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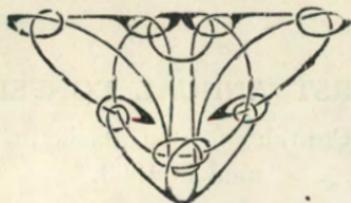
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**THE FIRST  
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in  
1874.

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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH  
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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

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**THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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

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**THE FIRST CONFERENCE**

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

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**THE FIRST CONFERENCE**

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The Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Trinity Church Dunedin, on Thursday, 25th February, 1926, and concluded on March 6th, 1926.

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

Mr. D. C. Cameron was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office.

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

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Pahiatua	...	...	...	...	W. J. Foster
Palmerston North, Broad Street	...	...	...	...	H. E. Pacey
Palmerston North, Cuba Street	...	...	...	...	D. Collis
Feilding	...	...	...	...	F. S. Guy
Sanson-Rongotea	...	...	...	...	Mrs. W. S. Neal
Foxton	...	...	...	...	Mrs. H. Barber

## Wellington District.

Wellington (Taranaki Street)	...	...	...	...	W. E. Howe
Wellington <sup>22</sup> (Thorndon)	...	...	...	...	J. R. Burley
"	...	...	...	...	E. Tregurtha
Wellington <sup>22</sup> South "	...	...	...	...	C. V. Tregurtha
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	...	...	...	...	*Mrs. A. Roberts
Johnsonville	...	...	...	...	*H. Moston
Hutt	...	...	...	...	R. Withington
Petone	...	...	...	...	J. Jacobson
Greytown	...	...	...	...	
Carterton	...	...	...	...	J. A. T. Stevens
Masterton	...	...	...	...	P. J. Bothwell
Eketahuna	...	...	...	...	Jas. Daysh
Levin	...	...	...	...	J. W. Gibson
Otaki	...	...	...	...	W. F. Armitage

## Nelson District.

Nelson	...	...	...	...	S. Gorman
"	...	...	...	...	A. A. Lucas
Richmond	...	...	...	...	*G. Nuttall
Blenheim	...	...	...	...	E. H. Penny
"	...	...	...	...	T. Pike
Hokitika	...	...	...	...	Mrs. J. F. Jack
Greymouth	...	...	...	...	Miss A. White
Motueka	...	...	...	...	E. S. Wratt
Reefton	...	...	...	...	C. Robinson
Westport	...	...	...	...	

## North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street) ... ..	D. Jones M.P.
Christchurch (East) ... ..	Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C.
Christchurch ... ..	J. Buxton
Christchurch ... ..	S. Harrington
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace) ... ..	A. E. Lawry
Christchurch (Woolston) ... ..	H. Holland, M.P.
Christchurch (Sydenham) ... ..	H. W. Heslop
Christchurch (Addington) ... ..	W. Dobbs
Christchurch (Riccarton) ... ..	C. A. Comber
Christchurch (St. Albans) ... ..	*P. G. Clements
Christchurch ... ..	W. Simpson
Christchurch (Papanui) ... ..	A. D. Hassall
Lyttelton ... ..	W. H. Marshall
Springston ... ..	W. T. Foster
Tai Tapu ... ..	W. Peryman
Leeston ... ..	J. Gilmour
Kaipoi ... ..	J. Howarth
Ohoka ... ..	F. A. Sheat
Rangiora ... ..	S. Ayers
Greendale-Malvern ... ..	J. Tull
	J. Rudd

## South Canterbury District.

Timaru ... ..	H. H. Brown
Waimate ... ..	T. Steele
Temuka ... ..	A. W. Barnet
Geraldine ... ..	W. J. Henry
Ashburton ... ..	F. Frampton
Willowby ... ..	W. T. Lill
Oamaru ... ..	B. W. Williams

## Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity) ... ..	T. Smith
Dunedin Central Mission ... ..	D. C. Cameron
Dunedin (Dundas Street) ... ..	W. King
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ... ..	J. B. Shacklock
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ... ..	R. G. Hemmings
Dunedin (Caversham) ... ..	J. Davidson
Dunedin (Morningside) ... ..	G. Harvey
Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill) ... ..	R. Jamieson
Mosgiel ... ..	Edward Harkness
Port Chalmers ... ..	
Balclutha ... ..	C. R. Sheat
Milton ... ..	P. L. Bloxam
Roxburgh ... ..	A. Noble
Invercargill (Central) ... ..	J. Holland
Invercargill (St. Peter's) ... ..	W. H. Johnston, Junr.
Bluff ... ..	A. Martin
Gore ... ..	Mrs. E. Harrington
Otautau ... ..	

## Solomon Islands District.

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

J. Henry Allen  
 Leslie A. G. Brooks  
 John F. Jack  
 Hector C. Orchard

Who have travelled four years.

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

Thomas H. Burton, B.A.

Who has travelled four years.

Albert Blakemore  
 Eric W. Hames, M.A.

Who have travelled three years.

Moses Ayrton  
 John Bailey  
 Frank Bateup  
 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 two years.

F. Gardner Brown  
 George I. Laursen (see Question VI.)  
 Gordon R. H. Peterson

Who have travelled one year.

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

James H. Hall  
 G. Raymond Harris  
 Arthur H. Voyce

Who have completed three years at the Theological College.

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

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

Who have completed two years at the Theological College.

John D. Grocott  
 Charlie O. Hailwood  
 Francis J. Handy  
 Frank H. Hayman

Howard H. Jeffreys  
 Ronald H. Miles

Who have completed one year at the Theological College.

N.B.—Maurice J. W. Paulger and Ronald H. Miles shall be continued as students who have completed one year of their training, and on grounds of health are permitted to rest for one year.

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

1. George I. Laurenson (see Question III.)
2. Charles Edward Dickens  
 Harold Fallows  
 Norman R. Gutory  
 Herbert Webster Hitchcock  
 Leonard C. Horwood  
 Arthur Thomas Kent  
 Henry Noble  
 Walter Parker

**QUESTION VII.—Who are now Admitted as Native Ministers?**  
 E. Oliver Haddon

**QUESTION VIII.—Who Remain as Native Preachers on Probation?**  
 None.

**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 third year.
2. R. T. Alexander  
 J. C. Draper  
 J. D. Grindlay  
 Green Hall  
 H. S. Ratchiffe  
 Who have passed in their second year.
3. R. G. Hemmings  
 W. J. Henderson  
 E. Hill  
 F. G. Hoten  
 T. W. Parsons  
 C. G. Scrimgeour  
 B. H. N. Teague  
 A. R. Thomas  
 W. H. Wilson

Who have passed in their first year.

Green Hall and W. H. Wilson passed with honours.

C. G. Scrimgeour is permitted to take two years' examinations during the current year.

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

William Lee  
David McNicoll  
John Dawson  
James G. Chapman

**William Lee.**—Full of years and honours, the Rev. William Lee passed peacefully away on November 12th, 1925, in his 85th year. Born at Stokesley, Yorkshire, in 1840, he early gave his heart to God, and in 1864 was sent to New Zealand as a Probationer, and next year commenced what proved to be a singularly acceptable ministry of 43 years, exercised in many of our best Circuits. A typical Yorkshireman, shrewd, outspoken and of an attractive personality, and with great power of friendship, Mr. Lee also displayed great administrative gifts, in many important Connexional positions. As soon as he was eligible, viz., in 1880, he was elected President of the Conference, and the following year he was called to act for a second term owing to the lamented death of his successor, Rev. J. B. Richardson, in the Tatarua disaster of May, 1881. As Chairman of District for many years, Secretary of Conference and other offices, he rendered conspicuous service. As Supernumerary he continued to serve as preacher and pastor as opportunity was given, and the robust health which he always enjoyed was maintained until three years before his death.

**David McNicoll.**—After a faithful and fruitful ministry of 41 years, followed by 16 years as a Supernumerary, Rev. David McNicoll, an Ex-President of the Conference, and greatly beloved of all who knew him, fell on sleep on Sunday, June 7th, 1925, in his 82nd year. Born in Southport, England, in 1843, he bore an honoured name, his grandfather being a prominent minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference. He came to New Zealand as a youth of 18, and together with his friend and fellow student, Henry Bull, commenced his probation in 1868, and was ordained in 1872. During more than four decades he exercised a bright and acceptable ministry in representative Circuits, seeing much fruit of his labours and endearing himself to his people. He became President of the Conference in 1894. Of independent mind and strong convictions, he was a fearless enemy of the liquor traffic and gambling. Yet in him a vivacious and fun loving disposition was beautifully blended with deep spirituality and evangelical fervour. For many years he lived and preached the higher life, and amid many trials and infirmities found the "Joy of the Lord" his strength. He lived and died a saintly man, and now rests from his labours and his works do follow him.

**John Dawson.**—John Dawson was born at Keighley, Yorkshire, on June 4th, 1859. Being early left fatherless, he soon went forth to work. His character was moulded by his connection with the Primitive Methodist Church and Sunday School of his native town. At 17 years of age he became a local preacher, and at 21 years an evangelist. God used him in leading numbers of men to the Saviour. He afterwards became a married student in Gratton Guinness' Missionary Institute, now known as Cliff College, Calver, Derbyshire. In 1888, under the direction of the

Primitive Methodist Conference, he came as a married Probationer to New Zealand. He was stationed in the following Circuits: Thames, Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace), and Wellington (Webb Street). In 1909 he succeeded Rev. F. W. Isitt as General Secretary for the N.Z. Alliance, a position he occupied until his death. As a preacher, John Dawson was evangelical; his sermons were practical and devotional. As a pastor, he was greatly loved and trusted as one of God's good men. He was a watchful shepherd, and had a deep sense of the great responsibility of being a minister of Jesus Christ. His unique work as Organiser for the N.Z. Alliance for more than sixteen years was most valuable, and did much to advance the cause of Prohibition in the Dominion. He was kindly, tactful, genial, sanguine and spiritual. He followed in his Master's footsteps, and "went about doing good."

**James Gates Chapman.**—In the dying hours of 1925, with little premonition, the call to higher service came to the Rev. James Gates Chapman, thereby removing from our ranks a brother highly respected and deeply beloved by the whole Church. He was born in the City of London, 62 years ago. As a young man New Zealand presented claims as a sphere of usefulness, which were not to be denied, and in 1889 he began a richly fruitful ministry in the land of his adoption. It soon became evident that Mr. Chapman possessed rare gifts and outstanding ability as a preacher, and consequently he was appointed to represent the Church in some of our most important Circuits. Mr. Chapman was a keen student, a voracious reader, an original thinker, a prince of preachers and a capable administrator of our Church. He was the soul of honour, every inch a gentleman, and in him courtesy and brotherly kindness were developed to a degree. It was generally recognised that he was specially endowed to grace the highest office of the Church, but place and position held no attraction for him, and he gracefully discouraged all such honours. Owing to ill-health, he became a Supernumerary in 1920, but though released from the responsibility of Circuit work, he continued to preach with great acceptance in all the evangelical churches of Wellington City and suburbs. At his request, and in harmony with his life, the last rites were of a most simple and unostentatious character. He leaves behind a fragrant memory.

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

1. John Smith
- 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  
 William Laycock  
 Joseph Blight  
 George Clement  
 Thomas A. Joughin  
 James Wrigley  
 James Cocker  
 Arthur Harding  
 Thomas W. Newbold  
 John W. Griffin  
 Semese Nau (with permission to reside in Tonga)

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

William Ready  
 James R. Clark

**William Ready.**—This Conference, having heard the request of the Rev. William Ready to be made a Supernumerary, agrees regretfully to grant it. It places on record its grateful recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Church during a conspicuous ministry of 41 years. His popular gifts have won for him an enthusiastic reception in most of our chief Circuits. He has been singularly faithful and fearless, always a champion of the highest interests of mankind, he has devoted himself with rare zeal to religious, social and philanthropic movements, and his delight has ever been to enrich character and to contribute to the betterment of the community at large. In 1912, the Conference conferred upon him its chief distinction in electing him to the Presidency. We recall with pride that he founded the Dunedin Central Mission, and made it one of the most effective spiritual agencies in the Dominion.

**James R. Clark.**—James Richard Clark was several years employed as a Home Missionary, and in the year 1900 was accepted as a candidate for the ministry. In several Circuits he rendered valuable service as a minister of the Church. In 1922 he suffered a serious breakdown of health, and in the following year was made a Supernumerary for one year. Unfortunately, there has not been an improvement in health, and he carries with him in his retirement the love and the sympathy of the Church, with the prayer that he may have a quiet and blessed eventide.

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

T. Arthur Pybus.

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

A. H. Fowles was given permission to rest, and to visit England in 1926.

W. Lea was permitted to rest for another year, and to return in 1927.

E. Hugh Brooker was permitted to rest for a 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

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

George H. Findlay, M.A., to New South Wales Conference for Mission Work in Fiji. (Resolved.—That the portion of the sum of £150 paid to Mr. Findlay towards his expenses in coming to New Zealand, now due by him to this Conference, being 4-5ths of that total amount, namely £120, be paid by the Australian Board of Missions.)

Leonard B. Dalby is received from the British Methodist Conference.

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

In 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?**

William A. Watson who has voluntarily retired on account of ill-health.

Fred L. Frost, who has voluntarily retired.

Hapeta Renata, who has voluntarily retired.

Paraire R. Paieka, who has voluntarily retired.

**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
Christianity and 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. W. A. Burley, M.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 27th, and the second section on Tuesday, December 7th. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 14th, and of Home Missionary Probationers on December 7th.

#### 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 I.

## 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 Christianity and 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. (1)—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.
- N.B. (2)—The Text-book next year in Comparative Religion will be G. A. Barton's "Religions of the World."

## 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 50; Section B to deal with Exegesis and General Knowledge of the book (maximum marks 50). 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 1926 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. Trumbull'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 three 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 Limen, Part I., Sections 1-138.
3. Greek—Clapperton's First Steps in New Testament Greek.
4. Geography—Longman's Geographical Series, Book II. The World  
(a) Mathematical and Physical Geography; (b) Sections on the British Empire and Current Events.
5. History and Current Events.—History of England from 1714 to 1921 (Warner and Martin, part iii.); and a knowledge of current events, questions on which to comprise one-fourth of the paper.
6. Science—Any one of the following subjects:—(a) Geology; (b) Zoology; (c) Botany (Neve); (d) Human Physiology; (e) Inorganic Chemistry; (f) Heat, Sound, and Light.

## SECTION C.

## MATHEMATICS.

1. Arithmetic—Simple and Compound Rules, Vulgar and Decimal Fractions, Practice, Ratio and Proportion, Unitary Method, Measurement of Surfaces, Interest and Discount, Square Root (J. B. Lock, C. Pendlebury, or Workman).
2. Geometry—Lines, Angles, Rectilineal Figures and Area of Rectilineal Figures. (Geometry, Parts I. and II. Baker and Bourne.)
3. Algebra—Easy Examples and Problems, to Simple Equations. (Hall and Knight, chapters i. to xxii.)

## REGULATIONS.

1. There shall be 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.
6. 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 (pp. 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 "Apologues" (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, 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.
- Davidson's Old Testament Prophecy.
- \*Davidson's Old Testament Theology.
- Davidson'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—

- Angus's The Mystery Religions and Christianity.  
 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).  
 Davidson'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.

Mackintosh's The Originality of the Christian Message.  
 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 by  
 Bishop Potter).  
 Stalker's Preacher and His Models.  
 Wesley's Address to the Clergy.

II. 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.  
 Tverman's Life and Times of John Wesley.  
 Wesley's Journals.  
 Workman's Church of the West in the Middle Ages.  
 Walker's History of the Christian Church.

III. SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY:

Bergson's Creative Evolution.  
 Baudoin's Studies in Psychoanalysis.  
 Caird's Hegel.  
 Drever's Psychology of Everyday Life.  
 Drummond's Ascent of Man.  
 Eaton's The Fight Against Drink.  
 \*Eucken's Truth of Religion.  
 \*Horsley and Sturge's Alcohol and the Human Body.

- Hutton's The Lesson of Evolution.  
 \*Jane T. Stoddart's New Socialism.  
 Jones' Rudolf Eucken.  
 Jowett's Introductions to Plato.  
 Lodge's Man and the Universe.  
 Lay's The Child's Unconscious Mind.  
 Mackenzie's Outline of Metaphysics.  
 Maeterlinck's Life of the Bee.  
 Marshall's Principles of Economics.  
 Martineau's Types of Ethical Theory.  
 \*McDougall's Social Psychology.  
 \*Muirhead's Elements of Ethics.  
 Rae's Contemporary Socialism.  
 Romanes' Darwin and After Darwin.  
 Soddy's Matter and Energy.  
 Thomson and Geddes' Evolution.  
 Wallace's Darwinism.  
 Wallace's Kant.  
 \*Wardell's Contemporary Philosophy  
 Wardell's First Lessons in Philosophy.

#### IV. HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY :

- 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, Ches-  
 terton, 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 DEGREES.**

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 the 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 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, and that the expenses of such examiner in travelling to Conference be a charge upon the Contingent Fund. (N.B.—This regulation is to take effect at this Conference.)
3. That the Examiner for 1927 be the Rev. W. A. Sinclair.
4. That Conference learns with pleasure that Revs. Thomas H. Burton and H. L. Fiebig have secured the degree of B.A. in the University of New Zealand, and gives its sanction to these honours being printed in Minutes of the Conference.
5. That the Board of Studies, with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners as a corresponding member, be directed to review during the year the Probationers' Curriculum, (including the List of Books for Reading), more particularly in relation to men of exceptional attainments, with a view to meeting better the altered conditions of to-day. The Board is directed also to consider the Course for Home Missionaries, and other relevant matters, and to report its recommendations to the District Ministerial Committees.

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

## AUCKLAND.

Kaukapakapa-Helensville.—That the two Stations be amalgamated under this name.

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Stratford.—That the words "Home Missionary" be struck out under Stratford Circuit.

Waimarino.—That the name of "Waimarino" Circuit be changed to that of "Raetihi-Ohakune."

## WELLINGTON.

Greytown.—That the Featherston Home Missionary be withdrawn, and that the Featherston Home Mission Station and Greytown Circuit be re-united. A married Probationer to be appointed. Featherston Trust to make a grant of £40 per year, and the Home Mission Fund to make a suitable grant.

## NORTH CANTERBURY.

Rangiora.—That the Rangiora Circuit be divided: Rangiora, Southbrook, Raithby and Ashley to constitute the Rangiora Circuit; Woodend, Waikuku, Sefton, Amberley and Broomfield to constitute the Woodend-Sefton Circuit.

Greendale-Malvern.—That the Circuit be divided: Greendale, Darfield, Aylesbury, Glenroy, and Te Piritā to constitute the Greendale Circuit; Waddington, Russell's Flat, Annat, Kimberley and Springfield to constitute the Waddington Home Mission Station.

#### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

St. Kilda.—That the Otago Peninsula be made a separate Home Mission Station, to be called the Broad Bay Home Mission Station.

Balclutha.—That Inchclutha be transferred to the Kaitangata Home Mission Station.

Otautau.—That a married Probationer be appointed in lieu of an ordained Minister.

Tuatapere.—That Tuatapere and Nightcaps Home Mission Stations be amalgamated.

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

##### AUCKLAND.

Whangarei.—That a Home Missionary be appointed with a suitable grant. The Agent to be appointed to reside at Mangatapere. The name of the Station to be Portland.

##### TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

New Plymouth.—That the staff of New Plymouth Circuit shall consist of two married Ministers, one wanted, and a Home Missionary.

Douglas.—That a single Home Missionary be appointed, if available, if not, Douglas to be worked by Eltham Circuit, as at present, and assistance to be given by Superintendents of neighbouring Circuits.

That the Superintendents of the Hawera, Stratford, Manaia and Kaponga Circuits give a Sunday morning and afternoon each to the Eltham Circuit during the year in order to free the Eltham Superintendent for service at Douglas and Huiroa.

##### HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Palmerston North (Broad Street).—That a Circuit to be known as the "Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Circuit" be constituted as from April 1st, 1927; to comprise Ashhurst, Bunnythorpe, Pohangina and Hiwinui, with a married ordained Minister, who shall, in the meantime, be stationed at Ashhurst; the Circuit to pay the minimum stipend, and to receive a suitable Home Mission grant. The Conference approves of the agreement of the Broad Street and Cuba Street Circuits to give assistance to the new Circuit with both local preachers and transport facilities, and also to subsidise the new Circuit for three years in a diminishing ratio as follows: Broad Street—1st year £40, 2nd year £30, 3rd year £20; Cuba Street—1st year £20, 2nd year £15, 3rd year £10.

Palmerston North (Broad Street) to be staffed with a married Minister and a H.M. until the new Circuit be constituted in 1927.

- Waipawa.—(1) That circumstances do not at present warrant the appointment of an additional agent at Waipukurau.
- (2) That it be a recommendation to the Napier, Hastings and Dannevirke Circuits each to guarantee two or three preaching supplies per quarter to assist in maintaining existing services.
- (3) That the Home Mission Grant be increased to enable Waipawa Circuit to defray the out of pocket expenses of visiting preachers.

## NELSON.

That the proposal to appoint an unmarried Probationer to Tahunanui be deferred for one year.

## SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Timaru.—That the appointments be two married Ministers and a Home Missionary.

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Otautau.—That a married Probationer be appointed.

## QUESTION XXV.—What new Stations are now Constituted?

## AUCKLAND.

Portland H.M. Station (see Question XXIV.)

## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe (from April 1st, 1927) (see Question XXIV).

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

## AUCKLAND.

Paparoa.—Paparoa is due but is relieved for one year.

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Raetihi-Ohakune.—Raetihi-Ohakune is due but is relieved for a 14th year.

## WELLINGTON.

Eketahuna.—Eketahuna is due but is relieved for another year.

## NELSON.

Reefton.—Reefton is due but is relieved for a ninth year.

Hokitika.—Hokitika is due and fulfils its obligation with a suitable grant.

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

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

## RESOLUTION.

That the following be the order in which Circuits shall take married Ministers—

1. Opotiki
2. Inglewood.
3. Hokitika
4. Eketahuna

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. PERCY N. KNIGHT, B.A.

Vice-President: MR. D. C. CAMERON, Jr.

Secretary; REV. ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A.

### STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1926.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 25, and (1) to (6) 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**—Leonard B. Dalby, Thomas W. Vealie, G. E. Brown; John J. Lewis. James Thomas, Daniel J. Murray, George T. Marshall, William Ready. (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, H. Ryan, (Remuera), William T. Blight, B. A. ; John Smith, 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. Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Classical Languages.
4. **Auckland (Avondale)**.—Arthur Asheroft, John R. Nelson; A Home Missionary; Thomas A. Joughin, James Wrigley (Supernumeraries).
5. **Auckland (Devonport)**.—John E. Parsons.
6. **Auckland (Takapuna)**.—George B. Hinton.

7. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—J. Henry Allen, John D. Jory, (Super-numerary).
8. **Onehunga**.—George S. Cook.
9. **Otahuhu**.—Fred Greenwood.
10. **Papakura**.—Friederick T. Read; 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**.—Amos Reader, a Home Missionary (Arapohue) a Home Missionary. (Kaihu).
16. **Whangarei**.—Thomas R. B. Woolloxall.
17. **Whangaroa**.—One wanted.
18. **Maori Missions**.—

## (1) AUCKLAND—

Eruera Te Tuhi. (Rewiti)  
 Davis Wilcox. (Waima)  
 Piripi Rakena. (Mangamuka)  
 Te Tuhi (Whirinaki)  
 E. Oliver Haddon. (Kawa Kawa)  
 A Home Missionary (Whangaroa)  
 A Home Missionary. (Purerua)

PORT ALBERT.—A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

KAUKAPAKAPA-HELENSVILLE.—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.

PORTLAND.—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK.—Two Home Missionaries.

H.M.EVANGELIST.—A Home Missionary.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman of the District.

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 II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

19. **Thames**.—William A. Burley, M.A.
20. **Te Aroha**.—Samuel Henderson, (A Supply).
21. **Morrinsville**.—Ernest E. Sage.
22. **Waihi**.—Harry Cottom.
23. **Paeroa and Hauraki Plains**.—William B. Pickering; James H. Hall, (Ngatea). E. Hugh Brooker (resting).
24. **Cambridge**.—William J. Elliott.

25. **Hamilton.**—Percy R. Paris, Herbert L. Fiebig. B.A.
26. **Hamilton East.**—Frank E. Leadley.
27. **Ngaruawahia.**—One wanted.
28. **Rotorua.**—Colin C. Harrison.
29. **Tauranga.**—Charles B. Jordan M.A., F.R.E.S.
30. **Opotiki.**—Thomas Skuse.
31. **Taumarunui.**—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
32. **Te Awamutu.**—Charles M. Roberts.
33. **Whakatane.**—One wanted.
34. **Matamata.**—Robert E. Fordyce; Thomas G. Hammond (Super-numerary).

(2) **WAIKATO-KING COUNTRY**—Hori Kakuere (Ngaruawahia).

- A Home Missionary (Raglan).
- A Home Missionary (Marokopa).
- A Home Missionary (Kawhia).
- A Home Missionary (Te Kuiti).
- A Home Missionary (Aotearoa).

- 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.

WILLIAM J. ELLIOTT, Chairman of the District.

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### III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

35. **New Plymouth.**—Thomas R. Richards, Percy J. Cossum, one wanted; a Home Missionary; John Nixon (Supernumerary).
36. **Waitara.**—Robert B. Gosnell; a Home Missionary.
37. **Inglewood.**—One wanted.
38. **Stratford.**—George P. Hunt; a Home Missionary.
39. **Eltham.**—William W. Avery.
40. **Hawera.**—Walter J. Oxbrow.
41. **Manaia.**—Hector C. Orchard.
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. **Raetihi-Ohakune.**—One wanted.

(3) **TARANAKI-WAIMARINO**—

Robert T. Haddon, Senior Maori Superintendent (Normanby).

Rakena P. Rakena (Rahotu).

Matarae Tauroa (Okaiawa).

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.

WALTER J. OXBROW, 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.**—F. Gardner 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; a Home Missionary.

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, John Bailey.

**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., one wanted; Josiah Ward (Supernumerary).

65. **Wellington (Kilbirnie).**—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C., G. Raymond Harris.

66. **Johnsonville-Ngaio.**—John Dennis; one wanted.

67. **Hutt.**—William Rowe; Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).

68. **Petone.**—John A. Lochore.

69. **Greytown-Featherston.**—Cecil R. Taylor.

70. **Carterton.**—R. Purcell Keall.  
 71. **Masterton.**—William Beckett; a Home Missionary; James Cocker (Supernumerary).  
 72. **Eketahuna.**—Herbert Spencer.  
 73. **Levin.**—John D. McArthur.  
 74. **Otaki.**—Ralph J. Liddell.  
**PARAPARAUMU.**—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GREENSLADE, Chairman of the District.

#### VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

75. **Nelson.**—Percy N. Knight, B.A. (President of the Conference); (President's Assistant, one wanted).  
 76. **Richmond.**—H. Leslie Richards; a Home Missionary.  
 77. **Blenheim.**—William Grigg, Jacob Featherston, Frank Bateup.  
 78. **Hokitika.**—G. Knowles-Smith.  
 79. **Greymouth.**—J. Frederick Martin.  
 80. **Motueka.**—Henry Benny.  
 81. **Reefton.**—One wanted.  
 82. **Westport.**—Oswald Burnet.  
**HAVELOCK.**—A Home Missionary.  
**MURCHISON.**—A Home Missionary.  
**DENNISTON.**—A Home Missionary.  
**GRANITY.**—A Home Missionary.

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

WILLIAM GRIGG, Financial Secretary.

#### 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, Robert Raine, Harold A. Sharp; 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).**—Henry J. Odell.  
 88. **Christchurch (Addington).**—Arthur Liversedge.  
 89. **Christchurch (Riccarton).**—Benjamin J. James.  
 90. **Christchurch (St. Albans).**—Leslie B. Neale, Samuel J. Werren; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).  
 91. **Christchurch (Papanui).**—Henry L. Blamires.  
 92. **Lyttelton.**—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.  
 93. **Springton.**—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.  
 99. Woodend-Sefton.—William B. Cuming.  
 100. Greendale.—John F. Jack.

HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.

OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.

WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman of the District.

#### VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

101. Timaru.—Albert C. Lawry, Percy I. Cooke; a Home Missionary;  
 Charles H. Standage (Supernumerary).  
 102. Waimate.—Jonathan H. Haslam, Albert H. Fowles (resting).  
 103. Temuka.—Raymond Richards.  
 104. Geraldine.—Herbert Ford.  
 105. Ashburton.—Robert B. Tinsley.  
 106. Willowby.—Walter J. Enticott.  
 107. Oamaru.—George F. Stockwell.  
 METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.  
 MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

ALBERT C. LAWRY, Chairman of the District

#### IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

108. Dunedin (Trinity).—Harold E. Bellhouse, Thomas H. Burton, B.A.  
 George Clement, Thomas W. Newbold (Supernumeraries).  
 109. Dunedin (Central Mission).—William Walker.  
 110. Dunedin (Dundas Street).—Ernest O. Blamires.  
 111. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—W. Bramwell Scott, O. S. Pearn (St.  
 Clair).  
 112. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—Edwin S. Harkness.  
 113. Dunedin (Caversham).—William Wills.  
 114. Dunedin (Morningson).—James Richards.  
 115. Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill).—Arthur Hopper; One wanted.  
 116. Mosgiel.—One wanted.  
 117. Port Chalmers.—T. A. Pybus.  
 118. Balclutha.—Hedley White.  
 119. Milton.—William Gatman.  
 120. Roxburgh.—Alfred M. Costain.  
 121. Invercargill (Central).—Angus McBean.  
 122. Invercargill (St. Peters).—Samuel Bailey.  
 123. Bluff.—Robert Mc.Gregor.  
 124. Gore.—William H. Hocking.

125. **Otautau.**—Moses Ayrton.

WAIKOUAITI.—A Home Missionary.

BROAD BAY.—A Home Missionary.

EDENDALE.—A Home Missionary.

KAITANGATA.—A Home Missionary.

LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.

CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.

RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.

NIGHTCAPS-TUATAPEPE.—A Home Missionary.

HAROLD E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman of the District.

#### X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

(4) **Roviana.**—John Francis Goldie (Roviana); Tom Dent (Marovo) Allan H. Cropp, Hubert G. Brown, A. Harry Voyce, (Bougainville) one to be sent (Luaniua); a Catechist wanted (Pelau); Joel 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.

Luaniua.—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, Hubert G. Brown; A. Harry Voyce

Naravo.—A Catechist.

Suvai.—A Catechist.

Tiop.—A Catechist.

Buka.—A Catechist.

(5) **Vella Lavella.**—Arthur A. Bensley. (Bilua)

Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister.

Circuit Training Institution.—Arthur A. Bensley.

Bilua Day School.—Arthur A. Bensley.

Elioteve.—A Catechist wanted.

Naravai.—A Catechist wanted.

Sirubai.—A Catechist wanted.  
 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.

(6) **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 members of the Conference, are attached to the New South Wales Conference for Foreign Mission work:—Arthur H. Scrivin, G. H. Findlay, M.A.

William Lea has permission to rest for another year.

Alfred Peters has permission to visit England.

James T. Pinfold, D.D., has permission to visit England in 1927.

Albert H. Fowles has permission to rest for a year and to visit England.

Samuel Henderson has permission to visit England and to have a supply.

E. Hugh Brooker has permission to rest for a year.

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

**HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1926.**

**Auckland District—**

Avondale (Henderson).—one wanted.

Pukekohe (Bombay).—J. Common; (Tuakau).—T. Carr.

Mahurangi (Warkworth).—T. W. Parsons.

Port Albert.—J. G. W. Grindlay.

Coromandel.—F. Day.

Kaukapakapa-Helensville.—W. H. Wilson, one wanted.

Bay of Islands (Kawa Kawa).—C. G. Scrimgeour.

Hokianga (Rawene).—H. Ashworth; (Broadwood).—K. McDonald.

Whangaroa (Kaeo).—J. M. Smeeth.

Mangonui.—R. T. H. Wearne.

Hikurangi.—W. M. Jones.

Northern Wairoa (Arapohue).—E. Hill; (Kaihu).—R. G. Hemmings.

Ohaeawai.—R. T. Alexander.

Portland.—One wanted.

Home Missionary Evangelist.—W. T. Hooper.

Colporteur Work.—J. H. Edmondson; J. C. Gill.

**Maori Missions—**

Whangaroa—Bay of Islands; (Taumarere).—Hone Tamati;  
(Whangaroa).—One wanted.

**South Auckland District—**

Te Aroha (Supply).—E. R. Alexander.

Huntly.—J. W. Cocks.

Te Kuiti.—C. Strand.

Whakatane.—H. Thornley.

Putaruru.—C. W. Brown.

Te Puke.—C. Aker.

Ngaruawahia.—E. J. Clarke.

Mokauiti.—One wanted.

Ohura.—W. Wilson.

**Maori Missions—**

Waikato-Maniapoto.

(Aotearoa).—Te Aho Pihama.

(Kawhai).—M. Keepa.

(Te Kuiti).—McD. Wharehuia.

(Raglan).—Te Hira Ratete.

(Marokopa).—A. Huirama.

**Taranaki-Wanganui District—**

- New Plymouth (St. Aubyns.—W. E. Moore; (Westown).— J. Nixon (Supply).  
 Waitara (Uriti-Mokau).—B. H. N. Teague.  
 Douglas.—One wanted.  
 Opunake (Okato).—J. W. Bayliss.  
 Wanganui (Gonville).—S. Keen.  
 Wanganui North (Dublin Street).—D. Hickman.  
 Patea.—J. F. Tulloch.  
 Raetihi-Ohakune.—F. J. Rickard.

**Maori Missions—**

- Taranaki-Waimarino.  
 (Pipiriki).—Hone Taotahi.  
 (Wanganui).—One wanted.

**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.—**

- Wellington South, (Island Bay).—P. B. Birkett.  
 Johnsonville (Porirua).—C. G. H. Bycroft.  
 Masterton (Kuripuni).—P. J. Bothwell.  
 Paraparaumu.—A. L. Witheford.

**Nelson District—**

- Nelson (President's Assistant).—J. C. Draper.  
 Reefton.—C. Robinson.  
 Havelock.—A. Beeson.  
 Murchison.—H. S. Ratcliffe.  
 Granity.—G. H. Marr.  
 Denniston.—One wanted.  
 Richmond (Wakefield-Dovedale).—A. R. Thomas.

**North Canterbury District.—**

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

**South Canterbury—**

- Timaru.—C. C. Hoskin.  
 Methven (Rakaia).—W. J. Henderson.  
 Mayfield.—J. Belshaw.

**Otago-Southland.—**

- Roslyn (Maori Hill).—F. E. Foot.  
 Mosgiel.—C. Duncan.  
 Edendale.—H. J. Malcolm.  
 Kaitangata.—P. Bridge.  
 Lawrence.—G. H. Bridgman.  
 Cromwell.—E. C. Naylor.  
 Riverton.—F. C. Prosser.  
 Nightcaps-Tuatapere.—H. Dyson.  
 Broad Bay.—F. T. Hoten.  
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—G. F. O. Whittlestone.

PERCY N. KNIGHT, B. A.

President of the Conference.

DONALD C. CAMERON

Vice-President of the Conference.

ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A.

Secretary of the Conference.

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

Auckland.—Rev. E. Drake.

South Auckland.—Rev. W. J. Elliott.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Rev. W. J. Oxbrow.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.

Wellington.—Rev. W. Greenslade.

Nelson.—Rev. Percy N. Knight, B.A. (President of the Conference); Financial Secretary, Rev. W. Grigg.

North Canterbury.—Rev. E. D. Patchett

South Canterbury.—Rev. A. C. Lawry.

Otago-Southland.—Rev. H. E. Bellhouse

Solomon Islands.—Rev. J. F. Goldie.

**STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.**

Auckland.—Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A.

South Auckland.—Rev. F. E. Leadley.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Rev. W. W. Avery.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Rev. S. H. D. Peryman.

Wellington.—Rev. J. D. McArthur.

Nelson.—Rev. J. Featherston.

North Canterbury.—Rev. W. H. Speer.

South Canterbury.—Rev. G. F. Stockwell.

Otago-Southland.—Rev. J. Richards.

General Statistical Secretary for the Dominion.—Rev. William A. Burley, M.A.

**SYNOD SECRETARIES.**

Auckland.—Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A.

South Auckland.—Rev. Frank E. Leadley.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Rev. William W. Avery.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Rev. Samuel H. D. Peryman.

Wellington.—Rev. John D. McArthur.

Nelson.—Rev. Jacob Featherston.

North Canterbury.—To be elected.

South Canterbury.—Rev. George F. Stockwell.

Otago-Southland.—Rev. William H. Hocking.

**QUESTION XXX.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the Year 1927?**

President.—Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.

Secretary.—Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.

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

The Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, also the Schedule of Distribution was received and adopted.

The Treasurers presented to Conference the Commemorative Roll of Subscribers to the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- 1.—That Conference accepts with warm appreciation the Commemorative Roll of Subscribers to the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund, and expresses its gratification at the large number of our people who participated in this historic Thanksgiving of over £41,000. Conference urges that all unpaid subscriptions be paid at the earliest possible moment in order that the Fund and the Roll of Subscribers may be completed. When completed, the Roll shall be entrusted to the Board of the Theological College, to be deposited in the Museum of the College.
- 2.—That Conference rejoices to learn that a Memorial Tablet in reverent memory of early Native Ministers, is to be placed in the Kaeo Memorial Church, and that arrangements are in progress for appropriate celebrations in connection with the unveiling of the Tablet.
- 3.—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Treasurers, Rev. S. Griffith and Mr. H. Field, also to the Auditors, Messrs. J. Smith and W. S. Mackay, and that they be reappointed.

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

**REPORT FOR 1925.**

In the General Summary of last year an unfortunate error has occurred which inflates the total of senior members by 200. This makes it appear that we have lost ground in membership during this year by 17, whereas there is actually an increase of 183. Junior members show an increase of 514, and communicants are 564 more than last year. Other gratifying increases are 5 churches, and 30 preaching places. Speaking generally, the increase in membership is in the North Island, the figures being North Island increase 347, South Island decrease 164. Much the same position is revealed in the totals of attendants on public worship, where the North Island shows an increase of 830, and the South Island a decrease of 731. North Canterbury is conspicuous in a decrease of 374 under this heading. Both Islands, and practically all districts show an increase of communicants. This is a result of the year of preparation for Spiritual Advance—as is also the increase of 30 members on probation.

The disquieting feature of the General Returns is the decreasing number of Local Preachers. It is evident that a greater effort must be made to bring the claims and privileges of preaching before our young men. On the whole the General Statistics show that we are maintaining the status quo—which is not a reason for complacency. But it can be confidently anticipated that the figures of 1926 will be more satisfactory, as by then the real results of the special efforts of this year will be more evident.

In the Sunday School and Bible Class Returns it was only to be expected that the epidemic of infantile paralysis and the consequent

restrictions would affect our schools. As far as can at present be seen, there is a decrease of over 600 scholars. On the other hand, we have 8 more schools. Both the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Classes show vigorous life, but the junior classes have lost members. Taking all things into consideration, the work amongst the youth shows signs of steady progress, and with a normal year, this would be more evident. A fuller report on these figures will doubtless be given by the Department itself.

W. A. BURLEY,

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 the thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., and that he be reappointed.

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

### REPORT OF THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

The Committee has had under review and consideration many aspects of the work of the Church in the current year, and places on record its gratitude to God for the measure of success attained in various spheres, particularly for the evidences of revived spiritual vitality as shown by the record of Missions and Special Occasions in the programme of Spiritual Advance.

The Committee desires to draw the attention of Conference and our people to the following matters, which it is felt are of vital moment to the welfare of the Church.

#### (1) Claims of Non-Churchgoers to Special Care.

It is felt that more diligent use of the openings presented by the "Cradle Roll" system would forge links of interest and attachment between the Church and Non-Churchgoers: and that in many cases closer co-operation is desirable between the minister and the Cradle Roll Superintendent.

Further, that systematic house to house visitation to demonstrate the Church's interest in and concern for non-Churchgoers would in many cases not only provide a real sphere of Christian service for laymen and women, but prove more fruitful than the visitation customarily confined to church members.

#### (2) Overlapping of Church Activities.

It is recommended that, in view of the present struggling position of churches in the smaller centres and country districts of this Dominion—and of the conviction that the small church just maintaining its membership and financial existence cannot serve the spiritual interests of its members and the community—a committee of Conference be constituted to confer with similar committees which other evangelical churches may set up, in an endeavour to find some solution for the wasteful and un-Christian overlapping and rivalry still in evidence in such districts. That this committee consider the advisability of approaching the authorities of other churches with a proposal that such committees be set up by their church courts, and that a report be presented to the Conference of 1927.

**(3) Fellowship of the Kingdom Movement.**

In view of the beneficial effects resulting from the activities of the Fellowship of the Kingdom Movement in the Old Country, and the stimulus gained where its methods have been adopted in the Dominion, we recommend to our ministers and laymen a close study of the movement, particularly its literature, persuaded as we are that the results will be of the highest advantage to our Church in New Zealand.

**(4) International and Inter-racial Relationships.**

The attention of the Church is directed to the urgent and vital problems of International Relationships and Racial Antagonism. We believe that it is only by the application of the principles of Christ that these problems can be solved, and a new world created. The world is faced as never before with a choice between strife and co-operation among the nations. Such being the case, the Church must more and more emphasise that national hostility is in direct conflict with the Will of God. If the noble ideal of the brotherhood of nations is to become a realised fact it is essential that it receive its inspiration from Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the growing influence of the League of Nations, the measure of success attending its endeavours to engender a spirit of brotherhood and goodwill among the nations. We urge that all our members and churches should join the League of Nations Union, and that from time to time the work of the League be brought prominently before our congregations.

We feel that the even greater problem of Racial Antagonism presents a challenge to the Church to press forward her missionary enterprise and thus extend the Kingdom which knows no colour and no frontiers.

REV. H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

REV. W. WILLS, Convener.

The Report was received.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- 1.—That Par. 1 of the Report be adopted with the addition of the following:—That in view of the continued increase of non-church-going, and the non-attendance of nearly half the children of the Dominion at Sunday Schools, we recommend that open-air preaching be undertaken with consistency and vigour in suitable locations in our cities, towns, and seaside resorts.
- 2.—That Par. 2 be not adopted.
- 3.—That Par 3 be adopted with the following addition:—The Home Mission Board is recommended to issue quarterly publications similar to the leaflets issued last year.
- 4.—That Par. 4 be adopted.
- 5.—That the Committee and its Convener be thanked for their services, and that the Committee be reappointed, with the addition of the name of Mr. Davidson.
- 6.—That immediately prior to the introduction of the Report of the Welfare of the Church Committee at the Annual Conference, the retiring Vice-President shall deliver an official address dealing with the life and work of the Church. Ample notice shall be given of the time of this address.

- 7.—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 inquire 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—after due notice to the Superintendent.
- 8.—Book of Offices.—That a committee consisting of Revs. Principal Laws, B.A., D.D., and Professor Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., E. Drake, L. B. Dalby, W. A. Sinclair, A. Ashcroft and C. H. Olds, B.A. (Convener), with corresponding members Revs. S. Lawry, H. E. Bellhouse, A. N. Scotter, B.A., H. L. Richards, W. Wills, J. H. Haslam, G. Frost and P. R. Paris, shall consider a revision of the Book of Offices, and ascertain the approximate cost of the same and report to the Examination Committee of next Conference.

### RESOLUTION ON THE WORK OF GOD.

Believing that we are now approaching a most important stage in the progress of the Spiritual Advance Campaign of our Church, this Conference sounds the clarion of advance to all Circuits and Home Mission Stations throughout the Connexion, so that the campaign may be prosecuted with redoubled vigour during the coming year. It urges upon all Ministers and preachers to give unremitting emphasis to the glories of the Gospel, and upon all members and adherents a faithful acknowledgment of the challenge of the Cross as a soul-saving power. While expectant of an overwhelming Baptism of the Holy Spirit upon the missions to be conducted by Gipsy Smith, it would clearly remind every individual Methodist that the establishment of Christ's Kingdom depends ultimately not upon any one evangelist, however distinguished, but upon the continued fidelity and self-sacrifice of all. It therefore urges even greater devotion in the study of the Scriptures and attendance upon the means of Grace, in the practice of prayer—both private and corporate—in the cultivation of Christian fellowship, in the maintenance of family religion, and in definite evangelistic work.

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

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT—REPORT, 1925.

#### Introductory.

The star to which we have hitched our waggon is a New Zealand in which every boy and girl receives Christian training daily from persons religiously and educationally qualified. A remote aim this, but by no means impracticable, and everything we do is with this ideal steadily in view. We are always propagating an idea, trying to impress it upon the whole church, that the most natural and direct way to the Kingdom of God is by the training of young life. The Protestant Churches through the centuries have never stressed this sufficiently. The Jesuit order discovered it to the Roman Church. The Roman Catholics in New Zealand put down £100,000 annually for their schools because they believe

in the educational method. The elements of strength in that Church are no mystery—they make sure of the one golden opportunity. If the universal Christian Church makes this discovery in this 20th century, it may see a transformed world before the century is through.

#### **Finance.**

This is straightening out. For the first time we have a credit on the year's working. The action of last Conference has enlightened Quarterly Meetings, and Circuits generally recognise now that it is a point of honour. Our partnership in the Australasian Graded Literature has also been profitable.

#### **The Epidemic.**

The year began under the shadow of "the Epidemic." Our schools were closed till after Easter. It was a severe test. The schools that kept contact with their scholars in their homes and made careful arrangements for re-opening, generally mustered full strength again. We can scarcely be surprised, however, that the increases of the past four years have not been maintained. We report decreases of 4 teachers and 665 scholars. Yet the average attendances show increases of 160 teachers and 197 scholars.

#### **Teacher-Training.**

We are concerned for improving the quality of work in the Sunday Schools. In some of the larger cities there are schools of Religious Education, in which our Methodist teachers share. But our Department has continued its scheme, and the General Secretary held classes during the year in Onehunga, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Gisborne, Wellington, Hutt, Masterton, Nelson, Blenheim and Invercargill. During two years some 750 teachers have participated in these Training Classes, and many Sunday School Superintendents have spoken of the new interest of the teachers and the enhanced value of their work. These classes have stimulated the demand of teachers for good literature.

#### **Parents' Meetings.**

Convinced that many problems of young life can only be dealt with effectively by parents, and that parents themselves need guidance, a beginning has been made this year with parents' meetings, which have been held in five districts. The experience encourages us to proceed further.

#### **The Bible Class Movement.**

It was a keen disappointment that Easter Camps could not be held owing to the epidemic restrictions. A very worthy successor to the Travelling Secretaryship among young women has been found in the person of Miss Lorna Hodder, and Mr. Cyril Burton continues his very valuable work among the young men. The work of Leadership Training has begun this year, Mr. Blamires and Mr. Burton having conducted classes, and the Young Women's Conference has inaugurated an excellent 3-years' course. Technical qualifications are not being placed before the primary elements of spiritual personality. The problem of the Junior Bible Class Syllabus has been met by the use of the excellent Text Book provided for this grade by the Australasian Graded Lessons.

The Movement aims to lead out to Christian service, and Bible Class members are strongly represented among the candidates offering for the Ministry, the Mission Field and Deaconess work. A considerable sum of money is raised for Missions.

### Miscellaneous.

We have co-operated with the New Zealand Alliance in its Young People's Department. The Alliance reports 6000 Pledge Cards signed. Our Secretary gave a fortnight's full time service to the Alliance prior to Polling Day.

We have also worked with the Church's programme of Spiritual Advance, with results that cannot easily be tabulated. There were "repeat" orders for the Young People's Day Leaflet until the large supply was exhausted.

The Correspondence Sunday School continues to expand its work with children in lonely places, and 27 teachers are now engaged in this effective work. More are needed.

### The N.Z. Council of Religious Education.

has at last been formed, and we are associated with the Youth Boards of other churches in national aims for New Zealand's childhood. Under its auspices "Union" Sunday Schools (rather than "undenominational") may now be registered. Visitors to the Exhibition at Dunedin will do well to observe the Religious Education Court.

### The General Secretary.

The Committee of the Y.P. Department desires to recognise the excellent service rendered by the General Secretary during the past year. The monthly reports reveal an amazing list of activities. We feel that the success of the Department in no small measure is due to the untiring and effective services rendered by Mr. Blamires throughout the Dominion.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

E. W. HAMES, Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the following proposal be referred to next Synod and Conference:—Leaders of Senior Bible Classes, providing that they are otherwise eligible, shall be given a seat on the Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings.
- 2.—That Chairmen of Districts communicate with Circuits that have not paid their allocation to the Y.P. Department, asking for an explanation of the non-fulfilment of obligation.
- 3.—That the action of last Conference in sending a message to the March Quarterly Meetings be repeated this year.
- 4.—That no Sunday Schools be closed entirely during the mid-summer holidays.. Schools that have a "recess" are advised to arrange for some form of children's service.
- 5.—That, being convinced that the call to join the Church of Jesus Christ is one of the most effective forms of religious appeal, we urge that in all our Circuits Preparation Classes and Public Recognition Services be held at least annually. We also urge that there be close co-operation of Ministers and B.C. Leaders in this matter.
- 6.—That we commend the B.C. Movement in our Circuits, and urge that steps be taken to put into operation the law of the Church in regard to B.C. government and finance.

- 7.—That the congratulations of Conference be sent to the 21st Birthday Camp of the Y.M.B.C. Movement at the forthcoming Easter.
- 8.—That the majority year programme be commended to the interest and progress of the whole Church; the three fold objective being: (1) The cultivation of the inner life; (2) The wider outlook on the life of the world; (3) The training of youth for service.
- 9.—That the Y.P. Department arrange for a Dominion Sunday School examination this year.
- 10.—That we reaffirm our conviction that the Australasian Graded Lesson System is the system best suited to our conditions in New Zealand.
- 11.—That Young People's Sunday be observed on the third Sunday in May, and that Circuits be recommended to make the annual collection at that date.
- 12.—That while the Conference has heard with interest the proposal to employ Ministers specially trained and designated for youth work, yet without affirming the principle, it refers the matter to a committee to consider and report upon the whole question to the next Conference through the Synods; the committee to be the Executive of the Y.P. Department, with Principal Laws, Rev. S. Lawry, Messrs. W. H. Seed and H. W. Heslop.
- 13.—That Conference refers the following matter to the Y.P. Department:—That in the teaching of our younger people both in Church and Sunday School, more definite effort be made to give instruction in the history of Methodism and the principles of Protestantism.
- 14.—That the Methodist Church of New Zealand extends a most sincere welcome to Dr. John R. Mott, and hails his approaching visit to this Dominion as a unique opportunity to promote the co-operation of Christian forces for the progress of the Kingdom of Christ. The Conference urges ministers, missionary leaders and leaders of religious education so to prepare for Dr. Mott's Conference that they may be productive under the hand of God of rich and permanent good.

#### BOARD FOR 1926.

The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. S. Lawry, W. A. Hay, A. Liversedge, B. J. James, L. B. Neale, S. J. Werren, H. J. Odell, and E. W. Hames, M.A., Messrs. M. Kershaw, W. C. Francis, F. Thompson, J. H. Jones, A. Williams, W. A. Bascand, W. L. Thomas, M. Heslop, G. C. Burton, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Sister Mabel Morley, Miss Hodder. Convener, Rev. E. P. Blamires.

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

#### DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

Auckland.—Superintendent Ministers of Auckland East, Auckland West, Devonport, Takapuna, Birkenhead, Onehunga and Otahuhu Circuits, Rev. Professor Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., G. E. Brown and J. R. Nelson, Messrs. A. D. Whitehead, S. E. Chappell, P. Dellow, W. D. Goddard, D. Thomas, F. C. Pace, C. H. Virtue, —. Nicholson, T. Somerville and J. Greenall. Convener, Rev. G. E. Brown.

South Auckland.—The Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge and Morrinsville Circuits, together with the Superintendents of the main Sunday Schools in those Circuits. Convener, Rev. E. E. Sagé.

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

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Ministers and S.S. Superintendents in the Palmerston North Circuits, Messrs. Gordon Bennett and T. Pacey. Convener, Mr. G. H. Stiles.

Wellington.—The Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Messrs. H. P. Maurant, J. Cable, E. C. Gamble, J. R. Burley, A. E. Parker, J. W. Buchanan and R. Hampton. Convener, Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.

Nelson.—The Ministers and S.S. Superintendents in Nelson and Richmond Circuits. Convener, Mr. S. S. Collier.

North Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. R. Raine, H. L. Blamires, and W. G. Slade, M.A., with the Executive of the Sunday School Union. Convener, Mr. W. A. Bascand.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers and S. S. Superintendents of Timaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits, and Mr. E. A. G. Holdgate. Convener, Mr. C. G. Vogeler.

Otago-Southland.—The District Executive. Convener, Mr. W. O. Brown.

#### **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, C. H. Virtue; South Auckland, J. Treloar; Taranaki-Wanganui, E. Dixon; 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, W. O. Brown. 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 MORALS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**

Owing, probably, to the change in the head of the Government, the legislation promised the liquor interests last year has not materialised. The Report of the 1924 Parliamentary Licensing Committee is likely to receive attention very early in the life of the new Parliament, unless the forces of Temperance in the House and at the Poll show that they are in a healthy and vigorous condition.

In May the N.Z. Alliance had its Annual Convention, which was well attended by representatives from the whole Dominion, our own Church being in strong evidence amongst the delegates. It was emphasised again that the Alliance depended solely on the Christian Churches of the community to support its work, and carry the issue to victory. The Alliance now recognises that some of the bodies and interests on which it was disposed to lean had neither the enthusiasm nor the sustained moral driving power to secure the continuous efforts which are essential to success.

Late in September the Temperance and Morals Committee sent out an appeal to our Ministers and Home Missionaries to put all the effort possible into the work of the campaign during the few weeks prior to the Poll.

We deeply regret to report that wine-drinking at wedding festivals, dances and parties is increasingly in evidence. One of the saddest phases is that members of our own and other Churches are by no means guiltless, and not a few go so far as to defend the practice, and resent condemnation by the pulpit. This is but one more manifestation of that subtle weakening of the moral fibre of the people which has become so characteristic of our time.

A strong resolution from this Committee, dealing with the Licensing Reform Association was got through the Press and the Press Association, and appeared in many of the papers in the Dominion. The close alliance of this body with the trade has become increasingly apparent, and it is amazing how any honest clergyman can be hoodwinked into believing that it is an independent organisation working in the interests of Temperance reform.

We sent an emphatic protest to the Minister of Internal Affairs (Hon R. F. Bollard) on the number of Art Union permits being issued, pointing out that he had got behind the clear intention of the Legislature when it reposed certain powers in the Minister. He has indicated that the money value of the prizes will, in future, be greatly reduced. Prizes up to £5000 are at the moment being offered. The Art Union craze has become the most fruitful school of gambling that could be conceived. As a consequence the morals of both old and young are being undermined to an extent hitherto scarcely dreamed of. Rumours have reached the Committee that this craze for "cheap money" has affected some School Committees and other similar bodies having to do with the control of the schools. We have asked the Minister of Education (Hon Sir C. J. Parr) to enquire into the matter, and urged that, if necessary, he should act promptly. He neither affirms nor denies the rumour, but states that he is in accord with our views on the matter.

We also brought under the notice of the Minister of Education the resolution of last Conference, urging that a syllabus of instruction should be prepared for Primary and Secondary Schools, setting forth the moral and economic evils of gambling. He replies that this can be done under the heading of "Civics." We, however, learn that what is given under this heading depends, to a great extent, on the sympathies of masters, and also that very few scholars get instruction in the Temperance syllabus.

The Minister of Internal Affairs was written to regarding the Picture Poster menace, and the continued laxity of the film censorship. We are of the opinion that continued agitation is necessary to cleanse

the picture entertainments of the Dominion of the objectionable features which still persist.

The defeat of Mr Isitt's "Religious Exercises in Schools Bill" by a small majority is much to be deplored. While some members in all the political parties voted against the Bill, the only party giving a block vote against it was the Labour Party. The thanks of the whole Church are due to Mr Isitt for the splendid fight he has put up for this and other moral issues during his Parliamentary career. He has never once shrunk from the ordeal when a moral issue has been concerned.

We deeply regret the passing of the Rev. J. Dawson, Secretary of the N.Z. Alliance. His loss to the Temperance cause at this juncture is almost irreparable. As fitting reference will be made to him in other circumstances, we do not think it necessary to dwell here upon the magnitude of his services and the depth of his devotion to the cause of Religion and Social Reform in this country.

WM. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

J. A. LOCHORE, Convener.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

While naturally there is disappointment that the campaign did not result in carrying Dominion Prohibition, there is in well-informed circles a very profound spirit of thankfulness that our vote did not actually decline. The fact that over 319,450 votes were cast for this issue should deeply impress all the forces of righteousness. We well know that the other side are deeply impressed with this vote, notwithstanding all their public effrontery, and attempts at minimising its significance. This vote points the way to more insistent political action, by which we shall demand a fair ballot paper, whether it contains more than two issues or not. State Purchase and Control must not be allowed to stand, in order to merely confuse and confound and defeat, when there is not the remotest likelihood of its becoming a really live issue. With a more favourable House of Representatives, not only will the "Trade" be prevented from getting the notorious report of the Parliamentary Licensing Committee translated into an Act of Parliament, but if the Temperance forces are insistent enough, and are prepared to put the Prohibition issue before party politics, they can induce the Government to give us a fair ballot paper. After that we can fight with the sure confidence of coming victory.

It is gratifying to learn that the recent election resulted in the return of a definite majority of Members in the House of Representatives in favour of the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill, and that there is a reasonable hope of the measure being carried in the new Parliament.

J. A. LOCHORE, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

#### BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS.

That Conference advises our people, that, while it does seem that the "Religious Exercises in Schools Bill" will have a good opportunity of being carried into Law by the new Parliament, they should not slacken in their interest or propaganda, as strong efforts will be made to prevent the passage of such a measure, and to stultify its operation after it is carried.

## SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

- That, as the encroachment on the Lord's Day grows apace, and as this is a serious menace to the moral and spiritual well-being of the community and as we recognise that Protestant Christianity cannot flourish in the midst of a Continental Sunday, Conference invites the other Protestant Churches in the Dominion to confer as to the best means of combating the present tendency and of bringing about a better observance of the Lord's Day.
- That this Conference expresses its emphatic protest against the action of the Minister of Railways in instituting Sunday Excursion Trains throughout the Dominion. We view with alarm such an encroachment on the Lord's Day, and consider it a menace to the social, moral and spiritual welfare of the Dominion.

## TEMPERANCE.

- That a Pastoral Letter be drawn up dealing with certain questions affecting Public Morals and Welfare. This is referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee to act.
- That in view of the present unfair and undemocratic system of voting, we demand that the Government either eliminate the middle issue or that it make provision for preferential voting. That a strong deputation be arranged to wait upon the Prime Minister with the purpose of bringing about the necessary change, and that our Church shall be represented upon the deputation, the Temperance and Morals Committee to act in conjunction with the New Zealand Alliance.
- That Conference again urge upon our Ministers and people the wisdom of forming Bands of Hope or other Temperance Societies in all our Circuits.
- That a District Temperance Secretary be appointed in each District, who shall keep in close touch with the Temperance organisations of the District, and who also shall be in touch with the Convener of the Temperance and Morals Committee, and shall be the medium whereby emergency matters shall be dealt with in his District. Such Secretaries shall be nominated by the Temperance and Morals Committee.

## RACING.

- That Conference views with concern the action of the authorities in granting racing permits, which, if not definitely illegal, are absolutely contrary to the spirit of the Act. Although leading racing men hold that there are already too many city permits, and we are constantly told that the country races are picnics and family gatherings, rather than incentives to gambling, yet on one excuse or another permission is granted for these country meetings to be held in adjacent cities, we therefore emphatically protest against such an abuse of existing legislation.

## GAMBLING.

- That Conference take steps to get into touch with the other Churches and bodies opposed to gambling, and arranged a representative and strong deputation to wait upon the Prime Minister and the Minister of Internal Affairs, early in the next session of Parlia-

ment, in an attempt to end the iniquitous and hypocritical Art Union form of gambling, numerous permits for which have been granted by the present Minister of Internal Affairs (The Hon. R. F. Bollard), against the intention and spirit of the legislature.

#### PICTURES AND THE CENSOR.

That as there are many evidences of the looseness of the censorship of films and other pictures, Conference be asked to make provision for this matter to be dealt with when the deputation on gambling waits on the Government.

#### DRINKING AT DANCES.

That the Temperance and Public Morals Committee be empowered to act in reference to the growing practice of drinking alcoholic liquor at dances, and the reported use of sweets containing drugs.

That the proposal to issue to our people a Pastoral Letter dealing with Public Morals and Church Welfare be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee.

#### REPORT ON IMMIGRATION FOR YEAR 1925.

An important development demanding the careful attention of the Conference, is the proposed organisation to promote group nomination. There has been much activity during the year in this direction. A Dominion Conference on Immigration, convened by the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, has decided to form a Dominion Settlement Association actively to promote collective nomination. The Association proposes to accept the responsibility of nomination, and by means of District Committees (on which the Churches are to have representatives) to find accommodation and employment for the Association's nominees on arrival in the Dominion.

We have also particulars of a scheme organised by the Immigration Department of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.'s in London, in which nomination by collective bodies is a prominent feature. It is recommended that every church or congregation should nominate one family per month, or at least one family per year. A special organisation to be set up in each Church to arrange nomination.

The Y.M.C.A. organisation in Great Britain, it is claimed, has special facilities for the selection of suitable immigrants, in co-operation with the Home Churches. Already an Overseas Hostel has been opened in London, in connection with the scheme, and Y.M.C.A. agents have been appointed on immigrant ships to organise the religious and social life on board. The Y.M.C.A. authorities are seeking the co-operation of our Church in the matter.

At the same time, there comes to hand details of a scheme promoted by the Overseas Bureau of our Methodist Brotherhood in London. It is suggested that Conference adopt the principle of group nomination, and that the Bureau be entrusted with the task of selecting the right stamp of immigrant. We are informed that the Overseas Department of the British Government is so anxious to encourage Church nomination, that it recommends the appointment of a Church representative, whose duty it shall be to tour the Dominion to foster nominations, and to find suitable openings for immigrants wanting employment. The British Government is apparently willing to find as much as 50 per cent. of the salary and travelling expenses of such an agent.

These various proposals were considered carefully at a special meeting of our Wellington Immigration Committee, and the following recommendations were made:—

I. That every encouragement be given to the nomination of selected immigrants on the part of our churches and congregations, and that suitable literature be prepared and circulated, giving full information to our people.

(Very generous terms are being offered to induce suitable immigrants to come to this country. Many immigrants are granted a free passage, and, under certain conditions, a man, his wife and ten children can be brought to New Zealand for the sum of £20. Any group nominating an immigrant undertakes to find both housing and employment on arrival.)

II. That the Conference agree to co-operate with the Overseas Department of our Methodist Brotherhood Bureau, entrusting them with the duty of selecting suitable immigrants, and catering for the comfort of them en route.

(The Australian Methodist Church has undertaken to make a financial contribution to the British Conference for this work.)

III. That to facilitate the work of nomination, and the securing of accommodation and employment, committees be formed in each District in the Dominion, to consist of not less than three members, to be nominated the first year by the Chairman of each District. The nominations made by these committees to be forwarded through, and approved by the Central Immigration Committee in Wellington.

The Wellington Committee to be as follows:—Revs. C. Eaton, A. N. Scotter, Messrs. H. P. Mourant, R. G. Denton, C. M. Luke, S. Martin, W. Clarke and Riddell. Convener, Rev. C. Eaton.

These proposals will, no doubt, receive the careful consideration of the Conference.

In concluding our report, we have to acknowledge our indebtedness to the Overseas Department of the Methodist Brotherhood Bureau for regular advices received of immigrants about to arrive in the Dominion. This has materially helped us to get into touch with the members and adherents of our Church coming to New Zealand. All incoming immigrant ships have been met on arrival, and every effort made to welcome new comers. We desire to acknowledge our debt to Mr. R. G. Denton for invaluable service rendered in this work.

C. EATON, Convener.

The Report was received, and the first four paragraphs were adopted.

Recommendation I. was adopted.

Recommendation II. was adopted.

Recommendation III. was adopted, with the insertion of the words "of immigrants" between "The nominations" and "made by these committees."

## RESOLUTIONS.

That Immigration matters be entrusted to the Wellington District Executive, with power to co-opt members for Immigration matters.

That as the Dominion Immigration Association will be forming Immigration Welfare Committees in all the cities, provincial and smaller towns of the Dominion, we urge that our Ministers and church people take a live interest in these committees and their work of welcoming and assisting immigrants to settle into the work and social life of the Dominion.

- That the Wellington Immigration Committee be requested to explore the possibilities of securing immigrants from the orphanages of the various Methodist Churches of the Old Land.
- That Rev. C. Eaton be thanked for his services, and that he be appointed Chief Immigration Officer and Convener of the Immigration Committee.
- That the hearty thanks of Conference be presented to Mr. R. G. Denton and to the Immigration Officers for their work in the past year.

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

**A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1925.**

**1. Properties Acquired.**

- Auckland Central.**—Church site at Roskill, value £480; no debt.
- Auckland (Devonport).**—Allotment at Vauxhall, cost £428 11s. 9d.; no debt reported.
- Onehunga.**—Site at Penrose, cost £225; no debt reported.
- Hamilton.**—Land with church thereon at Claudelands, purchased for £1200; debt £750.
- Hamilton East.**—Additional land purchased adjoining the church in Grey Street, cost £175; debt £150.
- Taumarunui.**—Purchase of freehold of church and parsonage sections, amount paid on account, £62 2s. 8d.
- New Plymouth.**—Additional land at Westown, cost £110; debt not reported.
- Johnsonville-Ngaio.**—32.22 perches at Plimmerton, cost £210; debt £92 10s.
- Levin.**—Additional land adjoining the Century Hall, 20 perches, cost £50; no debt.
- Featherston.**—Section with small building thereon, cost £81 10s.; no debt reported.
- Nelson.**—One rood 17 perches, at Tahuna, cost £115; debt, if any, not reported.
- Blenheim.**—Additional land at Tua Marina, cost £75; no debt reported.
- Christchurch (Addington).**—Additional strip of land, to widen parsonage site previously purchased, cost £50, included in parsonage debt.
- Christchurch (St. Albans).**—Two roods at Bryndwr, cost £165; debt £95.
- Rangiora.**—Parsonage site, one rood, value £200; gift of Mr. S. Ayers.
- Dunedin (St. Kilda).**—Church site at Ocean Grove (Tomahawk), value £90; gift of Rev. T. W. Newbold.

The total value of properties acquired is £3717, and the debt reported is £1137 10s.

**2. Erections and Additions.**

- Auckland Central.**—(1) Additions to Pitt Street shops, cost £996; debt added to Bank overdraft. (2) Erection of S.S. Hall at Roskill, cost £600; no debt.

- Auckland (Avondale).**—(1) Addition to S.S. Hall at Henderson, cost £192; debt £99 10s. (2) Addition to church at Te Atatu, cost £74 1s.; no debt.
- Auckland (Devonport).**—Erection of church and S.S. Hall at Vauxhall, cost £1948; debt £800.
- Waiuku.**—Additions to outbuildings, cost £92 4s. 9d.; debt £80.
- Morrinsville.**—Additions to church at Waitoa, for S.S. purposes, cost £222 7s. 2d.; debt £93 15s.
- Opunake.**—Parsonage erected at cost of £1426 19s., on site previously acquired; debt £1100.
- Napier.**—Infant room erected at back of Wesley Hall, cost £125; debt £69.
- Palmerston North (Broad Street).**—(1) Brick parsonage in Church Street, cost £2100; debt £1200. (2) Organ in St. Paul's Church, cost £900; no debt.
- Foxton.**—Additions to parsonage, cost £35; no debt.
- Wellington (Taranaki Street).**—Erection of class rooms in brick at Brooklyn, cost £618; debt to Loan Fund £170.
- Wellington (Thorndon).**—Erection of parsonage, cost £2245 18s. 9d., on land previously acquired; present debt on property £2500.
- Wellington (Kilbirnie).**—Class room at Worser Bay, cost £227 10s.; debt to Loan Fund £65.
- Paraparaumu.**—(1) Additions to church at Paraparaumu, cost £149; no debt. (2) Additions to church at Paekakariki, cost £60; no debt.
- Nelson.**—Y.M. Bible Class rooms, cost £346; debt £115.
- Greymouth.**—Installation hydraulic organ-blower, cost £150.
- Granity.**—Erection of vestry, cost £65.
- Christchurch (Woolston).**—Erection of S.S. Hall at Sumner, cost £782; debt £432.
- Christchurch (Addington).**—Erection of parsonage at Selwyn Street, on site previously acquired, cost £1193 17s. 10d.; debt (including unpaid balance of purchase money for old parsonage) £800.
- Timaru.**—Erection of parsonage in brick at North Street, cost £1384; debt £700.
- Dunedin (Trinity).**—Enlargement of vestry at Ravensbourne, cost £51 15s. 5d.; no debt.
- Invercargill (St. Peter's).**—Progress payments of £1150 on S.S. Hall in course of erection.

As will be seen by reference to the section dealing with Current Accounts, the total sum spent on purchases, erections and additions was £26,510 16s. 6d. This is somewhat less than the amount for the previous year. If the amounts stated in the Schedules may be relied on, the total debts on properties have been decreased by £3858. Unfortunately these returns vary so much from year to year that they offer very little guidance for purposes of comparison. Here too, the Auditors should give more careful attention to the previous year's statement. From the evidence available, it looks as though sometimes a bank overdraft is treated as a mortgage debt, and sometimes it is omitted from the total debt. In this matter a uniform custom is desirable, and bank overdraft, being included in the debit balance, should not be included also in the mortgage debt, and so counted twice over.

### 3. Sales, Etc., Reported.

The following Properties are reported as having been sold during the year under review:—

- Auckland Central.**—East Street Mission Parsonage, for £1200; mortgage paid off, and balance held for special purposes.
- Onehunga.**—Vacant site at Hillsboro', for £30; proceeds to be used for securing another site.
- Coromandel.**—Church building at Kuaotunu; proceeds to Coromandel Parsonage.
- Wanganui North.**—Dwelling at Dublin Street, sold for £800; proceeds used as follows:—Debt paid off, £500; repairs to parsonage, £162; balance of £138 held for additions to church and Sunday school.
- Inglewood.**—Half-an-acre, with old church, at Egmont Village, sold for £77 10s.; proceeds to be used for Trust purposes in Inglewood Circuit.
- Gisborne.**—100 feet frontage of section at Kaiti, sold for £600; proceeds towards reduction of mortgage.
- Pahiataua.**—One acre and two roods at Kaitawa, with old building, sold for £40; proceeds to parsonage repairs.
- Palmerston North (Broad Street).**—Old parsonage at Church Street, with section 72 feet frontage, sold for £1000; proceeds to new parsonage.
- Wellington (Taranaki Street).**—(1) 39 perches of land at Tasman Street, with two houses thereon, sold for £3150; £2400 left on mortgage, £700 paid off Macfarlane Street Parsonage, balance in Trust Account. (2) Herbert Street property, equity disposed of for £389; proceeds, £150 paid off Webb Street Church, balance used in settling Central Mission debt.
- Wellington (Thorndon).**—Section in Speirs Street, sold for £200; money used for reduction of parsonage debt.
- Masterton.**—Old parsonage and site, sold for £1475; proceeds to be used towards purchase of new site and erection of new parsonage.
- Christchurch (Addington).**—Parsonage at Harman Street, with 22 perches of land, sold for £850, of which £665 has been used for new parsonage, and balance is owing by purchaser.
- Christchurch (St. Albans).**—Old parsonage site at Rugby Street, sold for £1200; of which £215 applied to reduction of debt, and balance owing by purchaser.
- Rangiora.**—Old parsonage and site at King Street, sold for £675; proceeds to be used for new parsonage.
- Invercargill Central.**—Part of section in Earnshaw Street, with Jubilee Hall thereon, sold for £1800; proceeds, £200 paid off debt, balance due by purchaser to be used for erection of Central Church.

It is to be regretted that during the year the Conference rule requiring the consent of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee before acquiring property and erecting buildings has been disregarded in several cases. The plea that decision had to be made quickly can hardly be accepted as an excuse, seeing that the Secretary can be reached by telegram, and arrangements made for dealing with such matters at short notice. In cases where plans and specifications can be sent only through

the Post Office, the urgency is never so great that building must be gone on with before consent is obtained. It is desirable that Superintendents of Circuits and Trustees should realise that Conference Rules are intended to be operative, and that they should not be treated as a dead letter.

#### 4. Current Accounts.

The following statement, compiled from the Circuit Schedules, shows the receipts and expenditure in connection with the Trust Accounts for the year ending 30th September, 1925:—

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balances from previous year	8,554	3	8
„ Credit Balances held for special purposes	23,649	14	1
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	3,736	0	0
„ Loans from other sources	18,092	19	3
„ All other Receipts	65,976	5	5
Total Receipts	120,009	2	5
Debit Balances	12,648	9	11
	<u>£132,657</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Debit Balances previous year	12,132	17	5
„ Loan Fund Instalments Repaid	3,635	14	6
„ Other Loans Repaid	21,362	14	5
„ Interest on Loans and Overdrafts	6,265	2	4
„ Purchases, Erections and Additions	26,510	16	6
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Repairs, etc.	30,356	19	2
Total Expenditure	100,264	4	4
Credit Balances	7,610	2	3
Balances held for special purposes	24,783	5	9
	<u>£132,657</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

#### 5. Statement of Debts and Insurances.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debts, 30th September, 1924	122,353	11	2
Additional New Loans received during the year	20,960	4	11
	143,313	16	1
Deduct Loans repaid	23,705	7	9
Mortgage Debts, 30th September, 1925	<u>£119,608</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Fire Insurances Reported, £529,426.			

Last year's Report contained the following sentences:—"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." The same laxity is again reported by the District Secretaries in regard to the 1925 schedules. By comparing the returns for this year with those of last year it will be seen that in round figures £500 of the credit balances reported in 1924 has disappeared during the year, while the debit balances

brought forward are about £300 less than those reported in 1924. There are cases reported where the bank overdraft is not included in the debit balance. Surely it is not too much to expect auditors to see that this most elementary item of book-keeping is attended to. Chairmen of Districts, too, should see that the schedules for properties in Home Mission Stations are sent to them, as required by the resolution of the Conference of 1925, and after scrutiny sent on to the District Secretary of Church Property. (See Minutes, 1925, p. 73.)

The thanks of the Conference are due to the District Secretaries for their valuable services. On account of the death of Mr. C. Swiney, of Wellington, the President, at the request of the Chairman, appointed Mr. S. T. S. Martin to act in his place. Mr. Pepperell retires after many years of service as Secretary for the Taranaki-Wanganui District.

The following are recommended as District Secretaries for 1926:—

Auckland—Mr. J. W. Shackelford.  
 South Auckland—Mr. F. C. Daniell.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. E. J. Judd.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr. T. R. Hodder.  
 Wellington—Mr. S. T. S. Martin.  
 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 District Secretaries for their valuable services, and those named in the Report be the District Secretaries for 1926.
- 3.—That the Circuit Property Schedules, with audited balance-sheets, be sent to the District Secretaries not later than 31st October, and that the revised Schedules with Summaries and Reports be sent by the District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than 10th December.
- 4.—That the Property Schedules from Home Mission Stations be sent to the Chairman of the District not later than 31st October, 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 balance 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 best thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. T. W. Newbold for the gift of a church site at Ocean Grove, St. Kilda; also to Mr. S. Ayers for his gift of a parsonage site at Rangiora.

## B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

### Report for Year 1925.

The Cash Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 30th September, 1925, and the Balance-sheet of the Fund, are presented herewith. The total receipts were £5724 9s. 2d. The cost of working the Fund was £210 18s. 9d., and the receipts for this purpose amounted to £289 9s. 2d., as there was a previous surplus on this account of over £75, the Treasurers have transferred £100 to the Capital Account, which now stands at £19,878 9s. 5d. On account of the greatly increased amount of building this is not nearly sufficient to meet all the needs that arise. An addition of £5000 could be made good use of at once.

New Loans have been advanced as follows:—Kohukohu, £200; Waitoa, £100; Ngatea, £400; Riverton, £150; Te Hapara, Gisborne, £250; Brooklyn, £170; Tauranga, £150; Devonport, £500; Linwood, £250; Picton, £100; Worser Bay, £65; Plimmerston, £92 10s.; Wanganui East, £38 10s.; Penrose, £50; Opunake, £400; Te Awamutu, £70; Taihape, £200; New Lynn, £200; Dominion Road, £500; and rates added to previous loans, £5 3s. 1d.; making total of £3891 3s. 1d.

There has been only a very small response made to the offer of last Conference to write off £ for £ in certain cases where arrears were of long standing. Judging by the returns supplied through the Property Schedules, it would appear as if some of the long outstanding loans have been forgotten, as they are not included in the Trust debt. A reminder of the existence of such debts will be sent in due course.

Since the closing of the financial year, the Committee has had to deal with some very urgent cases of Trust difficulties. Special loans have been advanced to Opotiki and Whakatane, in conjunction with special grants from the Contingent and Home Mission Funds, and a large advance has been made to Wanganui East. In the last named case it is hoped this will be repaid by the sale of a portion of the land at an early date. In all these cases it is evident that liabilities were incurred without a reasonable prospect of being able to meet them, the calculations having been based on a too optimistic view of future developments.

A difficulty has arisen in connection with the lease of some land at Whitely township. The Model Deed does not give power to Trustees to lease land for mining purposes of any kind. Conference is recommended to make the necessary alteration to provide for this.

The Conference is again recommended to establish a fund to subsidise local efforts to purchase church sites, the Rules to be as set out in last year's report, viz.:—

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 thus purchased shall be conveyed to Trustees under the provisions of the Methodist Model Deed.
- (5) 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 in the Circuit, 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.

#### Sales Sanctioned.

The following sales of property have been sanctioned by the Committee, and the Conference is requested to confirm the same by resolution:—

**Auckland Central**—Mission Parsonage, the proceeds to be used for discharge of mortgage, and balance to be held for future use.

**Kawhia**—Quarter acre of land by Mission Property Trustees.

**Three Kings**—Sections of Three Kings land, near Mount Albert—part of subdivision plan.

**Onehunga**—Part of land in Grey Street; the purchaser to do necessary roading, and give another piece of land in exchange.

**Pukekohe**—Three sections of parsonage property, estimated value £1000. Proceeds towards cost of new brick church, approximate cost £3000.

**Inglewood**—Property at Egmont Village, the proceeds to be used for Trust purposes in the Inglewood Circuit.

**Stratford**—(1) Remaining sections of Stratford Parsonage land, on condition that new site is secured and a parsonage of brick or concrete erected thereon. (2) Parsonage at Midhirst, proceeds to new Parsonage at Stratford.

**Wanganui North**—(1) House property in Dublin Street, proceeds to pay off mortgage, repair parsonage, and balance for church improvements. (2) Land at Wanganui East, proceeds to repay advances from Loan Fund, and any balance to further reduction of debt.

**Masterton**—Parsonage property at Worksop Road, proceeds to new parsonage.

**Rangiora**—(1) Parsonage property in King Street for £675, proceeds towards new parsonage. (2) Parsonage site obtained in High Street, now no longer required.

**Greendale-Malvern**—Unused site at Sheffield for £50, proceeds to Greendale parsonage debt.

**Temuka**—Two quarter acre sections at back of parsonage, proceeds to be used towards securing a central church site.

The following have been nominated as the unofficial members of the District Advisory Committees for 1926:—

**Auckland**—Revs. S. Griffith and C. H. Olds, B.A., Messrs. T. W. Jones and S. E. Chappell.

**South Auckland**—To be appointed by the District Executive.

**Taranaki-Wanganui**—Rev. R. B. Gosnell, Messrs. L. M. Moss, R. Pepperell, E. Dixon, J. T. Griffin.

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

**Wellington**—Arranged by District Executive.

**Nelson**—The Ministers of the Nelson, Richmond and Blenheim Circuits, and Messrs. C. W. Parker and A. A. Lucas.

**South Canterbury**—The Ministers of the Timaru and Temuka Circuits, Messrs. W. G. Irwin and J. W. Holdgate, with the Minister of the Ashburton Circuit as a corresponding member.

**Otago-Southland**—The Superintendents of Dunedin (Trinity), Central Mission and Dundas Street Circuits, Messrs. J. B. Shacklock and D. C. Cameron. Sub-committee for Southland—Superintendent of Invercargill Central Circuit and Mr. C. F. Roberts.

The following have been nominated as the General Committee for 1926:—The Chairman of the District (ex officio), the Connexional Secretary, Superintendents of Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Addington, and St. Albans Circuits, the Minister stationed at New Brighton, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), T. T. Robson, W. Dobbs, H. Harrison, S. H. Maddren, J. H. Jones, H. J. S. Harrington, V. A. Sharp and C. W. Barrell.

The thanks of the Conference are due to Mr. A. C. Reed, the retiring member of the Committee, for eight years of valuable service to the Fund.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

#### CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Cash Statement and the Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the Conference hereby sanctions an alteration of the Model Deed, providing for an amendment to section 10 of the same, whereby Trustees shall have power, with the consent of the Conference, to grant leases for mining or other similar purposes.
- 3.—That the Conference authorise the use of a portion of the funds under the control of the Committee for the subsidising of efforts to purchase church sites, and that the sources of the Fund and the rules of administration be those set forth in the Report.
- 4.—That the District Advisory Committees be appointed as named in the Report.

- 5.—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of Committee, especially to Mr. A. C. Reed, the retiring member, for their services during the past year, and the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Chairman of District (ex officio), the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Addington and St. Albans Circuits, the Minister stationed at Woolston, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), T. T. Robson, W. Dobbs, H. Harrison, S. H. Maddren, J. H. Jones, H. J. S. Harrington, V. A. Sharp and C. W. Barrell.
- 6.—That the sanction given by the Committee for the sale or extended lease of properties as reported, be ratified by the Conference. (N.B.—The sanction above given will lapse if not acted upon by 31st March, 1927.)
- 7.—That the Conference again expresses its regret and displeasure at the frequent breaches of the Rule which requires the sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee prior to the purchase, erection or enlargement of church and parsonage property, and directs that the rule in this matter be strictly observed.

#### C.—REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE, 1925.

A report was sent to each District Synod showing the Deeds received during the year by the Custodian, also the names of all Trusts where Trustees had been either added or removed, giving the number in each case. All changes have been duly certified and sent to the Superintendents of Circuits concerned. I would, however, point out that somewhat frequent cases occur in which names are removed from the local records, and new Trustees elected, without any notification being sent to the Authorised Representative, as required by the Acts dealing with Methodist Church properties. Attention to this matter is important.

The various Deeds Registration Offices are now engaged bringing lands held under the old Conveyance system under the provisions of the Land Transfer Act. This is causing a good deal of extra work for the Authorised Representative, who is being called on to supply the Conveyances in his custody, and to furnish the names of present Trustees.

A certificate of Title is being issued to Trustees instead of the Conveyance, on payment of £1 5s. for each Title. Apparently where the property is not mortgaged, the simplest method is for the fee to be sent to the Authorised Representative, who will pay the money to the Registration Office and uplift the Title, and then place it in the Conference safe.

The fees received during the year for registration, etc., have been £35 6s. This amount has been paid into the Connexional Secretary's Fund.

SAMUEL LAWRY.

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1884," Rev. Samuel Lawry be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1926-1927.

That the Rev. S. Lawry be appointed Custodian of Deeds for the ensuing year.

### ADDENDUM TO MODEL DEED.

The following resolutions were carried by a unanimous vote:—

- 1.—Addendum to Clause 10, Model Deed, in regard to leases for mining purposes:—"And further, that it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or the major part of them, with such consent as aforesaid to lease the whole or any part of the land vested in them, under the provisions hereof for the purpose of conducting mining operations beneath the surface thereof, for such terms not exceeding 99 years, at such rent, or rents, whether by way of royalty or otherwise, and upon such conditions as to the said Trustees, or the major part of them, shall seem expedient."
- 2.—Addendum to Clause 14 of the Model Deed, in re power to use surplus moneys of Trusts:—"Provided always, and it is hereby declared that it shall be lawful, and deemed to have been lawful, for the said Trustees, or the major part of them, to invest any such surplus money in any manner authorised by law for the investment of Trust Funds."

Resolved that these alterations to the Model Deed be printed from year to year in the Conference Minutes, together with all former amendments to the Model Deed.

### QUESTION XXXVI.—What is the Condition of the Various Mission, Educational and General Connexional Properties and Investments?

#### AUCKLAND.

1. General Connexional Property Trust.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix)
  2. Wesley Training College, Three Kings.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix)
  3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
  4. Probert Trust.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
  5. Prince Albert College Property.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
  6. Theological Students' Library Fund.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
- TARANAKI-WANGANUI.
7. Grey Institute.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
  8. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)

#### WELLINGTON.

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

### PROBERT TRUST BOARD.

#### Report for Year ended 31st October, 1925.

We have to report the completion of the building in Queen Street which has been called "Probert Chambers." At the present date the whole of the premises have been let to satisfactory tenants, with the exception of one shop now vacant.

For some time past the Board have had under consideration the advisability of erecting a further block of shops on the vacant land in Great North Road. They consider that the time is now opportune for building, and have accordingly instructed Mr J. Farrell, architect, to prepare the necessary plans for same, together with two brick cottages fronting Chapman Street.

On approval of the plans by the Board, they will be submitted to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for their approval.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to report the death of Mr George Buttle, who passed away on the 15th June. Mr Buttle's long association with the Board, his unremitting attention to its business, and latterly his wise direction of affairs as chairman, has in no small way contributed to the successful development of the Trust.

S. J. AMBURY, Chairman.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### GREY INSTITUTE TRUST REPORT FOR 1925.

We have pleasure in submitting Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th September, 1925.

The amount of rent collected for the year was seven hundred and eighty-one pounds seven shillings and elevenpence (£781 7s. 11d.), and interest collected amounted to thirty pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence (£30 13s. 4d.), the sum of £650 has been remitted to the Home Mission Treasurer, and there is a credit balance of £87 19s. 5d. in the Bank, of which amount £77 19s. 7d. will be required to pay Land Tax.

The sections are still changing hands, fifteen (15) consents to transfer having been signed during the year.

Several sub-divisions of sections have been made since the new leases were issued, and in every case the Trustees have made their own valuation and charged increased rentals before consenting to sub-division.

The Trustees have resumed possession of the old "Mission House."

For the Grey Institute Trustees,

T. R. RICHARDS, Chairman.

R. PEPPERELL, Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS—REPORT 1925.

In submitting our report for the past year, we record with the deepest feelings of regret, the passing of a former Chairman of the Board, and one of its oldest members, viz., Rev. J. G. Chapman. We desire to record his splendid services to the Trust Board and his interest in the affairs of the Children's Home. We shall miss his counsel and advice.

The Board unanimously recommend the Conference to appoint Mr. H. P. Mourant, of Wellington, to the vacant seat on the Board, and that Rev. C. Eaton be reappointed as Chairman.

The Children's Home at Masterton has had a very successful year—the number being well maintained. We desire to place on record our high opinion of the services of the Matron, Sister May, her assistant, Sister Annie, and the staff who have helped. The local Committee too, have done excellent work, and we ask for their reappointment.

Following on a visit to the Home by some of the Board members, the comfort and efficiency of the Home has been increased in the following matters:—Erection of a shelter verandah around the playroom for the children; connection of the Home with the Wairarapa Electric Power Board's electric lighting mains; and of the drainage system with the Borough Council scheme. These items cost over £200—but the sale of the old lighting plant realised £40.

Our financial operations for the year are herewith—those for the Home are submitted by the Treasurer (Rev. J. Cocker), with his report.

W. C. HEMERY, Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

That the Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. C. Hemery, be heartily thanked for his services.

That Mr. H. P. Mourant be appointed to the vacancy on the Board occasioned by the death of Rev. J. G. Chapman.

#### PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE PROPERTY TRUST.

The Balance-sheet and Capital Account were received and adopted.

#### EPSOM PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

Resolved that the Building Account be adopted, to be entered in the Journal.

#### NEW COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

The Account was adopted to be entered in the Journal.

#### METHODIST OFFICES TRUST BOARD.

The Balance-sheet was received to lie on the table.

#### EMSLY THEOLOGICAL ENDOWMENT TRUST.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

#### THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.

The Balance-sheet presented by the Committee was adopted.

#### KAI IWI ESTATE.

The Cash Statement was received and adopted.

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

#### REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE BOARD, 1925.

The Board has pleasure in reporting to Conference that it has had another year of successful business. During the year ending 31st October, new risks were accepted amounting to £37,900; and only a few small items were withdrawn, mostly because the properties concerned had passed out of Connexional possession.

After providing for all working expenses, reinsurances and losses by fire, the sum of £1678 16s. has been added to the accumulated funds. This is the largest surplus experienced in the history of the Fund. The Revenue Account shows that the total cost of management of the Fund is less than ten per cent. of the year's income. The Balance-sheet shows that the assets of the Fund approximate £19,000.

As authorised by the last Conference, the following amounts have been paid during the present year to Institutions and Funds of the Church:—Deaconess House, £100; Foreign Mission Fund, £100; Home Mission Fund, £100; Benevolent Branch of Supernumerary Fund, £50; Total, £350.

One of the objects contemplated when the Fund was instituted was to help the support of any Funds established by the Conference. In pursuance of this object, nearly £2200 has been paid to various Connexional Institutions and Funds during the past seven years.

The Board recommends that of the year's surplus £1178 16s. be added permanently to the Accumulated Funds, and that grants be made to other Funds as follows:—

Deaconess House Fund	...	...	...	£100
Foreign Mission Fund	...	...	...	100
Home Mission Fund	...	...	...	100
Supernumerary Benevolent Fund	...	...	...	50
Loan Fund for Church Sites	...	...	...	100
Young People's Department	...	...	...	50
				£500

From the time of its inception, the Fund has been fortunate in regard to loss by fire. Prior to Methodist Union, in 1913, the Primitive Methodist Fund had paid £508 8s. as loss by fire, and the Wesleyan Fund had paid £268 18s. 4d. for the same purpose. Since 1913 the united Fund has suffered loss to the extent of £1543 12s., the largest single item being £650 by the recent fire at Hokitika. Part of this was covered by reinsurance. This case is a striking illustration of the unwise policy of providing a small insurance cover because the risk is small.

Last Conference referred to this Board, the matter of arranging for an Accident Insurance Policy to cover voluntary workers in connection with Churches and Sunday Schools. The Board has considered the matter at length, and after making enquiries in several directions resolved to recommend that no action be taken at present.

The Board desires to place on record its thanks to the General Secretary for the very efficient services rendered by him during the year.

The following have been nominated by the North Canterbury District Synod as the Board of Management for 1926:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. T. Fee, A. Peters, W. Laycock, Hon. G. J. Smith (Treasurer), Messrs. S. R. Webb, F. H. Christian, A. A. Sandford, W. J. Spratt and W. L. Thomas.

ALFRED PETERS.

Chairman of the Board.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

- 2.—That, from the year's surplus, £1178 16s. be added permanently to the Accumulated Funds, and that grants be made to other Funds as follows:—Deaconess House Fund, £100; Foreign Mission Fund, £100; Home Mission Fund, £100; Supernumerary Benevolent Fund, £50; Loan Fund for Church Sites, £100; Young People's Department, £50. Total, £500.
- 3.—That in all cases, except where mortgage obligations make it impracticable, Trustees and Committees in charge of Trust or Circuit properties be urged to effect all their insurances with the Connexional Office.
- 4.—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Board 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. S. R. Webb, F. H. Christian, A. A. Sandford, W. J. Spratt, and W. L. Thomas.
- 5.—That the thanks of Conference be presented to the General Secretary, Rev. S. Lawry.

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

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1925.

The work of the departments administered in the Connexional Office is set out in the report dealing with the several departments concerned. It is therefore not necessary to refer to them here in detail. Each department continues to grow, and may be expected to do so with the growth of the Church.

The working expenses of the Office have amounted to £961 9s. 2d., which is a little less than the estimate submitted to last Conference. The credit balance at the end of the year was £19 11s. 8d. A statement of receipts and expenditure will be submitted to Conference through the Committee on Balance-sheets.

The estimated expenditure for 1926 is £975. The Conference is requested to authorise the following appropriations to meet the same:—Contingent Fund, £175; Church Building and Loan Fund, £200; Fire Insurance Fund, £260; Supernumerary Fund, £220; Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, £15; "Methodist Times," £75; Authorised Representative, £35. Total, £980.

As intimated in last year's Report, it is anticipated that the present Secretary will retire from the office in 1927. The Committee has given a good deal of attention to the question of his successor, and has pleasure in nominating the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for the position, the appointment to take effect in 1927.

The North Canterbury District Synod has nominated the following as the Committee for 1926:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch 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), Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., Messrs. M. Kershaw, C. A. Newman, F. H. Christian, J. Lomas, W. Simpson, F. Thompson, J. Hadfield, T. W. West, H. Chaplin and A. Sherries.

The Committee suggests that the Committee consist of six Ministers, the Treasurers of the Connexional Secretaryship Fund, Church Building and Loan Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, and Supernumerary Fund (ex officio), and two others.

The Committee again desires to place on record its deep appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of the Rev. S. Lawry, who, by his kindness and courtesy, has maintained the high traditions of the office.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

### RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. S. Lawry for his services during the past year, and that he be reappointed to the office for the year 1926-1927.
- 3.—That the thanks of Conference be accorded to the members of the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1926:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch 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), Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., Messrs. M. Kershaw, C. A. Newman, F. H. Christian, J. Lomas, W. Simpson, F. Thompson, J. Hadfield, T. W. West, C. Chaplin and A. Sherris.
- 4.—That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be designated to the office of Connexional Secretary, the appointment to date from the Conference of 1927.
- 5.—That during the year the Committee consider the question of the constitution of the Committee, and report through the North Canterbury Synod to Conference.
- 6.—That the following appropriations be authorised to meet the expenditure for the current year:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £200; Fire Insurance Fund, £260; Supernumerary Fund, £220; Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, £15; "Methodist Times," £75; Authorised Representative, £35; Contingent Fund, £175. Total, £980.
- 7.—The hearty thanks of the Conference were accorded to the Rev. S. Lawry for his efficient work as Secretary during the year.

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

### THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

#### A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1925.

1. The College opened on the third Monday in March, when the fifteen men appointed by Conference were enrolled. Of these fourteen came into residence, while arrangements were made for Mr. Hailwood to reside at home and attend classes. Mr. Paulger was absent, having been granted a year's rest by Conference.

2. The attention of the men to their studies has been satisfactory, discipline has been well maintained, and sincerity and spiritual purpose have been evident in every department of College life. In addition to minor ailments there have been two serious cases of ill-health during the year. Mr. F. J. Handy had to undergo an operation for appendicitis, and, recovery being somewhat slow, missed practically the whole of the Second Term's work. In September Mr. R. H. Miles began to show signs of serious nervous strain, and, after expert examination and advice, was released from College work and granted respite from the Third Term examination and the Conference examination at the end of the year.

3. The following awards were made at the close of last year's work. The "Edson" Prize (Greek) was won by Mr. B. R. Hames, with Mr. M. J. W. Paulger second. The "Garland" Prize (Theology, Homiletics and Exegesis) was won by Mr. A. H. Voyce, with Mr. B. R. Hames second. The Elocution Prizes for 1925 have been won by Mr. B. R. Hames (senior grade), and Mr. F. H. Hayman (junior grade).

4. The changes in curriculum sanctioned by the last Conference have come into effect. Separate courses of lectures in Old and New Testament Introduction, Exegesis and Biblical Theology have been instituted, and students are now receiving a very thorough training in these subjects. To make this possible, Social Economics has been removed from the curriculum, and the Tutor has been relieved from that subject and from English, the latter being now under the charge of Mr. C. R. Laws, M.Sc.

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

- (1) Systematic Theology. The nature and sources of Christian Theology. The Being of God, including His nature, attributes, relation to the universe, and His Triune existence. The origin and nature of Man, his relation to God, his moral being, his racial relationship, etc. Text Book: Clarke's "Outline of Christian Theology." Bi-weekly lectures by the Principal.
- (2) Old Testament
  - (a) Introduction. Weekly lectures by the Tutor during the first and second terms on the authorship, date, composition, contents, literary style of the prophetic books; and the personal characteristics of the Prophets. Text Books: Box's "Short Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament."
  - (b) Exegesis. During the third term, weekly lectures by the Tutor on the principles of Exegesis and a detailed exposition of the "Servant of the Lord" passages in Isaiah.
  - (c) Biblical Theology. The Teaching of the individual Prophets. The origins, development, functions, inspiration and fulfilment of Hebrew Prophecy. Text Book: Ottley's "The Hebrew Prophets." Weekly lectures by the Tutor.
- (3) New Testament.
  - (a) Introduction. Weekly lectures by the Principal. The Fourth Gospel, the Epistle to the Hebrews, the Epistles of James, Peter, John, and Jude, The Revelation. Full discussion of the characteristics authorship, date, literary style, and contents of these books, together with related problems.
  - (b) Exegesis. Weekly lectures by the Principal. The principles of Exegesis and a detailed study of the Events and Discourses in the Upper Room (John XIII.-XVI.), and of I. John, chapters i. and ii.
  - (c) Biblical Theology. Weekly lectures by the Principal. The Johannine Theology. The Teaching of our Lord as found in the Fourth Gospel, and the Theology of St. John as found in the 1st Epistle.

- (4) Homiletics. Two classes conducted by the Principal. (a) Senior. Practical and Pastoral Theology with Gladden's "The Christian Pastor and the Working Church" as text book. (b) Junior. A Course of lectures on Sermon Preparation and Delivery, and on the Conduct of Public Worship, together with a study of Gillie's "The Minister in the Modern World." (c) In addition to the above weekly criticism sermons have been preached, followed by discussion in a special class under the Principal.
- (5) Greek. Senior and junior classes have been conducted bi-weekly by the Tutor. (a) Senior. Lectures in Syntax; reading of Matthew VI., I. John, Philippians II., Revelation III., Romans XIV., Hebrews XII., some papyrus remains and classical Greek. (b) Junior. Accidence, easy New Testament passages. Text Books: Moulton's Introduction, and Robertson's Short Grammar.
- (6) Latin. Bi-weekly classes conducted by the Tutor in preparation for the Matriculation examination.
- (7) Mental and Moral Philosophy. Weekly classes by the Tutor. Subject: The Elements of Deductive and Inductive Logic and Fallacies. Text Book: Mellone's Text Book of Logic.
- (8) Comparative Religion. Fortnightly lectures by the Tutor. Methods, Origins of Religions, Sacrifice, Magic, Ancestor-worship, the Future Life, Monotheism, the Mystery Religions, Modern Cults, Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, the superiority of Christianity. Text Books: Jevon's Comparative Religion.
- (9) English. Weekly classes (1) In Grammar, Composition, etc. (2) In Literature. In the former, Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar and Composition, and Rowe and Webb's "Guide to the Study of English," have been used, and exercises set and corrected. In the latter "Macbeth" has been studied in Class. Tutor: Mr. C. R. Laws, M.Sc.
- (10) Mathematics. Bi-weekly classes up to Matriculation standard have been conducted by the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
- (11) Elocution and Voice Production. A Course of Instruction has been given by Mr. Thomas Harris, professional elocutionist.
6. University Work. The following are the particulars of University work done by students during the year:—
- B. R. Hames, who passed for the B.A. degree last year in Economics and Mental and Moral Philosophy, has this year attended lectures and passed the required examinations in English, Education, and Advanced Philosophy, thus enabling him to sit for the B.A. Pass in these subjects.
- A. R. Penn has attended lectures in Economics and History, and passed the Term examinations. He has sat for the B.A. Pass in these subjects.
- R. H. Miles attended lectures in French until the failure of his health.
- N. P. Larsen will sit for the Matriculation examination in December next.
- N.B.—Messrs. A. H. Voyce and F. H. Hayman have taken courses of study in the St. John Ambulance Classes in First Aid and Home Nursing, in which Mr. Voyce secured a First Class Pass for the Medallion.
7. During the year 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 certain graded schools in Auckland and handed in written reports to the Principal on their observations.

8. A full number of preaching services have been taken by the students during the year. Work has also been undertaken in Circuits during vacation. In the month of June the Students, with some slight assistance from the Staff, conducted a Mission at the Dominion Road Church, which included week-night meetings and Sunday Services, Young People's and Children's Gatherings, Open-air work, and house to house visitation. The Mission was greatly blessed of God, and revealed evangelistic gifts of a high order in some of the men. The Students have also given assistance in Missionary work and, during the vacations in evangelistic work other than the above.

9. During the year the following have visited the College and addressed the Students: Rev. Lionel Fletcher, Rev. Vincent le C. Binet, Rev. G. B. Hinton, and Rev. Mr. McKenzie, of the Student Christian Movement.

10. Every attention has been given to the supervision of household affairs by Mrs. Laws, and the welfare of the men in residence has been adequately provided for.

11. The Correspondence Classes for Candidates for the Ministry and others have been carried on through the year. Some 29 Students enrolled; of whom 28 took Theology, 28 Bible Knowledge, 13 English, 10 History, 11 Geography, 12 Science, 6 Greek, and 6 Mathematics. Many of the Students did 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, M.Sc., have rendered valuable assistance in tuition.

12. The work of the Collegiate Church, under the immediate charge of Dr. Ranston, has been well maintained during the year, and the Students have given assistance in pulpit supply, pastoral visitation, work among the young, etc. The sum of £113 16s. 5d. has been received as the College share of the offertories for the year ending October 31st, 1925.

C. H. LAWS, Principal.

Auckland,

October 15th, 1925.

## B.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee has met frequently during the year, and has transacted much new College business, which will be reported on separately.

### Death of Mr. G. A. Buttle.

The Committee suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Mr. Buttle. For many years he had acted as Treasurer, and had always shown not only marked ability, but also sympathetic interest in the discharge of his duties. He has left his impress on successive generations of Students, and the whole Church owes him a great debt.

### Treasurer.

Mr. G. A. Buttle had acted as Treasurer during Mr. Winstone's absence in England, but when failing health compelled him to relinquish that office, Mr. A. J. Buttle kindly undertook the duties, and has ably discharged them.

### Cost of Training.

The late Mr. Buttle interviewed each of the Students at the beginning of the College year on this matter and reported that the results were not encouraging. The Committee urges upon Superintendent

Ministers the duty of bringing this matter before prospective candidates, for it holds strongly that, where it is possible for a Student to contribute to the cost of his living, it is a moral obligation on him to do so.

#### Accommodation.

The extra number of Students to be accommodated necessitated special arrangements, and at present "Dunholme" is full to its utmost capacity. This and the unprecedented number of candidates offering this year accentuates the urgent need of the new College.

#### College Library.

During the year valuable additions have been made to the College Library by Mr. A. C. Caughey, Revs. P. N. Knight, B.A., J. Dawson, J. Cocker and Mr. A. H. Reed.

#### Divinity Degrees.

While the University Committee was sitting in Auckland the Principal, the Tutor, and Rev. A. B. Chappell, co-operating with other churches, presented evidence for the granting of Divinity Degrees by the New Zealand University. The members of the Commission were sympathetic, and in the report since published they strongly recommend that Divinity Degrees should be granted.

#### Finance.

A special report will be presented to Conference through the Auckland Synod.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

#### C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

The expenditure on maintenance of the College for the year ending 31st October, 1925, has been £2098 1s. 2d., or £71 18s. 10d. less than the estimate. However, on the Income received to date the account shows a debit of £289 12s. 7d., being made up as follows:—Deficit for year ending 31st October, 1924, £64 7s. 2d.; deficit for year ending 31st October, 1925, £225 5s. 5d.

Of the Income available it has been deemed advisable to reserve sufficient money in order to carry on the College until 31st March, 1926, and £875 has been provided for this purpose. As the expenditure during the first six months of the past year was £969, it will be seen that this reserve is little enough.

It has been necessary to spend some £100 odd on alterations to the household arrangements of the College, but against this a special donation of £50 has been received from Mr. A. C. Caughey.

Owing to the fact that the position of Treasurer has had to be changed twice during the year, it is not possible to make a comprehensive report, and these changes have also thrown a lot of extra work upon the Principal. The statement showing that the actual expenditure was less than the estimate is in itself a testimony to the very efficient management of Dr. and Mrs. Laws.

A. J. BUTTLE, Acting-Treasurer.

**ESTIMATE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR  
ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1926.**

**Expenditure—**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
House and Service .. .. .	900	0	0				
Stipends .. .. .	550	0	0				
Tutors' Fees .. .. .	40	0	0				
Rents .. .. .	218	0	0				
Connexional Charges .. .. .	110	0	0				
Quarterage, 20 Men at £8 ..	160	0	0				
Rates .. .. .	75	0	0				
University Fees .. .. .	50	0	0				
Telephones .. .. .	25	0	0				
Gardens .. .. .	60	0	0				
Elocution .. .. .	6	0	0				
Insurance .. .. .	12	0	0				
Recreation .. .. .	5	0	0				
Furnishings .. .. .	25	0	0				
Interest Tutor's Residence ..	120	0	0				
Bank Interest .. .. .	12	0	0				
Repairs .. .. .	25	0	0				
Sundries .. .. .	50	0	0				
Ordinary Expenditure	2443	0	0				
Additional Furnishings New Cottage	85	0	0				
Towards Reduction of Deficit ..	50	0	0				
	2578	0	0				

**Income—**

Probert Trust .. .. .	1200	0	0				
Contingent Fund .. .. .	740	0	0				
Emsly Trust .. .. .	110	0	0				
Home Mission Fund .. .. .	135	0	0				
Auckland East Circuit .. .. .	100	0	0				
Foreign Mission Fund .. .. .	50	0	0				
Prince Albert College .. .. .	50	0	0				
Contributions from Students ..	20	0	0				
Wesley College, Paerata .. .. .	25	0	0				
Congregational Church Fees for 3 Students at £50 .. .. .	150	0	0				
	£2580	0	0				

The Reports of the Principal of the Committee, and of the Treasurer and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure were received and adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- 1.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., for his able services as Principal, and gratification expressed at the work accomplished during the year, and that Mrs. Laws be heartily thanked for her services in connection with the work of the College.

- 2.—That the Conference express cordial thanks to Dr. Ranston for his services as Tutor.
- 3.—That the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be thanked for his valuable services as Tutor in Mathematics, and also as Secretary to the Board during a number of years.
- 4.—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. A. J. Buttle, who has filled the position of Treasurer during Mr. Winstone's absence from the Dominion.
- 5.—That the Conference learns with great pleasure of the generosity of Mr. A. C. Caughey in granting the use of the cottage at "Dunholme" free of rent for the accommodation of additional students for the ministry, and heartily thanks him for this renewed token of his deep interest in the education of the ministry of our Church.
- 6.—That Conference records its strong conviction that provision should be made for the conferring of Divinity Degrees in connection with the University of New Zealand, and appoints the Board of Studies as a committee to co-operate with the committees which may be appointed by other Churches to attain this end. That a copy of this recommendation be sent to the Convener of the College Committee of the Presbyterian Assembly, and also to the Heads of other co-operating Churches; also to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Education, the Registrar of New Zealand University, and the Registrars of the University Colleges.
- 7.—That Dr. Ranston be designated Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Classical Languages.
- 8.—That the Conference learns with pleasure of the arrangements which have been made whereby the students for the ministry of the Congregational Church shall receive their educational training at the Theological College of our Church, and heartily approves of the same.
- 9.—That Conference regrets to learn of the death of Mr. G. A. Buttle, who for many years has acted as Treasurer to the College Board, and has always shown marked ability and sympathetic interest in the discharge of his duties. He has left his impress upon successive generations of students and the whole Church is greatly indebted to him.
- 10.—That the Committee of the Theological College be henceforth styled "Board."
- 11.—That Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., be appointed Convener, and Mr. F. M. Winstone Treasurer of the Board.
- 12.—That the following be the Board for 1926:—Revs. E. Drake (Chairman), Drs. C. H. Laws and H. Ranston, Revs. J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, G. T. Marshall, T. A. Joughin, T. W. Vealie, A. Ashcroft, W. A. Sinclair, A. B. Chappell, M.A., C. H. Olds, B.A., and W. T. Blight, B.A., Messrs. A. C. Caughey, 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. Saxton, LL.M., A. A. White, O. Paterson, R. C. Clark, M.A., A. Trenwith, H. Cocker, B.A. (Cantab.), M.A. (N.Z.), LL.B., A. J. Buttle, J. M. Caughey, A. Messer, and M. R. Souster.

- 13.—That in view of the great importance to the Church of Leadership in Religious Education, it is essential that students for the ministry should receive special training for such leadership. The Conference expresses its appreciation of the training in this respect now being given to the students, and resolves that, in connection with the Sunday School to be worked under the direction of the College staff, practical training shall be provided in both Sunday School and Bible Class work.

#### JUBILEE OF THE COLLEGE.

The Conference records its profound gratitude to God for His blessing upon the work of our Theological College during the past 50 years. It recalls the faithful work of past Principals and Tutors, who by their wise instruction and personal influence have left their mark upon successive generations of students; it rejoices in the efficiency of the training given, as seen in the able work of so many devoted ministers of our Church, and, in thankfulness for a half-century of blessing, it resolves to give itself to the work of maintaining and developing the College with unabated vigour.

#### D.—NEW COLLEGE AND HOSTEL SCHEME.

(For Resolutions of last Conference, see Minutes, pp. 88-89).

The development of the New College Scheme has received very careful attention during the year, and the Board reports as follows:—

1. That after full discussion it was decided to promote an Architectural Competition throughout the Dominion for the securing of a suitable Design for the New College. This has been widely advertised and the response from architects has been highly satisfactory. The Competition closes on January 21st, 1926, and the successful Designs will be exhibited at Conference. The Jury of Award is Professor C. P. Knight, M.A., B.Arch., of the University College, Mr. F. L. Moodie, of Wilson & Moodie, Architects, and the following members of the College Board: Rev. E. Drake, Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., and Messrs. S. J. Ambury, J. Stanton, LL.B., and the Principal.
2. That arrangements are being made for the prosecution of the canvass for subscriptions next year. It is proposed to seek the co-operation of laymen in various parts of the Dominion, who shall co-operate with the Principal in this work. The total sum required to carry out the portion of the Scheme at present proposed is £30,000, of which sum £11,000 is in hand from the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund, the sale of the Epsom site, and other sources. Suitable arrangements are to be made for the initiation of the Scheme at Conference.

The Report was received and adopted. The Balance-sheet and Statement from the Treasurers was also received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Conference learns with pleasure of the steps that have been taken during the year to promote the New College Scheme, and especially of the successful competition for a design for the College, in which 22 architects throughout the Dominion took part.
- 2.—That the Conference approves of the arrangements which have been made by which Dr. Ranston shall reside at the College as Resident Professor during the year, thus setting the Principal free for his canvass of the Dominion.

- 3.—That, believing that the erection of the new College and the adequate training of the Ministry thereat are of first importance for the future welfare and status of our Church in the Dominion, the Conference strongly commends to Ministers, officials and our people generally the mission of the Principal in his canvass for subscriptions to the Building and Equipment Fund, and urges the most sympathetic and liberal response to the appeal.
- 4.—That the following officers be appointed:—General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Laws; Treasurers, Rev. Dr. Ranston and Mr. A. Peak; Assistant Secretary, Rev. T. A. Joughin.
- 5.—That District Committees be set up, who shall co-operate with the Principal and further his work in the respective Districts. (For list see below.)
- 6.—That a small and effective Committee, with a suitable convener, be appointed in each Circuit at the March Quarterly Meeting, which shall make arrangements for the Principal's visit, and further his mission in every possible way.
- 7.—That, in view of the fact that every church in the Connexion is directly interested in the maintenance of an effective ministry, Boards of Trustees be strongly recommended to make an annual donation for the next three years to the New College Fund.
- 8.—That the Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of the liberality of the Pitt Street Church Trustees in making a grant of £2000 from their Shops Trust Fund, and of the donation of £300 from the Prince Albert College Trust, and earnestly recommends the support of the New College Scheme to any similar Trusts in the Dominion, and also to the Board of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.
- 9.—That the effort be commended to the sympathetic support of our Young People throughout the Church, and that the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Class Unions be invited to further it through the Bible Classes.
- 10.—That the College Board be requested to make a recommendation to the Conference of 1927 as to the name of the College, and as to a suitable College motto.

#### DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

Auckland.—The College Board.

South Auckland.—Revs. W. J. Elliott, P. R. Paris, F. E. Leadley (Convener), Messrs. J. R. Fow, W. Harris, J. T. Bryant and F. Penn.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—(1) Revs. T. R. Richards and P. J. Cossum (Convener), Messrs. L. M. Moss, B.A., LL.M., C. Bottrill, M.A., P. J. White and C. Carter. (2) Revs. E. T. Cox, M.A., and W. H. E. Abbey (Convener), Messrs. F. Webb Jones, F. Whitlock, J. H. Dean and F. J. Denton.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—(1) Revs. F. Copeland (Convener), B. Metson, F. J. Parker, Messrs. S. J. Heighway, C. Newton, H. R. French, G. W. Venables, C. Bisson, L. Bisson, J. H. Oldham and F. B. Barber. (2) Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt (Convener), A. Mitchell, H. T. Peat, J. Southern, Messrs. H. E. Pacey, T. R. Hodder, B. H. Billens, D. Collis, John Harding, W. B. Cameron, C. E. Taylor, G. Darragh, J. Cobbe, H. Tolley, F. S. Guy, W. J. Pearce.

Wellington.—The District Executive, who shall appoint a District Committee for the Wairarapa.

Nelson.—(1) The Ministers and Circuit Stewards of the Nelson and Richmond Circuits—Convener, the President. (2) The Ministers and Circuit Stewards of the Blenheim Circuit, with Messrs. W. D. Pike, E. H. Penny and F. H. Southgate—Convener, Rev. W. Grigg. (3) The Ministers and Circuit Stewards of Greymouth and Hokitika Circuits—Convener, Rev. J. F. Martin.

North Canterbury.—The District Executive.

South Canterbury.—(1) The Ministers of the Timaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits, with Messrs. Vogeler, Irwin, Rosevear and A. Wilson, Corresponding members, Rev. G. F. Stockwell and Messrs. J. I. Hayman, Barnett (Waimate), and Wallach (Geraldine)—Convener, Rev. A. C. Lawry. (2) Ministers of the Ashburton and Willowby Circuits, with Messrs. John Watson, F. Frampton, W. T. Lill, Chapman and Bennett—Convener, Rev. R. B. Tinsley.

Otago-Southland.—The District Executive, who shall nominate a District Committee for Southland.

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

#### BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

##### REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

I have pleasure in reporting to Conference that the present year has been marked with continued success.

Early in last year we had practically no roll, and yet ended with 35 scholars; this year we have had 68 boys in residence. This has meant alterations and additions to the existing buildings. A large verandah was glassed in and an extra dormitory built. This has enabled us to take the 68 boys, but conditions have been somewhat cramped, and to ease the position and to enable the College to meet the increasing demand, the Board has erected a new wing to accommodate an additional 60 boys and the necessary staff, together with four schoolrooms, a carpentry shop and gymnasium. In addition, the Maids' quarters have been increased, and a house for a married master has been erected. Electric light has been installed throughout the College.

These improvements are now almost completed, and it is hoped to open the College in February next with everything completed. The College can now take 115 boys, and already (in the middle of December) 93 of them have been enrolled. There seems little doubt but that we will open with the school practically full.

The number of Maori boys present this year has been disappointing. In the early part of the year a large number of applications was received, but the outbreak of the infantile paralysis epidemic and the consequent delay in opening school caused many of them to go to work and be reluctant to forego wage earning when the restrictions were removed. We have had 14 in residence throughout the year, and at present, despite the present unrest among the Maoris which makes our work more difficult, we have 15 applications.

On the scholastic side we have made satisfactory progress. Of 22 boys sent up from the sixth standard for proficiency, 15 passed that test, and 7 gained their competency. Four Maori boys gained the proficiency, and three the competency. It is too early to speak of the Matriculation examination, but we trust our results there will be similar.

The health of the boys has been excellent; the doctor has visited the College only twice during the year, and both occasions were for quite small matters, when we felt it wise to be cautious.

The College farm is doing excellently; steps have been taken to bring into cultivation a portion of the property which has for some time been unproductive; of this area of 130 acres, over 50 acres have been ploughed and put into crop.

The dairy is already showing the result of the pedigree stock purchased last year, and of which more were purchased this year. A small stud flock of Southdowns has been started with 30 ewes and 9 rams, and it is hoped to develop this section in the near future. The main flock is Romney, and our best profits are to be found in the raising of fat lambs.

Every effort is being made to make the farm a commercial success, as there is little use in training boys under conditions which cannot be realised on their own farms in the future.

It is not to be taken that the farm is at the zenith of prosperity—far from it; much has been done in the past ten years to improve the property, and still much remains to be done before we can reap the full possibility of the farm. It is, however, I think, not too much to say that no one who now inspects the farm will doubt that we have a property of which we have good cause to be proud.

The key note of our work at Paerata is optimism. Much has been done, but much still remains to be done. The most important part of our work is not the farm or the buildings, but the making of Christian men with high ideals and a sound outlook on life. It is this side of our work that we must keep most clearly before us. We have a big trust in our properties, but the characters of 115 boys is a trust infinitely more important.

The welfare of our College at Paerata and the welfare of the whole Church are intimately joined, for from the College will come many of our future Ministers and Missionaries, many of our teachers and Christian laymen.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation of the work done by the College staff. Growth means many difficulties and adjustments, and consequent work and worry, and yet no difficulty has arisen that has not been met with cheerfulness and keenness. I would particularly stress my debt to Mrs. Clark, who has played such a large part in surmounting these difficulties and adjustments.

R. C. CLARK, M.A., Dip.Ed.,

Principal.

## REPORT ON PROPERTIES HELD BY WESLEY COLLEGE BOARD.

Last year a brief report was made to Conference on the properties held by the Board, and I am again asked to briefly report on our work for the year.

**1. Paerata Farm.**—Last year a profit of nearly £300 was shown. At the time of writing, this year's accounts are not made up, but there is every reason to believe a considerable increase in profits will be shown. Everything is going on satisfactorily, the land over the railway line, hitherto untouched, is being brought under cultivation, and in a short time will be made as profitable as the rest of the farm. Our pedigree stock is doing even better than expected. We have spent money freely in procuring up-to-date plant, but by so doing are greatly reducing the cost of production. Since last Conference our College buildings have been doubled in size, the cost of buildings at Paerata to date, is over £33,000. The Principal's report will deal fully with College doings.

**2. Grafton Road.**—There has been no change in this property during the year.

**3. Waikowhai.**—A large number of sections have been leased during the year, the annual income now stands at £600. We are spending a considerable amount in roading this property, but believe that within twelve months we shall double our income.

**4. Three Kings.**—Nothing has been done in cutting up this property, but we hope during the coming year to deal with a portion of it. The Borough Council is making a concrete road along one frontage of our land.

**5. Mt. Albert Road.**—Only a few sections have been sold since last report, but we have spent nearly £2000 in draining and fencing. This will greatly improve the whole property, and already increased rents will more than pay interest on the expenditure. We are not anxious to hurry the sale of this farm.

(Signed) J. VEALE, Chairman.

The Reports of the Principal and on properties held by Wesley College were received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Conference expresses its pleasure at the success of Wesley College during the past year, and for the provision that has been made to accommodate 115 boys. It congratulates the Principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., and assures him of its great appreciation of his work at the College.
- 2.—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. J. Veale for his splendid services in connection with the College and its properties.

That the Conference cannot give an en officio seat in Conference to the Principal. That, as Wesley Training College has been given the right of direct representation in Conference, this representation shall be by the Board electing one of its members as a Lay Representative.

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

### 1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

#### Draft Report of Board of Management, 1925.

The Board again has pleasure in submitting its Annual Report to the Conference. The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet also are presented herewith. These show the income and expenditure for the year, and the nature and amount of the investments. It will be seen that the total revenue for the year was £11,951 0s. 10d., and the expenditure £8,108 18s. 6d., leaving £3,842 2s. 4d. to be added to the Accumulated Funds, after adding £100 to the Reserve Fund. The Accumulated Funds now amount to £124,738 8s. 3d., and the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund to £1,800, making a gross total of £126,538 8s. 3d.

Of the Accumulated Funds, £90,450 is investment on mortgage, bearing interest at rates varying from six to seven per cent. £32,306 15s. is investment in Government and Local Body Debentures. The

interest earned for the year amounted to £7,243 10s. 9d., being an average on the Mean Funds of about six per cent. The expenses of management were £273 1s. 2d., which is less than  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the income from subscriptions and Circuit Levies.

During the year £7,453 5s. 2d. has been paid as Annuities, and £210 as Furniture Grants. The number of Supernumeraries now on the Fund is thirty-seven, and thirty-seven Ministers' Widows are receiving annuities, a total of seventy-four. Four Supernumeraries have died during the year, each leaving a widow as an Annuitant on the Fund. Early in the year it became evident that Rev. John Dawson was no longer able to carry on his work for the N.Z. Alliance, and a difficulty arose as to his relation to the Supernumerary Fund. He applied to be made a Supernumerary as from the first of April, 1925. No provision is made in the Rules for such a case as his. After conferring with the Chairman of the District, the Board recommended the President of the Conference to declare Mr. Dawson a Supernumerary. This the President agreed to, and the Conference is now requested to confirm his action in the matter.

The arrears of personal subscriptions and interest thereon amount to £435 10s. 7d. This includes the amounts due in lieu of Circuit Levies by Ministers who are resting. The following table shows how the arrears are:—

Distributed among the Districts—

Districts	Arrears		Interest		Totals	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland ... ..	5	0 0	0	1 2	5	1 2
South Auckland ... ..	44	5 2	6	6 8	50	11 10
Taranaki-Wanganui ... ..	45	16 3	4	13 9	50	10 0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ... ..	28	7 11	4	8 5	32	16 4
Wellington ... ..	155	15 11	21	8 0	177	3 11
Nelson ... ..	10	0 0	0	6 8	10	6 8
North Canterbury ... ..	31	7 9	15	3 2	46	10 11
South Canterbury ... ..	20	0 0	1	7 0	21	7 0
Otago-Southland ... ..	37	0 0	4	2 9	41	2 9
Totals ... ..	£377	13 0	£57	17 7	£435	10 7

As compared with 1924 these figures show a small decrease in the amount of arrears, and a small increase in interest due. Ministers received from England have agreed to pay £887 6s. 7d. for the purchase of benefits in the Fund, and £587 6s. 7d. has been paid in cash, leaving £300 to be paid in the future. £69 is still outstanding for the purchase of benefits by Ministers who joined the Fund in connection with Methodist Union in 1913, besides interest amounting to £27 1s. 9d. The Board has not yet seen its way to proceed with the erection of a building on the property which it reported to last Conference as having been purchased. The matter is being carefully watched, and a special committee has been set up to consider the question of making a beginning with the building at an early date. Meanwhile the buildings on the property are bringing in a small rental, and the property is steadily increasing in value.

#### The Benevolent Branch.

During the year the Board has made grants to different persons, principally widows with very small annuities. The amount distributed was £157. The income for this branch of the Fund was derived from interest on investments, £66 16s. 4d.; contributions from Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £50; and donations, £43 7s. 6d. The number of donors is very limited, and an increase would be heartily welcomed.

### Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The position of this Fund is set forth in the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance-sheet. £87 12s. 8d. has been paid to Home Missionaries who have retired, and £60 has been returned to the Treasurers of the Home Mission Fund in accordance with the Rules. The assets of the Fund have increased by £991 16s. 7d., including £100 received from the Centenary Fund, and now stand at £3742 13s. 9d. The interest earned during the year was £188 9s. 11d. This represents an average of nearly 6 per cent.

The North Canterbury District Synod referred to the Board for consideration and report to Conference the recommendation of the Home Mission Board on the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund. The following are the Board's recommendations:—

- (1) Add N.B. to Rule 9, as follows:—All moneys derived from (c) and (d) shall be part of the capital of the Fund, and only the interest thereon shall be regarded as part of the annual income available for distribution under Rule 20.
- (2) Rule 20 (b) to read:—Increasing the retiring allowances of Home Missionaries who have contributed for seven years continuously to the Fund, and who have complied with the Rules relating to the conditions of status.
- (3) The Board does not recommend the deletion of Rule 22, and the consequent amendment of Rule 23. It would point out that in the case of Ministers resigning at any period of their ministry, the Rules do not provide for interest to be paid to them, nor do Deaconesses who retire before serving seven years receive interest on their contributions, unless the retirement is because of the failure of health.
- (4) The Board approves the finding of the North Canterbury Synod with regard to the transfer of moneys accrued for the retirement of Senior Home Missionaries, viz., that such moneys be transferred to the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund in three annual instalments.

### Deaconess Retiring Fund.

As the number of Deaconesses employed is still small, the assets of the Fund are still on a limited scale, and it is only by being invested with the Supernumerary Fund that any considerable amount can be earned in the way of interest. The assets now amount to £912 5s. 2d., an increase during the year of £277 2s. 2d. The interest earned was £45 10s. 2d., or nearly 6 per cent. on the Mean Funds.

### Board for 1926.

The retiring Lay member of the Board is Mr. J. C. Prudhoe, who towards the close of the year resigned his membership of the Board. The Board accepted the resignation with great regret, and placed on record its appreciation of his valuable services. The following are nominated as members of the Board for 1926:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. Baumber, E. D. Patchett, P. R. Paris, J. Guy, W. A. Hay, Messrs. W. H. Seed (Treasurer), G. Bowron, A. F. Drayton, A. Borrows, P. J. Sharpe and E. W. Reed.

### Amendment of Rules.

The Board recommends that the Rule on page 111 of the Book of Laws, under the heading "Miscellaneous," 58 (e), be amended by adding the words, "and any Resolutions of the Conference thereon, or relating to medical examinations."

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

The Report was received.

## RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—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.
- 2.—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Management, and especially to the retiring lay members, Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe and W. H. Foster, 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, J. Guy, W. A. Hay, H. L. Blamires, and Messrs. W. H. Seed (Treasurer), G. Bowron, A. F. Drayton, A. Borrows, P. W. Sharpe and H. W. Heslop.
3. That the rule relating to the duties of the Secretary of the Conference in regard to this Fund be amended by adding to Section (e) the words, "and any resolutions of the Conference thereon or relating to medical examinations."
- 4.—That the Rev. L. B. Dalby's relation to the Supernumerary Fund be referred to the Board of the Fund in consultation with Mr. Dalby.

## 2.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS.

- That the Treasurers, Rev. W. Rowe and Mr. E. Kellow, be thanked for their services, and that they be reappointed.
- That the Wellington District Executive be directed to consider the matter of setting up a Committee to administer the Fund, and that a report be made to Synod and Conference.

## 3.—CONTINGENT FUND.

(For Statement of Income and Expenditure, see Appendix.)

(For Table of Levies, see Appendix.)

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

The Estimates for 1926 were adopted, and a levy of 8% was authorised.

## RESOLUTIONS.

- That the Treasurers, the Rev. W. Slade, M.A., and Mr. J. H. Blackwell, be thanked for their services, and that they be reappointed.
- That a grant of £25 for a case of affliction be paid.
- That the following be a consultative committee in connection with the administration of the Fund:—The Contingent Fund Treasurers, the Chairman of North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher and A. F. Drayton.
- That such members of the consultative committee as are present at the Conference, together with three others who shall be nominated at the beginning of Conference, be a committee to consider all matters affecting disbursements from this Fund.
- That all proposals for grants from the Fund shall first be considered by this Committee before being ratified by Conference.
- That the best thanks of Conference be presented to Mr. Isaac J. Wilson, A.P.A.N.Z., for his services as Auditor.

#### 4.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1925.

The Removal Expenses Fund has run smoothly during its first year of work. The Committee desires to thank all its correspondents for their courteous assistance in arriving at what is deemed just decisions.

The year commenced with a credit balance of £1026 16s. 5d.; this has now increased to £1115 1s. 6d., with £361 9s. 4d. outstanding at 30th September, 1925.

£800 is on deposit with the Supernumerary Fund Board, and £296 8s. 11d. at the Post Office Savings Bank, and a current account balance at the Bank of New Zealand of £18 12s. 7d.

Last year's report estimated that the average yearly removal bill for the whole Dominion would be £985. The past year shows this cost at £412 2s. 5d. Next year will bring a much heavier charge, as a larger number of Ministers will be moving. The Committee recommends that next year's levy be reduced to 2½ per cent. on stipends of Ministers.

The following alterations to the resolutions and regulations of the Fund are recommended to Synod. Minutes of Conference, 1925, page 101:—

- (1) Delete resolution 4.
- (2) Resolution 5 to read:—4. "Any Circuit that is reduced to a Home Mission Station shall be entitled to a refund of all levies paid by it into this fund since the last removal."
- (3) Resolution 5:—"When a Home Mission Station is constituted a Circuit it shall immediately participate in the full benefits of this Fund."
- (4) Add Regulation 14:—"The Treasurers of this Fund are empowered to advance a reasonable portion of the removal expenses of any Minister who is moving in harmony with the rules of the Fund."
- (5) After Regulations 3 and 4 insert:—"N.B.—Paragraphs 3 and 4 do not apply to Probationers."

W. A. HAY, Chairman.  
B. J. JAMES, Convener.

The Report was received.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

That a levy of 2% on stipends, and of £4 per annum on Departments for each minister be authorised.

#### 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. This shall not apply to Probationers.

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.  
This shall not apply to Probationers.
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.
14. Circuits that are reduced to the status of Home Mission Stations, shall be entitled to a refund of all levies paid by it into this Fund since the last removal.
15. That where, on account of a shortage of Ministers, a Circuit receives a Ministerial Supply, such Circuit shall continue to pay the Circuit levies and shall receive the full benefits of the Fund.
16. That when a Home Mission Station is constituted a Circuit, it shall immediately participate in the full benefits of the Fund.
17. The Treasurers of this Fund are empowered to advance a reasonable portion of the Removal Expenses of any Minister who is moving in harmony with the Rules of the Fund.

That the following be the Committee for 1926:—Rev. W. A. Hay, E. D. Patchett, P. R. Paris, B. J. James, W. H. Speer, and H. L. Blamires, Messrs. W. H. Seed, A. A. Sandford, M. Kershaw, F. Thompson, W. Dobbs, H. W. Heslop, and A. Newman.

That the Treasurers, Rev. E. D. Patchett and Mr. A. A. Sandford, be thanked for their services, and that the Rev. W. A. Hay and Mr. A. A. Sandford be appointed Treasurers.

That the Convener, Rev. B. J. James, be thanked, and reappointed.

That the Opotiki Circuit share in the benefits of the Fund, less the amount already returned to the Circuit from the Fund.

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

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1925.**

Most encouraging reports have come to hand during the year from the Mission Field with regard to the progress of the work. Writing of Bougainville, where the work is still in the pioneer stage, the Chairman of the District states that "the work is going ahead by leaps and bounds." The designation of Mr. Voyce for appointment next year will make possible much needed advance on this island. The health of our missionaries has on the whole been satisfactory, and the work has gone on without interruption, except as furlough arrangements have necessitated the absence of workers.

**Furlough and Deputations.**

Arrangements for deputations from the field this year have been very satisfactory. The Rev. and Mrs. V. le C. Binet gave two months to the North Island, and the Rev. and Mrs. Tom Dent gave the same time to the South Island. Both deputations enjoyed good health, were able to keep every appointment, and succeeded in thoroughly interesting their audiences with the splendid story they had to tell of successful work in the Solomons.

Deputation arrangements for next year do not promise so well. Mr. Cropp is over-due for furlough, and should be the deputation for the North, but at present it is not advisable for him to leave his work on Bougainville sufficiently long to permit of a visit to New Zealand. The Rev. J. R. Metcalfe will be the deputation for the South Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Chivers are due for furlough, and are expected in the Dominion shortly.

**Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Jenkin.**

The visit of Mr. N. J. Jenkin to many of the northern Circuits was greatly appreciated. His appeal was largely to the laymen of the Church, and should result in increased interest on their part in the work of Foreign Missions. Mr. Jenkin generously refused to accept anything in payment of his travelling expenses, making the whole a contribution to the funds of the Missionary Society.

**Missionary Sisters.**

Sisters May Barnett, Lilian Berry and Ethel McMillan are on furlough after a strenuous term of service. Nurse Lily White and Sister Jean Dalziel have been accepted for appointment, and are already on the field. Sister Lily going to Bilua and Sister Jean to Choiseul. The Women's Missionary Union Executive willingly undertook the responsibility for the support of the additional Sister. Miss McDonald, of the Deaconess House, and Miss Adkin, of Levin, have been accepted for training, and are soon to enter St. Helens Hospital, Wellington.

**Medical Mission.**

After careful consideration, the Board has decided to send Dr. Sayers to the School of Tropical Medicine in London. He will probably be leaving in November as a ship's medical officer. It is hoped that he will be ready to proceed to the Mission Field towards the end of next year.

**Moving Picture.**

In accordance with the decision of last Conference, the Board has purchased the Dominion rights of the motion picture "The Transformed Isle." A projector has also been purchased, enabling the picture to be used in our own buildings. The picture has been shown in a great many

places this year with most satisfactory results, and it is proposed next year to make use of it in every country Circuit where electric light is available.

#### **Publications.**

Our publications continue to find favour with our people. "The Open Door," under the editorship of the General Secretary, has a circulation of 5500, and "The Lotu," under the editorship of the Rev. E. P. Blamires, 6200. There is still room for increase in the circulation of each paper.

#### **Finance.**

The financial year does not close until the end of December, so that it is impossible to give the result of the appeal this year. The amount received up to October 15th is £8151. This is only about £500 in advance of the amount in hand at that date last year, and does not promise well for obtaining the amount required this year, viz., £15,000. Failure to raise the amount required will involve serious consequences for the work in the Solomons. The Rev. J. F. Goldie reports that it is anticipated that the Mission District may reach £3500, an advance of £500 on the estimated income for the year. Legacies of £401 10s. 8d. from the late Mrs. Sowden, of Christchurch; £50 from the late Miss Butterick, of Wakanui, Ashburton; and £312 10s. on account of the legacy of £500 from the late William Winstone, of Mt. Albert, Auckland, have been received during the year.

#### **Centenary Fund**

The Centenary Fund Treasurer reported to the Conference that £5000 would be available from the Centenary Fund for Foreign Missions. Later in the year the Board of Missions was informed that a mistake had been made in the allocations, and that the amount available for Foreign Missions would only be £4300. This will probably involve an alteration in the allocation of the money as decided by the last Conference. The sum of £1500 has been received from the Centenary Fund Treasurers during the year, making a total received of £4000.

#### **Waikawau Trust.**

The sum of £900 is held by the Waikawau Trust Board, and is earmarked for the purchase of a printing press. The Board hopes to be able to provide the Mission Field with a suitable printing press next year, and enquiries are now being made as to the most suitable machine for the work which will have to be done.

#### **Miscellaneous.**

The Chairman of the District reports concerning the sawmill that the big plant is now in full operation. This is of great importance, in view of the large building programme ahead.

The Board is co-operating with other Missionary Societies in providing exhibits, curios and literature for the Missionary Court in the Dunedin Exhibition.

During the year the Board has taken possession of new offices in the Probert Chambers, which is the property of our Theological College. We are now provided with suitable accommodation for carrying on the work of the Missionary Society.

The General Secretary, in addition to the administrative duties of the office, has undertaken deputation work in 69 Circuits and 6 Home Mission Stations. The Rev. G. T. Marshall, Clerical Treasurer, has carried out all his duties in his usual careful and efficient manner.

The Board once more acknowledges its deep indebtedness to the Women's Auxiliaries for the splendid assistance they continue to render in supporting all the Missionary Sisters on the field. As a separate report is presented by the Women's Missionary Union it is not necessary to give a detailed account of the work of the Auxiliaries.

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 the missionary cause during the year.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

W. A. SINCLAIR, General Secretary.

## METHODIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

### The Treasurers' Report for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

The Treasurers have pleasure in presenting to the Mission Board the Balance-sheet and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 1925. The accounts have been duly audited, and the Auditor's certificate is attached.

The Balance-sheet shows that the assets of the Society exceed the liabilities by £2078 10s, an improvement upon the position at the beginning of the year, when the capital account was overdrawn to the amount of £193 18s 4d.

Legacies to the sum of £951 0s 5d have been received during the year. Of this sum, £500 has been placed to Working Capital Fund, £451 0s 5d to the Equipment Fund. £1500 has been received from the Centenary Fund, of which £750 has been placed to the Medical Mission Fund, and £750 has been used to pay the fifth and last instalment of the debt taken over from the Australasian Missionary Society.

The income for the year, including the £750 from the Centenary Fund for debt reduction, but excluding the other items mentioned above, was £17,650 18s 11d. The expenditure was £15,878 10s 7d—an excess of income over expenditure of £1772 8s 4d. This reduces the general deficit to £4110 6s 9d. The New Zealand contributions show an increase over 1924 of £866 19s 2d, and the Solomon Island contributions an increase of £1269 15s 8d.

The Banga Plantation Account, which is kept separate from the general accounts of the Society, shows a deficit on the year's working of £137 19s 11d. When this is compared with the deficit of £669 2s 0d in 1924, it will be seen that the Plantation is increasing rapidly in productiveness.

Viewing the improved condition of our funds at the present time, we thank God and take courage.

GEO. T. MARSHALL.

J. W. COURT,

} Treasurers.

## REPORT OF THE METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

### Auxiliaries.

There are at present 38 Auxiliaries affiliated with the Union, which number shows an increase of 5 for the year's work. The names of those newly affiliated are:—Hamilton East, Petone, Wakefield, Mata-mata and Rangiora.

The membership stands at 2419, an increase of 59 on the previous year.

### Extension Work.

After the Conference in Hastings in October, 1924, the President and Secretary visited the Nelson and Marlborough Districts, where, in some towns, new Auxiliaries were formed, while, in others, interest was stimulated in Auxiliaries already existing.

Mrs Avery has visited Ractihi, Marton and Stratford.

In Wellington the members have visited Petone and formed an Auxiliary there; while the Auxiliary at Rangiora is due to the efforts of the Christchurch members.

### Missionary Sisters.

On the Foreign Field there are seven Sisters supported by the Union. Two of these have gone out this year, viz., Sister Lily White, a Deaconess and a fully trained nurse, and Sister Jean Dalziel, a Deaconess, who has also had experience in the St. Helen's Hospital.

At present there are two applicants—Miss MacDonald, a trained Deaconess, of Christchurch, and Miss Adkin, of Levin—who, having been accepted for Foreign work, are waiting to enter St. Helen's Hospital, Wellington, where they will receive a year's training before taking up their new duties in the Solomons.

On the Home Field, working among the Maoris, there are two Sisters who are supported by the Union, viz., Sister Eleanor Dobby at Hokianga, and Sister Marion Fabrin, at Te Kuiti.

### Literature Department.

To quite a large extent interest among the members of the Auxiliaries is sustained by the reading of letters from the Sisters on the Field.

In order that all might have the benefit of this, it has been arranged that these letters go to the Literature Secretary, Mrs. Newcomb, who has them typed. Copies are then despatched to every Auxiliary.

### Conference.

This year the Conference will be held in Dunedin, from October 28th, to October 31st, inclusive. So far this has been an annual fixture, but a remit will come before the members this session suggesting that the Conference be only bi-annual or triennial.

### Box Department.

Under the able management of Mrs Smethurst, Dominion Box Organiser, this department has been well supported, and large supplies of gifts have gone to the Missionaries and the Sisters.

### Finance.

The Treasurer has this year received the sum of £2092 8s. 5d. The Credit Balance from last year was £510 1s. 7d., thus bringing the total income to £2602 10s. for 1925. The total income for the previous year was £1912 12s. 8d., of which £277 4s. 3d. was the Balance brought forward, thus it is seen that the increase on the sum actually raised during the year is £457.

### Union Executive.

The Union Executive is at present in Auckland, and will next month enter upon its third and final year of office. At the coming Conference the seat of the next Executive will be chosen.

(Signed) A. S. STEVENS, President.  
 M. S. CARR }  
 M. J. BUTTLE } Co-Secretaries.

The Report was received and adopted.

## REPORT.

The Report and Financial Statements were received and adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the following be the estimates of income for 1926:—

New Zealand .....	£13,500
Solomon Islands .....	£4,000

2. That the expenditure on the Mission Field be limited to £14,500, exclusive of amounts voted from the Equipment Fund for buildings.

## 3. BANGA PLANTATION.

1. The Conference expresses its satisfaction at the favourable character of the report on Banga Plantation, congratulates the chairman and those responsible for the results achieved, and trusts that a suitable manager for the Plantation may soon be found.
2. That all profits derived from the Banga Plantation, after the discharge of liabilities on it, be devoted to educational, industrial, agricultural, and medical work.
3. That the accumulated deficiency on the General Fund of £4110 6s 9d be transferred to the Banga Plantation Account, and that the interest due from this account to the General Fund be 5 per cent., instead of 6½ per cent.

## 4. INSURANCE.

That an Insurance and Depreciation Fund be established, and that at least 1 per cent of the missionary income in New Zealand be paid into the Fund annually.

## 5. WORKING CAPITAL FUND.

That the following alterations be made in the regulations of the Working Capital Fund, Minutes of Conference 1920, P. 94, Par. 2:—

1. That it be the aim of the Church to build up a Fund which shall be not less than the amount required for one year's working expenditure.
2. That the following take the place of Paragraph 5.  
That legacies up to the amount of £500 per annum be devoted to the Working Capital Fund, and that any money accruing from legacies above the amount of £500 be dealt with from time to time at the discretion of the Board.
6. That the General Secretary of the Australasian Board of Missions and the President of the New South Wales Conference be requested to arrange for the ordination of the Rev. A. H. Cropp in Sydney.
7. That Dr. Sayers spend not more than three months in hospital work at the conclusion of the session of the School of Tropical Medicine, and that the aim be for Dr Sayers to farewell at the Conference of 1927, and to leave for the Mission Field immediately afterwards.
8. That the editors of "The Open Door" (Rev W. A. Sinclair) and of "The Lotu" (Rev E. P. Blamires) be thanked for their services, and re-appointed.
9. SEMI-JUBILEE OF THE MISSION.

1. That a special deputation be sent from New Zealand to visit the Mission Field on the occasion of the celebration of the Semi-Jubilee of the Mission in 1927.

2. That, if possible, arrangements be made for the deputation to be on the field on May 23, the day on which the first Service was held in 1902.

3. That special services and meetings be held in the Home Churches on Sunday, May 22nd, and on Monday, May 23rd.

4. That the special feature of the year shall be the appointment of the first medical man to the Mission Field, and the establishment of medical work on a wider basis.

5. That a souvenir number of "The Open Door," and a supplement to "The Methodist Times," be published.

6. That the story of the Mission be published, and that the Rev J. F. Goldie, in conjunction with Mrs Goldie, be requested to undertake the preparation of the book, sufficient furlough to be given to enable Mr Goldie to do the work.

7. That the question of the number of the deputation be considered by the Board during the year, in consultation with Mr Goldie, and report to the Annual Meeting of the Board. That the Women's Missionary Union be requested to consider the possibility of representation of the Union on the deputation.

8. That the Board consider during the year the securing of another film during the visit of the deputation to the Mission Field.

#### 10. TONGA CENTENARY.

1. That the hearty congratulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand be tendered to the Methodist Church of Tonga upon its celebration of the completion of 100 years of continuous service in the Friendly Islands. We rejoice in the splendid record of missionary enterprise that has overcome the old heathen conditions, and brought to the Tongan people the blessings of an advanced Christian civilisation. We express our admiration of the noble missionary work done by the native Christian people, and acknowledge our own obligation to the Tongan Church for the gift of many devoted ministers and teachers to aid in the evangelisation of the Solomon Islands. We rejoice that the centenary of the work in Tonga is being celebrated by a united Church, and pray that the Divine blessing may continue to crown its work in the interests of the Kingdom of God.

2. That the Rev W. A. Sinclair be appointed to represent the New Zealand Church at the centenary celebrations in Tonga.

3. The Conference expresses its great satisfaction that Miss Gwen Blamires and Miss Ruth Fabrin, two well-equipped New Zealand teachers, have volunteered and been accepted for educational service with the Methodist Church of Tonga, and prays that the blessing of God may attend them as they take up this important work in the Friendly Islands.

#### 11. INCORPORATION OF THE BOARD.

That during this year the Board consider the advisability of having the Board of Foreign Missions incorporated.

#### 12. WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Conference expresses its gratification at the success attained by the Women's Missionary Union, appreciates the splendid educational

work it is doing in the Church, and prays that God's blessing may rest on all future undertakings.

That the Women's Missionary Union be requested to consider the possibility of undertaking full responsibility for the support of Missionary Sisters, including all allowances and payments on their behalf.

13. That Question 31 in the order of Synod business be enlarged to include "The Lotu," as well as "The Open Door."

14. That all male candidates for the Mission Field be given an opportunity to gain knowledge of the working of an internal combustion engine.

15. That the question of the rota of the retirement of distant members be considered by the Board during the year, and a report presented thereon to the next Annual Meeting.

16. That the constitution of the Board of Missions be amended to provide for the addition of five members resident in Auckland, one of whom shall be a lady.

17. That the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr J. W. Court be heartily thanked for their services, and be re-appointed.

18. That the following be the Board of Missions for 1926: The President of the Conference (Rev. P. N. Knight), the General Secretary (Rev. W. A. Sinclair), the Treasurers (Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr J. W. Court), the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District (Rev. J. F. Goldie), Mesdames G. Bowron, T. R. Hodder, T. H. Stevens, Miss Carr, Miss J. Buttle, the Chairman of the Auckland District (Rev. E. Drake), Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, C. H. Olds, A. Ashcroft, T. W. Vealie, J. E. Parsons, H. Ryan, Samuel 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, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, E. H. Burton, F. Thompson, B. J. Lynneberg, T. R. Hodder, E. Dixon.

19. The Conference tenders its thanks to members and adherents of the Church in providing the sum of £12,699 for the Foreign Mission Work; it thanks District, Circuit and Local Secretaries, Collectors and "Open Door" Agents, and all who have in any way assisted in the Missionary effort of the year. It expresses profound appreciation of the sacrificial giving of the members of the Church on the Mission Field and sends to them its heartiest thanks and greetings.

#### DISTRICT MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.

Auckland:—The Chairman of the District, Revs. L. B. Dalby, A. Ashcroft, C. H. Olds, J. E. Parsons, T. W. Vealie, H. Ryan, W. T. Blight, G. S. Cook, Messrs W. S. Mackay, S. E. Chappell, F. G. Steinert. Convener, Rev. H. Ryan.

South Auckland:—Included in District Executive.

Taranaki-Wanganui:—Chairman of the District, Revs. E. T. Cox, W. H. E. Abbey, W. W. Avery, S. Keen, D. Hickman, Messrs. W. G. Bassett, F. J. Denton, S. J. Goodey, F. Whitlock, S. Newsome, Mesdames Gilling, Goodey, E. R. Morgan, Andrew, Warwick, Misses Coleman and Hartnell. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:—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. Convener, Rev. F. Copeland.

Wellington:—Included in District Executive.

Nelson:—Superintendents of Nelson and Richmond Circuits, Mesdames Kemp and Scantlebury, Misses P. Smith and D. Nightingale, Messrs. Gorman, A. A. Lucas, M. Smith, R. Marshall and L. White. Convener, Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A. (President of the Conference).

North Canterbury:—Included in District Executive.

South Canterbury:—Included in District Executive.

Otago-Southland:—Included in District Executive.

#### DISTRICT FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Rev. H. Ryan.

South Auckland—Rev. F. E. Leadley.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Rev. F. Copeland.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. W. W. Avery.

Wellington—Rev. J. A. Lochore.

Nelson—The President of the Conference (Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.)

North Canterbury—Rev. S. J. Werren

South Canterbury—Rev. R. B. Tinsley

Otago-Southland—Rev. A. Hopper.

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

#### HOME MISSION REPORT.

The blessing of Almighty God has been manifestly upon the activities of the Department during the year, and the various branches of the work have been progressively developed by strenuous labour on the part of Committee and Staff.

Under the general guidance of the Board, the Executive and sub-Committees, and the District Committees, have given effective oversight to those different phases of our Church Life and Work for which the Department is responsible to the Conference. Almost all of the District Committees have shewn both wisdom and zeal, and also a real spirit of helpfulness, in the way they have handled their heavy responsibilities, and they have placed not only their own Districts, but the whole Connexion under a debt of gratitude. Certain of the District Committees, however, while doing useful work, have been much behind the majority in manifestation of interest and enthusiasm concerning the constructive part of the programme of the Department, and the Board would be grateful to see them endeavouring to draw up level with the others.

##### 1. Spiritual Advance.—

This Movement has made itself felt in every district, with varying but real success. In some Circuits great and permanent results have been achieved, and on the whole the year's organised Spiritual Advance

Movement has been justified many times over by its results. In this however, as in many other similar matters, the Districts and Circuits that have the greatest need for such a Movement seem least conscious of their need. Indeed, a number of Circuits and Home Mission Stations have scarcely realised as yet that such a Movement is afoot, and it may be at least another year before they even begin to feel its impulse. For the sake, therefore, not only of those Circuits that are reaping such a fine harvest from the Movement, but also of those that are as yet almost untouched, it is imperative that the Movement be continued.

The Board therefore recommends:—

- (a) That at least one special series of Mission Services be held at each church and preaching place every year.
- (b) That more definite and frequent appeals for immediate decisions, and for reconsecrations be made in the ordinary services.
- (c) That greater emphasis be placed upon the spiritual value of the Communion and Covenant Services.
- (d) That Church Membership Preparatory Classes be given a prominent place in the yearly programme of each church, and that public reception services be held at least once a year.
- (e) That all ministers, officials, and other church workers be strongly urged to concentrate, with careful thought, prayer and enthusiasm, their best efforts upon the vital spiritual work of the Church.
- (f) That the Department should continue to produce and circulate literature similar to that sent out during the year.
- (g) That Resolutions 5 and 6 on page 114, 1925 Min. of Conference be reaffirmed.

## 2. Evangelistic Work.—

The District Committees have, in most cases, found Ministers and Home Missionaries and Lay Preachers very willing to render service in special Evangelistic Work. One of the most encouraging results achieved has been the discovery in some of the brethren of evangelistic gifts hitherto unsuspected. The further development of these gifts is a duty they owe to the Kingdom of Christ. Scores of successful Missions have been held throughout the Dominion, both in city and country. It is to be regretted, however, that in some cases the preparation has been very imperfect, and the local minister and people seemed to expect the Missioner to bring a revival, and, in some cases also, a congregation, in his handbag.

Our Home Mission Evangelist (Mr. Hooper) has done good work in some of the more needy areas, and his services are still very much in demand. Although exceptional weather conditions this year handicapped many of the Missions, much good work has been accomplished, and the Circuits visited by the Evangelist are stronger spiritually as a result of the Missions held.

Preliminary arrangements are now well in hand for the visit of Gipsy Smith next year. The Gipsy is due to arrive in New Zealand in August, and will conduct missions in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. The Gipsy will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Young, who have rendered invaluable assistance to the Gipsy in his great British campaigns. Mr. Young is a gifted musician, and Mrs. Young is a talented worker and speaker. The Gipsy, while a loyal

Methodist, desired to come to New Zealand as the ambassador of all the evangelical churches; therefore the Board approached our sister Churches seeking their co-operation. Very cordial replies were received, and representatives have been appointed to co-operate with our own representatives as a Committee to organise and control the whole of the arrangements for the New Zealand Gipsy Smith Campaign. The Dominion may confidently anticipate a real spiritual uplift as a result of this visit from one who is recognised to be the greatest of living evangelists.

### 3. Church Extension.—

The 1925 Conference made new appointments to, or revived old ones at the following places:—Wairoa, Sumner, Mokau, Broadwood, Kaihu, Tuakau and Tuatapere, and the districts concerned should be permanently influenced for good by these extensions of our activities. Almost, if not quite as important, is the local extension work being done by established Circuits and Stations.

The Spiritual Advance Movement has had the effect of making some of our Circuits and Stations more missionary in their local, spiritual and social activities. Many preaching places have thus been opened or re-opened, and the Board is of the opinion that Conference should direct that all District Committees give still closer attention to this matter, and encourage Circuits to recognise their responsibility with regard to adjacent "No Man's Land." With renewed spiritual vitality in our churches and the increase of Lay Preachers and Missionary Bands, workers should be available for this urgent work of evangelising the needy areas adjacent to and some cases indeed, within the Circuit boundaries.

### 4. Aided Circuits and Home Mission Stations.—

For many years the "Watchmen" of our Church have been calling attention to the urgent need for inspirational and organising work by some trained and gifted visitor in the struggling Circuits and H.M. Stations. This need is now being met by the Department. After giving the necessary time and attention to the opening of Wairoa with the Tent Mission, the Assistant Superintendent visited Paraparaumu, Taumarunui, Ngarurwahia, Huntly, Whakatane, Opotiki, Apiti, Hawarden, Cromwell, Roxburgh, Milton, Bluff, and Nightcaps. At almost all these places Mr. Olds remained long enough to confer with all the people interested in the activities of our Church. Inspirational services and meetings were held, assistance was given to local organisation and finance, and almost invariably a general uplift of a solid character resulted from the visit.

### 5. Literature and Colporteur Work.—

This sub-Department is at yet but in the initial stages of development. The Appeal for the inaugural fund of £1000 has met with general approval. But it is very necessary for us to go slowly in the development of this important work until we have a reasonable amount of cash in hand. Meanwhile, we have been completing our scheme of organisation and methods of work for this sub-Department. The Board is getting a suitable motor van built, and the L. and C. sub-Committee is securing a small stock of suitable literature.

### 6. Home Mission Anniversary Services and Meetings.—

The 1924 Conference decided that there should be, in connection with the Circuit H.M. Anniversary, a visitation of every Circuit by "a Deputation of a type that should be both inspirational and educational,

and which, especially in the case of the weaker Circuits and H.M. Stations, should seek to assist and give impetus to the local work, as well as gain support for the Home Mission Fund."

It will be generally acknowledged that this ideal has been reasonably attained during the two years in which the Maori Parties have rendered such effective service.

The General Superintendent is, however, strongly of the opinion that an effort should be made in 1926 to use the gifts of Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Ministers with Home Mission experience.

#### 7. Agents and Appointments.—

Through sickness and other causes it was found necessary to alter several appointments early in the year. The Board was fortunate, however, in that in every case, the District Chairman, and the Stations concerned, were satisfied, if not gratified, with the alteration. The appointments referred to now stand thus:—Lawrence, Bridgman; Maori Hill, Foot; Broad Bay, Hemmings; Methven, Henderson; Broadwood, McDonald; Whakatane, Tulloch.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted, also the Estimates of Income and Expenditure and the Financial Statement of the Colporteur and Literature Fund.

The Home Mission Report was received and adopted, with slight alterations as hereunder:—

### GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

#### I. Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

- (a) That Section 20, Clause B, be amended to read:—Increasing the retiring allowances of Home Missionaries who have contributed for seven years continuously to the Fund, and who have complied with the Rules relating to the conditions of status.
- (b) That Section 22 be deleted.
- (c) That Section 23 be amended to read:—"If a Home Missionary or a Home Missionary Probationer enters the ministry, or the service of another Church, or withdraws after less than seven years' continuous service, unless on account of ill-health, or having reached the age of retirement, he shall be entitled only to a refund of his personal contributions with interest on the same.
- (d) That the Nota Bene after Section 24 be deleted at the close of the current year.
- (e) That Section 25 be amended to read:—"Any Home Missionary or Home Missionary Probationer now employed retiring from the work or entering the ministry after seven years' of continuous service, unless excepted as herein provided, shall be entitled to the full benefits of the Fund. Those entering the work at or after the Conference of 1926 shall, on retiring after seven years of continuous service, unless on account of ill-health or reaching the retiring age, only be entitled to benefits as per Section 9, Clauses (a) and (b), and shall forfeit any benefits derivable from (c) and (d) in the same Section. They shall also forfeit the benefits derivable under Clause (b) of Section 20.

N.B.—The Board shall have the power to suspend the operation of the latter part of this Rule in cases of special hardship.

- (f) That Rule 9, Clause (a) be amended by the addition of the words, "surrendered contributions shall be regarded as part of the surplus of the Fund, available for distribution."

## II. Literature and Colporteur Work.

- (a) That two Colporteurs be appointed in 1926.
- (b) That they be supported from the general Home Mission Fund, so as to do away with the necessity for the two Appeals every year.
- (c) That, for the present, the Special Fund now being established be used solely for the purchase and publication of literature for general working expenses.
- (d) That the proceeds from the sales of literature be paid into this Special Fund
- (e) That all Home Missionaries be directed to act as Agents of the Society, and that they receive, as a slight remuneration for this special work, a small percentage on the sales effected.
- (f) That Ministers—particularly those stationed in the country districts, be requested to act as Agents for the Society.
- (g) That at all Quarterly Meetings of Home Mission Stations and of Circuits where Home Missionaries are employed, the question be asked—What work has been done during the quarter for the Literature and Colporteur Society?

## III. Home Mission Deputations, Etc.

- (a) That in the carrying out during 1926 of the Conference decision as recorded in Par. (j), Section 2, Page 116, Min. of 1924 Conference, the services of Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Ministers with Home Mission experience be utilised.
- (b) That Circuit H.M. Committees be requested to secure the assistance of the best local talent to support the Deputation, and thus make a real success of the H.M. Anniversary Services and Festivals.
- (c) That real H.M. Anniversary Services (not merely the taking of the H.M. Collection) and also a week-night Home Mission Anniversary Festival be held in every preaching place each year.
- (d) That a carefully systematised effort be made by every Circuit to send the right type of collectors to secure a subscription each year from every member, adherent and well-wisher.
- (e) That while appreciating, as expressed in another resolution, the generous response of our people to the 1925 Home Mission appeal, the Conference draw the attention of all Ministers, Circuit officials, and H.M. Secretaries and Collectors to the fact that because of the urgent requirements of our advance movements in the Maori, Literature and Colporteur, Social and General Work, the Conference estimate of expenditure for 1926 exceeds the estimate of income for the same period by about £1420. The need, therefore, for an even more generous response this year than that of 1925 is apparent, and the Conference calls upon every Circuit and H.M. Station to do its utmost for the Home Mission Fund this year.

#### IV. Social Work.

That the Conference, recognising the urgent need of the Church's extending its Social Service operations, request the Wellington District Executive, in consultation with the Home Mission Board, to investigate thoroughly the possibilities of social work in the city of Wellington, with a view to initiating there, as soon as possible, this branch of practical Christian duty.

#### V. Home Missionaries' Reports.

That the regulation concerning the Home Missionaries' written reports be amended to read:—That each Home Missionary in charge of a Circuit or Station shall prepare quarterly in duplicate a brief report of his work and of the state of the Circuit in general, and shall forward, immediately after the Quarterly Meeting, one copy to the General Superintendent, and the other to the Chairman of his District. In each case a copy of the Quarterly Balance-sheet shall be attached.

#### VI. Supervision.

That in all cases where the Conference shall determine that a Circuit to which a Probationer is appointed, or a Home Mission Station, shall be placed under the supervision of the Superintendent of an adjacent Circuit, such supervision shall be exercised in consultation with the Chairman of the District concerned. This provision, however, shall not contravene any regulation affecting the rights and privileges of a Chairman of a District as Superintendent of such a Circuit or Home Mission Station.

#### VII. Regrouping.

- (a) That the Home Mission Board consider during the year the whole question of the grouping of our Agents, and of the boundaries of the Circuits and Home Mission Stations in the North Auckland District, with a view to securing greater efficiency and the better co-ordination of the Maori and the general work.
- (b) That for the present the Auckland and North Auckland Maori Circuits be worked as one Circuit, with Sectional Quarterly Meetings under the superintendency of the Kaipara Superintendent.

#### VIII. Life Membership of the Board.

That Mr. T W. Jones be appointed a life member of the Board.

That Ngaruawahia and Huntly be placed under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Hamilton East Circuit.

That Portland and Hikurangi be placed under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Whangarei Circuit.

#### VOTES OF APPRECIATION.

That the Conference express its appreciation of the increasing interest which is being manifested throughout the whole Church in the ideals and funds of the Home Mission Department, and cordially thank the District and Circuit Secretaries, Committees, workers and subscribers for their self-sacrificing and record efforts during the year.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. A. J. Seamer, General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, for his excellent and successful service during the year. The Conference particularly appreciates his wisdom and judgment in dealing with Maori matters during a most critical period. It further expresses thanks for the splendid services rendered by the Maori Party in deputation work in 1925, and congratulates Mr. Seamer upon the educational, inspirational and financial success achieved.

That the expectations of the Conference in the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent having been fully realised in the admirable services rendered by the Rev. E. T. Olds, the best thanks of Conference be accorded him.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the General Treasurer for his invaluable services, and that he be reappointed.

That Mr. J. Veale be heartily thanked for his services as Lay Treasurer, and that he be reappointed.

That the Chairman of the Board, Rev. E. Drake, be thanked for his valuable services during the year.

That the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., be thanked for his efficient services, and that he be reappointed.

That the thanks of Conference be tendered to Mr. G. O. Blakey, Treasurer of the Literature and Colporteur Fund for his services during the year.

#### HOME MISSION BOARD FOR 1926.

The General Superintendent (Rev. A. J. Seamer), the Assistant Superintendent (Rev. E. T. Olds), the General Treasurer (Rev. G. Bond), the Lay Treasurer (Mr. J. Veale), the Corresponding Secretary (Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A.), the Life Members (Rev. T. G. Brooke and Messrs. J. Veale and T. W. Jones), with the Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits and Messrs. 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, C. Bycroft, E. O. Chivers, W. Ambury, C. H. Virtue, J. Reed and J. Smith. Convener, The General Superintendent.

#### DISTRICT HOME MISSION SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Rev. F. T. Read.

South Auckland—Rev. F. E. Leadley.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. P. J. Cossum

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Rev. H. T. Peat

Wellington—Rev. W. Rowe.

Nelson—Rev. J. Featherston

North Canterbury—Rev. L. B. Neale

South Canterbury—Rev. P. I. Cooke

Otago-Southland—Rev. E. S. Harkness

#### Sub-District Home Mission Secretaries

Hawke's Bay—Rev. F. Copeland

Southland—Rev. S. Bailey

### DISTRICT HOME MISSION COMMITTEES.

Auckland—The Superintendents of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Revs. S. Griffith and F. T. Read, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, W. S. Stone, W. Ambury, A. Kendall, A. W. Parker, O. Paterson, A. J. Buttle, J. W. Shackelford. Convener, Rev. F. T. Read.

South Auckland—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. F. E. Leadley.

Taranaki-Wanganui—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth and Waitara Circuits, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, M.P., R. Pepperell, P. J. White, C. Carter, A. G. Fischer, E. Taylor, J. Gibson, J. T. Griffin and P. Okey. Convener, Rev. P. J. Cossum.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Ministers of Palmerston North, Feilding, Sanson-Rongotea, Woodville, Pahiatua and Foxton 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. Convener, Rev. H. T. Peat.

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

Wellington—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. W. Rowe.

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

North Canterbury—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. L. B. Neale.

South Canterbury—Ministers of Timaru Circuit, Messrs. A. Stead, H. H. Brown and W. G. Irwin, with the Ministers of Waimate, Temuka and Geraldine Circuits and Mr. A. W. Barnett, corresponding members. Convener, Rev. P. I. Cooke.

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

Sub-Committee (Southland)—The Ministers of the Invercargill, Bluff and Gore Circuits, with Messrs. Pearce, F. W. Preddy, A. S. Froggatt, C. F. Roberts, W. Mitchell and W. Kellow. Convener, Rev. S. Bailey.

### SPIRITUAL ADVANCE RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That, if possible, at least one special series of Mission Services be held at each church and preaching place every year.
- 2.—That more definite and frequent appeals for immediate decisions, and for reconsecrations be made in the ordinary services.
- 3.—That greater emphasis be placed upon the spiritual value of the Communion and Covenant Services.
- 4.—That Church Membership Preparatory Classes be given a prominent place in the yearly programme of each church, and that public reception services be held at least once a year.
- 5.—That all ministers, officials, and other church workers be strongly urged to concentrate, with careful thought, prayer and enthusiasm, their best efforts upon the vital spiritual work of the Church.

- 6.—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.
- 7.—That we pledge ourselves to do something definite along lines of personal advocacy for the Saviour during the next twelve months.
- 8.—That the following special Sundays be set aside this year, and that on each occasion appropriate sermons be preached, and suitable leaflets, previously supplied by the Department, be distributed.

May 16—Young People's Day.

July 18—Church Rally Day.

September 19—Personal Evangelism Day.

November 21—Christian Stewardship Day.

N.B.—Local circumstances may prevent strict adherence to the dates specified. Where such is the case, the previous or the following Sunday should be substituted.

The question of preparing leaflets for non-church goers was referred to the Home Mission Board with power to act.

- 9.—That the Conference express its joy and gratitude that the world-famed evangelist, Gipsy Smith, is for the first time about to visit New Zealand for the purpose of conducting missions in the four chief cities of the Dominion. The Conference lovingly and earnestly calls upon the whole Church to assist by prayer and active work in making this series of missions the greatest and best that the Dominion has ever experienced.
- 10.—That a suitable night cable be sent to Gipsy Smith welcoming him to Australasia, and assuring him of our prayers and support in connection with his approaching visit to New Zealand.
- 11.—That where it is not possible to hold effective Covenant Service on the first Sunday in January, the Service be held on Whit Sunday.
- 12.—That the Conference Committee dealing with the revision and publication of the Book of Offices be requested to revise and abbreviate the form of the Covenant Service.
- 13.—That the thanks of the Conference be accorded Revs. W. B. Scott and J. E. Parsons for their services during the year as Editors of the Home Mission and Spiritual Advance Columns of the "Methodist Times."
- 14.—That the Conference express its appreciation of the self-sacrificing and earnest work of the Home Mission Evangelist, Rev. W. T. Hooper, during the past year.
15. That the following be the official representatives of the Home Mission Department at the Dr. Mott Missionary Conference:—  
Revs. W. Walker, E. O. Blamires, W. B. Scott, W. Wills, J. Richards and A. J. Seamer, Messrs. J. B. Shacklock, W. M. Roberts, Mesdames G. W. Davies and Harkness.
- 16.—That the whole question of the status and staffing of aided Circuits and Home Mission Stations be referred to the Home Mission Board for full consideration during the year, to report through the Synods to next Conference.

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

**THE REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD ON THE MAORI WORK.**

It is quite impossible to review the present position of our Maori Mission without experiencing a deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God for the wonders He has wrought.

The general and religious apathy that was so apparent among most of the Maori tribes twenty years ago has now given place to strenuous activities born of a new hope. With the recognition that the physical decline of the race has been stemmed, and that most of the tribes were increasing in numbers, there has developed, in harmony with the general world movement, a new confidence, and, indeed, a somewhat exaggerated race consciousness. Springing from these there have arisen Religious and Superstitious Movements, some valuable, others dangerous. As the ancient Israelite's conception of God's relationship to man centred more in God's dealings with the nation than with the individual, so it is with the Maori of to-day. Even though he may not be conscious that God is speaking to him as an individual, he claims that God is speaking to his race. Not only has there been great enthusiasm shown in the genuine Religious Revival Movements more or less in harmony with New Testament Teaching, such as the Ratana and the Tuhura Movements, but also a certain recrudescence and definite re-organisation in certain localities of Superstitutions such as the Ringatu, Paimarire, Te Whiti and Tohu cults.

All thoughtful students of Maori life to-day recognise that an entirely new situation has arisen which, while taxing the wisdom and patience of Mission Workers, is nevertheless opening up great possibilities of progress. We rejoice in these possibilities. Racial consciousness is, however, among certain tribes, running to extremes, and the solid facts of life in New Zealand will cause a reaction within a few years; for, strictly speaking, it is not after all the Maori themselves that are increasing, but those of mixed blood; and in this the hand of destiny is shown. Wise leaders, in both Church and State, while recognising the necessity for certain adaptation to meet the present situation, will not be led into any panic legislation that would jeopardise the future.

The Ratana Movement is still causing great excitement in certain circles. For ourselves, we prefer not to oppose Maori Movements as such, but to oppose only those features of them that are likely to be detrimental to the Kingdom of Christ, and, on the other hand, to encourage those features of them that are in the interests of that Kingdom.

The formal registration of the Ratana Church created a new situation that was at once carefully investigated. By the end of July, the Board declared its policy by passing the following resolution, a copy of which was sent to every Minister and Home Missionary of our Church, and also to the Leaders of other Churches and Missions:—“That while regretting the schism created by the establishment of the New Maori Church and deprecating the secession of any of our Church members, the Board unanimously re-endorses the policy agreed upon by our Maori Workers' Conference, held on June 15th, and endorsed by a special meeting of the Board, held on June 16th (the decisions being on all occasions unanimous).

"That policy, briefly stated, is as follows:—

- "1. That we go straight on with our own work without making any unnecessary comments concerning the New Organisation.
- "2. That the pamphlet "Te Hahi Meteoriti" (The Methodist Church) be freely circulated amongst our own Maori people so that they may have clear guidance concerning Methodist doctrines.
- "3. That no opposition to the Movement be shewn by our Workers, as such a method would serve no good purpose, but would probably drive the New Movement to extremes, and also create bitterness than would last for generations. At the same time it is understood that our Workers will, in Christian love and charity, make our own teaching clear to the people, and will be loyal to our Church and her standards, and that any associations with the new Movement will be for the purpose of assisting to keep its teaching in harmony with New Testament teaching."

The Board has received replies from the Rev. T. G. Hammond, and from senior Presbyterian Missionaries expressing cordial approval of our policy. No adverse criticism has come to hand.

As there are at present strong feelings of rivalry existing between the various Maori Movements and between some of those Movements and certain of the Churches, it is imperative that, to avoid misunderstandings, we should work quietly and patiently. At the same time, the great and increasing prestige of our Historic Mission demands that we should play no ignoble part during the clash of ideas, as well as of organisations, that is so manifest in most of the Maori Mission Districts to-day. We are strenuously but unostentatiously emphasizing the great Christian principles for which our Mission stands, and, while patient with extremists of all types, we are in no way slackening our own witness.

The Board requests that discreet reticence be observed at present concerning the Ratana Movement, as sufficient data is not yet available for profitable discussion. It is confidently anticipated, however, that that data will be available before Conference assemblies, and the Board hopes to submit a valuable supplementary report on the question.

We are glad to be able to report much faithful work on the part of our Maori Ministers, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Nurses. In general, steady and consistent progress is being made. In the Waikato, one of the most difficult districts that we have to deal with, very definite advances have been made during the year, and converts have been won both from Maori Superstitions and from Mormonism.

The Deaconesses are now making their influence felt throughout the greater part of our Mission Fields, and the results of their work still continue to gladden our hearts. The Board recommends that an additional Deaconess be appointed, and is assured that no recommendation in connection with the work will appeal more strongly to the Conference.

The King Country Hospital Committee Report shows that quiet but valuable work is being done.

The Evangelistic Work has not been overlooked during the year, and good results have been recorded, but for reasons already stated, we have moved very steadily in these matters.

It is confidently anticipated that the establishment of the Literature and Colporteur Work will prove an invaluable asset to our general organisation.

The Rev. R. T. Haddon has rendered very effective service in the Prohibition Cause during the year.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent

## RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Conference reaffirms its full confidence in the policy of the General Superintendent and the Home Mission Board in relation to the Ratana Movement.
- 2.—That Rev. R. Tahupotiki Haddon be appointed Senior Maori Superintendent.
- 3.—That the Conference express its appreciation of the work of Rev. R. Tahupotiki Haddon on behalf of the cause of Temperance, and that he be permitted to spend half of his time in the service of the New Zealand Alliance.
- 4.—That Sister Nicholls be attached to Auckland Synod.

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

## REPORT OF DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

It is with profound gratitude to God for His unfailing goodness that we send this Report of another year's work. In every department of the Mission the work has been well maintained.

It is a constant source of encouragement to see the large numbers of young men and women who attend the evening services. We are keenly conscious of the opportunity, and of the responsibility which this fact presents.

The labours of Sister Hazel have greatly contributed to the success achieved. Throughout the year an advertisement has appeared in the newspapers twice a week inviting lonely girls, and girls in need of friendly advice, to call upon our Sister. In this way a considerable number have been helped to renewed courage and a better life.

The Business Girls' Luncheon Club and Rest Room have met a felt need in the life of the city.

**Social Work.**

We are glad to report considerable advance in this department.

This has been made possible by the Mayor, Mr. H. L. Tapley, M.P., granting the Mission the right to participate in public patriotic funds. Approximately the sum of £140 has been spent in ministering to the needs of the sick and the poor.

**Finance.**

With a view to reducing our heavy liabilities, Miss Boot generously promised that providing the sum of £750 was raised, she would donate a further sum of £250. By dint of special efforts, appeals, and avoiding all unnecessary expenditure, this condition was fulfilled, and it is with great gladness we report a reduction of £1000 in the Trust Debt. As the result of the Connexional appeal we received £155 14s. for which we are truly grateful.

The present debt is £9200. It is our intention to launch another appeal to still further reduce the debt this year.

We regret to report that Miss Boot has returned to England after 10 years faithful and devoted service to the Mission.

Throughout the year there has been the closest co-operation between the Superintendent and the officials.

W. WALKER,  
Mission Superintendent.

The Report was received and adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS.

That Conference place on record its appreciation of the report of the Dunedin Central Mission, especially the reduction of debt by £1000, and the increased activity in social work, and commends the Mission to the continued support of the whole Church.

That in future a report of the Central Mission be printed in the Agenda.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1925.

The work of the Institution has been carried out successfully during the year. Three students have been in training, viz., Miss Mills, Miss McDonald and Miss Jeffries. All have worked conscientiously, and creditably passed the usual examinations. Miss Mills and Miss McDonald complete their Deaconess House training at the close of the year. The former has been appointed as Deaconess to the Wellington South Church, the latter, Miss McDonald, has offered for service in the Solomons.

There have been six hostel boarders in residence throughout the year. Four of these will, in the ordinary course, be leaving at the end of the year, and there will consequently be vacancies for a similar number for 1926-7.

It is regretted that owing to a breakdown in health, Miss French, a student in training in 1924, was unable to enter upon her second year.

Sister Lily White, of Wellington South, and Sister Jean Dalziel, of Adington, have been accepted for the Foreign Field.

The Committee, with very sincere regret, have to report the resignation of Sister Ruth as Superintendent. In May last, owing to a serious breakdown in health, Sister Ruth was granted three months sick leave. Unfortunately she has since decided that her condition will not permit of her resuming charge of the Institution. Her resignation was accepted with great regret, to take effect as from the end of October. The Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the devoted and highly valuable service rendered by Sister Ruth during her occupancy of the position of Superintendent, and it is hoped that her services may in time be again at the disposal of our Church.

Sister Annie Tocker has efficiently carried on the work as Acting-Superintendent.

The Committee is pleased to be able to report that Mrs. W. J. Williams (Sister Olive) was offered and has been pleased to accept the Superintendency of the Institution. The Rev. W. J. Williams also having residence at Deaconess House as Hon. Chaplain. The Committee is confident that this arrangement will commend itself to Conference, and ensure the highest order of training for those young women of our Church who may have it in their hearts to offer for Deaconess or Mission service.

It is matter for regret that the social work entered upon at the beginning of the year has been disappointing, in that it was found impossible by Sister Annie Tocker to do the work she desired except at a financial cost greater than could be undertaken. The first few months were spent in investigation by Sister Annie, who was then called upon

by the Committee to relieve Sister Ruth as already stated. Much good work has, however, been done by lectures on suitable subjects to the various women's organisations throughout the district.

The Committee desires to recommend the following resolution for acceptance by Conference:—

That with a view to distinguishing the members of the Order of Methodist Deaconesses from other women church workers who may be known as Sisters, we recommend that all who have been dedicated as Deaconesses should use the letters O.M.D. (Order of Methodist Deaconesses) after their names, e.g., Sister Jane, O.M.D., or Sister Jane Smith, O.M.D.

That we recommend Conference to give effect to this resolution in printing the names in the Official List of Deaconesses in the Minutes of Conference, and in the inscription placed in the Bible given at the Dedication Service.

During the year a canvass of the Auckland friends was made in the interests of the Institution funds by Messrs. Bowron and Isitt and Mrs. W. J. Williams. The deputation was very cordially received by those waited upon, and a generous response resulted. Over £800 being received in cash and promises; about £250 having been already received.

The Committee received during the year a further grant of £539 7s. 6d. from the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund, and the balance due on account of the old Deaconess House (£50) has also been paid. As a result, the Committee has been able to reduce to balance due on the present Deaconess House by £1000—leaving an amount of £1100 still due.

Application is formally made for the usual grants from Contingent Fund (£75), Home Mission Fund (£75), Foreign Mission Board (£75), and Connexional Insurance Fund (£100), for maintenance purposes.

The following are nominated for the Committee for 1926:—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, E. C. Brown, A. Borrows, C. A. Newman, W. Dobbs, G. Bowron, H. W. Heslop, and the five ladies of the House Committee.

With a view to encouraging offers from our young women for Deaconess service, a circular letter was recently issued to every minister of our Church, setting forth the need for enlistment and the opportunities for training offered at Deaconess House, but the results so far have not been inspiring, and this opportunity is taken to again urge our ministers to a keener interest in this department of our Church work.

We have to thank the Associate Members and the Women's Auxiliaries for their continued interest and support, and to express thanks to the ladies of the House Committee, and to the hon. lecturers for further willing and efficient services, and also to Mr. D. T. Lucas, whose advice and services as architect are willingly rendered when needed. The services of the foregoing have contributed much to the successful working of the Institution, and are greatly appreciated by the Committee.

W. ARTHUR HAY, Chairman.

C. A. NEWMAN, Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted, with the exception of the paragraph relating to the use of the letters "O.M.D." by Deaconesses who have been trained at Deaconess House.

## RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Conference regrets to learn that, owing to ill-health, Sister Ruth has been compelled to resign from her position of Lady Superintendent. It places on record its appreciation of her services.
- 2.—That the Conference learns with pleasure that Mrs. W. J. Williams (Sister Olive) has been appointed Lady Superintendent, and the Rev. W. J. Williams, Resident Chaplain.
- 3.—That the lecturers of Deaconess House, together with the Rev. W. J. Williams, be a committee to arrange the studies for this year; the Secretary of the Board of Examiners to be a corresponding member.
- 4.—That the following grants be made for 1926:—Contingent Fund, £75; Foreign Mission Fund, £75; Home Mission Board, £75; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £100.
- 5.—That the lecturers be thanked for their services.
- 6.—That the Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. C. A. Newman) be thanked for his services, and reappointed.
- 7.—That the Board for 1926 be as follows:— 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.L.C., E. C. Brown, A. Borrows, C. A. Newman, W. Dobbs, G. Bowron, H. W. Heslop, and the five ladies of the House Committee.

## OFFICIAL LIST OF DEACONESSES AND PROBATIONERS.

## Home Work—

## Deaconesses—

- Sister "May," Masterton Children's Home.
- \*1914 Sister "Annie" Tocker, 36 Macfarlane Street. (With Government Department).
- \*1918 Sister "Winifred" Beaumont, Pitt Street, Auckland.
- 1918 Sister "Hazel" Hamilton, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- 1920 Sister "Mildred" West, Ashburton.
- 1920 Sister "Bessie" Macfarlane, Aro Street Mission, Wellington.
- 1921 Sister "May" Ralph, Broad Street, Palmerston North.

## Probationer—

- \*1926 Sister "Norah" Mills, Wellington South.

## Maori Work—

## Deaconesses—

- \*1921 Sister "Eleanor" Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
- 1921 Sister Nicholls, London Street, Hamilton.
- \*1923 Sister "Marion" Fabrin, Maori Mission, Te Kuiti.

## Probationer—

- Sister "Alice" Howell, Hawera.

**Foreign Work—**

## Deaconesses—

- \*1913 Sister "May" Barnett, Solomon Islands.
- \*1914 Sister "Lilian" Berry, Solomon Islands.
- \*1914 Sister "Lily" White, Solomon Islands.
- \*1922 Sister "Elizabeth" Common, Solomon Islands.
- \*1922 Sister "Jean" Dalziel, Solomon Islands.

## Probationer—

- \*1926 Sister "Grace" McDonald, St. Helen's Hospital, Wellington.

## Deaconesses Resting—

- 1907 Sister "Mabel" Morley.
  - \*1908 Sister "Ruth" Fawcett.
- \*Trained in Deaconess House.

**QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference regarding Connexional Orphanages?**

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)

**A.—AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE—  
MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM.**

With thankfulness we record an interesting year of activity and advance.

It was a great gratification when Mrs Armitage early in the year saw her way to withdraw her resignation. During the year she has presided over two full Homes, assisted by a capable and willing staff.

A substantial anonymous bequest, realisable in the not distant future, the full extent of which is not yet known, resulted in our acquiring as an additional Home one of Auckland's finest suburban residences in Buckland Road, Epsom, as an additional Home, with a capacity of forty children. This handsome, two-storeyed mansion stands in five acres, tastefully laid out, and represents a cost, with furniture and structural alterations, of about £7000; interim finances have been kindly arranged by a member of the Board. Already twenty-seven children are in residence, the matron being Mrs Everiss, a widowed daughter of the late Rev J. H. Gray, capable, devoted and beloved by the children, assisted by an efficient staff. In the three Homes we now have ninety-seven children. We thank God that none of our children became victims to infantile paralysis, though the restrictions caused extra work and responsibility. With the exception of minor ailments, good health has prevailed. The improvements to Mount Albert buildings have proved a great boon.

The headmasters and teachers of the Mount Albert and Roskill Schools take great interest in our children, and have supplied excellent reports concerning them.

Forty-five of our Mount Albert children passed the S.S.U. examinations and ten gained prizes.

The annual "Black Baby" sale at Mount Albert realised £54 for the F.M. Fund, a very gratifying effort.

The Ladies' Committee, with Mrs Caughey as president, continue their valuable work, the need for which has been increased by the new Home. Miss Agnes Mason is secretary and still resides at Epworth Home as honorary member in chief. Her self-denying work is beyond all praise.

A successful "At Home" at Pitt Street, arranged by the ladies, resulted in large gifts of clothing and £46 for the Clothing Fund. The Committee gratefully acknowledge these and many other gifts of fruit, produce, furniture, and many kindnesses shown to the children.

The response to the Christmas appeal was £367, a considerable decrease on the previous year. The subscriptions and donations collected by Miss E. Mason and Rev J. Blight, and sums paid direct to the treasurer, total £565 9s 6d, which is a substantial increase. Sunday Schools contribute £11 13s 1d. The bequests include: £865 2s 6d, Anon, one account; £450 from Miss Rathbone's estate; £5, Joseph Newzill.

We extend our sincere thanks to the friends who so kindly provided holiday homes for our children during the summer vacation, and to the many, who by their liberal gifts in cash or kind, and by various acts of kindness have assisted us in our great work, on behalf of the children.

The addition of the Epsom Home substantially increases our financial needs, and we earnestly ask for a liberal response to the coming Christmas Appeal, and also for a steady increase in annual subscriptions.

We gratefully acknowledge the valuable services rendered by Miss Ethel Mason and Rev. J. Blight as Collectors, Mr. A. Len Caughey, our Treasurer; Drs. Harold Pettit and Howard Thomas, Honorary Medical Advisers; and Mr. A. Peak, Hon. Solicitor.

We regret the enforced retirement of Rev. J. Blight, on grounds of health, and of our efficient Treasurer, Mr. A. Len Caughey, owing to the growth of the work.

We have been fortunate in securing a capable successor to Rev. J. Blight as Collector in the person of Miss Stables, of Glen Eden; and Rev. S. Griffith has been appointed Secretary and Treasurer, to whom all applications for the admission of children, and all money should be sent, his address being 10 Grange Road, Mount Eden.

(Signed) E. DRAKE, Chairman.

S. GRIFFITH, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

That Conference expresses its gratification that Mrs. Armitage has been able to continue as Matron at Mt. Albert, and congratulates her and Mrs. Everiss, the Epsom Matron, and the Board of Management on the good work in the Homes.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. S. Griffith, Secretary and Treasurer, and to Mr. A. Len. Caughey, Lay Treasurer, and that they be reappointed.

Conference records its deep appreciation of the bequest of the late Mr. William Winstone to the Auckland Children's Home and Orphanage of £1000, together with the residue of the estate, and directs that a suitable letter be sent to the Executors.

That the thanks of the Conference be sent by letter to Mrs. W. H. Smith, of Auckland, for a gift of £1000 given at the inception of the Mt. Albert Orphanage, and that she be appointed a Life Member of the Board of Management.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Management, and that the following be the Board for 1926:—Revs. E. Drake, Chairman of the District, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., Leonard B. Dalby, G. Bond, W. A. Sinclair, G. T. Marshall, W. S. Potter, C. Griffin, T. G. Brooke, A. Ashcroft, J. E. Parsons, W. T. Blight, B.A., J. Blight, and A. B. Chappell, M.A., Mesdames A. H. White, A. E. Snowdon, J. Blight, A. C. Caughey, A. Peak, H. P. Caughey, Misses Kirk, Harvey, A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Messrs. A. C. Caughey, W. Astley and Mrs. W. H. Smith (Life Members), Messrs. T. W. Jones, J. E. Astley, A. Peak, J. Trounson, H. P. Caughey, G. M. Fowlds, T. Clark, E. D. Chivers, A. Trenwith, S. Oldfield, W. Ambury, E. A. Pearce, A. L. Caughey (Lay Treasurer), and Rev. S. Griffith (Secretary and Treasurer). Collectors—The Misses E. Mason and E. M. Stables.

### B.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

We sincerely thank God for His help during the past year. We feel His blessing has rested upon our efforts.

The members of the staff have not been hindered in their work by any serious illness. Sister May, the Matron, Sister Annie, her right-hand helper, Miss Brooker, the seamstress, Miss Louie Churchill (the first girl who entered the Home, and who has now become a junior member of the staff), and the casual help have all done good and satisfactory work.

The Home has been open four years, and during that time 65 children have been admitted. For twenty of these suitable homes have been found. A few weeks ago a girl of five years was adopted into a Methodist home. At the present time there are forty-two boys and girls in the Home.

The health of the children during the year has been good. We were thankful that we had no case of infantile paralysis in the Home during the epidemic. Our chemists' accounts during the year have been very small.

We thank Dr. Prior, our Honorary Medical Attendant, for his continued and attentive oversight of the health of the children and staff.

No efforts have been spared by the members of the staff and Management Committee in seeking the highest good of the boys and girls, so that by wise training and the placing of noble ideals before them their characters may be so developed that they may become useful Christian citizens.

Each morning and evening the Scriptures are read by the children, followed by a short explanation by the matron. During the year a written examination took place, when there were twenty-six candidates. During the visit of their Excellencies Sir Charles and Lady Fergusson, His Excellency, on behalf of the Committee, presented each boy and girl who took part with a copy of the Scriptures, and during his address impressed upon the children that they should prepare themselves for a life of useful service.

Support has been received from the churches and people in the Home area, with one exception all the Circuits contributed a Christmas or other collection. The people in the Masterton district have, in addition to cash donations, been liberal in their gifts of produce, fruit, food, and clothing. We have received grants of £100 from the Rathbone Estate, and a further grant of £200 from the trustees of the T. G. M'Carthy Fund. These sums have been of considerable help to us in our work.

Improvements have been made by erecting a wide verandah round the recreation hall, altering the splendid Home sleeping verandah, and planting a considerable number of trees in the grounds. The Home electric system has been connected with the Mangahao service.

As we see the increasing usefulness of the Home we are encouraged and are full of hope for the future.

O. N. C. PRAGNELL, Chairman.  
J. COCKER, Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

That the Matron, Sister May, and the Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J. Cocker, be thanked for their services.

That the following be the Board for 1926:—Messrs. O. N. C. Pragnell (Chairman), E. C. Daniell, A. H. Daniell, A. J. Donald, S. J. Smith, J. H. Handysides, F. E. Wells, Dr. Prior, Revs. J. Cocker, W. Beckett and P. J. Bothwell, Mesdames J. Elliott, J. Cocker, O. Pragnell, W. Beckett, P. J. Bothwell, Miss Burton, and Sister May. Rev. J. Cocker, Secretary and Treasurer.

### C.—THE SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

It is with a feeling of devout thankfulness that we review our work for the past year.

The health of the Staff and children has been remarkably good, there being no serious cases of sickness to report. Two of the children were operated on for appendicitis, and are fully recovered.

Once again, we gladly express our appreciation of the capable manner in which the affairs of the Home are conducted, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, who are ably supported by a Staff of willing and efficient helpers.

There are 58 children in residence—35 boys and 23 girls; whose ages range from 3 to 16 years; one third of whom are under seven years. In addition to these there are four boys in the Presbyterian Boys' Home, for whom we pay maintenance. Some such arrangement will need to be continued until we can erect our own Boys' Home.

Some of the children, who are showing more than average ability, are attending the Christchurch Technical College classes. Three boys are apprenticed to trades.

Thirty children entered for the Scripture Examinations, twenty passed and two won prizes.

During the year it was found necessary to build a new wing, making accommodation for twelve additional children, at an approximate cost of £433 (including new furnishings).

It will readily be seen that with this expansion of our work, an additional income is imperative to meet our demands. In this connection, we are sorry to report a serious falling off in Circuit income. Again we have had to draw to a considerable extent on our "Capital Fund," in order to meet ordinary expenditure.

We are glad to report that the Rev W. Laycock has taken up the work of Circuit Organiser, and has visited some of the Circuits with encouraging results, but the real result of his efforts will be seen at the Christmas season, when most Circuits make their Orphanage appeal. In selecting Mr. Laycock for this work the Board is fully convinced of the wisdom of its choice.

In addition to the eleven acres acquired last year, for the establishment of a Boys' Home, we have bought a further block of one acre for the purpose of providing better access for the sub-division of a portion of the land which will be in excess of the requirement of the new Home.

During the year the following legacies have been received:—From the estate of the late A. Cowie, £50; the late Wm. Morrow, £125; the late Miss Butterick, £100; the late Miss Kitchingman, £50.

The Board has decided to approach Conference for power to incorporate under the "Religious Charitable and Education Act, 1908."

In conclusion, we express our thanks to Drs. Orchard and Blackmore and Mr. Sevicke Jones (optician) for their gratuitous services; to the members of the Ladies' House Committee; to Mr. and Mrs. Butler and the Staff; and to all who have forwarded gifts during the year.

We appeal to all our people for a more generous support, and assure them of our appreciation of their gifts in money and kind.

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

28/10/25.

The Report was received and adopted, with the exception of the paragraph relating to the proposed incorporation of the Board.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

That the Secretary, the Rev. J. Harris, and the Treasurer, Mr. G. Bowron, be thanked for their services, and that they be re-appointed.

That the following be the Board for 1926:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, St. Albans, Cambridge Terrace Sydenham, Addington, Woolston, and Riccarton Circuits, Revs. W. Baumber, A. Peters, W. J. Williams, C. E. Ward, W. Laycock, Mesdames G. Bowron, W. J. Williams, W. H. Seed, E. D. Patchett, and Sister Mabel, Messrs. W. H. Seed, J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., G. Bowron (Treasurer), F. Thompson, M. Kershaw, L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., F. A. Sheat, J. Lomas, W. T. Burley, F. Campion, H. Marshall and J. Gilmour. Secretary, Rev. J. Harris.

#### GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

Conference records its appreciation of the support given to our Orphanage work throughout the Dominion, both by personal subscriptions and Christmas collections.

With a view, however, to the adequate maintenance of our present Homes, and in view of the prospective development of this work, Conference requests that the policy of annual subscriptions be more systematically and generally adopted, and that Christmas offerings be regarded as supplementary thereto.

With a view of the above, Orphanage collectors should be appointed in each Circuit and H.M. Station.

The following was referred to the Temperance and Public Morals Committee with a view to their taking the necessary steps to make it effective:—"This Conference draws the attention of the Minister of Justice to the number of men deserting their wives and families, leaving them dependent upon the various Orphanages and Government Institutions. It urges that the Police be asked to use all vigilance to prevent such deserters leaving the Dominion, and to bring them to justice."

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

**REPORT OF THE "METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.**

**"Methodist Times."**

The Committee desires to report that the circulation of the "Methodist Times" has slightly decreased during the year. In the opinion of the Committee this is not due to any dissatisfaction with the paper, but to the want of efficient agents in many of our Circuits. In some Circuits there is no agent. In some Circuits the Ministers, and in most Home Mission Stations, the Missionaries receive subscriptions and when a change of Ministers or Missionary takes place frequently no list of subscribers is left for his successor.

Changes of address are not so frequent as they were a few years ago, but often no intimation of a change is received, until the paper comes back through the Dead Letter Office. Every possible effort is then made to find the new address, and so retain the subscriber's connection with the paper, but often without success.

In accordance with a resolution of last Conference, a circular, appealing for more energy in extending the circulation of the "Times," was sent to each Quarterly Meeting. No adequate response followed.

**New Editor.**

The Committee nominated the Rev. W. B. Scott to the Synods as successor to the Rev. P. R. Paris. Mr. Scott has since requested that his name be withdrawn from nomination.

After reviewing the whole position, with the resolutions of the Synods before it, the Committee unanimously recommends that the Rev. P. R. Paris be reappointed as Editor of the "Methodist Times," and further, that the consideration of the future editorship of the "Times" be referred to a special committee, to be appointed at the first session of Conference.

We wish to express our thanks to the Editors for their efficient work during the year. Our best thanks are also due to the Business Manager.

**Reception Card.**

This matter has received the attention of the Committee.

**Literature.**

We desire to call the attention of Ministers and Home Missionaries to the Report on page 124 of the Minutes of the Conference of 1925.

**Secretary.**

The Committee heartily nominates the Rev. B. J. James for appointment as Secretary of the Committee for 1926.

**Finance.**

The Balance-sheet will be presented to Conference.

On behalf of the Committee,

ROBT. B. TINSLEY, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Editors, the Business Manager (Rev. S. Lawry), and the Treasurer (Mr. H. Holland, M.P., C.B.E.), for their efficient services, and that they be re-appointed.

That the Rev. P. R. Paris be reappointed Editor, irrespective of any action taken by the Stationing Committee, and that the whole question of the Editorship be reviewed next year."

That the Convener, Rev. R. B. Tinsley, be thanked for his services.

That the Rev. B. J. James be appointed Convener for 1926.

That the Conference directs the "New Zealand Methodist Times" Committee to institute an intensive and urgent campaign for the increase of subscribers to the paper.

That the Committee be elected by the North Canterbury District Executive.

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

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)

**REPORT OF WELLINGTON MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR YEAR 1925.**

Excellent work has been done by the Chaplains of our Church in connection with the Territorial Camps held throughout the Dominion during the year. We are glad to say that in each of the commands, the organisation of this work has been placed on a sound basis. Our Church has been fully represented in the camps held, and testimony is borne to the valuable service rendered by our Chaplains. In view of the fact that the number of Chaplains on the active list steadily decreases as the age limit is reached, and names are added to the "retired list," it will be well for the Conference Committee to see that, from time to time, fresh nominations are made from the ranks of our younger Ministers to fill the vacancies.

The appointment of Colonel Young to the Major-Generalship has given widespread satisfaction among the Churches, as he is known to be sympathetic with the work of the Chaplains. To increase the efficiency of the Chaplain in camp, funds are urgently needed, and it is a pity that some portion of the Military Camps Fund is not made available for such purposes. We regret to report that owing to his having been placed on the retired list, and being also over the age for active service as a Chaplain of the second class, the Rev. A. Mitchell was not granted the well deserved promotion which was recommended by the Conference and strongly supported by the Chaplains' Board of the Central Command.

### Naval Affairs.

The outstanding event of the year has been the visit of the American Fleet, under the command of Admiral Coontz, to New Zealand waters. In this connection once again our Naval Chaplains rose to the occasion, and in all the ports visited, the American sailors attached to the Methodist Church were most hospitably received and entertained. Admiral Coontz attended service at our Taranaki Street Church, in Wellington, and most cordially appreciated the official visit made by the Chairman of the District, the Secretary of the Conference, and the Naval Chaplain to the Flagship "Seattle." The thanks of the Church are due to the Naval Chaplains for their efforts worthily to entertain our naval visitors.

We recommend the reappointment of the Naval Chaplains, with such changes as may be rendered necessary by stationing

W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

C. EATON, Convener.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

- That the Convener, Rev. C. Eaton, and the Treasurer, Mr. C. M. Luke, be thanked for their services, and reappointed.
- That the Auditors, Messrs. E. Dawson and J. Cable, be thanked for their services.
- That steps be taken to secure the promotion of Rev. H. L. Blamires to be Chaplain, 2nd Class.
- That the credit balance in the hands of the Military Fund Treasurer, be handed over to the Supernumerary Fund Board, to be administered as directed by Conference in the interests of Ministers who may suffer disabilities as the result of their War service.
- That the Supernumerary Fund Board during the year consider ways and means by which the amount may be supplemented, particularly in the form of a grant from the accumulated capital of the Supernumerary Fund, and report to next Conference.
- That in view of the early retirement from the Ministry of the Rev. W. A. Watson, as the result of War disability, this Conference recommends the Supernumerary Fund Board to make a substantial grant to him in addition to the repayment of his personal subscriptions.
- That Circuits be recommended to set free those Ministers who are called upon to go into military camps.
- That arrangements be made for the transfer of the Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., from the Imperial Forces to the Chaplains' Department of the New Zealand Forces.

### Military Affairs.

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 Committee 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, J. C. Riddell, E. C. Gamble, H. P. Mourant. Convener, Rev. C. Eaton.

Northern Command—The Chaplains in the District, Messrs. T. W. Jones, B. Buttle, W. S. Stone, K. Dellow, H. C. Mutton. Convener, Rev. C. H. Olds.

Southern Command—The Chairman and the Chaplains in the District, Col. G. J. Smith, Messrs. A. F. Drayton, T. T. Robson, W. Simpson, W. Dobbs and E. R. Caygill. Convener, Rev. S. J. Werren.

Otago Command—Chaplains of the Otago-Southland District, Vice-President of Conference, Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock, T. Smith. Convener, Rev. W. Walker.

### 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 and of other warships during their visits 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. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.

Timaru—Rev. A. C. Lawry

Dunedin—Rev. H. E. Bellhouse

Port Chalmers—Rev. T. Arthur Pybus

Bluff—Rev. R. McGregor

Nelson—Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A., President of the Conference.

New Plymouth—Rev. T. Richards.

Picton—Rev. F. Bateup

Greymouth—Rev. J. F. Martin

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

#### REPORT FOR 1925.

Since last Conference a number of Palmerston North Circuit Plans, and two Minute Books of Oxford Church have been received. Pamphlets giving an account of 50 years of history at Palmerston North and the celebration of its jubilee, and of the opening of Dominion Road (Auckland) Sunday School, have come to hand. Mr. W. H. Ferens, who is a keen collector of records and souvenirs, has sent several books of historical interest. Mr. E. Aslin has forwarded a Minute Book of Dunedin.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Custodian.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

That Rev. S. Lawry be thanked for his services as Custodian of Early Church Records, and reappointed.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Miss Jakins for the presentation of the Journal of the Rev. John Hobbs and other papers relating to early missionary work; that the Conference assure the donor of the affection and reverence with which the memory of Father Hobbs is held among us.

**QUESTION LI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods or Committees for Report?**

**I.—OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT.**

**REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENCY COMMITTEE, 1925.**

**Title, Qualification and Mode of Election.**

(a) A Vice-President (to be designated the Vice-President of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand) shall be elected annually at the Conference. He shall be a Layman who has been a member of Conference on at least three previous occasions.

(b) The election shall be by ballot, after nomination, and by an absolute majority of votes cast. Written nominations for the office shall be handed to the Secretary of the Conference, prior to the opening of Conference, signed by two members of the Conference and by the person nominated, as evidence of acceptance of the nomination. (Note.—A Nomination Paper to be provided in the Conference Agenda.)

(c) No person shall be eligible for election to the office of Vice-President for two years in succession.

**Privileges of Vice-President.**

(a) The Vice-President shall preside in the Conference, or in any Committee of the Conference, in the absence of the President, or at the request of the President, and while so acting he shall have a deliberative and a casting vote.

(b) The Vice-President shall be, ex officio, a member of the Stationing Committee, both at the Conference at which he is elected and at the succeeding Conference, being regarded as one of the lay representatives of the District from which he comes.

(c) The Vice-President shall be, ex officio, a member of the Conference next succeeding his election.

(d) The Vice-President shall act as Chairman of all Conference functions in the absence of the President, unless required on other Conference business.

(e) The retiring Vice-President shall address the opening session of Conference on matters pertaining to the progress and welfare of the Church.

(Note.—The address not to exceed 15 minutes in length.)

(f) The Vice-President shall have a seat on the platform during all sessions of the Conference, including the Ordination Service, and during the Conference at which he retires from office.

(g) The Vice-President shall be, ex officio, a member of the Synod of the District in which he resides, and shall be entitled, in the absence of, or at the wish of, the Chairman of the District, to preside over such Synod.

(h) The Vice-President shall be, ex officio, a member of any Connexional Board or Committee (unless he be an elected or appointed member of such Board or Committee), but without the right of voting. He shall also be a member of the President's Committee of Advice.

(i) The Vice-President shall be, ex officio, a member of the District Executive situated in the District in which he resides, and shall be entitled to preside at any meeting of such District Executive in the absence of the Chairman of the District.

(j) If in the opinion of the President, or his Committee of Advice, it is desirable that the Vice-President should represent the Church at any function, his out-of-pocket expenses while attending such function shall be paid from the Contingent Fund.

#### **Limitation of Powers.**

The office of Vice-President entitles the holder to distinguished consideration during the year, but does not encroach in any way upon the functions of the President as Chief Pastor of the Church, nor upon the functions of the Chairman of any District, notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary.

#### **Continuation in Office.**

The Vice-President shall hold office until the election of his successor, and shall welcome and introduce him to the President for induction to office. In the absence of the retiring Vice-President, this duty shall be performed by an ex-Vice-President.

NOTE.—The Committee recommend that the existing Regulation in the Book of Laws be rescinded, and that the foregoing Regulations be substituted in their stead.

(Signed) T. R. RICHARDS, President.

(Signed) H. P. MOURANT, Vice-President.

The Report was received.

### **RESOLUTIONS.**

#### **Title, Qualification and Mode of Election.**

That the words "not less than two" be added to paragraph (b), Mode of Election, relating to the nomination of Vice-President.

That those making a nomination for the Vice-Presidency certify his willingness to accept nomination.

That the "Note," paragraph (b) be not adopted.

That the person nominated be not required to sign the Nomination Paper.

#### **"Privileges of Vice-President."**

That Clauses (a), (b), (c) be adopted.

That Clause (d) be not adopted.

That Clause (e) be not adopted. The following was substituted: "Immediately prior to the introduction of the Report of the Welfare of the Church Committee, the retiring Vice-President shall deliver an official address dealing with the life and work of the Church. Ample notice shall be given of the time of this address."

That Clause (f) be adopted, with the addition of the words:—"He shall have some share in the Ordination Service."

That Clause (g) be adopted.

That Clause (h) be amended to read:—"The Vice-President shall be ex officio a member of the President's Committee of Advice, and also of any Connexional Board or Committee in the District to which he belongs; this, however, does not include ex officio membership in any legally constituted Board of Trustees, nor in any Connexional Boards, the membership of which is limited in number by resolution of Conference."

That Clauses (i) and (j) be adopted.

**"Limitations of Powers."**

That the paragraph be adopted, with the addition of "nor upon the functions of the Superintendent of any Circuit," after the words "Chairman of District."

That the paragraph on "Continuation in Office" be adopted.

**II.—CONFERENCE SESSIONS.**

Minutes, 1925, p. 133 (7).

This Executive, having considered the question, does not recommend any change in the date at which Conference is at present held.

W. A. HAY, Chairman.  
S. J. WERREN, Secretary.

Christchurch,  
October 19, 1925.

The Report was received.

**RESOLUTION.**

That next Conference meet on the first Thursday of March, 1927.

**III.—SHORTENING THE TERM OF PROBATION.****REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES TO SYNODS ON THE SHORTENING OF THE TERM OF PROBATION, ETC.**

The following matters were referred to the Board:—

- (1) The shortening of the Probation of those who have spent three years in College.
- (2) Or, as an alternative, the remitting of any portion of the written examinations of such probationers.

(See Minutes, 1925, p. 40.)

1. After full consideration and correspondence with the two distant members, the Board is unable to recommend any shortening of the term of Probation. The following considerations, among others, have led to this decision:

- (a) That in the near future there will be a considerably increased number of trained men on probation for whom the Church must be prepared to find married ministers' Circuits. This must inevitably lead to a much stricter insistence upon Circuits fulfilling their obligation to provide for a married minister than has obtained in recent years, and in few cases is relief likely to be granted. To shorten the term of probation can only increase the difficulties of the Connexion in this matter.
- (b) That, with the reception of younger men as Candidates for the Ministry, the average age of students and probationers will be much lower than it has been for some time past, and thus the full term of probation cannot fairly be considered as a hardship.
- (c) That the reception of probationers into full Connexion at the end of their third year would inevitably lead to many requests that they be allowed to marry at that time. The Conference may resolve that no guarantee of such a concession can be given, but this will not preclude strong pressure in that direction. In view of this contingency the following facts must be carefully borne in mind:—

- (1) That, remembering what has been stated in par. (a) above, the earlier marriage of probationers must be accompanied by a reduction of the four years' term now given to Circuits before they are required to take a married minister;
- (2) That, with the lower average age of candidate for the Ministry, men will be terminating their probation and requesting to marry at an unusually early age.
- (d) That a period of seven years in College and on probation is not too long for men of the age and attainments of the average candidate for the Ministry. The more thorough is the training and oversight in study and Circuit work which is given our younger men the stronger will be the Ministry of the Church. Men of zeal will not object to such a training, and men who may feel it irksome are those who need it most.
- (e) That although, largely owing to the effect of war conditions, a proportion of men have been received into the Ministry without College training, and after only four years' probation have received ordination, thus apparently placing Collegiate men at a disadvantage, this condition of things is fast passing away, and need not influence our regulations. Only in rare cases in the future will untrained men be received on probation.
- (f) That should any special cases arise, the Conference has ample power to deal with them on their merits.

II. As to the second matter in the order of reference, the Board does not recommend that the fourth year's probationary examination be remitted, believing that it entails no real hardship on one really anxious to equip himself for the Ministry. The Board, however, recommends the following alteration in the fourth year's requirements:—

That when a probationer, who has been three years in College, gains Honours in at least two out of the three years in the Probationers' Examinations, he shall, in the fourth year, be required to present himself for examination in only one book in Theology (to be specially set by the Board of Examiners), and shall substitute for the rest of the ordinary Course a thesis on some subject selected by the same Board.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

H. RANSTON, Convener Board of Studies.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### IV.—INCIDENCE OF CONNEXIONAL LEVIES.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

(Minutes of Conference, 1925, p. 99, par. 10.)

The Committee has made a fairly exhaustive examination of the problem given it by Conference.

Whilst the present system of taxation shows apparent anomalies, a better system, or a system where anomalies would not exist, has not been found.

Your Committee has no recommendation to make.

B. J. JAMES, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

## V.—INVITATION OF MINISTERS.

(See Minutes, 1925, p. 131, res. 5.)

### RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

That the following clause be inserted in the Book of Laws, after Rule 204, paragraph 10, sub-section (e)—“The question of inviting a Minister shall not be raised except in the case of an appointment for a fourth or subsequent year, unless the Minister or Quarterly Meeting shall so require.”

### RESOLUTION.

That this Clause be not adopted.

### 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.—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. H. P. Mourant, R. T. B. Richardson, E. Tregurtha, A. Swift, H. Dixon, H. Goodhall, H. D. C. Horwood, H. Moston, F. J. W. Fear, F. Lockwood, J. Mitchell, W. Walton, B. J. Lynneberg, W. H. Clark, W. E. Howe, E. B. Ash, J. Jacobson, R. S. Maunder, C. Green, together with two representatives from the District Y.P. Committee. Convener, Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

North Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, Connexional Secretary, Superintendents of Christchurch, Lyttelton and Kaiapoi Circuits, Revs. W. J. Williams, J. Guy, S. J. Werren and Ministers of New Brighton and Linwood Churches, 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, Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries of the Dunedin, Port Chalmers, Mosgiel and Broad Bay Circuits, the Superintendents of the two Invercargill Circuits, Rev. G. Clement, with Messrs. R. N. Vanes, E. A. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, A. T. McIndoe, J. B. Shacklock, T. W. Hemer, W. King, L. Mercier, C. H. McLean, H. H. Johnson, W. H. Roberts, G. Kirk, P. Nixon, R. Roberts, R. Jamieson, R. Bagshaw, T. Harkness, and R. J. Allen, together with two representatives each from the Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Unions, and from the Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Convener, Chairman of the District.

### RESOLUTIONS.

- That this Conference give the Wellington District Executive the power to incorporate in its personnel two representatives from the District Young People's Committee.
- That any Connexional Committee that is embodied in a District Executive shall report its findings to that Executive, and through it to Synod and Conference.
- That authority be given to the District Executives to associate outside members, where deemed necessary, on condition that the names of such associated members be reported to the next Synod.

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

#### I.—NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

##### ANNUAL REPORT.

A new Branch has been formed this year in the Taranaki District. Our Book Scheme is not taken advantage of to the extent that the Executive desire, but during the year Local Preacher Candidates, brethren on Full Plan and Home Missionaries have been supplied with books which, no doubt, have proved exceedingly helpful to them.

Last year we rendered financial help to a brother who had met with serious misfortune; the relief given has been of incalculable benefit to our fellow-worker and his family.

A year ago our Association was privileged in assisting to send the magazine "Experience" to Ministers, Home Missionaries and Local Preachers: this year we are sending a little booklet to all Local Preachers in the Dominion.

We again stress the importance of the Conference provision for the public recognition of Local Preachers when being received on Full Plan, and we are glad to note the growing practice of holding such Recognition Meetings.

Alderman J. S. Alcock, J.P., of Nottingham, who visited some of our Branches, and attended our Conference last year, is now President-Elect of the English Local Preachers' Association, which has several thousands of members, and raises and expends nearly £30,000 per annum on Local Preachers' work.

Signed on behalf of the Association,

H. FIELD, President.

WM. S. MACKAY, Hon. Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

## RESOLUTION.

That we express appreciation of the services rendered by the members of the Association, and commend the work of the Local Preachers to the Church.

## II.—WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

(See Minutes, 1925, page 135.)

The movement for a World Conference for the consideration of questions touching faith and order by all Christian communions throughout the world originated in the year 1910. Invitations were issued to participate in such a Conference to all Churches which accept the fact and doctrine of their incarnation. The movement has spread and now eighty-six nation-wide communions are sharing in a discussion of preliminary matters.

A Continuation Committee that was set up by a preliminary Conference met at Stockholm from August 15 to 18, 1925, with a very representative attendance from Europe, America, Australia and other lands. It was decided that the World Conference proper be held at Lausanne, Switzerland, in August, 1927. The number of members of the Conference was set at approximately 500, the apportionment amongst co-operating Churches to be determined later. Our own Church will be entitled to some representation, and if necessary, some arrangement can possibly be made to give financial assistance from the funds of the movement to our chosen representative.

An Agenda has been drafted for the Conference, and covers such subjects as:—

1. The Call to Unity.
2. The Nature of the Church.
3. The Church's Common Confession of Faith in God.
4. The Christian Ministry.
5. The Sacraments.
6. The Unity of Christendom and the Place of Different Churches within it.
7. Arrangements for Continuing the Work of the Conference.

Whilst the object of the Conference is to consider how closer union can be secured amongst the Christian Churches of the world, it is understood that representatives of the World Conference shall have no power to bind their Churches to the decisions of the Conference.

Partly as an outcome of the activities of the World Conference on Faith and Order another movement has arisen which materialised in a Universal Christian Conference of Life and Work, which took place at Stockholm last August. The purpose of this Conference was not doctrinal but practical, and it made some contribution to Christian unity by frank discussions on such subjects as:—

1. The Church's Obligation Concerning God's World Purpose.
2. Economic and Industrial Relations.
3. Social and Moral Problems.
4. International Relations and World Peace.
5. Christian Education.
6. Co-operation between the Churches.

Over six hundred official representatives of all great Christian bodies, excepting the Roman Catholic, drawn from forty different nations, separated until then by political or racial differences, and by religious prejudices, met as brethren and found common ground for unreserved, yet sympathetic, counsel upon things that pertain to God's Kingdom on Earth.

It may be well for our own Conference to consider the nomination at the Conference of 1927 of some representative to attend the Lausanne Conference in August of that year.

During the year, Mr. J. C. Prudhoe has resigned from the Commission appointed by our Conference.

I recommend—

- (1) That the sum of £10 be voted from the Contingent Fund towards the Funds of the World Conference.
- (2) That the Commission for this Conference be: Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., Rev. W. A. Sinclair, Rev. J. H. Haslam, Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, Messrs. H. Field, H. E. Pacey, H. P. Mourant, W. H. Seed and E. A. Rosevear, and Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt (convener).

For those who are interested in the subject it may be mentioned that publications relating to the work of the World Conference may be had without charge upon application to the Rev. Ralph W. Brown, P.O. Box 226, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT.

Convener of Commission.

Palmerston North, N.Z.,  
12th January, 1926.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Definite advice has been received to-day that the World Conference will meet at Lausanne, Switzerland, from July 31st to August 21st, 1927, and that two representatives may be appointed by the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The names of our chosen representatives and their substitutes should be forwarded to the Secretariat as early as possible.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT.

Convener of Commission.

Palmerston North, N.Z.,  
19th January, 1926.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

That steps be taken to secure the representative of this Conference at the World Conference on Faith and Order.

That the Chairman of the various Districts be requested to make suitable arrangements in connection with the visit of Sir Henry Lunn.

That Sir Henry Lunn be assured of a cordial welcome to New Zealand, and wished success in his mission to this Dominion.

#### III.—RESOLUTIONS ON GENERAL QUESTIONS.

**Reports of Special Committees to Quarterly Meetings.**—That Conference directs any committee that may be set up to consider matters which require to be submitted to Quarterly Meetings and Synods, to send their findings, if possible, to the June Quarterly Meetings, with a view to a notice of motion being given for the discussion of such resolutions at the September Quarterly Meeting; if the report cannot be submitted in time for the June Quarterly Meeting, the committee be directed to send its finding to all Ministers and Circuit Stewards before the September Quarterly Meeting.

**President's Supply.**—That the President be empowered each year to employ the services of a Supernumerary Minister, or other suitable supply, at a cost not exceeding £75, such cost to be borne equally by the Home Mission Fund and the Contingent Fund.

**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.

**President's Committee of Advice.**—That the following be the President's Advisory Committee:—Revs. Principal Laws, B.A., D.D., S. Lawry, W. Grigg, E. Drake, W. A. Sinclair, and the Secretary of the Conference, Messrs. J. A. Flesher and the Vice-President.

**Memorials to Conference.**—That Memorials must be delivered to the President not less than ten (10) days before the opening of the Conference. If they are found to be in order the President shall refer them to the proper committee for consideration and report to Conference.

**Dating of Conference Minutes.**—That the number of the Conference on the Title Page and Cover of "Minutes" be omitted, and only the year in which the Conference is held be printed. The historical summary, on Page 2, shall be continued.

**Candidates for the Ministry.**—That the expenses of Candidates travelling to Conference be paid from the Contingent Fund in a ratio equal to the dividend declared in the Equalisation Fund.

**Reports for Synods.**—That Reports for Synods be in the hands of Chairmen not later than October 31st, such Reports must reach the Secretary of Conference not later than October 18, 1926.

**Certificate of Ordination.**—That a Certificate of Ordination be issued to each Minister ordained to the Ministry of the New Zealand Methodist Conference, and that the preparation of a suitable Certificate be referred to a Committee consisting of the President and Secretary of Conference, Rev. S. Lawry (Convener), and Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.

**Dedicatory Service for Probationers.**—That Conference directs Chairmen of Districts that when a Probationer is appointed to his first Circuit, a Dedicatory Service shall be arranged as early as possible at a suitable place in the Circuit to which he is appointed. The Chairman shall welcome the Probationer to his sphere of work, commend him to the prayers of the Church and congregation, and speak to him such words of counsel or encouragement as he shall deem fitting. The service shall conclude with the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. (N.B.—In Districts where the Chairman's residence is situated at an inconvenient distance from the Probationer's Circuit, the Chairman may arrange for another Minister to conduct the service.)

**Banking of Moneys.**—That Conference requests that all organisations belonging to our churches which have the handling of money operate on their bank account with not less than two signatures.

**List of Officiating Ministers.**—That names be entered on the Marriage List in accordance with the direction of the Book of Laws.

**Greetings to the Methodist Church of Australasia.**

That an Address be prepared conveying the greetings of this Conference to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, which is to meet at Brisbane in May next.

That the Rev. Dr. Laws be appointed to prepare the Address.  
 That the Rev. E. P. Blamires be appointed as our Official Representative at the next General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

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

On Thursday, March 3rd, 1927, at 7 p.m., in Pitt Street Church, Auckland.

**VOTES OF THANKS.**

- President.**—That the best thanks of Conference be tendered to the President, the Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A., for his timely and helpful inaugural address, and also for his genial and efficient manner in presiding over the business sessions and social functions of the Conference.
- Vice-President.**—That the Vice-President, Mr. D. C. Cameron, be heartily thanked for his helpful services to the Conference.
- Ex-President.**—That the cordial thanks of Conference be accorded the Rev. T. R. Richards for his faithful services during the year.
- Ex-Vice-President.**—That the best thanks of Conference be tendered to Mr. H. P. Mourant for his valuable services during the year.
- Ordination Charge.**—That the Ex-President, the Rev. T. R. Richards, be heartily thanked for his inspiring Ordination Charge; and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed in the "Methodist Times."
- Secretaries.**—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Secretary, and his assistants, and the precentor, for their services to the Conference.
- Trustees, Hosts, Etc.**—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Trustees of Trinity Church and Octagon Hall, for the use of premises for Conference sessions and functions; also to the Hosts and Hostesses for their generous hospitality to Conference Representatives; to the Conference Arrangements Committee; the Conference Steward; and the members of the Equalisation Fund 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. E. C. Service 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.

## Form of Bequest.

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

*I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of.....the*

(Here insert the name of the Institution or Fund to be benefited)

*sum of.....pounds sterling to be paid out of my personal estate, in aid of the said.....*

(Name the Institution or Fund)

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

## Presidents and Secretaries of New Zealand Conferences.

### AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, N.Z.

PLACE	YEAR.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY
Christchurch	1874	Thomas Buddle	Alexander Reid
Auckland	1875	James Buller	Alexander Reid
Wellington	1876	Alexander Reid	John Crump
Christchurch	1877	William Kirk	William Morley
Wellington	1878	John Crump	William Morley
Auckland	1879	William Morley	Rainsford Bavin
Dunedin	1880	William Lee	William Morley
Nelson	1881	John B. Richardson	Rainsford Bavin
Christchurch	1882	James A. Taylor	William Morley
Auckland	1883	Rainsford Bavin	Henry Bull
Wellington	1884	William Morley	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1885	Joseph Berry	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1886	Henry Bull	William J. Williams
Auckland	1887	William C. Oliver	Henry R. Dewsbury
Wellington	1888	William J. Williams	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1889	William J. Watkin	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1890	John J. Lewis	William Lee
Auckland	1891	Henry R. Dewsbury	William Lee
Wellington	1892	George Bond	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1893	William Keall	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1894	David McNicoll	Henry Bull
Nelson	1895	Joseph H. Simmonds	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1896	William Baumber	William J. Williams
Wellington	1897	Paul W. Fairclough	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1898	William G. Parsonson	Daniel J. Murray
Christchurch	1899	John Orchard	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1900	Joseph S. Smalley	Daniel J. Murray
Wellington	1901	Charles H. Garland	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1902	Daniel J. Murray	Samuel Lawry

### METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch	1903	John A. Luxford	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1904	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Wellington	1905	Joseph N. Buttle	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1906	Thomas G. Brooke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1907	William Slade	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Auckland	1908	Charles E. Beecroft	Samuel Lawry
Wellington	1909	Thomas Fee	Samuel Lawry
Dunedin	1910	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	Samuel Lawry
Christchurch	1911	George W. J. Spence	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1912	William Ready	Samuel Lawry

### METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND (INDEPENDENT).

Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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**UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES.**

PLACE	YEAR	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY
Christchurch	1875	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1876	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Christchurch	1877	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1878	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Wellington	1879	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1880	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Christchurch	1881	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Wellington	1882	J. White	W. Flesher
Napier	1883	R. Taylor	E. O. Perry
Auckland	1884	C. W. Worboys	E. O. Perry
Christchurch	1885	E. O. Perry	G. Bowron
Rangiora	1886	H. B. Redstone	E. O. Perry
Wellington	1887	J. Parkin	W. Flesher
Christchurch	1888	H. B. Redstone	W. Flesher
Auckland	1889	E. O. Perry	W. Flesher
Addington	1890	A. Peters	J. A. Flesher
Wellington	1891	S. Macfarlane	J. A. Flesher
Rangiora	1892	J. W. Worboys	A. Peters
Woodville	1893	C. Penney	A. Peters
Christchurch	1894	J. Hosking	J. A. Flesher
Christchurch	1895	J. J. Pendray	J. A. Flesher
Auckland	1896	A. Peters	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

## 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. Ophert
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.

## 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. Rothwell	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.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight B.A.	D. C. Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

# A Chronological List

## OF THE

# MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

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## METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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| <p>1862—Smith, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1869—Simmonds, Joseph H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1870—Lewis, John J. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Ward, Charles E. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Williams, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1871—Bond, George (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Carr, Thomas G. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Dewsbury, Henry R. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Thomas, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1872—Ward, Josiah (Sup.)</p> <p>1874—Hammond, Thomas G. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Jory, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1875—Guy, James (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Murray, Daniel J. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Nixon, John (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Standage, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1876—Baumber, William (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Griffin, Cornelius (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Jones, Peter W. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Potter, William S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Lawry, Samuel<br/>         ,, Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1879—Abernethy, Christopher (Sup.)</p> <p>1880—Brooke, Thomas G. (Sup.)</p> <p>1881—Pinfold, James T., D.D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1884—Laycock, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C.<br/>         ,, Ready, William<br/>         ,, Wallis, T. Jackson</p> <p>1887—Blight, Joseph (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Clement, George (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.<br/>         ,, Wrigley, James (Sup.)</p> | <p>1888—Grigg, William<br/>         ,, Olphert, John</p> <p>1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A.<br/>         ,, Read, Frederick T.</p> <p>1890—Cocker, James (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Harding, Arthur (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Mitchell, Arthur<br/>         ,, Newbold, Thos. W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A.</p> <p>1892—Dalby, Leonard B.<br/>         ,, Peryman, Samuel H. D.<br/>         ,, Raine, Robert<br/>         ,, Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward<br/>         ,, Elliott, William J.<br/>         ,, Frost, George<br/>         ,, Harrison, Colin C.</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E.<br/>         ,, Griffin, John W. (Sup.)<br/>         ,, Henderson, Samuel<br/>         ,, Vealie, Thomas W.</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur<br/>         ,, Lochore, John A.<br/>         ,, Richards, Thomas R.</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L.</p> <p>1897—Cossum, Percy J.<br/>         ,, Goldie, John Francis<br/>         ,, Greenwood, Fred<br/>         ,, Hay, W. Arthur<br/>         ,, Pybus, T. Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1898—Beckett, William<br/>         ,, Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S.</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P.<br/>         ,, Southern, John<br/>         ,, Wills, William</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy<br/>         ,, Greenslade, William<br/>         ,, Haslam, Jonathan H.<br/>         ,, Hunt, George P.<br/>         ,, Liversedge, Arthur<br/>         ,, Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.</p> |
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## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—(Continued).

- 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—Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.  
 „ James, Benjamin J.  
 „ Liddell, Ralph J.  
 „ Seamer, Arthur J.
- 1904—Blamires, Ernest O.  
 „ McBean, Angus  
 „ Stockwell, George F.
- 1905—Copeland, Fred.  
 „ Harris, John  
 „ Metson, Basil  
 „ Richards, Raymond
- 1906—Avery, William W.  
 „ Clark, James R. (Sup.)  
 „ Daniel, Herbert  
 „ Paris, Percy R.  
 „ Roberts, Charles M.  
 „ 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—Cottom, 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
- 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.  
 „ Harkness, Edwin S.  
 „ 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.
- 1922—Allen, J. Henry  
 „ Brooks, Leslie A. G.  
 „ Burton, Thomas H., B.A.  
 „ Jack, John F.
- 1923—Blackmore, Albert  
 „ Hames, Eric W., M.A.  
 „ Orchard, Hector C.  
 „ Spencer, Herbert

## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—(Continued).

1924—Ayrton, Moses  
 „ Bailey, John  
 „ Bateup, Frank  
 „ Brooker, E. Hugh  
 „ Brown, Hubert G.  
 „ Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.  
 „ Kings, Harry S.  
 „ McGregor, Robert  
 „ Pearn, Oliver S.

1924—Reid, John  
 „ Taylor, Cecil R.  
 1925—Brown, F. Gardner  
 „ Laurenson, George I.  
 „ Peterson, Gordon R.  
 1926—Hall, James H.  
 „ Harris, G. Raymond  
 „ Voyce, A. Harry

## NATIVE MINISTERS.

1882—Rakena, Piripi  
 1896—Heretini, Te Tuhi  
 1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki  
 1911—Kakuere, Hori  
 „ Te Tuhi, Eruera  
 „ Wilcox, Davis

1914—Rakena, P. Rakena  
 1916—Soakai, Joeli  
 1920—Matarae Tauroa  
 1922—Haddon, E. Oliver

# An Alphabetical List

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# MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

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## 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	.. 2	.. Abbey, William H. E., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho	45
1879	.. S	.. Abernethy, Christopher, 363 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch (1919)	83
1922	.. 1	.. Allen, James H., Onewa Street, Birkenhead	7
1924	.. 1	.. Ayrton, Moses, Otautau, Southland	125
1895	.. 1	.. Ashcroft, Arthur, New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland	4
1906	.. 3	.. Avery, William W., King Edward Street, Eltham	38
1924	.. 1	.. Bailey, John, Brooklyn, Wellington	62
1901	.. 1	.. Bailey, Samuel, Elles Road, Invercargill	122
1924	.. 3	.. Bateup, Frank, Picton	77
1876	.. S	.. Baumber, William, 91 Hackthorne Road, Christchurch (1918)	83
1898	.. 3	.. Beckett, William, 46 Worksop Road, Masterton	71
1894	.. 4	.. Bellhouse, Harold E., 149 Tennyson St., Dunedin	108
1921	.. 2	.. Benny, Henry, Motueka	80
1913	.. 5	.. Bensley, Arthur A., Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands	[5]
1914	.. 5	.. Binet, Vincent le C., Seqa, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	[6]
1907	.. 3	.. Blair, Charles, King Street, Rangiora	98
1900	.. 5	.. Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	Y.P.
1904	.. 4	.. Blamires, Ernest O., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin	110
1896	.. 1	.. Blamires, Henry L., Matson's Road, Papanui	91
1923	.. 2	.. Blakemore, Albert, Kaponga	43
1887	.. S	.. Blight, Joseph, 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1910)	3
1917	.. 2	.. Blight, William T., B.A., 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden	3

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1871	.. S ..	Bond, George, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1915)	3
1880	.. S ..	Brooke, Thomas G., Penryn Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1924)	3
1924	.. 3 ..	Brooker, E. Hugh, Ngatea	23
1922	.. 1 ..	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Taumarunui, King Country	31
1925	.. 2 ..	Brown, F. Gardner, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay	52
1916	.. 3 ..	Brown, George E., 11 Sherwood Street, Dominion Road, Auckland	1
1924	.. 3 ..	Brown, Hubert G., Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[4]
1910	.. 1 ..	Burley, William A., M.A., Queen Street, Thames	19
1914	.. 1 ..	Burnet, Oswald, Westport	82
1922	.. 1 ..	Burton, Thomas H., B.A., North E. Valley, Dunedin	108
1871	.. S ..	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1915)	3
1917	.. 3 ..	Chambers, Ernest B., Opunake, Taranaki	42
1906	.. S ..	Clark, James R., 25 Wyon Street, Linwood, Christchurch (1923)	84
1887	.. S ..	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin (1923)	108
1902	.. 3 ..	Coatsworth, Thomas, Edinburgh Street, Pukekohe	11
1890	.. S ..	Cocker, James, 46 Albert Street, Masterton (1922)	71
1901	.. 4 ..	Cook, George S., Grey Street, Onehunga	8
1915	.. 1 ..	Cooke, Percy I., 111 Arthur Street, Timaru	101
1905	.. 2 ..	Copeland, Fred, Queen Street, Hastings, H.B.	50
1897	.. 2 ..	Cossum, Percy J., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	35
1918	.. 1 ..	Costain, Alfred M., Roxburgh, Otago	120
1909	.. 5 ..	Cottom, Harry, Waihi	22
1908	.. 3 ..	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	44
1921	.. 5 ..	Cropp, Allan H., Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[4]
1919	.. 2 ..	Cuming, William B., Woodend, Canterbury	99
1892	.. 1 ..	Dalby, Leonard B., 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland	1
1906	.. 2 ..	Daniel, Herbert, Dannevirke	54
1917	.. 3 ..	Dennis, John, Porirua Road, Johnsonville	66
1917	.. 5 ..	Dent, Tom, Patutiva, Marovo, Solomon Islands	[4]
1871	.. S ..	Dewsbury, Henry R., "Mai Ora," Epsom, Auckland (1911)	3
1893	.. 3 ..	Drake, Edward, Selwyn Road, Epsom, Auckland	3
1898	.. 1 ..	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., 19 Exeter Street Lyttelton	92
1901	.. 4 ..	Eaton, Clarence, 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington	62
1893	.. 3 ..	Elliott, William J., Queen Street, Cambridge	24
1903	.. 2 ..	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., Wellington Road, Kilmirnie, Wellington	65
1911	.. 3 ..	Enticott, Walter J., Willowby, Canterbury	106
1901	.. 3 ..	Featherston, Jacob, Tua Marina, Blenheim	77
1877	.. S ..	Fee, Thomas, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch (1913)	86
1924	.. 1 ..	Fiebig, Herbert L., Frankton, Hamilton	25
1919	.. 1 ..	Ford, Herbert, Geraldine	104
1916	.. 1 ..	Fordyce, Robert E., Matamata, Waikato	34
1914	.. 4 ..	Foston, Charles A., Pahiatua	56
1911	.. — ..	Fowles, Albert H., c/o P.O., Northwich, visiting England	102
1893	.. 3 ..	Frost, George, 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne	51
1919	.. 1 ..	Gatman, William, Johnson Street, Milton, Otago	119

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1897	.. 25	.. Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. [4]
1912	.. 3	.. Gosnell, Robert B., Mowatt Street, Waitara	.. 36
1900	.. 3	.. Greenslade, William, 93 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington	.. 66
1897	.. 2	.. Greenwood, Fred, Station Road, Otahuhu	.. 9
1876	.. S	.. Griffin, Cornelius, 7 Eglinton Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1914)	.. 3
1895	.. S	.. Griffin, John W., Papakura, Auckland (1925)	.. 10
1882	.. S	.. Griffin, Samuel, 10 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1920)	.. 3
1888	.. 3	.. Grigg, William, High Street, Blenheim	.. 77
1875	.. S	.. Guy, James, 124 Bealey Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1921)	.. 84
1926	.. 1	.. Hall, James H., Ngatea	.. 23
1923	.. 3	.. 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, Wellington (1923)	.. 67
1916	.. 3	.. Harkness, Edwin S., Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	.. 112
1910	.. 5	.. Harris, Archer O., Leeston, Canterbury	.. 95
1914	.. 4	.. Harris, Francis T., Ohoka, Canterbury	.. 97
1926	.. 1	.. Harris, G. Raymond, Kilbirnie	.. 65
1905	.. 6	.. Harris, John, 227 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch	.. 85
1893	.. 1	.. Harrison, Colin C., Rotorua	.. 28
1900	.. 1	.. Haslam, Jonathan H., 18 Coronation St., Waimate	.. 102
1897	.. 4	.. Hay, W. Arthur, 54 Chester Street, Christchurch	.. 83
1894	.. 4	.. Henderson, Samuel, Church Street, Te Aroha	.. 20
1912	.. 2	.. Hinton, George B., Takapuna, Auckland	.. 6
1916	.. 4	.. Hocking, William H., Irk Street, Gore	.. 124
1911	.. 4	.. Hopper, Arthur, 36 Brighton Road, Roslyn, Dunedin	.. 115
1900	.. 3	.. Hunt, George P., East Road, Stratford, Taranaki	.. 38
1922	.. 1	.. Jack, John F., Greendale, Canterbury	.. 100
1903	.. 3	.. James, Benjamin J., 43 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton, Christchurch	.. 89
1919	.. 2	.. 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	.. 1	.. Jordan, Charles B., M.A., F.R.E.S., Tauranga	.. 29
1874	.. S	.. Jory, John D., "Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland (1912)	.. 7
1887	.. S	.. Joughin, Thomas A., Mt. Albert, Auckland (1922)	.. 4
1899	.. 3	.. Keall, R. Purcell, Carterton	.. 70
1916	.. 2	.. Kendon, Charles H., Waiuku, Auckland	.. 12
1924	.. 3	.. Kings, Harry S., Paparoa	.. 14
1889	.. 1	.. Knight, Percy N., B.A., 150 Hardy Street, Nelson	.. 75
1912	.. 3	.. Lawrence, Frederick B., Karori, Wellington	.. 63
1885	.. 3	.. Lawry, Albert C., 21 Butler Street, Timaru	.. 101
1877	.. 16	.. Lawry, Samuel, P.O. Box 931, Christchurch	C.S.
1887	.. 7	.. Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., 24 Remuera Road, Auckland	Th. C.
1884	.. S	.. Laycock, William, Konini Street, Riccarton, Christchurch (1925)	.. 83

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1911	.. 2 ..	Lea, William (visiting England) .. .. .	45
1912	.. 4 ..	Leadley, Frank E., 32 Firth Street, Hamilton East, Waikato .. .. .	26
1870	.. S ..	Lewis, John J., Tenterton Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auck- land (1919) .. .. .	1
1903	.. 3 ..	Liddell, Ralph J., Kirk Street, Otaki .. .. .	74
1900	.. 1 ..	Liversedge, Arthur, 336 Selwyn Street, Christ- church .. .. .	88
1895	.. 3 ..	Lochore, John A., Nelson Street, Petone .. .. .	68
1909	.. 3 ..	McArthur, John D., Queen Street, Levin .. .. .	73
1904	.. 3 ..	McBean, Angus, Spey Street, Invercargill .. .. .	121
1924	.. 3 ..	McGregor, Robert, Bluff .. .. .	122
1883	.. S ..	Marshall, George T., 17 Kenneth Avenue, Kingsland, Auckland (1920) .. .. .	1
1908	.. 3 ..	Martin, J. Frederick, Franklin Street, Greymouth .. .. .	79
1916	.. 7 ..	Metcalfe, John R., Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands .. .. .	[6]
1905	.. 3 ..	Metson, Basil, Madeira Steps, Napier .. .. .	49
1890	.. 4 ..	Mitchell, Arthur, West Street, Feilding .. .. .	59
1875	.. S ..	Murray, Daniel J., Quest Terrace, Dominion Road, Auckland (1920) .. .. .	1
1918	.. 3 ..	Neal, Wallace S., Sanson, Manawatu .. .. .	60
1911	.. 3 ..	Neale, Leslie B., Repton Street, St. Albans .. .. .	90
1917	.. 2 ..	Nelson, John R., Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland .. .. .	4
1890	.. S ..	Newbold, Thomas W., 275 George Street, Dunedin (1912) .. .. .	108
1875	.. S ..	Nixon, John, Okato, Opunake (1907) .. .. .	35
1915	.. 1 ..	Odell, Henry J., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch .. .. .	87
1910	.. 5 ..	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 62 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auckland .. .. .	2
1915	.. 2 ..	Olds, E. Thomas, 36 Upper Rata Road, Hataitai, Wellington .. .. .	H.M.
1888	.. 3 ..	Olphert, John, 52 Collingwood Street, Auckland .. .. .	2
1923	.. 1 ..	Orchard, Hector C., Manaia, Taranaki .. .. .	41
1902	.. 4 ..	Oxbrow, Walter J., South Road, Hawera, Taranaki .. .. .	40
1906	.. 1 ..	Paris, Percy R., London Street, Hamilton .. .. .	25
1917	.. 3 ..	Parker, Frederick J., Waipawa, Hawke's Bay .. .. .	53
1918	.. 5 ..	Parker, James W., Springston, Canterbury .. .. .	93
1912	.. 5 ..	Parsons, John E., 17 Church Street, Devonport, Auckland .. .. .	5
1902	.. 6 ..	Patchett, Ernest D., 173 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christ- church .. .. .	84
1924	.. 3 ..	Pearn, Oliver, Victoria Street, St. Clair, Dunedin .. .. .	111
1913	.. 4 ..	Peat, Harold T., 23 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North .. .. .	58
1892	.. 3 ..	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Foxton, Manawatu .. .. .	61
1877	.. S ..	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christ- church (1920) .. .. .	90
1925	.. 2 ..	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Sumner, Christchurch .. .. .	86
1920	.. 1 ..	Pickering, William B., Paeroa .. .. .	23
1881	.. S ..	Pinfold, James T., D.D., "The Nook," Main Road, Karori Park, Wellington (1921) .. .. .	63

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1876	.. S ..	Potter, William S., 155 Crummer Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland (1919)	2
1902	.. 4 ..	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, 278 Church Street, Palmerston North	57
1897	.. 1 ..	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	117
1892	.. 1 ..	Raine, Robert, 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch	84
1901	.. 4 ..	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., 70 Remuera Road, Auckland	Th. C.
1889	.. 1 ..	Read, Frederick T., Papakura, Auckland	10
1901	.. 1 ..	Reader, Amos, Mangawhare, Northern Wairoa	15
1885	.. S ..	Ready, William, 12 Lucerne Road, Remuera, Auckland (1926)	1
1924	.. 3 ..	Reid, John, Taihape	44
1911	.. 2 ..	Richards, H. Leslie, Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	76
1910	.. 1 ..	Richards, James, 56 Lawrence Street, Mornington, Dunedin	114
1905	.. 3 ..	Richards, Raymond, Birkett Street, Temuka	103
1895	.. 3 ..	Richards, Thomas R., Liardet Street, New Plymouth	35
1906	.. 1 ..	Roberts, Charles M., Te Awamutu, Waikato	32
1911	.. 7 ..	Rowe, William, 1 Knight's Street, Lower Hutt, Wellington	67
1906	.. 1 ..	Ryan, Henry, 22 Station Terrace, Remuera, Auckland	3
1916	.. 2 ..	Sage, Ernest E., Thames Street, Morrinsville	21
1907	.. 2 ..	Scott, W. Bramwell, 49 Wesley St., South Dunedin	111
1900	.. 3 ..	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 24 Colombo Street, Wellington	64
1903	.. 3 ..	Seamer, Arthur J., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland	H.M.
1910	.. 1 ..	Sharp, Harold A., 165 Ollivier's Road, Linwood, Christchurch	84
1869	.. S ..	Simmonds, Joseph H., Princess Street, Takanini, Auckland	10
1891	.. 8 ..	Sinclair, William A., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland; private address, 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland	F.M.
1918	.. 1 ..	Skuse, Thomas, Opotiki, Bay of Plenty	30
1915	.. 2 ..	Slade, William G., M.A., Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	96
1892	.. 1 ..	Smith, G. Knowles, Hokitika	78
1862	.. S ..	Smith, John, 35 Fairview Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1891)	3
1899	.. 2 ..	Southern, John, Queen Street, Woodville	55
1908	.. 2 ..	Speer, William H., 46 Radley Street, Woolston, Christchurch	86
1923	.. 3 ..	Spencer, Herbert, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	72
1875	.. S ..	Standage, Charles H., 18 Craigie Street, Timaru (1915)	101
1904	.. 4 ..	Stockwell, George F., Eden Street, Oamaru	107
1924	.. 1 ..	Taylor, Cecil R., Greytown, Wairarapa	69
1871	.. S ..	Taylor, James, Lutana, Moonah, Tasmania	1
1908	.. 1 ..	Tinsley, Robert B., Havelock Street, Ashburton	105
1894	.. 1 ..	Vealie, Thomas W., 10 New Bond Street, Auckland	1
1926	.. 1 ..	Voyce, A. Harry, Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[4]
1912	.. 4 ..	Walker, William, 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin	109

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1885	.. 2 ..	Wallis, T. Jackson, Tai Tapu, Canterbury	.. 94
1870	.. S ..	Ward, Charles E., Canon Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1910)	.. 85
1872	.. S ..	Ward, Josiah, 128 Ohio Road, Brooklyn, Wellington	64
1914	.. 3 ..	Werren, Samuel J., Edgeware Road, St. Albans, Christchurch	.. 90
1906	.. 1 ..	White, Hedley, Balclutha, Otago	.. 118
1870	.. S ..	Williams, William J., 23 Latimer Square, Christchurch (1914)	.. 83
1899	.. 3 ..	Wills, William, 66 Fitzroy Street, Caversham	.. 113
1901	.. 2 ..	Woolloxall, Thomas R., Bank Street, Whangarei	.. 16
1887	.. S ..	Wrigley, James, Henderson, Auckland	.. 4

#### NATIVE MINISTERS.

1900	..	Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki, Normanby, Taranaki	.. [3]
1922	..	Haddon, E. Oliver, Kawakawa, North Auckland	.. [1]
1896	..	Heretini, Te Tuhi, Whirinaki, Hokianga	.. [1]
1911	..	Kakuere, Hori, Ngaruawahia, Waikato	.. [2]
1914	..	Rakena, Rakena P., Rahotu, Taranaki	.. [3]
1882	..	Rakena, Piripi, Mangamuka, Hokianga	.. [1]
1920	..	Tauroa, Matarae, Okaiawa, Taranaki	.. [3]
1911	..	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Rewiti, Kaipara	.. [1]
1911	..	Wilcox, Davis, Waima, Hokianga	.. [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.

#### HOME MISSIONARIES.

- 1896—John H. White, Mapua, Nelson (retired); 7.  
 1899—John Oliver, Main Street East, Palmerston North (retired); 8.  
 1904—C. Aker, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty; 1.  
 1904—W. T. Hooper, c/o Home Mission Office, Probert Chambers, Auckland; 2.  
 1907—S. Keen, Gonville, Wanganui; 2.  
 1908—G. H. Bridgman, Lawrence, Otago; 2.  
 1908—C. W. Brown, Putaruru, Waikato; 3.  
 1908—W. E. Sleep, Norsewood, Hawke's Bay; 2.  
 1909—T. W. Featherstone, Oxford, Canterbury; 4.  
 1909—F. P. Kellow, Gonville, Wanganui (retired); 5.  
 1909—W. Watson, Patea, Taranaki (retired); 4.  
 1910—C. Duncan, Mosgiel, Otago; 1.  
 1911—A. E. Haynes, Apiti, Feilding; 2.  
 1911—C. Strand, Te Kuiti, King Country; 3.  
 1913—J. Common, Bombay, Auckland; 1.  
 1914—F. C. Foot, Maori Hill, Dunedin; 2.  
 1915—J. H. Edmondson, Colporteur Society, Probert Chambers, Auckland; 1.  
 1915—T. Flower, Halcombe, Feilding; 2.  
 1917—A. L. Withiford, Paraparaumu, Wellington; 3.  
 1919—J. W. Bayliss, Okato, Taranaki; 1.  
 1919—J. Belshaw, Mayfield, Canterbury; 2.  
 1919—P. Bridge, Kaitangata, Otago; 1.

**HOME MISSIONARIES.—Continued.**

- 1920—C. G. H. Bycroft, Porirua, Wellington; 3.  
 1920—R. T. H. Wearne, Mangonui, Auckland; 1.  
 1922—G. H. Marr, Granity, Westport; 1.  
 1922—C. Robinson, Reefton, West Coast; 2.  
 1923—J. W. Cocks, Huntly, Waikato; 2.  
 1924—G. F. O. Whittlestone, Waikouaiti, Otago; 1.  
 1926—P. J. Bothwell, Kuripuni, Masterton; 1.

**HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.****A—Exempted from Examination Work.**

- 1921—A. Beeson, Havelock, Marlborough; 1.  
 1922—H. Ashworth, Rawene, Hokianga; 2.  
 1923—W. McDonald, Broadwood, Hokianga; 3.  
 1924—H. Dyson, Nightcaps; 1.  
 1924—J. M. Smeeth, Kaeo, Whangaroa; 3.  
 1924—H. Thornley, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty; 1.  
 1925—H. J. Malcolm, Edendale, Southland; 2.  
 1926—E. C. Naylor, Cromwell, Otago; 1.  
 1926—F. O. Prosser, Riverton, Southland; 1.

**B—Due to Take Examination Work.**

- 1921—J. Thomas, Hawarden, Canterbury; 2.  
 1923—C. R. Alexander, The Parsonage, Te Aroha; 1.  
 1923—E. J. Clarke, Ngaruawahia, Waikato; 1.  
 1924—R. T. Alexander, Marangai, Bay of Islands; 1.  
 1924—J. C. Draper, Nelson; 1.  
 1924—G. Hall, Ashhurst, Manawatu; 3.  
 1924—F. T. Hoten, Broad Bay, Dunedin; 1.  
 1924—W. M. Jones, Hikurangi, Whangarei; 1.  
 1924—F. J. Richards, Raetihi; 1.  
 1924—J. G. W. Grindlay, Port Albert; 1.  
 1924—H. S. Ratcliffe, Murchison, Nelson; 1.  
 1924—C. S. Scrimgeour, Kawakawa, Bay of Islands; 2.  
 1924—B. H. N. Teague, Uruti, Waitara, Taranaki; 2.  
 1924—W. H. Wilson, Kaukapakapa, Kaipara; 3.  
 1925—J. C. Gill, Colporteur Society, Probert Chambers, Auckland.  
 1925—R. G. Hemmings, Kaihu, Northern Wairoa; 1.  
 1925—W. J. Henderson, Rakaia, Canterbury; 2.  
 1925—D. Hickman, Dublin Street, Wanganui; 2.  
 1925—E. Hill, Arapohue, Northern Wairoa; 2.  
 1925—C. C. Hoskins, Parsonage, Timaru; 2.  
 1925—T. W. Parsons, Warkworth, Auckland; 2.  
 1925—A. R. Thomas, Wakefield, Nelson; 1.  
 1925—W. Wilson, Ohura, King Country; 2.  
 1926—P. B. Birkett, Island Bay, Wellington; 1.  
 1926—T. H. Carr, Tuakau, Auckland; 1.  
 1926—R. Day, Coromandel; 1.  
 1926—W. E. Moore, South Road, New Plymouth; 1.

**HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLIES.**

- 1924—J. Boothroyd, Waddington, Canterbury; 2.  
 1925—J. F. Tullock, Patea, Taranaki; 1.

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# APPENDIX

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GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925.  
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	Communi-cants	
Auckland Central ..	6	..	7	3	8	..	1	17	5	728	..	170	..	627	2225
Auckland West ..	5	1	6	2	3	..	..	8	..	393	..	109	..	270	1348
Auckland East ..	8	..	6	4	13	..	..	20	2	756	12	321	..	620	2100
Auckland (Avondale) ..	7	2	3	2	5	..	..	12	..	381	15	134	..	350	1440
Auckland (Devonport)	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	200	..	55	..	199	660
Auckland (Takapuna) ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	106	..	30	..	84	345
Auckland (Birkenhead)	4	2	4	1	2	..	..	10	..	212	..	92	..	196	625
Onehunga ..	3	1	2	1	1	1	..	6	..	210	..	114	..	160	665
Otahuhu ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	152	..	40	..	90	500
Papakura ..	2	3	2	1	3	..	..	2	..	129	..	50	..	104	430
Pukekohe ..	7	11	..	2	1	3	..	8	..	230	..	23	..	290	1200
Waiuku ..	1	8	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	77	..	29	..	95	420
Mahurangi ..	2	7	1	1	..	1	..	3	1	60	..	22	..	72	380
Paparoa ..	5	6	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	74	..	37	..	75	300
Northern Wairoa ..	6	27	..	2	..	2	..	14	..	190	..	36	..	110	800
Whangarei ..	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	136	3	35	..	60	500
Whangaroa ..	1	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	55	2	35	..	15	140
Port Albert ..	3	5	1	1	..	1	..	2	2	67	16	21	..	80	230
Coromandel ..	2	7	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	31	..	4	..	45	235
Helensville ..	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	38	..	12	..	24	120
Kaukapakapa ..	3	5	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	36	..	15	..	30	200
Bay of Islands ..	2	6	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	18	..	..	..	38	300
Hokianga ..	2	19	..	1	..	2	..	6	..	78	..	11	..	45	310
Mangonui ..	3	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	37	..	..	..	13	660
Hikurangi ..	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	12	140
Ohaeawai ..	1	14	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	30	..	15	..	..	270
General Totals	83	151	41	31	42	18	1	137	10	4458	48	1410	..	3614	16043

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	119	..	12	..	80	340
Te Aroha ..	3	7	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	172	5	50	..	90	620
Morrinsville ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	137	..	13	..	90	450
Waihi ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	80	5	22	..	65	200
Paeroa and H. P. ..	3	10	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	65	..	45	..	50	456
Cambridge ..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	143	..	68	..	135	650
Hamilton ..	3	5	3	1	2	..	..	15	3	383	15	165	..	200	1300
Hamilton East ..	3	4	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	125	5	51	..	115	410
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	52	..	9	..	40	250
Rotorua ..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	62	..	49	..	50	250
Tauranga ..	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	92	..	37	..	44	286
Opotiki, last year's figures	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	36	..	10	..	20	175
Taumarunui ..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	70	..	..	..	30	175
Te Awamutu ..	2	9	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	121	..	30	..	75	580
Whakatane ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	46	..	..	..	28	70
Matamata ..	2	6	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	114	..	32	..	60	350
Te Puke ..	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	39	5	..	..	45	180
Huntly ..	1	10	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	102	..	26	..	53	363
Te Kuiti ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	76	..	20	..	50	220
Ohura ..	2	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	37	..	21	..	32	152
Putaruru ..	1	7	..	..	1st	1	..	2	2	52	..	7	..	58	265
Inc. on last year	2	6	..	..	..	1	..	7	..	66	6	75	..	..	308
December ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	36	..
General Totals ..	44	102	14	17	15	9	..	77	6	2123	35	667	..	1410	7742

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925.  
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.									Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars	
	Churches	Other Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members		Communi-cants
New Plymouth ..	8	4	3	2	4	..	..	17	..	587	..	334	..	406	1650
Waitara ..	3	14	1	1	1	1	..	4	..	127	28	23	..	112	639
Inglewood ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	58	..	50	..	51	150
Stratford ..	5	1	2	2	1	..	..	9	..	170	..	92	..	111	575
Eltham ..	5	3	1	2	1	..	..	6	..	130	..	35	..	75	430
Hawera ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	1	10	..	300	..	163	..	180	650
Manaia ..	4	1	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	88	20	20	..	65	250
Opunake ..	6	5	2	3	1	1	..	7	..	107	..	19	..	100	430
Kaponga ..	2	4	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	47	..	10	..	25	250
Wanganui ..	4	..	2	2	1	1	..	11	..	442	..	133	..	330	1010
Wanganui North ..	3	..	3	2	1	1	..	5	..	187	..	53	..	110	550
Marton ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	86	7	71	..	42	220
Taihape ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	49	..	..	..	20	100
Waimarino ..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	49	..	5	..	30	125
Patea ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	27	..	7	..	20	85
General Totals	55	41	18	22	17	5	1	82	..	2454	55	1015	..	1671	7114

## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	6	..	1	1	1	..	..	16	..	363	10	238	..	201	980
Hastings ..	1	3	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	330	..	75	..	250	750
Gisborne ..	4	5	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	250	..	80	..	160	760
Wairoa ..	..	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	10	..	5	..	12	72
Waipawa ..	2	4	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	54	..	46	..	40	225
Dannevirke ..	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	145	..	45	..	115	450
Woodville ..	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	91	..	6	..	70	300
Pahiatua ..	3	4	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	70	5	..	..	50	250
Palmerston N. (Broad St.)	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	5	..	326	..	94	..	263	775
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	3	..	3	1	1	1	..	8	..	280	..	79	..	260	750
Feilding ..	7	1	2	2	2	1	..	14	..	296	..	60	..	100	900
Sanson-Rongotea ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	124	..	..	..	75	300
Foxton ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	72	..	25	..	40	230
Home Mission Stations—															
Apiti ..	4	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	48	..	..	..	22	180
Norsewood ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	40	..	..	..	30	100
General Totals	43	37	14	16	14	5	1	85	..	2499	15	753	..	1688	7022

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

WELLINGTON—															
Taranaki Street ..	3	1	4	2	4	..	1	12	..	682	10	86	..	350	1500
Thorndon ..	4	1	4	5	3	..	..	7	2	234	..	94	..	175	815
Wellington South ..	2	..	2	2	4	..	..	14	2	299	..	108	..	230	780
Kilbirnie ..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	8	..	193	..	81	..	145	671
Johnsonville-Ngaio ..	4	2	2	2	1	1	..	3	..	144	..	76	..	140	450
Hutt ..	4	..	1	1	2	..	..	6	..	205	..	46	..	150	451
Petone ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	183	7	51	..	97	500
Greytown ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	34	1	25	..	50	76
Carterton ..	4	3	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	138	..	24	..	100	410
Masterton ..	3	2	2	..	1	1	..	9	..	271	..	141	..	200	940
Eketahuna ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	102	..	..	..	50	350
Levin ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	130	..	79	..	90	300
Otaki ..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	71	..	35	..	54	230
Paraparaumu ..	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	52	..	24	..	43	155
Featherston ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	20	56
Increases ..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	7	..	74	7	117	..	151	..
Decreases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
General Totals	41	19	21	19	23	4	1	80	4	2770	18	870	..	1894	7686

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925.  
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	..	5	..	345	1	120	..	280	820
Richmond .. ..	9	1	3	1	1	1	..	9	..	235	..	..	..	140	690
Blenheim .. ..	7	7	3	3	3	..	..	17	..	396	..	90	..	300	1160
Hokitika .. ..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	55	..	10	..	50	120
Greymouth .. ..	3	3	1	2	1	..	..	6	..	149	..	22	..	50	500
Motueka .. ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	6	1	104	1	11	..	75	305
Reefton .. ..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	64	..	20	..	32	200
Westport .. ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	88	..	53	..	70	230
Home Mission Stations—															
Havelock .. ..	4	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	48	..	6	..	29	220
Murchison .. ..	1	9	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	22	..	1	..	16	155
Granity .. ..	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	34	..	..	..	42	212
Denniston .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
General Totals	35	38	14	13	9	6	..	54	1	1540	2	333	..	1084	4612

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CHRISTCHURCH—	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
Durham Street .. ..	2	..	1	1	7	..	3	9	3	353	..	63	..	250	1020
East .. ..	6	2	5	3	5	..	2	22	3	669	..	364	..	464	1765
Cambridge Terrace .. ..	3	..	..	2	2	..	..	6	..	182	..	37	..	145	440
Woolston .. ..	4	1	4	1	3	..	..	3	..	262	11	92	..	165	575
Sydenham .. ..	2	3	2	2	1	..	..	2	..	195	..	85	..	100	500
Addington .. ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	211	..	125	..	145	650
Riccarton .. ..	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	125	..	39	..	87	220
St. Albans .. ..	2	2	2	2	3	..	..	4	..	350	..	86	..	290	900
Papanui .. ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	158	..	85	..	200	400
Lyttelton .. ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	100	2	30	..	70	370
Springston .. ..	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	141	1	..	..	150	515
Tai Tapu .. ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	120	..	10	..	80	285
Leeston .. ..	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	150	..	19	..	123	430
Kaipoi .. ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	142	..	75	..	70	400
Ohoka .. ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	72	..	9	..	55	219
Rangiora .. ..	8	1	3	2	2	..	..	12	..	250	..	31	..	140	750
Greendale-Malvern .. ..	7	3	..	2	1	1	..	8	..	134	..	37	..	92	293
Hawarden .. ..	1	5	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	30	..	..	..	..	149
Oxford .. ..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	84	..	15	..	70	130
General Totals	67	20	28	26	33	3	5	111	6	3728	22	1202	..	2696	10011

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925.  
SOUTH CANTERBURY 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	
Timaru .. ..	6	3	2	2	3	1	..	17	..	465	1	145	..	350	1580
Waimate .. ..	2	6	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	187	4	87	..	182	630
Temuka .. ..	1	3	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	102	2	19	..	96	250
Geraldine .. ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	112	..	40	..	60	275
Ashburton .. ..	3	5	1	1	1	..	1	15	..	306	..	125	..	195	785
Willowby .. ..	5	2	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	125	..	37	..	133	400
Oamaru .. ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	180	..	40	..	145	500
Rakaia-Methven .. ..	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	8	..	46	..	..	..	60	140
Mayfield .. ..	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	47	..	6	..	30	175
General Totals .. ..	25	28	9	9	9	3	1	70	..	1570	7	499	..	1251	4735

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN—Trinity .. ..	3	..	3	1	5	..	..	6	..	330	..	84	..	155	600
Central Mission .. ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	3	..	190	..	16	..	120	1300
Dundas Street .. ..	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	172	..	50	..	120	475
Cargill Road .. ..	2	1	2	1	2	..	..	11	1	262	..	60	..	210	700
St. Kilda .. ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	1	3	..	143	..	37	..	126	450
Caversham .. ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	176	..	80	..	95	465
Mornington .. ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	160	..	56	..	70	380
Roslyn .. ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	1	2	2	161	..	82	..	88	380
Mosgiel .. ..	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	62	..	2	..	40	120
Port Chalmers .. ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	88	1	24	..	62	210
Balclutha .. ..	1	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	60	..	45	..	28	225
Milton .. ..	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	67	..	20	..	47	360
Roxburgh .. ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	65	1	10	..	55	250
Invercargill—Central .. ..	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	280	..	65	..	150	600
St. Peters .. ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	134	..	73	..	100	300
Bluff .. ..	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	66	..	10	..	30	243
Gore .. ..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	107	6	37	..	50	220
Otautau .. ..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	51	..	31	..	42	160
Edendale .. ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	34	..	6	..	30	236
Kaitangata .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	53	..	..	..	35	95
Lawrence .. ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	27	..	5	..	11	114
Cromwell .. ..	2	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	44	..	6	..	20	200
Riverton .. ..	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	45	..	12	..	25	230
Tuatapere .. ..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	19	..	..	..	10	60
Nightcaps .. ..	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	30	..	6	..	16	175
Waikouaiti & Palmerston .. ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	49	..	23	..	35	100
General Totals .. ..	49	37	16	25	22	12	1	70	3	2875	8	840	..	1770	8648

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1925.

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 ... ..	83	151	41	31	42	18	1	137	10	4458	48	1410	...	3614	16043
South Auckland ...	44	102	14	17	15	9	...	77	6	2123	35	667	...	1410	7742
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	55	41	18	22	17	5	1	82	...	2454	55	1015	...	1671	7114
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	43	37	14	16	14	5	1	85	...	2499	15	753	...	1688	7022
Wellington ... ..	41	19	21	19	23	4	1	80	4	2770	18	870	...	1894	7686
Nelson ... ..	35	38	14	13	9	6	...	54	1	1540	2	333	...	1084	4612
North Canterbury ...	67	20	28	26	33	3	5	111	6	3728	22	1202	...	2696	10011
South Canterbury ...	25	28	9	9	9	3	1	70	...	1570	7	499	...	1251	4735
Otago-Southland ..	49	37	16	25	22	12	1	70	3	2875	8	840	...	1770	8648
Totals 1925 ... ..	442	473	175	178	184	65	11	766	30	24017	210	7589	...	17078	73613
Totals 1924 ... ..	437	443	172	179	185	57	10	776	37	24034	180	7075	...	16514	73514
Increases ... ..	5	30	3	...	...	8	1	...	...	...	30	514	...	564	99
Decreases ... ..	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	10	7	17	...	...	...	...	...

## SUMMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1925.

DISTRICTS.	TEACHERS.		SCHOLARS.									No. on Cradle Roll.	BIBLE CLASSES.				Number of Scholars between 13 and 15 years who have ceased to attend	Young Worshippers' League.	Wesley Guild	Christian Endeavour Y. P. Societies, C.E., etc.	Junior Christian Endeavour	Band of Hope	Boy Scouts	Girl Guides, 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 ...	77	717	601	7053	4832	337	1037	256	103	169	499	907	428	332	382	288	112	773	250	194	400	1236	240	154	48	8	7	53	
South Auckland ...	55	310	280	2942	2133	110	667	167	28	61	49	167	204	108	172	94	60	329	38	129	94	644	24	23	32	3	4	28	
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	44	278	240	3134	2289	110	627	196	44	192	46	325	145	187	146	163	76	605	118	38	140	285	24	26	29	1	4	30	
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ...	41	255	222	2762	2049	167	550	132	45	46	7	325	123	238	116	174	37	422	86	144	69	223	46	47	26	3	...	27	
Wellington ...	38	393	339	3736	2692	185	677	121	39	138	190	460	117	282	116	295	81	632	62	...	387	127	36	139	26	4	4	29	
Nelson ...	24	169	151	1752	1348	96	222	128	22	30	32	128	55	129	14	140	19	285	132	114	65	31	94	46	11	...	...	17	
North Canterbury ...	59	499	443	4395	3173	178	658	304	77	62	301	521	330	214	183	233	50	709	571	378	206	693	100	134	42	2	6	43	
South Canterbury ...	24	172	151	1512	1185	120	326	88	16	52	8	204	69	81	71	75	27	390	31	61	119	195	...	...	7	...	1	15	
Otago-Southland ...	42	332	293	3003	2356	159	646	245	54	78	...	400	153	205	153	197	12	824	100	126	202	669	12	...	2	...	3	29	
Correspondence ...	1	...	...	54	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	405	3125	2720	30343	22111	1462	5410	1637	...	828	1132	3437	1624	1776	1353	1659	474	4969	1388	1184	1682	4103	576	569	..	...	...	...	..
Increases ...	9	...	160	...	197	...	...	...	...	...	...	169	...	37	...	157	...	135	...	722	...	...	...	435	...	...	...	...	...
Decreases ...	...	4	..	665	...	78	534	146	126	186	134	...	53	...	106	...	2	...	667	...	282	318	145	...	...	...	...	...	...



## Amended Schedule of Distribution of an Estimated Total of £41,650

## RECEIPTS.

						£	s.	d.
As per Statement	...	...	...	...	...	40,944	0	6
Payments Expected	...	...	...	...	...	705	19	6
						<u>£41,650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

		Conference		Personal		Dividend			
		Allocation	Allocation	Allocation	Allocation	£	s.	d.	
		£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Supernumerary Fund	...	8500	143	0	0	8632	6	11	
Theological College	...	8000	4284	17	0	8000	0	0	
Church Building and Loan Fund	...	8000	306	0	0	6232	8	5	
Foreign Mission Fund	...	5000	594	5	0	4298	5	3	
Wesley Training College	...	3000	35	0	0	2257	8	2	
Deaconess Fund	...	3000	89	10	0	2311	18	2	
Maori Girls' School	...	3000	800	0	0	3000	0	0	
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	...	...				291	19	0	
						<u>£43,000</u>	<u>£41,650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

\*Conditional on Fund reaching £43,000.







## CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Balance-sheet as at 30th September, 1925.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at 30/9/24	19,112	17	5	Outstanding Loans	...	...	19,147 6 2
Centenary Fund	650	0	0	Mortgages	...	...	600 0 0
Working Expenses Account	100	0	0	Temporary Deposits	...	...	1,108 7 1
Hymn Book Commission	25	12	0	Bank of New Zealand	...	...	510 19 8
	19,888	9	5				
Instalments Remitted	10	0	0				
				19,878	9	5	
Proceeds Properties Sold and Held in Trust	1,437	16	6				
Less Rates	3	0	7				
				1,434	15	11	
Working Expenses A/c, 1923	75	2	2				
Surplus for 1924	78	10	5				
	153	12	7				
Less Transferred to Capital	100	0	0				
				53	7	7	
				£21,366	12	11	

Audited and found correct.

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
J. A. FLESHER } Treasurers.

A. K. ENGLAND  
ARTHUR C. REED

November 6th, 1925.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st October, 1925.

Treasurers: Rev. GEO. BOND and Mr. J. VEALE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Brought Forward ...			109 14 0	By Payments to H.M. Department	795	0	0
„ Rents—				„ Management ...	15	0	0
Kaeo ...	60	0	0	„ Rates and Insurances ...	11	14	11
Mt. Wesley ...	62	10	0	„ Office Rent ...	7	10	0
Newark ...	40	0	0	„ Office Furniture ...	4	3	4
Te Waitere (Kawhia) ...	0	1	0	„ Bank Commission ...	0	10	0
			162 11 0	„ Cheque Book ...	0	4	0
„ Interest—				„ Postage and Exchange ...	1	0	1
Auckland City Debentures				„ Loan on Security City Free-			
(6 months) ...	300	0	0	hold ...	11,500	0	0
From Mortgage ...	562	12	6	„ Repayments to H.M. Capital			
Auckland Savings Bank ...	4	17	2	A/c in respect of Te Kopua	103	4	0
			865 9 8	„ Repayments in respect of De-			
„ Refund by H.M. Fund of Deposit			400 0 0	bentures ...	1,330	0	0
„ Debentures Matured ...			12,000 0 0	„ Transferred to Auckland Sav-			
„ Proceeds of Sale of Te Kopua				ings Bank ...	20	0	0
Property (balance) ...			540 0 0	„ Legal Expenses ...	8	18	7
„ Rebate of Rates, etc. ...			7 16 3	„ Survey Expenses (Kaeo) ...	35	0	0
				„ Fee for Enlarging Trust Board	0	7	6
							13,832 12 5
				„ Credit Balance in Bank N.Z.			252 18 6
			<u>£14,085 10 11</u>				<u>£14,085 10 11</u>

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.

Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st October, 1925.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.		
Nil.		£	s. d.
	By Mortgage	11,500	0 0
	„ Credit in Auckland Savings Bank	120	0 0
	„ Property	4,450	0 0
	„ Credit in Bank N.Z.	252	18 6
		<u>£16,322</u>	<u>18 6</u>

November 6, 1925.

Audited and found correct.

J. G. HENDERSON  
ARCH PEAK

**BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.**

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1925.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.						
			£	s.	d.					
			£	s.	d.					
Dec. 31, 1925—										
To Interest Account	...	...	962	4	2	By Net Profit from Working of Farm	...	35	12	8
„ Net Loss made by College	...	...	581	10	3	„ Rents received or due	...	3888	11	7
„ General Account	...	...	1181	17	6					
„ Bad Debts	...	...	69	12	0					
„ Balance, being excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Capital Account			679	0	4					
			<u>£3424</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>£3424</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

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**THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st October, 1925.

Oct. 31, 1925—	£ s. d.	Oct. 31, 1924—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To REVENUE A/C—		By BALANCE DUE BANK N.Z.—		2,830 1 7
Rents ... ..	4,294 3 6	Oct. 31, 1925—		
" EMSLY TRUST—		By QUEEN STREET PROPERTY—		
Deposit at Call ... ..	300 0 0	Payments A/c Building ...		7,407 7 8
" AUCKLAND SINKING FUND COMMIS-		" THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION—		
SIONERS—		Paid to Trustees ...		872 14 5
Balance of Loan ... ..	7,497 0 0	" GENERAL CHARGES—		
" GREAT NORTH ROAD PROPERTY—		Repairs & Maintenance	335 2 5	
Realisation of Cottage ... ..	55 0 0	Rates ... ..	525 12 11	
" BANK OF NEW ZEALAND—		Interest ... ..	1,808 5 10	
Balance due ... ..	2,164 13 4	Insurance Premiums ... ..	146 13 11	
		Land Tax ... ..	113 16 5	
		Secretary's Salary ... ..	50 0 0	
		Com. on Rents Collected	214 14 2	
		Sundries ... ..	6 7 6	
				3,200 13 2
				<u>£14,310 16 10</u>
	<u>£14,310 16 10</u>			<u>£14,310 16 10</u>

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Audited and found correct,

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.)  
LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.

GEO. BOND }  
S. I. AMBURY } Hon. Treasurers.

Auckland, 16th November, 1925.

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

Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st October, 1925.

Oct. 31, 1924—				£	s.	d.	Oct. 31, 1925—				£	s.	d.
To Balance	...	...	...	98	5	0	By Rents Received	...	...	...	4294	3	6
Oct. 31, 1925—							„ Balance	...	...	...	510	7	3
To Rent Accrued	...	...	...	4706	5	9							
				<u>£4804 10 9</u>							<u>£4804 10 9</u>		

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Audited and found correct,

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.) }  
 LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.

GEO. BOND }  
 S. I. AMBURY } Hon. Treasurers.

Auckland, 16th November, 1925.

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

Balance-sheet, 31st October, 1925.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
CAPITAL A/C—				FREEHOLD PROPERTIES—			
Balance as at 31st October, 1925	...	36,395	4 6	Great North Road	...	40,557	17 1
INCOME A/C—				Queen Street	...	23,827	19 0
Balance as at 31st October, 1925	...	5,583	17 3	Whau Township	...	80	0 0
AUCKLAND SINKING FUND COMMIS- SIONERS—							
Loan	...	20,000	0 0				
COLLEGE ORGAN FUND—	...	22	1 0				
EMSLEY TRUST—							
Deposit at Call	...	300	0 0				
BANK OF NEW ZEALAND—							
Balance due	...	2,164	13 4				
		<u>£64,465</u>	<u>16 1</u>			<u>£64,465</u>	<u>16 1</u>

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We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1925, and certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on 31st October, 1925, as shown by the books

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.) }  
LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.

GEO. BOND }  
S. I. AMBURY } Hon. Treasurers.

Auckland, 16th November, 1925.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Balance-sheet for Year ending 30th September, 1925.

Treasurers—JOHN W. SHACKELFORD and JOSEPH STANTON.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
Oct., 1924—			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Balance A.S. Bank	...	...	7 6 6	By Interest Paid	...	...	287 12 6
.. Rent	...	...	696 0 0	„ Paid Off Mortgage	...	...	350 0 0
.. Interest A.S. Bank	...	...	3 19 0	„ Commission and Stamps	...	...	5 2 6
				„ Prince Albert to Theological College	...	...	40 0 0
				„ Balance A.S. Bank	...	...	24 10 6
			<u>£707 5 6</u>				<u>£707 5 6</u>

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CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1, 1924—Mortgage A.S. Bank	...	4500 0 0	Cash Repaid	...	350 0 0
			Sept. 30, 1925—Balance	...	4150 0 0
		<u>£4500 0 0</u>			<u>£4500 0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

JAS. P. BLAIR  
WM. ASTLEY





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

**Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1925.**

Jan. 1st, 1925—			Dec. 31st, 1925—		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance carried forward from 1924	17,584	11 8	By General Expenses—		
„ Interest Account	231	1 0	Borough Rates at Masterton		
„ Rent Account	306	9 0	and Foxton	42	2 0
„ Bequest T. G. McCarthy Estate	200	0 0	Fire Insurance Premium		
„ Sundry Collections and Donations	54	8 5	Connexional Office	5	2 0
			Travelling Expenses	5	10 4
			Postages, Duty Stamps, Exchange, Bank Fee, etc.	2	2 2
					54 16 6
			„ Bequest T. G. McCarthy to Masterton Committee		200 0 0
			„ Collections Remitted to Masterton Committee		52 6 5
			„ Balance carried forward		18,069 7 2
	<u>£18,376</u>	<u>10 1</u>		<u>£18,376</u>	<u>10 1</u>

**Balance-sheet at at 31st December, 1925.**

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance of Funds as per Revenue Account	18,069	7 2	Loans on Mortgage	3,300 0 0
			Freehold Properties at Wellington, Foxton, and Masterton with Home	14,048 2 7
			Interest Accrued and Due as at 31st Dec.	76 2 6
			Rent Accrued, 31st Dec.	67 4 4
			Balance at Post Office Savings Bank	463 1 5
			Balance at Bank of Australasia	114 16 4
	<u>£18,069</u>	<u>7 2</u>		<u>£18,069 7 2</u>

Wellington, 15th January, 1926.  
 (Signed) CLARENCE EATON, Chairman of Board  
 W. C. HEMERY, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,  
 (Signed) F. TURNER  
 C. McDONALD } Auditors.



**CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.**

Balance-sheet as at 31st October, 1925.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Accumulated Funds as at 31/10/24 ...	16,903	16	3	Investments in Mortgage ...	8,280	0	0
Less Vote of Conference—				Interest due and accrued ...	155	6	11
Foreign Mission Fund £100							8,435
Home Mission Fund £100				Investments in Debentures ...	9,499	7	4
Deaconess House £100				Interest due and accrued ...	141	4	2
Supernumerary Fund (Benevolent Branch) £50							9,640
	350	0	0	Loans to Churches ...	190	0	0
				Interest due and accrued ...	6	18	6
	16,553	16	3				196
Add Balance from Revenue A/c	1,678	16	0	Amount at Bank of N.Z. ...	648	16	6
				Amount at P.O. Savings Bank	30	18	10
Reserve for Fire Claims ...			18,232				679
			720				15
			<u>£18,952</u>				<u>12</u>
			3				<u>3</u>

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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, 1925.

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
 GEORGE J. SMITH } Treasurers.

W. L. THOMAS }  
 C. F. EDGAR, F.R.A., N.Z. } Auditors.

December 3rd, 1925.





**SUPERNUMERARY FUND.**

Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1925.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Annuities	...	7,453	5 2	By Amount of Funds, 1/1/25		120,896	5 11
„ Furniture Grants	...	210	0 0	„ Ministers' Personal Sub-			
„ Subscriptions Refunded	...	65	12 0	scriptions	...	1,508	12 0
„ Expenses of Management	...	273	1 2	„ Circuit Levies	...	2,300	0 0
„ Fire Insurance Premiums	...	7	0 2	„ Interest on—			
„ Investment Fluctuation Re-				Investments	...	7,506	2 7
serve Fund	...	100	0 0	Deposits	...	22	3 5
„ Amount of Funds, 1/1/25	120,896 5 11			Arrears Ministers' Sub-			
„ Increase of Funds, 1925	3,814 3 5			scriptions	...	35	4 11
		124,710	9 4			7,563	10 11
				Less—			
				Interest Over-			
				draft	96 19 6		
				Other Funds	250 19 7		
						347 19 1	
							7,215 11 10
				„ Mortgage Indemnity Pre-			
				miums	...	1 10 0	
				„ Purchase of Benefits	...	887 6 7	
				„ Sundry Cash (Donations, etc.)	...	10 1 6	
		<u>£132,819</u>	<u>7 10</u>			<u>£132,819</u>	<u>7 10</u>

**SUPERNUMERARY FUND.**

Balance-sheet as at December 31st, 1925.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as per Revenue Account ...			124,710 9 4	Investments—			
Methodist Orphanage & Children's Home ...	1012	15	5	Loans on Mortgages ...	90,450	0	0
Papanui Methodist School Building Fund ...	516	0	10	Government & Other Debentures ...	32,306	15	0
Removal Expenses Fund ...	1016	19	4	Freehold Property ...	3,402	1	3
H.M. Retiring Fund ...	2383	13	9	126,158 16 3			
Deaconess Retiring Fund ...	912	5	2	Cash at Savings Bank ...	13	14	2
Benevolent Branch ...	198	15	2	Cash at Bank of N.Z. ...	516	0	4
			6,040 9 8	Cash on Deposit ...	750	0	0
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund, 1924 ...	1700	0	0	1,279 14 6			
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund, 1925 ...	100	0	0	Accrued—			
			1,800 0 0	Interest on Mortgages ...	3,015	18	9
Sundry Creditors ...			0 3 9	Interest on Debentures ...	677	6	7
			<u>£132,551 2 9</u>	3,693 5 4			
				Circuit Levies, due and unpaid			580 4 0
				Balance due Purchase of Benefits ...	369	14	1
				Interest due and unpaid ...	27	1	9
				396 15 10			
				Ministers' Subscriptions ...	377	13	0
				Interest due and unpaid ...	57	13	10
				435 6 10			
				Sundry Debtors ...			7 0 0
				<u>£132,551 2 9</u>			

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We have examined the above Balance-sheet and attached Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and certify to their correctness. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund, or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion, the Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st December, 1925.

W. H. SEED }  
 SAMUEL LAWRY } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A. (N.Z.), F.I.A.N.Z. }  
 E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 1st February, 1926.

**SUPERNUMERARY FUND (Benevolent Branch).**  
Statement of Receipts and Payments, 31st December, 1925.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.									
				£	s.	d.							
To Balance forward	...	...	...	5	19	5	By Grants made by the Board	...	...	...	157	0	0
„ Interest on Investments and Deposits	...	...	...	66	16	4	„ Audit Fee	...	...	...	1	1	0
„ Donations	...	...	...	23	7	6	„ Incidental Expenses	...	...	...	0	11	10
„ Loan Free of Interest	...	...	...	20	0	0					158	12	10
„ Grant, Fire Insurance Fund	...	...	...	50	0	0	Balance forward	...	...	...	8	11	5
„ Withdrawn Supernumerary Fund	...	...	...	1	1	0					167	4	3
				<u>£167 4 3</u>							<u>£167 4 3</u>		
LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.									
				£	s.	d.							
Capital	...	...	...	1000	0	0	Christchurch City Debentures	...	...	...	500	0	0
Balance	...	...	...	207	6	7	Christchurch Drainage Board Debentures	...	...	...	500	0	0
				<u>£1207 6 7</u>			Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	...	...	...	198	15	2
							Balance at P.O. Savings Bank	...	...	...	8	11	5
											<u>£1207 6 7</u>		

**HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.**  
Cash Statement for Year ending 31st December, 1925.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
To Personal Subscriptions ...	296	5	0				By Payments to Missionaries ...	87	12	8						
„ Circuit Levies ...	282	10	0				„ Payments to H.M. Fund Treasurers ...	60	0	0						
„ Mission Funds ...	291	5	0										147	12	8	
				870	0	0	„ General Expenses ...			4	0	8				
„ Interest on Deposits and Debentures ...						188	9	11	„ Connexional Secretary's A/c ...	15	0	0				
„ Centenary Fund ...						100	0	0						19	0	8
									„ Balance to Accumulated Funds					991	16	7
				£1158	9	11					£1158	9	11			

**HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.**  
Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1925.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at 31st Dec., 1924 ...	2750	17	2	Government and other Debentures ...	1359	0	0
Add 31st December, 1925 ...	991	16	7	Investments with Supernumerary Fund ...	2383	13	9
	£3742	13	9		£3742	13	9

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and attached Cash Statement, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and certify to their correctness. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion, the Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st December, 1925.

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
W. H. SEED } Treasurers  
Christchurch, February 1st. 1926.

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.

**DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.**

Cash Statement for the Year ending 31st December, 1925.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.									
				£	s.	d.							
To Balance brought forward, 31/12/25				637	1	11	By General Expenses	...	...	...	2	16	11
„ Personal Subscriptions	...	...	103	10	0		„ Supernumerary Fund	...	...	...	912	5	2
„ Circuit Levies	...	...	83	10	0								
„ Mission Funds	...	...	45	10	0								
				232	10	0							
„ Interest	...	...		45	10	2							
				£915	2	1					£915	2	1

We have examined the above Cash Statement, and have compared it with the Books of the Fund, and certify to its correctness as revealed hereby.

SAMUEL LAWRY  
W. H. SEED

} Treasurers.

Christchurch, February 1, 1926.

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 CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.**  
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending Dec. 31st. 1925.,

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE					
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1—									
To Balance	...	...	...	1395	9	1	By Cost of Wellington Conference		
„ Sale Literature, per Conn. Sec.				6	2	1	Representatives' Expenses Equal-		
„ Circuit Levies							266	9	4
„ District—Auckland	...	...	...	483	4	9	Travelling of Official Minister-		
„ South Auckland	...	...	...	244	3	3	ial Representatives and		
„ Taranaki-Wanganui	...	...	...	263	6	8	Probationers for Ordina-		
„ Hawke's Bay-Mana-	...	...	...	221	15	0	94	5	10
„ watu	...	...	...	276	17	6	Printing Agenda £118 2 0		
„ Wellington	...	...	...	162	5	0	Less Sales ... 18 16 0		
„ Nelson	...	...	...	389	6	9	99	6	0
„ North Canterbury	...	...	...	151	5	2	Printing Minutes ... 148 15 6		
„ South Canterbury	...	...	...	351	5	0	Printing—Other ... 46 12 9		
„ Otago-Southland	...	...	...	2543	9	1	Stationery ... 6 15 6		
„ Sale of Minutes—							8	10	0
„ District—Auckland	...	...	...	7	4	9	Incidentals ... 8 10 0		
„ South Auckland	...	...	...	1	0	0	670 14 11		
„ Taranaki-Wanganui	...	...	...	-	-	-	„ District Expenses—Chairmen's		
„ Hawke's Bay-Mana-	...	...	...	1	9	0	Travelling and other Expenses		
„ watu	...	...	...	1	9	0	District—Auckland ... 47 6 6		
„ Wellington	...	...	...	0	12	0	„ South Auckland ... 35 9 1		
„ Nelson	...	...	...	1	12	0	„ Taranaki-Wanganui ... 20 10 6		
„ North Canterbury	...	...	...	1	6	0	„ Hawke's Bay-Mana-		
„ South Canterbury	...	...	...	1	11	0	watu ... 27 0 1		
„ Otago-Southland	...	...	...	13	3	9	„ Wellington ... 28 0 2		
„ Synod Collection							„ Nelson ... 26 12 0		
„ District South Auckland	...	...	...	2	0	0	„ North Canterbury ... 18 1 10		
„ Otago	...	...	...	3	0	0	„ South Canterbury ... 18 2 6		
				5	0	0	„ Otago ... 27 18 4		
							249	1	0

£ s. d.  
 Brought forward ... .. £3963 4 4

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
„ Synod Expenses — Ministers', Probationers', H.M.'s Travel- ling, Stationery, etc—									
District—Auckland ...	85	3	4						
„ South Auckland ...	24	14	6						
„ Taranaki-Wanganui ...	34	6	8						
„ Hawke's Bay-Mana- watu ...	28	9	11						
„ Wellington ...	23	5	6						
„ Nelson ...	68	3	6						
„ North Canterbury ...	6	1	5						
„ South Canterbury ...	11	19	5						
„ Otago ...	39	14	1						
							321	18	4
„ Ministerial Supply—									
District—South Auckland ...	12	14	0						
„ Taranaki-Wanganui ...	10	10	0						
„ Hawke's Bay-Mana- watu ...	2	0	0						
„ North Canterbury ...	8	4	5						
„ Otago ...	11	15	0						
							45	3	8
„ Removal Expenses—									
District—South Auckland ...	17	6	0						
„ Taranaki-Wanganui ...	6	0	0						
							23	6	0
„ Connexional—									
Grants—									
For Afflictions ...	75	0	0						
Theological College ...	575	0	0						
Deaconess Fund ...	75	0	0						
World Conf. Faith and Order ...	10	5	0						
Spiritual Advance Cam. ...	66	17	9						

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	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ... ..	£3963	4	4

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Appeals—						
Whakatane Circuit ... ..	100	0	0			
Opotiki Circuit ... ..	50	0	0			
				952	2	9
Connexional Sec. Committee				175	0	0
Vice-President's Committee ...	12	13	3			
Bible in Schools Committee ...	1	7	0			
Naval Chaplains' Committee ...	15	17	6			
Sundry Comm. Expenses ...	6	14	4			
Board of Examiners' Com. ...	15	2	6			
				51	14	7
Printing—						
Y.P. Dept. ... ..	5	10	0			
Annual Tickets ... ..	41	1	6			
Literature Committee ... ..	21	15	0			
L.Y.M. ... ..	2	15	9			
				71	2	3
"Methodist Times"—Editor ...				35	11	6
Sub-Editor, Exchanges, etc.				19	2	5
Presidents' Travelling, 1924 ...	50	15	0			
Presidents' Travelling, 1925 ...						
Presidents' Postages, Telegrams	20	11	6			
				71	6	6
Presidents' Supply ... ..				35	0	0
Expenses New Men from Eng- land—						
Rev. G. H. Findlay ... ..	100	0	0			
Rev. E. S. Emmitt ... ..	77	1	8			
H.M. Expenses ... ..	10	18	6			
				188	0	2

Brought forward ... £3963 4 4

Expenses Visit Dr. Sharp		8 12 6
Refund Auckland Mission		9 15 0
Levies ... ..		19 10 6
Candidates' Medical Exams.		4 7 9
Bank Exchange, Comm., etc.		
Hon. Treas. Stationery, Stamps,		6 19 3
Telegrams, etc. ... ..		
		<u>2958 8 10</u>
.. Balance B.N.Z., Kaiapoi ...	828 9 2	
.. Balance held by Chairmen—		
Auckland ... ..	£26 16 7	
S. Auckland ... ..	27 0 8	
Taranaki-Wanganui	20 0 0	
Hawke's Bay Manawatu		9 16 6
Wellington ... ..		10 0 0
Nelson ... ..	25 1 6	
N. Canterbury ... ..	- - -	
S. Canterbury ... ..	24 9 5	
Otago ... ..	33 1 8	
		<u>176 6 4</u>
		1004 15 6
Less Equalisation Fd. Reserve		<u>104 10 8</u>
		900 4 10
Balance of Fund ... ..		
Balance Equalisation Fd. Reserve, as per Conference Resolutions		104 10 8
		<u>£3963 4 4</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 that in my opinion, the said Statement correctly sets forth the position of the Fund as at 31st. December, 1924.

J. H. BLACKWELL }  
W. G. SLADE } Hon. Treasurers

ISAAC J. WILSON, A.P.A., N.Z.  
Christchurch, N.Z., 17th. February, 1926.



## REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Account, Year ending 31st December, 1925.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance in Hand	... ..		1030 13 9	By Removal Expenses	... ..		412 2 5
„ Circuit Levies	... ..	791 14 4		„ Sundries	... ..		2 12 0
„ Less Refunds	... ..	13 12 0		„ Balance Dep. Supernumerary	... ..		
			778 2 4	„ Fund	... ..	1000 0 0	
„ Interest	... ..		9 1 7	„ P.O. Savings Bank	... ..	383 5 5	
				„ Bank of N.Z.	... ..	18 7 7	
				„ Cash in Hand	... ..	1 10 3	
							1403 3 3
			£1817 17 8				£1817 17 8

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### Revenue Account.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance	... ..		1030 13 9	By Removal Expenses	... ..		412 2 5
„ Levies Paid	... ..	778 2 4		„ Sundries	... ..		2 12 0
„ Levies Outstanding	... ..	339 16 3		„ Balance Cr. Fund, 1924	... ..	1030 13 9	
			1117 18 7	„ Surplus, 1925	... ..	740 8 8	
„ Interest Paid	... ..	9 1 7					1771 2 5
„ Interest Accrued	... ..	28 2 11					
			37 4 6				
			£2185 16 10				£2185 16 10

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N.Z.**  
**CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS, 1925.**

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.						£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	...	...	...	...	...	386	13	10
Auckland West	...	...	...	...	...	140	1	3
Auckland East	...	...	...	...	...	733	5	3
Auckland (Avondale)	...	...	...	From 1924	...	5	0	0
Auckland (Avondale)	...	...	...	...	...	364	5	7
Auckland (Devonport)	...	...	...	...	...	122	3	3
Auckland (Takapuna)	...	...	...	...	...	33	19	6
Auckland (Birkenhead)	...	...	...	...	...	136	11	0
Onehunga	...	...	...	...	...	65	19	9
Otahuhu	...	...	...	...	...	61	14	2
Papakura	...	...	...	From 1924	...	6	8	7
Papakura	...	...	...	...	...	66	4	0
Pukekohe	...	...	...	...	...	156	3	6
Waiuku	...	...	...	...	...	50	5	10
Mahurangi	...	...	...	...	...	23	17	6
Paparoa	...	...	...	...	...	44	13	0
Northern Wairoa	...	...	...	...	...	30	18	3
Whangarei	...	...	...	...	...	34	2	3
Port Albert	...	...	...	...	...	94	16	10
Coromandel	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	10
Helensville	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Kaukapakapa	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	8
Bay of Islands	...	...	...	...	...	4	11	3
Hokianga	...	...	...	...	...	17	15	0
Whangaroa	...	...	...	...	...	18	3	6
Mangonui	...	...	...	...	...	—		
Hikurangi	...	...	...	...	...	4	12	0
Ohaeawai	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Women's Auxiliaries: Auckland						£2624	9	7
£166 16s., Port Albert £6 2s.,								
Whangarei £16 6s.								

## II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

£ s. d.

Thames	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	0	0
Te Aroha	...	...	...	...	From 1924	...	1	18	6
Te Aroha	...	...	...	...	...	...	149	6	7
Morrinsville	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	10	0
Waihi	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	2	4
Paeroa	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	13	0
Cambridge	...	...	...	...	...	...	99	8	0
Hamilton	...	...	...	...	From 1924	...	1	0	0
Hamilton	...	...	...	...	...	...	118	0	11
Hamilton East	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	15	6
Huntly	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Rotorua	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	0	5
Tauranga	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	18	0
Opotiki	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	0	0
Te Kuiti	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	7	0
Taumarunui	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	10	6
Ohura	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	1	6
Te Awamutu	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	14	7
Whakatane	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	3
Matamata	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	19	2
Te Puke	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	3	2
Ngaruawahia	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	10	0
Putaruru	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	14	10

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 Women's Auxiliaries: Hamilton £888 14 3

£10, Matamata £4 8s. 11d.,  
 Morrinsville £8, Te Aroha  
 £8 16s., Thames £10.

## III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

£ s. d.

New Plymouth	...	...	...	...	...	...	172	15	1
Waitara	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	9	4
Inglewood	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	14	0
Stratford	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	6	10
Eltham	...	...	...	...	From 1924	...	3	9	0
Eltham	...	...	...	...	...	...	78	16	3
Hawera	...	...	...	...	...	...	197	5	10
Manaia	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	18	0
Cape Egmont	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	2	5
Kaponga	...	...	...	...	From 1924	...	0	14	0
Kaponga	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	0	0
Wanganui	...	...	...	...	...	...	188	10	0
Wanganui North	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	0	0
Marton	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	13	0
Taihape	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	10
Waimarino	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	5	0
Patea	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	3	6

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 Women's Auxiliaries: Hawera £40, £1057 13 1

Lepperton £2 11s. 6d., New  
 Plymouth £20, Stratford £3,  
 Waitara £7 5s., Wanganui  
 £30, Wanganui North £8 3s. 9d

## IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT. £ s. d.

Napier	...	...	...	...	...	87	10	0
Hastings	...	...	...	...	...	206	2	7
Gisborne	...	...	...	...	From 1924	10	7	6
Gisborne	...	...	...	...	...	38	1	10
Waipawa	...	...	...	...	...	5	19	7
Dannevirke	...	...	...	...	...	65	10	1
Woodville	...	...	...	...	...	39	13	9
Pahiatua	...	...	...	...	...	40	16	7
Palmerston North (Broad St.)	...	...	...	...	...	158	8	7
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	...	...	...	...	...	154	13	10
Feilding	...	...	...	...	...	299	1	7
Sanson-Rongotea	...	...	...	...	...	46	1	0
Foxton	...	...	...	...	...	14	1	5
Apiti	...	...	...	...	...	12	1	10
Norsewood	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	5

Women's Auxiliaries: Feilding £12  
 10s., Gisborne £7 6s. 3d., Hastings £30, Napier £12 10s.,  
 Palmerston (Broad St.) £15,  
 (Cuba St.) £15, Rongotea £5.

£1182 16 7

## V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	...	...	...	...	...	257	4	8
Wellington (Thorndon)	...	...	...	...	...	114	7	1
Wellington South	...	...	...	...	...	144	13	6
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	...	...	...	...	...	79	4	10
Johnsonville-Ngaio	...	...	...	...	...	114	16	0
Hutt	...	...	...	...	...	104	14	3
Petone	...	...	...	...	...	48	0	2
Greytown	...	...	...	...	...	11	16	11
Carterton	...	...	...	...	...	70	0	0
Masterton	...	...	...	...	...	133	6	8
Eketahuna	...	...	...	...	...	29	18	3
Levin	...	...	...	...	...	288	10	0
Otaki	...	...	...	...	...	27	12	10
Featherston	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	3
Paraparaumu	...	...	...	...	...	6	19	9

Women's Auxiliaries: Wellington  
 £125, Hutt £15 10s., Masterton  
 £15, Petone £2 10s.

£1432 13 2

## VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
Nelson	...	...	...	...	...	156	2	0
Richmond	...	...	...	...	...	7	3	0
Blenheim	...	...	...	...	...	157	9	6
Hokitika	...	...	...	...	...	16	13	0
Greymouth	...	...	...	...	From 1924	10	0	0
Greymouth	...	...	...	...	...	31	3	1
Motueka	...	...	...	...	From 1924	14	2	7
Motueka	...	...	...	...	...	28	1	4
Reefton	...	...	...	...	...	18	0	0
Westport	...	...	...	...	...	20	6	0
Havelock	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	0
Murchison	...	...	...	...	...	5	6	0
Granity	...	...	...	...	...	7	15	7

Women's Auxiliaries: Blenheim £10,  
 Greymouth £3, Nelson £30,  
 Richmond £11 5s.

£475 16 1

## VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham Street)	...	...	...	...	...	162	14	7
Christchurch East	...	...	...	From 1924	...	1	1	0
Christchurch East	...	...	...	...	...	259	11	3
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	...	...	...	...	...	27	19	1
Christchurch (Woolston)	...	...	...	...	...	115	16	8
Christchurch (Sydenham)	...	...	...	...	...	54	17	2
Christchurch (Addington)	...	...	...	From 1924	...	71	19	3
Christchurch (Addington)	...	...	...	...	...	68	12	1
Christchurch (Riccarton)	...	...	...	...	...	38	2	11
Christchurch (St. Albans)	...	...	...	From 1924	...	14	17	11
Christchurch (St. Albans)	...	...	...	...	...	118	14	3
Christchurch (Papanui)	...	...	...	...	...	66	0	5
Lyttelton	...	...	...	...	...	35	10	0
Springston	...	...	...	...	...	78	3	7
Tai Tapu	...	...	...	...	...	43	1	3
Leeston	...	...	...	...	...	53	12	6
Kaiapoi	...	...	...	...	...	86	17	5
Ohoka	...	...	...	From 1924	...	64	15	2
Rangiora	...	...	...	From 1924	...	2	14	0
Rangiora	...	...	...	...	...	88	11	2
Greendale-Malvern	...	...	...	From 1924	...	5	0	0
Greendale-Malvern	...	...	...	...	...	64	1	3
Hawarden	...	...	...	...	...	—		
Oxford	...	...	...	From 1924	...	12	10	0
Oxford	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	3
Women's Auxiliaries: Christchurch						£1549	5	2
£150								

## VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
Timaru	...	...	...	...	...	148	9	0
Waimate	...	...	...	From 1924	...	6	0	0
Waimate	...	...	...	...	...	103	0	0
Temuka	...	...	...	...	...	54	3	0
Geraldine	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Ashburton	...	...	...	From 1924	...	47	11	0
Ashburton	...	...	...	...	...	120	12	6
Willowby	...	...	...	...	...	24	14	2
Oamaru	...	...	...	...	...	53	8	0
Methven	...	...	...	...	...	4	12	1
Mayfield	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	8
Women's Auxiliaries: Timaru £22.						£585	11	5
Oamaru £7 10s.								

## IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

				£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity) ... ..	...	...	From 1924	21	0	6
Dunedin (Trinity) ... ..	...	...	...	104	6	6
Dunedin Central Mission ... ..	...	...	...	53	8	4
Dunedin (Dundas Street) ... ..	...	...	...	52	2	9
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ... ..	...	...	...	67	13	8
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ... ..	...	...	...	40	6	2
Dunedin (Caversham) ... ..	...	...	...	40	7	9
Dunedin (Mornington) ... ..	...	...	...	50	4	6
Dunedin (Roslyn) ... ..	...	...	From 1924	6	5	7
Dunedin (Roslyn) ... ..	...	...	...	80	17	8
Mosgiel ... ..	...	...	...	9	2	0
Port Chalmers ... ..	...	...	...	23	3	0
Waikouaiti-Palmerston ... ..	...	...	...	20	19	9
Balclutha ... ..	...	...	...	9	0	0
Milton ... ..	...	...	...	22	2	0
Roxburgh ... ..	...	...	...	11	7	2
Invercargill Central ... ..	...	...	From 1924	13	3	6
Invercargill Central ... ..	...	...	...	117	18	3
Invercargill (St. Peter's) ... ..	...	...	...	51	10	3
Bluff ... ..	...	...	...	15	3	9
Gore ... ..	...	...	...	21	10	4
Otautau ... ..	...	...	...	21	7	3
Edendale ... ..	...	...	From 1924	0	2	0
Edendale ... ..	...	...	...	16	10	2
Kaitangata ... ..	...	...	...	10	18	6
Lawrence ... ..	...	...	...	15	12	10
Cromwell ... ..	...	...	From 1924	15	18	1
Riverton ... ..	...	...	...	—	—	—
Tuatapere ... ..	...	...	...	—	—	—
Nightcaps ... ..	...	...	...	6	18	11
Women's Auxiliaries: Dunedin £122				£919	1	2
10s., Y.W.M.M. £60, Invercargill £25						

## SUMMARY:

				£	s.	d.
Districts:—						
Auckland ... ..	...	...	...	2624	9	7
South Auckland ... ..	...	...	...	888	14	3
Taranaki-Wanganui ... ..	...	...	...	1057	13	1
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ... ..	...	...	...	1182	16	7
Wellington ... ..	...	...	...	1432	13	2
Nelson ... ..	...	...	...	475	16	1
North Canterbury ... ..	...	...	...	1549	5	2
South Canterbury ... ..	...	...	...	585	11	5
Otago-Southland ... ..	...	...	...	919	1	2
Women's Auxiliaries ... ..	...	...	...	1016	7	8
Interest ... ..	...	...	...	610	9	11
Connexional Fire Insurance ... ..	...	...	...	100	0	0
Publications (balance) ... ..	...	...	...	42	2	10
Treasurer's List ... ..	...	...	...	214	5	3
				£12,699	6	2

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1925.**  
 Treasurers: Rev. G. T. MARSHALL and Mr. J. W. COURT

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance brought forward from 1924 .. .. .			5,882	15	1			
„ Solomon Islands District—								
Stipends and Allowances ..	5,449	11 4						
Boats and Travel ..	2,957	6 3						
Freights, Customs and Charges .. .. .	1,255	18 8						
Schools and Colleges ..	1,600	10 6						
Properties, Current Expenses	1,451	16 2						
General Expenses, Printing, etc. .. .. .	236	19 5						
Industrial Undertakings ..	944	17 9						
„ New Zealand Office—			13,897	0	1			
Payment to Sydney, Interest on £1,500 .. .. .			84	16	0			
Interest on Overdraft and Loan .. .. .			275	5	3			
Working Expenses—								
Salaries .. .. .	580	0 0						
Deputations, Travelling, etc. .. .. .	246	17 1						
Printing, Typing, etc. ..	162	18 6						
Exchanges, Postage, etc.	85	1 9						
Office Rent, etc. .. .. .	79	10 4						
Office Furniture (special)	73	18 7						
Connexional Charges ..	67	15 0						
Sundries .. .. .	35	16 10						
			1,331	18	7			
„ Moving Picture Film & Apparatus (balance) .. .. .			139	9	3			
„ Sundry Payments .. .. .			150	1	5			
			<u>£21,761</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>			
By New Zealand Contributions—								
General Fund from 1924 ..	335	18 2						
General Fund, 1925 ..	10,162	1 0						
Women's Missionary Auxiliaries .. .. .	1,016	7 8						
For Native Teachers and Students .. .. .	465	6 7						
For Orphans .. .. .	67	0 0						
Interest .. .. .	610	9 11						
Publication Account—								
Income .. .. .	388	0 11						
Expenses .. .. .	345	18 1						
						42	2	10
„ Centenary Fund, Debt Reduction .. .. .						12,699	6	2
„ Solomon Islands Contributions—						750	0	0
Subscriptions and Collections—								
Roviana Circuit .. .. .	970	0 0						
Vella Lavella Circuit ..	720	0 0						
Choiseul Circuit .. .. .	510	0 0						
Sales of Produce .. .. .	1,953	12 9						
Sales of Books, etc. .. ..	48	0 0						
						4,201	12	9
						17,650	18	11
„ Balance, Deficit .. .. .						4,110	6	9
						<u>£21,761</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>

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Audited and found correct, in conjunction with the Balance-sheet.

Auckland, 22nd January, 1926.

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Travelling to Board Meeting	42	18	6	
Printing, Typing & Stationery	152	18	6	
Rent of Office, Telephone				
Charges, etc. . . . .	79	10	4	
"Methodist Times" Adver-				
tisement . . . . .	10	0	0	
Mission Boxes . . . . .	8	18	11	
District Secretaries' Ex-				
penses . . . . .	10	2	5	
Auditors' Fees . . . . .	10	10	0	
Freight, Cart-				
age, etc. . . . .	11	1	6	
	6	8	10	
Office Furniture . . . . .	17	10	4	
Lantern Requisites . . . . .	73	18	7	
	6	5	6	
				1,331 18 7
„ Cost of Moving Picture Film				
and Apparatus Balance				139 9 3
„ Sundry Payments—				
Deaconess Institute . . . . .	75	0	0	
Sayers' Fund . . . . .	10	0	0	
Literature . . . . .	5	11	5	
Lantern Gift to Islands . . . . .	25	0	0	
Refund . . . . .	3	0	0	
Children's Allowances . . . . .	31	10	0	
				150 1 5
				12,308 15 0
„ Transfer to Banga Account				
(Interest . . . . .				142 3 2
				£12,450 18 3
„ Balance (Surplus) . . . . .				998 7 11
				£13,449 6 2

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METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Banga Plantation Account, 1925.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Sales of Produce .. ..			955	15 10	By Balances brought forward—				
„ Balance, Deficit—					In New Zealand .. ..	2,187	2 4		
In New Zealand .. ..	2,329	5 7			In Solomon Islands .. ..	669	2 0		
In Solomon Islands .. ..	807	1 11						2,856	4 4
			3,136	7 6	„ Working Expenses—				
					Wages, Recruiting Fees, etc.	426	4 0		
					Food, Clothing, Light, etc.	602	18 3		
					Tools, etc. .. ..	25	10 0		
					Boats and Transport .. ..	27	10 0		
					Taxes .. ..	0	15 0		
					Fencing Wire .. ..	0	18 6		
					Medical Charges .. ..	10	0 0		
								1,098	15 9
					„ Interest on £2,187 2s. 4d. at				
					6½% .. ..			142	3 3
			<u>£4,092</u>	<u>3 4</u>				<u>£4,092</u>	<u>3 4</u>

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**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**Equipment Fund, 1925.**

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.							
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	..	..	2120	15	5	By Building Material and Mill Machinery	..	..	523	7	5
„ Legacy, Miss Butterick	..	..	50	0	0	„ Cost of Film and Apparatus (part)	..	..	300	0	0
„ Legacy, Miss Janet Snowden	..	..	401	0	5	„ Wireless Set for Rev. Binet	..	..	19	0	0
„ Subscription, Mr. L. J. Moor	..	..	7	10	0	„ Camera for the Islands	..	..	7	10	0
						„ Balance in Hand	..	..	1729	8	5
			£2579 5 10						£2579 5 10		

**Medical Mission Fund.**

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.							
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	..	..	552	17	5	By Medical Supplies for Sister White	..	..	6	13	3
„ Centenary Fund	..	..	750	0	0	„ Dr. Sayers, Expenses to England	..	..	50	0	0
„ Dannevirke Circuit	..	..	24	10	0	„ Balance in Hand	..	..	1318	9	6
„ Wellington South Circuit (Jr. C.E.)	..	..	20	0	0						
„ Per Rev. W. W. Avery	..	..	12	0	0						
„ Mrs Russell, per M.W.M.U.	..	..	5	0	0						
„ Miss E. Trott	..	..	7	0	6						
„ Taheke and Waima Sunday Schools	..	..	1	2	0						
„ Utakura and Otaua Schools	..	..	0	6	0						
„ Interest Auckland Savings Bank	..	..	2	6	10						
			£1375 2 9						£1375 2 9		

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 Auckland, 22nd January, 1926. LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., Auditor,

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**Balance-sheet as at the 31st December, 1925 (exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).**

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.											
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.							
Sundry Creditors—					Cash and Bank Balances—										
Personal Accounts	144	10	0		Cash in Hand, Solomon										
Circuit Balances	621	1	9		Islands	52	12	0							
Wages Outstanding	247	9	3		Balance at B.N.Z., Solomon										
Sundry Trade Crs.	572	5	5		Islands	177	6	0							
			1585	6	5			229	18	0					
Overdraft at B.N.Z., Auckland			269	7	0										
Waikawau Trust Loan	650	0	0												
Plus additional dur-					Banga Plantation Interest due					142	3	3			
ing year	257	17	0		Stock on Hand, Solomon Islands					860	15	8			
Plus Interest to					Advance Payments (1926)					585	14	1			
date	99	10	0		Medical Mission Fund—										
			1007	7	0	Auckland Savings Bank					11	9	6		
Drafts in Transit			1947	12	2	Working Capital Assets—									
						£200 Mt. Eden Borough 5%									
Medical Mission Fund			1318	9	6	Debentures	200	0	0						
Equipment Fund			1729	8	5	£1500 A.C.C. 5½% Deben-				1467	10	0			
Capital Account—						tured									
Legacies Received during year	500	0	0			£600 Soldiers' Loan 5½% In-				531	0	0			
Plus excess of Income over						scribed Stock				100	0	0			
Expenditure for year	1772	8	4			£100 N.Z. Govt. War Bond				5807	10	0			
			2272	8	4	Loans on Mortgage							8106	0	0
Less Capital Account over-															
drawn 1st January, 1925	193	18	4												
			2078	10	0										
			£9936	0	6					£9936	0	6			

I hereby certify that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, and, in my opinion, the above Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs as at the 31st December, 1925, according to the best of my information, and the explanations given me, and as shown by the books of the Society. I have obtained all the information I have required, and have accepted as correct the certified Branch Accounts rendered by the Chairman and Secretary of the Solomon Islands District. The above Balance-sheet contains no reference to the Island Properties, which are expressly excluded from the New Zealand books of account.

Auckland, 22nd January, 1926.

LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., Auditor.

## HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1926.

Treasurers—Rev. G. Bond and Mr. J. Veale.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.						
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.				AUCKLAND DISTRICT.						
Circuits.				Maori Missions.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Auckland Central ..	305	0	0				Whangaroa-Bay of Islands			
Auckland West ..	80	0	0				Minister—Stipend	200	0	0
Auckland East ..	450	0	0				Travelling	20	0	0
Auckland Avondale ..	175	0	0				Rent ..	40	0	0
Auckland Devonport ..	55	0	0				Home Missionary, 1	60	0	0
Auckland Takapuna ..	40	0	0				Home Missionary, 2	60	0	0
Auckland Birkenhead ..	85	0	0				Hokianga—			
Onehunga ..	60	0	0				Minister—Stipend	180	0	0
Otauhu ..	65	0	0				Travelling	20	0	0
Papakura ..	50	0	0				Rent ..	40	0	0
Pukekohe ..	80	0	0				Supernumerary As-			
Waiuku ..	50	0	0				sistants—			
Mahurangi ..	20	0	0				(1)—Stipend ..	60	0	0
Paparoa ..	40	0	0				(2)—Stipend ..	60	0	0
Northern Wairoa ..	50	0	0				Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Whangarei ..	40	0	0				Travelling	40	0	0
Whangaroa ..	15	0	0				Kaipara & Auckland—			
							Minister—Stipend	200	0	0
							Travelling	50	0	0
							Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
							Travelling	50	0	0
							Ass.t Sister—Stipend	100	0	0
							Travelling	40	0	0
									1470	0
							Special—			
							Hospital Rent ..	70	0	0
							Hospital Grant ..	50	0	0
							S.S. Material ..	40	0	0
							Printing Leaflets ..	50	0	0
							Evangelistic Mission	100	0	0
							Special Travelling	50	0	0
							Mrs. Paora (Compas-			
							sionate) ..	20	0	0
							"Methodist Times"	5	0	0
							Contingencies ..	50	0	0
									435	0
							Home Mission Stations.			
							Coromandel ..	50	0	0
							Helensville & Kauka-			
							pakapa (with a M.			
							and S.H.M.. If no			
							Second Agent no			
							grant) ..	80	0	0
							Bay of Islands (for			
							M.H.M.) ..	50	0	0
							Hokianga (2 M.H.M.)	100	0	0
							Hikurangi ..	15	0	0
							Ohaeawai ..	15	0	0
							Portland ..	60	0	0
							Portland, Special ..	25	0	0
							Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
							Pukekohe ..	40	0	0
							Northern Wairoa ..	70	0	0
							Aided Circuits.			
							Mahurangi ..	20	0	0
									525	0

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

## Circuits.

Thames ..	85	0	0
Te Aroha ..	80	0	0
Morrinsville ..	40	0	0
Waihi ..	20	0	0
Paeroa and Hauraki			
Plains ..	15	0	0
Cambridge ..	60	0	0
Hamilton ..	100	0	0
Hamilton East ..	30	0	0
Ngaruawahia ..	15	0	0
Rotorua ..	15	0	0
Tauranga ..	20	0	0
Opotiki ..	12	0	0
Taumarunui ..	7	10	0
Te Awamutu ..	40	0	0
Whakatane ..	10	0	0
Matamata ..	20	0	0

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## HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1926—Continued.

## INCOME.

## Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Te Puke .. ..	15	0	0			
Huntly .. ..	20	0	0			
Te Kuiti .. ..	20	0	0			
Ohura .. ..	14	0	0			
Putaruru .. ..	20	0	0			

## Maori Mission

Waikato-Maniapoto ..	80	0	0			
				738	10	0

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

## Circuits.

New Plymouth .. ..	125	0	0
Waitara .. ..	31	10	0
Inglewood .. ..	16	0	0
Stratford .. ..	45	0	0
Eltham .. ..	25	0	0
Hawera .. ..	120	0	0
Manala .. ..	40	0	0
Opunake .. ..	50	0	0
Kaponga .. ..	15	0	0
Wanganui .. ..	105	0	0
Wanganui North .. ..	40	0	0
Marton .. ..	25	0	0
Tahape .. ..	26	0	0
Waimarino .. ..	23	0	0

## Maori Mission

Taranaki-Waimarino ..	50	0	0
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## Home Mission Station

Patea .. ..	5	0	0			
				741	10	0

## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

## Circuits.

Napier .. ..	75	0	0			
Hastings .. ..	110	0	0			
Gisborne .. ..	50	0	0			
Wairoa .. ..	5	0	0			
Waipawa .. ..	22	0	0			
Dannevirke .. ..	35	0	0			
Woodville .. ..	35	0	0			
Pahiatua .. ..	30	0	0			
Broad St., Palmerston North .. ..	125	0	0			
Cuba St., Palmerston North .. ..	90	0	0			
Felding .. ..	125	0	0			
Sanson-Rongotea .. ..	35	0	0			
Foxton .. ..	15	0	0			
Apti .. ..	20	0	0			
Norsewood .. ..	7	10	0			
				779	10	0

## EXPENDITURE.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

## Maori Missions.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Waikato-King Country—						
Minister—Stipend ..	180	0	0			
Travelling .. ..	50	0	0			
Rent .. ..	50	0	0			
Home Missionaries—						
(1) Stipend .. ..	160	0	0			
Travelling .. ..	20	0	0			
(2) Stipend .. ..	160	0	0			
Travelling .. ..	20	0	0			
Rent .. ..	40	0	0			
(3) Stipend .. ..	160	0	0			
Travelling .. ..	20	0	0			
(4) Stipend .. ..	160	0	0			
Travelling .. ..	20	0	0			
Rent .. ..	41	12	0			
(5) Stipend .. ..	60	0	0			
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0			
Travelling .. ..	20	0	0			
				1286	12	0

## Home Mission Stations.

Te Puke .. ..	40	0	0
Huntly .. ..	70	0	0
Te Kuiti .. ..	95	0	0
Ohura .. ..	95	0	0
Putaruru .. ..	60	0	0
Mokauti .. ..	80	0	0

## Circuits with Home Missionaries

Taumarunui (if O. Minister) ..	135	0	0
Opotiki (if O. Minister) ..	110	0	0
Whakatane .. ..	120	0	0

## Aided Circuits.

Waihi .. ..	80	0	0			
Tauranga .. ..	60	0	0			
Rotorua (if O. Minister) ..	40	0	0			
Paeroa and Hauraki Plains .. ..	180	0	0			
				1165	0	0

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

## Maori Missions.

Taranaki-Rangitikei—						
Ministers—						
(1) Stipend .. ..	150	0	0			
Travelling .. ..	50	0	0			
Rent .. ..	50	0	0			
(2) Stipend .. ..	200	0	0			
Travelling .. ..	20	0	0			
Rent .. ..	40	0	0			
(3) Stipend .. ..	200	0	0			
Travelling .. ..	20	0	0			
Rent .. ..	20	0	0			
Home Missionaries—						
(1) Stipend .. ..	120	0	0			
(2) Stipend .. ..	160	0	0			
Travelling .. ..	30	0	0			
Deaconess—						
Stipend .. ..	125	0	0			
Travelling .. ..	40	0	0			
				1225	0	0

## HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1926—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
<b>WELLINGTON DISTRICT.</b>				<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Circuits.				£ s. d.    £ s. d.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Taranaki Street ..	170	0	0	Patea .. ..	75	0	0
Thorndon .. ..	75	0	0	Douglas .. ..	60	0	0
Wellington South ..	80	0	0	Douglas Special ..	25	0	0
Kilbirnie .. ..	50	0	0	<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>			
Johnsonville-Ngalo ..	65	0	0	Waitara .. ..	80	0	0
Hutt .. ..	55	0	0	Opunake .. ..	50	0	0
Petone .. ..	35	0	0	<b>Aided Circuits.</b>			
Greytown .. ..	10	0	0	Inglewood .. ..	110	0	0
Carterton .. ..	40	0	0	Manaiā .. ..	40	0	0
Masterton .. ..	120	0	0	Marton .. ..	20	0	0
Eketahuna .. ..	20	0	0	Kaponga .. ..	25	0	0
Levin .. ..	95	0	0	Waimarino .. ..	50	0	0
Otaki .. ..	20	0	0				535 0 0
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>				<b>HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.</b>			
Paraparauamu ..	10	0	0	<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Featherston .. ..	10	0	0	Apti (if M. Stipend) ..	30	0	0
			855 10 0	Norsewood (if M. Stipend) ..	40	0	0
<b>NELSON DISTRICT.</b>				<b>Aided Circuits.</b>			
Circuits.				Waipawa .. ..	70	0	0
	£	s.	d.	Wairoa .. ..	100	0	0
Nelson .. ..	120	0	0	Wairoa Special ..	50	0	0
Richmond .. ..	40	0	0	Woodville (if M. Stipend) ..	15	0	0
Blenheim .. ..	175	0	0	Pahiatua (if M. Stipend) ..	30	0	0
Hokitika .. ..	25	0	0	Foxton .. ..	50	0	0
Greymouth .. ..	45	0	0				385 0 0
Motueka .. ..	25	0	0	<b>WELLINGTON DISTRICT.</b>			
Reefton .. ..	15	0	0	<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Westport .. ..	35	0	0	Paraparauamu ..	95	0	0
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>				<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>			
Havelock .. ..	7	10	0	Johnsonville-Ngalo ..	30	0	0
Murchison .. ..	7	10	0	<b>Aided Circuits.</b>			
Granity .. ..	7	10	0	Kilbirnie .. ..	50	0	0
			502 10 0	Eketahuna .. ..	45	0	0
<b>NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.</b>							220 0 0
Circuits.				<b>NELSON DISTRICT.</b>			
	£	s.	d.	<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Durham Street ..	175	0	0	Havelock (if M.H.M.) ..	40	0	0
Christchurch East ..	200	0	0	Murchison .. ..	30	0	0
St. Albans .. ..	100	0	0	Granity .. ..	85	0	0
Sydenham .. ..	50	0	0	<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>			
Cambridge Terrace ..	40	0	0	Richmond .. ..	30	0	0
Woolston .. ..	80	0	0	<b>Aided Circuits.</b>			
Addington .. ..	60	0	0	Hokitika .. ..	80	0	0
Riccarton .. ..	30	0	0	Reefton .. ..	20	0	0
Greendale .. ..	40	0	0	Motueka .. ..	50	0	0
Waddington .. ..	20	0	0	Blenheim (Picton) ..	40	0	0
Ohoka .. ..	45	0	0	Westport .. ..	20	0	0
Papanui .. ..	50	0	0				395 0 0
Lytelton .. ..	35	0	0				
Springston .. ..	60	0	0				
Tai Tapu .. ..	40	0	0				
Leeston .. ..	60	0	0				
Kaipoi .. ..	50	0	0				
Rangiora .. ..	70	0	0				
Woodend .. ..	40	0	0				
Oxford .. ..	20	0	0				
Hawarden .. ..	15	0	0				
			1260 0 0				

**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**  
**Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1926—Continued.**

**INCOME.**  
**SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru .. ..	160	0	0			
Waimate .. ..	65	0	0			
Temuka .. ..	25	0	0			
Geraldine .. ..	25	0	0			
Ashburton .. ..	120	0	0			
Willowby .. ..	50	0	0			
Oamaru .. ..	55	0	0			
Rakaia-Methven .. ..	15	0	0			
Mayfield .. ..	15	0	0			
				530	0	0

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Dunedin—						
Trinity .. ..	100	0	0			
Central Mission .. ..	30	0	0			
Dundas Street .. ..	45	0	0			
Cargill Road .. ..	45	0	0			
St. Kilda .. ..	25	0	0			
Caversham .. ..	30	0	0			
Mornington .. ..	30	0	0			
Roslyn-Maori Hill .. ..	40	0	0			
Mosgiel .. ..	15	0	0			
Port Chalmers .. ..	25	0	0			
Waikouaiti .. ..	20	0	0			
Balclutha .. ..	20	0	0			
Milton .. ..	25	0	0			
Roxburgh .. ..	20	0	0			
Invercargill—Central .. ..	85	0	0			
Invercargill — St. Peter's .. ..	40	0	0			
Bluff .. ..	15	0	0			
Gore .. ..	20	0	0			
Otautau .. ..	15	0	0			
Edendale .. ..	12	10	0			
Kaitangata .. ..	12	10	0			
Lawrence .. ..	10	0	0			
Cromwell .. ..	10	0	0			
Riverton .. ..	10	0	0			
Tuatapere-Nightcaps .. ..	15	0	0			
Proposed H.M.S., Broad Bay .. ..	10	0	0			
				725	0	0
Total Estimated Income from Circuits and H.M. Stations .. ..				£8052	0	0

**GENERAL.**

**Connexional Properties.**

Auckland .. ..	700	0	0			
Grey Institute, New Plymouth .. ..	600	0	0			
Kai Iwi .. ..	225	0	0			
				1525	0	0

**Interest on Investments.**

Auckland .. ..	400	0	0			
Canterbury .. ..	60	0	0			
Dunedin .. ..	5	10	0			
				465	10	0

**EXPENDITURE.**

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hawarden .. ..	60	0	0			
Oxford .. ..	10	0	0			
Waddington .. ..	30	0	0			

**Circuits with Home Missionaries.**

Greendale .. ..	15	0	0			
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**Aided Circuits.**

Riccarton .. ..	50	0	0			
Tai Tapu .. ..	30	0	0			
Tai Tapu Special .. ..	20	0	0			

**Special**

Deaconess Institution .. ..	75	0	0			
				290	0	0

**SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Rakaia-Methven .. ..	10	0	0			
Mayfield .. ..	30	0	0			

**Aided Circuits.**

Temuka (if M. Stipend) .. ..	35	0	0			
Geraldine .. ..	30	0	0			
Geraldine Special .. ..	20	0	0			
				125	0	0

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Edendale .. ..	25	0	0			
Kaitangata .. ..	10	0	0			
Lawrence .. ..	40	0	0			
Cromwell .. ..	40	0	0			
Riverton .. ..	30	0	0			
Nightcaps-Tuatapere .. ..	35	0	0			
Nightcaps-Tuatapere Special .. ..	50	0	0			
Broad Bay (if formed a H.M.S.) .. ..	40	0	0			

**Aided Circuits.**

Cargill Road, St. Clair .. ..	40	0	0			
Mosgiel .. ..	20	0	0			
Port Chalmers .. ..	40	0	0			
Port Chalmers Special .. ..	10	0	0			
Milton .. ..	40	0	0			
Roxburgh .. ..	35	0	0			
Bluff .. ..	15	0	0			
Otautau .. ..	20	0	0			
St. Kilda .. ..	25	0	0			
Balclutha .. ..	25	0	0			
Caversham .. ..	25	0	0			
				565	0	0

Total Estimated Expenditure on European and Maori Stations .. ..				8621	12	0
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**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1925.**

Treasurers: REV. GEO. BOND and MR. J. VEALE.

RECEIPTS.

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	288	11	4			
Auckland West ..	79	19	10			
Ditto, 1924 ..	3	7	0			
Auckland East ..	467	9	3			
Ditto, 1924 ..	79	5	8			
Auck., Avondale	190	10	3			
Auck., Mission, 1924	6	9	5			
Auck., Devonport	63	19	6			
Ditto, 1924 ..	7	6	5			
Auck., Takapuna	10	12	2			
Ditto, 1924 ..	0	7	6			
Auck., Birkenhead	96	5	0			
Onehunga ..	71	11	0			
Otahuhu ..	56	18	2			
Ditto, 1924 ..	1	15	0			
Papakura ..	55	15	4			
Ditto, 1924 ..	1	6	9			
Pukekohe ..	105	13	1			
Ditto, 1924 ..	1	7	6			
Waikuku ..	16	0	10			
Mahurangi ..	17	10	0			
Paparoa ..	22	14	8			
Ditto, 1924 ..	28	15	3			
Northern Wairoa	21	17	5			
Whangarei ..	18	10	5			
Ditto, 1924 ..	30	3	0			
Whangaroa ..	10	1	4			

Maori Missions.

Whangaroa, Bay of Islands	28	9	5
Hokianga ..	27	3	6
Kaipara ..	35	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Port Albert ..	60	2	9
Coromandel ..	11	0	0
Helensville ..	7	2	6
Kaukapakapa ..	3	2	0
Bay of Islands ..	6	7	2
Ditto, 1924 ..	12	11	0
Hokianga ..	22	13	3
Mangonui ..	0	0	0
Hikurangi ..	4	2	11
Rehia, 1924 ..	1	18	0
Ohaeawai ..	20	0	0

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**SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

Circuits.

Thames ..	84	11	0
Te Aroha ..	99	17	10
Morrinsville ..	57	16	9
Waipi ..	20	2	3
Ditto, 1924 ..	13	3	1
Paeroa - Hauraki Plains	20	4	10
Cambridge ..	47	17	6
Hamilton ..	50	0	0
Hamilton East ..	50	19	6

EXPENDITURE.

**MAORI MISSIONS.**

Native Ministers, Home Missions and Deaconess.

Whangaroa, 1 qr.	42	10	0
Bay of Islands			
1 qr. ....	60	0	0
Whangaroa and Bay of Islands	232	10	0
Hokianga ..	511	5	0
Kaipara ..	436	15	0
Waikato	1,390	15	4
Hospital, Te Kuiti ..	80	0	0
West Coast Mission	1,013	15	0
South Island ..	187	10	0
Deaconess Retiring Fund ..	16	0	0
			3,971 0 4

Special.

Annuity ..	20	0	0
S.S. Material ..	30	0	0
Printing Leaflets	24	0	0
Evangelistic Missions ..	50	0	0
Special Traveling to Ratana Camp ..	53	8	9
Special Traveling, Attending Maori Huia	25	0	0
Methodist Times, 2 years ..	15	0	0
Removal Expenses ..	81	6	6
Equipment, Horses, etc. ..	27	0	0
Furnishing Okaiawa House ..	8	12	5
Compassionate, 2 cases ..	160	0	0
			494 7 8

Total for Maori Work   £4,465 8 0

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel ..	43	15	0
Helensville ..	50	0	0
Kaukapakapa ..	35	0	0
Bay of Islands, 1 qr. ..	15	0	0
Hokianga ..	73	15	0
Mangonui ..	12	0	0
Hikurangi ..	16	5	0
Rehia, 1 qr. ..	6	5	0
Ohaeawai ..	21	5	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Pukekohe ..	30	0	0
Papakura, Special	30	0	0

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**  
**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1925.—Continued.**

RECEIPTS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rotorua ..	17	5	10			
Tauranga ..	18	16	9			
Ditto, 1924 ..	18	4	11			
Opotiki ..	0	0	0			
Taumarunui ..	10	5	0			
Te Awamutu ..	43	12	10			
Whakatane ..	15	9	1			
Matamata ..	0	0	0			
Ditto, 1924 ..	9	13	5			
<b>Maori Missions.</b>						
Waikato and Maniapoto ..	51	5	1			
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>						
Te Kuiti ..	21	18	3			
Te Puke ..	24	13	7			
Ngaruawahia ..	12	10	8			
Huntly ..	17	13	6			
Ohura ..	17	0	0			
Putaruru ..	27	14	11			
				750	16	7

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.**

Circuits.						
New Plymouth ..	97	11	6			
Ditto, 1924 ..	1	0	0			
Waitara ..	0	0	0			
Ditto, 1924 ..	23	7	0			
Inglewood ..	12	9	9			
Stratford ..	36	9	4			
Eltham ..	28	0	0			
Hawera ..	39	13	7			
Ditto, 1924 ..	20	0	0			
Mania ..	60	19	3			
Opunake ..	65	12	2			
Ditto, 1924 ..	40	2	7			
Kaponga ..	13	14	7			
Wanganui ..	87	4	10			
Ditto, 1924 ..	1	0	0			
Wanganui North ..	47	13	0			
Ditto, 1924 ..	19	13	6			
Marton ..	32	7	9			
Taihape ..	0	0	0			
Waimarino ..	16	0	0			
Ditto, 1924 ..	5	5	0			
Maori Mission ..	21	18	7			
<b>Home Mission Station.</b>						
Patea ..	7	11	7			
				677	14	0

**HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT.**

Circuits.					
Napier ..	68	5	0		
Hastings ..	127	0	10		
Gisborne ..	43	8	5		
Waipawa ..	19	14	1		
Dannevirke ..	23	6	2		
Woodville ..	36	16	3		
Pahiatua ..	29	14	2		
Palmerston North (Broad Street) ..	153	19	3		
Palmerston North (Cuba Street) ..	95	3	4		
Felding ..	151	6	9		
Sanson—Rongotea ..	40	0	7		
Foxton ..	8	0	0		
Wairoa, H.B. ..	7	5	6		

EXPENDITURE.						
Aided Circuits.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Takapuna ..	25	0	0			
Mahurangi ..	3	15	0			
Northern Wairoa ..	72	10	0			
				434	10	0

**SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

Home Mission Stations.						
Te Kuiti ..	115	0	0			
Mokouiti ..	12	10	0			
Taumarunui ..	80	0	0			
Te Puke ..	31	5	0			
Ohura, including rent ..	95	0	0			
Putaruru ..	71	5	0			
Huntly ..	85	0	0			
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>						
Paeroa and Hau-raki Plains ..	125	0	0			
Waipi ..	20	0	0			
Opotiki ..	75	10	0			
Whakatane ..	192	10	0			
Tauranga ..	59	7	6			
				962	7	0

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.**

Home Mission Stations.						
Patea ..	77	10	0			
<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>						
Opunake ..	30	0	0			
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>						
Waitara ..	96	5	0			
Inglewood ..	25	0	0			
Mania ..	18	15	0			
Kaponga ..	30	0	0			
Marton ..	30	0	0			
Waimarino ..	41	5	0			
				348	15	0

**HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT.**

Home Mission Stations.						
Apti ..	13	15	0			
Norsewood ..	31	5	0			
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>						
Gisborne, 1 qr... ..	7	10	0			
Waipawa ..	55	0	0			
Woodville ..	16	5	0			
Pahiatua ..	31	5	0			
Foxton ..	37	10	0			
Wairoa, H.B. ..	95	0	0			
Gisborne, Special ..	15	0	0			
				302	10	0

**WELLINGTON DISTRICT.**

Home Mission Stations.					
Paraparaumu ..	75	0	0		

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1925.—Continued.

**RECEIPTS.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Apiti ..	33	13	4			
Norsewood ..	0	0	0			
				837	13	8

**WELLINGTON DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Wellington—						
Taranaki St. . .	170	7	1			
Thorndon ..	85	12	3			
South ..	79	19	11			
Ditto, 1924 ..	6	0	6			
Kilbirnie ..	51	9	5			
Johnsonville ..	71	2	6			
Hutt ..	40	14	10			
Petone ..	37	6	2			
Greytown ..	0	5	0			
Carterton ..	46	3	11			
Ditto, 1924 ..	18	5	1			
Masterton ..	128	8	2			
Eketahuna ..	20	9	0			
Levin ..	103	3	1			
Otaki ..	16	12	7			

**Home Mission Stations.**

Featherston ..	6	9	9			
Paraparaumu ..	8	12	5			
				891	1	8

**NELSON DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Nelson ..	133	3	0			
Richmond ..	55	19	4			
Blenheim ..	181	13	5			
Hokitika ..	27	14	6			
Greymouth ..	45	11	0			
Motueka ..	28	19	8			
Reefton ..	18	18	1			
Westport ..	26	0	10			

**Home Mission Stations.**

Havelock ...	5	0	0			
Murchison ..	14	17	9			
Denniston ..	0	0	0			
				537	17	7

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Christchurch—						
Durham St. . .	160	14	3			
East ..	174	16	1			
Ditto, 1924 ..	5	0	0			
Cambridge Ter. .	34	11	7			
Woolston ..	99	10	3			
Sydenham ..	51	2	10			
Addington ..	44	18	4			
Riccarton ..	39	9	0			
St. Albans ..	127	14	1			
Papanui ..	50	6	7			
Lyttelton ..	38	10	11			
Springston ..	69	1	7			
Tai Tapu ..	33	14	0			
Leeston ..	57	10	0			

**EXPENDITURE.**

**Aided Circuits.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Kilbirnie ..	50	0	0			
Johnsonville ..	30	0	0			
Otaki, 1 qr. . .	22	10	0			
South Wairarapa,						
1 qr. . .	10	0	0			
Eketahuna ..	60	0	0			
Greytown ..	92	10	0			
				340	0	0

**NELSON DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Havelock ..	30	0	0			
Murchison ..	31	5	0			
Denniston ..	90	0	0			

**Circuits with Home Missionaries.**

Richmond ..	25	0	0			
Blenheim ..	40	0	0			
Hokitika ..	21	5	0			
Motueka ..	45	0	0			
Reefton ..	23	15	0			
Westport ..	22	10	0			
				328	15	0

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Hawarden ..	60	0	0			
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**Circuits with Home Missionaries.**

Greendale and						
Malvern ..	41	5	0			
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>						
Riccarton ..	56	5	0			
Ohoka, 1 qr. . .	3	15	0			
Rangiora ..	15	0	0			
Deaconess Insti-						
tute ..	75	0	0			
				251	5	0

**SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Methven ..	12	10	0			
Mayfield ..	37	10	0			

**Aided Circuits.**

Temuka ..	30	0	0			
Geraldine ..	21	5	0			
				101	5	0

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Edendale ..	30	0	0			
Kaitangata ..	20	0	0			
Lawrence ..	45	0	0			
Cromwell ..	40	0	0			
Riverton ..	31	5	0			
Tuatapere ..	45	0	0			
Nightcaps ..	31	5	0			

**Circuits with Home Missionaries.**

St. Kilda ..	45	0	0			
Cargill Road ..	46	5	0			

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1925.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Aided Circuits.					
							£	s.	d.			
Kaipoi ..	57	2	3									
Ohoka ..	35	18	0									
Rangiora ..	119	5	2									
Greendale and Malvern ..	64	3	4									
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>												
Hawarden ..	20	4	4									
Oxford ..	28	14	10									
				1,312	7	5						
<b>SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.</b>												
<b>Circuits.</b>												
Timaru ..	163	11	0									
Waimate ..	63	18	1									
Temuka ..	26	0	0									
Geraldine ..	27	6	6									
Ashburton ..	129	6	5									
Willowby ..	64	0	2									
Oamaru ..	53	12	7									
<b>Home Missions Stations.</b>												
Methven ..	16	15	6									
Mayfield ..	14	10	0									
				559	0	3						
<b>OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.</b>												
<b>Circuits.</b>												
Dunedin—												
Trinity ..	100	2	0									
Central Mission ..	37	11	0									
Dundas Street ..	51	7	11									
Cargill Road ..	45	2	4									
St. Kilda ...	34	15	5									
Caversham ..	35	18	9									
Mornington ..	27	9	6									
Roslyn ..	46	2	7									
Mosgiel ..	17	15	9									
Port Chalmers ..	28	17	2									
Balclutha ..	19	10	1									
Milton ..	25	16	2									
Roxburgh ..	17	11	0									
Invercargill—												
Central ..	89	10	1									
St. Peters ..	49	7	1									
Bluff ..	17	2	5									
Gore ..	24	19	0									
Otautau ..	12	15	0									
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>												
Waikouaiti ..	19	13	6									
Edendale ..	18	8	5									
Kaitangata ..	18	10	1									
Lawrence ..	9	1	10									
Cromwell ..	8	7	10									
Riverton ..	10	7	6									
Tuatapere ..	8	2	0									
Nightcaps ..	11	11	6									
				785	15	11						
<b>Total Income from Circuits £8,346 11 8</b>												
							<b>Departmental.</b>					
							<b>General Superintendent—</b>					
							Stipend ..	325	0	0		
							House Allowance ..	150	0	0		
							Travelling ..	100	0	0		
							Extra Travelling, Postage, Cables, etc.	46	7	0		
							Connexional Charges ..	58	12	8		
										679	19	8
							<b>Assistant Superintendent—</b>					
							Stipend, 3 qrs.	183	6	8		
							House Allowance ..	140	0	0		
							Travelling ..	86	13	4		
										410	0	0
							<b>General Treasurer—</b>					
							Honorarium ...	138	15	0		
							Travelling to Conference	6	10	0		
										145	5	0
							Office Rent, N.Z. Insurance Co.	24	3	0		
							Office Rent, Probert Chambers	83	11	8		
							Office Cleaning ..	2	18	6		
										110	13	2
							Telephones (3)	29	0	0		
							Lighting ..	4	0	0		
										33	0	0
							<b>C.B. and L. Fund, in respect of</b>					
							Coromandel ..	25	0	9		
							Taneatua ..	30	2	0		
										55	2	9
							<b>Rates and Insurance</b>					
							Interest B.N.Z. ...	13	15	3		
							<b>Capital Money awaiting investment</b>					
								120	0	0		
										133	15	3
							<b>Miscellaneous.</b>					
							Removal Expenses ..	199	12	5		
							Ministerial Supplies ..	66	4	5		





CAPITAL.				INVESTMENTS.						
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Amount of Legacies Brought Forward .. .. .				8,167	17	2	By Freehold Securities .. .. .	10,567	16	0
„ New Bequests—							„ Deposit with Wesley Training College Board .. .. .	1,000	0	0
The late Mr. Wm. Winstone, Auckland .. .. .	500	0	0				„ Awaiting Investment in H.M. Account .. .. .			2,087
The late Mrs. Janet Sowden, Christchurch .. .. .	401	10	8							
The late Mr. W. J. Gordon, Feilding (additional) .. .. .	690	0	0							
The late Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders, Nelson .. .. .	100	0	0							
The late Miss Butterwick, Ashburton .. .. .	50	0	0							
				1,741	10	8				
„ In Memoriam Gifts .. .. .	1,000	0	0							
„ Other Gifts .. .. .	250	0	0							
„ Dunedin Debenture .. .. .	100	0	0							
				1,350	0	0				
„ Proceeds of Property Sales .. .. .				2,396	4	6				
				£13,655	12	4				£13,655
										12
										4

CANTERBURY INVESTMENT.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1925—Capital .. .. .				£1,100	0	0	Investments .. .. .				£1,100	0	0

METHODIST MAORI GIRLS' COLLEGE, 1925.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
By Centenary Fund .. .. .				2,385	0	0	To Deposits—						
„ Taranaki Native Sunday School .. .. .				20	0	0	Wesley Training College Board .. .. .	2,385	0	0			
„ Interest .. .. .				97	16	4	Auckland Savings Bank .. .. .	117	16	4			
				£2,502	16	4					£2,502	16	4

February 6th, 1926.

Examined and found correct.

ARCH. PEAK.  
J. G. HENDERSON.







**MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.**

<p><b>Loan</b> ... .. 500 0 0</p> <p>To Balance carried forward—Bank of New Zealand Overdraft ... 279 19 4</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>£5661 2 5</u></p>		<p>Balances carried forward—</p> <p>Cash on Deposit ... 2100 0 0</p> <p>P.O. Savings Bank ... 119 8 1</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">2219 8 1</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>£5661 2 5</u></p>
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**MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.**

Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Disbursements as per Cash Statement ... ..				2633	2	7
Adjustments and Contras—						
Interest ... ..	20	16	8			
Rates, Ins. & Expenses ... ..	11	16	10			
Depreciation of Furniture ... ..	164	5	3			
				377	18	9
				<u>£3011</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Receipts as per Cash Statement ... ..				2327	17	8
Rent, Dibble, per Contra Account ... ..				36	13	0
Balance Transferred to Capital Account ... ..				646	10	8
				<u>£3011</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

**MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.**  
Balance-sheet as at 30th September, 1925.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mortgages Epworth Home ...				1,300	0	0	<b>Properties—</b>									
Unpaid Purchase Money Epworth Home ...				3,190	7	6	Wesley Home, Land and Buildings ...	5750	0	0						
Sundry Creditors ...				3,861	8	3	Add Additions ...	410	19	3						
Loan ...				500	0	0	Add New Road ...	50	0	0						
Bank of N.Z. Overdraft ...				279	19	4	Add Electric Installation ...	122	3	9						
Capital as at 30th Sept., 1924	10,328	2	11								6333	3	0			
Add Bequests as per Cash Statement ...	1,320	2	6				Epworth Home ...				3350	0	0			
	11,648	5	5				Epworth Home Property ...	3750	0	0						
Less Transfer Deficiency from Revenue Account ...	646	10	8				Extra Sections ...	1367	0	6						
				11,001	14	9	Alterations and Additions ...	1150	18	3						
											6267	18	9			
							<b>Furnishings—</b>							15,951	1	9
							Wesley & Epworth Homes ...	810	0	0						
							Add New Epworth Home ...	111	13	10						
							Epworth Home ...				921	13	10			
											720	11	5			
											1642	5	3			
							Less Depreciation				164	5	3			
														1478	0	0
							Farm Stock ...							35	0	0
							Loan Wesley Training College ...							350	0	0
							War Bond ...							100	0	0
							Deposits at Call ...							2100	0	0
							P.O. Savings Bank							119	8	1
														£20,133	9	10
														£20,133	9	10

I have examined the Books and Vouchers relating to the above Accounts and Balance-sheet, and hereby certify the same to be correct in accordance therewith.  
EGERTON GILL, Public Accountant, N.Z.





**SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.**

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st. December, 1925.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d.
To Balance 1st January, 1925...	£	s.	d.	By Maintenance Account—	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand ... ..	112	18	4	Salaries and Wages—Staff and			
P.O. Savings Bank ... ..	2	7	10	Casual Help ... ..	474	6	2
Bank of New Zealand ... ..	738	11	2	Garden and Farm ... ..	131	10	0
			853 17 4				605 16 2
.. Endowment Account—				General House Supplies .....	583	11	2
Mrs. Baker ... ..	50	0	0	Lighting and Heating ... ..	98	1	10
J. W. Commissiong (Estate) ...	146	13	11	Drapery, Clothing and Boots ...	157	2	5
Ada Smith ... ..	9	15	0	Stamps, Stationery, Advertising, Tel., etc. ... ..	32	12	8
Wm. Morrow ... ..	125	0	0	Fire and Accident Insurance ...	16	12	9
Ellen Wallace ... ..	8	6	8	Repairs and Renewals ... ..	57	12	7
Miss Kitchingman ... ..	50	0	0	Bank Interest ... ..	0	8	0
Mrs. J. W. Roberts ... ..	10	0	0	G. H. Jones Trust—Interest to			
Mrs. Eliz. Pearce ... ..	7	0	0	August 31 ... ..	9	11	8
Miss Butterick ... ..	100	0	0	Travelling Expenses—Organising			
Mr. Gift of				Secretary ... ..	10	0	0
N.Z. Farmers' Co-operative				Contribution towards new Sunday			
Association, Secured Deposit				School ... ..	50	0	0
Stock ... ..	350	0	0	Purchase of Two Cows ... ..	16	0	0
			856 15 7	Sundries ... ..	44	8	6
.. Maintenance Account—							1076 1 7
Annual Subscriptions and Donations				.. Maintenance of Boys in Pres-			
Collections ... ..	774	18	5	byterian Home ... ..			163 5 3
Maintenance Fees ... ..	275	10	6				
Interest on Deposits and Debentures							
Sundries ... ..	61	12	4				
			4 1 6				
			1195 16 7	TOTAL			1845 3 0

„ Deposit Withdrawn ...	1050	0	0
„ Rent from Land Purchased ...	56	5	0
„ Balance due to Treasurer ...	86	0	2

£4098 14 8

„ Property Account—				
Completion of purchase of				
11 acres for Boys' Home ...	1250	0	0	
Deposit on purchase of ad-				
ditional 1 acre ...	100	0	0	
Interest and Rates on Addi-				
tional 1 acre ...	17	17	10	
Additions to Present Home ...	342	14	0	
New Furnishings ...	153	12	11	
				1864 4 9
„ Balance 31st. December, 1925—				
P.O. Savings Bank ...	2	7	10	
Bank of New Zealand ...	36	19	1	
N.Z. Farmers Co-op. Assn.				
Sec. Deposit Stock ..	350	0	0	
				389 6 11
				<u>£4098 14 8</u>



RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND  
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1926.

WHERE THE STATUS OF THE PREACHER APPOINTED IS  
ALTERED, THE CONTINGENT FUND TREASURERS SHOULD BE  
CONSULTED.

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children' Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ...	840	0	0	67	4	0	540	0	0	54	0	0
Conf. F.M. Secretary	350	0	0	28	0	0	250	0	0	25	0	0
Conf. H.M. Dept. ...	462	10	0	37	0	0	262	10	0	26	5	0
.. H.M. 2	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Auckland West ...	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	35	0	0
Auckland East ...	775	0	0	62	0	0	475	0	0	47	10	0
.. Theo. Col.	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	35	0	0
.. Avondale	525	0	0	42	0	0	325	0	0	32	10	0
.. H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
.. Devonport	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	17	10	0
.. Takapuna	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
.. Birkenhead	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Onehunga ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Otahuhu ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Papakura ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Pukekohe ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Pukekohe H.M. 2	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waiuku ...	240	0	0	19	4	0	140	0	0	14	0	0
Mahurangi ...	180	0	0	14	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paparoa ...	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Northern Wairoa ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
.. H.M. 2	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangarei ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Whangaroa ..	180	0	0	14	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pt. Albert H.M. Sta.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coromandel ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaukapakapa ..	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Helensville ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bay of Islands ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangaroa ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mangonui ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hikurangi ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohaeawai ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Portland ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	7107	10	0	640	12	0	4187	10	0	418	15	0

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## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 16%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Te Aroha	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Morrinsville	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Waihi	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Paeroa-Hauraki Plains	410	0	0	32	16	0	250	0	0	25	0	0
Cambridge	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Hamilton	495	0	0	39	12	0	335	0	0	33	10	0
Hamilton East	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Ngaruawahia	200	0	0	16	0	0	140	0	0	14	0	0
Rotorua	200	0	0	16	0	0	140	0	0	14	0	0
Tauranga	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Opotiki	180	0	0	14	8	0	80	0	0	8	0	0
Taumarunui	160	10	0	12	16	9	60	10	0	6	1	0
Te Awamutu	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Whakatane	180	0	0	14	8	0	80	0	0	8	0	0
Matamata	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Huntly	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Kuiti	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Putaruru	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Puke H.M. Station	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mokauiti	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohura	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4175	10	0	358	0	9	2535	10	0	253	11	0

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	570	0	0	45	12	0	370	0	0	37	0	0
H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waitara	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inglewood	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Stratford	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eltham	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Hawera	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Mania	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Opunake	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaponga	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	12	10	0
Wanganui	325	0	0	26	0	0	225	0	0	22	10	0
H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wanganui North	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marton	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Taihape	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Raetihi-Ofakune	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Mokau	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patea—Station	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Douglas	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3710	0	0	332	16	0	2330	0	0	233	0	0

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## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Hastings ... ..	280	0	0	22	8	0	180	0	0	18	0	0
Gisborne ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
" H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wairoa ... ..	66	13	4	5	6	8	36	13	4	3	13	4
Waipawa ... ..	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	12	10	0
Dannevirke ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Woodville ... ..	235	0	0	18	16	0	135	0	0	13	10	0
Pahiatua ... ..	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	12	10	0
Palmerston N (Broad St)	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
" H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palmerston N (Cuba St)	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	17	10	0
Feilding ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
" H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanson and Rongotea	260	0	0	20	16	0	160	0	0	16	0	0
Foxton ... ..	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	12	10	0
Apiti—H.M. Station	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Norsewood ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3241	13	4	279	6	8	1981	13	4	201	3	4

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington Taranaki St.	565	0	0	45	4	0	405	0	0	40	10	0
" Thorndon ... ..	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	35	0	0
" South ... ..	380	0	0	30	8	0	220	0	0	22	0	0
" H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Kilbirnie ... ..	410	0	0	32	16	0	250	0	0	25	0	0
Johnsonville—Ngaio	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
" H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hutt ... ..	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	17	10	0
Petone ... ..	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	17	10	0
Greytown ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Carterton ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Masterton ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
" H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eketahuna ... ..	200	0	0	16	0	0	140	0	0	14	0	0
Levin ... ..	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	17	10	0
Otaki ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Paraparaumu—H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4230	0	0	354	8	0	2690	0	0	269	0	0

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## NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson	325	0	0	26	0	0	225	0	0	22	10	0
Richmond	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Blenheim	730	0	0	58	8	0	470	0	0	47	0	0
Hokitika	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Greymouth	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Motueka	215	0	0	17	4	0	115	0	0	11	10	0
Reefton	177	10	0	14	4	0	117	10	0	11	15	0
Westport	250	0	0	20	0	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	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2377	10	0	210	4	0	1497	10	0	149	15	0

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingen: Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch—												
Durham Street	530	0	0	42	8	0	370	0	0	37	0	0
Connexional Secretary	350	0	0	28	0	0	250	0	0	25	0	0
S.S. and Y.P. Dept.	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
East	775	0	0	62	0	0	475	0	0	47	10	0
Cambridge Terrace	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Woolston	337	10	0	27	0	0	207	10	0	20	15	0
Sydenham	260	0	0	20	16	0	160	0	0	16	0	0
Addington	262	10	0	21	0	0	162	10	0	16	5	0
Riccarton	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
St. Albans	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	35	0	0
Papanui	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Lyttelton	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Springston	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Tai Tapu	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Leeston	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Kaiapoi	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Ohoka	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Rangiora	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Woodend-Sefton	240	0	0	19	4	0	140	0	0	14	0	0
Greendale	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	12	10	0
Waddington	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hawarden—H.M. Sta.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oxford	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	6330	0	0	518	8	0	3940	0	0	394	0	0

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## SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru	665	0	0	53	4	0	465	0	0	46	10	0
"   H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waimate	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Temuka, King Street	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	12	10	0
Geraldine	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Ashburton	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Willowby	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Oamaru	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Methven—H.M. Station	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mayfield	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2240	0	0	191	4	0	1460	0	0	146	0	0

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 10%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—												
Trinity	460	0	0	36	16	0	300	0	0	30	0	0
Central Mission	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Dundas Street	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Cargill Road	410	0	0	32	16	0	250	0	0	25	0	0
St. Kilda	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Caversham	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Morningson	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Roslyn—Maori Hill	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
"   H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mosgiel	180	0	0	14	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Chalmers	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Balclutha	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	17	10	0
Milton	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Roxburgh	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	12	10	0
Invercargill Central	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0
Invercargill, St. Peter's	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	17	10	0
Bluff	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	12	0	0
Gore	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	15	0	0
Otautau	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	12	10	0
Waikouaiti—H.M. Stn.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Broad Bay	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Edendale	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaitangata	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lawrence	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cromwell	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Riverton	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nightcaps—Tuatapere	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4880	0	0	426	8	0	2920	0	0	292	0	0

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