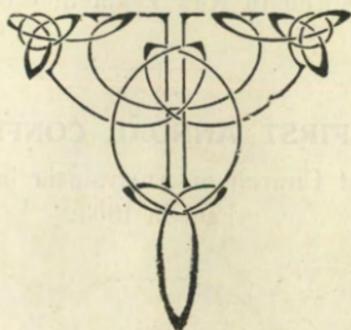
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**THE FIRST
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of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in
1874.

**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.

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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OF THE
Thirteenth Annual Conference
OF THE
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1925

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The Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Taranaki Street Church, Wellington, on Thursday, 26th February, 1925, and concluded on March 7th, 1925.

The Session was opened by the Rev. A. Ashcroft, President, after which the President-Elect, the Rev. T. R. Richards, was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. Herbert P. Mourant 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.

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

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Otautau	

Solomon Islands District.

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

Henry Benny
Allan H. Cropp

Who have travelled four years.

If possible, arrangements shall be made for the ordination of A. H. Cropp at next Conference; otherwise he shall be ordained by the President of the Conference, at a convenient time.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

1. J. Henry Allen
Leslie A. G. Brooks
Thomas H. Burton
John F. Jack
Hector C. Orchard

Who have travelled three years.

N.B.—In the cases of J. Henry Allen and Hector C. Orchard, this is conditional on their taking and passing in a specified subject during the year.

2. Albert Blakemore
Eric W. Hames, M.A.
Who have travelled two years.

3. Moses Ayrton
John Bailey
E. Hugh Brooker
Hubert G. Brown
Herbert L. Fiebig
Harry S. Kings
Robert McGregor
Oliver S. Pearn
John Reid
Herbert Spencer
Cecil R. Taylor
Who have travelled one year.

4. Frank Bateup

Frank Bateup shall have the opportunity of regaining his year on his taking and passing in a specified subject during the year.

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

1. Gordon R. H. Peterson

Who has completed three years at the Theological College.

Frederick G. Brown

Who has completed two years at the Theological College:

2. George I. Laurenson

Who shall enter the Theological College next year.

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

James H. Hall
G. Raymond Harris
Arthur Harry Voyce

Who have completed two years at the Theological College.

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

Who have completed one year at the Theological College.

N.B.—Maurice J. W. Paulger shall be continued as a student who has completed one year of his training, and on grounds of health is permitted to rest for a year.

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

John Dryden Grocott
Charlie Oswald Hailwood
Francis Joshua Handy
Frank Hedley Hayman
Howard Jeffreys
Ronald Herbert Miles

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

None.

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

Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri
E. Oliver Haddon

Who have travelled three years.

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

None.

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

None.

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

1. G. H. Marr
Cyril Robinson

Who have passed in their second year.

2. R. T. Alexander
J. C. Draper
H. Fallows
G. Hall
W. M. Jones
H. Noble
E. Puddle
H. S. Ratcliffe
F. J. Rickard

Who have passed in their first year.

G. Hall and E. Puddle passed with honours.

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

Thomas N. Griffin.
Benjamin F. Rothwell
James Alfred Hosking

Rev. T. N. Griffin.—Within a few days of his 71st birthday, Brother T. N. Griffin exchanged mortality for life. He was born of godly parents at Whitehaven, Cumberland, England. The influence of home and Sunday School led him to an early decision for Christ, and awakened him to the obligations of Christian service. As a local preacher, he soon gave evidence of fitness for the Christian ministry, and was accepted as a candidate by the British Conference of 1878. Three profitable years were spent at Didsbury College, where he commended himself to his tutors by diligence in studies. In the year 1883 he came to New Zealand with the late Rev. C. H. Garland. His active ministry was spent in the following Circuits: Coromandel, Paparoa, Sanson, Feilding, Hawera, Hutt, Gisborne, Port Chalmers, Rangiora, Addington, Papanui, Oamaru, Greymouth, Upper Thames, Morrinsville, Dannevirke. He won the cordial esteem and affection of his people by his pastoral faithfulness, and his pulpit ministrations. He took a keen interest in public affairs, and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Prohibition Movement. He became a Supernumerary in 1918, and retired to live in Papanui. He continued to serve as pulpit supply, and was the official visitor to the various Christ-church Hospitals. He awaited his death with the utmost calmness, cheerfulness, and confidence. The Christ was to him so much of a reality, that those who visited him in those last days will count among their most sacred memories, the passing hence of the soul of Thomas N. Griffin.

Rev. B. F. Rothwell.—Benjamin Francis Rothwell was born at Wexford, Ireland, in 1860. Early in life he came to New Zealand with his parents, who settled in the Waikato. In 1881 he was converted, and began to preach. In April, 1883, he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry, and entered Three Kings College, where he remained until he was sent as "supply" to Temuka. In that Circuit many conversions resulted, also in Gore and other Otago Circuits in which he laboured. In 1893 he began work among the Maoris of Hokianga, where he remained for one year. The following thirteen years were spent in the Auckland District. In Paparoa and Northern Wairoa he had charge of European and Maori work. He found a congenial sphere in the Auckland Mission for his evangelistic gifts. He laboured in the following Circuits: Hutt, Lyttelton, Mornington, Blenheim and Masterton. He was Chairman of the Nelson, Otago and Wellington Districts. He was elected President-Designate for 1923. In the providence of God he was permitted to enter upon this high office to which his brethren had raised him. In September, 1924, he suffered an apoplectic seizure. He recovered sufficiently to return to Hamilton, and there amid the scenes of his early boyhood he entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God on September 11th, 1924. He was an earnest preacher, a faithful pastor, and a warm-hearted friend, and gained the esteem and affection of all who knew him.

Rev. James A. Hosking.—James Alfred Hosking was born at Coromandel in the year 1872, and was the son of the late Mr. James Hosking, for many years a worthy Home Missionary of our

Church. From his youth he felt the call of the ministry, and his studies were shaped with that end in view. It was through the ministry of the late Rev. W. H. Beck, when stationed at Wellington, that he was led to offer himself for the work of the ministry. After a course of studies at Prince Albert College, Auckland, and the usual period of probation, he was ordained at the Conference of 1900. He laboured successfully in several Circuits, including, Springston, Christchurch South, St. Albans, Cromwell, Gore, Balclutha, Dannevirke, Masterton, Eltham and Otahuhu. From the last named Circuit, he entered into rest. As a preacher, by his clear and faithful presentation of the great Evangel, he won golden opinions wherever he laboured. As a pastor he was tender and sympathetic, and having graduated in the school of domestic and personal affliction, he was able to comfort those who were in any trouble with the comfort wherewith he was himself comforted of God.

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 G. Brooke
 ✓ James T. Pinfold, D.D.
 ✓ Samuel Griffith
 ✓ T. Francis Jones
 ✓ George T. Marshall
 ✓ Joseph Blight
 ✓ George Clement
 ✓ Thomas A. Joughin
 ✓ James Wrigley
 ✓ James G. Chapman
 ✓ James Cocker
 ✓ Thomas W. Newbold
 Semese Nau (with permission to reside in Tonga)
2. James R. Clark (for another year)
 T. A. Pybus (for another year)

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

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

William Laycock
Arthur Harding
John Wesley Griffin

William Laycock.—The Rev. Wm. Laycock retires this year from the active work of the Church, after 41 years of faithful service. Mr. Laycock was converted in the Primitive Methodist Church, Shildon, in the County of Durham, of which he became a member. He came to New Zealand in the year 1878, and was associated with the Primitive Methodist Church at Christchurch, and later at Geraldine as a local preacher. When he was called to the ministry, he entered as a student for training at Three Kings College, at his own charges. Mr. Laycock was called to the office of President of the Conference of his Connexion. In addition, he served his Church in numerous other official capacities. Mr. Laycock laboured in the following Circuits: Invercargill, Christchurch, Auckland, Dunedin, Westport, Leeston and Tai Tapu. He carries into his retirement the love and esteem of all his brethren.

Arthur Harding.—The Rev. Arthur Harding entered the ministry of the Primitive Methodist Church in Queensland, in the year 1889, and served the cause for eleven years. He then returned to England for seven years, ministering four years in the Leamington, and three years in the Petersfield Circuits. He came to New Zealand in 1907. Prior to Methodist Union, Mr. Harding ministered in the New Plymouth, Thames and Greendale Circuits, and since Union in the Denniston, Waipawa, Foxton and Pahiatua Circuits. Mr. Harding was ever a careful, painstaking, devoted minister, who sought to build up his Circuits, and bring blessing to his people. We deeply regret that after thirty-three years of service his health called for a temporary rest, and that now, after two years' respite his medical advice is to seek superannuation. He retires with the goodwill of all his brethren. We trust that he may have the joy of service, even when freed from Circuit cares.

John Wesley Griffin.—On acceding to the request of the Rev John Wesley Griffin to become a Supernumerary minister on account of age, we desire to record our thanks and gratitude for the faithful services he has rendered to our Church. He has laboured with a zeal, ability, and fidelity which has been most commendable. He has not filled many official positions, but has been contented to serve in some of our most difficult Circuits, and there to render cheerful and willing service. As a preacher, pastor and organiser, he has won a worthy place in our ministry. He is followed into retirement with many grateful memories by those he has helped in the course of his thirty years' ministry. We trust that he may long be spared to minister amongst us, and that the eventide of his life may prove peaceful, calm, and full of hope and gladness.

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

None.

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

Harold E. Bellhouse was given permission to visit England. Mr. Bellhouse was accredited as our Representative to the British Wesleyan Conference.

George S. Cook was granted a Supply, and given permission to visit America and Australia.

William Lea was given permission to rest, and to visit England.

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

QUESTION XVII.—What Ministers are left without Pastoral Charge?
None.

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

Arthur Harry Voyce (student), is designated.

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

George H. Findlay, M.A., from British Wesleyan Methodist Conference.

E. S. Emmitt, M.C., subject to his severing his connection with the British Primitive Methodist Conference.

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

In the District Ministerial Committees they were examined one by one

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

None.

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, W. Laycock, C. C. Harrison, J. Cocker, and P. N. Knight, B.A.

(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. G. Slade, M.A.
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. A. Ashcroft
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. G. F. Stockwell
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. E. D. Patchett
Christian Ethics (Alexander)	...	...	...	Rev. J. H. Haslam
The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett)	...	...	...	Rev. W. J. Elliott
Jesus Christ and the Social Question (Peabody)	...	...	...	Rev. T. R. Richards
History of Religions (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.
The Methodist Law Book	...	...	...	Rev. T. W. Vealie

(B) Examiners for Students.

Theology	...	...	...	Rev. W. A. Sinclair
Introduction and Exegesis	...	...	...	Rev. C. Roberts.
Homiletics	...	...	...	Rev. J. Wrigley
English	...	...	...	Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A.
Latin	...	...	...	Rev. J. H. Haslam
Greek	...	...	...	Rev. G. Frost
Hebrew	...	...	...	Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D.
Mathematics	...	...	...	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
Mental and Moral Philosophy	...	...	...	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A.
Comparative Religion	...	...	...	Rev. L. B. Neale.

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

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

(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English	...	...	...	...	Rev. F. Copeland
Theology	...	...	...	...	Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall
Bible Knowledge	...	...	...	...	Rev. A. McBean
Church History	...	...	...	...	Rev. W. Beckett
Homiletics	...	...	...	...	Rev. W. Greenslade

(E) Examiners for Maoris.

} Rev. T. A. Joughin
 } Rev. A. J. Seamer

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 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. 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 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, Students, Candidates and Home Missionary Probationers 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; (b) To act as Convener of the Examination Committee, keep a record of its proceedings, and present its findings to the Conference; (c) To act generally as executive officer of the Board of Examiners during the year, in consultation with the President of the Conference.

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.

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, together with the report of the Medical Examination, 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 in December. In the case of candidates recommended by the Synods, the reports of the Medical Examination are to be sent by Chairmen of Districts to the Connexional Secretary.
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.
9. Examiners shall send to the Secretary of the Board, in closed envelopes, copies of all Examination Papers, except those set for Students and Students on the President's List of Reserve, which shall be sent to the Principal of the College.

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 10th 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 Chairman of the Foreign Mission District shall report to the Examination Committee, through the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, on the progress made in the acquisition of the native language, and on their general studies, by the Probationers who are in their first year on the Mission Field.
 13. The first two years of probation in the case of men designated for Foreign Mission work, except in special cases, shall be spent in the Home work.
 14. The Secretary shall communicate to the Synods concerned the result of the Candidates' 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.
 15. 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 28th, and the second section on Tuesday, December 1st. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry and Home Missionary Probationers shall commence on Tuesday, September 15th.

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): Matthew, with Century Bible (Box).
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.
9. Methodist Law Book, Parts I. and IV., and VIII, section 1.

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).
9. Garvie's "The Christian Preacher."

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. Clarke's Outline of Theology.
6. Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," 1st half.
7. Fisher's "Church History," pp. 287-483.
8. Menzies' "History of Religions," to page 212.
9. Alexander's Christian 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. Lindsay's "The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries."
 9. Menzies' "History of Religions," page 213 to end.
- 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.

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 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, 9, 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.
In the case of Probationers who have been designated for Missions the Board of Examiners may substitute two specific Missionary subjects for two non-compulsory subjects in each year of probation, provided that the substituted subjects shall be mutually agreed upon by the Mission Board and the Board of Examiners.
4. Probationers accepted for Foreign Mission work shall not marry without the permission of the Board of Missions.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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

11. 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 1925, 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)	1½ "
2. Bible Introduction and Exegesis—	
(a) Old Testament	2 "
(b) New Testament	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	1 "
(Including Child Psychology and Principles of Pedagogy).	
10. Comparative Religion (third year)	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 Circuit and Sunday School Organisation, Pastoral Efficiency, and Methodist Law as related thereto.	

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 and Tutor of the College, 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. Economics and Mental and Moral Philosophy are compulsory subjects for Students taking a University course, unless for special reasons the Board of Studies permit otherwise.

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 arrange for suitable examination papers and report thereupon to Conference. They shall also be subject to the regulations governing the preaching of Trial Sermons, and the presenting of Book Lists in the cases of Probationers and Candidates.

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 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 *Limn*, 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 Bourne.)
- 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.

Examiners are directed to confer each year, through the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, on the examination papers to be set, with a view to maintaining a suitable and uniform standard.

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, except Senior Home Missionaries, 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.
6. The Hebrew text-book shall be Sibag's Hebrew Primer and Reading Book, pp. 1-42.
7. 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, and in the event of the Candidate being recommended such Superintendent shall report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners the scholastic status of the Candidate, in order that arrangements may be made for the written examination of such Candidate.

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. Copies of previous years' papers for Candidates may be had on application to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

8. The Syllabus and Regulations for Candidates, as above, shall be printed from year to year in the Minutes of Conference.

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), Theology, and the set portions of the Methodist Law Book; and for the three following years these three first mentioned 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.)

VIII.—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.

IX.—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—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why." First half.
 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—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why." Second half.
 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 either the examination prescribed by the Conference, or the Correspondence Course for intending Candidates for the ministry, instituted under the direction of the Principal of the Theological College, for which papers shall be set and taken under examination conditions. 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, except by a special vote of the Home Mission Board, only those Home Missionary Probationers who have satisfactorily passed the required tests for the three years shall be received into full status, and they 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.

X.—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, but the Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall assess all such written Sermons, using the numerals 1 to 10, 10 to represent the maximum.
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.

XI.—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 a general oral examination thereon in the District Ministerial Committee, together with an oral examination in Theology.
2. 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," Alexander's "Christian 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. 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."
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Home Missionary Probationers are required to present Book Lists to their District Ministerial Committee, and to be examined thereon.
7. The Chairman of the District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners all Book Lists submitted to the District Ministerial Committee.

8. 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.
9. The District Ministerial Committee shall appoint a sub-committee to report on all Book Lists.
10. 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.

XII.—CURRICULUM OF STUDIES—DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

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—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why." 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—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why." 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.
- Charles's 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.
- Dod's 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 St. 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.
 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.
 Hugel'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.
 Waterhouse's The Philosophy of Christian Experience.

(c) Pastoral—

- Arthur's Tongue of Fire.
 Ballard's Does Faith Need Reasons?
 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.
 Garvie's Guide to Preachers.
 Gladden's Christian Pastor.
 Haslett's Pedagogical Bible School.
 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
 Bishop Potter).
 Stalker's Preacher and His Models.
 Wesley's Address to the Clergy.

... CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY:

- 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.
 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.

... 1. 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 :

- Bonai'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
 Alex. Whyte, by G. F. Barbour.

V. MISSIONARY—

- Findlay's Century of Methodist Missions.
 Dennis's Social Progress and Christian Missions.
 Report of Edinburgh Missionary Conference.

Basil Matthews' *The Clash of Colour*.
 Lothrop Stodard's *The Rising Tide of Colour*.
 Oldham's *Christianity and the Race Problem*.

VI. 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

VII. 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.

VIII. 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.

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 DECREES.

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:

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. H. G. Brown 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 1926 be the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.

5. That the Board of Studies, with Rev. George Frost and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners as corresponding members, be directed to consider during the year, and report to the Synods, the practicability of shortening the probation of Students who have spent three years in the Theological College, or alternatively, the advisability of remitting their written examinations for one or more years of their probation.

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

AUCKLAND.

Auckland Mission.—That Alexandra Street and France Street Churches, and also the East Street Trust, be attached to the Auckland Central Circuit until otherwise determined by Conference, and that the properties be held for the benefit of the proposed Central Mission.

Northern Wairoa-Rehia.—That Northern Wairoa Circuit and Rehia H.M. Station be amalgamated, and that a third agent be appointed.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Cape Egmont.—That the name be changed to Opunake Circuit.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Napier and Hastings.—That Clive and Clive Grange be transferred from Napier to Hastings Circuit.

WELLINGTON.

Otaki.—That the Otaki Circuit be divided as follows:—Otaki Circuit to comprise Otaki, Manakau and Te Horo; Paraparaumu H.M. Station to comprise: Paraparaumu, Waikanae, and Paekakariki, with a married Home Missionary and a suitable grant.

1. South Wairarapa.—That Featherston, Cross Creek and Tauherenikau constitute a separate H.M. Station, and that an experienced married agent be appointed.

2. That the Greytown Circuit consist of Greytown, Papawai, and Wai-hakeke, with a resident minister at Greytown.
3. That the commission dealing with this matter be reappointed and report to the Quarterly Meetings concerned and the Synod.

NELSON.

Runanga.—That Runanga be included in the Greymouth Circuit.

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

AUCKLAND.

Pukekohe.—That a single Home Missionary be stationed at Tuakau, with a suitable grant.

Hokianga.—That the Home Mission Board be recommended to send an agent immediately to Hokianga.

Bay of Islands.—That if a single Agent be appointed, he reside at Russell, with no grant; if a married Agent be appointed, a suitable grant be made.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Taumarunui.—That a suitable Agent be appointed.

Ngaruawahia.—That a married Probationer be appointed to Ngaruawahia.

Huntly.—That a married Agent be appointed to Huntly, with a suitable grant to supplement the stipend, and cover the cost of a house.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Waitara.—That a single Home Missionary be appointed, with a suitable grant.

Stratford.—That a single Home Missionary be appointed.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Woolston.—That a Probationer be appointed to reside at Sumner.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

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

QUESTION XXV.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Mokau.—That Mokau be included in the Waitara Circuit.

Douglas.—That the East Egmont Station be re-constituted with Douglas, Huiroa and adjacent places, the Station to be called Douglas. That until such time as an Agent is appointed to the District, it shall be under the supervision of the Eltham minister.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Wairoa.—That an unmarried Probationer be appointed with a suitable grant.

NELSON.

Denniston.—That Denniston be made a separate Home Mission Station.

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

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Waimarino.—Waimarino is due, but is relieved for another year.

NELSON.

Motueka.—Motueka fulfil its obligation, with a suitable grant.

Hokitika.—Hokitika is due, but is relieved for a ninth year.

Reefton.—Reefton is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Timaru.—Timaru (3rd) is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Dunedin (Trinity).—Trinity 2nd is due, but is relieved for a third year.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the following be the order in which Circuits shall provide for married ministers in 1926:—

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

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. THOMAS R. RICHARDS.
Secretary: REV. ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1925.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 124, and (1) to (8) 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; 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 T. Blight, B.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, Joseph Blight (Supernumeraries).
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., Principal; Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt. D., "Tutor in Old Testament, and Classical Languages."
4. **Auckland (Avondale)**.—Arthur Liversedge, John R. Nelson; a Home Missionary; George T. Marshall, Thomas A. Joughin (Supernumeraries).
5. **Auckland (Devonport)**.—John E. Parsons.
6. **Auckland (Takapuna)**.—George B. Hinton.

7. **Auckland (Birkenhead).**—William A. Burley, M.A.; John D. Jory, James Wrigley (Supernumeraries).
8. **Onehunga.**—George S. Cook; (Home Missionary Supply).
9. **Otahuhu.**—Fred Greenwood.
10. **Papakura.**—George H. Findlay, M.A.; a Home Missionary; Joseph H. Simmonds, J. Wesley Griffin (Supernumeraries).
11. **Pukekohe.**—Thomas Coatsworth; a Home Missionary (Bombay); a Home Missionary (Tuakau).
WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.—PAERATA.
12. **Waiuku.**—Charles H. Kendon.
13. **Mahurangi.**—One wanted (Warkworth).
14. **Paparoa.**—Harry S. Kings.
15. **Northern Wairoa.**—William A. Watson; a Home Missionary (Arapohue); a Home Missionary (Kaihu).
16. **Whangarei.**—Thomas R. B. Woolloxall.
17. **Whangaroa.**—One wanted.
18. **Maori Missions.**—Arthur J. Seamer, General Superintendent.

(1) **WHANGAROA-BAY OF ISLANDS (Native)**—
Davis Wilcox; a Home Missionary (Purerua); a Home Missionary (Matauri Bay).

(2) **HOKIANGA (Native)**—
Hapeta Renata,
Piripi Rakena (Supernumerary).
Te Tuhi Heretini (Supernumerary).

(3) **KAIPARA**—
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).

A Home Missionary (Broadwood).

MANGONUI.—A Home Missionary (Kaitaia).

HIKURANGI.—A Home Missionary.

OHAEAWAI.—A Home Missionary.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman of the District.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

19. **Thames.**—Arthur Ashcroft.
20. **Te Aroha.**—Samuel Henderson; one wanted.
21. **Morrinsville.**—Ernest E. Sage.
22. **Waihi.**—Harry Cottom.
23. **Paeroa and Hauraki Plains.**—Alfred M. Costain, E. Hugh Brooker (Ngatea).
24. **Cambridge.**—William J. Elliott; a Home Missionary.

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25. **Hamilton.**—William Ready, Leslie A. G. Brooks.
 26. **Hamilton East.**—Frank E. Leadley.
 27. **Ngaruawahia.**—One wanted.
 28. **Rotorua.**—J. Henry Allen.
 29. **Tauranga.**—Fred L. Frost.
 30. **Opotiki.**—One wanted.
 31. **Taumarunui.**—One wanted.
 32. **Te Awamutu.**—Hedley White.
 33. **Whakatane.**—One wanted.
 34. **Matamata.**—Percy I. Cooke; Thomas G. Hammond (Supernumerary)

- (4) **WAIKATO-MANIAPOTO**—Hori Kakuere (Ngaruawahia).
 A Home Missionary (Raglan).
 A Home Missionary (Marokopa).
 A Home Missionary (Kawhia).
 A Home Missionary (Te Kuiti).
 A Home Missionary (Aotearoa).

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- TE PUKE.**—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, Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

35. **New Plymouth.**—Thomas R. Richards (President of the Conference),
 Percy J. Cossum, 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. **Opunake.**—Ernest B. Chambers; a Home Missionary.
 43. **Kaponga.**—Albert Blakemore.
 44. **Wanganui.**—Edwin T. Cox, M.A.; one wanted.
 45. **Wanganui North.**—William H. E. Abbey; one wanted; William Lea
 (resting).
 46. **Marton.**—Alfred E. Jefferson.

47. Taihape.—John Reid.
48. Waimarino.—Moses Ayrton.

(5) TARANAKI-WAIMARINO—
Robert T. Haddon
Rakena P. Rakena (Rahotu).
Matarae Tauroa (Okaiawa).
Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri (Patea).
E. Oliver Haddon (Gonville).
A Home Missionary (Rangitikei).
A Home Missionary (Pipiriki).

MOKAU.—A Home Missionary.
PATEA.—A Home Missionary.
DOUGLAS.—A Home Missionary.

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

E. Oliver Haddon shall engage in Colporteur work, and travel in the South Island, under the direction of the General Superintendent.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS (President of the Conference),
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. Wairoa.—Frederick G. Brown.
53. Waipawa.—Frederick J. Parker.
54. Dannevirke.—Herbert Daniel.
55. Woodville.—John Southern.
56. Pahiatua.—Charles A. Foston.
57. Palmerston North (Broad Street).—M. A. Rugby Pratt; one wanted.
58. Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—Harold T. Peat.
59. Feilding.—Arthur Mitchell; one wanted; Peter W. Jones (Supernumerary).
60. Sanson-Rongotea.—Wallace S. Neal.
61. Foxton.—Samuel H. D. Peryman.
APITI.—A Home Missionary.
NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

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

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

62. Wellington (Taranaki Street).—Clarence Eaton, Cecil R. Taylor; John Dawson (who has permission to act as secretary of the New Zealand Alliance); James G. Chapman (Supernumerary).
THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—E. Thomas Olds, Assistant Superintendent.
63. Wellington (Thorndon).—William Greenslade, Frederick B. Lawrence; James T. Pinfold, D.D. (Supernumerary).
64. Wellington South.—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A., George I. Laurenson; Josiah Ward (Supernumerary); Colin C. Harrison (resting).

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65. **Wellington** (Kilbirnie).—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C., Thomas H. Burton.
66. **Johnsonville-Ngaio**.—John Dennis; one wanted.
67. **Hutt**.—William Rowe; Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).
68. **Petone**.—John A. Lochore.
69. **Greytown**.—G. Knowles Smith.
70. **Carterton**.—R. Purcell Keall.
71. **Masterton**.—William Beckett; one wanted; James Cocker (Supernumerary).
72. **Eketahuna**.—Herbert Spencer.
73. **Levin**.—John D. McArthur.
74. **Otaki**.—Ralph J. Liddell.
- PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
- FEATHERSTON.—A Home Missionary.

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WILLIAM GREENSLADE, Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

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

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WILLIAM GRIGG, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

83. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—W. Arthur Hay, Eric W. Hames, M.A.; William J. Williams, William Baumber, Christopher Abernethy, William Laycock (Supernumeraries).
- CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—Samuel Lawry.
- YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.—E. Percy Blamires, General Secretary.
84. **Christchurch** (East).—Ernest D. Patchett, Frederick T. Read, Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.; James Guy and James R. Clark (Supernumeraries).
85. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—John Harris; Charles E. Ward (Supernumerary).
86. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—William H. Speer, Gordon R. Peterson; Thomas Fee (Supernumerary).
87. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Percy R. Paris.
88. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Robert B. Tinsley.
89. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—Benjamin J. James.

90. Christchurch (St. Albans).—Leslie B. Neale, Samuel J. Werren; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).
 91. Christchurch (Papanui).—Henry Ryan.
 92. Lyttelton.—Samuel Bailey.
 93. Springston.—James W. Parker.
 94. Tai Tapu.—T. Jackson Wallis.
 95. Leeston.—Archer O. Harris.
 96. Kaiapoi.—William G. Slade, M.A.
 97. Ohoka.—Francis T. Harris.
 98. Rangiora.—Charles Blair; William B. Cuming (Woodend).
 99. 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.

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

ALBERT C. LAWRY, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

107. Dunedin (Trinity).—Harold E. Bellhouse, Herbert L. Fiebig; George Clement, Thomas W. Newbold, T. Arthur Pybus (Supernumeraries).
 108. Dunedin (Central Mission).—William Walker.
 109. Dunedin (Dundas Street).—Ernest O. Blamires.
 110. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—W. Bramwell Scott, O. S. Pearn (St. Clair).
 111. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—Edwin S. Harkness; one wanted.
 112. Dunedin (Caversham).—William Wills.
 113. Dunedin (Morningside).—Robert Raine.
 114. Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill).—Arthur Hopper; one wanted.
 115. Mosgiel.—One wanted.
 116. Port Chalmers.—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., F.R.E.S.
 117. Balclutha.—William Gatman (Home Missionary Supply).
 118. Milton.—Thomas Skuse.

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119. **Roxburgh.**—Robert E. Fordyce.
 120. **Invercargill (Central).**—Angus McBean.
 121. **Invercargill (St. Peter's).**—Jonathan H. Haslam.
 122. **Bluff.**—Robert McGregor.
 123. **Gore.**—William H. Hocking
 124. **Otautau.**—Herbert Ford.
WAIKOUAITI.—A Home Missionary.
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.

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 X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- (6) **Roviana.**—John Francis Goldie (Roviana); Tom Dent (Marovo); Allan H. Cropp, Hugh G. Brown, one to be sent (Bougainville) one to be sent (Luanua); a Catechist wanted (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 (Patutiva); a Catechist.
Vanuna.—A Catechist.
Mono (Treasury Island).—A Catechist.
Fauro.—A Catechist.
Luanua.—A Lay Missionary.
Pelau.—A Catechist wanted.
Kela.—A Catechist wanted.
Tasman Group.—A Catechist wanted.
Ramada.—A Catechist.
Ugeli.—A Catechist.
Sibo.—A Catechist.
Bougainville.—Allan H. Cropp; Hugh G. Brown; one to be sent.
Naravo.—A Catechist.
Suvai.—A Catechist.
Tiop.—A Catechist.
Buka.—A Catechist.
- (7) **Vella Lavella.**—Arthur A. Bensley (Bilua).
Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister.

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Circuit Training Institution.—Arthur A. Bensley.

Bilua Day School.—Arthur A. Bensley.

Elioteve.—A Catechist wanted.

Naravai.—A Catechist wanted.

Sirubai.—A Catechist.

Java.—A Catechist wanted.

Dovele.—A Catechist wanted

Mudi Mudi.—A Catechist wanted.

Jurio.—A Catechist.

Sirulado.—A Catechist wanted

Ranonga.—A Catechist wanted.

Luqa.—A Catechist.

Kudu.—A Catechist wanted.

Sabala.—A Catechist wanted.

Kubokota.—A Catechist wanted.

- (8) **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.

Malanana.—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.

Taoro.—A Catechist wanted.

Varisi.—A Catechist wanted.

Taba Taba.—A Catechist.

Ririo.—A Catechist wanted.

Kanuqa.—A Catechist wanted.

Sui.—A Catechist wanted.

Nabusasa.—A Catechist.

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, 1925.

Auckland District—

- Onehunga (Supply).—W. Parker.
 Auckland, Avondale (Henderson).—One wanted.
 Papakura (Manurewa).—One wanted.
 Pukekohe (Bombay).—J. H. Edmondson.
 (Tuakau).—~~N. H.~~ Fallows.
 Mahurangi (Warkworth).—~~J.~~ W. Parsons.
 Port Albert.—C. Aker.
 Coromandel.—E. J. Clarke.
 Helensville. ~~A.~~ R. Thomas.
 Kaukapakapa.—W. H. Wilson.
 Bay of Islands.—C. G. Scrimgeour.
 Hokianga (Rawene).—H. Ashworth.
 (Broadwood).—~~W. J. Henderson.~~ *W. M. Donald*
 Whangaroa (Kaeo).—J. M. Smeeth.
 Mangonui.—~~W. M. Jones.~~ *E. H. Palmer. W. M. Jones*
 Hikurangi.—C. E. Dickens.
 Northern Wairoa (Arapohue).—E. Hill.
 (Kaihu).—P. Bridge.
 Ohaeawai.—H. Noble.
 Home Missionary Evangelist.—W. T. Hooper.

Maori Missions—

- Bay of Islands (Purerua).—Wi Kaitara.

South Auckland District—

- Opotiki.—G. R. Rotherham.
 Cambridge, Leamington.—One wanted.
 Huntly.—J. W. Cocks.
 Te Kuiti.—C. Strand.
 Taumarunui.—F. J. Rickard.
 Whakatane.—~~W. McDonald.~~ *J. F. Talloch (Supply)*
 Putaruru.—C. W. Brown.
 Te Puke.—J. Common.
 Ngaruawahia.—T. A. Brady (Supply).
 Mokauiti.—One wanted.
 Ohura.—W. Wilson.

Maori Missions—

- Waikato-Maniapoto (Kawhia).—Matene Keepa.
 (Te Kuiti).—McDavis Wharehuia.
 (Aotearoa).—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi.
 (Raglan).—Te Hira Ratete.
 (Marokopa).—Aihe Huirama.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

Waitara (Uruti-Mokau).—B. H. N. Teague.
 Douglas.—J. Richards (Supply).
 Opunake (Okato).—J. Nixon (Supply).
 Wanganui (Gonville).—S. Keen.
 Wanganui North (Dublin Street).—D. Hickman.
 Patea.—J. W. Bayliss.

Maori Missions—

Taranaki-Waimarino (Rangitikei).—Te Iwiora Tamai-paarea.
 (Pipiriki).—Hone Taotahi.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Gisborne (Te Hapara).—One wanted.
 Palmerston North, Broad Street (Ashhurst).—G. Hall.
 Feilding (Halcombe).—T. Flower.
 Apiti.—A. E. Haynes.
 Norsewood.—W. E. Sleep.

Wellington District—

Johnsonville (Porirua).—C. G. H. Bycroft.
 Masterton (Kuripuni).—~~R. Grieve~~ *P. J. Bothwell*.
 Otaki (Paraparaumu).—A. L. Witheford.
 Featherston.—A. Beeson.

Nelson District—

Reefton.—C. Robinson.
 Havelock.—R. T. H. Wearne.
 Murchison.—R. T. Alexander.
 Granity.—H. Dyson.
 Denniston.—One wanted.
 Wakefield-Dovedale.—F. T. Hoten.

North Canterbury District—

Greendale-Malvern (Waddington).—J. Boothroyd (Supply).
 Hawarden.—J. Thomas.
 Oxford.—T. W. Featherstone.

South Canterbury—

Timaru.—~~J. C. Gill~~ *C. C. Hoskin*
 Methven (Rakaia).—~~G. H. Bridgman~~ *W. J. Henderson*
 Mayfield.—J. Belshaw.

Otago-Southland—

- Balclutha.—E. R. Alexander (~~Supply~~).
 Roslyn (Maori Hill).—~~E. Puddle~~ *F. E. Foot*
 Mosgiel.—J. G. W. Grindlay.
 Edendale.—H. J. Malcolm.
 Kaitangata.—H. S. Ratcliffe.
 Lawrence.—~~F. E. Foot~~ *G. H. Midgman*
 Cromwell.—G. H. Marr.
 Riverton.—H. E. Haynes.
 Tuatapere.—J. C. Draper.
 Nightcaps.—G. F. O. Whittlestone.
 St. Kilda (Peninsula).—~~One wanted~~ *E. Puddle*
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—C. Duncan.

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

CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

- Auckland—Edward Drake.
 South Auckland—Arthur Ashcroft.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Thomas R. Richards (President of the Conference).
 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—Samuel H. D. Peryman.
 Wellington—John D. McArthur.
 Nelson—Jacob Featherston.
 North Canterbury—Ernest D. Patchett.
 South Canterbury—George F. Stockwell.
 Otago-Southland—Jonathan H. Haslam.
 General Statistical Secretary for the Dominion—William A. Burley.
 M.A.

SYNOD SECRETARIES.

Auckland—William A. Burley, M.A.
 South Auckland—Frank E. Leadley.
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—William W. Avery.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Samuel H. D. Peryman.
 Wellington—John D. McArthur.
 Nelson—Jacob Featherston
 North Canterbury—Ernest D. Patchett.
 South Canterbury—George F. Stockwell.
 Otago-Southland—Jonathan H. Haslam.

QUESTION XXX.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the Year 1926?

President—Rev. Percy N. Knight, B.A.
 Secretary—Rev. Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

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

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, pp. VII.-VIII.)

REPORT OF CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

Thanksgiving Fund.

Since Conference the sum of £4006 has been received, bringing the total amount received to £38,957.

Of sums promised between £3000 and £4000 is as yet unpaid. In accordance with the resolution of last Conference, the Treasurers are preparing for the distribution of the Fund in March next, and desire to impress on all concerned the importance of completing all possible payments before that date. The Treasurers gratefully report that not a few whose payments have been made after long delay have added interest to their promised subscriptions.

The Centenary Volume.

In September last, the Committee, after careful consideration, accepted an offer made by Mr. A. H. Reed, of Dunedin, to purchase all remaining stocks, at trade rates.

Mr. Reed, however, generously intends to make a payment to the Committee, over and above the price agreed upon, if his venture proves successful. The Committee confidently commends this historic volume to all who have not yet secured a copy. The book is worth much more than the price now asked, viz., 3/6 (4/- posted), and should be in every Methodist home and every Sunday School or Preachers' Library. It also makes a valuable and acceptable gift.

Of the supplies set out by Rev. W. Baumber to various Circuits, Conferences and Synods, a good many volumes are not accounted for. Early information concerning sales, or unsold stocks still in hand should be sent without delay to the Rev. S. Griffith, together with net proceeds of any books sold on behalf of the Committee. Unsold copies are to be retained to the order of Mr. A. H. Reed.

Centenary Lantern Slides.

With a view to the effective use and safe custody of the Lantern Slides provided for Centenary purposes, the Committee has arranged to hand over the slides to the care of the Home Mission Board. The slides will prove of great use at Home Missionary Meetings and the like. Application for their use should be made to Rev. A. J. Seamer.

E. DRAKE, Acting-Chairman.
S. GRIFFITH, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-sheet be received and the allocations agreed to.
2. That gratification be expressed at the financial success of the Appeal.
3. That appreciation be expressed of the sacrifice of many donors, who, despite difficulty, have fulfilled their promises to the Centenary Fund. Conference granted an extension of another year for the payment of unfulfilled promises.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Treasurers of the Fund, and that they be reappointed. An honorarium of £100 was voted to Rev. S. Griffith, and a suitable memento was directed to be presented to Mr. H. Field.
5. That the Centenary Fund Committee be thanked for its services, and that it be disbanded at the end of the Connexional year.

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

REPORT FOR 1924.

The General Statistical Returns furnished by the Synods of 1924 reveal a well-maintained position. In every column increases are reported, excepting in the case of Deaconesses, where a decrease of one is noted.

So far as property interests are concerned, there is reported a net increase of 2 churches, 3 schoolrooms, and 5 parsonages. There are, however, no returns from Tuatapere, but Waipawa and Ashburton Circuits each show the loss of one church.

A gratifying return is the increase of 7 class leaders and a net gain of 19 local preachers.

The enrolment of church members shows the considerable advance of 543 seniors and 311 juniors.

So far as the General Returns are concerned, I am satisfied that they have been more carefully compiled than usual, and fairly accurately represent our position.

In the returns affecting the Youth Department of the Church's work there is also revealed an increasingly satisfactory position. The Bible Class returns are very gratifying, quite notable increases being reported in the Junior Girls' and the Young Women's Classes. There is also a pleasing increase in the number of lads reported as connected with the Junior Boys' Bible Classes. A small downward movement in the number in the Young Men's Classes is reported.

This year, as last, there has been some misunderstanding as to the method of computing the number of scholars enrolled. Failure in some Districts last year to include Bible Class members with the enrolment of scholars resulted in an entirely fictitious decrease being reported by the Synods. The inclusion of figures from such Districts this year shows an increase that is again fictitious. However, when all necessary adjustments are made it is manifest that last year and again this year we did actually gain several hundred scholars. Whilst one cannot assert that this year's returns are strictly accurate, they do certainly represent an honest effort to disclose the real position, and may be accepted as a fair statement of our standing. Viewed as a whole, and that is the only true method of estimating the value of the work we are doing, the returns of the Youth Department are exceedingly enheartening, and furnish abundant justification of the policy being pursued by the leaders of the Youth Movement. More detailed comment on the figures of this Department will be supplied by the Department itself.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted.
2. That copies of the General Returns and of the Sunday Schools and Young People's Returns be forwarded to the General Statistical Secretary through the Secretaries of the Synods..
3. That Secretaries be not required to send statistical returns to the Welfare of the Church Committee.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, and that regret be expressed at his relinquishment of office.
5. That the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be appointed Statistical Secretary.

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

REPORT OF THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1924.

Church Calendar.

The Committee gave its close attention to the remit from the Church Literature Committee, referred to in the report of last year, and while disposed to agree to a slight modification of the original design of the Calendar, is of the opinion that in its main features it meets the need felt by the Conference of 1923, and will be acceptable to this Conference, and useful to our people. In order, however, that the Conference may be further advised on the subject, we recommend the appointment of a small committee to go through the Calendar, and report to the Conference at a later session.

Visitation of Circuits.

On account of this matter having been deferred till the closing stages of the last Conference, it was referred back to the Committee for inclusion in this year's report. The Committee, realising the great

importance of the subject, again carefully reviewed the whole question. The finding this year is a slight modification of that of last year, and is as follows:—

That the former part of Par 113, on page 28 of the Book of Laws, be amended so as to read: "The Chairman of a District shall have the right to visit any Circuit within the boundaries of his own District, at his discretion, to enquire into the affairs of the Circuit, and to confer with the Superintendent and other Ministers stationed therein, and also with the Circuit officials, with a view to securing greater efficiency in the working of the Circuit.

Incoming Ministers.

This Committee desires to draw the attention of the Conference to the need for a more dignified and spiritual type of meeting for the reception of ministers coming into a Circuit than at present obtains in many of our Churches. Indications are not wanting that many of our people, and most of our Ministers, would welcome a change from the concert-social kind of gathering, to a form of service, where the spiritual aspect of the responsibilities about to be undertaken shall be appropriately stressed. With a view of putting something tangible before the Conference, the Committee has prepared an Order of Service suitable for use on such occasions, which it commends to the sympathetic consideration of the Conference; with the further suggestion, that its use in our Churches be encouraged. A copy of the Order of Service is appended to this report.

Doctrinal Standards.

After a very earnest and searching discussion on this question, the following resolution, moved by Mr. S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., F.R.E.S., Dip.Ed., was carried almost unanimously—

"That this Committee believes that in the interests of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, the time has arrived when the doctrines of the Church should be revised with the object of bringing them more into accord with the accepted findings of modern thought. This Committee recommends that a Ministerial Committee be set up by the Conference to prepare a statement of Doctrinal Standards, and submit the same to the Conference of 1926."

Committee for 1925.

The following is the Committee recommended for next year:—The Superintendents of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, together with the following laymen: Messrs. R. N. Vanes, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., W. H. Johnston, J. M. Benton, A. T. Roberts, W. M. Roberts, T. Smith, A. E. Rosevear, R. Moffatt, E. J. King, W. Bagshaw, A. Sunderland and L. Mercier. Rev. E. O. Blamires, convener.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

H. L. RICHARDS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the suggested Order of Service and the paragraph on Doctrinal standards be not adopted.
3. That Conference again appoint a Committee to revise our Service Book, and that the Committee be asked to include in their consideration an order for the reception of newly appointed Circuit ministers, and an order of Sacramental Service for Young People. Committee.—Revs. Dr Laws, B.A., Dr. Ranston, M.A., C. H. Olds, B.A., and H. L. Richards.

4. **Doctrinal Standards.**—That the matter of our Doctrinal Standards be referred to the Committee set up to revise the Book of Offices, and that the Committee be instructed to provide a simple statement of the Doctrines of our Church.
5. That the Conference thanks the Committee and the Convener, Rev. H. L. Richards.
6. **Committee for 1925-6.**—The Superintendents of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, together with Messrs. R. N. Vanes, S. G. Macfarlane, M. A., W. H. Johnston, J. M. Benton, A. T. Roberts, W. M. Roberts, T. Smith, A. E. Rosevear, R. Moffatt, E. J. King, W. Bagshaw, A. Sunderland, A. T. McIndoe, and L. Mercier. Rev. W. Wills, convener.

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

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, pp. IX.-X.)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

REPORT FOR CONFERENCE, 1925.

The World's Sunday School Convention was held at Glasgow last June. Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. P. W. Sharpe were our representatives, and we have valuable communications from them. It is reassuring to note that all the points stressed by the world's leaders in their statement of an immediate programme are included in the policy of our Department.

Teacher Training Classes. The chief feature of this year's work has been to inaugurate systematic teacher-training classes in eleven centres, viz., Thames, Hamilton, Auckland, Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru, Oamaru, Palmerston North, Wanganui, Hawera and New Plymouth. The enrolment of Teachers and Bible Class members who paid a membership fee was 376, a number equivalent to one-eighth of our total Sunday School staff in the Dominion. Each member used note book and pencil. The plan followed by the General Secretary was to arrange for a suitable night in the week for each centre, and then to conduct a class on that night for four weeks in succession. Wherever possible continuation classes were arranged, and in at least nine Circuits these have been formed. Interest was manifest in the eagerness of teachers to procure the literature recommended at the lectures. Several schools opened teachers' libraries. Individual teachers ordered over 100 books. The demonstration of the use of a hand blackboard in the class led to orders for more than 100 small blackboards. The Board has received many testimonies of the value of these classes.

The Itinerary of the year has been strenuous, including a large number of country Circuits and Home Mission Stations. Week-end visits permit of messages to congregations, Sunday School addresses, Bible Class rallies, and Teachers' Conferences. At these Conferences hundreds of questions are answered, and guidance given on the many problems of training young life. A considerable correspondence is carried on with the same purpose.

Literature Partnership. Each year's experience confirms more surely the fact that the right action was taken when our Church adopted

and recommended the Australasian Graded Lessons. The circulation advances each year. This system alone has promise of universal adoption by New Zealand schools when organisation becomes more unified. We have decided this year upon partnership in the system. It means representation of our ideas on the Selection Committee, better terms to our Department, and the saving of money to our schools.

The Bible Class Movement. This Movement occupies a vital and strategic place in the life of our Church. There are two principles in this Movement which account for its vitality and progress:—1st, Self-government, giving freedom and scope to the energy and enterprise of youth, and 2nd, Co-ordination, for by its own constitution it co-ordinates loyally with the Young People's Department and the Church as a whole to mutual advantage and reinforcement.

The Annual Conventions by which the Young Men's and Young Women's Movements are governed met in Wellington last January. The Executives also are located in the Empire City, with frequent and regular meetings. District Committees at many points are also kept busy and in fine training for Church leadership in coming days.

The value of the Bible Class Camp is becoming more widely recognised. The Young Women organised seven camps last Easter, with an aggregate attendance of 422. The young men have steadily aimed at a total attendance of 1000. This was reached and exceeded by 22 this year, in the nine District Camps which were held. Two new Unions have resulted—one in Taranaki and the other in Hawke's Bay. The magazine "The Link," is gaining in favour and increasing in circulation.

The Standard Syllabus, prepared by Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., has helped to produce consecutive Bible Study in place of the old fragmentary methods. Many junior classes, however, found it difficult, and a Joint Committee has prepared a Junior Syllabus for 1925 based on the Australasian Graded Lessons.

The Young Women's Statistical Returns are early to hand, and are very significant. The net increase of affiliated classes is 19. The net increase of membership for the year is 267. Wellington District heads the list. More than 50% of the Bible Class members are full Church Members. In addition there must be many (under 16 years of age) who are Junior Church Members. The Church owes something to the Bible Class Movement for a new emphasis on the value of Church membership, and of Public Services of Reception, now becoming a regular feature in the Church year. During the year 202 young women have joined the staff of Sunday School teachers or Bible Class leaders. Their budget of £520 includes provision for a Travelling Secretary, a Deaconess to the Maoris, and a native teacher in the Solomons. In addition their classes have contributed, through local Circuit channels, a further £72 to Home Missions, £197 to Foreign Missions, and £386 to other objects.

The Young Men's Executive has prepared a policy for the support of a Medical Missionary, which will come before the Business Convention in January. Both movements work on the Budget system, with finance in hand one year ahead.

Miss Lynn's work as a Travelling Secretary has proved its value, and the Young Women decided unanimously to continue the office. This has been the first year of the Young Men's Travelling Organiser. Their report says: "He has been doing splendid work, and we are receiving words of appreciation from everywhere he visits." The

Camp in Southland was made possible by this office, and it was very successful.

Miscellaneous.—

Temperance work is forging ahead. The Y.M.B.C. President has become Dominion Organiser for the Alliance. Bands of Hope are reviving in many places, and Bible Classes are actively co-operating.

Our correspondence Sunday School has 27 teachers under Sister Mabel Morley, and the monthly mail reaches 40 scholars in remote places.

Features of the General Secretary's work proposed for 1925 include the development of teacher and leader training, prominence to Prohibition work, and conferences with parents in Circuits that will prepare for them.

Statistics—

In both Teachers and Scholars our schools have increased each year for four years in succession, and this follows a period in which the tendency was downward. For purposes of comparison the following figures represent the high-water mark in last decade, the decline at 1920, and the position by 1924:—

Teachers in 1915	..	..	..	3,276
" " 1920	..	..	..	2,851
" " 1924	..	..	..	3,129
Scholars in 1914	..	..	..	30,191
" " 1920	..	..	..	27,346
" " 1924	..	..	..	31,008

It is particularly gratifying that this increase is shared by that Department of the School where we have long suffered most serious leakage. Between the ages of 14 and 17 years we have a net increase of 1094 in these past four years. In some schools to-day there is no leakage at all, but in others we continue to lose tragically. The schools report that 476 boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 15 have left us during the past year, and that is a loss the Church cannot afford.

The Y.M.B.C. Movement held its Annual Convention at New Year, 1925. It has been a year of continued progress. There will be several more candidates for the Ministry at Conference. Some 78 young men are Local Preachers, and during the year 67 joined the staffs of the Sunday School as teachers of B.C. Leaders. After considerable discussion of Missionary policy the sum of £200 was put on the Budget for the Medical Mission in the Solomons. The method of contributing as a Movement for a specific objective has the approval of the F.M. Board, and provision will be made at the same time to ensure that the Circuits will receive credit for the amounts raised within their respective borders.

The Y.W.B.C. Movement has appointed Miss Lorna Hodder as Travelling Secretary, from April, 1925.

National Council of Religious Education. The proposed constitution will be tabled at Conference.

Finance. We are not asking for any Connexional Grant. This means that any arrears for 1924 will be charged up to Circuits along with the 1925 allocation.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

E. P. BLAMIRE, General Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.
2. That Conference warmly commends to the Church the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Class Movements and their Travelling Secretaries; the camp policy, the methods of Bible Study, the training for different forms of church service, the Missionary outlook, the spirit of loyalty to the Church and the evangelistic aim, are elements in a programme movement which move the Conference to profound thanksgiving and abounding hope.
3. That the Travelling Secretary of the Young Women's Bible Class Movement and the Travelling Organiser of the Young Men's Bible Class Movement be associated with the Annual Conference Committee on Young People's work.
4. That Conference endorses the principles of co-ordination as arranged between the Young People's Board and the Bible Class Movements respectively.
5. That Conference urges the Superintendent ministers and Circuit officials, wherever possible, to release for the period of the Bible Class camps those ministers for whom request is made by the Camp Executives. Conference also recommends that the Ministers' Meetings assist in arranging supplies for pulpits thus left vacant on the Sundays.
6. That the proposed constitution of the National Council of Religious Education be approved, and the Department be authorised to represent the Methodist Church on the Council.
7. That the relation of this Department to the Spiritual Advance programme be the training of Sunday School Teachers and Bible Class Leaders to use their evangelistic opportunity by personal influence.
8. The Conference appreciates the work of Sister Mabel Morley and the teachers of the Correspondence Sunday School, and recommends Home Missionaries and others to make widely known the facilities thus provided for teaching children in lonely, isolated settlements.
9. The Conference congratulates the Board upon its arrangements for partnership in the Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand.
10. The Conference calls upon all Circuits to give the fullest attention to our rules regarding Infant Membership (Minutes, 1914, p. 51) as the necessary basis of a satisfactory system of church membership.
11. That the Board consider during the year the development of its Trading Department.
12. That the Board be encouraged to publish and to circulate literature suited to the conditions of this country.
13. That the advisability of a special period of a fortnight or a month being given up to the N.Z. Alliance prior to the poll be left to the Young People's Board.
14. That, though in general there is an increase of scholars, as there are many instances of local decline and loss, the Board be recommended to circulate a statement on the causes of decline and how to counteract them.

15. That the Conference having overwhelmingly decided that the Young People's Department and the office of General Secretary are indispensable to the development of the Church, looks to the leaders of the Church in Districts and Circuits to co-operate for a sufficient period to give the policy opportunity to establish itself.
16. That the Conference, impressed by the splendid work of the Young People's Department, under the able leadership of the General Secretary, Rev. E. P. Blamires, desires to place on record its deep appreciation of that work, and commends the work and leader to our people throughout the Dominion.
The Conference notes with satisfaction the steady increase in teachers and scholars since 1920, and is particularly gratified that the Teachers' Training scheme has been successfully inaugurated.
17. That Circuits that have not yet appointed Circuit Young People's Secretaries, be urged to do so immediately, if a suitable person for the office is available.
18. That Conference sympathises with our Sunday Schools and Junior Bible Classes in the conditions existing as caused by the epidemic, and urges upon the officers and teachers of the schools which are closed to use every means available by home visitation, and through the post, to keep contact with scholars, and eventually to re-open the schools with the minimum loss.

Finance.

1. That the Conference directs the attention of Circuit Superintendents and officials to the responsibility of the Quarterly Meeting for the payment of the amount allocated as its share for the support of the Department.
2. That a special statement be sent by the Conference to the March Quarterly Meetings, explaining the policy of the Department, the work of the General Secretary, and the necessity for the maintenance of the office in the interests of the Church and its future.
3. That the following methods of raising funds are approved:—
 - (a) Special envelope collection throughout the Church.
 - (b) Sunday School contribution, by coin card collection, or vote from the school funds.
 - (c) Vote from the Quarterly Meeting, annual or quarterly, either for the full allocation, or to meet any deficiency in the amount raised by methods (a) and (b).
4. That Circuits which did not collect in the March quarter, be urged to do so on Young People's Sunday (3rd Sunday in May).
In fairness to the Circuits that raised their allocations for 1924, the Circuits in arrears shall be notified, with the request that they make an effort to send in excess of their allocation for 1925.

Board for 1925.

That the following be the members of the Board for 1925—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. E. D. Patchett, P. R. Paris, S. Lawry, B. J. James, L. B. Neale, S. J. Werren, E. W. Hames, M.A., W. G. Slade, M.A., Messrs. M. Kershaw, A. E. Lawry, W. C. Francis, J. H. White, A. Williams, F. Thompson, J. H. Jones, E. M. Cowey, G. Cyril Burton, E. R. Christian, W. O. Brown, W. A. Bascand, Sister Mabel Morley, Sister Annie Tocker, Miss Hodder, and Rev. E. P. Blamires, convener.

N.B.—In addition, the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Class Movements shall each elect two representatives to act on the Board..

District Committees.

That the following be the District Committees for 1925:—

Auckland.—Revs. E. Drake, P. N. Knight, B.A., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., C. H. Olds, B.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., J. Richards, F. Greenwood, A. Liversedge, W. T. Blight, B.A., G. E. Brown, Miss Winstone, Messrs. T. Clark, T. H. Martyn, A. Beer, F. Keesing, A. D. Whitehead, W. Sussex, J. W. Court, S. E. Chappell and C. H. Virtue. Rev. G. E. Brown, convener.

South Auckland.—The Ministers of Hamilton, Cambridge and Morrinsville Circuits, together with the Superintendents of the Main Sunday Schools in those Circuits. Rev. E. E. Sage, convener.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Palmerston North Circuits, Messrs. G. H. Bennett, Gordon Bennett, and G. H. Stiles. Mr. G. H. Stiles, convener.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—The Ministers of Hawera, Kaponga, Inglewood, Stratford, Eltham Circuits, Messrs. J. W. Boon, H. J. Hopkins, E. Dixon, J. T. Griffin, E. G. Foster, and Mrs. Williams. Rev. G. P. Hunt, convener.

Wellington.—The Ministers of the Wellington City Circuits, Messrs. H. P. Mourant, W. M. King, J. Cable, E. C. Gamble, T. J. Philips, W. B. Strong, A. E. Waite, E. Wallwork, E. Fairburn, and J. W. Buchanan. Rev. G. Laurenson, convener.

Nelson.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Nelson and Richmond Circuits. S. Collier, convener.

North Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. S. Bailey, W. G. Slade, M.A., H. Ryan, S. J. Werren, with the Executive of the North Canterbury Methodist Sunday School Union. W. A. Bascand, convener.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of Timaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits, with Messrs. C. G. Vogeler and E. A. G. Holdgate. C. G. Vogeler, convener.

Otago.—The Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of Dunedin City Circuits, with Messrs. J. Davidson, D. C. Cameron, Junr., R. Moffatt, H. Austin, H. M. Wilkinson, A. McIndoe, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., T. W. Hemer. T. W. Hemer, convener.

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. Rev. A. McBean, convener.

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.

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. G. 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.

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

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE REPORT, 1924.

The change to a District Executive, which would be responsible for all the Connexional work hitherto carried out by various Committees, involved some delay for this section of the work; further delay was caused by the resignation of the first appointed convener, the result being that July was well advanced before we got to work.

The rejection of Mr. Isitt's Bible Reading and Religious Exercises Bill by the narrow majority of one, had in the meantime taken place. Some who might have been expected to support this measure used their voice and vote against it.

The liquor trade's renewed attempt to secure licenses in the King Country has been strenuously resisted. We sent a reasoned historical review as a strong protest to the Government, and also to every member of both Houses. We interviewed the Press Association authorities, the Editors of various daily papers, and also sent the protest to every daily newspaper in the Dominion. At the time of drawing up the report, the forecasted "Licensing Amendment Bill" is not before the House. The Committee of the House which has been considering licensing matters has just sent in its report. It would be difficult to conceive of a more re-actionary report and recommendations. We understand that a Bill is in preparation, which the Government will introduce, but that there is no likelihood of its passage this session. If the Bill proves to be as re-actionary as the report, we fully anticipate that it will stir our people and all friends of the cause of Temperance throughout the Dominion, and may prove to be one of the greatest blessings in disguise that has ever come to us.

In May the annual meeting of the N.Z. Alliance was held. Much of the old time enthusiasm was in evidence. It is, however, painfully evident that this is not generally shared by our Prohibition people. Our Church should try and give its people a new lead. We should not be wasting time or strength in dwelling at length upon defects in our organisation or leadership, unless it is with the distinct object of finding a remedy. More than ever it becomes apparent that only by the Churches taking up this work will the reform be carried. We and the other Churches need increasingly to regard the N.Z. Alliance as the chief executive agent of the Christian Churches and people for focussing attention upon, and of carrying on the fight against one of the most terrible evils that afflict and retard civilisation, the work of the Church, and the coming of the Kingdom of the Saviour. We therefore again commend the work of the Alliance, and urge upon all Ministers and people the duty of closely associating themselves with its activities, and affording it both moral and material support.

Meanwhile none of the reforms which the liquor trade promised before the last poll have materialised. On the contrary, it has become increasingly law breaking. Charges and convictions against 6 o'clock closing and other after hour offences have become numerous. In some districts the law is almost a dead letter. Either the Police are lamentably failing in their duty, or it is a further acknowledgment that the licensed trade cannot be controlled.

The time has come when most careful enquiry should be made into the conduct of some of the patrons of cabarets and balls in various centres of the Dominion. Close scrutiny should be given to what liquor is consumed at these functions, and of the condition of some of the patrons before the night closes. Some enquiry also requires to be made into the increasing practice of wine drinking at private dances and at weddings. A most serious side is that our young people are attending

both private and public dances where wine is consumed, and are gradually learning to drink. It is probably at such gatherings more than anywhere else that drinking and some other evils have their genesis. Very disturbing are some of the statements which reach us. Will our people, for their own sake, and for the sake of others, exercise a still greater restraint, and refrain from even the appearance of evil.

Protests to the Government have also been made against the proposals of the Racing Commission being given effect, whereby 31 additional racing permits would be granted, and gambling facilities would be considerably increased. The "Gaming Bill" is now before the House. Learning that no organisation was availing itself of the offer to have three witnesses on "the moral side" of the proposals, the convener agreed to go with the Rev. C. Eaton; he also succeeded in securing the Rev. F. Ramson (Anglican), with the Bishop's approval, and these three, by arrangement with Mr. L. M. Isitt, M.P., waited on the Racing Parliamentary Committee, on October 16th. Between stating their case, and the searching cross-examination which ensued, they were three hours before the Committee. Let it be sufficient to say that Mr. Isitt was well satisfied with the way in which the witnesses acquitted themselves. In this, and on other moral issues, Mr. Isitt has rendered, as usual, invaluable service. In taking up the "Gaming Bill" the Government is revealing strong reactionary tendencies. In this matter it seems to be thoroughly under the power of the Racing Commission.

Owing to lack of time and opportunity other important matters have not been considered. We have hesitated to make pronouncements on some questions, as we do not think it wise to be frequently appearing before the public as "protesters." Unless the matter is large, or vital, some less public steps should be taken to deal with the evil. By continually protesting in a public way we can be made to appear in a very invidious light. Protest may do the Church more harm on occasions than it may do good to the cause which it is trying to assist.

W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

J. A. LOCHORE, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Report of the Parliamentary Licensing Committee, with its recommendations to the Government, could hardly have been of a more reactionary character had it been prepared by the N.Z. Licensed Victuallers' Association. The chief features are so well known that there is no need to outline them here. The strategy of this notoriously pro-liquor Committee stands revealed. These outrageous proposals will be used by the Government as the excuse for, and basis of, a compromise which will greatly favour the liquor trade. Now, and not when Parliament meets in 1925, is the time to prepare for strong action. What can be thought of a Government which is so astutely laying itself out to help the forces of evil in the Dominion? The time has surely arrived when Christian people must seriously reconsider their attitude towards a Government which deliberately allies itself so closely with the liquor and gambling interests as our present Government is doing.

W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

J. A. LOCHORE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

Bible in Schools.

1. That we deeply regret the defeat of Mr. Isitt's Bible Reading and Religious Exercises Bill by a narrow majority, and are increasingly convinced that it is only by some such measure which unites all the leading Protestant Denominations that we will ultimately succeed in getting the Bible into the schools.
2. That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. I. M. Isitt, M.P., and his supporters for their services re Religious Exercises Bill.
3. That our representatives on the Executive of the old Bible-in-Schools League be authorised to urge the abandonment of the old policy of the League, and that its whole support be given to Mr. Isitt's Bill; also that the funds now in the hands of the League be used to further the interests of the Bill.
4. That all matters relating to Bible-in-Schools be undertaken by the Temperance and Morals Committee in Wellington, which Committee is urged to take suitable action when necessary.

Temperance and Prohibition.

1. That we increasingly regard the New Zealand Alliance as the chief executive agent of the Christian Churches and of the people for focussing attention upon, and for carrying on the fight against, one of the most terrible evils affecting civilisation—one that retards the work of the Church and the coming of the Kingdom of the Saviour. We therefore again commend this work of the Alliance to our Ministers and people, and we urge upon them the duty of closely allying themselves with its activities and of affording it both moral and material support.
2. That we specially call the attention of our people to the present position of the cause of Prohibition, and point out the danger that the work of the past twenty years may be overthrown by the adoption of such recommendations as those of the Parliamentary Licensing Committee. We express our strong indignation at the proposal to lengthen the time between the polls to nine years, and to extend the period between the carrying of Prohibition and the bringing of it into effect to four years.
3. That we deplore the evident increase in the practice of drinking wine and other liquors among young people at dances, weddings and other social functions. We urge parents, guardians, Ministers and teachers to warn the young people against a practice so dangerous to their future. We also urge that a much greater supervision should be exercised by the Police and the local authorities over cabarets, clubs and dances, particularly in the larger centres, as we are aware that there is much excessive drinking and other grave evils in connection with them.
4. That we support the N.Z. Alliance in its efforts to secure a straight out vote on the two issues—Continuance and Prohibition—thus eliminating all other issues from the ballot paper, and so enabling the electors to express their definite opinion for or against the licensed trade.
5. That in the opinion of this Conference our Maori fellow-citizens should have the right to vote on the Prohibition issue.
6. That the Rev. E. O. Haddon be set free, for a term of three months, later in the year, for Prohibition work.

Racing and Gambling.

1. That we view the participation in healthy sport as eminently calculated to further the best development of the race. But, looking at horse-racing as it is carried on to-day, we are forced to a definite and emphatic condemnation of the sport. So closely allied have horse-racing and gambling become, so firm the strangle-hold on the Government by the racing vested interests, and so wide the ramifications of the gambling evil, that a most serious menace to the Dominion has arisen, that we deplore the recurring evidence in the law courts of the fruits of gambling, and look upon the extension of racing permits by thirty-one as an indication of the way in which the racing vested interests have gripped the parliamentary machine.
2. That we express our high appreciation of the pamphlet prepared by the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, and urge its wide distribution amongst our people.
3. That steps be taken to urge the Minister of Education to issue a syllabus of instruction in all schools setting forth the moral economic evils of gambling.
4. That the Temperance and Morals Committee be requested to bring these matters before the authorities by deputation or by any other means they may approve.

Sabbath Observance.

1. That we note with grave concern the increasing disregard of the Lord's Day as a day of rest and worship; that business and pleasure are making increasing inroads upon the day. We therefore call upon our Methodist people to dissociate themselves from everything calculated to spoil the quiet and sacredness of the day, and the joy of Christian life and service closely bound up with its observance.
2. That the Conference strongly protests against the proposals of the Minister of Railways to run Sunday excursion trains, believing that to do so would
 - (a) Increase Sunday labour.
 - (b) Be an offence against the convictions of many people who care for moral interests.

We further believe that no claim has been made by the people for the introduction of these trains, and that the reason given by the Minister is not a sufficient justification

Picture Shows.

That this Conference urges upon the Government the necessity of a much stricter censorship of the films that are released in this Dominion. It considers that many of these pictures are having a most injurious effect upon the moral tone of this Dominion, especially upon the young people.

Protestant Sunday.

That one Sunday in the year be recognised as Protestant Sunday, and that our Ministers, Home Missionaries and Local Preachers be instructed to bring before their respective congregations the principles of Protestantism.

League of Nations.

That we are grateful for what the League of Nations has already accomplished, and are convinced that it should receive the hearty support of the British Empire. We advise our people to give it all the assistance they can.

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION FOR YEAR 1924.

Every effort has been made during the year to secure the efficient working of this department. All incoming vessels have been met, and every effort made to find out our people, and to bring them into touch with our Church in the locality to which they are going. As our experience of the work increases, attention is being given to the question of improved organisation.

By correspondence with the Rev. Marshall Hartley, an insight has been gained into the methods employed in this work in the Old Land, and by contact and discussion with the Immigration Officers of the Sister Churches, and with the Y.M.C.A. representatives, we have familiarised ourselves with the position as we have it in New Zealand.

The organisation in England is described in a recent letter received from the Rev. Marshall Hartley. Every Circuit connected with the British Conference has been supplied with special removal forms for notifying removals abroad, and the ministers are asked to send information concerning immigrants to the London headquarters at least 10 days before the date of departure. Directly this notice is received, a letter of instruction and a badge are sent to the intending immigrant with instructions to report himself immediately to the Immigration Officer of his Church at the port of arrival. At the same time information is sent overseas notifying the representative of our Church, that a look-out may be kept for these immigrants.

These letters of advice, while not numerous, have proved very useful in assisting us to find members of our Church entering the Dominion. In our local arrangements an improvement has been effected during the year by Mr. R. G. Denton, the Y.M.C.A. agent, who acts as the representative of all the churches. Mr. Denton's practice is to board every vessel while out in the stream, and distribute to the immigrants letters of welcome from the various churches. At the same time distinctive coloured badges are distributed with the request that they be worn in a conspicuous place on landing at the wharf. By this means the identification of the adherents of each denomination has been greatly facilitated. To still further improve our organisation, a conference of all the representatives of the churches is to be held at the Y.M.C.A. at an early date.

In closing, reference may be made to the suggested group nomination by Methodist Churches in the Old Land, upon which our Committee was requested to report by the Conference. Mr. Marshall Hartley states, in a letter dated October 7th, that the President of our Conference was written to some months ago bringing before him a suggested scheme for the reorganisation of the whole department of immigration, and also referring to action being taken by our Australian Conferences in the matter; but this communication has not reached our Committee. We suggest that the question of group nomination be referred to a Conference committee for consideration and report.

C. EATON,
Chief Immigration Officer.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Immigration Officers in the various ports be thanked for their services.
2. That the matters of Immigration be referred to the Wellington Committee for consideration during the year, with a view to evolving a more efficient organisation and discussing the advisability of the appointment of Chaplains on immigration ships.

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

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, pp. XI.—XII.)

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1924.

1. Properties Acquired.

Auckland (Takapuna).—Allotment at Lake Road, cost £528, debt £100.
Note.—The sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee was not asked.

Hokianga.—Gift of $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre section at Motukaraka, valued at £60.

Morrinsville.—A small strip of land at Waitoa, to provide room for extension of Church building, cost £5.

Paeroa and Hauraki Plains.—Quarter-acre section at Ngatea, cost £100.

Hamilton.—Quarter-acre section at Maeroa, cost £135.

Te Kuiti.—Lease of $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre at Otorohanga, rent £5/5/- per annum.

Wanganui.—Quarter-acre at Gonville, cost £160, debt £160.

Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—Cottage property in Waldegrave Street, bequest by the late Mrs. Pankhurst, valued at £550, with £240 owing on it.

Wairarapa South.—Purchase of 19.8 perches of land with Hall thereon, cost £500. No debt reported. *Note.*—This purchase was made without the knowledge of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

Blenheim.—(1) Additional land at Tua Marina, preparatory to a new Church scheme, cost £75, no debt reported; (2) Parsonage property at Picton, cost £800, debt not reported; (3) New Church site at Springlands, cost £200, no debt reported. *Note.*—Each of the above purchases was made without asking the sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

Christchurch (Addington).—(1) 22 perches purchased at Selwyn Street for Parsonage site, cost £230, debt £230; (2) Two roods thirty perches purchased in Milne Street for Tennis Courts, cost £125, no debt.

Christchurch (St. Albans).—Two roods twenty-three perches purchased at Repton Street, with 8-roomed house, cost £3250, portion of land resold of £1191, leaving a debt of £1950.

Rangiora.—Quarter-acre in High Street purchased as Parsonage site, cost £157/10/-, no debt.

The total value of the properties acquired is £5724/10/-, and the debts reported on them are £2680.

2. Erections and Additions.

- Auckland (West).**—(1) Sunday School enlargement at St. John's, cost £417, debt £100; (2) Additions to Sunday School and Church at Great North Road, cost £1259/16/6, debt £1081/5/-.
- Avondale.**—(1) New Parsonage at New Lynn, cost, without land, £944/12/-, debt £627/7/1; (2) Brick Church at Te Atatu, cost £600/16/1, debt £750.
- Papakura.**—Two additional shops on Great South Road, cost £1565, debt £1530.
- Whangarei.**—Addition to Sunday School, cost £594/6/1, debt £300.
- Hokianga.**—New Church at Kohukohu, cost £432/14/4, debt £224.
- Paeroa and Hauraki Plains.**—Erection of Church at Waitakaruru, cost £732, debt £350.
- Hamilton.**—(1) Sunday School at Frankton Junction, cost £673, debt £249; (2) Sunday School at Maeroa, cost £600, debt £233/8/9.
- Te Kuiti.**—Church and Sunday School at Otorohanga, cost £445, debt £150.
- Te Puke.**—Church and Sunday School in Oroua Street, cost £344/9/6, debt £390/15/8.
- New Plymouth.**—Enlargement on Church at Fitzroy, cost £233/11/10, debt £54/6/10.
- Hastings.**—Bible Class Rooms, cost £285/12/3, no debt.
- Dannevirke.**—New Sunday School, cost £927/18/3, debt £320.
- Sanson-Rongotea.**—Vestry at Taikorea, cost, in addition to free labour, £35/14/2, no debt.
- Palmerston North (Cuba Street).**—Brick Church, cost £5350, and alterations and additions to Sunday School, cost £500, total cost £5850, debt £1600.
- Wellington South.**—Three Classrooms at Island Bay, cost £284/16/7, debt £52/9/3.
- Wellington (Kilbirnie).**—(1) New Church at Miramar, cost £318/13/7, debt £250; (2) Erection of Classrooms at Maranui, cost £165/12/-, no debt.
- Levin.**—(1) Additions to Parsonage, cost £49/15/8, no permanent debt; (2) Additions to Church at Paraparamu, cost £83/7/10, no debt.
- Hutt.**—(1) New Infant Classroom, cost £348/2/5, debt £85/14/4; (2) Conversion of old Parsonage into a cottage, cost £447/5/-, debt £400. Let for 5 years at £65 per annum.
- Christchurch (Sydenham).**—Erection of new Parsonage, cost, without fencing, £1200, no debt.
- Christchurch (St. Albans).**—New Parsonage at Edgware Road, cost £1621/14/4, debt £738/10/-
- Ohoka.**—Vestry at Horrelville, cost £120, debt £43/7/7.
- Timaru.**—New Parsonage at Woodlands Street, cost £1273. Proceeds sale of old parsonage £885 applied to this. Transaction incomplete.

Willowby.—Bible Classroom and Vestry at Tinwald, cost £128/5/–, debt £45.

Oamaru.—(1) New Stone Porch at Oamaru, new Windows, and Choir Gallery, cost £421/12/11, no debt; (2) Enlargement of Vestry at South Oamaru, cost £30, no debt.

Dunedin (Trinity).—Sunday School building at North East Valley, cost £846/14/10, debt £260.

Port Chalmers.—Enlargement of Church at Sawyer's Bay, cost £116/1/1, no debt.

It will be seen that there has been considerable activity in Church building during the year, especially in the direction of erecting Parsonages and Sunday School buildings. The total amount expended on new erections and additions was £22,896. This added to the value of properties acquired by purchase or gift makes the considerable sum of £28,620/10/–. As several of the returns show expenditure for Church and Sunday School in the same items, it is not possible to say exactly how much has been spent on School accommodation, but the separate returns show that £5605 has been spent on Sunday School halls and classrooms.

3.—Sales, etc., Reported.

Auckland (Avondale).—Part of Parsonage land at Mt. Albert, for £781/19/–. Proceeds held for Church Building Scheme.

Onehunga.—Section at Hillsborough, for £30. Held for purchase of more suitable site.

Morrinsville.—One-third of an acre in Thames Street, for £350. Funds applied to reduction of mortgage.

Te Kuiti.—Sale of $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre, leasehold, at Otorohanga. Proceeds used towards cost of another section and erection of Church building.

Taumarunui.—Sale of one acre, part of land originally purchased for Parsonage site, price obtained £375, of which £94 was received in cash, balance to be paid on completion of transfer. Proceeds applied to reduction of debt on property purchased previously, but not yet reported.

Te Awamutu.—Sale of $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre at Pirongia, for £5. Proceeds to Trust Funds. This sale has not been sanctioned, and it does not appear to have been held under the Trusts of the Model Deed.

Christchurch (Sydenham).—Thirty-seven perches of Parsonage land sold, with house thereon, for £900. Proceeds applied towards erection of new Parsonage.

Christchurch (St. Albans).—Part of recently acquired property at Repton Street (see under Properties Acquired), for £1191.

Timaru.—Parsonage property at Arthur Street sold for £885. Proceeds applied partly to liquidation of liabilities and partly towards erection of new Parsonage.

Temuka.—Social Hall property sold for £307/10/–, this amount being held for future Trust purposes.

Invercargill (Central).—(1) Don Street Church Property, ¼-acre and building for £1150; (2) Don Street vacant section, for £400; (3) Northend Parsonage property (nearly ¼-acre), for £1000. The net Proceeds from these sales are to be applied to the new Church Building Fund.

4.—Current Accounts.

The following statement shows the transactions in connection with the Trust Accounts for the year ending September 30th, 1924, as compiled from the Circuit Schedules:—

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balances from last year	8,103 14 7
„ Credit Balances held for special purposes	16,549 10 11
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	5,697 9 3
„ Loans from other sources	14,258 17 8
„ All other receipts	66,746 19 9
Total Receipts	111,356 12 2
Debit Balances	12,433 0 9
			<u>£123,789 12 11</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Debit Balances last year	10,235 14 9
„ Loan Fund Instalments repaid	2,440 16 5
„ Other Loans repaid	10,070 10 8
„ Interest on Loans and Overdrafts	6,839 0 4
„ Purchases, Erections and Additions	34,504 15 7
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Repairs, etc.	29,456 8 1
Total Expenditure	93,547 5 10
Credit Balances	9,057 11 2
Balances held for special purposes	21,184 15 11
			<u>£123,789 12 11</u>

5.—Statement of Debts and Insurances.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debts, 30/9/23	115,969 3 8
Add New Loans received during year	15,083 7 7
			131,052 11 3
Deduct Loans repaid	14,902 13 6
Mortgage Debt reported, 30/9/24	<u>£116,149 17 9</u>

Total of Fire Insurances reported, £526,823.

There appears to be still a good deal of laxity in the preparation of the Property Schedules. District Secretaries report discrepancies in balances brought forward, and that in some cases no schedules are forthcoming. In several Home Mission Stations there does not appear to be any separate Trust Account kept, everything being paid out of the Circuit Fund. This is not only contrary to the rule, it is bad finance. Every Church should at least have income from its Anniversary Services.

The thanks of the Conference are due to the District Secretaries for their valuable services. It is evident from the correspondence that they are taking a very deep interest in their work, and their reports to the District Synods should prove helpful in dealing with property finance.

The following are recommended as District Secretaries for 1925:—

Auckland.—Mr. J. W. Shackelford.
 South Auckland.—Mr. F. G. 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 presented to the District Secretaries for their valuable services during the past year, and they be reappointed for 1925.
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 the Property Schedules from Home Mission Stations be sent to the Chairman of the District not later than October 31st, and after due scrutiny sent by him to the District Secretary without delay.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. That Circuit Superintendents be directed to see that all moneys raised for Trust purposes are reported on the Schedules submitted to the District Synods.
8. That where moneys are raised for special purposes it is desirable that they should not be used temporarily for other purposes.
9. 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.
10. 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 Year 1924.

The Cash Statement showing receipts and expenditure for the year ending 30th September, 1924, and the Balance-sheet of the Fund are presented herewith. The receipts, including a little over £2000 from the Centenary Fund and the balances brought forward amounted to over £7000.

New Loans were advanced to Trustees as follows:—Otorohanga, £150; Morrinsville, £100; Caversham, £240; Bombay, £300; Rototuna, £200; Opawa, £225; Reefton, £80; Avondale, £250; Tinwald, £50; Frankton, £249; Kerepechi, £80/14/1; Island Bay, £52/9/3; St. Clair, £500; Nelson, £115; Edgware Road, St. Albans, £650; New Lynn, £525; Te Atatu, £130; Dannevirke, £320; North East Valley, Dunedin, £260; Hokitika, £100; Cuba Street, Palmerston North, £1000; Waitakaruru, £350; and rates added to old loans, £5/12/7; making a total of £5932/15/11.

There are some cases of serious arrears in the repayment of loans. In each case the attention of the District Synod has been drawn to the facts. It is evident that the responsibility for repaying loans sits very lightly on the shoulders of some Trustees, and very little results from any resolutions that may be passed. Unfortunately, some Synods appear to regard it as their duty to excuse delinquents, instead of trying to persuade them to meet their obligations. Either some drastic methods will have to be taken to secure payment or there must be a writing off of some loans as bad debts.

Sales Sanctioned.

The following sales of property have been sanctioned by the Committee, and the Conference is asked to confirm them by resolution.

Te Kopua.—Mission property for £550, reserving $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre for cemetery purposes.

Auckland Mission.—East Street Hall, money to be invested and interest used for Mission work.

Onehunga.—Section at Hillsborough, proceeds to be used for purchase of a more suitable site.

Morrinsville.—One-third of an acre of surplus land for £300. Money to be applied to reduction of debt.

Waimana.—Half an acre and concrete building for £450, to be used as follows: £51/10/6 to pay amount due to Loan Fund; £31/9/6 to meet local liabilities at Opotiki; £160 to reduce debt at Taneatua; and £157 to reduction of Opotiki debt to the Loan Fund.

Taumarunui.—Sale of five sections at Rangaroa, originally purchased for Parsonage site, at £125 per section, proceeds to purchase or building of Parsonage elsewhere; one section reserved for future use.

New Plymouth.—Section at Korito, the Church having been moved to Westown.

Opunake.—Parsonage and land, proceeds towards cost of new Parsonage on another site.

Napier.—Strip of land at Greenmeadows for road widening

Palmerston North.—Parsonage with part of land. Proceeds to building new Parsonage on another portion of the property.

Hutt.—Church property (now unused) at Whiteman's Valley, proceeds to be used for purchase of sites in the Upper Hutt Valley.

Christchurch (Addington).—Parsonage and land, proceeds to be applied to purchase of another site and erection thereon of new Parsonage.

Spreydon.—Sale of part section to Christchurch City Council for £150.

Christchurch (St. Albans).—(1) Parsonage property at Rugby Street, for £1500; (2) Surplus land at Repton Street, proceeds towards purchase of new Parsonage.

Temuka.—Land with old brick building, proceeds to reduction of debt and improvement of other properties.

Invercargill (Central).—Jubilee Hall and land for £1800. Net proceeds towards erection of new Church.

General.

There is still a disposition on the part of some Trustees to regard the sanction of the Committee for the purchase of property, erection of buildings and even the sale of land, as a mere matter of form. The Committee sometimes has great difficulty in obtaining detailed information about properties which Trustees desire to acquire or to dispose of. If the Committee is to perform its duties satisfactorily it must be supplied with full information before giving its sanction to the proposals submitted.

That Conference be recommended to establish a Fund to subsidise local efforts to purchase Church Sites.

That the sources of the Fund be:—

- (1) Interest on investment of moneys held in Trust by the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund.
- (2) A grant of not less than £50 per annum from the Home Mission Fund.
- (3) An annual contribution from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.
- (4) Donations, bequests, etc.

The Fund shall be administered as part of the Church Building and Loan Fund.

Grants may be made towards the cost of purchasing land as sites for Churches subject to the following conditions:—

- (1) The purchase must be approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.
- (2) No grant shall be made until at least an equal amount has been raised locally from other sources.
- (3) Not more than £75 shall be granted towards the purchase of any one site.
- (4) The land when purchased shall be conveyed to Trustees under the provisions of the Methodist Model Deed.

If any land prove unsuitable for the purpose for which it was purchased the same shall be resold, and unless the proceeds are required by the Trustees for the purchase of another site, the same shall be divided

between the Church Building and Loan Fund and the Trustees of the land purchased, in proportion to the amounts contributed by them respectively towards the cost thereof.

The Committee recommends Conference to adopt a general rule providing that if a vacancy occurs in any Connexional Committee during the year, power be given to fill the vacancy until the following Conference.

The District Advisory Committees will be named at Conference.

The following have been nominated as the Committee for 1925:—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, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., (Treasurer), A. C. Reed, T. T. Robson, W. Dobbs, H. Harrison, S. H. Maddren, J. H. Jones, S. Harrington, and V. A. Sharp.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Cash Statement and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the fund for assisting the purchase of Church sites be established, but that its operations be deferred for a year.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the members 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 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, T. H. *Harrison*, Maddren, J. H. Jones, H. J. S. Harrington and V. A. Sharp.
4. That the sanction given 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 will lapse if not acted on by 31st March, 1926.)
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 Fund Committee from Circuits in charge of Probationers, and from Home Mission Stations, relating to Trust matters, be sent through the Chairman of the District.

8. That in addition to the Chairman of the District and District Secretary of Church Property, who are ex officio members, the following be the District Advisory Committees:—

Auckland—Revs. S. Griffith and E. Drake, Messrs. T. W. Jones and S. E. Chappell.

South Auckland—Members of District Executive.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. R. B. Gosnell, Messrs. E. Dixon and L. M. Moss.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—The Ministers of Palmerston North and Feilding Circuits, with Messrs. G. H. Stiles and F. S. Guy.

Wellington—The Ministers of Taranaki Street and Wellington South Circuits, with Messrs. W. H. Bennett and B. J. Lynneberg.

Nelson—The Ministers of the Blenheim Circuit, Rev. H. L. Blamires, Messrs. C. W. Parker and A. A. Lucas.

South Canterbury—The Ministers of Timaru and Temuka Circuits, with Messrs. W. G. Irwin and J. Holdgate.

Advisory Committees.

Otago-Southland.—The Superintendents of Trinity, Central Mission and Mornington Circuits, with Messrs. D. C. Cameron and J. B. Shacklock. Southland Sub-Committee.—Superintendents of Invercargill Circuits, and Mr. P. A. Pearce.

C.—REPORT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE AND CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS, 1924.

The changes in the personnel of the several Trust Boards have been duly certified, and sent to the Superintendents of the Circuits concerned. A full report was also sent to each District Synod.

Apparently it is not recognised with sufficient clearness that all Deeds which are clear from Mortgage encumbrances should be lodged with the Custodian. Cases have come to my knowledge where the Deeds have remained with the solicitors for several years after the mortgage has been paid off, and no one seemed to know where to look for them. Also when properties are acquired it sometimes happens that the Deeds are allowed to remain with the solicitors that prepare the Transfer. Sometimes no particulars whatever, not even the names of the Trustees, are sent to the Authorised Representatives. It is evident that registrations cannot be as complete as they ought to be unless full particulars are supplied. Attention was called to this last year, but apparently there is need to repeat the statements then made.

I would also remind Superintendents of the advisability of keeping their Trust Boards effective. In many cases the names of persons deceased and absent from the district are allowed to remain on the Register. Probably this would be remedied if all meetings of Trustees were summoned in writing, as they should be.

The fees received for registrations, etc., during the year amounted to £37 18s. This has been paid into the Connexional Secretary Fund.

SAMUEL LAWRY,

Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. S. Lawry be reappointed Custodian of Deeds.
3. 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 1925-6.

QUESTION XXXVI.—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.
3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. XIX.)
4. Probert Trust.
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. XX.-XXI.)
5. Prince Albert College Property.
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. XXII.)
6. Theological Students' Library Fund.
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. XXIX.-XXX.)

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

7. Grey Institute.
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. XXIII.)
8. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. XXIV.)

WELLINGTON.

9. Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. XXV.-XXVI.)

PROBERT TRUST BOARD.**Report for Year Ending October 31st. 1924.**

The chief matter of interest during the year has been the erection of the new building on the Queen Street property. In last year's report mention was made of the fact that the Board was calling for tenders for a building four stories high. Early in the year the tender of the Fletcher Construction Company was accepted, and the building is now approaching completion. Two out of four shops have been let at satisfactory rentals. An office on the first floor has also been let. Arrangements have also been made to remove the Methodist Board Room from the New Zealand Insurance Building to the new Probert Building. The whole of the top floor will be utilised for the purposes of the Methodist business in and around Auckland. It is expected the change will be accomplished by the 1st January, 1925.

There has been no change in the personnel of the Board this year. The full Board consists of Mr. G. A. Buttle (Chairman), Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., 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.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

REPORT ON PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST FOR 1924.

We have to report that the present mortgage is £4500.

During the year the question of the sale of the property to Neville Newcombe, who holds the lease of the property, was discussed by the Trustees. Mr. Newcombe had offered the sum of £20,000 for the freehold.

Whilst some of the Trustees thought it might be advisable to sell if £25,000 could be realised, it was finally resolved that no action be taken in reference to sale.

As there has been from time to time criticism of the position of this property, we wish to present a statement of the position of affairs, and the reason for leasing the premises.

The Conference of 1907 gave permission for the sale of this property, and every effort was made. The highest offer was £13,000. The mortgage and overdraft at that time were £8743, and the commission attendant on sale would have meant £9000, leaving only £4000 in hand and the property would have gone from the Connexion for ever.

The Trustees, instead of selling at the low price of £13,000, leased the property to Mr. Newcombe for 50 years at £696 per annum, from January 1st, 1908, subject to valuation for all buildings and improvements being paid at the end of the term, less the sum of £5000, the value of the buildings estimated January 1st, 1908.

J. W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Report for Year Ended 30th September, 1924.

The past two years have been strenuous ones for the Trustees, as the Renewals of Leases and matters arising from the Arbitrations, also subdivisions of some of the larger sections have necessitated many meetings and much consideration on the part of the Trustees, and a lot of detail work by the Secretary.

The Leases are now renewed for a further twenty-one years. Our proportion of the costs of the Arbitrations, awards and stamp duties amounted to £347/10/10.

The amount remitted to the Home Mission Treasurer was £400, and we have a balance in hand of £83/11/7, which is held for payment of Land Tax.

Next year we hope to remit about £600 to the Home Mission Fund.

For the Grey Institute Trustees,

T. R. RICHARDS, Chairman.

R. PEPPERELL, Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

REPORT OF WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS FOR 1924.

It is with feelings of thankfulness and pleasure that we are able to report a very satisfactory year in the operations of the Board with respect to the Children's Home at Masterton.

Full details will be placed before Conference through the report of the Local Committee—but we desire to record here our appreciation of the splendid work of the Matron, Sister May, her assistant, Sister Annie, the other members of the staff, and the whole-hearted support rendered by the Local Committee.

The number of children in the Home is growing, and we are hoping that during the present year the accommodation will be filled.

The Trustees ask for the reappointment of Rev. Clarence Eaton as Chairman of the Board, and of the Masterton Committee as now constituted.

Consequent upon the repayment of one of our mortgage investments, we have been able to pay off the balance of the loan owing on the Home, and the Board has now no liabilities.

Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the year are submitted herewith—those from the Home are submitted by the Local Committee.

Submitted on behalf of the Board,

W. C. HEMERY, Honorary Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. C. Eaton be reappointed Chairman of the Board, and that the Masterton Committee be reappointed as now constituted.

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

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, pp. XXVII.—XXVIII.)

REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE BOARD, 1924.

The Connexional Fire Insurance Board has pleasure in reporting to the Conference a successful year's business. During the past year additional risks have been accepted of nearly £52,000. On account of the large rebates allowed by the Board in accordance with the rates adopted by all the Insurance offices, the amount received for insurance levies was slightly less than for the previous year, but the revenue from investments shows an increase of more than £100. The income for the past year shows an excess over expenditure of £1572/14/10, which is £3/15/4 more than that of the previous year.

In accordance with the Conference Resolutions of last year, the following amounts have been paid to other Connexional objects:—Foreign Mission Fund, £100; Home Mission Fund, £100; Deaconess House Fund, £100; Benevolent Branch Supernumerary Fund, £100; Young People's Department, £100. Total, £500.

After paying the above and providing for claims admitted, but not paid when the accounts were closed, the total assets of the Fund were £17,012/16/3.

In view of the altered conditions in connection with re-insurance the Board does not consider it wise to recommend the distribution this year of more than £400, leaving £1172/14/10 to be added permanently

to the Accumulated Funds. The following are the appropriations recommended:—

Deaconess House Fund	...	...	£100
Supernumerary Fund (Benevolent Branch)	...	...	£ 50
Foreign Mission Fund	...	...	£100
Home Mission Fund	...	...	£100
Loan Fund (Church Sites)	...	...	£ 50
Total	...	...	£400

The Board strongly recommends the Conference to provide for the appointment of two additional members to the Board, making it consist of four (4) Ministers and six (6) Laymen. This has been approved by several of the District Synods.

The following have been nominated by the North Canterbury District Synod as the Board of Management for 1925:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. T. Fee, A. Peters, W. Laycock, Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Treasurer), Messrs. H. Holland, C.B.E., S. R. Webb, F. H. Christian, A. A. Sandford and W. J. Spratt.

ALFRED PETERS, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Report, the constitution of the Board be altered so that it shall consist of ten (10) members, four (4) of whom shall be Ministers and six (6) laymen.
3. 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 be the members of the Board for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. T. Fee, A. Peters, W. Laycock, Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Treasurer), Messrs. H. Holland, C.B.E., S. R. Webb, F. H. Christian, A. A. Sandford and W. J. Spratt.
4. That the past year's profits be appropriated as follows:—Deaconess House Committee, £100; Foreign Mission Fund, £100; Home Mission Fund, £100; Benevolent Branch of Supernumerary Fund, £50; Loan Fund (Church sites), £50; Total, £400; and the balance of £1172 14s. 10d. to be added permanently to the Accumulated Funds.
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 to helping other Connexional enterprises, to effect all their insurances with the Connexional office.
6. That the attention of Superintendents be called to the inadequate insurance of some Church properties.
7. That a communication re insuring voluntary Church workers be referred to the Fire Insurance Board for consideration.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1924.

As the work of the departments administered in this Office is dealt with in the several Reports submitted to Conference, there is no need to refer to them in detail. It is sufficient to say that in all of them the work continues to expand year by year.

The working expenses for the year have exceeded the appropriations of last Conference by £27 16s. 6d., reducing the credit balance to £13 4s. 11d. This is not a sufficient margin to work upon if all expenses are to be met as they arise.

The estimated expenditure for 1925 is £962. The following appropriations are requested:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £200; Fire Insurance Fund, £255; Supernumerary Fund, £215; Contingent Fund, £175; "Methodist Times," £70; Authorised Representative (say) £35; Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, £15. Total, £965.

When considering the appointment for Connexional Secretary for 1926, at which date the present appointment expires, it was stated that at the Conference of 1927, the Rev. Samuel Lawry would, if spared, complete the jubilee of his ministry. Gratification was expressed that he has been preserved in health and vigour to render conspicuous service for so many years in the active work of the ministry. The Committee expressed itself as desirous of retaining him in the Office until that time. The Committee therefore resolved that he be nominated for appointment for one additional year by the Conference of 1926.

The North Canterbury District Synod has nominated the following as the Committee for 1925:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents 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), with Messrs. L. M. Isitt, M.P., M. Kershaw, C. A. Newman, F. H. Christian, J. Lomas, W. Simpson, F. Thompson, J. C. Prudhoe, J. Hadfield, T. W. West, H. Chaplin and A. Sherris.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-sheet be adopted.
2. That the Rev. S. Lawry be thanked for his services during the past year, and that in accordance with the nomination of the Committee, he be designated for appointment to office for one year at the Conference of 1926.
3. That the members of the Committee be thanked for their services during the past year, and that the Committee for 1925 be as recommended in the Report.

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

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. XXIX.—XXX.)

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

1. The College opened on the third Monday in March, when the twelve students appointed by Conference came into residence. Work in accordance with the curriculum of studies has proceeded without interruption during the year. The men have been diligent and systematic in study and exemplary in conduct. With the exception of minor ailments, the general health has been good. A high ideal of College life has been loyally accepted, and in the regular devotional meetings spiritual culture has been given its due pre-eminence.

2. This year for the first time the College staff has been strengthened and the work made more thorough and effective by the setting apart of the Tutor in Classical Languages as a permanent member of the staff. The subjects taught by Dr. Ranston are indicated below, and his cordial and able assistance in the work of the College is deeply appreciated by the Principal. The only visiting Lecturer has been the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., who has maintained his high standard as a teacher of Mathematics.

3. The College has this year taken over the working of the Grafton Road Methodist Church, which is now known as the Collegiate Church. Three-fourths of the services are conducted by the staff and students. Dr. Ranston, who is in immediate pastoral charge, conducts a fortnightly Fellowship Class and gives not less than one afternoon a week to visitation, being assisted in this by three students each term. The students conduct the week-night service fortnightly, and, when not preaching elsewhere, attend the Collegiate Church on Sunday mornings.

4. The following awards were made at the close of last year's work. The "Edson" Prize (Greek) and the "Garland" Prize (Theology, Homiletics and Exegesis) were both won by Mr. H. G. Brown, with Mr. A. H. Voyce second in each competition. Mr. H. L. Fiebig was above the winner of the "Garland" Prize, but having gained this award in a previous year could not again hold the distinction.

5. Keen interest was taken in this year's elocution competition, in which the judges were the Rev. G. S. Cook, Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B., and Mr. N. H. S. Law. The tests included sight-reading of hymns and Scripture, a prepared reading from Shakespeare, and prepared speeches on "The Church Amid Present-day Tests" (senior grade), and on "The Minister as Evangelist" (junior grade). The prize winners were, in the senior grade (2nd and 3rd years), Mr. F. G. Brown; and in the junior grade (1st year), Mr. I. M. Raynor, each of whom gained 84 per cent.

6. The Course of Study for the year has been as follows:—

- (1) Systematic Theology. Sin, The Doctrines of Grace, The Church and the Ministry, The Sacraments, Types of Church Polity., The Last Things. Textbook for part of the above, W. N. Clark's "Outline of Christian Theology." Full discussion in bi-weekly lectures by the Principal.
- (2) Biblical Theology. The Theology of St. Paul. Textbook, "The Theology of St. Paul" (G. B. Stevens), Part IV. Weekly lectures by the Principal.

- (3) **Biblical Instruction.** St. Paul and His Age. The Times of the Apostle, his life, character, mind and place in the world's life and thought. The Pauline Epistles—their occasion, authenticity, date and contents. Weekly lectures by the Principal.
- (4) **Exegesis.** The Principles of Exegesis and a detailed study of the Epistle to the Galatians, and the Second Epistle to Timothy. Weekly lectures by the Principal.
- (5) **Homiletics.** Weekly lectures by the Principal on Sermon Preparation and Delivery, and on the Conduct of Public Worship, together with a study of Dr. A. C. Gillie's "The Minister in the Modern World." In addition, fortnightly criticism sermons have been preached and fully discussed in class.
- (6) **Greek.** Two senior and two junior classes have been conducted weekly by the Tutor. Senior work: Lectures on Syntax, and the reading of the following—Luke IV., John XIV. and other selections, Acts XX., Philippians I., 1 Corinthians XIII., James I., and selected passages from Josephus illustrative of early Christianity. Junior work: Accidence, easy New Testament passages. Textbook, Moulton's Introduction.
- (7) **Latin.** Two senior and two junior classes weekly in preparation for the Matriculation examination have been conducted by the Tutor.
- (8) **Social Economics.** A weekly class by the Tutor. Text-book, Chapman's "Outlines of Political Economy." Ground covered—Scope and Method, Demand and its satisfaction, Production, the Equilibrium between Demand and Supply, International Trade, Wealth, Markets, Competition, Fixing of Prices, etc.
- (9) **Mental and Moral Philosophy.** A weekly class by the Tutor in Psychology. Text-book, Brackenbury's Primer. Instruction has been given in the elements of the subject.
- (10) **English.** Two weekly classes by the Tutor. In the one, instruction has been given in Grammar, Composition, etc., and in the other there have been readings from standard authors.
- (11) **Comparative Religion.** A fortnightly class has been conducted by the Tutor.
- (12) **Mathematics.** Classes up to Matriculation standard have been conducted by the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
- (13) **Elocution and Voice Production.** A course of instruction has been given by Mr. Thomas Harris, professional elocutionalist.

N.B.—The Board of Studies is considering certain readjustments in the Curriculum with a view to giving a more thorough training in Biblical subjects. Suggestions to this end will be laid before the Board of Examiners and the next Conference.

7. The following are the particulars of University work done by students this year:—

- G. R. Peterson** (matriculation, 1924) has attended lectures and sat for Terms in Economics and Education, and has also attended the Latin Class in preparation for future work.
- J. H. Hall** (matriculation, 1923) has attended lectures and sat for the Terms examination in Pure Mathematics.
- B. R. Hames** and **M. J. W. Paulger** have attended lectures and sat for Terms in Economics and Mental and Moral Philosophy.
- A. R. Penn** has attended lectures and sat for Terms in History and Economics.

G. R. Harris and H. V. Utting (partial pass, 1922) are sitting for the Matriculation examination in December next.

N.B.—Mr. A. H. Voyce, who has offered for Foreign Mission Work, has taken courses of study in the St. John Ambulance classes in First Aid and Home Nursing, and passed the examinations with credit.

8. The Rev. E. P. Blamires has delivered a course of three lectures on Young People's work and Sunday School organisation, and the senior students have visited, under competent direction, certain graded schools in Auckland, and handed in written reports upon their observations to the Principal.

9. The students have conducted a full number of Sunday services in the Auckland city and suburban churches during the year. Several of them are undertaking supply work during the Christmas vacation. In September they conducted, with very considerable aptitude and encouraging success, an eight days' Evangelistic Mission at Penrose, in the Onehunga Circuit. They also provided the Chairman and one of the speakers at the Annual Foreign Missionary meeting in the Collegiate Church.

10. During the year the following have visited the College and addressed the students: The Rev. J. F. Goldie (Solomon Islands), the Rev. M. K. Gilmour (Papua), and Mr. Paul Kanamori (Japan).

11. Every attention has been given to the supervision of household affairs by Mrs. Laws, a sufficiency of domestic help has been maintained, and the welfare of the men has been well provided for.

12. Classes to assist Candidates for the Ministry and others were initiated early in the year. The whole work has been done by correspondence. Twenty-three students entered, of whom 20 took Theology, 21 Bible Knowledge, 12 English, 10 History, 10 Science, 9 Greek, 8 Geography, and 7 Mathematics. Many of these have done excellent work. In addition to the College staff, the Revs. W. G. Slade, M.A., and W. T. Blight, B.A., and Mr. C. R. Laws, B.Sc., have rendered valuable service in tuition.

C. H. LAWS,
Principal.

Auckland,
October 20th, 1924.

B.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The College opened in March, shortly after the resumption by Dr. Laws, lately returned from his visit to England and America, of his duties as Principal. This Committee records a year of very satisfactory work.

What requires special mention is the inception of the new organisation, in accordance with which Dr. Ranston commenced his work as permanent Tutor. As was anticipated when this arrangement was projected, this has marked a forward movement in the training of our Theological students, more personal oversight being given to them and to their studies than was formerly possible. The standard of excellence attained by the various men reflects great credit upon the Principal and his staff.

COLLEGIATE CHURCH.—At the beginning of April the College took over the Grafton Road Church from the Auckland East Circuit, so that, under the agreement made last year, this has for the past six months been worked as a Collegiate Church. The Principal and Tutor, with some assistance from the Students and from the Circuit preachers, have undertaken the supply of the pulpit and the other duties of the management of the Church. It is early yet to comment upon results,

but these are to be sought not only in the growth of the Church, but also in the scope afforded for the practical training and experience of the Students themselves.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES.—Classes for Prospective Candidates were established early in the year, but owing to an inadequate local roll, their operations were restricted to correspondence work. Good work was done, however, and the classes were the means of giving scholastic assistance to about a score of men in various parts of the Dominion.

TREASURER.—It was with great regret that the Committee acceded last year to the request of Mr. G. A. Buttle to retire from the Treasurership of the College. It has been fortunate, however, in securing the services of Mr. F. N. Winstone, who has been appointed as Mr. Buttle's successor. Mr. Winstone brings to the office wide experience gained in years of business life, and the Committee expresses the hope that he may be able to render long service to the College and to Methodism.

CONFERENCE REMITS.—The two matters remitted by last Conference—the stipends of Principal and Tutor, and the organisation of a modern Sunday School at the Collegiate Church (see Minutes, 1924, page 96)—received due consideration. It was felt that it would be inopportune, until the College is housed in its new quarters, and the lines of organisation become more defined, to take any action in these matters. The Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation at present.

The Committee regards the College work as being in a state of transition. It is fast outgrowing the equipment and accommodation at present available. All lines of development are converging towards the provision of greater facilities and the attainment of the highest efficiency in the training of the Ministry of our Church.

WILLIAM G. SLADE, Convener.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

The expenditure on maintenance of the College for year ended October 31st, 1924, has been £1714/10/1, £285/9/11 less than the estimate and only £174/12/4 more than last year.

The additional expenditure is accounted for by the appointment of Dr. Ranston as a permanent Tutor, and two extra students in residence. The number of students this year being twelve, as against ten last year.

NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE.—Under this heading may be brought the increase of £58 in furnishing, also the repairs to the tennis court, £24/10/9. This item is rather heavy, accounted for by the unfortunate fact that the court had to be tarred and sanded twice, heavy rain spoiling the first work.

It will be seen that the receipts and expenditure on Dr. Ranston's house have been treated separately, leaving a total debit balance on all moneys received of £64/7/2.

Of the amounts shown in last year's budget, the following have yet to be received:—

Probert Trust	...	£150	0	0
Contingent Fund	...	250	0	0
Prince Albert College	...	40	0	0
Auckland East	...	60	0	0
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		£500	0	0

which amount, less the debit balance of £65, leaves only £435 to carry on to March 31st, 1925, the amount required being double this amount.

Mr. H. H. Marshall has paid a further £10 off his indebtedness; neither Mr. Mogridge nor Mr. Attwood has paid anything.

It is fitting that I should close my report by expressing my high appreciation of the capable management of the College by Dr. and Mrs. Laws. The house management has been in the hands of Mrs. Laws, and the work has been carried out in a most efficient manner.

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

At a meeting of the Theological College Committee held on the 16th of February, it was decided to make accommodation for two extra students. This means an extra cost of £141 for the year 1924-25, made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Alteration to room, etc. ... ..	...	35	0 0
House allowance for two extra students	90	0 0
Quarterage for two extra residential students	...	16	0 0
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	£141	0	0
Quarterage for one out student	8	0 0
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	£149	0	0

BUDGET FOR 1924-25.

Receipts—

	£	s.	d.
Probert Trust	1260	0	0
Contingent Fund	575	0	0
Emsly Trust	110	0	0
Auckland East	100	0	0
Home Mission	75	0	0
P.A. College	50	0	0
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	2170	0	0

Expenditure—

House	650	0	0
Stipends	550	0	0
Tutors' Fees	40	0	0
Rents	218	0	0
Connexional	100	0	0
Quarterages (15 men)	120	0	0
Rates	75	0	0
University Fees	50	0	0
Telephones	30	0	0
Garden	50	0	0
Elocution	6	0	0
Insurances	10	0	0
Recreation	10	0	0
Furnishing	25	0	0
Repairs and Alterations	66	0	0
Interest, Tutor's Residence	120	0	0
Sundries	50	0	0
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	2170	0	0

FRANK WINSTONE,

Hon. Treasurer.

D.—NEW COLLEGE AND HOSTEL SCHEME—REPORT OF
COMMITTEE.

The Committee has given careful consideration to the steps to be taken to initiate the New College Scheme, and now submits the following proposals:—

1. That the Rev. Dr. Laws be appointed General Secretary of the New College Scheme, and that the Rev. Dr. Ranston and Mr. A. Peak be appointed Treasurers.
2. That the frontages of the buildings be erected of red pressed brick with white stone facings.
3. That the complete scheme of buildings provide for:—
 - A College Chapel.
 - A Principal's residence.
 - A Tutor's residence.
 - Accommodation for 50 men (including the Theological students).
 - Three class rooms.
 - A Library.
 - A Common Room.
 - Dining-room and Kitchen.
 - Accommodation for the domestic staff.
 - Suitable bathroom and lavatory accommodation,
 and that complete plans be obtained for the whole of the above, together with an estimate of cost.
4. That the architect, before preparing plans providing for the above accommodation, shall give alternative suggestions:—
 - (a) For a combined study and bedroom for each student,
 - and (b) For a separate bedroom for each student, with a study to be shared by two men.
5. That the plans provide for a building of three storeys, two only to be erected at present, and that foundations and walls be made sufficiently strong to carry the additional storey.
6. That a suitable Tower be erected over the entrance at the corner of Grafton and Carlton Gore Road.
7. That the following be the general disposition of the various parts of the College:—
 - Principal's Residence—North end of site, where parsonage now stands.
 - College Buildings—Remainder of Grafton Road frontage, and also facing Carlton Gore Road, western end.
 - Tutor's Residence—to follow on, Carlton Gore Road.
 - College Chapel—East end Carlton Gore frontage.
 - Library, Principal's Office, Reception Room, Class Rooms, etc., to be on ground floor.
 - Bedrooms, studies, bathrooms, etc., to be on first floor.
8. That such portion of the complete College be erected as may be judged best after the canvass for subscriptions has been carried out: and that until funds are available for the erection of the College Chapel, the present Grafton Road Church and School-room be removed to that part of the site set apart for the Chapel and used as at present—the church to be reduced in size so as to seat from 250 to 300 people.

9. Finance—

(1) The estimated cost of a two-storey building (not including the erection of a chapel) is £40,000, which, together with the approximate cost of the site, £7500, brings the total estimated sum required to £47,500.

(2) The following sums will be available to meet the cost:—

From Centenary Thanksgiving Fund (estimate) ..	£5000
From sale of Epsom site	4325
From Donations in hand	135
Accumulated interest to 1926	540

£10,000

(3) Canvass—

(a) That the next Conference be requested to sanction an appeal to the Connexion in 1926 for funds to carry out the scheme.

(b) That if possible Dr. Laws should undertake the canvass, and be set free from College duties for this purpose.

10. The Committee is at present considering the advisability of calling for competitive designs for the buildings.

It is earnestly hoped that the Synods will give careful and sympathetic consideration to the proposals for initiating this important and long-deferred forward movement, and that in due time the Connexion will respond liberally to the appeal.

E. DRAKE, Acting-Chairman.

C. H. LAWS, General Secretary.

Auckland, October 21st, 1924.

The Report and Budget were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., for his able services as Principal, and gratification be expressed at the work accomplished during the year. That Mrs. Laws be heartily thanked for her services in connection with the management of the College.
2. That the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., be reappointed as Principal of the Theological College for a further term of six years from 1926.
3. That Conference expresses cordial thanks to Dr. Ranston for his valuable services as Tutor, and records gratification upon the growing recognition of his scholastic standing.
4. That the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be thanked for his valuable services as Mathematical Tutor.
5. That the sympathy of the Conference be extended to Mrs. Ranston and Mrs. Burley in their illness.
6. That Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., be cordially thanked for his services as Secretary and Convener.
7. That Mr. F. M. Winstone be cordially thanked for his services as Treasurer of the College, and that he be reappointed, but that during his absence this year in England, Mr. G. A. Buttle be appointed Acting-Treasurer.

8. That Conference heartily adopts the Report and approves of the New College and Hostel Scheme, and commends the same to the prayerful and generous consideration of our people.
9. That the Theological College Board have power to select the architect or architects for the work, and proceed with the preparation of plans at once, on the general lines as sketched on pp. 91-92, Agenda, 1925.
10. That the following be the Committee for 1925:—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, W. A. Sinclair, W. A. Burley, M.A., E. Drake, A. B. Chappell, M.A., Dip. Jour., C. H. Olds, B.A., W. T. Blight, B.A., G. H. Findlay, M.A., T. A. Joughin, Messrs. A. C. Caughey, G. A. Buttle, G. Winstone, A. Peak, 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, A. C. A. Sexton, A. A. White, O. Paterson, R. C. Clark, M.A., A. Trenwith, and Hollis Cocker, B.A. (Cantab.), M.A. (N.Z.), LL.B.

STUDENTS' COST OF TRAINING.

The following regulations are adopted—

1. That while no student shall be excluded from the College benefits on account of inability to pay or arrange for payment of his maintenance, each student, who is in a position to do so, is expected to pay or arrange to have paid for him, the cost of his maintenance at the College, estimated at £60 per annum. (Note—No charge is made for Tuition; University fees and insurance of personal effects are paid by the Committee.)
2. That in cases in which the full cost cannot be met, payment in part of the same may be accepted, provided that the Treasurer is satisfied that all that is possible is given.
3. That after carefully considering the above regulations and consulting with their friends and Superintendent Ministers. Candidates be required to sign one of the appended declarations, which shall then be presented at the District Ministerial Committee and forwarded to Conference.

Form of Declaration to be Signed by Candidates.

To the Treasurer,
Methodist Theological College,
AUCKLAND.

I..... in consideration of my admission into The Methodist Theological College as a Student, undertake to pay the sum of £60 per annum, being the estimated cost of my maintenance during my residence therein in instalments or (I understand that Tuition is provided free and that my University fees, if any, are paid during my residence at the College.)

Signature of Candidate.....

To the Treasurer,
Methodist Theological College,
AUCKLAND.

I..... in consideration of my admission into The Methodist Theological College as a Student, but being unable to pay the whole cost of my maintenance, estimated at £60 per annum, during my residence at the Theological College, undertake to pay £.....per annum during my residence thereat, in instalments, or
(I understand that Tuition is provided free, and that my University fees, if any, are paid during my residence at the College.)

Signature of Candidate.....

We the undersigned, being acquainted with the facts of this case, hereby confirm the accuracy of the above declaration.

Signature of Parent or Guardian.....

Signature of Superintendent Minister.....

To the Treasurer,
Methodist Theological College,
AUCKLAND.

I..... declare that I am unable to pay or arrange to have paid on my behalf any part of the cost of my maintenance during my residence in the Theological College, and therefore ask to be allowed to lay the special circumstances of my case before the Treasurer I further undertake that should I during my residence become able to pay or arrange to have paid on my behalf any part of my maintenance I will acquaint the Treasurer.

Signature of Candidate.....

We the undersigned, being acquainted with the facts of this case, hereby confirm the accuracy of the above declaration.

Signature of Parent or Guardian.....

Signature of Superintendent Minister.....

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

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

In making my first report on the year's progress at the College, my first note must be one of thanks and gratitude to Almighty God. Without Him we can do nothing, and He has been pleased markedly to bless our endeavour.

At the beginning of the year we had practically no roll of scholars, but we, nevertheless, started in February with 28, and the average number of boys in residence throughout the year was 35. Of this number 12 were native boys, and the rest European. The bringing together of

the two races has been shown to be to their mutual benefit. With boys there is neither bond nor free; true worth is the touchstone by which they judge one another. They have worked together, played together, and prayed together, with race and class distinction forgotten.

Scholastically we have done well. Two intending candidates for the Ministry acted as assistants, and rendered excellent service. We had boys in every class, from the 1st standard up to matriculation. One boy obtained his Proficiency, two (Maoris) obtained their Competency, and one boy secured a partial pass in the matriculation examination.

The agricultural side of the College has received its share of attention. During the year we made a start in a pedigree Holstein herd, and we also established a good type of pedigree Berkshire pigs. This year we have commenced a small flock of stud Southdown sheep. We have been milking about 60 cows, have kept about 50 pigs, and have run 800 sheep. We have also done the usual cropping, ensilage and hay making, and have kept bees and poultry. Our purchase of the best in the various stock branches has been forced upon us. In the first place, if we are to educate boys for work on the land we must surround them with the best. Secondly, the best pays. If we undertake to do a thing, it is our duty to do it well. Otherwise we should leave it alone. Already the policy of the Board in stocking with the best has borne excellent fruits.

The health of the boys has been uniformly good, and smiling, happy faces have been everywhere in evidence. The tone of the school has been all that could be desired. We have opened each morning with prayer, Bible reading and usually a hymn. Very often we have a short devotional talk, or expository talk, or exposition of some Biblical subject. On Sundays, we have our own Bible classes, and in addition attend service either at Paerata or Pukekohe. The introduction of the prefect system has been most successful. We were fortunate to have as prefects for our first year boys of strong character and with sound Christian ideals.

So much for the past year. The coming year promises even more. Already, despite certain alterations and additions to enable us to take more boys, we have had to refuse about 20 applications. Fifty-five to 56 boys are enrolled. 17 of whom are native boys. A capable staff has already been engaged, and there is every promise of an excellent year's work. While most of the European boys are paying their way, the Board continues to help the Maoris and certain European boys by the remission of fees to a total amount of £900. This is, of course, without taking into account the already low regular fee which enables many parents to give their boys the benefit of a definitely Christian education which the higher fees charged by the ordinary boarding school renders impossible.

We cannot but be optimistic as to our future. Even in this our first year there has been a great need for additional accommodation, and many applications on behalf of worthy and desirable boys have had to be refused. This need will be even more pressing next year, and steps will soon have to be taken to meet it. It is a reproach to New Zealand Methodism that it should be doing so little towards the education of its young people, while in other lands the Methodist Church is doing so much. Our Church to-day must suffer a great drain of its best young men and young women through their forming friendships and religious associations at other Church schools, and thus becoming weakened in their allegiance to their own Church. If Wesley College, in addition to fulfilling the spirit of the Trust on which it is founded, can do something to lessen this reproach, the labours of those who have spent themselves to this end will not have been in vain.

In conclusion, I must thank the Ministers of our Church for their keen and practical interest in the College. It is to them we must look for recruits if our College is to be primarily of benefit to our Methodist people.

R. C. CLARK, M.A., Dip. Ed., Principal.
J. VEALE, Chairman.

REPORT ON PROPERTIES HELD BY WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE BOARD.

In making this report to Conference, the Board desires, as briefly as possible, to make clear the position of all our properties. A separate report on the College and its work will be submitted by the Principal.

- (1) **Paerata Farm.**—After many years of work in planting, fencing and improving, carried out by Mr. S. J. Ambury and the Rev. J. H. Simmonds, the farm is now in a condition to give good results, and for the first time shows a profit over working expenses. During the year a tractor has been purchased, giving an easier and quicker method of cultivation. A number of pedigree cows have been added to the dairy, and we are going in largely for pigs. Altogether, the farm outlook is very bright.
- (2) **Grafton Road.**—Most of this property has already been dealt with. There are a few sections coming into our hands later on, also the sections to be sold to the Theological College Board. Our income from this property at present is £1170 per annum.
- (3) **Waikowhai.**—This property has been surveyed, and cut up into sections for lease, and a portion is to be sold by auction next month. There has been no revenue from Waikowhai; it has been a burden for years past. We expect many of the sections will be sold, and that instead of a burden, it will soon become revenue producing. To make the best of it will require heavy expenditure during the next two years.
- (4) **Three Kings Farm.**—This property is leased for farming purposes at present, but has become too valuable to be used in that way. There are buildings going up all round it, and we cannot block the settlement longer by keeping it shut up. Plans for roading and cutting up have been made, but not yet put before the Road Board. It could be dealt with to great advantage almost at once.
- (5) **Mt. Albert Road Farm.**—This farm has been surveyed and cut into sections. Last year Conference gave consent to the sale of the sections facing the Mt. Albert Road, and a number of these have been sold. At a meeting of the Board, the following resolution was passed: "That Conference be asked to allow the Board to deal with the whole of the Mt. Albert Road Farm at its discretion." We estimate the cost of roading, etc., these valuable properties will be £100,000; given a free hand, we believe the Mt. Albert Road Farm will more than supply that amount. Every year Road Boards and Boroughs are making their roading conditions more costly, and in this way any serious delay will cost the Board many thousands of pounds.

J. VEALE, Chairman.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference consents to the sale by the Board of the Wesley Training College of the whole or any portion of that area containing 319ac. 3ro. 10p., more or less, being allotments 87, 87b, and 87c, Parish of Titirangi.
2. That the Conference place on record its great satisfaction with the work being done at Paerata, under Principal Clark, and accords him its very hearty thanks.
3. That the following be added as new members of the Board:—Rev. E. Drake, Messrs. J. W. Court and T. Clark.
4. That the request of the Board for direct representation at Conference be granted.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

(For Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. XXXI.-XXXII.)

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1924.

The Board has pleasure in presenting to the Conference its report for the year 1924. The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet also are presented herewith. These show the nature and amount of the investments, as well as the income and expenditure for the past year. It will be seen that the total revenue for the year was £10,951 12s. 10d., and the expenditure £8298 8s. 0d., leaving £2553 4s. 10d. to the Accumulated Funds, after adding £100 to the Reserve Fund. The total assets of the Fund now amount to £120,896 5s. 11d., and the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund is £1700.

During the year £7225 10s. 0d. has been paid as Annuities, and £185 as Furniture Grants. The number of Supernumeraries at present on the Fund is 38, and Ministers' Widows 33. Two Supernumeraries have died during the year, also one Minister in full work.

The average rate of interest earned on the mean Funds for the year was approximately 6½ per cent. The working expenses, including the cost of the last valuation report, amounted to £321 6s. 2d., which is a little over 8½ per cent. of the income from subscriptions and Circuit levies.

Of the Accumulated Funds, £92,450 is invested on mortgage, bearing interest at rates varying from 6 to 7 per cent. £23,806 15s. 0d. is invested in Government and Local Body Debentures. Of the low interest bearing Debentures taken over when the Fund was started in 1912, only one small lot remains unredeemed. The interest on the other Debentures varies from 5 per cent. to 6½ per cent.

Arrears of personal subscriptions and interest amount to £443 0s. 11d., including amounts due in lieu of Circuit levies by Ministers who are resting. The following table shows how arrears are distributed among the several Districts:—

Districts	Arrears			Interest			Totals		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	40	19	2	0	18	10	41	18	0
South Auckland	58	5	2	5	11	9	63	16	11
Taranaki-Wanganui	35	16	3	2	19	11	38	16	2
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	43	7	11	4	4	3	47	12	2
Wellington	136	7	11	13	1	8	149	9	7
Nelson	5	0	0	0	11	9	5	11	9
North Canterbury	41	12	9	13	1	8	54	14	0
South Canterbury	10	0	0	0	11	3	10	11	3
Otago-Southland	27	0	0	3	11	1	30	11	1
Totals	£398	9	2	£44	11	9	£443	0	11

The above has been somewhat reduced since the books were closed.

Acting on the authority given by the Conference of 1924, the Board has purchased a property, which with cost of transfer and other charges, stands in the books at £3436 19s. 3d. The Board has not yet seen its way to erect offices on the property, but buildings already there are bringing in a small rental. The Board is carefully watching the situation, and will proceed with building operations as soon as conditions are favourable.

As directed by the last Conference, the Board obtained legal advice with regard to the resolutions limiting the amount of annuity to be paid to those who were entitled to be paid not less than the Australian scale, so that they would not receive more than that scale of annuities, unless they should sign an agreement to forego their right to any larger annuities than provided by the New Zealand scale. Practically all signed the agreement, but the legal advice was to the effect that such an agreement could not be enforced, as not being in accordance with the strictly legal interpretation of the basis upon which the Ministers agreed to join the New Zealand Fund. This opinion was confirmed by the President's legal adviser. The agreements were therefore returned to all those who had signed them.

The Benevolent Branch.

During the year the Board has made grants to 13 different persons, principally widows with very small annuities. The total amount distributed was £167 7s. 3d. This branch of the Fund is very heartily recommended to the favourable consideration of those who desire an opportunity of helping those who are both needy and deserving.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The position of the Fund is set forth in the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance-sheet. The sum of £215 6s. 11d. has been paid to Home Missionaries who have retired, and £84 15s. has been repaid to the Treasurers of the Home Mission Fund in accordance with the Rules. The assets of the Fund have increased by £534 7s. 6d., and the total now amounts to £2750 17s. 2d. The amount of interest earned was £146 13s. 3d., which represents an average of about 6 per cent.

As directed by the resolution of last Conference, a statement, showing the amount credited to each Home Missionary as at 31st December, 1923, has been sent out, but the Table of Prospective Retiring Allowances showing how much would accrue over a period of years, and the probable amount payable to each beneficiary at the time of retirement, calculated on a 5 per cent. basis has not been prepared. Such a Table would not only be useless, but, owing to several variable factors, might be very misleading.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

This Fund is still small, as the number of Deaconesses employed is very limited. The assets amount to £608 19s. 10d., an increase during the year of £129 8s. 9d. Interest earned during the year amounted to £41 9s. 7d. Retiring Sisters have received £150 3s. 4d.

Board for 1925.

The retiring member of the Board is Mr. W. Dobbs, who has been a very useful member of the Board since 1913. The following are nominated as members of the Board of Management for 1925:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. Baumber, E. D. Patchett, P. R. Paris, J. Guy, W. A. Hay, Messrs. W. H. Seed (Treasurer), J. C. Prudhoe, G. Bowron, W. H. Foster, A. F. Drayton and A. Borrowes.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

WM. BAUMBER, Chairman.
SAMUEL LAWRY { Treasurers.
W. H. SEED }

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Supernumerary Fund, the Cash Statement 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 thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Management for their services during the past year, and that the following 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. A. Hay, Messrs. W. H. Seed (Treasurer), J. C. Prudhoe, G. Bowron, W. H. Foster, A. F. Drayton, and A. Borrowes.
4. That Resolutions 4 to 10 as printed on page 104 of the Minutes of Conference, 1923, be re-affirmed, also Resolution 10, on page 104, of Minutes of Conference, 1924.
5. That the following alterations be made in the Rules and Regulations of the Fund:—
 - (a) That Ministers' personal subscriptions to the Fund be paid direct to the Treasurers.
 - (b) That after one year, interest at the rate of 6 per cent. be paid on account of Circuit Levies payable by Ministers who are "resting," or otherwise personally responsible for the payment of such Levies.
 - (c) That in the Rule relating to repayment of "Furniture Grant," "compound interest" be substituted for "simple interest."

2.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. XXXIV.)

Report for Year ending 31st December, 1924.

We beg to report that the number of children on the Fund for the past year was 224, involving a payment of £2018 5s. Unless late notifications after the figures, the number of claimants for the ensuing 12 months will be 230.

This increase will require an additional sum of £54.

We would remind the Conference that in 1921 a loan of £300 for one year, free of interest, was made to the Contingent Fund. This loan has not yet been honoured.

If, however, the repayment of the amount will re-act upon the Circuits in an increased levy, we would suggest that the above sum be made a free gift to the Contingent Fund.

Careful attention has been given to the question remitted to us by the last Conference, concerning an increase in the Children's Allowance, and we are satisfied that the position does not warrant an increase at the present juncture.

For instance, the surplus on the past year's working was £116 17s. 6d., whereas £224 would have been required to increase the allowance to £10.

We note that the Wellington Synod is recommending a decrease in the levy to 9%. This, of course, would be possible for one year owing to the accumulated surplus, but without the credit balance with which we commenced the year, 9% would have been inadequate, and an overdraft at the bank would have been necessary.

Reference has been made in the Connexional paper, during the year, to the allowances paid by the respective Conference in the States of the Commonwealth of Australia.

In order that a truer comparison may be made, the following data is available from the Treasurers of the Australian Fund.

Conference	Levy	Allowance	No. of Children
*New South Wales	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	£10 10 0	315
Victoria & Tasmania	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	£12 0 0	344
South Australia	10%	£10 0 0	207
Queensland	†20%	£10 0 0	114
Western Australia	11%	£9 0 0	90
			1070

*Exclusive of Mission Districts.

†Children and Connexional Charges combined.

Our own table was as follows—

New Zealand	...	10%	£9 0 0	224
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Anticipating the question that will arise at Conference concerning the present Credit Balance of £386 18s. 7d., we would submit that the idea of a bonus to the present beneficiaries might not meet with favour, since the surplus is an accumulated one, and past beneficiaries, who are now off the Fund might legitimately claim to participate in the accumulated surplus.

At the same time, we think it should be remembered that the Fund has been created for a specific purpose, and it is questionable whether monies raised for this Department should be diverted into other channels.

We would therefore suggest for the consideration of the Conference, two alternative proposals to meet the difficulty.

- (1) That the Circuit Levy be reduced for one year only by 1%.
- (2) That a Compassionate Allowance be granted to deceased Ministers' indigent children, who are still on the Fund.

In the event of the latter proposal finding favour, we are of the opinion that a Committee, consisting of the President, all the Chairmen of Districts, together with the Treasurers of the Fund, should consider the matter and report to a later session of the Conference.

In order that we may be in a position to recommend to Conference the levy required for the Fund, the taxable amount of stipend should be known by us beforehand. We therefore suggest that the returns of stipends paid, as furnished now to the Contingent Fund Treasurers be made out in duplicate for our benefit, or that a copy be forwarded by the above to the Treasurers of the Children's Fund during the month of January.

E. W. A. KELLOW, }
WM. ROWE } Treasurers.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the sum of £300 lent to the Contingent Fund in 1921 be made a free gift to that Fund.
2. That in view of the fact that since 1920 an excess of £1000 raised for the Children's Fund has been transferred to the Contingent Fund, future assessments upon the Circuits be only according to the requirements of the Fund from year to year, as per Law Book, Regulation 306, par. 2, page 113.
3. That in cases where Ministers have legally adopted children, such children shall share in the benefits of the Fund.
4. That the children of the Revs. G. H. Findlay, M.A., and E. S. Emmitt be placed on the Fund.
5. That the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund supply the Treasurers of the Children's Fund with the Table of Stipends for the purpose of determining the levy.
6. That £200 be set apart as a Benevolent Fund especially for the children of deceased Ministers, such Fund to be administered by the Conference Committee on Grants for Affliction.
7. That grants, amounting to £70, be made in respect of two families of children of deceased Ministers who are still on the Fund.
8. That the cordial thanks of Conference be tendered to the Treasurers, Rev. W. Rowe and Mr. E. Kellow, and that they be reappointed.

3.—CONTINGENT FUND.

(For Statement of Income and Expenditure, see Appendix, p. XXXV.-XXXVI.)

(For Table of Levies, see Appendix, pp. LXI.-LXV.)

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. B. Scott and Mr. J. H. Blackwell, be cordially thanked for their services, and that Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., and Mr. J. H. Blackwell be appointed Treasurers for the ensuing year.
3. That the Contingent Fund Levy for the current year be 6½ per cent.
4. That, in future, the term "Grant for Affliction" be used in place of "Compassionate Allowance."

5. That £50 be paid from the Contingent Fund as a grant for affliction in a needy case.
6. That the Treasurers of the Contingent, Children's, and Removal Expenses Funds be authorised to refund the charges paid by the Auckland Methodist Mission during the past year, viz., Contingent Fund, £9 15s.; Children's Fund, £10 10s.; Removal Expenses Fund, £1 10s.
7. That half the Removal Expenses of Mahurangi be paid by the Contingent Fund and half by the Home Mission Fund.
8. That the sum of £100 be paid towards the travelling expenses of the Rev. E. S. Emmitt, one third (1-3rd) of the amount to be contributed by the Home Mission Fund, and two-thirds (2-3rds) by the Contingent Fund. Mr. Emmitt to give a guarantee of five years' service, failing fulfilment of which the sum of £20 be repaid by him for each year of service short of the period named.
9. That the action of the Ex-President be endorsed in the matter of the travelling expenses of the Rev. G. H. Findlay, M.A., viz., a guarantee of half the cost of his travelling expenses, provided that the sum does not exceed £150; the sum payable to be provided in the proportion of one-third (1-3rd) from the Home Mission Fund, and two-thirds (2-3rds) from the Contingent Fund. Mr. Findlay to give a guarantee of five years' service, failing fulfilment of which he shall repay one-fifth (1-5th) of the amount contributed towards his travelling expenses for each year short of the five years.
10. That a Committee be appointed to consider the question of the incidence of the Connexional Levies with a view to securing a more equitable method of assessment for the Contingent and Children's Fund. That the Committee consist of the Removal Expenses Fund Committee, with the Treasurers of the Contingent and Children's Funds, the Chairman of the District and the Rev. S. Lawry. Rev. B. J. James, convener. The members outside Christchurch shall be corresponding members. The Committee to report to Synods and Conference.

EQUALISATION FUND.

1. That the Rule providing for the payment of the expenses of lay representatives of Departments be altered so as to provide for the payment of the expenses of the Ministers of Departments, as well as of those of the lay representatives.
2. That the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund carry forward any surplus money in the Equalisation Fund Account after paying the claims of representatives' expenses to this Conference, to be added to the amounts raised for distribution in 1926.

4—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND—REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The amount received by the Treasurers of the Fund to 30th Sept., 1924, is £913 6s. 5d. This represents the total levy of 1 per cent. on ministers' stipends for a period of two years and 3 months, plus interest. At the end of the present connexional year the Fund should have

amounted to £1079 1s. 3d. This sum will have been contributed by the various Districts in the following proportion:—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	296	5	1
Auckland South	82	4	1
Taranaki-Wanganui	104	11	11
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	93	17	0
Wellington	114	6	2
Nelson	44	5	4
North Canterbury	177	5	0
South Canterbury	50	8	10
Otago-Southland	115	17	10

Total £1079 1 3

During the same three-year period the sum paid for Removals in the Districts was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	355	14	0
Auckland South	271	16	6
Taranaki-Wanganui	449	3	10
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	306	16	5
Wellington	434	2	6
Nelson	147	9	3
North Canterbury	265	16	4
South Canterbury	201	5	8
Otago-Southland	524	8	8

Total £2956 13 2

This amounts to an average per year of £985 11s. The total amount of stipends on which levies can be struck is £35,232. At 3% this will yield an annual income of £1056 19s. 3d. This year's removal expenses amounted to the sum of £1195. And, although the number of removals was abnormal, the figures suggest that it will not be safe to strike less than a 3½% levy.

With all the facts before us it is evident that the operations of the Fund will establish the principle that the stronger districts will help the weaker, and also the stronger Circuits help the weaker. As an illustration of the former statement, the amount of the removal expenses paid by the North Canterbury District during the past three years was £265 16s. 4d., and that of the Otago-Southland District was £524 8s. 8d. While the levies paid by the former were £177 5s., and by the latter £115 17s. 10d. As an illustration of the stronger Circuits helping the weaker, we find that the removal expenses paid by Auckland Central during the three years was £56 13s. 3d., and those of the Northern Wairoa Circuit £47 6s. 5d. While the levies paid by the former were £75 12s., and by the latter £22 10s.

Though the above may be extreme cases, and there may be exceptional circumstances, yet the illustrations represent the facts established by all data available.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Convener.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Fund come into immediate operation, and be given a trial over a period of five years.
2. That the levy for the year 1925 be 3 per cent. on stipends of Ministers.
3. That £5 per annum be charged on account of each Minister appointed to a Connexional Institution or Department.
4. That the Rules and Regulations of the Fund be printed, and a copy be sent to all Ministers and Circuit Stewards.
5. That any Circuit that has been reduced to a Home Mission Station during the past three years shall be entitled to a refund of all moneys paid by it into the Removal Expenses Fund.
6. That Rev. E. D. Patchett and Mr. W. H. Seed be thanked for their services as Treasurers of the Fund.
7. That the Rev. E. D. Patchett and Mr. A. A. Sandford be appointed Treasurers of the Fund.
8. That the following be the Committee for 1925:—Revs. W. A. Hay, E. D. Patchett, H. Ryan, P. R. Paris, B. J. James, Messrs. W. H. Seed, A. A. Sandford, M. Kershaw, F. Thompson, W. Dobbs and J. C. Prudhoe. Rev. B. J. James, convener.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Removal expenses shall be paid only on account of the Minister or Probationer, his wife, children, and adopted children, and (in the case only of a Minister who is a widower or bachelor), a house-keeper.
2. Removals within the bounds of a Circuit by appointment of Conference, but not otherwise, shall be a charge upon this Fund.
3. All Ministers applying to be removed from their Circuits before the expiration of three years, shall pay a proportion of their removal expenses; two-thirds if they remove after one year; one-third if they remove after two years—unless it can be shown to Conference that such removal is necessary.
4. All Circuits seeking a change of Ministers before the expiration of three years shall pay towards the cost of such removals: two-thirds if a change takes place after one year; one-third if the change takes place after two years—unless it can be shown to Conference that such removal is necessary.
5. Removals shall be effected by the cheapest route, first-class fare being allowed by rail or steamer.
6. Goods shall be sent by the cheapest route.
7. That when a Minister becomes a Supernumerary, his travelling expenses from the Circuit in which he terminates his active work to the place in which he intends to reside in New Zealand, shall be paid—up to £20—by this Fund, provided that such removal takes place during the Connexional year following the Conference at which he was made a Supernumerary.
8. That the removal expenses to their first place of residence in New Zealand of the widows and families of Ministers who die in active work, shall be paid by this Fund—up to £20—provided such removal takes place during the Connexional year following the Conference at which the death was reported.

9. That the levy each year shall be determined by the estimated expenditure, and shall be paid in equal quarterly instalments.
10. All accounts for removal expenses shall be submitted to the Treasurers, with vouchers (except for railway, coaching and steamer fares) not later than April 30th.
11. That not more than £2 2s. shall be allowed for packing and unpacking.
12. That when a Minister receives permission to rest for a year, his removal expenses shall be paid from the Circuit to which he was last appointed to the Circuit in which he resumes his active work.
13. That insurance shall be paid on all goods in transit.

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

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, pp. XLIV.-XLVII.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1924.

Our Reports to Synods are necessarily incomplete because accounts are closed on 31st December, and statistics are not received from Solomon Islands until after the District Synod. There are indications of good progress, especially on our newest station on the island of Bougainville. The Chairman has recently sent three new teachers there from the Institution. He states that it is highly desirable that a third white man should be stationed there next year.

Staff.

Our staff has been increased during the year by the designation of Rev. H. G. Brown to Foreign Mission Work. He has been sent to Bougainville to assist Rev. A. H. Cropp. Another addition has been made in the appointment of Miss Lina Jones, who is at present at Roviana. Miss Ada Saunders has had to return to New Zealand in consequence of two attacks of blackwater fever. Miss Elizabeth Trott has been appointed to fill her place, but so far has not been able to go on account of illness. Rev. E. O. Haddon also, the first Maori to be appointed to Foreign Mission Work, has unfortunately been unable to fulfil his appointment through the serious ill-health of Mrs. Haddon. The Mission Board has postponed their departure until after the Annual meeting and Conference. Meanwhile the Home Mission Department is finding employment for Mr. Haddon in the Rangitikei District. Rev. J. F. Goldie took his furlough at the beginning of the year. He was present at the Annual Meeting of the Board, and spent two months of successful Missionary advocacy in the North Island. He was accompanied by two Solomon Islander youths, Opeti and Gina, who won golden opinions everywhere during their tour in the Dominion. Rev. A. A. Bensley arrived for furlough on 30th September, and is now engaged in deputation work in the South Island. Mrs. Bensley, who had been in the country for some time, is accompanying him in his travels and is addressing meetings and rendering much assistance to the cause. There are at present no Sisters accepted for the work or in training. We ask our ministers to look out for suitable young women and to encourage them to consider the question of offering themselves for this ministry.

Finance.

It is impossible to forecast the final result of the appeal this year. There are increases in some of the Circuits in the North Island, but they are not of sufficient magnitude to awaken the hope that the £13,000 asked for will be subscribed. A few Circuits in the North Island have not remitted anything, and a number have not sent their final contribution. The appeal in the South Island is in progress at the time of writing. The income up to October 15th is £7661. Another £1000 has been received from the Centenary Fund and is set apart for building purposes according to Conference directions. Legacies of £50 from the late Mr. S. P. Brown, of Whangaroa; £50 from Miss Elizabeth G. Cheyne, of Invercargill, and £25 from Mrs. Elizabeth Spite, of Dunedin, have been received. A legacy of £500 from the late Mr. Wm. Winstone, of Mt. Albert, has been announced. The Board is grateful for these evidences of interest in the great work by those who have passed away from us. A new launch has been purchased for Senga. £500 of the cost has been paid out of the Equipment Fund. A new engine has been purchased for Rev. A. H. Cropp's launch, at a cost of £200.

Publications.

"The Open Door," under the able editorship of Rev. A. Liveridge, maintains its popularity. The circulation has increased: of the last issue 5,400 were printed. The children's paper, "The Lotu," which Rev. E. P. Blamires conducts with skill, has also increased its circulation. The number published is 6300. With regard to both publications, except in a very few instances, the bills sent out are duly paid. Much diligent and faithful work is done by agents of "The Open Door," and thanks are hereby presented to them.

Women's Auxiliaries.

The Women's Auxiliaries and the M.W.M. Union continue to render invaluable service. It is hard to say what the Executive would do without them, especially in matters connected with the work of the Mission Sisters. The Sisters' salaries have been paid to the Treasurers in advance since all moneys have been paid through the Union. The method, adopted this year, of crediting the various Circuits with the amounts raised within their borders, appears to give general satisfaction.

Miscellaneous.

Our General Secretary, Rev. W. A. Sinclair, left New Zealand for England, on leave of absence, on 28th March, and is expected to return about the third week in December. The Acting-Secretary has received much assistance from Messrs. Court and Mackay. It may be said that whatever has been done through the year has been done by the three jointly.

The transfers of properties in the Solomon Islands to the N.Z. Trust Association have been executed, and the documents have been sent to the Islands for final registration. Mr. A. Peak has devoted much time and labour to our interests in this and other matters.

Mr. Leonard Knight, A.P.A. (N.Z.), etc., has been appointed Auditor. He has thoroughly examined the accounts of the Society and found them in order.

Rev. W. W. Avery kindly consented to act as Deputation in the Nelson District, in place of Rev. A. A. Bensley, who was not able to reach the Dominion as early as had been arranged.

Mr. E. T. Sayers, our Medical Student, finishes his studies in Dunedin this year. His course so far has been marked by unvarying success. Next year will be spent in gaining experience in some hospital in the Dominion in further preparation for work on the Mission Field.

The thanks of the Board are presented to District Committees, District Secretaries, Circuit Committees and Secretaries, Deputations, Collectors and all workers who have rendered assistance to our cause during the year.

E. DRAKE, Acting-Chairman.

G. T. MARSHALL, Acting-Secretary.

October 15th, 1924.

The Report and Financial Statement were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. (a) That a special effort be made this year to lift the Missionary income to a higher level in order to provide sufficient funds for the adequate support and extension of the work.
- (b) That the March Quarterly Meetings in the North Island and the June Meetings in the South Island be instructed to give special attention to the organising of the campaign. That all Circuits be urged to place the Missionary Appeal in the forefront of its work, and by means of education and more efficient organisation raise their share of the amount required.
- (c) That a special statement be sent to every Circuit emphasising the facts in connection with the position of our Missionary finances; the statement to be signed by the President of the Conference.
- (d) That a week of prayer and sacrifice be held in every Church during the week prior to the Annual Missionary services and meetings, and that the fruits of sacrifice be placed on the offertory plates at the services and meetings.
- (e) That the General Secretary devote himself this year as much as possible to the visitation of Circuits whose contributions are below the general level, and confer with Ministers and officials with a view to the improvement of Circuit organisation.

2. That the following be the estimates of income for 1925:—

New Zealand	...	£15,000
Solomon Islands	...	3,000

3. That a statement be sent to the Mission District Synod of the approximate amount available for expenditure in the District during the following year, and that the Synod base its estimates of expenditure for the year on that amount.

N.B.—This does not debar the Synod from submitting proposals and estimates for extension work in the District.

4. The Conference expresses its strong desire that wherever possible a representative of the Solomon Islands District be present at the Annual Meeting, and at the Conference, and that representation to that effect be made to the Solomon Islands District Synod.

5. That the money received from the Centenary Fund, amounting to £5000, be allocated as follows:—New buildings on the Mission field, £2000; Hospital, £1500; Launch, £500; the allocation of the remaining £1000 to be considered by the Board during the year.

6. That the whole subject of Plantation Management and Trading Operations of the Mission be carefully considered during the year with a view to the formulation of a definite policy in connection therewith; that information be sought from other Missionary Societies with regard to trading methods adopted by them.

7. That the Banga Plantation for the present be financed by a guaranteed bank overdraft.

8. The Conference directs that all collections and other money contributed to the Foreign Mission Fund shall not be retained in Circuit accounts, but shall be immediately handed over to the Circuit Missionary Secretary, who shall, without delay, remit to the General Treasurers of the Fund.

9. That in consequence of the difficulty experienced in arranging and carrying through our Missionary meetings owing to the uncertainty of and changing of dates of arrival of Missionaries for furlough, the Conference strongly urges the Chairman of the Mission District to send early and definite news of furloughs and dates when deputation work can be commenced, and to see that the dates thus announced are observed.

10. Sunday Schools and Foreign Missions.

That all Sunday Schools be urged to have a special Missionary service on or near Missionary Sunday.

- (1) That this be prepared for by a week of self-denial or sacrifice.
- (2) That each scholar be encouraged to come forward and place his or her offering in a suitable receptacle.
- (3) That, if possible, a native bowl, or canoe, or something of that nature be used for the reception of the offering.
- (4) That a special Missionary address be delivered at each service.

11. That the Conference heartily congratulates Dr. E. G. Sayers on the successful completion of his medical course, and anticipates with pleasure his appointment to the Mission field in the near future as our first Medical Missionary.

12. That the Conference expresses its great pleasure and gratification at the proposals of the Young Men's Bible Class Movement to raise a specified sum per annum to assist in the support of a Medical Missionary.

13. That an additional Minister be appointed to the Roviana Circuit to permit of the appointment of a third Missionary to Bougainville.

14. That Mr. A. H. Voyce, a theological student who is entering his third year, having volunteered for the Foreign Mission field, be designated for appointment to the Solomon Islands District next year.

15. Probationers in Foreign Mission work—

- (1) That Probationers accepted for Foreign Mission work shall not marry without the permission of the Board of Missions.
- (2) That the Chairman of the Foreign Mission District shall report to the Examination Committee as to the progress made in the acquisition of the native language and in their general studies, by the Probationers who are in their first year on the Mission field.

- (3) That in the case of Probationers who have offered and have been designated for Missions, the Board of Examiners may substitute two specific Missionary subjects for two non-compulsory subjects in each year of probation, provided that the substituted subjects shall be mutually agreed upon by the Mission Board and the Board of Examiners.
- (4) That the first two years of probation, except in special cases, shall be spent in the home work.
- (5) That Missionary books, under a separate heading, be placed on the list of books for Probationers' reading.

16. That the Conference send its hearty greetings to the New Britain Mission District on the attainment of its jubilee.

17. That the Board consider during the year the most suitable method of marking the semi-jubilee of the Solomon Islands Mission, which takes place in 1927.

18. That the Board consider arrangements for the publication of the story of the Mission, the book to be issued as a semi-jubilee volume.

19. That the principle of the representation of Women's Auxiliaries in the Circuit Quarterly Meeting be affirmed, and that the Board consider how it may be put into operation and report to next Synods and Conference.

20. That the Conference expresses its gratitude to God at learning of the consummation of Methodist Union in Tonga. It desires to record its high appreciation of the efforts of Her Majesty Queen Salote to bring about this result, and its admiration of the statesmanlike qualities exhibited by the Rev. Rodger Page, in forwarding the interests of Christian Union in the Friendly Islands. It places on record its thanks to the Tongan Church for the gift of many devoted workers for our Solomon Islands Mission field, and prays that in facing its present problems and in prosecuting its future activities it may experience the richest blessing of the Most High.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Board of Missions in Australia, to Queen Salote, and to the Rev. R. Page.

21. The Conference expresses its sincere regret that the Rev. J. G. When has been compelled for health reasons to retire from the position of General Secretary of the Australasian Methodist Missionary Society. It acknowledges the splendid Missionary leadership and statesmanship displayed by him during his long term of office. The Conference deeply appreciates the valuable service rendered by him to the New Zealand Church in connection with the transfer of the Solomon Islands Mission to this Conference, and prays that he may have a long and peaceful eventide with many opportunities of assisting in furthering the great Missionary Cause.

22. That the hearty congratulations of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. J. W. Burton on the occasion of his appointment as General Secretary of the Australasian Methodist Missionary Society.

23. That the attention of the young women of our Church be called to the great need for lady teachers to assist in the educational work of the Tongan Church, and that they be urged to consider favourably this opportunity for rendering service in a field to which our Solomon Islands Mission is so deeply indebted. That a copy of this resolution be sent from the Conference to the Y.W.B.C. Union.

24. The Conference desires to express its thanks to the members and adherents of our Church in providing the sum of £11,832 7s. for our Foreign Mission work; it further desires to thank Circuit and Local

Secretaries, Collectors and "Open Door" Agents, and all who have assisted in any way in the Missionary effort of the year. It commends our Foreign Mission Fund to our people, and calls upon them to respond to the challenge to raise this year £15,000, and by so doing, enable our Foreign Mission Board to carry out its programme and to develop the work.

25. The matter of the advisability of sending a photographer to the Solomon Islands, for the purpose of securing views of the various phases of Missionary enterprise and activity, and for the production of at least two sets of lantern slides, was referred to the Board.

26. That the Board be recommended to secure a film, with Dominion rights, of the Solomon Islands, prepared under the direction of the Rev. R. C. Nicholson, and that authority be given to make arrangements for the exhibiting of the film. The Board was recommended to consider devoting the proceeds of the exhibition of the film towards the liquidation of the Australasian Foreign Mission Board's liabilities.

27. The Conference expresses hearty appreciation of the valuable work of the Women's Missionary Union and the Women's Auxiliaries. It urges all Circuits to establish branches of the Women's Auxiliary, and, where this is not possible, to hold at least one meeting of women during the year in the interests of Missions.

28. That the Treasurers, Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court, be heartily thanked for their services, and be reappointed.

29. That Rev. G. T. Marshall be thanked for his services as Acting-Secretary during the past year.

30. That Rev. W. A. Sinclair be thanked for his valuable services.

31. **Mission Board for 1925.**—That the following be the Board of Missions for 1925:—The President of the Conference (Rev. T. R. Richards), Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A., the General Secretary (Rev. W. A. Sinclair), the Treasurers (Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court), Mesdames G. Bowron, T. R. Hodder, T. H. Stevens, Miss Carr, the Chairman of the Auckland District, Revs. Dr. Laws, B.A., Dr. Ranston, M.A., A. Liversedge, W. A. Burley, M.A., C. H. Olds, B.A., S. Lawry, M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. Beckett, W. W. Avery, Messrs. G. Winstone, W. S. Mackay, F. W. Stone, A. Peak, J. P. Blair, J. E. Astley, A. J. Buttle, L. Joll, F. Thompson, B. J. Lynneberg, T. R. Hodder, C. Carter.

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—Rev. S. J. Werren.

South Canterbury—Rev. H. J. Odell.

Otago-Southland—Rev. A. Hopper.

District Missionary Committees.

Auckland.—The Chairman of the District, Dr. Ranston. Revs. A. Liversedge, J. E. Parsons, J. Richards, A. Reader, C. H. Olds, B.A., Messrs. W. S. Mackay, F. G. Steinert, S. E. Chappell. Rev. A. Liversedge, convener.

South Auckland.—Include in District Executive.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. E. T. Cox, W. H. E. Abbey, W. W. Avery, W. T. Hooper, Messrs. W. G. Bassett, F. J. Denton, S. J. Goodey, F. Whitlock, Stanley Newsome, Mesdames Gilling, Goodey, E. R. Morgan, Lumley, Warwick, Miss Coleman and Miss Hartnell. Rev. W. W. Avery, convener.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendents of Palmerston North, Feilding and Hastings Circuits, Messrs. T. R. Hodder, J. Harding, C. E. Taylor, and Mrs. H. E. Pacey. Rev. F. Copeland, convener.

Wellington.—Included in District Executive.

Nelson.—Revs. H. L. Blamires, H. L. Richards, Mesdames, H. L. Blamires, Kemp, Misses D. Nightingale, V. Smith, Messrs. S. Gorman, A. A. Lucas, M. Smith, A. G. Nightingale, R. Marshall. Rev. H. L. Blamires, convener.

North Canterbury.—Included in District Executive.

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

Otago.—Included in District Executive.

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

(For Statement of Income and Expenditure, see Appendix, pp. XLVIII.—LII.)

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENTAL REPORT.

The retirement of the Rev. T. G. Brooke from the office of General Secretary, which office he had filled with conspicuous devotion since its inception, and the decision of the Conference to co-ordinate the Home and Maori Mission Work by the establishment of a General Superintendency of the whole Department, have very naturally led to many changes in methods and organisation.

The Board now meets Quarterly instead of bi-monthly, and a strong Executive Committee deals with routine work, and with any urgent matters that are not sufficiently debatable to justify calling of a Special Meeting of the Board. The attendance at the July meeting constituted a record, 40 members being present.

Sub-Committees have done good work in investigating and organising certain important matters, such as the 1925 Spiritual Advance Campaign, the establishment of a Literature and Colporteur Society, the revising and printing of the Maori Service Book, etc.

The majority of the District Committees have also been actively considering progressive measures, and some of the Chairmen of Districts have rendered the Department exceptional service.

An effort has been made to raise the status of the Annual H.M. Services and Meetings, and to make them a means of inspiration to the local work, as well as instructive from the Home Mission and Connexional standpoints. It also seemed necessary to stir the imagination of our people in connection with our historic and extensive Maori Mission operations, and, with these purposes in view, an itinerary was arranged by which the General Superintendent, accompanied by a party of representative Maoris from our tribes, would cover practically the whole of the Dominion before next Conference.

So far the results have amply justified the additional work and expense entailed, and the Circuits, Home Mission Stations and Maori Circuits visited have shown great appreciation.

In official co-operation with the Chairmen of Districts we have been making a definite attempt to encourage every Aided Circuit and Home Mission Station so to develop and organise their activities and finances that, should they require further grants, the Conference and the donors to the Fund may have evidence that such grants are being made only to those who are doing their utmost to help themselves and who are also carrying on those types of work for the support of which the Fund exists.

With but three exceptions, the Conference appointments have been kept during the year. Mr. Parker was physically unfit to take up his appointment at Ohaeawai, and after six months' rest was appointed to Stratford (Douglas). Rev. T. F. Watson, for family and health reasons, declined the Supply Appointment to Mosgiel. Mr. J. W. Bayliss, on account of ill-health and in the interests of Patea, was transferred from Kaukapakapa to Patea in August.

During the year three candidates for H.M. Work, Messrs. Jas. Grindlay (M), W. H. Wilson (M), and A. Ashwin (S) have been received on probation, and appointed to Mosgiel, Kaukapakapa and Ohaeawai respectively.

Mr. A. F. Atwood is retiring voluntarily from the work in November.

Mr. J. Colin Gill, a young man accepted in England by Rev. W. A. Sinclair, on behalf of the Committee, is expected to arrive about the middle of December.

Mr. Sinclair reports that while much correspondence is reaching him from married and otherwise unsuitable applicants, he does not see much prospect of securing the services of many suitable single men.

Three H.M. Appointments are filled with supplies, and there are still eight vacancies, three at least of which should be filled at the earliest possible moment. But, as the Conference H.M. Committee had to appoint 15 of our Agents to fill vacancies left by the Stationing Committee, it will be seen that the real shortage, strictly speaking, is not in our Department.

The Maori Work is the subject of a separate report.

One of the most important matters the Board has in hand this year is the preparation for the 1925 Spiritual Advance Campaign.

A strong sub-committee was appointed immediately after Conference, and, in correspondence with the District Committee, has thoroughly investigated the whole question. Rev. Dr. Ranston, as Convener of the Committee, has rendered invaluable service.

In connection with the preparatory work, many successful Fellowship Circles have been established, and a number of inspiring Missions have been held. A certain amount of preliminary organisation has also been completed.

A series of resolutions dealing with the Campaign will be forwarded, with other general resolutions, to the Synods and Conference. It is confidently anticipated that the year 1925 will begin a new era of Fellowship and Evangelism in the history of our New Zealand Church.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

E. DRAKE, Acting-Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-sheet be received and adopted, and that the Capital Account for 1924 be received and adopted.
2. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure be received and adopted.
3. That the hearty thanks of Conference be tendered to the General Superintendent, Rev. A. J. Seamer, for his services during the past year.
4. That the cordial thanks of Conference be presented to the General Treasurer, Rev. George Bond, for his invaluable services, and that he be reappointed.
5. That Mr. J. Veale be heartily thanked for his services as Lay Treasurer, and that he be reappointed.
6. That Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., be the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board.
7. That the Conference direct that the Secretary of each District Synod shall, immediately after the close of Synod,
 - (a) Forward to the General Treasurer a copy of the list of the estimates of income and requests for grants, together with the Circuit balance-sheets required.
 - (b) Forward to the General Superintendent a copy of all resolutions affecting the boundaries of Circuits and new Stations, the number of Ministers, Probationers or Home Missionaries required, applications by Ministers for permission to rest, or become Supernumeraries, and names of Candidates for the ministry recommended for acceptance.
8. That the regulation, providing that seven years' service shall qualify a Home Missionary Probationer for full status as a Home Missionary, be rescinded: and that Home Missionary Probationers be given full status only after having passed the prescribed examination, or by a special vote of the Home Mission Board.
9. That the name of any Home Missionary retiring after lengthy and honourable service may, on the nomination of the Home Mission Board, be placed on the retired list, and shall remain thereon so long as he continues in active membership with the Church, and does not carry on any trade, business or secular profession. That all names on the retired list be retained on the list of officiating Ministers under the Marriage Act.
10. That the rule, requiring the Chairmen of Districts to send on to the President the names of Home Missionaries that they desire to have placed on the list of officiating Ministers under the Marriage Act, be rescinded, and that the General Superintendent be authorised to attend to this matter.
11. That in the interests of the Districts themselves, and also of the co-ordination of the Home Mission work throughout the Dominion, it is highly desirable that the General Superintendent should attend personally, or be represented by his assistant, at as many District Synods as possible, in order that full information may be available concerning all matters relating to the work of the Department.
12. That the District Chairmen have power, should they deem it advisable, to appoint a Home Missionary to the District H.M. Committee.

13. That the 1925 March Quarterly Meetings and Preachers' Meetings shall carefully and sympathetically consider, as a matter of urgent importance, the question of the training of more young men as local preachers.
14. That the Home Mission Board review, between Synod and Conference each year, all resolutions of Synods concerning (a) the appointment of additional agents; (b) alterations of Circuit boundaries; and, (3) new stations, and report the findings thereon to the Conference.
15. That the Conference expresses its gratification at the increased support being given to the Home Mission Fund. While not altering the Circuit estimates as decided upon by the Synods, the Conference appeals to the whole Church to take a still greater interest in the great work that is being done by our Home Mission Department, and requests that £1000 over and above the estimates be raised this year for the General Fund, and an additional £1000 for the Literature and Colporteur Fund.
16. That the Conference require all aided Circuits and Home Mission Stations to establish some properly organised system of finance other than collections; and also to make at least one special effort during each year for the Circuit Fund. That after 1926 no grants be made, save in exceptional cases, to Circuits or Stations which have refused to carry out this regulation.
17. That the Home Mission Treasurer make remittances for the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund direct to the Treasurers of the Fund.
18. That the H.M. Board take into consideration the advisability of basing the estimates for Circuit contributions on some more equitable basis than that now prevailing; and that it report to the Synods of 1925.
19. That the whole question of the Regulations of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund be referred to the Home Mission Board for enquiry and report.
20. That the standard stipend for married Home Missionaries be £200 per annum; for unmarried Home Missionaries, £150; for married Home Missionary Probationers, £180; for unmarried Home Missionary Probationers, £140.
21. (a) That W. T. Hooper, a Senior Home Missionary, having offered his services to the Department for special evangelistic work, without financial guarantee from the Church, the Conference expresses its appreciation, and acceptance of the offer, and agrees that he work under the direction of the Home Mission Board in the country districts.
 (b) That, at the close of each mission conducted by Mr. Hooper, a thank-offering be received by the stewards and handed to him; the amount of the offering to be at once reported by the stewards to the Home Mission Board.
 (c) That, if necessary, Mr. Hooper continued for a short period in the ordinary work.
22. **Gipsy Smith.**—That the Conference, having been informed that this distinguished Methodist Evangelist personally views with favour the suggestion that he should visit Australia and New Zealand in 1926, instructs the Home Mission Department to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the visit, and to secure the co-operation of the other evangelistic Churches.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That a Minister, with special gifts for Inspirational and Evangelistic work be set apart as Assistant to the General Superintendent.
2. That the term of such appointment be three years.
3. That a suitable furnished house be provided in Wellington.
4. That the Assistant to the General Superintendent be an ex officio member of the Conference Home Mission Committee and of the Home Mission Board.
5. That the Rev. E. T. Olds be appointed as Assistant to the Rev. A. J. Seamer, with the title of "Assistant Superintendent."
6. That the Assistant Superintendent of the Home Mission Department be attached to the Wellington District Synod, and that the Wellington District Home Mission Committee have the right to elect two Lay Representatives to the District Synod, and one Lay Representative to Conference.

SPIRITUAL ADVANCE CAMPAIGN.

That as the Conference of 1924, after much prayer and due consideration, determined to call upon all our Churches to seek spiritual preparation throughout the year, in order that this year might mark a great spiritual advance, this Conference resolves to call upon all our Churches to go forward in faith. The lines of possible advance have been clearly delineated in the resolution of last year, and only a brief re-statement is necessary:

- (1) By re-establishing the Family Altar in our homes.
- (2) By gathering our people into prayer and fellowship groups, and by encouraging conversation about spiritual things.
- (3) By re-habilitating the week-night meeting and the Sunday night prayer meeting.
- (4) By personal evangelism by Ministers and all workers in our Churches as a primary and most effective method of aggressive evangelism.
- (5) By the insistence of a more consistent observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper generally by our officials and members.
- (6) By our preachers and teachers making frequent and earnest efforts to bring those to whom we minister to immediately and definite decision for Christ.

In order that these much desired ends may be attained, this Conference calls upon our people (a) To be deeply penitent before Almighty God for all our slackness and backsliding of heart; (b) to devote ourselves to prayer in the confidence of faith; (c) to personally seek a renewal of Christian assurance and a desire for fellowship; (d) to make a sincere endeavour to give to our Lord and His Church such sacrificial service as His work and the times demand.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY HOME MISSION BOARD.**Plan of Organisation.**

That the Home Mission Board be the Central Executive for the Campaign.

That the District H.M. Committees act as District Executives.

That the District Executives be recommended, where advisable, to divide their Districts into areas, with area Committees acting under the jurisdiction of the District Executive, and to make nominations at Synod of these areas and area Committees.

Finance.

That a Central Fund of £200 be formed by equal grants from the H.M. and Contingent Funds.

That each District raise funds, within its own boundaries to pay its own expenses of the Campaign; and that no liability be incurred on behalf of the H.M. Department without the approval of the H.M. Board.

Lines of Action.

1. That special missions be organised in every Church and preaching place after due preparation; the oversight of these to be in the hands of the District Executive or Area Committee.
2. That, in preparing for missions, the entire district be canvassed; that cards and handbills be left at shops and factories; that street meetings, processions of witness, and factory services be arranged.
3. That in each district Bands of Crusaders be formed as active voluntary workers in the Campaign, under the direction of the District and Area Committees.
4. That, as far as possible, all the forces in an area be concentrated on each mission within the area.
5. That the District Committees arrange wherever possible for the claims of the Spiritual Advance Movement to be brought before each Circuit by means of visiting Ministers or laymen; or preferably by both.
6. That branches of the Society known as "The Order of the Seventy" be organised in connection with the Campaign.
7. That pledge or membership cards be printed, the following copy to appear thereon:—

THE ORDER OF THE SEVENTY.

(The LXX.)

Scripture Warrant, Luke X.

Hymn of the Order, No. 360.

Aim—To get people into the Kingdom, and to get the Kingdom into people.

(a) Evangelism:

I undertake to do my best to bring my acquaintances to a personal knowledge of Christ by—(a) Prayer for them; (b) Example before them; (c) Witness to them, when possible.

I will give personal support to all efforts put forth by my Church in my neighbourhood with that object.

I will endeavour to advance the Kingdom of God carried on through Home and Foreign Missions.

I will give earnest consideration to any call the Church may make upon me for office or service.

(b) Social Service:

I will do what I can to form a Christian judgment on the social and international problems of my day. (Cf. Copec.)

I will try as a citizen to get the principles of Jesus Christ applied to public affairs.

I will show friendliness and promote good fellowship wherever I may be.

I agree with the above Rules, and desire to be admitted into the Order of the Seventy.

Signed.....

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Recommendation of the Board be approved.
2. That Ministers of evangelistic gifts be released periodically to conduct missions during the Campaign.
3. That the date of the establishment of the "Order of the Seventy," in each District, be left to the discretion of the District Committee.
4. That a letter on the Spiritual Advance Campaign be sent to all the Circuits, together with the Conference resolutions. The letter to be drawn up by Rev. Dr. Laws, and to be signed by the President and Rev. A. J. Seamer.
5. That all Ministers and workers in our Churches be urged to give themselves to Personal Evangelism, as the most effective method of bringing home to the people the claims of Jesus Christ.
6. That we pledge ourselves to do something definite along lines of personal advocacy for the Saviour during the next twelve months.

Church Calendar.

That in furtherance of this great movement, it be suggested that the undernoted dates be, as far as possible, observed in our Churches—

April 19—Inaugural Day of Prayer, having for its object the bestowal of the spirit of evangelism alike on Pastor and People. To be followed by a week of prayer.

May 17—Young People's Day.

June 21—Church Members' Rally Day.

July 19—Family Worship Day.

August 16—Christian Stewardship Day.

Suitable leaflets on each of these subjects are being prepared, and will be issued by the Home Mission Board a few weeks prior to the date on the Calendar for that subject.

Home Mission Board, 1925.

The General Superintendent, the Assistant 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, 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, W. Ambury and C. H. Virtue.

Home Mission District Committees.

Auckland.—Superintendents of Auckland Circuits and Rev. S. Griffith, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, A. Trenwith, A. W. Parker, O. Patterson, A. J. Buttle, T. Clark and J. W. Shackelford, and one Home Missionary to be appointed. Rev. S. Griffith, convener.

South Auckland.—District Executive. Rev. F. E. Leadley, convener.

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

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Ministers of Palmerston North, Feilding, Sanson-Rongotea, Woodville and Pahiatua Circuits, Messrs. G. H. Stiles, H. E. Pacey, E. G. Bennett, A. H. Fisher, W. Flatt, T. R. Hodder, F. S. Guy, R. Print and J. Harding. Rev. H. T. Peat, convener.

Sub-Committee (Hawke's Bay).—Ministers of Napier, Hastings, Dannevirke and Waipawa Circuits, Messrs. G. W. Venables, J. H. Oldham, L. A. Denton, H. R. French, E. Bethell and G. E. Bott, corresponding member, Rev. G. Frost. Rev. F. Copeland, convener.

Wellington.—District Executive. Rev. W. Rowe, convener.

Nelson.—Ministers of Blenheim Circuits, Messrs. W. D. Pike, E. H. Penny. C. White, and C. W. Parker. Rev. J. Featherston, convener.

North Canterbury.—District Executive. Rev. L. B. Neale, convener.

South Canterbury.—Ministers of Timaru Circuit, Messrs. A. Stead and W. G. Irwin, with the Ministers of Waimate, Temuka and Geraldine Circuits and Mr. A. W. Barnett, corresponding members. Chairman of the District, convener.

Otago-Southland.—In District Executive. H.M. Convener, Rev. E. S. Harkness.

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

MAORI MISSION REPORT.

The whole aspect of our Maori Mission work has changed greatly during the last five years. This has been brought about partly by our new methods of work, but mostly by important developments resulting from various Maori movements, in close co-operation with which we have found it our duty and privilege to work. Much of our success has been due to this co-operation.

When, a few years ago, the fact became apparent that the tragic decline of the race in strength and numbers had been stemmed and that there was some hope of comparative permanency for the remnant, the general apathy towards progressive social and religious ideals that was so prevalent in most of the Maori districts twenty years back began to give place to erratic but definite outbursts of interest.

Then came the Great War when, to the Maori, the air was full of thought storms, and semi-heathen superstitions developed alarmingly.

The Ratana Movement is, viewed from different angles, both a product of, and a reaction from, the excitements of those days, and it has been of incalculable benefit to many tribes.

During the early post-war days, feverish religious, and, at times fanatical, activity dominated whole districts, creating both the opportunity and the necessity for vigorous and sympathetic work on our part. By the acceptance of this challenge our Church succeeded in establishing itself more firmly than ever in the hearts of our Maori people.

Thus some of the old problems completely disappeared. New ones, however, have taken their place, and this must ever be so in work amongst people who are passing through such a critical and markedly transitory period.

We have sought to be sympathetic with every good and helpful thought in the many Maori Movements afoot, and have supported all such movements that are on the upward curve, for we recognise that our duty is not the forcing of our own ideas upon the people, but simply the bringing of the people nearer to the Christ and to the Christ life. Thus we have had the privilege of seeing our influence more than keeping pace with the general development, and the prestige of our Mission steadily grows.

From the Far North to the Bluff reliable reports are to hand showing that increasing numbers of Maori people are experiencing in their own hearts and lives the truths of the all-embracing Gospel of redemption, regeneration and perfection in love for which our Mission stands.

Previous reports have stated concisely but clearly the exceedingly difficult and intricate character of our task, and also the methods of organisation that we have adopted. No unexpected difficulties have arisen during this year, and we continue to follow these methods with varying but general success.

The Deaconess work still demonstrates its incalculable value to our women and children, and we trust that the time is not far distant when the generosity of our supporters will enable us to employ a sufficient number of Deaconesses to adequately work our Districts.

The King Country Mission Hospital is a constant source of joy to us; the Matron has proved herself to be not only an expert nurse, but an exceedingly efficient manager, and the Committee has left the control of the Hospital more and more in her capable hands. Much good has been, and is being, accomplished, but we shall not be able to extend this essential branch of work until we can secure our own building.

There is an increasing willingness manifested by the Ministers and officials of adjacent or coincident European Circuits to co-operate with our Maori agents, and this has resulted in much mutual benefit. Other methods and lines of development are but temporary, and suited only to a transitory period in the development of the Maori race; but where our Pakeha and Maori agencies are being co-ordinated, the work will, in the very near future, be established on comparatively permanent lines.

The Evangelistic Missions have been greatly blessed of God, and particularly so in the Southern portion of the King Country and Upper Wanganui River Districts, where many splendid conversions have taken place.

A further and more strenuous attempt has been made by interested parties to establish licensed hotels in the King Country, but our people stood firm and united and, in active co-operation with the N.Z. Alliance, did their utmost to avert the threatened danger. As our own Mission is doing more work in the King Country to-day than all other Missions combined, we did not find it difficult to secure a sympathetic hearing from the Parliamentary Committee.

In certain districts advantage was taken of the absence of Ratana, and an earlier Movement for the establishment of a so-called "Maori Church" was renewed. Indeed, formal legal registration was effected,

and a number of persons were registered as Officiating Ministers under the Marriage Act. But that movement is now reasonably under control, and the leader of it stands almost alone and discredited.

We are not opposed to the Maori desire for religious freedom and independence along wise lines, but this particular Movement was most undesirable, and it is well for the Maori people that we were able to effectively counter it.

We are confronted still with grave difficulties, but we do not anticipate any impassable barriers on the path of progress, and, under the blessing of the Lord of Hosts, we look forward to the return after many days of the bread that has been, and is being, "cast upon the waters."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

E. DRAKE, Acting-Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

The Report was received and adopted.

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

1.—AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That further action be taken immediately to dispose of the East Street property. That, should no sale be immediately effected, the Trustees be recommended to seek the consent of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to lease the property, all moneys from such sale or lease to be reserved strictly in terms of the resolution of Conference (Min., 1924, p. 121), and that the proceeds of the sale of the property be held in Trust for the Auckland Central Mission.
2. That the Church members and Sunday School scholars connected with East Street Mission shall be transferred to such other Methodist Churches or Sunday Schools as they may desire.
3. That Alexandra Street and France Street Churches, and also the East Street Trust, be attached to the Auckland Central Circuit until otherwise determined by Conference.

2.—DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

A Report was received and read to the Conference.

RESOLUTION.

That with a view to the gradual reduction of the debt on the Octagon Hall of the Dunedin Central Mission, amounting at present to £10,200, this Conference grants the Mission the right to make an appeal to all sympathisers throughout the Church on the occasion of the anniversary. It commends this appeal to the hearty support of our people, in the hope that within 5 years the Mission will be enabled to do more effectively its work as a great City Mission.

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

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. LIII.—LIV.)

ANNUAL REPORT, 1924.

During the year the work of the Institution has proceeded smoothly, and its policy steadily maintained.

Three students, Miss Mills, Miss French and Miss Macdonald, entered the House for training in February last. They have shown commendable diligence in their studies and the duties assigned them, and have satisfactorily passed their first half-yearly examinations.

For practical experience they have been undertaking certain duties in connection with the Durham Street, Cambridge Terrace and Sydenham Churches, with good results.

There have been inquiries from a number of young women who are thinking of Deaconess work. Several have made definite application, and there is every prospect of at least three entering the Institution in February, 1925.

The reports received from our Deaconesses intimate that much good work is being done, while those received from Circuits where Deaconesses are working are generally expressive of pleasure and satisfaction at the devotion and helpfulness of those serving with them.

Sister Nicholls has resigned in view of her approaching marriage.

There have been six young women in residence as boarders throughout the year. With the present accommodation, the entry of additional students will necessarily displace a corresponding number of boarders, and, of course, affect the income of the Institution.

During the year additions, consisting of a new laundry, improved hot water service and other conveniences, have been made. The new work, which with other improvements, will cost nearly £400, has been built in brick, is of a substantial character, and forms part of the additional accommodation which it is hoped will be provided later.

The sum of £900 has been received on account of the old Deaconess House, leaving an amount of £50 still due. £500 of this was paid off the purchase of the present Deaconess House, and the balance held to meet the cost of the additions already mentioned. The present indebtedness on the property is £2100, bearing interest at 6%.

Formal application is herein made for the usual Conference grants, viz., Contingent Fund £75, Foreign Mission Board £75, Home Mission Fund £75, and the Connexional Fire Insurance Board £100.

The following are nominated for the Committee for 1925:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits, together with the Ministers appointed to New Brighton, Linwood and Edgeware Road; Messrs. L. M. Isitt, M.P., E. C. Brown, J. C. Prudhoe, A. Borrows, W. Dobbs, G. Bowron, C. A. Newman, and the five ladies of the House Committee.

We have to thank the Associate Members and the Women's Auxiliaries for their continual interest and support.

We desire again to express thanks to Sister Ruth (Superintendent), the ladies of the House Committee, and the Lecturers for their willing and efficient services.

We owe thanks to Mr. D. T. Lucas, architect, for his professional services in connection with our Deaconess House, rendered free of any fees, and to others who have in any degree contributed to the successful working of the Institution.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

C. A. NEWMAN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Mr. C. A. Newman be heartily thanked for his services, and that he be reappointed.
3. That the Committee be congratulated upon the development of the work during the year.
4. That the appointment of Sister Tocker for special social work in Christchurch among women and girls, be heartily commended.
5. That the Deaconess Committee present to next Conference a full report of new work undertaken or contemplated.
6. That the grants for 1925 be:—Home Mission Fund £75, Foreign Mission Fund £75, Contingent Fund £75, Fire Insurance Fund £100.
7. That Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why" be substituted for Banks' "Manual of Christian Doctrine," in the Curriculum of Studies.

OFFICIAL LIST OF DEACONESSSES AND PROBATIONERS.

Home Work—

Deaconesses—

- Moriary*
- *1908 Sister "Ruth" Fawcett, Deaconess House, Christchurch.
Sister "May," Masterton Children's Home.
 - *1914 Sister "Annie" Tocker, c/o Deaconess House, Christchurch.
 - *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, c/o Foreign Mission Board. ✕

Maori Work—

Deaconesses—

- *1921 Sister "Eleanor" Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
- *1923 Sister "Marion" Fabrin, Maori Mission, Te Kuiti.

Probationers—

- 1921 Sister Nicholls, Te Kuiti.

Foreign Work—

Deaconesses—

- Alice Howell*
- *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 XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference regarding Connexional Orphanages?

(For Balance-sheets, see Appendix, p.p LV.-LVII.)

A.—MOUNT ALBERT METHODIST ORPHANAGE ANNUAL REPORT, 1924.

The occasion of the Annual Review of the work of the Orphanage evokes the Committee's gratitude to the great Heavenly Father.

There are now 61 children in residence. During the year 9 have left and 16 have been admitted.

The children's health has been wonderfully good.

An otherwise delightful Christmas holiday in the homes of generous friends was sadly shadowed by the accidental death of one of the boys, Ralph Clarke, a bereavement sorely felt.

The children's general education gives cause for gratification. A satisfactory report has been furnished by the teachers of the District School.

At the recent Sunday School Union Scripture Examination 13 of our children won prizes, and 26 others obtained high marks.

The children's interest in Foreign and Home Missions has again been manifest in the Home's Annual Sale of Work, which this year realised £35.

Subscription and donations have contributed £376 10s. 8d. Church collections, amounting to £526 16s. 8d., show an increase of £94. Sunday Schools contributed £9 14s. 7d. Bequests also indicate a widening interest, the following amounts having been received:—Miss E. Martin, £1000; Miss L. Rathbone, £200; Mr. Andrew Lawrie, £30. The mortgage on the Epworth Home has been reduced by £200, and is now £1300. The net capital amounts to £10,328 2s. 11d., but the Revenue Account shows a deficiency of £111 18s. 8d.

The transfer of the Taranaki Circuits to the area of the Masterton Children's Home, has involved the loss of a regular source of income, yielding about £90 per annum. We trust that this loss will be more than met by increased aid from the churches in this district. We hope also that a wider circle of the general public may be enlisted as contributors by means of an annual demonstration and concert, and by the distribution of a more attractive and detailed statement of the Orphanage's work and finances. The Rev. J. Blight has been appointed an additional collector.

Structural additions and alterations to Wesley Home, estimated to cost £350, have been sanctioned.

We report with special regret the resignations of the Overseer and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. J. Armitage. The only relief in this unwelcome fact is Mrs. Armitage's willingness to remain in charge until the end of March next year. During four and a-half years Mr. Armitage has endeared himself to the children, and Mrs. Armitage has rendered efficient and distinguished service in an administration that has been conspicuously wise and deeply sympathetic. They have been most loyally supported by a devoted staff.

Excellent service has been rendered by the Ladies' Committee. At their annual "At Home" the sum of £27 6s. 6d. was raised. Aided by other ladies of the Auckland churches, they have provided all the clothing required by the children.

Miss Agnes Mason has rendered invaluable help in the inevitable "mending" department.

Dr. Pettit's examination of applicants for admission has again been a gratuitous service calling for thanks.

We tender thanks also to the friends who opened their homes at Christmas time to give our children a splendid holiday, to kindly visitors bent on entertaining the children, and to all who have contributed from their resources of mind and heart and substance to carry on this task of Christian philanthropy.

The Committee is becoming more and more deeply impressed with the necessity for its work, and finds in the need a call to extend it.

(Signed) E. DRAKE, Acting-Chairman.

A. LIVERSEDGE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Matron (Mrs. Armitage) be heartily thanked for her services.
3. That the retiring Secretary, the Rev. A. Liversedge, and the Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Caughey, be heartily thanked for their services.
4. That Rev. S. Griffith be appointed Secretary, and that Mr. A. L. Caughey be reappointed Treasurer.
5. That the Committee be heartily congratulated on the acquisition of a splendid property, and the opening of a new Home at Epsom.
6. That the name of the Institution be changed to that of the "Auckland Methodist Children's Home and Orphanage," with a Mt. Albert and an Epsom branch.
7. That the name of "Board" be substituted for that of "Committee of Management."
8. That we record our satisfaction with the increasing number of legacies bequeathed to the Auckland Home.
9. That the following be the Board for 1925:—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, A. Liversedge, J. E. Parsons, W. T. Blight, B.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., J. Blight, A. B. Chappell, M.A., Dip. Jour., Mesdames A. H. White, A. E. Snowden, J. Blight, A. C. Caughey, A. Peak, H. P. Caughey, Misses Kirk, Harvey, A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Messrs. A. C. Caughey and W. Astley (life members), T. W. Jones, J. E. Astley, A. Peak, J. Trounson, H. P. Caughey, G. M. Fowlds, T. Clark, E. C. Chivers, A. Trenwith, J. Clark, S. Oldfield, W. Ambury, A. E. Lawry, E. A. Pearce, A. L. Caughey (Treasurer), Rev. S. Griffith (Secretary), Rev. J. Blight (Collector).

B.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON. REPORT FOR 1924.

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p.p. LVIII.—LIX.)

We are thankful to be able to report a year of good work and steady progress. The health of the staff and children has been good, and there has not been any sickness of a serious nature among the boys and girls. We sincerely thank Dr. N. H. Prior, our Honorary Medical Attendant, for his continued and diligent oversight of the residents in the Home in matters pertaining to their health.

Once more we express our appreciation of the manner in which the Home is conducted under the able management of Sister May, the

Matron. She is ably supported by Sister Annie, who joined the staff soon after the Home was opened. We regret that Mrs. Ross, who has done good work as seamstress, has had to relinquish the position owing to failing eyesight. The staff is composed of women who are devoted to the best interests of the children, and who find a pleasure in their work.

Since the opening of the Home, three years ago, 56 children have been admitted, and for 16 of these suitable homes have been found. The Home was opened with six orphan children of one family in it. The eldest boy of the six—Winston Churchill—has during the year been apprenticed to Rigg Bros., Masterton, as a carpenter. He is the first boy to leave the Home to earn his own living.

There are now 39 children in the Home—sixteen having been admitted during the year and six have left. There is room for more.

The united concert given in the Masterton Opera House by the pupils of Mr. T. C. Wood and the children of the Home was largely attended, and gave the public an opportunity of seeing the boys and girls.

The members of the Committee desire to express their pleasure at the action of the last Conference in attaching the Taranaki-Wanganui District to the Home. This will doubtless increase the number of applications on behalf of needy children.

With an increase in the number of children in the Home there has been a corresponding increase in our working expenses. We feel grateful for help received by two anonymous donations of £50 each, and a grant of £200 from the Trustees of the Rathbone Estate, and also a further grant of £200 from the Trustees of the T. G. McCarthy Fund.

We thank God for the help He has given us in caring for the children. We continue our work in faith and hope, believing that under God's blessing it will bear good fruit.

O. N. C. PRAGNELL, Chairman.

J. COCKER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Matron, Sister May, and the Secretary, the Rev. J. Cocker, be heartily thanked for their services.
3. That the Committee be urged to make the work of the Home more widely known throughout the Wellington, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu and Taranaki-Wanganui Districts by newspaper reports and other means.
4. That the following be the Committee of Management for 1925:—
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, J. H. Handyside, Revs. W. Beckett and J. Cocker. Mesdames. J. Elliott, O. N. C. Pragnell, J. Cocker, W. Beckett, Miss Burton, Sister May. Rev. J. Cocker, Secretary and Treasurer.

C.—THE SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE. REPORT FOR 1924.

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. LX.-1.)

It is with a deep sense of thankfulness to God that we present our eleventh annual report.

At present there are 49 children in the Home, exclusive of the five older boys who are boarded at the Presbyterian Boys' Home, making a total of 54, as against 39 last year.

On the whole the health of the children has been good, although we have had two cases of pneumonia and several cases of measles.

Several of the children sat for the North Canterbury Sunday School Union Scripture Examination, 19 of whom passed and two won prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler have been with us over a year, and are giving complete satisfaction, the general condition of the Home being all that can be desired. The management, the staff, and the children are a happy family.

During the year consideration has been given to the recommendation of the last Conference, relating to the appointment of an Agent to visit the Circuits in the interest of our work; and we are glad to be able to report that we have entered into an arrangement with the Rev. W. Laycock to take up the work of Circuit Organising Secretary.

We have also given consideration to the question of extending our work in the direction of building a Boys' Home. Several properties in the vicinity of our present Home have been inspected, and a Committee appointed to effect the purchase of a suitable site as soon as practicable. We hope to report more definitely on this matter in the near future.

In matters of finance, the income from the Circuits is far below what we might have reasonably expected, but we have received considerable help from special sources.

During the year we have received from bequests the following amounts:—A further amount from the estate of the late Wm. Morrow, £2000; from the estate of the late Mrs. Haynes, of Dunedin, £200; from the estate of the late Miss Cheyne, of Invercargill, £50; all of which has been placed to the credit of our Endowment Account for extension purposes.

The late Miss Usher, of Nelson, has left us an amount approximating to £3000, but none of this has yet been received.

We have completed the purchase of eleven acres of land as a site for a Boys' Home. Already we have received a cheque for £50 towards the erection of the building.

We have also received the sum of £250 from the Estate of the late Mrs. Rathbone, of Waipawa.

In conclusion, we express our thanks to Dr. A. J. Orchard for his willing and skilful attention; to the members of the Ladies' House Committee; to Mr. and Mrs. Butler and other members of the staff; and to all friends who have forwarded gifts during the year.

We again appeal to our people for their practical sympathy, and assure them that we greatly appreciate their gifts of money and provisions.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.
J. HARRIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board be congratulated upon the purchase of eleven acres of land as a site for a Boys' Home.
3. That the Manager and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, be heartily thanked for their services.

4. That the Secretary (Rev. J. Harris) and the Treasurer (Mr. G. Bowron) be thanked for their services, and that they be re-appointed.
5. That the following be the Board for 1925:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, St. Albans, Papanui, Sydenham, Addington, Woolston and Riccarton Circuits, Revs. W. Baumber, A. Peters, W. J. Williams, C. E. Ward, W. Laycock and B. Dudley, F.R.A.S., Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, E. D. Patchett and Sisters Mabel and Ruth, Messrs. W. H. Seed, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., G. Bowron (Treasurer), F. Thompson, L. M. Isitt, M.P., F. A. Sheat, J. Lomas, W. T. Burley, F. Campion, M. Kershaw, W. H. Marshall and J. Gilmour. Rev. J. Harris, convener. Rev. W. Laycock, collector.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. That there be a more hearty co-operation between all our Orphanages, so that wherever possible the needs of one may be supplied by the others so far as accommodation is concerned.
2. That when printing new Circuit statistical forms, provision be made for reporting the amount of Circuit income for the Orphanage.
3. In order to supplement the present means of income by retiring collections and other means, the several Orphanage Boards be asked to adopt a more systematic method of collecting funds.
4. That General Recommendations 1, 2, 3 (Minutes of Conference, 1924, pages 128-9) be re-affirmed.
5. That a letter of appreciation be sent to the donors of gifts to Orphanages, and in the case of legacies, to the relatives of donors.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

“Methodist Times”—

The Committee has pleasure in reporting that under the new Editorship the “Methodist Times” continues to maintain its popularity with our people. We wish, however, to point out that the number of subscribers represents only a small proportion of the Methodist homes in this Dominion. As the Connexional paper very effectively supplements the work of the ministry, we think more should be done by Quarterly Meetings to increase the circulation of the paper in their respective Circuits.

We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the able work of the Editors, and heartily recommend their reappointment. Our best of thanks are also due to the Business Manager for his faithful service.

Literature.

1. “Meaning of Membership in Methodism.” A second edition of this pamphlet has been printed, and supplies may now be obtained from the Connexional Secretary at the nominal charge of 1/- per dozen, plus postage.

2. "What Methodism Stands For." A fair supply of this excellent pamphlet is held by the Committee. The price has now been reduced to 2/6 per dozen, plus postage, or 3d. per single copy.

3. "Gambling." The Committee has decided to publish a pamphlet on "Gambling," by the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, authority for which was given at last Conference. Supplies will be sent to Circuits for free distribution.

Finance.

The Balance-sheet will be presented to Conference.

Book Room.

A special report will be presented to Conference.

On behalf of the Committee,

ROBT. B. TINSLEY, Convener.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the "Methodist Times" and Literature Committee send a circular to each March Quarterly Meeting urging the Circuits to increase the circulation of the "Methodist Times."
2. That it be a recommendation to the Literature Committee to publish a card suitable for presentation to mark the reception of members into the Church, and that the same be paid for by the Contingent Fund.
3. That we express our appreciation of the able work of the Editors of the "Methodist Times," and that they be reappointed.
4. That the best thanks of Conference be tendered to the Business Manager, the Rev. S. Lawry, and the Treasurer, Mr. H. Holland, for their faithful services, and that they be reappointed.
5. That the Convener, the Rev. R. B. Tinsley, be thanked for his services and reappointed.

BOOK ROOM—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

We wish to report that we have gathered considerable information upon this question from those in charge of Methodist Book Rooms in Australia, who have given us freely of their experience, and from our authorised agents in the Dominion. We have studied the question in all its aspects as it would affect our Church, and we are of opinion—

1. That the establishment of a Book Room in this Dominion would not be of financial benefit to the Church for many years.
2. That it would not enable us to sell Methodist literature at a cheaper rate than our authorised agents can do under their new arrangements with Epworth House.
3. That it would not enable us to get literature for distribution among our people, on any more advantageous terms that we can get it from English and other Book Rooms.

We therefore recommend that no action be taken at present in this matter.

ROBT. B. TINSLEY, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

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

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. LX.)

REPORT OF WELLINGTON MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR YEAR 1924.

We are pleased to be able to report to the Conference that, thanks to the efforts of Mr. C. M. Luke, the War Funds Council has at last agreed to hand over the Methodist Military Camps' Fund to the custody of the Methodist Church, to be administered solely in the interests of our returned Chaplains, and of those Ministers of the Church who have suffered or may be called upon to suffer in health as the result of war service.

The grant of £50 made to the Rev. W. A. Watson has been duly paid. This is the only disbursement made during the year. The present credit stands now at £541 15s. 10d. As the representative of our Church on the Board of Chaplains at Headquarters, it has been our duty to attend the meetings of the Board. Matters relating to promotions, attachment of Chaplains, and territorial training camps have been dealt with. The reverting to the policy of territorial training camps by the Defence authorities is perhaps the most important development of the year. We are glad to say that Chaplains are being sent into every camp, and our Church has been well represented in this respect.

Naval Affairs.

In regard to Naval Affairs, we have to report that the appointment of Naval Chaplains in all the principal ports has been a step in the right direction, and the recognition given to our Chaplains by the Admiralty, through the efforts of the Rev. J. H. Bateson and the Navy Board at Home, has greatly facilitated the work of getting into touch with our Methodist Naval seamen.

During the recent visit of the British Cruising Squadron, every opportunity was extended to our Chaplains to minister to the spiritual wants of the seamen of the Fleet, belonging to our Church. At all the ports visited, very complete arrangements were made for the entertainment of our men, who were loud in their praises of the kindness and hospitality of New Zealand Methodists.

Our Committee recommends the reappointment of the representatives to the Boards of Chaplains, of the Naval Chaplains, and of the District Military Committees, with any alterations in the personnel that may be rendered necessary.

W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

C. EATON, Convener.

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, and the Convener, Rev. C. Eaton, be thanked for their services, and reappointed.
4. That the Auditors, Messrs. E. Dawson and J. Cable, be thanked for their services.
5. That the Conference expresses its gratitude that the Military Camps Fund has been handed over to the control of the Church, and that Mr. C. M. Luke be thanked for his services in this regard.

6. That to the list of Chaplains (Min. of Conf., 1924) be added: Rev. W. Grigg, W. J. Elliott, W. B. Scott and A. Hopper.
7. That Revs. A. Mitchell and H. L. Blamires be recommended for promotion to 2nd Class.

The following were appointed to the Chaplains' Board:—Headquarters, Rev. C. Eaton; Northern Command, Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.; Central Command, Rev. C. Eaton; Southern Command, Rev. W. Walker.

The following Military Committees were appointed:—

Headquarters and Central Command.—The Chairman and Chaplains of the District, Ministers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Messrs. C. M. Luke, C. R. Edmond, C. Swiney, J. Riddell, E. C. Gamble, H. P. Mourant. Rev. C. Eaton, convener.

Northern Command.—The Chaplains in the District, and Messrs. T. W. Jones, B. Buttle, W. S. Stone, and H. Field. Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., convener.

Southern Command.—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Chaplains of the District, Col. G. J. Smith, Messrs. A. F. Drayton, T. T. Robson, J. H. Blackwell, W. Dobbs, and E. R. Caygill, with Revs. H. L. Blamires, W. Walker and H. A. Sharp corresponding members. Rev. S. J. Werren, convener.

Otago Committee.—Chaplains of the Otago-Southland District, Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock, D. C. Cameron, J. P. Simon, and W. Hogg. Rev. W. Walker, convener.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Naval Chaplains and to the congregations concerned for their splendid efforts in entertaining the Methodist Seamen of the British Cruiser Squadron, during the recent visit to the Dominion.

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. W. Walker.

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, President of the Conference.

Picton—Rev. F. Bateup.

Greymouth—Rev. J. F. Martin.

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

Almost the only matter that has been sent to the Custodian during the year consists of some early editions of the Methodist Hymn Book, forwarded by Mr. W. H. Ferens, of Dunedin.

Numerous enquiries relating to a great variety of subjects have been made, both personally at the Connexional Office and by letter. Information has been supplied wherever available. It is evident that in many cases the value of the records will increase as time goes on, and the importance of having the records carefully preserved becomes more manifest with the passing years.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Custodian.

The Report was received and adopted.

QUESTION LI.—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 accepted a tender for printing a new edition of the Book of Laws, and a good deal of work has been done in the way of revision. But circumstances that were unavoidable have prevented the Committee from getting the proofs ready for submission to this Conference. It is therefore recommended that the Committee be reappointed with a view to having the proofs submitted to the Conference of 1926.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report was adopted.
2. That the Committee be reappointed, with the additions of the names of the Ex-President, the Revs. G. Frost, M. A. Rugby Pratt and E. Drake.
3. That the Standing Orders of the Conference be incorporated in the Book of Laws.

PASTORAL SESSION.

(See Conference Minutes, 1924, page 137.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee has met on two occasions, and has consulted all corresponding members in each instance. In view of the divided opinions of its members, the Committee does not see its way to recommend the establishment of a Pastoral Session. But, though not strictly within the order of reference, yet in view of the expressed opinions of many of its members, and the apparent need for greater efficiency of working, the Committee ventures to make the following recommendations as likely to meet the case:—

1. Chairmen of Districts.

- (a) The Chairman shall have power, when he deems it advisable to do so, to visit any Circuit in his District and to confer with the minister or ministers with a view to promoting greater pastoral efficiency by his counsel and encouragement. He shall, when he thinks fit, report the results of such visits to the District Ministerial Committees for brotherly consideration.

- (b) It shall be the duty of a Superintendent of a Circuit to keep the Chairman of his District fully informed concerning all important developments in his Circuit—especially as to: (1) Any proposed extension of the work or withdrawal from ground previously occupied; (2) Any important property transaction in connection with the Circuit.

2. Ministerial Committee.

- (a) That a meeting of each District Ministerial Committee be held in the third week in May to consider the work of God in the District, to confer how best the work of the Ministry may be rendered successful amid the conditions, both general and local, which obtain to-day, and to consider carefully any Conference resolutions bearing on these matters.
- (b) In the Nelson and Otago-Southland Districts, the Chairman shall, with a view to lessening the expense, arrange for the Committee to meet in sections, but he himself shall preside in each section.
- (c) That the Chairman shall have power to excuse any remotely situated Minister from attendance at this meeting, but if the Chairman do so he shall himself visit the Circuit during the year. A Chairman may summon any Probationer or Home Missionary to attend the May Meeting of the Ministerial Committee.
- (d) During the sitting of each May Ministerial Committee a Public Function shall be held, in which the visiting members shall assist, and at which a collection shall be made towards the travelling expenses incurred. The balance of the expenses shall be paid from the Contingent Fund.

3. District Commissions.

One or more District Commissions, of which the Chairman shall be ex-officio a member, shall be nominated by each District Synod and appointed by the Conference. Any vacancies on such a Commission shall be filled by the District Chairman. Such Commission shall visit each Circuit not less than once in three years, and in accordance with the direction of Synod, and shall confer with the Minister and officials on all matters relating to the work of the Church, both spiritual and temporal, and present a report to the Synod, a copy of which shall previously be sent to the Superintendent Minister and Circuit Stewards concerned. The Chairman shall have power to bring the report, or any part thereof, before the District Ministerial Committee. The Synod may instruct a Commission to visit any Home Mission Station within its bounds during the year.

EDWARD DRAKE, Convener.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of a Circuit to keep the Chairman of his District fully informed concerning all important developments in his Circuit, especially as to (1) Any proposed extension of the work or withdrawal from ground previously occupied; (2) Any important property transaction in connection with the Circuit.

2. (a) That a meeting of each District Ministerial Committee be held during the month of May to consider the work of God in the District, to confer how best the work of the ministry may be rendered successful amid the conditions, both general and local, which obtain to-day, and to consider carefully any Conference resolutions bearing on these matters.
- (b) In the Nelson and Otago-Southland Districts, the Chairman shall, with a view to lessening the expense, arrange for the Committee to meet in sections, but he himself shall preside in each section.
- (c) That the Chairman shall have power to excuse any remotely situated Minister from attendance at this meeting, but if the Chairman do so he shall himself visit the Circuit during the year. A Chairman may summon any Probationer or Home Missionary to attend the May Meeting of the Ministerial Committee.
- (d) During the sitting of each May Ministerial Committee, a Public Function shall be held, in which the visiting members shall assist, and at which a collection shall be made towards the travelling expenses incurred. The balance of the expenses shall be paid from the Contingent Fund.

CAUCUS MEETINGS AND INVITATIONS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee has carefully reviewed the questions remitted to it by Conference, including a number of suggestions made by corresponding members, and the following recommendations are forwarded for the consideration of Synods and Conference.

(A) Caucus Meetings.

1. That while we have generally every confidence in the officials of our Church to act fairly, honestly and in a Christian spirit in connection with invitations to ministers, we express our very strong disapproval of the practice of Caucus Meetings which are sometimes held to discuss the ministerial invitation.

2. That before taking any action with regard to the invitation of a Minister, the Circuit Stewards shall summon a meeting of the members of the Quarterly Meeting to consider the question; in which case, one of the Circuit Stewards shall preside; or if neither is willing to act, the meeting shall elect its own Chairman. The attendance of the Minister, or Ministers concerned, shall, on their part, be optional. Under no circumstances, however, shall a meeting of officials be held for this purpose without the knowledge of the Minister or Ministers of the Circuit.

3. That this rule shall operate, notwithstanding any law providing that the Superintendent Minister shall preside at official meetings.

4. That Circuit Stewards, or other officials, shall not approach more than one Minister simultaneously concerning an invitation to a Circuit.

(B) Invitations and Stationing.

1. That while recognising that due weight should be attached to invitations given by Circuit Quarterly Meetings, it must be borne in mind that the Conference alone has the constitutional right of appointing the Ministers, and therefore invitations must always be given and accepted subject to the approval of the Conference.

2. That when Conference honours the invitation of a Minister to a Circuit, the question of his invitation shall not arise for three years. In the case where no invitation has been given, the same rule shall apply, if at the end of six months the Conference appointment be confirmed by an invitation to continue in the Circuit.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman

H. RYAN, Convener.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That this Conference being strongly of opinion that the Ministers and Officials of our Methodist Circuits have confidence in one another's Christian character and good sense, resolves that the Committee set up to deal with Caucus Meetings be thanked and discharged.
2. That Circuit Stewards, or other officials, shall not approach more than one Minister simultaneously concerning an invitation to a Circuit.
3. Before accepting an invitation to another Circuit, a Minister shall give his Circuit Stewards reasonable notice.
4. That while recognising that due weight should be attached to invitations given by Circuit Quarterly Meetings, it must be borne in mind that the Conference alone has the constitutional right of appointing the Ministers, and therefore invitations must always be given and accepted subject to the approval of the Conference.
5. That the following be referred to a committee:—"That when Conference honours the invitation of a Minister to a Circuit, the question of his invitation shall not arise for three years. In the case where no invitation has been given, the same rule shall apply, if at the end of six months the Conference appointment be confirmed by an invitation to continue in the Circuit."

That, without affirming the principle of the above resolution, the Conference refers the matter back to the Committee which dealt with the question last year, and which is now reconstituted for that purpose, with the addition of the name of Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., to consider, and report to the September Quarterly Meetings and the Synods on the whole question, including how best provision may be made to meet special cases in which it may be necessary for the welfare of the Circuit or for other reasons that a Minister should remove before the expiration of three years.

EXPEDITING CONFERENCE BUSINESS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

(See Minutes, 1924, page 138).

- 1 That with the view of more efficient Committee preparation work, and with the object of getting more Committee work done before open sessions of Conference commence, the Committee work be distributed as follows:—

QUESTIONS.

A	Examination Committee	.. ..	2 to 11 and 22
B	Committee on Circuits	.. ..	23 to 26
C	Stationing Committee	.. ..	27
D	Committee on Church Welfare	.. ..	31, 31a and 33
E	Committee on Young People's Work	.. ..	32
F	Committee on Supernumerary Fund, Benevolent Fund, Home Missionary, and Deaconesses' Retiring Allowances	.. ..	40 (1)
G	Committee on other Connexional Funds, Church Property and all Balance Sheets	.. ..	34 to 36 and 40, (2), (3), (4)
H	Committee on Institutions	.. ..	37 to 39, 45 and 47
I	Committee on Home Missions	.. ..	42 to 44

- 2 (a) That Conference Committees be instructed to accept without discussion those matters on which Synod or Synods have arrived at practically unanimous decisions, but always subject to Conference veto or revision.
- (b) The Convener of each Committee shall report if its recommendations are in accord with those of the Synod, and if the report represents the general view of the Committee, giving the voting when there is considerable divergence of opinion.
- (c) That the "Questions" be arranged so as to bring together all those remitted to the same Committee.
3. That the list of representatives, with a note of the Committee work they are expected to do (arranged after consultation between President and Secretary) be printed as a Supplement to the Agenda, but circulated with it (see Minutes, p. 138, Conference Committee).
- N.B.—Printing of Agenda probably could not be delayed pending preparation of this list.
4. The Committee has appointed a Sub-Committee, consisting of Connexional Secretary and Mr. J. A. Flesher, to draft a series of questions for insertion in Book of Laws, with the object of making Auditors' work more efficient, and thus assisting Committee that peruses Balance Sheets.
5. That the Agenda be indexed.
6. That during Conference an "Order of the Day" be posted up prominently each morning; strictly adhered to and disposed of as nearly as possible that day.
7. That the second reading of Stations be presented to Conference not later than the morning of the second Thursday.

8. That with the object of making the published "Minutes" more concise, only Reports, Balance Sheets and Resolutions of Conference be printed.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

FRANK THOMPSON, Convener.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Committee work be distributed as follows:—

		QUESTIONS.
A	Examination Committee	2 to 11 and 22
B	Committee on Circuits	23 to 26
C	Stationing Committee	27
D	Committee on Church Welfare	31, 32, 34 and 45
E	Committee on Young People's Work	33
F	Committee on Supernumerary Fund, Benevolent Fund, Home Missionary, and Deaconesses' Retiring Allowances	41 (1) 4 13-15
G	Committee on other Connexional Funds, Church Property and all Balance-sheets	35 to 38, 41 (2) (3) (4)
H	Committee on Institutions	39, 40, 46, 47 & 48
I	Committee on Home Missions	43 and 44

2. The Convener of each Committee shall report if its recommendations are in accord with those of the Synods, and if the report represents the general view of the Committee, giving the voting when there is considerable divergence of opinion.
3. That the Agenda be indexed.
4. That during Conference an "Order of the Day" be posted up prominently each morning.
5. That the second reading of Stations be presented to Conference not later than the morning of the second Friday.
6. That the Secretary notify beforehand, to each member of Conference, the Committee to which he is appointed.
7. **Conference Sessions.**—That the North Canterbury District Executive, with Mr. F. N. Christian as corresponding member, shall consider the question of the most convenient date for holding the Conference, and report to Synods and Conference.

OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee recommends:—

- (1) That the Vice-President be "ex-officio" a member of the Stationing Committee, not of the Conference at which he is elected, but of the succeeding Conference.
- (2) That he shall be Chairman of all Conference functions in the absence of the President.
- (3) That the retiring Vice-President shall address the opening session of Conference on matters appertaining to the progress and welfare of the Church, more particularly from the Layman's point of view. The address not to exceed 20 minutes in length.

- (4) That he shall have a seat on the platform during the Conference at which he retires from office.
- (5) That the Vice-President shall be "ex-officio" a member of all Connexional Committees, including the President's Committee of Advice.
- (6) That the President be requested to nominate at the commencement of Conference a Committee consisting of the Vice-President, all ex-Vice-Presidents present at the Conference, and such Ministers and other laymen as he shall think fit, to consider the reports of Synods on the preceding resolutions, and also to consider such other changes in our Laws which would further enlarge the scope of the office and give it higher standing.
- (7) The Committee is of the opinion that unless some improvement be given to the status of Vice-President as outlined in the preceding resolutions, the office should be abolished.

FRANK THOMPSON,

Convener of Conference Committee.

Christchurch.

October 13th, 1924.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTION.

That the whole question of the Office of Vice-President be considered by a Committee during the year. The Committee shall consist of Revs. T. R. Richards (President of the Conference), A. Ashcroft, S. Lawry, J. Dawson, Messrs. C. M. Luke, E. H. Penny, F. Thompson, and H. P. Mourant (Vice-President) (convener). The Committee shall meet in Wellington, and shall report to Synods and Conference.

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

(See Book of Laws, p. 78.)

The President, Vice-President, Ex-President and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Ministers of Wellington, Johnsonville, Hutt and Petone Circuits, Messrs. J. Veale, T. W. Jones, J. H. Shackelford, A. Peak, E. Dixon, C. M. Luke, E. Kellow, S. T. Martin, H. P. Mourant, W. E. Redstone, J. A. Flesher, H. Holland, E. A. Rosevear, and J. B. Shacklock. Secretary of Conference, secretary and convener.

QUESTION LIII.—Who are the Members of District Executive Committees?

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

That a South Auckland District Executive be established which shall undertake the duties discharged by—

- (a) District Home Mission Advisory Committee.
- (b) District Foreign Mission Committee.
- (c) District Young People's Department Committee.
- (d) District Advisory Committee on Church Property.
- (e) Any other District Committee that may be set up by Conference.

That the personnel of the Executive be:—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Morrinsville and Te Aroha Circuits, and the Senior Home Missionary in the District, together with Messrs. T. L. Hames, J. E. Tidd, F. C. Daniell, W. Harris, J. T. Bryant, J. F. Vosper, J. T. Johnson, C. Raynor, F. West, and F. Penn.

That the meetings of the Executive be held in Hamilton. Convener, Rev. F. E. Leadley.

WELLINGTON.

The Ministers of Wellington and Suburban Circuits, Mrs. Pinfold, Miss Armstrong, Messrs. K. Reid, H. P. Mourant, R. T. B. Richardson, R. E. Herron, E. Tregurtha, E. C. Gamble, A. Swift, H. Dixon, H. Goodhall, H. D. C. Horwood, M. Moston, F. J. W. Fear, F. Lockwood, M. Jackson, J. Mitchell, W. Walton, B. J. Lynneberg and W. H. Clark. Rev. E. T. Olds, convener.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

The Chairman of the District, Connexional Secretary, Superintendents of Christchurch, Lyttelton and Kaiapoi Circuits, Revs. W. J. Williams, J. Guy, F. T. Read, S. J. Werren and B. Dudley, F.R.A.S., Treasurer of the "Methodist Times" and Literature Committee (Mr. H. Holland, C.B.E.), Messrs. A. F. Drayton, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., W. H. Seed, F. Thompson, W. Dobbs, H. E. Peryman, E. C. Brown, W. Simpson, F. H. Christian, J. Lomas, W. H. Marshall, H. Chapman, H. Chaplin, and W. C. Francis. Convener, Rev. S. J. Werren.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

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.

Resolved.—That in future the members be nominated by the Dunedin and Port Chalmers September Quarterly Meetings; two members to be proposed by each Circuit. Also, that this Executive take over the duties of the Young People's Advisory Committee.

QUESTION LIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions,

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

(See Minutes, 1924, page 139.)

Regular correspondence has been maintained throughout the year with the Executive of the World Conference on Faith and Order. Death has removed Mr. Robert H. Gardiner from the Secretariat, and he has been succeeded by Dr. Ralph Brown.

Preparations have been proceeding for calling the World Conference together. In all lands the topics scheduled for preliminary discussion have been under consideration. These have been:—

- I. The Creed.
- II. The Ministry.
- III. The Church.
- IV. The Christian Moral Ideal.
- V. The Sacraments.

Local Conferences have been held in many countries, and there is manifest an increase of interest and activity in the matter. It is now proposed to hold the World Conference in 1927, and the promoters wish to have the names, as early as possible, of any representatives we can nominate to that Conference. It is hoped that part of the expenses of the Representatives may be met by the World Committee.

The World Committee wishes it to be understood that its only purpose is to arrange a Conference for the frank and unequivocal discussion of the problem of the Re-union of Christendom. The Conference will have no official character whatever, and will make no attempt to reunite the various bodies of Christians. No Church and no individual will be bound by anything that is said or done at the Conference. The sole purpose of the undertaking is "conference," which has great value in removing prejudice, suspicion, hostility and ignorance which keep from a true understanding of each other those who worship God the Son incarnate in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I recommend the reappointment of our Commission, and that the sum of £10 be voted from the Contingent Fund towards the expenses of the movement.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Convener of Commission.

Palmerston North, N. Z.,
17th January, 1925.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. The members of this Commission are:—Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, B.A., Dr. Ranston, M.A., H. E. Bellhouse, W. A. Sinclair, M. A. Rugby Pratt (convener), Messrs. H. Field, H. P. Mourant, J. C. Prudhoe, E. A. Rosevear.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION'S REPORT, 1924.

Through the efforts of our Secretary, a full list of the names and addresses of the Active Local Preachers of the Dominion is now in the possession of the Executive. This enables us to reach by mail the brethren most distant, as well as those who are near. We have already distributed in this way printed matter referring to our Book Scheme, and the report of a notable discussion in the British Wesleyan Conference on the shortage of Local Preachers.

In co-operation with a sub-committee of the Home Mission Department, the Association has assisted in the sending of one year's issue of the Methodist Magazine "Experience" to Local Preachers, as well as Ministers and Home Missionaries. A contribution was made from our funds, the balance being found by generous laymen of the Church.

Under our scheme for helping in the supply of suitable reading matter for Local Preachers, 174 books have been purchased by young men studying to become preachers, 98 by fully accredited men, and 33 by Home Missionaries. Copies of these works may now be seen on application to Branch Secretaries. This provision is capable of great extension, and ought to be more widely used.

The Mutual Aid principle has led us to give needed and substantial assistance in a serious case of misfortune, brought under our notice by one of the District Chairmen. A grant from the Centenary Fund, supplemented by gifts from other sources, has been judiciously administered so as to secure permanent relief to a worthy brother and his family.

In view of the young men now in training as Local Preachers, the Executive calls attention to the Conference provision for Public Recognition when Candidates are received on full plan. A Form of Service may be obtained from the Association. It is the experience of those who best know the condition of Dominion Methodism, that recruits for the plan are much needed. Not only is it impossible, through lack of preachers, to avail ourselves of opportunities of extension, but, in some Circuits, preaching places which have been supplied for years, have been dropped for the same reason. Public Recognition Services would provide suitable occasions for speaking to congregations on this great need of our Church.

We also desire to urge ministers who may be arranging Summer Schools of Theology, to extend the privilege of attendance to the Local Preachers of the District. It is certainly desirable that they should have the opportunity of sharing in such educational and inspirational discussions.

The Executive continues to keep in touch with Local Preachers' work in England, and it is kept informed of all developments there.

Signed on behalf of the Association,

H. FIELD, President.

W. S. MACKAY, Hon. Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. The Conference records its appreciation of the work done by the Association. It commends the Association to all the Local Preachers of our Church, and recommends that the Service of Recognition for fully accredited Local Preachers be observed in all our Circuits. It rejoices in the fact that the number of Local Preachers has been increased this year.

Circuit and Trust Funds.

1. That a certificate of audit by auditors of Circuit accounts be presented to the Annual Synods.
2. That the question:—"Has the Annual Audit of Circuit Accounts been duly made?" be put on the Schedule forms.
3. That the attention of Trustees be directed to the requirements for annual audit of Trust Accounts.

Division of Circuits.

That in Par. 211, Book of Laws, there be added after the words "Quarterly Meeting," the further words "and the recommendation of the District Synod or any Committee thereof, and no Memorial shall be accepted by the Conference unless these conditions have been complied with."

Status of a Circuit.

That the following suggested rule be referred to the Synods for consideration:—No Circuit shall be reduced to the status of a Home Mission Station without the consent of its Quarterly Meeting, and the recommendation of the District Synod.

President's Supply.

That the President be empowered each year to employ the services of a Supernumerary Minister or other suitable supply for a period not exceeding three months, the cost to be borne one-third by the Home Mission Fund, and two-thirds by the Contingent Fund.

President's Committee of Advice.

That the following be the President's Advisory Committee:—Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, B.A., S. Lawry, W. Grigg, E. Drake, A. Ashcroft W. A. Sinclair, the Secretary of the Conference, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher and the Vice-President.

Reports for Synods.

That the Secretary of Conference print the reports, such reports to reach the Secretary not later than October 20th, 1925.

Conference Sessions.

That the Arrangements Committee for next Conference be recommended to arrange for no public function on the second Saturday, and to make no Conference Appointments for the second Sunday.

Lay Representative.

That Mr. E. W. Hall, of Christchurch, be accredited as Lay Representative from this Conference to the Primitive Methodist Conference of England.

His Excellency the Governor-General.

That the opportunity be taken during the Sessions of Conference to present a loyal address of welcome to His Excellency the Governor-General, such address to be presented by a deputation consisting of the President, Vice-President, Ex-President, Secretary, Dr. Laws, Rev. W. A. Sinclair, and Mr. C. M. Luke.

VOTES OF THANKS.

President.—That the best thanks of Conference be tendered to the President, Rev. T. R. Richards, for his timely and helpful inaugural address, and for his kindly and efficient manner in presiding over the business and the social functions of Conference.

Vice-President.—That the Vice-President be heartily thanked for his helpful services to the Conference.

Ex-President.—That the cordial thanks of Conference be accorded Rev. A. Ashcroft, Ex-President, for his diligent and helpful work during the past year.

Ex-Vice-President.—That the cordial thanks of Conference be accorded Mr. Frank Thompson for his valuable services to the Church.

Ordination Charge.—That the Ex-President, Rev. A. Ashcroft, be heartily thanked for his wise and helpful Ordination Charge, and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed in the "Methodist Times."

Legal Adviser.—That Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., be cordially thanked for his generous services as Legal Adviser to the President, and that he be reappointed.

Secretaries.—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Secretary and his assistants, and to the precentor for their services to the Conference.

Trustees, Hosts, Etc.—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Trustees of Wesley Church for the use of the 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 the Press Secretary be thanked for his services; that the Press Association and the Daily Papers be thanked for reporting the business; that the Reporters for the "Methodist Times" be thanked for their admirable reports.

Choirs.—That Mr. Temple White and the united choirs be congratulated on the success of the Musical Festival, and that the City and Suburban Choirs be thanked for their assistance at the various functions.

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

On Thursday, February 25th, 1926, at 7 p.m., in Trinity Church, Dunedin.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS, President.

HERBERT P. MOURANT, Vice-President.

ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A., Secretary.

ADDRESS TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

TO GENERAL SIR CHARLES FERGUSSON, BT., LL.D., K.C.B.,
K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.V.O., GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE DOMINION OF NEW
ZEALAND.

May it please your Excellency.

We, the Ministers and Representative Laymen of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, in Annual Conference assembled, humbly present to you as the representative of His Majesty, King George V., our renewed assurances of the loyalty of our Methodist people in this Dominion. We rejoice in the moral influence exerted by our beloved Sovereign and in his high example of character before the eyes of his subjects.

We offer to you personally, as the Governor-General of the Dominion, to Her Excellency and to all members of your family, a very cordial welcome to New Zealand, and we are confident that we may look forward to years of wise influence and high endeavour during your term of office.

We rejoice to recognise in your Excellency a Christian with a deep reverence for the Bible and its teachings, and with a boldness to confess his faith in our common Lord.

We pray that during your term of office, righteousness may increase in our land, and that your hopes for the prosperity of its citizens may be abundantly fulfilled.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS, President.

ARTHUR ASHCROFT, Ex-President.

H. P. MOURANT, Vice-President.

A. N. SCOTTER, B.A., Secretary.

March 4, 1925.

Form of Bequest.

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

I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of the
(Here insert the name of the Institution or Fund to be benefited)
sum of pounds sterling to be paid out of my personal estate, in aid of the said
(Name the Institution or Fund)
now carried on under the direction of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be a sufficient discharge

Presidents and Secretaries of New Zealand Conferences.

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, N.Z.

PLACE	YEAR.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY
Christchurch	1874	Thomas Buddle	Alexander Reid
Auckland	1875	James Buller	Alexander Reid
Wellington	1876	Alexander Reid	John Crump
Christchurch	1877	William Kirk	William Morley
Wellington	1878	John Crump	William Morley
Auckland	1879	William Morley	Rainsford Bavin
Dunedin	1880	William Lee	William Morley
Nelson	1881	John B. Richardson	Rainsford Bavin
Christchurch	1882	James A. Taylor	William Morley
Auckland	1883	Rainsford Bavin	Henry Bull
Wellington	1884	William Morley	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1885	Joseph Berry	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1886	Henry Bull	William J. Williams
Auckland	1887	William C. Oliver	Henry R. Dewsbury
Wellington	1888	William J. Williams	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1889	William J. Watkin	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1890	John J. Lewis	William Lee
Auckland	1891	Henry R. Dewsbury	William Lee
Wellington	1892	George Bond	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1893	William Keall	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1894	David McNicoll	Henry Bull
Nelson	1895	Joseph H. Simmonds	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1896	William Baumber	William J. Williams
Wellington	1897	Paul W. Fairclough	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1898	William G. Parsonson	Daniel J. Murray
Christchurch	1899	John Orchard	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1900	Joseph S. Smalley	Daniel J. Murray
Wellington	1901	Charles H. Garland	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1902	Daniel J. Murray	Samuel Lawry

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch	1903	John A. Luxford	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1904	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Wellington	1905	Joseph N. Buttle	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1906	Thomas G. Brookes	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1907	William Slade	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Auckland	1908	Charles E. Beecroft	Samuel Lawry
Wellington	1909	Thomas Fee	Samuel Lawry
Dunedin	1910	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	Samuel Lawry
Christchurch	1911	George W. J. Spence	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1912	William Ready	Samuel Lawry

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND (INDEPENDENT).

Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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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. Rotuwell	H. Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas R. Richards	H. P. Mourant	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
Feilding	1897	Rev. T. H. Lyon
Dunedin	1898	Rev. J. Dawson
Christchurch	1899	Rev. P. W. Jones
Stratford	1900	Rev. J. Cocker
Auckland	1901	Rev. W. S. Potter
Wellington	1902	Hon. C. M. Luke
Ashburton	1903	Rev. G. Clement
Wanganui	1904	Rev. E. Drake
Christchurch	1905	Rev. J. Sharp
Invercargill	1906	Mr. C. E. Bellringer
New Plymouth	1907	Rev. C. E. Ward
Dunedin	1908	Rev. J. Olphert
Auckland	1909	Rev. R. Raine
Timaru	1910	Rev. S. Henderson
Wellington	1911	Rev. G. H. Mann
Christchurch	1912	Rev. G. K. Smith
Wellington	1913	Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES.

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

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

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

A Chronological List

OF THE

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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| <p>1862—Smith, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1864—Lee, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1868—McNicol, David (Sup.)</p> <p>1869—Simmonds, Joseph H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1870—Lewis, John J. (Sup.)
 ,, Ward, Charles E. (Sup.)
 ,, Williams, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1871—Bond, George (Sup.)
 ,, Carr, Thomas G. (Sup.)
 ,, Dewsbury, Henry R. (Sup.)
 ,, Thomas, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1872—Ward, Josiah (Sup.)</p> <p>1874—Hammond, Thomas G. (Sup.)
 ,, Jory, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1875—Guy, James (Sup.)
 ,, Murray, Daniel J. (Sup.)
 ,, Nixon, John (Sup.)
 ,, Standage, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1876—Baumber, William (Sup.)
 ,, Griffin, Cornelius (Sup.)
 ,, Jones, Peter W. (Sup.)
 ,, Potter, William S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)
 ,, Lawry, Samuel
 ,, Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1879—Abernethy, Christopher (Sup.)</p> <p>1880—Brooke, Thomas G. (Sup.)</p> <p>1881—Pinfold, James T., D.D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel (Sup.)
 ,, Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1884—Laycock, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C.
 ,, Ready, William
 ,, Wallis, T. Jackson</p> | <p>1887—Blight, Joseph (Sup.)
 ,, Clement, George (Sup.)
 ,, Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)
 ,, Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.
 ,, Wrigley, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1888—Dawson, John
 ,, Grigg, William
 ,, Olphert, John</p> <p>1889—Chapman, James G. (Sup.)
 ,, Knight, Percy N., B.A.
 ,, Read, Frederick T.</p> <p>1890—Cocker, James (Sup.)
 ,, Harding, Arthur (Sup.)
 ,, Mitchell, Arthur
 ,, Newbold, Thos. W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A.</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D.
 ,, Raine, Robert
 ,, Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward
 ,, Elliott, William J.
 ,, Frost, George
 ,, Harrison, Colin C.</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E.
 ,, Griffin, John W. (Sup.)
 ,, Henderson, Samuel
 ,, Vealie, Thomas W.</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur
 ,, Lochore, John A.
 ,, Richards, Thomas R.</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L.</p> <p>1897—Cossum, Percy J.
 ,, Goldie, John Francis
 ,, Greenwood, Fred
 ,, Hay, W. Arthur
 ,, Pybus, T. Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1898—Beckett, William
 ,, Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S.</p> <p>899—Keall, Robert P.
 ,, Southern, John
 ,, 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.
 „ Pratt, M. A. Rugby
- 1903—James, Benjamin J.
 „ Liddell, Ralph J.
 „ Seamer, Arthur J.
- 1904—Blamires, Ernest O.
 „ Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.
 „ 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
 „ Findlay, George H., M.A.
 * „ Scott, W. Bramwell
- 1908—Cox, Edwin T., M.A.
 „ Jordan, Chas. B., M.A.,
 F.R.E.S.
 „ Martin, J. Frederick
 „ 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.
 „ Werren, 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.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—(Continued).

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| 1922—Allen, James H. | 1924—Bateup, Frank |
| " Brooks, Leslie A. G. | " Brooker, E. Hugh |
| " Burton, Thomas H. | " Brown, H. Granville |
| " Jack, John F. | " Fiebig, Herbert L. |
| 1923—Blackmore, Albert | " Kings, Harry S. |
| " Hames, Eric W., M.A. | " McGregor, Robert |
| " Orchard, Hector C. | " Pearn, Oliver S. |
| " Spencer, Herbert | " Reid, John |
| 1924—Ayrton, Moses | " Taylor, Cecil R. |
| " Bailey, John | 1925—Brown, Frederick G. |
| | " Laurensen, George I. |
| | " Peterson, Gordon R. |

NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| 1882—Rakena, Piripi | 1914—Rakena, P. Rakena |
| 1896—Heretini, Te Tuhi | 1916—Soakai, Joeli |
| 1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki | 1920—Matarae Tauroa |
| " Renata, Hapeta | 1921—Teuawiri, Hoani Hakaraia |
| 1911—Kakuere, Hori | 1922—Haddon, E. Oliver |
| " Te Tuhi, Eruera | |
| " Wilcox, Davis | |

An Alphabetical List

OF THE

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF 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 and Maori 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., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho	45
1879	S	Abernethy, Christopher, 363 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch (1919)	83
1922	2	Allen, James H., Rotorua	28
1924	2	Ayrton, Moses, Raetihi	48
1895	3	Ashcroft, Arthur, Queen Street, Thames	19
1906	2	Avery, William W., King Edward Street, Eltham	38
1924	2	Bailey, John, Young Street, New Plymouth	35
1901	5	Bailey, Samuel, 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton	92
1924	2	Bateup, Frank, Picton	77
1876	S	Baumber, William, 91 Hackthorne Road, Christchurch (1918)	83
1898	2	Beckett, William, 46 Worksop Road, Masterton	71
1894	3	Bellhouse, Harold E., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin	107
1921	1	Benny, Henry, Motueka	80
1913	4	Bensley, Arthur A., Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands	[7]
1914	4	Binet, Vincent le C., Seqa, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	[8]
1907	2	Blair, Charles, King Street, Rangiora	98
1900	4	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	S.S. and Y.P.
1904	3	Blamires, Ernest O., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin	109
1896	5	Blamires, Henry L., 150 Hardy Street, Nelson	75
1923	1	Blakemore, Albert, Kaponga	43
1887	S	Blight, Joseph, 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1910)	3
1917	1	Blight, William T., B.A., 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden	3
1871	S	Bond, George, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1915)	3
1880	S	Brooke, Thomas G., Penryn Avenue, Mount Eden, Auckland (1924)	3

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1924	2	Brooker, E. Hugh, Ngatea	23
1922	2	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Frankton, Hamilton	25
1925	1	Brown, Frederick G., Wairoa, Hawke's Bay	52
1916	2	Brown, George E., 11 Sherwood Street, Dominion Road, Auckland	1
1924	2	Brown, H. Olanville, Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[6]
1910	3	Burley, William A., M.A., Onewa Road, Birkenhead, Auckland	7
1914	3	Burnett, Oswald, Greendale, Canterbury	99
1922	2	Burton, Thomas H., Kilbirnie, Wellington	65
1871	8	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Road, Mount Eden, Auckland (1915)	3
1917	2	Chambers, Ernest B., Opunake, Taranaki	42
1889	8	Chapman, James G., 76 Tinakori Road, Wellington (1920)	62
1906	8	Clark, James R., 25 Wyon Street, Linwood, Christchurch (1923)	84
1887	8	Clement, George, Ings Avenue, St. Clair, Dunedin (1903)	107
1902	2	Coatsworth, Thomas, Edinburgh Street, Pukekone	11
1890	8	Cocker, James, 46 Albert Street, Masterton (1922)	71
1901	3	Cook, George S., Grey Street, Onehunga	8
1915	3	Cooke, Percy I., Matamata, Waikato	34
1905	2	Copeland, Fred, Queen Street, Hastings, H.B.	50
1897	1	Cossum, Percy J., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	35
1918	1	Costain, Alfred M., Paeroa	23
1909	4	Cottom, Harry, Waihi	22
1908	2	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	44
1921	4	Cropp, Allan H., Roviana, Solomon Islands	[6]
1919	1	Cuming, William B., Woodend, Canterbury	98
1906	1	Daniel, Herbert, Dannevirke	54
1888	13	Dawson, John, 136 Coromandel Street, Wellington	62
1917	2	Dennis, John, Porirua Road, Johnsonville	66
1917	4	Dent, Tom, Roviana, Solomon Islands	[6]
1871	8	Dewsbury, Henry R., "Mai Ora," Epsom, Auckland, (1911)	3
1893	2	Drake, Edward, Selwyn Road, Epsom, Auckland	3
1898	3	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., 165 Olivier's Road, Linwood, Christchurch	84
1901	3	Eaton, Clarence, 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington	62
1893	2	Elliott, William J., Queen Street, Cambridge	24
1904	1	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., Wellington Road, Kilbirnie, Wellington	65
1911	2	Enticott, Walter J., Willowby, Canterbury	105
1901	2	Featherston, Jacob, Tua Marina, Blenheim	77
1877	8	Fee, Thomas, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch (1913)	86
1924	2	Fiebig, Herbert L., N.E. Valley, Dunedin	107
1907	1	Findlay, George H., M.A., Papakura	9
1919	2	Ford, Herbert, Otautau, Southland	124
1916	3	Fordyce, Robert E., Roxburgh, Otago	119
1914	3	Foston, Charles A., Pahiatua	56
1911	2	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Coronation Street, Waimate	101
1911	3	Frost, Fred L., Devonport Road, Tauranga	29
1893	2	Frost, George, 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne	51
1919	3	Gatman, William, Balclutha, Otago	117
1897	24	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	[6]
1912	2	Gosnell, Robert B., Mowatt Street, Waitara	36
1900	2	Greenslade, William, 93 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington	63

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1897 ...	1 ...	Greenwood, Fred, Station Road, Otahuhu	... 9
1876 ...	S ...	Griffin, Cornelius, 7 Eglinton Avenue, Mount Eden, Auckland (1914)	... 3
1895 ...	S ...	Griffin, John W., Papakura, Auckland (1925)	... 10
1882 ...	S ...	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Road, Mount Eden, Auckland (1920)	... 3
1888 ...	2 ✕	Grigg, William, High Street, Blenheim	... 77
1875 ...	S ...	Guy, James, 124 Bealey Street, St. Albans, Christ- church (1921)	... 84
1923 ...	2 ✕	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	... 83
1874 ...	S ...	Hammond, Thomas G., Leitchfield, Waikato (1920)	... 34
1890 ...	S ...	Harding, Arthur, Raroa Road, Lower Hutt, Welling- ton (1923)	... 67
1921 ...	2 ...	Harkness, Edwin S., Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	... 111
1910 ...	4 ✕	Harris, Archer O., Leeston, Canterbury	... 95
1914 ...	3 ✕	Harris, Francis T., Ohoka, Canterbury	... 97
1905 ...	5 ✕	Harris, John, 227 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch	... 85
1893 ...	2 ...	Harrison, Colin C., Tiber Street, Island Bay, Wel- lington	... 64
1900 ...	4 ...	Haslam, Jonathan H., 118 Elles Road, Invercargill	... 121
1897 ...	3 ...	Hay, W. Arthur, 54 Chester Street, Christchurch	... 83
1894 ...	3 ...	Henderson, Samuel, Church Street, Te Aroha	... 20
1912 ...	1 ...	Hinton, George B., Takapuna, Auckland	... 6
1916 ...	3 ✕	Hocking, William H., Irk Street, Gore	... 123
1911 ...	3 ...	Hopper, Arthur, 36 Brighton Road, Roslyn, Dunedin	... 114
1900 ...	2 ...	Hunt, George P., East Road, Stratford, Taranaki	... 38
1922 ...	4 ...	Jack, John F., Hokitika	... 78
1903 ...	2 ...	James, Benjamin J., 43 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton, Christchurch	... 89
1919 ...	1 ...	Jefferson, Alfred E., 53 Wellington Road Marton	... 46
1876 ...	S ...	Jones, Peter W., Sandiland Street, Feilding (1901)	... 59
1882 ...	S ...	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	... 3
1908 ...	3 ...	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., F.R.E.S., Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	... 116
1874 ...	S ...	Jory, John D., "Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auck- land (1912)	... 7
1887 ...	S ...	Joughin, Thomas A., Mount Albert, Auckland (1922)	... 4
1899 ...	2 ✕	Keall, R. Purcell, Carterton	... 70
1916 ...	1 ...	Kendon, Charles H., Waiuku, Auckland	... 12
1924 ...	2 ...	Kings, Harry S., Paparua	... 14
1889 ...	6 ...	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 10 Hopetoun Street, Auck- land	... 1
1925 ...	1 ...	Laurenson, George I., Island Bay, Wellington	... 64
1912 ...	2 ...	Lawrence, Frederick A., Karori, Wellington	... 63
1885 ...	3 ...	Lawry, Albert C., 21 Butler Street, Timaru	... 100
1877 ...	15 ...	Lawry, Samuel, P.O. Box 931, Christchurch	... C.S.
1887 ...	6 ...	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., 70 Remuera Road, Auckland	... Th. C.
1884 ...	S ...	Laycock, William, Kononi Street, Riccarton, Christ- church (1925)	... 83
1911 ...	1 ...	Lea, William (visiting England)	... 45
1912 ...	3 ✕	Leadley, Frank E., 32 Firth Street, Hamilton East, Waikato	... 26
1864 ...	S ...	Lee, William, Henley Road, Mount Eden, Auckland (1907)	... 3
1903 ...	2 ✕	Liddell, Ralph J., Kirk Street, Otaki	... 74
1870 ...	S ...	Lewis, John J., Tenterden Avenue, Mount Eden, Auckland (1919)	... 1

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1900	3	Liversedge, Arthur, Parsonage, New North Road, Mount Albert, Auckland	4
1895	2	Lochore, John A., Nelson Street, Petone	68
1909	2	McArthur, John D., Queen Street, Levin	73
1904	2	McBean, Angus, Spey Street, Invercargill	120
1924	2	McGregor, Robert, Bluff	121
1868	S	McNicoll, David, c/o J. R. McNeill, Pukekohe (1909)	3
1883	S	Marshall, George T., Mount Albert, Auckland (1920)	1
1908	2	Martin, J. Frederick, Franklin Street, Greymouth	79
1916	6	Metcalfe, John R., Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	[8]
1905	2	Metson, Basil, Madeira Steps, Napier	49
1890	3	Mitchell, Arthur, West Street, Feilding	59
1875	S	Murray, Daniel J., Quest Terrace, Dominion Road, Auckland (1920)	1
1918	2	Neal, Wallace S., Sanson, Manawatu	60
1911	2	Neale, Leslie B., Repton Street, S. Albans	90
1917	1	Nelson, John R., Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland	4
1890	S	Newbold, Thomas W., 275 George Street, Dunedin (1912)	107
1875	S	Nixon, John, Okato, Opunake (1907)	35
1915	4	Odell, Henry J., 141 North Street, Timaru	100
1910	4	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auckland <i>26 up Rata R. Hataitai</i>	2
1915	1	Olds, E. Thomas, Wellington	H.M.
1888	2	Olphert, John, 52 Collingwood Street, Auckland	2
1923	3	Orchard, Hector C., Konini St., Inglewood, Taranaki	37
1902	3	Oxbrow, Walter J., South Road, Hawera, Taranaki	40
1906	5	Paris, Percy R., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch	87
1917	2	Parker, Frederick J., Waipawa, Hawke's Bay	53
1918	4	Parker, James W., Springston, Canterbury	93
1912	4	Parsons, John E., 17 Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	5
1902	5	Patchett, Ernest D., 173 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch <i>Victoria R.</i>	84
1924	2	Pearn, Oliver, St. Clair, Dunedin	109
1913	3	Peat, Harold T., 23 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North	58
1892	2	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Foxton, Manawatu	61
1877	S	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch (1920)	90
1925	1	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Sumner, Christchurch	86
1920	3	Pickering, William B., Westport	82
1881	S	Pinfold, James T., D.D., "The Nook," Main Road, Karori Park, Wellington (1921)	63
1876	S	Potter, William S., 155 Crummer Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland (1919) <i>248</i>	2
1902	3	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, 286 Church Street, Palmerston North	57
1897	S	Pybus, T. Arthur, Helena Street, Dunedin (1923)	107
1892	4	Raine, Robert, 56 Lawrence Street, Mornington, Dunedin	113
1901	3	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., 5 Moehau Street, Grafton, Auckland	Th. C.
1889	3	Read, Frederick T., 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch	84

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1901	3	Reader, Amos, 8 Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland	1
1885	3	Ready, William, London Street, Hamilton	25
1924	2	Reid, John, Taihape	44
1911	1	Richards, H. Leslie, Wesley Street, Richmond, Nelson	76
1910	4	Richards, James, Remuera Road, Auckland	3
1905	2	Richards, Raymond, Birkett Street, Temuka	102
1895	2	Richards, Thomas R., Liardet Street, New Plymouth	35
1906	3	Roberts, Charles, Manaia, Taranaki	41
1911	6	Rowe, William, 1 Knight's Street, Lower Hutt, Wellington	67
1906	4	Ryan, Henry, Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch	91
1916	1	Sage, Ernest E., Thames Street, Morrinsville	21
1907	1	Scott, W. Bramwell, 49 Wesley St., South Dunedin	110
1900	2	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 24 Colombo Street, Wellington	64
1903	2	Seamer, Arthur J., 17 Disraeli Street, Mount Eden, Auckland	H.M.
1910	2	Sharp, Harold A., Geraldine	103
1869	S	Simmonds, Joseph H., Princess Street, Takanihi, Auckland	10
1891	7	Sinclair, William A., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland; private address, 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland	F.M.
1918	4	Skuse, Thomas, Johnson Street, Milton, Otago	118
1915	1	Slade, William G., M.A., Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	96
1892	2	Smith, G. Knowles, Greytown, Wairarapa	69
1862	S	Smith, John, 35 Fairview Road, Mount Eden, Auckland (1891)	3
1899	1	Southern, John, Queen Street, Woodville	55
1908	1	Speer, William H., 46 Radley Street, Woolston, Christchurch	86
1923	2	Spencer, Herbert, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	72
1875	S	Standage, Charles H., 18 Craigie Street, Timaru (1915)	100
1904	3	Stockwell, George F., Eden Street, Oamaru	106
1924	2	Taylor, Cecil R., Brooklyn, Wellington	61
1871	S	Thomas, James, 103 White Horse Road, Box Hill, Melbourne (1907) <i>Subarna, Moonah, Jasmara</i>	
1908	6	Tinslev, Robert B., Selwyn Street, Christchurch	88
1894	7	Vealie, Thomas W., Havelock Street, Ashburton	104
1912	3	Walker, William, 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin	108
1885	1	Wallis, T. Jackson, Tai Tapu, Canterbury	94
1870	S	Ward, Charles E., Canon Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1910)	85
1872	S	Ward, Joseph, 128 Ohiro Road, Brooklyn, Wellington	64
1912	2	Watson, William A., Mangawhare, Northern Wairoa	15
1914	2	Werren, Samuel J., Edgeware Road, St. Albans, Christchurch	90
1906	3	White, Hedley Te Awamutu	32
1870	S	Williams, William J., 24 Nayland Street, Sumner, Christchurch (1914)	83
1899	2	Wills, William, 66 Fitzroy Street, Caversham	112
1901	1	Woolloxall, Thomas R., Bank Street, Whangarei	16
1887	S	Wrigley, James, Birkenhead	7

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1900	Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki, Normanby, Taranaki	[5]
1922	Haddon, E. Oliver, Gonville, Wanganui	[5]

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1896	...	Heretini, Te Tuhi, Whirinaki, Hokianga	[2]
1911	...	Kakure, Hori, Ngauawama, Waikato	[4]
1924	...	Paikea, Paraire R., Batley, Kaipara	[3]
1914	...	Rakena, Rakena P., Rahotu, Taranaki	[5]
1882	...	Rakena, Piripi, Mangamuka, Hokianga	[2]
1900	...	Renata, Hapeta, Taheke, Hokianga	[2]
1920	...	Tauroa, Matarae, Okaiawa, Taranaki	[5]
1911	...	Te Tuhi, Erucera, Rewiti, Kaipara	[3]
1921	...	Te Uawiri, Hoani H., Norfolk Street, Patea, Taranaki	[5]
1911	...	Wilcox, Davis, Opuia, Bay of Islands	[1]

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); 6
 1899—John Oliver, Main Street East, Palmerston North (retired); 8
 1904—C. Aker, Port Albert, Kaipara; 2
 1904—W. T. Hooper, Robert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland; 1
 1907—S. Keen, Gonville, Wanganui; 1
 1908—G. H. Bridgman, Rakaia, Canterbury; 1
 1908—C. W. Brown, Putaruru, Waikato; 2
 1908—W. E. Sleep, Norsewood, Hawke's Bay; 1
 1909—T. W. Featherstone, Oxford, Canterbury; 3
 1909—F. P. Kellow, Gonville, Wanganui (retired); 4
 1909—W. Watson, Patea, Taranaki (retired); 3
 1910—C. Duncan, Waikouaiti, Otago; 2
 1911—A. E. Haynes, Apiti, Feilding; 1
 1911—C. Strand, Te Kuiti, King Country; 2
 1913—J. Common, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty; 5
 1914—F. E. Foot, Lawrence, Otago; 1
 1915—J. H. Edmondson, Bombay, Auckland; 2
 1915—T. Flower, Halcombe, Feilding; 1
 1917—A. L. Witheford, Paraparaumu, Wellington; 2
 1919—J. Belshaw, Mayfield, Canterbury; 1
 1919—P. Bridge, Kaihu, Northern Wairoa; 1
 1923—J. W. Cocks, Huntly, Waikato; 1
 1924—G. F. O. Whittlestone, Nightcaps, Southland; 2

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

A.—Exempted from Examination Work.

- 1919—J. W. Bayliss, Patea, Taranaki; 2
 1921—A. Beeson, Featherston; 1
 1922—H. Ashworth, Rawene, Hokianga; 1
 1924—J. M. Smeeth, Kaeo, Whangaroa; 2
 1925—H. J. Malcolm, Edendale, Southland; 1
 1925—G. R. Rotherham, Opotiki, Bay of Plenty; 1

B.—Due to Take Examination Work

- 1920—C. G. H. Bycroft, Porirua, Wellington; 2
 1920—W. Parker, Onehunga; 1

- 1920—R. T. H. Wearne, Havelock, Marlborough; 2
 1921—J. Thomas, Hawarden, Canterbury; 1
 1922—G. H. Marr, Cromwell, Otago; 2
 1922—C. Robinson, Keefeton, West Coast; 1
 1923—E. R. Alexander, Baiclutha, Otago; 1
 1923—E. J. Clarke, Coromandel; 1
 1923—W. McDonald, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty; 1
 1923—H. E. Haynes, Riverton, Southland; 2
 1924—R. T. Alexander, Murchison, Nelson; 2
 1924—J. C. Draper, Tuatapere, Southland; 1
 1924—H. Dyson, Granity, Westport; 2
 1924—H. Fallows, Tuakau, Auckland; 1
 1924—G. Hall, Ashhurst, Manawatu; 2
 1924—F. T. Hoten, Wakefield, Nelson; 2
 1924—W. M. Jones, Mangonui, Auckland; 1
 1924—F. J. Rickard, Taumarunui, King Country; 1
 1924—H. Noble, Marangai, Bay of Islands; 1
 1924—J. G. W. Grindlay, Mosgiel, Dunedin; 2
 1924—E. Puddle, ~~Maori Hill, Dunedin~~; 1 *A. Kilda*
 1924—H. S. Ratcliffe, Kaitangata, Otago; 1
 1924—C. G. Scrimgeour, Russell, Bay of Islands; 1
 1924—B. H. N. Teague, c/o Methodist Parsonage, Waitara; 1
 1924—W. H. Wilson, Kaukapakapa, Kaipara; 2
 1925—C. E. Dickens, Hikurangi, Whangarei; 1
 1925—J. C. Gill, Timaru, Canterbury; 1
 1925—R. Grice, Kuripuni, Masterton; 1
 1925—W. J. Henderson, ~~Broadwood, Hokianga~~; 1 *Rakiaia*
 1925—D. Hickman, Dublin Street, Wanganui; 1
 1925—E. Hill, Arapohue, Northern Wairoa; 1
 1925—J. W. Parsons, Warkworth, Auckland; 1
 1925—R. Thomas, Helensville, Kaipara; 1
 1925—W. Wilson, Ohura, King Country; 1

HOME MISSION SUPPLIES.

- 1921—T. A. Brady, Ngaruawahia, Waikato; 1
 1924—J. Boothroyd, Waddington, Canterbury; 1
 1925—J. Nixon, Okato, Taranaki; 1
 1925—J. Richards, Douglas, Taranaki; 1

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

Wi Kaitara, Purerua, Bay of Islands.
 Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Aotearoa, Waikato.
 Aihe Huirama, Marokopa.
 Te Hira Ratete, Raglan.
 McDavis Wharehuia, Te Kuiti.
 Hone Taotahi, Pipiriki.
 Matene Keepa, Kawhia, King Country.
 Te Iwiora Tamaiparea, Rangitikei.

APPENDIX

I.

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924.
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants	
Auckland Central ..	4	..	4	3	9	..	1	14	3	708	13	161	..	545	1980
Auckland West ..	5	1	6	2	3	..	..	6	..	395	..	135	..	266	1345
Auckland East ..	6	..	6	4	15	..	..	21	2	718	10	284	..	616	2096
Auckland (Avondale) ..	6	3	3	2	4	1	..	10	1	369	10	130	..	395	1193
Auckland Meth. Mission	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	2	68	..	6	..	40	300
Auckland (Devonport)	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	191	..	56	..	178	630
Auckland (Takapuna) ..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	99	..	35	..	84	360
Auckland (Birkenhead)	4	2	4	1	3	..	..	7	..	209	..	80	..	188	620
Onehunga ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	210	..	114	..	140	635
Otahuhu ..	3	1	2	1	..	..	..	8	..	169	..	95	..	125	600
Papakura ..	2	3	2	1	2	..	..	4	..	124	..	55	..	92	475
Pukekohe ..	7	10	..	2	1	1	..	10	..	210	..	28	..	200	1000
Waiuku ..	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	72	..	30	..	77	355
Mahurangi ..	2	6	1	1	..	1	..	3	1	67	2	..	..	42	380
Paparoa ..	5	6	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	71	..	35	..	75	290
Northern Wairoa ..	5	10	..	1	1	..	..	8	..	135	..	30	..	110	450
Whangarei ..	2	6	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	135	..	35	..	60	500
Whangaroa ..	1	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	23	3	..	..	12	165
Port Albert ..	3	5	1	1	..	1	..	2	2	67	..	18	..	62	240
Coromandel ..	2	8	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	32	..	4	..	..	230
Helensville ..	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	41	..	12	..	41	150
Kaukapakapa ..	3	6	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	35	..	10	..	..	200
Bay of Islands ..	2	8	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	21	..	..	..	10	248
Hokianga ..	2	10	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	71	..	2	..	60	300
Mangonui ..	3	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	39	..	13	..	..	160
Hikurangi ..	1	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	10	100
Rehia ..	1	12	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	55	..	6	..	..	350
Ohaeawai ..	1	10	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	30	..	10	..	23	263
General Totals	80	134	40	32	45	14	1	129	11	4386	38	1384	..	3451	15618

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	125	..	10	..	80	340
Te Aroha ..	3	7	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	159	5	50	6	90	620
Morrinsville ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	135	..	13	18	95	450
Waihi ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	84	4	20	..	65	200
Paeroa and H. P.	2	10	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	66	..	46	41	22	350
Cambridge ..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	153	..	75	81	142	650
Hamilton ..	2	6	3	1	2	..	..	14	2	391	10	120	160	280	1300
Hamilton East ..	3	4	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	113	..	60	14	100	400
Rotorua ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	63	..	34	21	60	210
Tauranga ..	1	7	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	98	..	23	..	49	316
Opotiki ..	2	4	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	36	..	10	..	20	175
Taumarunui ..	1	9	..	1	..	1	..	6	3	93	..	4	26	15	250
Te Awamutu ..	2	9	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	116	..	21	38	75	580
Whakatane ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	40	..	7	2	22	110
Matamata ..	2	6	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	104	..	25	28	60	350
Te Puke ..	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	47	..	..	27	45	180
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	54	..	9	23	45	270
Huntly ..	1	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	36	..	4	..	19	75
Te Kuiti ..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	50	10	6	..	95	200
Ohura ..	2	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	46	..	25	11	18	160
Putaruru ..	1	6	..	1	1sp	1	..	3	2	48	..	10	4	49	248
General Totals	42	96	14	17	16	8	..	70	8	2057	29	592	500	1446	7434

II.

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924.
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants	
New Plymouth	8	3	3	2	4	1	1	19	1	545	135	370	1600		
Waitara	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	102	32	89	491		
Inglewood	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	35	55	150		
Stratford	7	1	2	3	1	1	1	9	1	171	50	75	604		
Eltham	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	127	33	75	400		
Hawera	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	300	163	180	650		
Manaia	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	86	25	55	250		
Cape Egmont	6	5	2	3	1	1	1	8	1	108	20	110	424		
Kaponga	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	52	10	30	290		
Wanganui	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	11	1	429	137	327	1010		
Wanganui North	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	7	1	185	9	90	600		
Marton	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	54	40	75	275		
Taihape	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	60	8	20	100		
Waimarino	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	67	7	150	150		
Patea	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	7	20	100		
General Totals	56	35	18	22	17	5	1	90	1	2371	28	789	1571	7094	

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	1	364	10	234	146	980
Hastings	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	9	1	314	110	250	750	
Gisborne	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	271	87	160	760	
Waipawa	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	50	30	40	230	
Dannevirke	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	136	45	106	400	
Woodville	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	100	18	70	300	
Pahiatua	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	68	50	250	250	
Palmerston N. (Broad St.)	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	7	1	321	93	255	770	
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	279	73	260	750	
Feilding	7	1	2	2	2	1	1	13	1	245	70	150	870	
Sanson-Rongotea	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	126	70	310	310	
Foxton	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	1	76	25	46	290	
Home Mission Stations—														
Apiti	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	52	22	110	110	
Norsewood	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	45	20	130	130	
Wairoa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
General Totals	43	33	14	16	13	5	1	88	1	2447	10	785	1645	6900

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

WELLINGTON—														
Taranaki Street	3	1	4	2	4	1	1	13	1	692	4	134	350	1500
Thorndon	4	1	4	4	2	1	1	8	2	221	128	170	805	
Wellington South	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	16	2	292	84	231	790	
Kilbirnie	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	7	1	190	3	88	150	685
Johnsonville	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	4	1	144	48	110	450	
Hutt	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	6	1	193	25	100	404	
Petone	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	174	4	17	91	500
South Wairarapa	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	51	16	57	150	
Carterton	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	144	22	100	450	
Masterton	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	8	1	265	108	150	940	
Eketahuna	2	7	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	100	50	350	350	
Levin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	123	41	80	292	
Otaki	6	1	2	1	1	1	1	5	1	107	42	104	415	
General Totals	41	19	20	19	21	4	2	85	4	2696	11	753	1743	7731

III.

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924.
NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants	
Nelson	1	..	2	1	1	1	..	7	..	335	1	110	..	260	820
Richmond	9	5	2	1	1	1	..	15	..	249	..	18	..	156	795
Blenheim	7	7	3	3	3	..	..	17	..	447	..	86	..	300	1148
Hokitika	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	53	..	15	..	50	120
Greymouth	3	2	1	2	1	..	..	8	..	147	1	27	..	50	400
Reefton	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	60	..	15	..	45	230
Westport	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	85	2	66	..	70	225
Motueka	1	5	1	1	..	1	..	6	..	115	..	16	..	96	460
Home Mission Stations—															
Havelock	4	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	47	4	4	..	26	220
Murchison	1	7	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	20	..	2	..	18	143
Granity-Denniston	4	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	50	..	..	..	..	183
General Totals	35	38	13	13	9	6	..	63	2	1608	8	359	..	1071	4744

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CHRISTCHURCH—															
Durham Street	2	..	1	1	7	..	1	9	3	346	..	46	..	275	1150
East	6	2	5	3	5	..	1	20	..	669	..	360	..	460	1760
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	..	2	2	..	..	7	..	177	..	37	..	135	470
Woolston	4	1	4	1	3	..	..	7	..	257	..	92	..	160	550
Sydenham	2	3	2	2	1	..	..	3	..	216	..	83	..	96	500
Addington	3	..	2	1	1	..	1	8	..	235	..	140	..	150	646
Riccarton	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	105	..	34	..	65	220
St. Albans	2	..	2	2	2	..	..	4	..	287	..	115	..	190	925
Papanui	3	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	154	..	74	..	200	400
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	110	5	38	..	66	370
Springston	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	157	5	..	..	150	450
Tai Tapu	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	140	..	18	..	85	314
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	158	..	14	..	115	430
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	156	..	80	..	80	600
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	75	..	12	..	60	220
Rangiora	8	1	3	2	1	1	..	12	..	250	..	29	..	135	751
Greendale-Malvern	7	3	..	2	1	1	..	9	..	130	..	36	..	132	299
Hawarden	1	5	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	32	..	..	..	30	200
Oxford	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	78	..	27	..	52	130
General Totals	67	19	28	26	32	4	3	110	3	3732	10	1235	..	2636	10385

IV.

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.									Church Membership					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
Timaru	6	4	2	2	4	..	..	22	..	501	..	150	..	350	1580
Waimate	2	6	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	189	..	87	..	182	630
Temuka	1	3	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	93	..	21	..	35	220
Geraldine	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	116	..	30	..	50	320
Ashburton	3	5	1	1	1	..	1	14	..	308	..	94	..	190	780
Willowby	5	2	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	142	..	49	..	155	445
Oamaru	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	169	..	30	..	125	450
Rakaia-Methven	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	7	..	45	..	..	..	54	118
Mayfield	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	50	..	..	..	32	185
General Totals	25	30	9	9	10	2	1	75	..	1613	..	461	..	1173	4728

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN—Trinity	3	..	3	1	5	..	..	6	..	329	..	86	..	200	650
Central Mission	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	185	..	15	..	120	1300
Dundas Street	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	171	..	50	..	120	475
Cargill Road	2	1	2	1	2	..	..	9	1	262	..	60	..	210	678
St. Kilda	3	1	1	1	1	1	..	3	..	138	..	35	..	139	448
Caversham	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	176	..	56	..	95	465
Mornington	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	2	175	16	12	..	74	380
Roslyn	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	3	2	165	3	76	..	110	400
Mosgiel	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	58	..	..	..	30	150
Port Chalmers	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	91	..	16	..	80	240
Balclutha	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	80	..	40	..	30	287
Milton	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	70	..	20	..	..	360
Roxburgh	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	66	1	10	..	55	250
Invercargill—Central	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	276	..	65	..	120	650
St. Peters	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	5	..	170	..	32	..	90	350
Bluff	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	71	..	12	..	40	220
Gore	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	115	..	46	..	50	210
Otautau	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	56	..	32	..	45	185
Edendale	2	4	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	30	4	5	..	27	242
Kaitangata	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	48	19	..	..	35	95
Lawrence	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	10	..	12	180
Cromwell	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	35	3	5	..	25	200
Riverton	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	45	..	15	..	25	230
Tuatapere .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nightcaps	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	33	..	..	..	16	100
Waikouaiti & Palmerston	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	47	..	19	..	30	135
General Totals	48	39	16	25	22	9	1	66	7	2924	46	717	..	1778	8880

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1924.

DISTRICTS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	
Auckland	80	134	40	32	45	14	1	129	11	4386	38	1384	...	3451	15618
South Auckland	42	96	14	17	16	8	...	70	8	2057	29	592	...	1446	7434
Taranaki-Wanganui	56	35	18	22	17	5	1	90	1	2371	28	789	...	1571	7094
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	43	33	14	16	13	5	1	88	1	2447	10	785	...	1645	6900
Wellington	41	19	20	19	21	4	2	85	4	2896	11	753	...	1743	7731
Nelson	35	38	13	13	9	6	...	63	2	1608	8	359	...	1071	4744
North Canterbury	67	19	28	26	32	4	3	110	3	3732	10	1235	...	2636	10385
South Canterbury	25	30	9	9	10	2	1	75	...	1613	...	461	...	1173	4728
Otago-Southland	48	39	16	25	22	9	1	66	7	2924	46	717	...	1778	8880
Totals 1924	437	443	172	179	185	57	10	776	37	24034	180	7075	...	16514	73514
Totals 1923	435	437	169	174	179	55	11	757	30	23491	99	6764	...	16488	73239
Increases	2	6	3	5	6	2	...	19	7	543	81	311	...	26	275
Decreases ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

SUMMARY OF MAORI RETURNS.

	North Island	South Island	Total
Churches	14	3	17
Other Preaching Places	106	6	112
Ministers and Probationers	12	0	12
Home Missionaries	8	0	8
Deaconesses	4	0	4
Local Preachers	120	2	122
Church Members	3012	146	3158
Junior Members	724	35	759
Infants Members	371	42	413

SUMMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1924.

VI.

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 ...	74	692	502	6844	4641	386	1153	289	78	247	554	712	382	371	335	338	153	885	452	122	460	1348	134	57	39	11	7	50	
South Auckland ...	46	285	252	2927	2077	97	592	500	31	44	94	186	175	134	133	132	34	349	158	109	58	540	87	46	24	4	4	24	
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	46	277	223	3463	2512	179	691	223	155	168	85	347	189	121	182	57	32	588	130	..	132	362	60	4	25	2	2	26	
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ...	40	252	217	2832	2018	94	721	98	29	44	125	298	156	137	165	163	63	270	138	12	10	313	..	..	18	..	..	22
Wellington ...	39	415	318	3904	2678	204	614	118	108	170	123	425	173	324	160	250	34	496	163	74	361	105	126	12	21	..	1	28	
Nelson ...	24	174	155	1775	1346	99	279	98	19	60	38	222	118	97	72	82	21	300	200	63	90	30	76	..	9	..	3	15	
North Canterbury ...	59	509	442	4484	3160	204	918	205	39	171	239	508	260	243	193	229	87	847	659	53	227	796	191	15	45	4	8	46	
South Canterbury ...	26	179	156	1562	1150	101	339	93	12	19	8	230	87	92	76	78	37	453	44	29	248	259	27	..	13	3	1	14	
Otago-Southland ...	42	346	295	3177	2332	176	637	159	83	91	..	340	151	228	143	173	15	916	111	..	378	668	20	..	5	..	..	7
Correspondence ...	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	396	3129	2560	31008	21914	1540	5944	1783	554	1014	1266	3268	1677	1739	1459	1502	476	5104	2055	462	1964	4421	721	134	..	..	..	..
Increases	29	96	1760	1723	..	298	..	41	183	163	..	175	127	158	..	86	..	300	..	983
Decreases ...	3	..	..	..	..	130	..	50	..	..	..	750	..	..	..	29	..	107	..	90	603	..	167	200	..	..	..	..

CENTENARY THANKSGIVING FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from Inception of the Fund to February 9th, 1925.

Treasurers: REV. S. GRIFFITH and MR. HENRY FIELD.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Donations			34,526 1 10	Centenary Volume	636		2 9
S.S. & Y.P. Department			704 12 7	Less Sales	344		3 9
Collections and Celebrations			1648 10 6				291 19 0
Kaeo Memorial Church—				General Secretary—			
Collections at Stonelaying	41	3	9	Stipend, Rent, Travelling, etc.	1,728	8	4
Excursion	55	2	6	Less Sale of Furniture	39	5	6
Subscriptions (including value of site)	468	2	8				1,689 2 10
Subscriptions for Memorial Window and Tablet	38	5	0	Assistant Canvassers and British Delegate			377 17 4
Native Contributions to Cairn and Celebrations	340	0	0	Dr. Laws' Presidential Visitation—			
			942 13 11	Supply and Travelling			162 4 5
Interest			1,135 4 10	Printing and Typing			232 11 0
				Postage, Stationery, Local Expenses, etc.			229 4 11
				Bank Charges and Exchanges			24 12 5
				Lantern Department			44 5 9
				Kaeo Memorial Church—			
				Erection	1,807	15	8
				Furnishing	29	11	7
				Memorial Window & Tablet	155	5	0
				Value of Site Given	180	0	0
				Survey, Transfer, etc.	37	14	0
				Costs Incurred by Maoris for Cairn and Celebrations	340	0	0
							2,550 6 3
				Payments on A/c of Conference			
				Allocation—			
				Supernumerary Fund	8,632	6	11
				Church Building & Loan Fund	5,125	16	1
				Theological College	2,700	0	0
				Foreign Mission Fund	2,505	0	0
				Wesley Training College	1,500	0	0
				Deaconess Institution	1,529	7	0
				Carried forward			5,602 3 11
Carried forward			38,957 3 8				

VIII.

CENTENARY FUND.—Continued.

Brought forward	38,957 3 8	Brought forward	5,602 3 11
		Local Preachers' Association	200 0 0
			<u>22,192 10 0</u>
		Undistributed—	
		Auckland Mortgage ...	1,200 0 0
		Bonds and War Certificates ...	805 0 0
		Deposited with Wesley Training College ...	7,000 0 0
		Deposited with Winstone's Ltd. ...	2,100 0 0
		Credit Balance Bank N.Z. ...	56 19 9
		Cash in Hand	0 10 0
			<u>11,162 9 9</u>
	<u>£38,957 3 8</u>		<u>£38,957 3 8</u>

February 12th, 1925.

Audited and found correct,

J. SMITH
WM. S. MACKAY

} Auditors.

Schedule of Distribution of an Estimated Total of £41,650.

VIII.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.			
			Conference Allocation	Personal Allocation	Dividend
£ s. d.			£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
As per above Statement ...	38,957 3 8	Supernumerary Fund	8500	143 0 0	8632 6 11
Payments Expected	2,692 16 4	Theological College	8000	4284 17 0	8000 0 0
		Church Building & Loan Fund ...	8000	306 0 0	5891 13 0
		Foreign Mission Fund	5000	2445 0 0	5000 0 0
		Wesley Training College	3000	35 0 0	2129 12 4
		Deaconess Fund	3000	89 10 0	2184 2 4
		Maori Girls' School	3000	800 0 0	2894 12 4
		Kaeo Memorial Church	1500	1006 3 11	2575 14 1
		Local Preachers' Association ...	1000	381 3 6	1000 0 0
		H.M. Retiring Fund	*500	90 14 6	100 0 0
		Working Expenses	1500		2950 0 0
		Centenary Volume			29 19 0
	<u>£41,650 0 0</u>		<u>43,000</u>		<u>41,650 0 0</u>

*Conditional on Fund reaching £43,000

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Cash Statement for Year ending 30th September, 1924.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balances forward	...	1748	5	2	By Loans Advanced	...			5932 15 11
„ Centenary Fund	...	2003	3	0	„ Deposits—				
„ Loan Instalments Repaid	...	2925	2	8	P.O. Savings Bank	...	775	6	7
„ Part Proceeds Sale Highcliffe	...	4	18	0	Bank of N.Z.	...	78	15	3
„ Hymn Book Commission	...	53	17	3					854 1 10
					„ Office Expenses—				
„ Balance Sale Spreydon Land	...	41	13	8	Connexional Secretary's Office	...	193	15	0
Less Commission	...	7	10	0	Bank Charges, etc.	...	23	7	4
									217 2 4
„ Loan Fees Paid	...	106	3	9					
„ Interest on Overdue Instalments	...	2	5	3					
„ Interest on Mortgage	...	42	10	0					
„ Interest on Deposits	...	33	4	4					
„ Trust Contributions	...	50	7	0					
				6735 6 1					
				34 3 8					
				234 10 4					
				<u>£7004 0 1</u>					<u>£7004 0 1</u>

XI.

SAMUEL LAWRY }
J. A. FLESHER } Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.

A. K. ENGLAND
ARTHUR C. REED

October, 1924.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1924.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at									
30/9/23	17,050	19	2				19,171	1	3
Centenary Fund	2,003	3	0				600	0	0
Hymn Book Commission	53	17	3				775	6	7
Highcliffe Sale	4	18	0				78	15	3
				19,112	17	5			
Proceeds of Properties sold and held in trust, 1923	1,403	12	10						
South Spreydon, 1924 41 13 8									
Less Commission 7 10 0									
	34	3	8						
				1,437	16	6			
Working Expenses Fund, 1923	57	14	2						
Surplus for 1924	17	8	0						
				75	2	2			
				£20,625	16	1			
							£20,625	16	1

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SAMUEL LAWRY }
J. A. FLESHER } Treasurers

Audited and found correct,
A. K. ENGLAND
ARTHUR C. REED

October, 1924.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.

Balance Sheet for the year ended October 31st, 1924.

Treasurers: Rev. GEO. BOND and Mr. J. VEALE.

LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To H.M. Capital Account in respect to Advances to Auckland City Council Debentures	1330	0	0				12,000	0	0
„ Advances to Te Kopua Native Parsonage	103	4	0				400	0	0
				1433	4	0			
„ Balance of Assets over Liabilities				15,976	10	0			
				<u>£17,409</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>			
							<u>£17,409</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>

XIV

Audited and found correct,

ARCH PEAK

10/11/24

J. G. HENDERSON

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1924.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Dec. 31, 1924—			Dec. 31, 1924—		
To Interest Account	893	12 1	By Net Profit from Working of Farm ...	289	17 0
„ Net Loss made by College	1207	14 1	„ Rents Received	3226	0 0
„ General Account	1411	15 5	„ Balance, being excess of Expenditure over		
„ Reserve for Bad Debts	45	0 8	Income transferred to Capital Account ...	42	5 3
	<u>£3558</u>	<u>2 3</u>		<u>£3558</u>	<u>2 3</u>

College Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1924.

Dec. 31, 1924—	£	s. d.	Dec. 31, 1924—	£	s. d.
To Insurance	37	17 3	By School Fees	1085	3 8
„ Repairs and Maintenance	118	8 3	„ Net Loss transferred to Income and Expen-		
„ Salaries and Wages	965	1 9	diture Account	1207	14 1
„ Meat, Bread, Groceries, Fuel and Sundries	1003	17 7			
„ Advertising	80	19 3			
„ Stationery and Books	65	5 8			
„ Laboratory Expenses	21	8 0			
	<u>£2292</u>	<u>17 9</u>		<u>£2292</u>	<u>17 9</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1924.

			£ s. d.	Dec. 31, 1924—			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 1, 1924—				By Sales of Produce		50 18 2		
To Stock on Hand ... ..	...	...	1545 10 0	„ Sales of Stock ... ..	...	697 2 2		
Dec. 31, 1924—				„ Sales of Wool ... ..	...	475 13 2		
To Purchases ... ..	...	...	880 4 11	„ Sales of Cream ... ..	...	720 7 4		
„ Gross Profit carried forward ... ..	...	...	2065 8 11				1944 0 10	
				„ Stock on Hand ... ..	...		2547 3 0	
			<u>£4491 3 10</u>				<u>£4491 3 10</u>	
Dec. 31, 1924—				Dec. 31, 1924—				
To Freight and Commission ... ..	...	...	77 15 11	By Gross Profit brought forward			2065 8 11	
„ Insurance ... ..	...	...	32 19 2					
„ Repairs and Maintenance ... ..	...	...	257 13 10					
„ Rates ... ..	...	...	186 4 0					
„ Salaries and Wages ... ..	...	...	521 17 10					
„ Seeds and Manure ... ..	...	...	350 19 2					
„ Power and Sundries ... ..	...	...	238 7 2					
„ Stock Expenses ... ..	...	...	109 14 10					
„ Net Profit transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	289 17 0					
			<u>£2065 8 11</u>				<u>£2065 8 11</u>	

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE—Continued.

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XVIII.

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, 1924, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak, Kirker & Newcomb, a certificate that all Title Deeds and Securities are in order, and have been furnished with certified valuations of the Stock and Plant at Paerata, which we have accepted as correct.

LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A. (N.Z.),
Secretary.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON,
Auditors.

Auckland, 26/1/1925,

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending September 30th, 1924.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sept. 30th, 1923—				By Theological College	123	0	0
To Balance in Bank	3	4	7	„ Whitburn	5	13	9
Sept. 30th, 1924—				„ Management	6	14	0
To J. D. Hayes	26	0	0	„ Bank Charges	0	10	0
„ J. & L. Shaw	19	10	0	„ Balances—			
„ Government Bonds	15	0	0	Shaw	3	5	0
„ S. W. Whitburn	56	17	6	Bank	1	6	10
„ M. Greenwood	19	17	6				
	<u>£140</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£140</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</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 30th September, 1924.

Nov. 11th, 1924.

Treasurer: Mr. G. A. BUTTLE.

T. W. JONES }
J. VEALE } Auditors.

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st October, 1924.

Oct. 31, 1924—			Oct. 31, 1923—		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To REVENUE A/C—			By BALANCE DUE BANK N.Z.	2,936	3 10
Rents	2,859	6 0	Oct. 31, 1924—		
„ L. COMPTON'S ESTATE—			By QUEEN STREET PROPERTY—		
Deposit at call	2,350	0 0	Payments A/c Buildings	12,708	6 10
„ AUCKLAND SINKING FUND COMMIS-			„ THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION—		
SIONERS—			Paid to Trustees	1,250	0 0
Payments A/c Loan	12,503	0 0	„ L. COMPTON'S ESTATE—		
„ BANK OF NEW ZEALAND—			Deposit Repaid	2,350	0 0
Balance due	2,830	1 7	„ GENERAL CHARGES—		
„ QUEEN STREET PROPERTY—			Repairs and Maintenance	344	5 9
Sale of Old Buildings	37	15 6	Rates	396	0 4
			Interest	178	13 9
			Insurance Premiums	93	3 1
			Land Tax	119	16 3
			Secretary's Salary	50	0 0
			Com. on Rents Collected	142	19 3
			Sundries	10	14 0
				1,335	12 5
				<u>£20,580</u>	<u>3 1</u>

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

Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st October, 1924.

October 31, 1923—			October 31, 1924—		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	207	6 0	By Rents Received	2859	6 0
October 31, 1924—			„ Rents Written Off	122	8 6
To Rents Accrued	2872	13 6	„ Balance	98	5 0
				<u>£3079</u>	<u>19 6</u>
				<u>£3079</u>	<u>19 6</u>

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Balance Sheet for Year ended September 30th, 1924.

Chairman: Rev. T. R. RICHARDS. Secretary and Treasurer: R. PEPPERELL, F.P.A. (N.Z.)

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, September 30th, 1924 ..		274	8	1	By Remitted to Home Mission Treasurer ..		400	0	0
„ Rent		683	13	3	„ Secretary's Salary		50	0	0
„ Interest on Mortgage and Savings Bank ..		37	16	6	„ Rates and Taxes		82	1	8
„ Consent Fees and Sundries		5	4	0	„ Printing, Stationery, Advt. and Sundries ..		23	4	3
„ Repayment of Mortgage		100	0	0	„ Audit Fee		2	2	0
					„ Bank Charge		0	10	0
					„ Insurance		1	19	11
					„ Stamps, Exchange, etc.		10	1	7
					„ N.P. Savings Bank Deposit Mtge. Repaid ..		100	0	0
					„ Arbitration and Award-Renewal of Leases ..		347	10	10
					„ Balance at Bank		83	11	7
							<u>£1101</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
					By New Plymouth Savings Bank		220	0	0
					„ Money on Mortgage		500	0	0
							<u>£720</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>£1101</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>					

XXIII.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1924. 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. I have verified the amount deposited with the New Plymouth Savings Bank, and the amount invested in mortgage.

New Plymouth,
21st October, 1924.

VALN. DUFF, A.P.A. (N.Z.), Auditor.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE ACCOUNT.

Cash Statement, September 30th, 1924.

Treasurer: Mr. F. G. BEAVEN.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance	2	12	7	Nov. Land Tax	7	6	11
Nov. Rent	113	2	0	Remit Treasurer	95	0	0
May Rent	113	2	0	Remit Treasurer	120	0	0
				Bank Charge	0	10	0
				Disbursements	3	3	0
				Balance	2	16	8
	<u>£228</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£228</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>

Audited and found correct,

LEWIS BASSETT.

F. J. SHARPE

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1924.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Funds as per Revenue A/c	..	..	17,584 11 8	By Loans on Mortgage	..	..	3,300	0	0
				„ Freehold Property at Wellington, Foxton, and Masterton with Home	..	..	13,887	3	11
				„ Interest accrued to 31st Dec.	..	..	57	15	0
				„ Rents accrued to 31st Dec.	..	..	67	4	4
				„ Balance at P.O. Savings Bank	..	..	213	1	5
				„ Balance at Bank Australasia	..	..	59	7	0
			<u>£17,584 11 8</u>				<u>£17,584 11 8</u>		

Audited and found correct,

A. McDONALD }
F. TURNER } Auditors.

19th January, 1925.

Wellington, 15th January, 1925.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman of Board.
W. C. HEMERY, Hon. Treasurer.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Treasurers—REV. S. LAWRY and HON. G. J. SMITH.

Revenue Account for Year ending 31st October, 1924.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Insurance Levies on Church Properties ...	1318 1 10	By Reinsurance on Church Properties ...	362 15 5
„ Insurance Premiums on Personal Properties ...	69 6 1	„ Personal and Mortgagors Insurances ...	67 18 6
„ Fire Insurance Premium (Mortgage) ...	6 4 10	„ Mortgage Indemnity Premiums	3 18 6
„ Mortgage Indemnity Premiums	0 17 0		<u>434 12 5</u>
		„ Loss by Fire—paid and unpaid	121 10 0
„ Interest on Mortgages, due and accrued ...	508 10 7	„ Management Expenses—	
„ Interest on Church Loans, due and accrued ...	13 17 2	Connexional Secretary's Office	237 10 0
„ Interest on Debentures, due and accrued ...	443 15 3	Printing and Stationery ...	2 0 0
„ Interest on Deposits ...	13 15 11	Stamps, Exchanges £3 18 9	
		Bank Charges 3 15 6	
„ Sundries ...			<u>7 14 3</u>
	979 18 11	„ Balance to Accumulated Funds	247 4 3
			<u>1572 14 10</u>
	<u>£2376 1 6</u>		<u>£2376 1 6</u>

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance-sheet as at 31st October, 1924.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Accumulated Funds as at				Investments in Mortgages ...	8,280	0	0
31/10/24 ...	...	15,831	1 5	Interest due and accrued ...	140	11	5
Less Vote of Conference—							8,420 11 5
Foreign Mission				Investments in Debentures ...	7,999	7	4
Fund ...	100 0 0			Interest due and accrued ...	111	0	2
Home Mission							8,110 7 6
Fund ...	100 0 0			Loans to Churches ...	190	0	0
Deaconess House				Interest due and accrued ...	2	8	6
Fund ...	100 0 0						192 8 6
Supernumerary Fd.				Amount at Bank of N.Z. ...	272	16	6
Benev. Branch	100 0 0			P.O. Savings Bank ...	16	12	4
Young People's							289 8 10
Department ...	100 0 0						
		500	0 0				
Loss by Fire—unpaid ...			15,331 1 5				
Add Balance from Revenue A/c			109 0 0				
			1,572 14 10				
			<u>£17,012 16 3</u>				<u>£17,012 16 3</u>

XXVIII.

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the books of the Fund and have found them correct. We have had all securities produced to us, and 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 October, 1924.

ARTHUR C. REED }
A. A. SANDFORD } Auditors.

22nd December, 1924.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance			137 18 10	By Dr. Ranston's House, part purchase ..	700	0	0
„ Dr. Ranston's House Centenary Fund ..	700	0	0	„ Legal Expenses	40	1	7
„ Probert Trust	200	0	0	„ Interest on £2000 Mortgage	90	0	0
„ Prince Albert College	25	0	0	„ Furnishings	297	4	5
„ Debit Balance	64	7	2				
	£1127 6 0				£1127 6 0		
	£1127 6 0				£1127 6 0		

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Theological College and compared same with the Bank Pass Book, and are of the opinion that they show the correct position as on the 31st October, 1924.

(Signed) T. W. JONES }
 J. VEALE } Auditors.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1924.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Annuities			7,225 10 3	By Amount of Funds 1st January, 1924			118,343 1 1
„ Furniture Grants			185 0 0	„ Ministers' Personal Subscriptions			1,493 12 0
„ Subscriptions Refunded			559 12 3	„ Circuit Levies			2,227 18 6
„ Expenses of Management			321 6 2	„ Interest on:—			
„ Fire Insurance Premiums			6 19 4	Investments	7,175	4	4
„ Investment Fluctuation Reserve			100 0 0	Deposits	15	8	2
„ Amount of Funds 1/1/24	118,343	1	1	Arrears Ministers' Subscriptions	31	8	6
„ Increase of Funds, 1924	2,553	4	10	<u>Less interest to other Funds</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>
			<u>120,896 5 11</u>	„ Hymn Books Profits (London)			7,024 12 8
				„ Mortgage Indemnity Premiums			177 17 11
				„ Sundries			24 9 9
							3 2 0
							<u>£129,294 13 11</u>
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HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.
Cash Statement for Year ending 31st December, 1924.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
To Personal Subscriptions	248	0 0			By Payments to Missionaries
„ Circuit Levies	225	0 0			„ Payments to H.M. Fund Treas
„ Mission Funds	247	5 0			
			720	5 0	„ General Expenses
„ Interest, Deposits & Debentures			146	13 3	„ Connexional Secretary's A/c (1923 & 1924)
			<u>£866</u>	<u>18 3</u>	„ Balance to Accumulated Funds
					<u>£866</u>
					<u>18 3</u>

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.
Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1924.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Accumulated Funds at at 31st December, 1923	2216	9 8	Government & Other Debentures	1359	0 0
Add 31st December, 1924	534	7 6	Investments with Supernumerary Fund	1386	4 7
			P.O. Savings Bank	5	12 7
				<u>£2750</u>	<u>17 2</u>
					<u>£2750</u>
					<u>17 2</u>

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 had all the securities produced to us with the exception of those held by the Bank of New Zealand and the Solicitors of the Fund, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion, the Balance-sheet has been properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st December, 1924.

Christchurch,
30th January, 1925.

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. { Auditors.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND, AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1924.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Bank Balance, 1st January, 1924					470	11	1	By Payments as per Warrant—							
„ Circuit Levies—								Auckland		330	15	0			
Auckland	...	413	0	0				South Auckland		238	10	0			
South Auckland	...	200	10	0				Taranaki-Wanganui		252	0	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui	...	234	0	0				Hawke's Bay-Manawatu		157	10	0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	188	17	6				Wellington		261	0	0			
Wellington	...	229	0	0				Nelson		45	0	0			
Nelson	...	113	10	0				North Canterbury		319	10	0			
North Canterbury	...	359	10	0				South Canterbury		108	0	0			
South Canterbury	...	139	5	0				Otago-Southland		306	0	0			
Otago-Southland	...	274	10	0									2018	5	0
					2152	2	6		„ Bank Charges	0	10	0			
									„ Contingent Fund	200	0	0			
									„ Funeral Allowance—Revs. Gat-						
									man and Williams	15	0	0			
									„ General Expenses	2	0	0			
													217	10	0
													2235	15	0
									„ Balance at Credit Bank N.S. Wales				386	18	7
													£2622	13	7
													£2622	13	7

XXXIX.

E. W. A. KELLOW }
WM. ROWE } Treasurers

Audited and found correct,
ERNEST J. BARNETT }
H. C. AMES } Auditors

10/2/25.

10/2/1925

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended December 31st, 1924.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
January 1st—							
To Balance				By Cost of Christchurch Conference—			
„ Sale Conference Agenda				Representatives' Expenses			
„ Sale Books, per Connexional				Equalisation Fund	359	17	3
Secretary	8	2	6	Travelling of Official Ministerial			
Less Postages	2	15	0	Representatives and			
				Probationers for Ordination	140	5	7
			5 7 6	Printing Agenda	133	2	3
„ Grant Voted by Conference				Printing Minutes	146	1	6
from Children's Fund			200 0 0	Printing, other	60	18	8
„ Circuit Levies—				Stationery, Bibles, Postages,			
Auckland District	487	2	0	etc.	11	14	2
South Auckland District	260	11	9				851 19 5
Taranaki-Wanganui District	256	8	4	„ District Expenses—Chairmen's			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	222	16	8	Travelling & Other Expenses			
Wellington District	255	17	0	Auckland District	29	16	7
Nelson District	156	8	4	South Auckland District	12	8	3
North Canterbury District	393	7	0	Taranaki-Wanganui District	25	0	11
South Canterbury District	154	8	8	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	33	4	4
Otago-Southland District	334	19	0	Wellington District	17	3	0
			2521 18 9	Nelson District	22	14	10
„ Sale of Minutes—				North Canterbury District	6	18	10
Auckland District	2	13	9	South Canterbury District	14	10	3
South Auckland District	1	4	0	Otago-Southland District	30	7	3
Taranaki-Wanganui District	1	2	0				192 4 3
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	1	14	0	„ Synod Expenses—Ministers',			
Wellington District	1	6	0	Probationers', H.M. Tra-			
Nelson District	0	14	0	velling, Stationery, Etc.—			
North Canterbury District	2	1	0	Auckland District	47	1	2
South Canterbury District	1	3	0	South Auckland District	40	16	2
Otago-Southland District, 1923-24	3	12	9	Taranaki-Wanganui District	25	0	9
			15 10 6				
Carried forward	4135	12	7	Carried forward	1044	3	8

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METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ...	4135 12 7	Brought forward ...	1044 3 8
To Synod Collection, South Auckland	3 14 6	By Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	17 16 2
		Wellington District ...	26 9 0
		Nelson District ...	38 17 9
		North Canterbury District ...	21 13 2
		South Canterbury District ...	8 11 3
		Otago-Southland District ...	27 4 6
			<hr/>
		253 9 11	
		„ Ministerial Supply—	
		Auckland District ...	24 0 0
		South Auckland District ...	18 15 0
		Taranaki-Wanganui District	28 2 6
		Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	0 7 6
		Wellington District ...	40 7 3
		Otago-Southland District ...	30 5 0
			<hr/>
		141 17 3	
		„ Removal Expenses—	
		South Auckland District ...	6 10 0
		Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	13 10 2
		South Canterbury District ...	5 10 0
			<hr/>
		25 10 2	
		„ Connexional—	
		Grants for Affliction ...	155 0 0
		„ Y.P. Department ...	150 0 0
		„ Theological College	500 0 0
		„ Deaconess Fund ...	75 0 0
		„ World Conference	
		Faith and Order	10 5 0
			<hr/>
		890 5 0	
		Connexional Secretary ...	165 0 0
		“Methodist Times”—Editor,	
		Sub-Editor, Exchanges ...	42 15 0
		H.M. Grant, Expenses New	
		Men from England, per	
		Dr. Laws ...	32 15 6
		President's Postages, etc. ...	13 15 6

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Pres. & Secy - £10 each
 Chairmen Auckland & Canterbury - £4 each
 Sta Auckland - Jan. Wang, 17. 13. 19 Man.
 Trgm. & Staps, £3 each, £3. each
 Nelson, Sta Canterbury & South - £2. "

£4139 7 1

Secretary Conference, 1923	12 10 0	
1924	7 10 0	
		20 0 0
Examination Commission—Expenses, Medical Certificates, etc. ...		27 4 6
Statistical Secretary ...		1 2 6
Printing—Members' Tickets	41 1 0	
Certificates & Other	29 10 3	
		70 11 3
Gisborne Commission ...		9 7 6
Bank Charges, Postages, Stamps, etc. ...		5 19 11
„ Balances due by Chairmen of Districts—		
Auckland (Acting-Chairman)	14 1 2	
South Auckland ...	73 8 6	
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	20 0 0	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ...	24 2 6	
Wellington ...	6 4 6	
Nelson ...	43 9 9	
North Canterbury ...	0 0 0	
South Canterbury ...	7 0 2	
Otago-Southland ...	0 0 0	
	188 6 7	
„ Cash in Bank ...	1207 2 10	
		1395 9 5
		<u>£4139 7 1</u>

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I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments, and have compared same with the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund; and, in my opinion, the said Statement sets forth correctly the position of the Fund as at 31st December, 1924.

W. B. SCOTT

J. H. BLACKWELL

} Hon. Treasurers.

Christchurch, N.Z.,
 18th February, 1925.

ISAAC J. WILSON, A.P.A.N.Z.,

Hon. Auditor.

MINISTERS' REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.
Revenue Account for year ending December 31st, 1924.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To credit P.O.S. Bank,	December								
31st, 1924	.. .. .			656	13	3			
„ Circuit Levies:—									
Auckland	.. .. .	65	12	0					
S. Auckland	.. .. .	27	16	3					
Taranaki-Wanganui	.. .. .	47	4	9					
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	.. .. .	31	4	3					
Wellington	.. .. .	37	6	7					
Nelson	.. .. .	19	16	4					
N. Canterbury	.. .. .	43	8	0					
S. Canterbury	22	10	6					
Otago-Southland	55	15	11					
				350	14	7			
„ P.O.S. Bank Interest			29	8	8			
				<u>£1036</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>			
							<u>£1026</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>

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January 1st, 1925—

Credit Balance, P.O.S. Bank £1026 16 6

Examined and found correct,
W. L. THOMAS.
Feb. 13, 1925.

E. D. PATCHETT }
A. A. SANDFORD } Treasurers.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N.Z.
CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS, 1924.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.						£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	...	...	...	...	...	443	3	9
Auckland West	...	...	...	...	...	153	14	5
Auckland East	...	...	...	...	...	689	13	5
Auckland (Avondale)	...	...	...	...	...	367	2	6
Auckland Methodist Mission	...	...	...	...	...	44	11	7
Auckland (Devonport)	...	...	...	...	...	84	12	10
Auckland (Takapuna)	...	...	...	...	...	41	10	6
Auckland (Birkenhead)	...	...	...	...	...	132	11	3
Onehunga	...	...	...	...	...	64	1	5
Otahuhu	...	...	...	...	...	45	18	4
Papakura	...	...	...	...	...	65	19	3
Pukekohe	...	...	...	...	From 1923	31	0	0
Pukekohe	...	...	...	...	...	126	12	2
Waiuku	...	...	...	...	...	49	3	8
Mahurangi	...	...	...	...	...	23	10	0
Paparoa	...	...	...	...	...	48	5	10
Northern Wairoa	...	...	...	...	...	44	14	8
Whangarei	...	...	...	...	...	41	0	0
Port Albert	...	...	...	...	...	80	2	11
Coromandel	...	...	...	...	...	3	11	6
Helensville	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	3
Kaukapakapa	...	...	...	...	...	3	15	7
Bay of Islands	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
Hokianga	...	...	...	...	...	16	18	1
Whangaroa	...	...	...	...	...	15	4	11
Mangonui	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	0
Hikurangi	...	...	...	...	...	—
Rehia	...	...	...	...	...	5	18	0
Ohaeawai	...	...	...	...	...	2	15	0

Women's Auxiliaries: Auckland
£150, Takapuna £5, Avondale
(Henderson) £10, Whangarei
£16 10s., Port Albert £5, Papa-
kura £1 10s.

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II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT. £ s. d.

Thames	120	0	0
Te Aroha	134	16	2
Morrinsville	21	11	9
Waihi	...	...	...	...	...	21	10	4
Paeroa	...	...	...	...	...	9	4	2
Cambridge	...	...	...	...	...	102	18	3
Hamilton	...	...	...	...	From 1923	2	0	0
Hamilton	...	...	...	...	...	170	15	5
Hamilton East	...	...	...	...	...	43	7	5
Huntly	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	6
Rotorua	...	...	...	...	...	30	3	2
Tauranga	...	...	...	...	...	35	4	11
Opotiki	...	...	...	...	...	5	9	0
Te Kuiti	...	...	...	...	...	24	0	7
Taumarunui	...	...	...	...	From 1923	2	4	0
Taumarunui	...	...	...	...	...	4	10	1
Ohura	...	...	...	...	...	13	2	1
Te Awamutu	...	...	...	...	...	39	0	0
Whakatane	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Matamata	...	...	...	...	...	30	3	8
Te Puke	...	...	...	...	...	23	1	9
Ngaruawahia	...	...	...	...	...	17	13	2
Putaruru	...	...	...	...	...	4	17	6

Women's Auxiliaries: Thames £10, Te Aroha £9 13s. 4d., Morrinsville (Tatuanui) £8 8s., Hamilton £16 10s. £858 14 11

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	...	...	...	...	...	195	0	9
Waitara	...	...	...	...	...	63	17	7
Inglewood	...	...	...	...	...	13	0	0
Stratford	...	...	...	...	...	52	14	5
Eltham	...	...	...	...	...	33	10	7
Hawera	...	...	...	...	...	160	0	0
Manaia	...	...	...	...	...	58	8	0
Cape Egmont	...	...	...	...	...	75	14	6
Kaponga	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	0
Wanganui	...	...	...	...	...	132	17	0
Wanganui North	...	...	...	...	...	60	1	11
Marton	...	...	...	...	...	33	5	1
Taihape	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	2
Waimarino	...	...	...	...	...	18	18	1
Patea	...	...	...	...	From 1923	1	0	1

Women's Auxiliaries: New Plymouth £20, Waitara £6, Leperton £5 2s. 6d., Stratford £4 10s., Eltham £3, Hawera £40, Wanganui £30. £919 11 2

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	75	0	0
Hastings	189	12	11
Gisborne	26	1	0
Waipawa	12	4	3
Dannevirke	69	19	6
Woodville	40	0	0
Pahiatua	32	14	2
Palmerston North (Broad St.)	194	7	8
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	5	0	0
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	175	3	6
Feilding	318	4	0
Sanson-Rongotea	40	10	10
Foxton	10	16	8
Apiti	14	4	0
Norsewood	6	5	6

Women's Auxiliaries: Napier	£10,	£1210	4	0
Hastings	£40,			
Gisborne	£6,			
Feilding	£13 10s.,			
Palmerston North (Broad Street)	£15,			
(Cuba Street)	£15,			
Rongotea	£5.			

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	292	11	2
Wellington Central Mission	1	9	2
Wellington (Thorndon)	74	19	2
Wellington South	119	17	7
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	97	3	4
Johnsonville-Ngaio	90	12	8
Hutt	83	12	8
Petone	42	16	3
South Wairarapa	2	14	0
Carterton	70	0	0
Masterton	113	1	3
Eketahuna	34	17	3
Levin	170	13	4
Otaki	16	14	0

Women's Auxiliaries: Wellington	£187 10s.,	£1211	1	10
Masterton	£17.			

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson	153	14	10
Richmond	38	1	4
Blenheim	153	14	4
Hokitika	1	5	9
Hokitika	20	12	5
Greymouth	35	4	0
Motueka	12	0	0
Reefton	13	15	0
Westport	20	0	0
Havelock	3	14	3
Murchison	4	12	0
Denniston-Granity	3	0	0

Women's Auxiliaries: Nelson	£30,	£459	13	11
Blenheim	£15,			
Greymouth	£5.			

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VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

							£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham Street)	191	1	10
Christchurch East	From 1923	...	93	9	8
Christchurch East	...	...	...	...	...	...	266	10	4
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	7	6
Christchurch (Woolston)	...	...	...	...	...	...	94	19	11
Christchurch (Sydenham)	...	...	...	...	From 1923	...	1	2	6
Christchurch (Sydenham)	...	...	...	...	...	...	98	17	1
Christchurch (Addington)	...	...	...	...	From 1923	...	12	14	6
Christchurch (Riccarton)	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	1
Christchurch (St. Albans)	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	6	2
Christchurch (Papanui)	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	11	8
Lyttelton	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	13	3
Springston	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	17	1
Tai Tapu	...	...	...	...	From 1923	...	25	4	9
Tai Tapu	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	13	0
Leeston	...	...	...	...	From 1923	...	6	6	0
Leeston	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	0	0
Kaiapoi	...	...	...	...	...	...	71	2	2
Ohoka	...	...	...	...	From 1923	...	75	11	2
Rangiora	...	...	...	...	...	...	84	13	7
Greendale-Malvern	...	...	...	...	From 1923	...	2	11	4
Greendale-Malvern	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	0	6
Hawarden	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	14	2
Oxford	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

Women's Auxiliaries: Christchurch £150 £1542 8 3

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

							£	s.	d.
Timaru	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	18	9
Waimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	94	6	0
Temuka	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	1	0
Geraldine	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	5	0
Ashburton	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Willowby	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	2	8
Oamaru	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	6	2
Methven	—		
Mayfield	8	11	0

Women's Auxiliaries: Timaru £22. £478 10 7
Oamaru £3 10s.

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IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity)	From 1923	21	2	3
Dunedin (Trinity)	86	5	9
Dunedin Central Mission	...	...	...	...	38	15	4
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	...	...	...	...	53	14	9
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	...	...	...	...	74	10	2
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	...	...	...	From 1923	1	1	6
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	...	...	...	...	27	5	4
Dunedin (Caversham)	...	...	...	...	42	0	4
Dunedin (Mornington)	...	...	...	...	43	13	6
Dunedin (Roslyn)	...	...	...	...	66	15	3
Mosgiel	...	...	...	...	12	0	0
Port Chalmers	...	...	...	...	22	0	6
Waikouaiti-Palmerston	...	...	...	...	22	15	9
Balclutha	...	...	...	...	14	0	0
Milton	...	...	...	...	33	7	1
Roxburgh	...	...	...	...	9	5	11
Invercargill Central	...	...	...	From 1923	16	18	1
Invercargill Central	...	...	...	...	65	17	6
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	...	...	...	...	37	0	0
Bluff	...	...	...	...	19	19	4
Gore	...	...	...	From 1923	1	16	0
Gore	...	...	...	...	6	5	9
Otautau	...	...	...	From 1923	12	6	0
Otautau	...	...	...	...	11	10	0
Edendale	...	...	...	...	16	6	2
Kaitangata	...	...	...	...	9	10	0
Lawrence	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Cromwell	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Riverton-Tuatapere	...	...	...	...	14	8	3
Nightcaps	...	...	...	...	5	16	0
Women's Auxiliaries: Dunedin	£125.				£786	6	6
Otago Y.P.M.	£30,	Invercargill					
£25,	Roxburgh	£5,	Kaitangata				
£2							

SUMMARY:

					£	s.	d.
Districts:—							
Auckland	...	...	...	...	2640	9	10
South Auckland	...	...	...	...	858	14	11
Taranaki-Wanganui	...	...	...	...	919	11	2
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	...	...	...	1210	4	0
Wellington	...	...	...	...	1211	1	10
Nelson	...	...	...	...	459	13	11
North Canterbury	...	...	...	...	1542	8	3
South Canterbury	...	...	...	...	478	10	7
Otago-Southland	...	...	...	...	786	6	6
Women's Auxiliaries	...	...	...	...	811	15	0
Interest	...	...	...	...	483	1	5
Connexional Fire Insurance	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Publications (balance)	...	...	...	...	115	13	1
Treasurer's List	...	...	...	...	214	16	6
					£11,832	7	0

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1924.
 Treasurers: REV. G. T. MARSHALL and MR. J. W. COURT.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
To	Balance brought forward from	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	By	New Zealand Contributions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	1923	2,828 13 7			General Fund from 1923	312 13 7	
„	Deficit taken over from Australia and not paid off ...	2,250 0 0			„ „ 1924	9,665 18 6	
„	Initial Debt to Solomon Islands taken over from Australia	550 10 0	5,629 3 7		Women's Missionary Auxiliaries ...	794 5 0	
„	Solomon Islands District—				For Native Teachers and Students ...	366 14 11	
	Salaries and Allowance ...	5,219 16 8			For Orphans ...	95 10 0	
	Boats and Travel ...	2,975 1 2			Interest ...	480 16 5	
	Freights, Customs and Charges ...	1,235 9 1			Maps ...	0 15 6	
	Schools and Colleges ...	1,267 2 5			Publications Account ...	115 13 1	11,832 7 0
	Properties, current expenses	1,090 8 7		„	Solomon Islands Contributions—		
	General Expenses ...	544 10 2			Subscriptions & Collections		
	Industrial Undertakings ...	938 2 0	13,270 10 1		Roviana Circuit ...	786 13 9	
„	Payments to Sydney Office—				Vella Lavella Circuit ...	531 0 0	
	Interest on £2,250 at 6% ...		135 0 0		Choiseul Circuit ...	250 0 0	
„	As Ordered by Conference—				Sales of Produce ...	1,321 7 4	
	Deaconess Institute ...		75 0 0		Sales of Hymn Books ...	42 16 0	2,931 17 1
„	Interest on Overdraft & Loan		128 2 6				14,764 4 1
„	Working Expenses—			„	Balance: deficit		5,882 15 1
	Salaries ...	580 0 0					
	Deputations & Travelling	295 14 8					
	Printing, Typing, etc. ...	146 7 2					
	Sundries ...	253 17 6					
	Legal Expenses (special)	54 17 3	1,330 16 7				
„	Sundry Payments		78 6 5				
			<u>£20,646 19 2</u>				<u>£20,646 19 2</u>

Audited and found correct, in conjunction with the Balance-sheet.
 30/1/1925.

LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A.N.Z., Etc., Auditor.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.—Continued.

Working Capital Fund as at 31st December, 1924.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Capital at end of 1923	7,250	19	1	By Mt. Eden Borough 5% Debentures	...	200	0	0
„ Legacy Emily Martin	500	0	0	„ £1,500 Auckland City Debentures, at 5½%	...	1,467	10	0
„ „ Stephen P. Brown	50	0	0	„ £600 Soldiers' Loan Inscribed Stock, at 5½%	...	531	0	0
„ „ Elizabeth Spite	25	0	0	„ War Bond No. 9742	...	100	0	0
„ „ Elizabeth G. Cheyne	50	0	0	„ Mortgages, c/o Public Trustee, Invercargill	...	307	10	0
							„ Mortgages (Auckland), as per Balance-sheet	...	5,000	0	0
									7,606	0	0
							„ Loan to General Fund	...	269	19	1
				<u>£7,875</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>£7,875</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>

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Equipment Fund.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Balance in Hand, January 1st, 1924	656	3	1	By Erection of Sawmill	...	550	0	0
„ Waikawau Trust	150	0	0	„ New Launch for Senga	...	508	0	0
„ Centenary Fund	2,500	0	0	„ Engine for Bougainville	...	30	0	0
„ Mr. Lynneberg	20	0	0	„ Building Material	...	127	7	8
„ Hastings Women's Auxiliary	10	0	0	„ Balance in Hand	...	2,120	15	5
				<u>£3,336</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>£3,336</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

Medical Mission Fund.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	Balance in Hand, January 1st, 1924	...	40	14	8	By	Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., Sydney, for		
„	Legacy Miss Emily J. Martin	...	500	0	0		Medical Supplies	...	24 8 0
„	Miss R. (Te Awamutu)	...	10	0	0	„	Balance in Hand	...	552 17 5
„	Mrs. Higgins, Wanganui	...	4	0	0		(N.B.—£510 earmarked for Hospital)		
„	St. John's Y.W.B.C., Auckland	...	0	10	0				
„	Women's Auxiliaries—								
	Thames £5, Blenheim £5, Masterton £2	...	12	0	0				
	Whangarei £1 10s., Waitara £1	...	2	10	0				
	Stratford £1 10s., Feilding £1	...	2	10	0				
	Hamilton £1, Oamaru £1 14s., Tatanui 4/-	...	2	18	0				
„	Interest	...	2	2	9				
			<u>£577</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>				<u>£577 5 5</u>

Audited and found correct, in conjunction with the Balance-sheet.

LEONARD KNIGHT. A.P.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A.N.Z., Etc.,

Auditor.

30/1/1925.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1925—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
NELSON DISTRICT.				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Circuits.				£ s. d. £ s. d.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Nelson	.. ..	115	0 0	Opunake	.. ..	30	0 0
Richmond	.. ..	35	0 0	Aided Circuits.			
Blenheim	.. ..	165	0 0	Waitara (if 2nd Agent, if not no grant	.. ..	80	0 0
Hokitika	.. ..	25	0 0	Inglewood	.. ..	25	0 0
Greymouth	.. ..	40	0 0	Manaiā	.. ..	20	0 0
Motueka	.. ..	20	0 0	Kaponga	.. ..	30	0 0
Reefton	.. ..	15	0 0	Marton	.. ..	20	0 0
Westport	.. ..	35	0 0	Marton (special grt.)	.. ..	20	0 0
Home Mission Stations.				Waimarino	.. ..	40	0 0
Havelock	.. ..	5	0 0	455 0 0			
Murchison	.. ..	5	0 0	HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.			
Denniston-Granity	.. ..	5	0 0	Home Mission Stations.			
Dovedale-Tapawera (if Separate H.M. Stn.)	.. ..	5	0 0	Apiti	.. ..	15	0 0
				Norsewood	.. ..	30	0 0
			470 0 0	Wairoa (if S.P. Aptd.)	.. ..	100	0 0
				Wairoa (Initial Exps.)	.. ..	10	0 0
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Circuits.				Gisborne (if S.H.M.)			
				25	0	0	
Durham Street	.. ..	175	0 0	Aided Circuits.			
Christchurch East	.. ..	200	0 0	Waipawa	.. ..	55	0 0
Cambridge Terrace	.. ..	40	0 0	Woodville	.. ..	15	0 0
Woolston	.. ..	70	0 0	Pahiatua	.. ..	30	0 0
Sydenham	.. ..	60	0 0	Foxton	.. ..	40	0 0
Addington	.. ..	60	0 0	320 0 0			
Riccarton	.. ..	25	0 0	WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
St. Albans	.. ..	90	0 0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Greendale-Malvern	.. ..	50	0 0	Johnsonville-Ngaio	.. ..	30	0 0
Ohoka	.. ..	44	0 0	Kilbirnie	.. ..	50	0 0
Papanui	.. ..	45	0 0	Paraparāumu	.. ..	100	0 0
Lyttelton	.. ..	33	0 0	Aided Circuits.			
Springston	.. ..	50	0 0	Greytown	.. ..	90	0 0
Tai Tapu	.. ..	50	0 0	Eketahuna	.. ..	45	0 0
Leeston	.. ..	60	0 0	Eketahuna (Special, quarterly)	.. ..	20	0 0
Kalāpoi	.. ..	50	0 0	335 0 0			
Rangiora	.. ..	66	0 0	NELSON DISTRICT.			
Oxford	.. ..	15	0 0	Home Mission Stations.			
Hawarden	.. ..	15	0 0	Havelock (if M.H.M.)	.. ..	45	0 0
			1198 0 0	Murchison	.. ..	25	0 0
				Denniston-Granity	.. ..	90	0 0
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Circuits.				Richmond			
				.. ..	30	0	0
Timaru	.. ..	145	0 0	Aided Circuits.			
Waimate	.. ..	60	0 0	Blenheim (Picton)	.. ..	40	0 0
Temuka	.. ..	25	0 0	Hokitika, extnsn. work	.. ..	25	0 0
Geraldine	.. ..	30	0 0	Motueka (if ordained)	.. ..	55	0 0
Ashburton	.. ..	100	0 0	Reefton	.. ..	25	0 0
Willowby	.. ..	47	10 0	Westport	.. ..	20	0 0
Oamaru	.. ..	50	0 0	355 0 0			
Home Mission Stations.				Home Mission Stations.			
Methven	.. ..	10	0 0	Havelock (if M.H.M.)	.. ..	45	0 0
Mayfield	.. ..	15	0 0	Murchison	.. ..	25	0 0
			482 10 0	Denniston-Granity	.. ..	90	0 0

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1924.

Treasurers: REV. G. BOND and MR. J. VEALE.

RECEIPTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	287	15	8			
Auckland West ..	65	1	11			
Ditto, 1923 ..	4	7	0			
Auckland East ..	352	6	9			
Ditto, 1923 ..	55	8	10			
Auck., Avondale ..	159	19	11			
Ditto, 1923 ..	2	12	11			
Auck., Mission ..	25	0	0			
Auck., Devonport	35	8	0			
Ditto, 1923 ..	1	3	9			
Auck., Takapuna	30	19	1			
Auck., Birkenhead	63	1	9			
Onehunga ..	51	18	8			
Otahuhu ..	28	5	8			
Papakura ..	42	13	3			
Ditto, 1923 ..	1	12	0			
Pukekohe ..	64	19	3			
Ditto, 1923 ..	23	17	11			
Waiuku ..	47	9	6			
Mahurangi ..	13	2	6			
Paparoa ..	0	0	0			
Ditto, 1923 ..	5	11	8			
Northern Waioira	17	5	3			
Whangarei ..	0	0	0			
Whangaroa ..	7	8	2			

Maori Missions.

Whangaroa ..	31	10	0
Bay of Islands ..	16	0	0
Hokianga ..	50	0	0
Kaipara ..	55	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Port Albert ..	59	9	4
Coromandel ..	5	13	3
Ditto, 1923 ..	0	10	0
Helensville ..	1	14	6
Kaukapakapa ..	2	17	0
Bay of Islands ..	0	0	0
Ditto, 1923 ..	2	10	0
Hokianga ..	12	16	10
Mangonui ..	0	0	0
Ditto, 1923 ..	1	5	9
Hikurangi ..	4	17	4
Rehia ..	0	0	0
Ditto, 1923 ..	2	15	0
Ohaeawai ..	13	0	6
			1,647 8 11

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Thames ..	80	0	0
Te Aroha ..	72	0	5
Ditto, 1923 ..	2	4	4
Morrinsville ..	16	17	9
Waihi ..	0	0	0
Ditto, 1923 ..	11	0	0
Paeroa and Hau-			
raki Plains ..	18	14	10
Cambridge ..	57	15	8
Hamilton ..	82	15	5

EXPENDITURE.

MĀORI MISSIONS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Superin-						
tendent, 1 qr.—						
Stipend, House						
Allowance, &						
Travelling ..	146	18	6			
C o n n e x i o n a l						
Charges, 1 qr.	13	12	6			
Native Ministers,						
H.M., and Dea-						
conesses—						
Whangaroa ..	170	0	0			
Bay of Islands	216	5	0			
Ditto, Special						
Rent ..	30	0	0			
Hokianga ..	470	0	0			
Kaipara ..	407	15	0			
Waiuku ..	1,292	11	3			
Hospital ..	75	0	0			
West Coast Mis-						
sion ..	987	1	8			
Ditto, Special						
Rent ..	33	4	8			
South Island Mis-						
sion Travelling	57	11	8			
Deaconess Retir-						
ing Fund ..	14	0	0			
				3,914	0	3

Special.

Annuity ..	20	0	0
Removal Expenses	27	5	0
Furniture ..	50	0	0
S.S. Requisites ..	25	0	0
Evangelistic Mis-			
sion ..	50	0	0
Equipment, Horses,			
etc. ..	41	5	0
H.M. Deputation			
Expenses ..	2	8	0
Compassionate ..	30	0	0
Iron and Paint—			
Native House ..	32	0	0
Native Library	25	0	0
Special Gift for			
Children ..	5	0	0
			307 18 0
Total for Maori Work			£4,221 18 3

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Port Albert, 1 qr.	2	10	0
Coromandel ..	31	5	0
Helensville ..	57	10	0
Kaukapakapa ..	31	5	0
Bay of Islands ..	58	15	0
Hokianga ..	31	5	0
Whangaroa, 1 qr.	10	0	0
Mangonui ..	14	0	0
Ditto, Special	30	0	0
Hikurangi ..	22	10	0
Rehia ..	32	10	0
Ohaeawai ..	37	10	0

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1924.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Hamilton East ..	32	14 9			Circuits with Home Missionaries.
Rotorua ..	15	11 1			£ s. d. £ s. d.
Tauranga ..	0	0 0			Pukekohe, 1 qr.
Opotiki ..	9	12 9			3 15 0
Taumarunui ..	0	0 0			Aided Circuits.
Te Awamutu ..	32	0 0			Takapuna ..
Whakatane ..	3	6 3			Papakura, 1 qr.
Matamata ..	0	0 0			7 10 0
Maori—Waikato and Maniapoto	68	0 0			Mahurangi ..
					16 5 0
					432 15 0
Home Mission Stations.					SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.
Te Puke ..	11	15 0			Home Mission Stations.
Ngaruawahia ..	8	1 9			Te Puke ..
Huntly ..	4	16 3			45 0 0
Te Kuiti ..	20	5 6			Ngaruawahia, 1 qr.
Ohura ..	13	13 0			5 0 0
Pataruru ..	7	1 9			Huntly ..
			568	6 6	40 0 0
					Te Kuiti ..
					122 10 0
					Ohura ..
					60 0 0
					Putaruru ..
					56 5 0
TARANAKI - WANGANUI DISTRICT.					Circuits with Home Missionaries.
Circuits.					Matamata, 1 qr.
New Plymouth ..	111	11 6			12 10 0
Ditto, 1923 ..	1	0 0			Paeroa and Hau-
Waitara ..	0	0 0			raki Plains ..
Ditto, 1923 ..	3	0 11			142 10 0
Inglewood ..	7	5 0			Aided Circuits.
Stratford ..	38	19 2			Waihi ..
Eltham ..	26	4 4			22 10 0
Hawera ..	35	13 4			Rotorua, 1 qr.
Manaia ..	33	16 6			10 0 0
Cape Egmont ..	0	0 0			Tauranga ..
Ditto, 1923 ..	1	0 0			56 5 0
Kaponga ..	12	0 0			Opotiki ..
Ditto, 1923 ..	12	0 0			85 0 0
Wanganui ..	75	4 8			Taumarunui ..
Wanganui North ..	16	6 6			97 10 0
Ditto, 1923 ..	32	0 0			Whakatane ..
Marton ..	21	15 8			70 0 0
Taihape ..	0	0 0			825 0 0
Waimarino ..	10	0 0			TARANAKI - WANGANUI DISTRICT.
Ditto, 1923 ..	8	8 3			Home Mission Stations.
					Patea ..
					80 0 0
					Circuits with Home Missionaries.
					Cape Egmont ..
					31 5 0
					Aided Circuits.
					Waitara ..
					26 5 0
					Inglewood ..
					31 5 0
					Manaia ..
					18 15 0
					Kaponga ..
					37 10 0
					Taihape, 1 qr.
					6 5 0
					Waimarino ..
					46 5 0
					277 10 0
					HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT.
					Home Mission Stations.
					Apti ..
					12 10 0
					Norsewood ..
					36 5 0
					Circuits with Home Missionaries.
					Gisborne ..
					27 10 0
					Aided Circuits.
					Waipawa ..
					56 5 0
					Dannevirke ..
					3 15 0
					Woodville ..
					22 10 0
					Pahiatua ..
					36 5 0
					Foxton ..
					33 15 0
					228 15 0

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1924.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.						
Home Mission Stations.				WELLINGTON DISTRICT.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Apti ..	11	8	0							
Norsewood ..	4	10	0							
				857	9	1				
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.				Circuits with Home Missionaries.						
Circuits.										
Wellington—				Johnsonville ..	41	5	0			
Taranaki St. ..	175	16	1	Masterton, 1 qr. ..	6	5	0			
Thorndon ..	60	17	9	Otaki ..	95	0	0			
Ditto, 1923 ..	2	11	3	Kilbirnie ..	52	10	0			
South ..	63	1	4							
Ditto, 1923 ..	4	1	1	Aided Circuits.						
Kilbirnie ..	25	16	1	Central Mission,						
Johnsonville ..	59	5	6	1 qr. ..	50	0	0			
Hutt ..	52	14	5	South Wairarapa ..	42	10	0			
Petone ..	27	4	10	Carterton ..	2	10	0			
South Wairarapa ..	11	6	4	Eketahuna ..	45	0	0			
Ditto, 1923 ..	8	4	4					335	0	0
Carterton ..	27	16	11	NELSON DISTRICT.						
Ditto, 1923 ..	5	0	0	Home Mission Stations.						
Masterton ..	124	8	8	Havelock ..	51	5	0			
Eketahuna ..	19	3	6	Murchison ..	31	5	0			
Levin ..	106	13	4	Denniston-Granity,						
Otaki ..	29	5	0	Runanga ..	90	0	0			
Ditto, 1923 ..	1	3	0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.						
				Richmond ..	12	10	0			
				Aided Circuits.						
				Blenheim ..	30	0	0			
				Hokitika ..	11	5	0			
				Motueka ..	16	5	0			
				Reefton ..	21	5	0			
				Westport ..	31	5	0			
								295	0	0
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
				Home Mission Stations.						
				Hawarden ..	61	5	0			
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.						
				Greendale and						
				Malvern ..	45	0	0			
				Aided Circuits.						
				Riccarton ..	48	15	0			
				Lyttelton, 1 qr. ..	6	5	0			
				Ohoka ..	16	5	0			
				Deaconess' Institute	75	0	0			
								252	10	0
				SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
				Home Mission Stations.						
				Methven-Rakaia	30	0	0			
				Mayfield ..	32	10	0			
				Aided Circuits.						
				Temuka ..	30	0	0			
				Geraldine ..	25	0	0			
								117	10	0
				OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.						
				Home Mission Stations.						
				Waikouaiti, 1 qr. ..	12	10	0			
				Kaitangata ..	32	10	0			
				Lawrence ..	17	10	0			
				Cromwell ..	41	5	0			
				Riverton ..	36	5	0			
				Tuatapere ..	18	0	0			
				Nightcaps ..	21	5	0			

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

Legacies.

In addition to the foregoing income the following legacies have been received and placed to Capital Account:—

Under the will of the late Wesley Jas. Gordon, Feilding, on account ..	1,380	0	0
Under the will of the late Emily J. Martin, Auckland	1,000	0	0
Under the will of the late Thomas Burgin, Swannona	50	0	0
Under the will of the late Elizabeth Spite, Dunedin	25	0	0
Under the will of the late Sarah Bennett, Wellington	4	0	0
	<u>£2,459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION. Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ending 31st December, 1924

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Balance Forward, 1st Jan., 1924 ..	447	17	11							
Grants—										
Home Mission Fund	75	0	0	House Accounts	267	9	11			
Contingent Fund	56	5	0	Balances <i>Salaries</i>	172	13	0			
Foreign Mission Board ..	75	0	0	Retiring Fund Contributions ..	6	0	0			
Fire Insurance Board	100	0	0	Students' Uniform Account ..	31	0	10			
Centenary Fund	500	0	0	Furnishings	40	5	7			
Special Subscription, Mr G. Bowron	188	10	0	Drapery £9/1/6, Kitchen Utensils						
Associate Subscriptions	37	17	0	18/-	27	1	6			
Donations	18	7	6	Stationery, Periodicals, etc. ..	8	5	10			
Rent of Motor Garage	65	5	0	Garden Labour	9	16	6			
Hostel Board Receipts	276	15	0	Miscellaneous Amounts	11	18	7			
Miscellaneous Receipts	12	0	8	Stamps, Exchange, Bank Charges,						
Contributions Students' Training	80	0	0	etc.	3	17	2			
								578	8	11
			1932	Rates	40	3	8			
St. Asaph St. Property A/c (£50				Insurances	23	10	5			
still due)	900	0	0	Telephone	6	7	2			
St. Asaph St. Property Interest ..	53	0	3	Repairs to Building, etc.	16	14	6			
Post Office Account			954	New Work, Laundry, etc.	374	9	2			
								461	4	11
				Repayment Mortgage Account ..	1200	0	0			
				Interest	170	15	1			
								1370	15	1
								2410	8	11
				Balance Cr. Post Office Account	301	1	0			
				Balance at B.N.Z. £185 15 0						
				Less unrepresented cheque 10 5 7						
					175	9	5			
								476	10	5
								£2886	19	4
								£2886	19	4

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Audited and found correct,
Christchurch, 27th January, 1925.

HERBERT C. JONES.

C. A. NEWMAN, Secretary.

MOUNT ALBERT METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d		£	s.	d
Receipts as per Cash Statement	1999	8	7	Expenditure as per Cash Statement	2011	1	10
Deficiency transferred to Capital A/c ..	111	18	8	Depreciation of Furniture	85	5	5
				Depreciation of Farm Stock	15	0	0
	<u>£2111</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£2111</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>

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THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ending 31st December, 1924.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward				366	16	5						
„ Endowments and Legacies:—												
Trustees T. G. McCarthy's Est.	200	0	0									
Trustees Rathbone Estate ..	200	0	0									
				400	0	0						
„ Maintenance—												
Donations, Subscriptions ..	275	13	9									
Collections	220	9	4									
Maintenance Fees	473	13	2									
Interest on Deposits, etc. ..	2	9	7									
Nett Proceeds (Mr. T. C. Wood's Concert)	20	16	0									
Interest War Bond Endowments	5	12	6									
				998	14	4						
„ Withdrawal of Deposits, etc.—												
Repayment Loan—The Board of Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments				500	0	0						
				£2265	10	9						
By Maintenance—												
Salaries and Wages	404	11	0									
Staff and Casual Help, Gardens and Grounds	15	0	9									
							419	11	9			
General House Supplies ..	370	9	8									
Lighting and Heating	106	19	6									
Drapery, Clothing and Boots ..	84	11	2									
Stamps, Stationery, Printing, Advertising and Telephone	55	4	0									
Repairs and Renewals	22	1	0									
Accident Insurance	1	3	4									
Sundries	16	4	11									
							656	13	7			
Total Maintenance												
„ Capital Expenditure, Furnishings, etc.										102	0	3
„ Investments and Deposits P.O. Savings Bank										1002	9	7
„ Balance Bank of New Zealand										84	15	7
							£2265	10	9			

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st December, 1924.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance 1st January, 1924—		675 11 1	
Cash in Hand ...	46 4 5		
P.O. Savings Bank ...	2 7 10		
Bank of New Zealand ...	626 18 10		
„ Endowment Account—			
Mr. Jas. Smith (for Boys' Home) ...	50 0 0		
S. R. Bennett (Estate) ...	50 0 0		
J. J. Wesley „ ...	25 0 0		
Mrs. Haynes „ ...	200 0 0		
Miss E. G. Cheyne „ ...	50 0 0		
Wm. Morrow „ ...	2000 0 0		
Lissie Rathbone „ ...	250 0 0		
A. Cowie „ ...	50 0 0		
„ Maintenance Account—		2675 0 0	
Annual Subscriptions ...	465 16 5		
Donations ...	536 2 5		
Collections ...	105 9 0		
Maintenance Fees ...	322 8 3		
Interest on Deposits and Debiture ...	205 5 0		
„ Refund of Advance to Conference Committee ...		1635 1 1	
„ Deposit from Clothing Fund Committee ...		12 0 0	
„ Sundry Receipts ...		44 11 8	
„ Deposit withdrawn ...		13 10 5	
		1000 0 0	
	<u>£6055 14 3</u>		
By Maintenance Account—			
Salaries and Wages Staff and Casual Help ...	409 12 10		
Garden and Farm ...	118 8 8		
		528 1 6	
General House Supplies ...	418 3 5		
Lighting and Heating ...	121 16 1		
Drapery, Clothing & Boots ...	127 11 10		
Stamps, Stationery, Printing and Telephone ...	42 14 1		
Insurance ...	15 0 10		
Repairs and Renewals ...	83 3 1		
Sundry Expenses ...	81 3 7		
		889 12 11	
Maintenance of Boys in Presbyterian Home ...		154 12 6	
„ Total ...		1572 6 11	
„ Property Account—			
Completing Installation Electric Lighting ...	29 10 0		
Deposit on Purchases, 11 acres Land for Boys' Home ...	1000 0 0		
		1029 10 0	
„ Deposited during year ...		2600 0 0	
„ Balance, 31st December, 1924—			
Cash in Hand ...	112 18 4		
P.O. Savings Bank ...	2 7 10		
Bank of New Zealand ...	738 11 2		
		853 17 4	
		<u>£6055 14 3</u>	

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1924.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Endowment Account	...			Freehold Property, 31st Dec., 1923	...	5076	17 5
Maintenance Reserve Account	...		8706 3 9	Completion of Electric Lighting	...		
Property Depreciation Account	...		150 0 0	Installation	...	29	10 0
Trust Account, late G. H. Jones'	...		625 0 0	Additional Purchase of Land, 11	...		
Children	...	114	17 6	acres for Boys' Home	...	2250	0 0
Interest Accrued	...	5	15 0			7356	7 5
	...		120 12 6	Less Balance due on Boys' Home	...	1250	0 0
			9601 16 3	Property	...		
Balance, being excess of Assets over				Furnishings	...	346	0 0
Liabilities	...		4324 7 8	Less Depreciation	...	35	0 0
							311 0 0
				Cows (2)	...		16 0 0
				Waimairi County Council Debentures	...		100 0 0
				Cash on Deposit	...	6320	0 0
				Interest Accrued	...	218	19 2
							6538 19 2
				Cash in Hand	...	112	18 4
				P.O. Savings Bank	...	2	7 10
				Bank of New Zealand	...	738	11 2
							853 17 4
							£13,926 3 11
			<u>£13,926 3 11</u>				<u>£13,926 3 11</u>

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We have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments and Balance-sheet of the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home, and have compared same with the Books, Bank Books, Securities, and Vouchers of the Orphanage, and hereby certify that in our opinion, the above Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Orphanage's affairs as shown by its books on 31st December, 1924.

For WHITTINGHAM & HOLLAND,
H. T. WHITTINGHAM, F.P.A. (N.Z.), F.I.A. (N.Z.),
Auditors.

**RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1925.**

WHERE THE STATUS OF THE PREACHER APPOINTED IS
ALTERED, THE CONTINGENT FUND TREASURERS SHOULD BE
CONSULTED.

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 ...	537	10	0	34	18	9	337	10	0	33	15	0
Auckland East ...	775	0	0	50	7	6	475	0	0	47	10	0
Auckland—H.M. Sec.	325	0	0	21	2	6	225	0	0	22	10	0
" Theo. Col.	450	0	0	29	5	0	250	0	0	25	0	0
" Avondale	525	0	0	34	2	6	325	0	0	32	10	0
" " H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Devonport	275	0	0	17	17	6	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	180	0	0	11	14	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Paparua	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
" Whangaroa	90	0	0	5	4	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	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Mangonui	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Hikurangi	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Rehia	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Ohaeawai	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	6767	10	0	487	4	9	4037	10	0	403	15	0

N.B.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for H.M. Retiring Fund is £5 for each Home Missionary employed. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 3 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
Waihi	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Paeroa	322	10	0	20	19	3	192	10	0	19	5	0
Cambridge	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Hamilton	405	0	0	26	6	6	275	0	0	27	10	0
Hamilton East	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Rotorua	212	10	0	13	16	3	152	10	0	15	5	0
Tauranga	225	0	0	14	12	6	125	0	0	12	10	0
Opotiki	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Taumarunui	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	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Huntly	160	0	0	10	8	0	...	...	...	...	...
Whakatane	160	0	0	10	8	0	...	...	...	...	...
Putaruru	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...
Te Kuiti	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...
Te Puke	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...
Ohura	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...
Ngaruawahia	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...
	4085	0	0	285	10	6	2345	0	0	234	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	640	0	0	41	12	0	410	0	0	41	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
Opunake	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	6	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	6	125	0	0	12	10	0
Waimarino	180	0	0	11	14	0	125	0	0	12	10	0
Patea—H.M. Station	4	0	0	
	3850	0	0	270	5	0	2405	0	0	240	10	0

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HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6¼%			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	6	125	0	0	12	10	0
Dannevirke	225	0	0	14	12	6	125	0	0	12	10	0
Woodville	235	0	0	15	5	6	135	0	0	13	10	0
Pahiatua	225	0	0	14	12	6	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)	275	0	0	17	17	6	175	0	0	17	10	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	6	125	0	0	12	10	0
Apiti—H.M. Station ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Norsewood ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3150	0	0	234	15	0	1950	0	0	195	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6¼%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington Taranaki St.	462	10	0	30	1	3	302	10	0	30	5	0
Thorndon	550	0	0	35	15	0	350	0	0	35	0	0
South	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Kilbirnie	365	0	0	23	14	6	235	0	0	23	10	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	6	175	0	0	17	10	0
Petone	262	10	0	17	1	3	162	10	0	16	5	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	6	125	0	0	12	10	0
Levin	275	0	0	17	17	6	175	0	0	17	10	0
Otaki	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Paraparaumu—H.M.	4	0	0
Featherston—H.M.	4	0	0
	4015	0	0	276	19	3	2525	0	0	252	10	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	6	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	640	0	0	41	12	0	410	0	0	41	0	0
Hokitika	180	0	0	11	14	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Greymouth	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Motueka	180	0	0	11	14	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Reefton	175	0	0	11	7	6	115	0	0	11	10	0
Westport	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Havelock—H.M. Stn.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Murchison	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Denniston	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Granity	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dovedale	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2250	0	0	170	5	0	1440	0	0	144	0	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	440	0	0	28	12	0	310	0	0	31	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	6	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	270	0	0	17	11	0	170	0	0	17	0	0
Addington	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Riccarton	212	10	0	13	15	3	112	10	0	11	5	0
St. Albans	550	0	0	35	15	0	350	0	0	35	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	245	0	0	15	18	6	145	0	0	14	10	0
Greendale & Malvern	225	0	0	14	12	6	125	0	0	12	10	0
" H.M.	4	0	0
Hawarden—H.M. Sta.	4	0	0
Oxford	4	0	0
	5872	10	0	389	6	9	3637	10	0	363	15	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 ...	755	0	0	49	1	6	495	0	0	49	10	0
Waimate ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Temuka, King Street	225	0	0	14	12	6	125	0	0	12	10	0
Geraldine ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Ashburton ...	287	10	0	18	13	9	187	10	0	18	15	0
Willowby ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Oamaru ...	275	0	0	17	17	6	175	0	0	17	10	0
Methven—H.M. Station	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mayfield ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2292	10	0	157	0	3	1432	10	0	143	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 ...	270	0	0	17	11	0	170	0	0	17	0	0
Cargill Road ...	410	0	0	26	13	0	280	0	0	28	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
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
Balclutha ...	275	0	0	17	17	6	175	0	0	17	10	0
Milton ...	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Roxburgh ...	225	0	0	14	12	6	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	6	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	6	125	0	0	12	10	0
Edendale—H.M. Stn.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lawrence ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cromwell ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaitangata ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Riverton	4	0	0
Nightcaps	4	0	0
Tuatapere	4	0	0
Waikouaiti	4	0	0
	4850	0	0	351	5	0	2920	0	0	292	0	0

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