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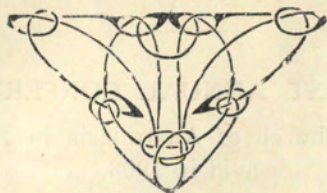
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of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in
1874.

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

of the Methodist Church of New Zealand was held in 1913.
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become operative on January 1st of that year by declaration
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The Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Durham Street Church, Christchurch, on Thursday, 16th February, 1928, and concluded on 25th February, 1928.

The Session was opened by the Rev. H. Ranston M.A., Litt.D., President, after which the President-Elect, the Rev. W. J. Elliott, was introduced to the Presidency.

Mr. J. W. Shackelford 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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Who has travelled five years.

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John Bailey
Hubert G. Brown
Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Harry S. Kings
Robert McGregor
Oliver S. Pearn
Herbert Spencer
Cecil R. Taylor
Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Frank Bateup
F. Gardner Brown
Gordon R. H. Peterson
John Reid
Who have travelled three years.

James H. Hall
G. Raymond Harris
Who have travelled two years.
Bernard R. Hames, B.A.
Norman P. Larsen
George I. Laurenson
Athol R. Penn
Ivor M. Raynor
A. Wharton E. Silvester
Harry V. Utting
Arthur H. Voyce
Who have travelled one year.

N.B.—Arthur H. Voyce has permission to take a deferred examination.

Honours List.—Fourth year—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
First year—Norman P. Larsen.

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

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

Who have completed three years at the Theological College.

Raymond Dudley (who will enter the
Theological College in 1929).

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

Charles E. Dickens
Harold Fallows
Norman R. Gutry
Herbert W. Hitchcock
Leonard C. Horwood
Arthur T. Kent
Harry Noble
Walter Parker

Who are continued for a third year at the Theological College.

J. Montgomery Blight
W. John Court
Joseph C. Draper
E. Clarence Leadley
Matthew A. McDowell
J. Wesley Parker
W. Gordon Parker

Who are continued for a second year at the Theological College.

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

Donald C. Alley
G. Richard Bowden
Thomas H. Carr
William E. Moore
Herbert W. Payne
David O. Williams
Ivan S. Williamson

N.B.—Donald C. Alley and Ivan S. Williamson are placed on the President's list of Reserve. They will take a prescribed course under the direction of the Board of Studies, and will enter the Theological College in 1929.

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

Matene Keepa
McDavis Wharehuia Rangiheuea

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?

E. R. Alexander, W. J. Henderson, E. Hill, T. W. Parsons, and W. H. Wilson, who have completed three years.

B. H. N. Teague, R. Grice, W. C. Jenkin, and A. R. Thomas, who have completed two years.

V. R. Jamieson and J. L. Mitchell, who have completed one year.

N.B.—T. Parsons passed with honours.

RESOLUTION.

That Home Mission Probationers be designated "Missioner," not "Reverend."

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

Christopher Abernethy

William Laycock

William Ready

Semese Nau

Christopher Abernethy was born at Lerwick, in the Shetland Islands, on 6th June, 1845, and came to New Zealand when quite a young man. In 1879 he was accepted as a candidate for the Wesleyan Methodist ministry, and was immediately employed as a probationer. During an active ministry of forty years he laboured in many Circuits, leaving behind him in each one an enduring influence for good. In some of them many people were won for Christ and His Church. Nearly all his ministry was spent in wide country Circuits, necessitating much travel over very bad roads; but he did his work without murmuring, and never doubted that the appointments given to him were ordered of God. He endured "hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." When he was sorely bereaved, there was no faltering of his faith in the wisdom and love of God. He won the respect, confidence and affection of his people, and of his brethren in the ministry, as few men have done. He was indeed "a brother beloved" by all who knew him. Having served God's purpose in his generation, he entered into rest on April 30th, 1927.

William Laycock.—The death of the Rev W. Laycock occurred at his home on the 13th November, 1927, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was born in England, and was converted in the Primitive Methodist Church, Shildon, in the County of Durham, of which he became a member. He arrived in New Zealand in 1878, and associated himself with the Primitive Methodist Church as a local preacher at Christchurch and Geraldine. Being convinced that he was called of God to the ministry, he entered the Three Kings College at his own expense. It was a trait of his character, throughout his ministry, that what was for God's service must be of the best. He entered the Primitive Methodist ministry in 1884, and gave forty-one years of faithful service. He was a faithful pastor and a good preacher. Up to the last his services were much sought for special occasions in his former Circuits. He was a lover of books. His business and organising ability was manifested by the erection of substantial buildings in several Circuits.

The love and confidence of his brethren placed him in the presidential chair. During his retirement he collected and organised for the South Island Orphanage. His physical powers gradually diminished, but up to within a few days of his death he was able to take part in public functions. The last call came suddenly, and he passed away to be with his Lord.

William Ready was born in London about sixty-eight years ago, and was left an orphan at the age of nine years. He was received into George Muller's famous Orphanage, Bristol, England, where he received his earliest education, and where he came under Christian influences. He was converted at the age of seventeen, and five years later he went to Southampton, where he heard the call to the ministry. He received training for two years at the Bible Christian College. After two years' service in England, he came to New Zealand in 1887, and laboured for three years in Canterbury. In 1890 he launched the Dunedin Central Mission, where he laboured for nine years with great devotion and ability. Afterwards he was appointed to some of the leading Circuits, where he left a deep and lasting impression. In 1912 he was elected President of the Conference, an office which he filled with distinction. He became a chaplain in 1917 on the hospital ship Maheno. At the Conference of 1926 he became a supernumerary, but still engaged in active supply work until the end. His was a strong and attractive personality, beloved by his brethren, ministerial and lay. He was the helper of the poor, and counsellor of the rich; the strong respected him, and the weak sought his friendship; the old regarded him with affection, the youths trusted him, and children were drawn to him as by a magnet. As a preacher, the Cross was his theme, and soul-winning was his constant aim. As a prophet, he denounced the evils of the times with a burning passion, and sought the amelioration of social conditions. As he had wished, his passing came suddenly on September 7th, 1927. The evening before he had conducted a mission service at Cuba Street Church, Palmerston North. After the service, he was suddenly taken ill, and in a few hours "was not, for God took him."

Semese Nau was a minister of the Wesleyan Church of Tonga, who spent several years on the mission field in the Solomon Islands, where he rendered faithful service. He was the hero of the attempt to establish Christian work on the islands of Ontong Java, when, owing to fierce opposition, he was compelled to live in an open boat for three months before the doors opened permitting him to enter and to carry the Gospel message to the heathen inhabitants. After some years spent on the mission, he returned to Tonga as a supernumerary minister of the New Zealand Church, where he spent his closing days before the call came to him to higher service on November 18th, 1927.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

Joseph H. Simmonds
John J. Lewis
Charles E. Ward
William J. Williams
George Bond
Thomas G. Carr

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
 Samuel Lawry
 Alfred Peters
 Thomas G. Brooke
 James T. Pinfold, D.D.
 Samuel Griffith
 T. Francis Jones
 George T. Marshall
 Joseph Blight
 George Clement
 Thomas A. Joughin
 James Wrigley
 Frederick T. Read
 James Cocker
 Arthur Harding
 Thomas W. Newbold
 John W. Griffin
 James R. Clark

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

T. Jackson Wallis.

Samuel H. D. Peryman.

W. Arthur Hay, for one year (with permission to reside in Australia).

George S. Cook, for one year.

T. Jackson Wallis retires on superannuation after forty-three years of useful service in the ministry of our Church. Twelve of these were spent in mission work in Fiji, Mr Wallis in this way sustaining an inherited tradition from his honoured grandfather, the Rev James Wallis, who came out as a missionary to New Zealand in 1833. In New Zealand Mr Wallis laboured with acceptance in many of our representative Circuits. He has possessed the cordial esteem of his brethren, and, while shunning public office, has earned a good degree by a ministry marked by spiritual sympathy and intellectual freshness. The good wishes of the whole Church attend him as he retires from the active work.

Samuel H. D. Peryman entered the ministry in 1882, and for thirty-six years has rendered valuable service in many of our difficult Circuits. Owing to a serious breakdown in health, he now becomes a permanent supernumerary, and carries with him as he retires from the active ministry the love and sympathy of the whole Church. His unflinching courtesy, unquenchable optimism and unswerving loyalty to the great philanthropic and moral movement of the times, have secured for him a very wide circle of friends. Not only within the confines of his beloved Church, but among the members of other Churches with whom he was always ready to co-operate, and by whom he was held in great esteem. That he may be granted health equal to a quiet and restful eventide is the fervent prayer of all his brethren.

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

None.

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

Charles M. Roberts

William H. Speer, with permission to visit England.

Herbert Ford, with permission to visit England,
for one year only.**QUESTION XVII.—What Ministers are left without Pastoral Charge?**

Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S.

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

Frank H. Hayman

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

None.

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

None.

QUESTION XXI.—What Persons who were in Full Connexion now Cease to be Recognised at Ministers of this Conference?William Lea, who has voluntarily retired in order to enter
the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Great Britain.Also Probationers E. Hugh Brooker and G. Cyril Burton, and
Student R. H. Miles.**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, W. A. Sinclair, H. E. Bellhouse, A. C. Lawry, C. C. Harrison, J. Cocker, P. N. Knight, B.A., J. Wrigley, A. N. Scotter, B.A., G. Frost, T. J. Wallis, M. A. R. Pratt, W. J. Elliott.

(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. T. Blight, B.A.
Latin	....	..	.. Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
English Bible (Old Testament) 1st and 2nd			
years	..	..	.. Rev. W. Walker.
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.
The Christian Doctrine of the Godhead			
(Garvie)	..	..	.. Rev. T. A. Joughin.
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. W. A. Sinclair
The Bible, its Origin, Nature and Significance			
(Peake)	..	..	.. Rev. E. P. Blamires
Psychology of Religion (Selbie)			
	..	..	.. Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
The Church and the Ministry (Lindsay)			
	..	..	.. Rev. E. D. Patchett.
Christianity and Ethics (Alexander)			
	..	..	.. Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
Altar, Cross, and Community (Lofthouse)			
	..	..	.. Rev. L. B. Neale
The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience			
(Humphreys)	..	..	.. Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.
The Doctrine of the Future (Mackintosh)			
	..	..	.. Rev. T. R. Richards
Religions of the World (Barton)			
	..	..	.. Rev. W. Wills.
The Methodist Law Book			
	..	..	.. Rev. T. W. Vealie.

(B) Examiners for Students.

(To be appointed by the Board of Studies in conjunction with the Secretary of the Board.)

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Section A	..	..	..	.. Rev. R. B. Tinsley
Section B	..	..	..	.. Revs. H. L. Richards and E. W. Hames, M.A.
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

N.B.—For Rules and Regulations relating to Examinations, Trial Sermons, and Book Lists, see new edition Methodist Laws, pp. 78 to 92.

The first section of the Probationers' Examination shall, this year, commence on Tuesday, July 24, and the second section on Tuesday, December 4. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 18, and of Home Missionary Probationers on Tuesday, December 4.

The new Curriculum for Probationers shall not come into force until 1929. For the Curriculum for 1928 Probationers are referred to the Minutes of Conference, 1927, pp. 25, 26.

I.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS.**First Year.**

1. Old Testament (Hebrew)—Genesis, Chapters I.—V., with I.C.C. or Spurrell's Notes.
2. New Testament (Greek)—St John, Chapters I.—VIII., Cambridge Greek Text, and Moulton's Introduction to the Study of N.T. Greek.
3. Old Testament (English): Deuteronomy, with Cambridge Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Matthew and James, with Century Bible.
5. Wesley's Sermons, Nos. 1-20, 40, 43-44 (Forty-four Sermons).
6. Theology: (Revelation), Peake's The Bible Its Origin, Significance, and Abiding Worth, Chapters XIII. to end.
7. Church History: Fisher, pp. 1-143.
8. Methodist Law Book, Parts I., II. and IV., VII., Section 2 and VIII., Section 2 (Local Funds).

SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Amos, with Robinson's Hebrew Text and Notes (S.P.C.K.).
2. New Testament (Greek): Luke, Chapters X. to XIX.
3. Old Testament (English): Job, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): John (Reith-Clark's B.C. Handbooks), and I. John, with Century Bible.

5. Garvie's Christian Doctrine of the Godhead, Sec. I.
6. Theology: (Person of Christ), Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," Book III.
7. Church History: Fisher, pp. 144-286.
8. Selbie's Psychology of Religion.
9. Humphrey's The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Psalms XL.-XLIX., with International Critical Commentary.
2. New Testament (Greek): I. and II. Thessalonians, with Cambridge Greek Text.
3. Old Testament (English): Isaiah, with Cambridge Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Romans and Colossians, with Century Bible.
5. Garvie's Christian Doctrine of the Godhead, Sec. II.
6. Theology: (Doctrine of the Atonement), Altar, Cross and Community (Lofthouse).
7. Church History: Fisher, p. 287-483.
8. Barton's Religions of the World, Chapters I.-IX.
9. Alexander's Christianity and Ethics.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Nahum, Habakkuk and Malachi, with Century Bible or I.C.C.
2. New Testament (Greek): Romans, V.-XIII., with I.C.C.
3. Old Testament (English): Minor Prophets, with Century Bible (2 vols.).
4. New Testament (English): Hebrews and Revelation, with Century Bible.
5. Garvie's Christian Doctrine of the Godhead, Sec. III. and Conclusion.
6. Theology: (Doctrine of the Future), Mackintosh's Immortality and the Future.
7. Church History: Fisher, pp. 484-664.
8. Lindsay's The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries.
9. Barton's Religions of the World, Chapters X.-XVII.

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 1928 are as follow:—

First year: Caesar, De Bello Gallico, Book V.

Second year: Virgil, Æneid, Book II.

Third year: Cicero, De Amicitia.

Fourth year: Horace, Odes, Book I.

II.—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 T. 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."

III.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS.

I. 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.	

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE AND INTRODUCTION AND THEOLOGY.

1. General Bible Knowledge, Old and New Testaments. Text Book: Maclear's Primers.
2. Biblical Introduction—Text Books:
The Old Testament, Its Writers and Their Messages (Healing).
The New Testament, Its Writers and Their Messages (Hunter).

3. Theology—Text Books:

What a Christian Believes and Why (Hunter).

The New Catechism of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, with Hunter's Lesson Helps on the New Catechism.

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—Initia Graeca, Sections I.-XIX., with Exercises VII.-XXXV. (Greek into English).

N.B.—The Conference urges Candidates to take Greek in preference to Latin.

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 (Furneaux); (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.).

V.—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.

VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

FIRST YEAR.

English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar (pp. 1 to 80).
 Theology—New Catechism of Wesleyan-Methodist Church, with Hunter's Lesson Helps on the New 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—Robertson's Our Lord's Teaching (Guild Text Book).

VII.—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.

Section I.—The Bible:

(a) Dictionaries Edited by J. Hastings—

- (1) Dictionary of the Bible (5 vols. or 1 vol.).
- (2) Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels (2 vols.).
- (3) Dictionary of the Apostolic Church (2 vols.).

Commentaries—

Peake's Commentary on the Bible.

International Critical Commentary in Genesis, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Judges, Samuel, Chronicles, Ezra-Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Isaiah, Daniel, Minor Prophets: In Matthew, Luke, Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, Thessalonians, Timothy-Titus, James, 1, 2 and 3 John, Revelation.

Century Bible in Genesis, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Samuel, Kings, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Minor Prophets: In Matthew, Mark, Luke, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Hebrews, James, Peter, Jude and Revelation.

Cambridge Bible in Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Judges, Ruth, Chronicles, Ezra-Nehemiah, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Haggai-Zechariah-Malachi: In Corinthians, Thessalonians.

Westminster Commentary in Genesis, Isaiah, Mark, Acts, Philippians, Timothy-Titus.

Expositor's Greek Testament in John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Philemon, Hebrews, James, Revelation.

Cambridge Greek Testament in 2 Corinthians, Timothy-Titus, Hebrews.

Expositor's Bible in Psalms, Isaiah, Minor Prophets, Galatians, Ephesians.

Clarke's Handbooks in Timothy-Titus—

Judges—Burney's Notes on Hebrew Text

Samuel—Drivers Notes on Hebrew Text.

Kings—Burney

Job—Strahan.

Daniel—Bevan.

Matthew—Plummer and M'Neile.

Mark—Swete.

Luke—Knapp.

John—Westcott.

Romans—Gifford.

Galatians—Lightfoot.

Ephesians—Robinson.

Colossians—Lightfoot.

Thessalonians—Milligan.

Hebrews—A. B. Davidson: Westcott.

Nairne—"The Epistle of Priesthood."

Scott: Lidgett "Sonship and Salvation."

Scott-Lidgett "Sonship and Salvation."

James—Mayor.

1 Peter—Masterman: Jowett "The Redeemed Family of God."

2 Peter—Mayor: Jowett "The Redeemed Family of God."

1, 2, 3 John Westcott: C. Watson Findlay's "Fellowship in the Life Eternal": Law's "The Tests of Life" (1 John).

Jude—Mayor.

Revelation—Swete: Peake.

(b) General—

- Bennett and Adeney—"Biblical Introduction."
 Charles—"Between the Testaments"
 Deissman, G. A.—Light from the Ancient East.
 Dods, M.—The Bible: Its Origin and Nature.
 Moulton, W. F.—History of the English Bible (Cassell).
 *Moulton, R. G.—Literary Study of the Bible (Pitman).
 Peake, A. S.—The Bible: Its Origin, Nature and Significance (Hodder).
 Smith G. A.—Historical Geography of the Holy Land (Hodder): Jerusalem.
 Westcott—Bible in the Church.

(c) Old Testament—

- *Baynes N.—Israel Among the Nations (S.C.M.).
 Blunt, A. W. F.—Israel (World's Manuals, Milford).
 Breasted, J. H.—Ancient Times (Ginn).
 Davidson, A. B.—Old Testament Prophecy: Theology of the Old Testament (Clark).
 Davidson W. T.—The Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.
 Driver, S. R.—Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament.
 Gray, G. B.—Critical Introduction to the Old Testament.
 Hughes—The Ethics of the Jewish Apocalyptic Literature.
 Knudson—Religious Teaching of the Old Testament.
 Peake, A. S. (Ed.)—The People and the Book.
 Ranston, H.—Ecclesiastes and the Early Greek Wisdom Literature.
 Robinson, H. W.—Religious Ideas of the Old Testament (Duckworth).
 Robinson, T. H.—Prophecy and the Prophets (Duckworth).
 Ryle, J. C.—History of the Canon of the O.T. (Macmillan).
 Sands, P. C.—Literary Genius of the O.T. (Milford).
 Sellin, E.—Introduction to O.T.
 Simpson, D. C.—Pentateuchal Criticism (Cambridge).
 Skinner, J.—Prophecy and Religion (Cambridge).
 Smith, Robertson—The Prophets of Israel.
 Smith, W. H.—The O.T. in the Jewish Church (Black).
 Wade, C. W.—O.T. History (Methuen).
 Weeks—The Doctrine of God.
 Welch, A. C.—Religion of Israel Under the Kingdom (Clark).

(d) New Testament—

- Angus, S.—The Environment of Early Christianity (Duckworth).
 Bosworth, E. I.—The Life and Teaching of Jesus (Macmillan).
 Burkitt, F. C.—The Gospel History and Its Transmission (Clark).
 Clemens, J. S.—Primitive Christianity and its Non-Jewish Sources.
 Dalman, G.—The Words of Jesus (for students of Greek).
 Deissman, G. A.—Bible Studies (for students of Greek) (Clark): St Paul.
 Fairweather, W.—The Background of the Gospels (Clark).
 Findlay, J. A.—Jesus As They Saw Him (Sharp).
 Glover, T. R.—The Jesus of History (S.C.M.): Jesus in the Experience of Men.

- Halliday—Pagan Background of Early Christianity (Univ. Press).
 Headlam, A. C.—The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ (Murray).
 Hogg, A. G.—Christ's Message of the Kingdom (Clark).
 James, M. R.—The Apocryphal N.T.
 Kennedy, H. A. A.—Vital Forces of the Early Church (S.C.M.): The Theology of the Epistles (Duckworth).
 Moffatt, J.—Theology of the Gospels (Duckworth): Introduction to the Literature of the N.T.
 Morgan, J.—Religion and Theology of St Paul (Clark).
 Nairne, A.—The Faith of the N.T. (Longmans).
 Peake, A. S.—Critical Introduction to the N.T.
 Ramsay, W. M.—St Paul the Traveller (Hodder and Stoughton).
 Robertson—The Spiritual Pilgrimage of Jesus (James Clark).
 Sanday, W.—Outlines of the Life of Christ (Clark).
 Streeter, B. H.—The Four Gospels, A Study in Origins.
 Wade, G. W.—N.T. History.
 Walker, T.—The Teaching of Jesus and the Jewish Teaching of His Age.

Section II.—Dogmatics:

(a) Christian Doctrine—

- *Angus, S.—The Mystery Religions and Christianity.
 Ballard, F.—The True God.
 Brown, W. A.—Christian Theology in Outline (Clark): The Christian Hope (Duckworth).
 Bruce, A. B.—The Humiliation of Christ.
 *Caird, J.—Fundamental Ideas of Christianity.
 Clifford—Ultimate Problems of Christianity.
 Curtis, W. A.—History of the Creeds and Confessions of Faith.
 Davison, W. T.—The Indwelling Spirit (H. and S.).
 Denney, J.—The Death of Christ (Hodder): Christian Doctrine of Reconciliation (Hodder): Jesus and the Gospel (Hodder): Studies in Theology (Hodder).
 *Fairbairn—Philosophy of the Christian Religion (Hodder).
 Fitchett, W. H.—Unrealised Logic of Religion (Sharp).
 Gore, C.—The Reconstruction of Belief.
 *Griffith-Jones, E.—The Ascent Through Christ (Hodder): Faith and Immortality.
 Haering—Christian Dogmatics.
 Herrmann—Communion with God.
 Illingworth, J. R.—Divine Immanence (Macmillan): Doctrine of the Trinity (Macmillan): Personality, Human and Divine (Macmillan).
 Inge, W. R.—Faith and Its Psychology (Duckworth).
 Leckie, J. H.—The World to Come and Final Destiny (Clark).
 Lidgett, J. H.—The Fatherhood of God (Sharp): The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Sharp).
 *Mackintosh, H. R.—The Originality of the Christian Message (Duckworth): The Doctrine of the Person of Christ (Clark).
 Mellone—Eternal Life (Lindsay Press).
 *Mosley, J. K.—The Doctrine of the Atonement (Duckworth).
 Ottley, R. L.—The Doctrine of the Incarnation (Methuen).
 Perkins—The Doctrine of Christian Perfection.

Pringle-Pattison, A. S.—The Idea of God (Milford): The Idea of Immortality (Milford)

Robinson, H. W.—Christian Doctrine of Man (Clark).

Salmond, S. D. F.—Christian Doctrine of Immortality (Clark).

Simpson, J. Y.—The Spiritual Interpretation of Nature (Hodder).

Stevens, G. B.—The Christian Doctrine of Salvation

Strachan—The Individuality of St Paul.

Streeter, B. H. (Ed.)—Reality Concerning Prayer (Macmillan).

Swete, H. B.—The Holy Spirit in the N.T. (Macmillan)

Tennant, F. R.—The Concept of Sin (Cambridge).

Von-Hugel, F.—Eternal Life (Clark).

Weinel, W.—Jesus in the 19th Century and After.

(b) Apologetics—

*Ballard, F.—Miracles of Unbelief (Sharp).

Butler, J.—Analogy of Religion (R.T.S.).

Caldecott, A.—Selections from the Literature of Theism (Clark).

Forrest, D. W.—The Christ of History and of Experience (Clark): The Authority of Christ.

Forsyth, P. T.—The Principle of Authority (Hodder and Stoughton).

*Garvie, A. E.—Christian Apologetics (Duckworth).

Gwatkin, H. M.—The Knowledge of God (Clark).

Illingworth, J. R.—Reason and Revelation (Macmillan).

Orr, J.—The Christian View of God and the World.

Peake, A. S.—Christianity, Its Nature and Truth (Duckworth)

Quick, O. C.—Liberalism, Modernism and Tradition.

Taylor, V.—The Historical Evidence for the Virgin Birth:

Ward, J.—Naturalism and Agnosticism (Black).

Section III.—Science and Philosophy:

Adams, Mrs.—Plato.

Bergson—Creative Evolution.

Baudoin—Studies in Psycho-Analysis.

Caird—Hegel.

Dix—Child Study.

Drever—Psychology of Everyday Life.

Eucken—Truth of Religion.

Findlay—The School.

Hutton—The Lesson of Evolution.

*Inge, W. R.—Christian Mysticism.

Jones, Henry—Rudolf Eucken.

Jones, Rufus—Studies in Mystical Religion.

Jowett—Introductions to Plato.

Kirkpatrick—Fundamentals of Child Study.

Lodge, O.—Man and the Universe.

Lay—The Child's Unconscious Mind.

MacKenzie—Outline of Metaphysics.

Maeterlinck—Life of the Bee.

Martineau—Types of Ethical Theory.

*M'Dougall—Social Psychology.

*Muirhead—Elements of Ethics.

Romanes—Darwin and After Darwin.

Soddy—Matter and Energy.

Thomson and Geddes—Evolution.

Wallace—Darwinism: Kant.

- *Wardell—Contemporary Philosophy: First Lessons in Philosophy.
 Welton—The Psychology of Education.

Section IV.—The Church:

(a) History—

- Bartlet, J. V.—The Apostolic Age.
 Bevan, E.—Hellenism and Christianity (Allen and Unwin).
 Bigg, C.—The Origins of Christianity (Milford).
 Foakes-Jackson, F. J.—History of the Church to A.D. 451 (Hall).
 Glover, T. R.—The Conflict of Religions in the Roman Empire (Methuen).
 Green, S. G.—Handbook of Church History (R.T.S.).
 Gwatkin, H. M.—Early Church History (2 vols.) (Macmillan).
 Harnack, A.—Mission and Expansion of Early Christianity (Williams and Norgate).
 Lambeth Joint Report on Church Unions.
 M'Giffert, A. C.—History of Christianity in Apostolic Church.
 Lindsay, J. M.—History of the Reformation (2 vols.).
 Pope, R. M.—Early Church History (Macmillan).
 Ramsay, W. M.—The Church in the Roman Empire (Hodder).
 Walker, W. A.—History of the Christian Church (Clark).
 Workman, H. B.—The Church of the West in the Middle Ages: Evolution of the Monastic Ideal.

(b) Doctrine of Church and Ministry—

- Cohu, J.—The Evolution of the Christian Ministry.
 Headlam, A. C.—The Doctrine of the Church and Christian Reunion (Murray).
 Hort, F. J. A.—The Christian Ecclesia (Macmillan).
 Lindsay, T. M.—Church and Ministry in the Early Centuries.
 Simpson, P. C.—Church Principles (Hodder).
 Wright, C. H. H.—The Roman Catholic Controversy (Primer of Roman Catholicism) (R.T.S.).

(c) Methodist History and Polity—

- *Fitchett, W. H.—Wesley and His Century (Smith, Elder and Co.). New History of Methodism.
 Simon—The Revival of Religion in England in the 18th Century (Sharp).
 Telford, J.—Life of John Wesley (Sharp). Life of Charles Wesley (Sharp). Lives of the Early Methodist Preachers.
 Tyerman—Life and Times of John Wesley.
 Wesley—Journals.
 Workman, H. B.—Place of Methodism in the Catholic Church.

(d) Pastoral Theology—

- Arthur, W.—The Tongue of Fire (Sharp).
 *Brooks, Phillips—Lectures of Preaching (Allenson).
 Bruce, A. B.—The Training of the Twelve (Clark).
 Cadman—Ambassadors of God (Macmillan).
 *Dale, H. W.—Lectures on Preaching (Hodder).
 Dargan—History of Preaching.
 *Garvie, A. E.—The Christian Preacher (Clark).
 Gillie, R. C.—The Minister in the Modern World (Black).
 Gladden, 2—The Christian Pastor (Clark).
 Haslett—Pedagogical Bible School.

Jackson, G.—The Fact of Conversion. The Preacher and the Modern Mind.

James, W.—Varieties of Religious Experience.

Jowett, J. H.—The Preacher: His Life and Work (Hodder).

Lamoreaux—The Unfolding Life.

Lawrence—How to Conduct a Sunday School.

Potter (Ed.)—Principles of Religion Education.

Stalker, J.—The Preacher and His Models (Hodder).

Wesley, J.—Address to the Clergy.

(e) Devotional Works—

Bodington's Books of Devotion.

A'Kempis, T.—The Imitation of Christ (Sharp).

Andrewes Launcelot—Devotions (Allenson).

Augustine Confessions (S.S.U.).

Barnes, E. W.—Early Christians at Prayer (Methuen).

Bosworth—Christ in Everyday Life.

Davis—Meeting the Master.

Edwards, Jonathan—Religious Affections.

Fleming—Marks of a World Christian.

Fosdick, H. E.—The Manhood of the Master (S.C.M.). The Meaning of Prayer (S.C.M.). The Meaning of Faith (S.C.M.). The Meaning of Service (S.C.M.).

Horton, R. F.—The Open Secret.

Inge, W. R.—Speculum Animæ (Longmans).

Law, W.—Serious Call (Library of Ancient and Modern Theology).

Matheson, G.—Devotional Volumes.

M'Affee, C. B.—Psalms of the Social Life (Association Press, N.Y.).

Orchard, W. E.—The Temple Book of Prayers (Dent).

Pascal, B.—Thoughts (Scott).

Smellie—The Hour of Silence and In the Secret Place.

Stoddart, Jane T.—Prayer (?).

Taylor, J.—Holy Living and Holy Dying (Longmans).

*Welsh, R. E.—Classics of the Soul's Quest.

Section V.—Biography:

Brooke, Stopford, Life and Letters of.

Brown, Dr Geo., Autobiography.

Bunyan, John, by J. A. Froude.

Collins, Thomas, Life of, by S. Coley.

Cromwell, Oliver, Letters and Speeches, T. Carlyle.

Dale, R. W.—Life of, by his son.

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*Drummond, H., Life of, by G. A. Smith (Hodder).

Early Methodist Preachers. Library of Methodist Biographies.

Hughes, Hugh Price, Life of, by his Daughter.

Huxley, T., Life and Letters of, by his Son.

Johnson, Samuel, Life of, by Boswell.

*Kingsley, Chas., Life and Letters of, by his Son.

Luther, Martin, by T. Lindsay.

Martyn, Henry, by Constance Padwick (S.C.M.).

Matheson, George, Life of, by Macmillan.

Maurice, F. D., Life of, by his Son.

Mazzini, J., Autobiography.

Pitt, Life of, by Lord Rosebery.

Plutarch, Lives.

Robertson, Stopford Brooke.

Ruskin, Life of, by Cook.

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*Savonarola, by Villari.

Stevenson, Robert Louis, Faith of, by J. Kelman.

Tennyson, A., A Memoir by his Son.

Whyte, Alex., by G. F. Barbour.

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Section VI.—Comparative Religion:

Carpenter, J. E.—Comparative Religion (Williams and Norgate). Buddhism and Christianity (Hodder).

Cave, S.—An Introduction to the Study of Some Living Religions of the East.

Farquhar, J. N.—The Crown of Hinduism (Milford). Modern Religious Movements in India.

Farnell, L. R.—Higher Aspects of Greek Religion.

Gairdner, W. H. T.—The Rebuke of Islam (S.C.M.).

Geden, A. S.—Studies in the Religions of the East.

Glover, T. R.—Progress in Religion.

Haigh, H.—Some Leading Ideas of Hinduism.

Hume, R. E.—The World's Living Religions.

James, E. O.—Introduction to Anthropology.

Jevons, F. B.—Introduction to the Study of Religion.

Kay, D. M.—Semetic Religions (Clark).

Menzies, A.—The History of Religions (Murray).

Otto, R.—The Idea of the Holy (Milford).

Oxford Press—Legacy of Greece.

Rhys-Davids, T. W.—Buddhism (Putnams).

Soothill, W. E.—Three Religions of China (Milford).

Smith, Robertson—Religion of the Semites.

Stevenson—The Heart of Jainism.

Waterhouse, E. S.—Modern Theories of Religion (Sharp).

Section VII.—World Evangelisation:

Carey—William Carey (Hodder).

Dennis—Social Progress and Christian Missions.

Edinburgh Missionary Conference Reports.

Findlay, G. G.—Wesley's World Parish (Sharp).

Findlay, W. H., and Holdsworth, W. W.—History of Wesleyan Methodist Mission Soc. (4 vols.) (Sharp).

Matthews, B.—The Clash of Colour (Edin. House Press).

Moscrop, T.—Kingdom Without Frontiers (Sharp).

Oldham, J. H.—Christianity and the Race Problem.

Padwick, C. E.—Henry Martin (S.C.M.).

Robinson, C. H.—History of Christian Missions (Clark).

Schweitzer, A.—On the Edge of the Primeval Forest.

Shillito, E.—Francois Coillard (S.C.M.).

Smith, E. W.—Robert Moffatt.

Temple, W.—The Universality of Christ (S.C.M.).

Welch, R. E.—Challenge to Christian Missions.

Section VIII.—Social Questions and Economics:

*Clay, H.—Economics for the General Reader (Macmillan).

"Copec" Reports Vol. I—The Nature of God (Longmans).

Cunningham, W. and M'Arthur, E. A.—Industrial History (Cambridge).

Eaton—The Fight Against Drink.

Flux, A. W.—Economic Principles (Methuen).

Hadow, W. H.—Citizenship (Milford).

Hammond, J. L. and B.—The Town Labourer (Longmans).

- Horsley, V., and Sturge, M.—Alcohol and the Human Body (Macmillan).
 Keeble, S. E. (Ed.)—Social Teaching of the Bible (Sharp).
 Kidd—The Science of Power.
 Lofthouse, W. F. (Ed.)—Christian Use of Money (Sharp).
 March, N. H.—Towards Racial Health (Routledge).
 *Marshall, A.—Economics of Industry (Macmillan).
 Morris, M.—Health of the Nation (Cassell).
 Peabody, F. G.—Jesus Christ and the Social Question (Macmillan).
 Perkins, E. B.—Problem of Gambling (Sharp).
 Rae—Contemporary Socialism.
 Smith, C. R.—Bible Doctrine of Society (Clark).
 Spencer, M.—The Social Function of the Church (S.C.M.).
 Stoddart, Jane T.—New Socialism.
 Tawney, R. H.—The Acquisitive Society (Bell).
 Withers, W.—The Case for Capitalism (Murray).

IX. POETRY—

Sir Edwin Arnold's "Light of the World."
 Matthew Arnold
 Bridges.
 Browning
 Byron.
 Clough.
 Emerson.
 Keats.
 Longfellow.
 Russell Lowell.
 Milton.
 Myer's "St Paul."
 Shakespeare.
 Shelley.
 Tennyson.
 Francis Thompson.
 Watson.
 Whittier.
 Wordsworth.
 Yeats.

X. ESSAYS AND BELLES LETTRES—

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

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.
 Fosdick's 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. M'Adam 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.

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.
3. That the examiner for 1929 be the Rev L. B. Neale.
4. That Conference learns with pleasure that the Rev C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., has secured honours in the degree of B.D. in the Melbourne College of Divinity; that the Rev H. L. Fiebig last year, and the Rev B. R. Hames this year, secured the B.A. degree, and gives its sanction to these honours being printed in the Minutes of Conference.
5. That the regulation of last Conference, deleting the third term examination and abolishing the system of external examination be rescinded.
That the following be substituted:—
 - (1.) There shall be an examination conducted by the College staff at the end of each term, the papers at the end of the third term being of two hours' length.
 - (2.) That students sitting for University Degree Examinations be not required to sit for the third term examination.
 - (3.) That there shall be a final examination on the whole year's work taken by all the students, the paper for this to be set and marked by examiners appointed by the Conference.
 - (4.) That prizes awarded on the results of the above examinations be awarded on a percentage basis, students sitting for degrees and excused the third term examination to be eligible.

- (5.) That the percentage of marks gained by each student in all the examinations of the year be shown on the Conference Examination Sheet, and that the Secretary of the Examination Committee indicate in his report any cases where there is a striking difference between the marks awarded by the College staff and by external examiners—the marks gained in the final examination together with the reports of the examiners to be forwarded by the Principal to the Secretary of the Examination Committee for this purpose.
6. That the Board of Studies with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners investigate the possibility of students completing Degree work prior to probation, or at the latest by the end of the first year of probation. Alternately, that such Degree students, at the discretion and recommendation of the Principal and staff, take a fourth year in College to complete such course.

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

Auckland West.—That the appointments to this Circuit be one married minister and one probationer, for this year only; and that during the year special consideration be given by the Quarterly Meeting to the future of Methodism in the western portion of the city, and that a full report be presented through the Auckland Synod to next Conference.

Kaukapakapa-Helensville.—That this Home Mission Station be divided, Helensville to comprise Helensville and all places south of it, Kaukapakapa to include Kaukapakapa and all places north of Helensville.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Ngaruawahia.—That the Circuit be reduced in status to a Home Mission Station.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Raetihi-Ohakune.—That the Circuit be reduced in status to a Home Mission Station.

Inglewood.—That Inglewood be replaced in the Minutes of Conference as a Circuit.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Foxton.—That the name be changed to Foxton-Shannon, and that the Circuit be reduced in status to a Home Mission Station, with a suitable grant.

NELSON.

Richmond.—That the Richmond Circuit be divided into a Circuit and a Home Mission Station. The Circuit to comprise Richmond, Stoke, Hope and Brightwater. The Home Mission Station to consist of Spring Grove, Wakefield, Wai-iti, Foxhill and Dovedale, with a suitable grant.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Dunedin (Trinity).—That the Conference direct the attention of the Otago-Southland District Committee to the imperative need for a reorganisation in the Dunedin Circuits, so that Trinity (2nd) may be in a position to fulfil its obligation at the next Conference.

Balclutha.—That the Balclutha Circuit and the Kaitangata Home Mission station be amalgamated under one minister, to be stationed at Balclutha.

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

Auckland Central.—That an unmarried Probationer be appointed.

Auckland West.—See under Question 23.

Otahuhu.—That an unmarried Probationer be appointed as second agent, with a suitable grant.

Bay of Islands.—That an unmarried Probationer be appointed, with a suitable grant.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Te Aroha and Morrinsville Circuits.—That the Quarterly Meetings of these Circuits explore the possibilities of employing a third agent within their boundaries, and report to next Synod.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Wanganui North.—That a third year student be employed during the three vacations, to reside at Wanganui East.

Marton.—That an unmarried Probationer be appointed.

Douglas.—That the Douglas H.M. Station be worked by the Eltham Circuit. (See p. 43, Min. of Conf., 1927.)

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Gisborne.—That an unmarried Probationer be appointed as second agent, with a suitable grant.

WELLINGTON.

Lower Hutt.—That an unmarried Probationer be appointed as second agent (Waiwetu), with a suitable grant.

NELSON.

Greymouth.—That Conference requests the H.M. Board to consider the request of the Greymouth Circuit for a Home Missionary, with power to act.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Mayfield.—That the Chairman of the District, with the Ministers of the Ashburton and Willowby Circuits, the Mayfield Home Missionary and the Circuit Stewards concerned, be a commission to make recommendations for the future working of the Mayfield H.M. Station. The commission to meet before the change of Ministers takes place.

That the Home Mission Board make its recommendations relating to the status and staffing of Circuits, to District Synods, or in belated cases to the Chairmen of Districts concerned, for consideration by the District H.M. Committee.

QUESTION XXV.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

None.

NELSON.

Wakefield-Dovedale.—See under Question 23.

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

Paparoa.—That Paparoa be relieved for another year.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Hamilton (2nd) is due, but is relieved for one year only.

Matamata is due, but is relieved for one year only.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Taihape.—Is due, but is relieved for another year.

Wanganui North.—That a married Minister be appointed, with a suitable grant.

Kaponga.—That a married Minister be appointed, with a suitable grant.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington (Taranaki Street).—Second is due, and fulfils its obligation.

Greytown-Featherston.—Is due, and fulfils its obligation with a suitable grant.

Eketahuna.—Is due, and fulfils its obligation, with a suitable grant.

NELSON.

Blenheim (3rd).—Is due, but is relieved for one year.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Christchurch (Durham Street 2nd) is due, but is relieved for one year.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

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

Bluff.—That a married Minister be appointed, with a suitable grant.

RESOLUTION.

That the Circuits named below take Ordained Ministers in the following order:—

1. Wellington South 2nd.
2. Wanganui 2nd.
3. Matamata.
4. Hamilton 2nd
5. Paparoa.

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. WILLIAM J. ELLIOTT.

Vice-President: MR. JOHN W. SHACKELFORD.

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1928.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 120, 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 (who shall supervise Auckland Central Mission H.M. Station), Thomas R. B. Woolloxall, William Rowe, Howard H. Jeffreys, John J. Lewis, Daniel J. Murray, George T. Marshall, Thomas A. Joughin (Supernumeraries).

THE FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.—William A. Sinclair, General Secretary.

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Arthur J. Seamer, General Superintendent.

2. **Auckland West.**—Arthur Mitchell, Norman P. Larsen, William S. Potte (Supernumerary)
3. **Auckland East.**—Edward Drake, H. Ryan (Remuera), E. Thomas Olds; Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., without pastoral charge; George Bond, Thomas G. Carr, 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 Ashcroft, Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.; A Home Missionary; James Wrigley (Super-numerary).
5. **Auckland** (Devonport).—J. Frederick Martin.
6. **Auckland** (Takapuna).—George B. Hinton.
7. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—J. Henry Allen; John D. Jory (Super-numerary).
8. **Onehunga**.—Frank E. Leadley.
9. **Otahuhu**.—Fred Greenwood, A. Wharton, E. Silvester.
10. **Papakura**.—William J. Elliott, President of Conference; Joseph H. Simmonds, J. Wesley Griffin (Supernumeraries).
11. **Pukekohe**.—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.; a Home Missionary (Bom-bay); a Home Missionary (Tuakau).
WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.—PAERATA.
Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., Chaplain.
12. **Waiuku**.—Wallace S. Neal.
13. **Mahurangi**.—One wanted (Warkworth).
14. **Paparoa**.—One wanted.
15. **Northern Wairoa**.—Eric W. Hames, M.A.; a Home Missionary (Ruawai); a Home Missionary (Kaihu).
16. **Whangarei**.—Ernest B. Chambers (who shall supervise Hikurangi H.M. Station).
17. **Whangaroa**.—Harry S. Kings (who shall supervise Mangonui, Hoki-angi, and Ohaeawai H.M. Stations, and Bay of Islands Circuit, and shall act as local adviser to the Maori Ministers and Home Missionaries working in those areas).
18. **Bay of Islands**.—James H. Hall.
19. **Maori Missions**—

(1) **AUCKLAND**—

Eruera Te Tuhi (Kawa Kawa).
Matere Tauroa (Waima).
Matene Keepa (Auckland).
Te Tuhi (Whirinaki).
A Home Missionary (Te Karae).
A Home Missionary (Waiomio).

AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.—A Home Missionary.

PORT ALBERT.—A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

KAUKAPAKAPA.—A Home Missionary.

HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary.

HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary (Rawene)

A Home Missionary (Broadwood).

MANGONUI.—A Home Missionary

HIKURANGI.—A Home Missionary.

OHAEAWAI.—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK.—Two Home Missionaries.

WILLIAM J. ELLIOTT, President of the Conference,
Chairman of the District.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

20. Thames.—William A. Burley, M.A.
21. Te Aroha.—Samuel Henderson.
22. Morrinsville.—Ernest E. Sage.
23. Paeroa and Hauraki Plains.—William B. Pickering; one wanted (Ngatea).
24. Cambridge.—James W. Parker.
25. Hamilton.—Percy R. Paris, G. Raymond Harris.
26. Hamilton East.—Archer O. Harris (who shall supervise Ngaruawahia and Huntly H.M. Stations).
27. Rotorua.—Colin C. Harrison.
28. Tauranga.—Hubert G. Brown.
29. Opotiki.—Thomas Skuse (who shall supervise Whakatane H.M. Station).
30. Taumarunui.—Cecil R. Taylor (who shall supervise Ohura H.M. Station).
31. Te Awamutu.—Walter J. Enticott.
32. Matamata.—F. Gardner Brown.
 - (2) WAIKATO-KING COUNTRY.—Hori Kirkwood (Ngaruawahia).
 - Davis Wilcox (Raglan).
 - Piripi Rakena (Pipiriki).
 - M. R. Wharehuia Rangiheuea (Te Kuiti).
 - A Home Missionary (Kawhia).
 - A Home Missionary (Aotearoa).
 - NGARUAWAHIA.—A Home Missionary.
 - WAIHI.—A Home Missionary.
 - WHAKATANE.—A Home Missionary.
 - TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.
 - HUNTLY.—A Home Missionary.
 - TE KUITI.—A Home Missionary.
 - OHURA.—A Home Missionary.
 - PUTARURU.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM A. BURLEY, M.A., Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

33. New Plymouth.—Thomas R. Richards, Robert B. Gosnell; one wanted; a Home Missionary; John Nixon (Supernumerary); Charles M. Roberts (Resting).
34. Waitara.—Robert McGregor; a Home Missionary.
35. Inglewood.—Henry Benny.
36. Stratford.—Henry L. Blamires; a Home Missionary.
37. Eltham.—William W. Avery.
38. Hawera.—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C.
39. Manaia.—Hector C. Orchard.

- 40. **Opunake.**—Thomas Coatsworth; a Home Missionary.
- 41. **Kaponga.**—Percy J. Cossum.
- 42. **Wanganui.**—Edwin T. Cox, M.A., John Reid.
- 43. **Wanganui North.**—William H. E. Abbey, John Olphert.
- 44. **Marton.**—Francis J. Handy.
- 45. **Taihape.**—One wanted.

(3) **TARANAKI-WAIMARINO**—

Robert T. Haddon, Senior Maori Superintendent (Normanby).
 Rakena P. Rakena (Okaiawa).
 E. Oliver Haddon (Ratana Pa).
 Piripi Rakena (Pipiriki).
 One wanted (Rahotu).
 A Home Missionary (Rangitikei).

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

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.

WILLIAM W. AVERY, Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

- 46. **Napier.**—Basil Metson.
- 47. **Hastings.**—Walter J. Oxbrow.
- 48. **Gisborne.**—George Frost, Ivor M. Raynor.
- 49. **Wairoa.**—John D. Grocott.
- 50. **Waipawa.**—One wanted.
- 51. **Dannevirke.**—Herbert Daniel.
- 52. **Woodville.**—William B. Cuming.
- 53. **Pahiatua.**—Charles A. Foston.
- 54. **Palmerston North (St. Paul's).**—J. Ernest Parsons.
- 55. **Palmerston North (Cuba Street).**—John D. McArthur.
- 56. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.**—Frederick J. Parker.
- 57. **Feilding.**—Fred Copeland; one wanted; Peter W. Jones (Super-numerary).
- 58. **Sanson-Rongotea.**—Charles H. Kendon.

FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.

APITI.—A Home Missionary.

NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

FRED COPELAND, Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT

59. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—Clarence Eaton, Robert Raine.
THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Assistant Superintendent; one wanted.
60. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—Ernest D. Patchett, John Dennis; James T. Pinfold, D.D. (Supernumerary).
61. **Wellington South**.—Thomas W. Vealie, Bernard R. Hames, B.A.
62. **Wellington** (Kilbirnie).—Edwin S. Harkness, Charlie O. Hailwood.
63. **Johnsonville-Ngaio**.—Alfred E. Jefferson; one wanted; Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).
64. **Hutt**.—Charles H. Olds, B.A. (who shall supervise Upper Hutt H.M. Station); Raymond Dudley; Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).
65. **Petone**.—John A. Lochore.
66. **Greytown-Featherston**.—R. Purcell Keall.
67. **Carterton**.—Ralph J. Liddell.
68. **Masterton**.—Ernest O. Blamires; a Home Missionary; James Cocker (Supernumerary).
69. **Eketahuna**.—John Bailey.
70. **Levin**.—William Beckett.
71. **Otaki**.—Herbert Spencer, George S. Cook (Sup.)
PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

72. **Nelson**.—Percy N. Knight, B.A.
73. **Richmond**.—H. Leslie Richards.
74. **Blenheim**.—George F. Stockwell (who shall supervise Havelock H.M. Station), Robert E. Fordyce, Frank Bateup.
75. **Hokitika**.—G. Knowles-Smith.
76. **Greymouth**.—George E. Brown (who shall supervise Reefton H.M. Station).
77. **Motueka**.—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
78. **Westport**.—Oswald Burnet (who shall supervise Granity H.M. Station).
- REEFTON.—A Home Missionary.
HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
DENNISTON.—A Home Missionary.
GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.
WAKEFIELD-DOVEDALE.—A Home Missionary.

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

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

79. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—William T. Blight, B.A., George I. Laurenson; William J. Williams, William Baumber, Samuel Lawry, W. Arthur Hay (Supernumeraries).

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—M. A. Rugby Pratt.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.—E. Percy Blamires, General Secretary,

80. **Christchurch** (East).—William Greenslade, Harold A. Sharp, Oliver S. Pearn, William H. Speer (resting), James Guy and James R. Clark (Supernumeraries).
81. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A., Charles E. Ward (Supernumerary).
82. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Frederick B. Lawrence, Athol R. Penn; Thomas Fee (Supernumerary).
83. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Henry J. Odell.
84. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Arthur Liversedge.
85. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—Benjamin J. James.
86. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—Leslie B. Neale, Samuel J. Werren; T. Jackson Wallis and Frederick T. Reid (Supernumeraries).
87. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Arthur Hopper; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).
88. **Lyttelton**.—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
89. **Springston**.—Albert H. Fowles.
90. **Tai Tapu**. Francis T. Harris. —
91. **Leeston**.—George P. Hunt.
92. **Kaiapoi**.—William G. Slade, M.A.
93. **Ohoka**.—Harry Cottom.
94. **Rangiora**.—Charles Blair.
95. **Woodend-Sefton**.—John R. Nelson.
96. **Greendale**.—John F. Jack.

HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.

OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.

WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GREENSLADE, Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

97. **Timaru**.—Harold T. Peat, Percy I. Cooke; a Home Missionary; Charles H. Standage (Supernumerary).
98. **Waimate**.—Jonathan H. Haslam.
99. **Temuka**.—Albert Blakemore.
100. **Geraldine**.—John Southern; Herbert Ford (resting).
101. **Ashburton**.—Robert B. Tinsley (who shall supervise the Methven-Rakaia H.M. Station).
102. **Willowby**.—William Grigg.
103. **Oamaru**.—John Harris.

METHVEN-RAKAIK.—A Home Missionary.

MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GRIGG, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

104. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—Harold E. Bellhouse, Harry V. Utting; George Clement, Thomas W. Newbold (Supernumeraries).
105. **Dunedin** (Central Mission).—William Walker.
106. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—William H. Hocking.
107. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—W. Bramwell Scott, Gordon R. H. Peterson (St. Clair).
108. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Albert C. Lawry.
109. **Dunedin** (Caversham).—William Wills.
110. **Dunedin** (Morningside).—James Richards.
111. **Dunedin** (Roslyn-Maori Hill).—Raymond Richards; a Home Missionary.
112. **Port Chalmers**.—T. Arthur Pybus.
113. **Balclutha**.—Hedley White.
114. **Milton**.—William Gatman (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
115. **Roxburgh**.—Alfred M. Costain (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
116. **Invercargill** (Central).—Angus McBean (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. Station).
117. **Invercargill** (St. Peters).—Samuel Bailey (who shall supervise the Otautau Circuit, and Riverton and Nightcaps-Tuatapere H.M. Stations).
118. **Bluff**.—Moses Ayrton.
119. **Gore**.—Jacob Featherston.
120. **Otautau**.—One wanted.

WAIKOUAITI.—A Home Missionary.

BROAD BAY.—A Home Missionary.

MOSGIEL.—A Home Missionary.

EDENDALE.—A Home Missionary.

KAITANGATA.—Under Balclutha Minister.

LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.

CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.

RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.

NIGHTCAPS-TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.

HAROLD E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman of the District.

X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- (4) **Roviana**.—John Francis Goldie (Roviana); Tom Dent (Marovo). Frank H. Hayman (Roviana); Allan H. Cropp, A. Harry Voyce, one wanted (Bougainville), one to be sent (Luaniua); a Catechist wanted (Pelau); Joeli Soakai (Kia); a Medical Missionary, Lay Missionary; one wanted.

Sisters' Home.—Missionary Sisters.
 Helena Goldie Hospital.—Dr. E. G. Sayers; two Nursing Sisters.
 District Training Institution.—John F. Goldie, Principal.
 Roviana Day School.—John F. Goldie; Frank H. Hayman; a Kindergarten teacher.
 Kia.—Joeli Soakai.
 Saikili.—A Catechist.
 Wana Wana.—A Catechist.
 Kepi.—A Catechist.
 Marovo.—Tom Dent (Patutiva); a Catechist.
 Vanunu.—A Catechist.
 Mono (Treasury Island).—A Catechist.
 Fauro.—A Catechist.
 Luaniua.—One wanted.
 Pelau.—A Catechist wanted.
 Kela.—A Catechist wanted.
 Tasman Group.—A Catechist wanted.
 Ramata.—A Catechist.
 Ugeli.—A Catechist.
 Simbo.—A Catechist.
 Bougainville.—Allan H. Cropp, A. Harry Voyce; one wanted.
 Narovo.—A Catechist.
 Siwai.—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.
 Barakoma.—A Catechist wanted.
 Maravari.—A Catechist wanted.
 Eleteve.—A Catechist wanted.
 Niaravai.—A Catechist wanted.
 Sirombai.—A Catechist wanted.
 Java.—A Catechist wanted.
 Dovele.—A Catechist wanted.
 Iriqila.—A Catechist wanted.
 Jurio.—A Catechist.
 Sirulando.—A Catechist wanted.
 Luqa.—A Catechist wanted.
 Kundu.—A Catechist wanted.
 Kiara.—A Catechist wanted.
 Sambala.—A Catechist wanted.
 Kubokota.—A Catechist wanted.
 Ombuombulu.—A Catechist wanted.
 Povana.—A Catechist wanted.

- (6) **Choiseul.**—Vincent Le C. Binet (Seqa); John R. Metcalfe (Bambatana).

Sisters' Home.—Two Missionary Sisters (Bambatana).

Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister (Seqa).

Circuit Training Institution.—Vincent le C. Binet.

Medical Mission.—Dr. Clifford James.

Lologai.—A Catechist wanted.

Malanana.—A Catechist wanted.

Tepazaka.—A Catechist wanted.

Bira Bira.—A Catechist wanted.

Seqa.—A Catechist wanted.

Seqa Day School.—Vincent le C. Binet.

Tauro.—A Catechist wanted.

Varisi.—A Catechist wanted.

Taba Taba.—A Catechist wanted.

Ririo.—A Catechist wanted.

Kanuqa.—A Catechist wanted.

Sui.—A Catechist wanted.

Nambusasa.—A Catechist wanted.

JOHN FRANCIS GOLDIE, Chairman of the District.

NOTES.

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

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.

Charles M. Roberts has permission to rest for one year.

William H. Speer has permission to rest for one year, and to visit England.

Herbert Ford has permission to rest for one year only, and to visit England.

George Frost has permission to visit England during the year.

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1928.

Auckland District—

Auckland Central Mission.—C. G. Scrimgeour.

Avondale (Henderson).—Supply.

Pukekohe (Bombay).—J. Common.

(Tuakau).—One wanted.

Mahurangi (Warkworth).—G. H. Marr.

Paparoa.—J. L. Mitchell.
 Port Albert.—J. G. W. Grindlay.
 Coromandel.—F. T. Hoten.
 Helensville.—O. P. Liddell.
 Kaukapakapa.—E. Hill.
 Hokianga (Rawene).—D. Hickman.
 (Broadwood).—W. McDonald.
 Mangonui.—R. Grice.
 Hikurangi.—E. C. Grey.
 Northern Wairoa (Ruawai).—G. Rotherham.
 Northern Wairoa (Kaihu).—J. Woodhouse.
 Ohaeawai.—R. T. Alexander.
 Colporteur Work.—R. Coombridge, one wanted.
 Auckland (Maori) (Te Karae).—Hone Tamati.
 (Waiomio).—Te Riri Kawiti.

South Auckland District—

Paeroa (Hauraki Plains).—E. R. Alexander.
 Waihi.—T. W. Featherstone.
 Huntly.—S. Hindmarsh.
 Te Kuiti.—G. Hall.
 Whakatane.—W. H. Wilson.
 Putaruru.—H. Ashworth.
 Te Puke.—W. Sussex.
 Ngāruawahia.—J. Belshaw.
 Ohura.—A. R. Thomas.
 Waikato-King Country Maori—
 (Kawhia).—Hone Taotahi.
 (Aotearoa).—Hauotu Hapimana.
 (Marokopa).—Aihe Huirama.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

Stratford (2nd).—One wanted.
 New Plymouth (St. Aubyns).—Supply.
 Waitara (Ututi-Mokau).—E. S. Bennett.
 Opunake (Okato).—R. Tapp.
 Patea.—C. Aker.
 Raetihi.—T. Flower.
 Taihape.—J. W. Bayliss.
 Taranāki-Waimarino (Maori)—
 (Rahotu).—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Foxton.—J. H. Edmondson.
 Feilding (Halcombe).—H. Thornley.
 Apiti.—W. Wilson.
 Norsewood.—W. E. Sleep.
 Waipawa.—W. T. Hooper.

Wellington District—

Johnsonville (Porirua).—^{H.}N. Whitfield.
 Upper Hutt.—W. H. W. Greenslade.
 Masterton (Kuripuni).—S. Keen.
 Paraparaumu.—C. Strand.

Nelson District—

Reefton.—T. W. Parsons.
 Havelock.—W. C. Jenkin.
 Murchison.—B. H. N. Teague.
 Granity.—C. Robinson.
 Wakefield-Dovedale.—J. A. Daglish.

North Canterbury District—

Waddington.—A. L. Witheford.
 Hawarden.—C. C. Hoskin.
 Oxford.—C. W. Brown.

South Canterbury District—

Timaru.—K. A. Robinson.
 Methven (Rakaia).—J. Boothroyd (Supply).
 Mayfield.—One wanted.

Otago-Southland District—

Otautau.—J. Thomas.
 Roslyn (Maori Hill).—F. E. Foot.
 Mosgiel.—C. Duncan.
 Edendale.—H. J. Malcolm.
 Lawrence.—P. Bridge.
 Cromwell.—W. J. Henderson.
 Riverton.—F. O. Prosser.
 Nightcaps-Tuatapere.—R. Jamieson.
 Broad Bay.—D. J. Stallard.
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—G. F. O. Whittlestone.

WILLIAM J. ELLIOTT,

President of the Conference.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD,

Vice-President of the Conference.

ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A.,

Secretary of the Conference.

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

CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Auckland—William J. Elliott (President of the Conference)
 South Auckland—William A. Burley M.A.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—William W. Avery.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Fred Copeland.
 Wellington—Ernest D. Patchett.
 Nelson—Percy N. Knight, B.A.
 North Canterbury—William Greenslade.
 South Canterbury—William Grigg.
 Otago-Southland—Harold E. Bellhouse.
 Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Frank E. Leadley.
 South Auckland—Ernest E. Sage.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Robert B. Gosnell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Frederick J. Parker.
 Wellington—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
 Nelson—George E. Brown.
 North Canterbury—Albert H. Fowles.
 South Canterbury—Robert B. Tinsley.
 Otago-Southland—William H. Hocking.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Frank E. Leadley.
 South Auckland—Ernest E. Sage.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Robert B. Gosnell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Frederick J. Parker.
 Wellington—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
 Nelson—George E. Brown.
 North Canterbury—Albert H. Fowles.
 South Canterbury—Robert B. Tinsley.
 Otago-Southland—William H. Hocking.
 General Statistical Secretary for the Dominion—William A. Burley,
 M.A.

QUESTION XXX.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the Year 1929?

President—John F. Goldie.
 Secretary—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

QUESTION XXXa.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Centenary of N.Z. Methodism?

The Rev. S. Griffith reported that the sum of £15 had been received during the year.

RESOLUTION.

That subscribers whose subscriptions are unpaid be reminded that the Fund is still open, and that payments should be made as soon as possible to the Rev. S. Griffith, ex-Treasurer, and now Authorised Agent.

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

The summarised general returns reveal the following increases:—3 Preaching Places, 8 Schoolrooms, 2 Parsonages, 3 Home Missionaries, 1 Deaconess, 5 Class Leaders, 154 Senior Members, 1876 Infant Members, and 419 Communicants.

Decreases are reported as follows:—1 Church, 3 Local Preachers, 164 Members on Probation, 234 Junior Members, and 44 Attendants on Public Worship.

The decrease in Churches (one) is only apparent, as more than one Church was returned in error last year. As a matter of fact, there is an increase in the number of Churches during the year of three or four. In one case a Church is no longer returned, as it is much in need of repair! District Statistical Secretaries ought to adjust such detail matters as this. It is comparatively easy to do this at Synod; whereas in the case of the General Secretary it would mean correspondence, and there is scarcely time for this if the Report is to be in time for the Agenda.

It is gratifying to note the return of 8 more schoolrooms than last year. This shows that the importance of having suitable and separate accommodation for teaching is being given its proper value.

The Senior Membership of the Church is steadily increasing, and the increase is even more than that shown, as a wrong return of last year inflated the 1926 figures. The actual increase during the year was 660. This increase was spread over the whole Dominion, all Districts without exception sharing in it. North Canterbury heads the list with 162, and South Canterbury is at the other end with an increase of 3. South Auckland (145) and Hawke's Bay-Manawatu (114) are also notable for increased membership. As in the previous year, the number of Communicants consistently mounts up. There is under this heading a substantial increase of 419 on last year's figures, which again showed an increase of 350 on the 1925 returns. Extra stress is evidently laid upon this Ordinance, and the increased number of Communicants ought to mean a deeply spiritual Church.

Infant Membership.—This return is at last taken seriously, and we have nearly 2,000 Infant Members in our Churches. If the parents of these have kept in touch with the Church, and our rules are observed re distribution of tickets, this movement ought to bear increasing fruit.

Junior Membership shows another decrease this year of 234. The decrease in 1926 was 159. This is a serious state of affairs, as the harvest here is plentiful; it but needs ministers and Sunday School workers to co-operate and secure a better as well as a larger Junior Membership. Auckland and South Auckland together show a decrease of nearly 200. South Canterbury is the only District with a large increase of 71.

Attendants in Public Worship.—The decrease of 44 is comparatively unimportant if we aimed at "holding our own," but we aim at advancing, and we have not done so. The decreases this year are largely in the northern part of the North Island. Auckland, South Auckland, and Taranaki-Wanganui show an aggregate decrease of 958; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, Wellington, Nelson and North Canterbury give a total increase of 1,008; and South Canterbury and Otago-Southland receded by 94. The Auckland decreases are serious, as the increase of population here is very much greater than in the South. Particular attention needs to be given to our position in the North. In Auckland City and suburbs alone the decrease of attendants in Public Worship is reported as 594. One is tempted to ask if that is possible in one year, or if there is another explanation.

Sunday School Returns.—A general all-round increase is revealed here, with one exception—Junior Membership of the Church. There are 14 more schools, an increase of 63 teachers on the roll, and 134 average attendance. Scholars on the roll number 272 more than last year, but the average attendance is 983 greater. This surely shows in-

creased interest on the part of the scholars. Decreases are not usually welcomed, but it is good to see that scholars in the "teen" age who lapsed were 53 less than last year.

The Sunday School and Y.P. returns are very gratifying, and give cause for much thankfulness. It is no doubt due to the splendid lead of the General Secretary, backed up by the devoted work of our school staffs.

W. A. BURLEY,
General Statistical Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That attention be drawn to the discrepancy between statistics supplied by the Church and by the Government Statistician; that this matter be referred to the General Statistical Secretary for investigation.
2. That with a view to securing greater uniformity in the compilation of Infant and Junior Membership, this matter be referred to the Young People's Board for consideration, and report to next Synods and Conference.
3. That Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be heartily thanked for his services as General Statistical Secretary, and that he be re-appointed.

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

THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1927

The Committee has duly met and considered various matters pertaining to the Spiritual Welfare of the Church, and places on record its gratitude to God for the evidence of His continued presence, as seen in the many and varied activities of the Church.

The several remits from the last Conference were duly discussed, and decisions arrived at concerning them. The Committee desires to report:—

1. That letters were sent to 58 Ministers living in railway centres re the character of the literature offered for sale on the Railway Book Stalls. The replies showed that the character of the literature exhibited was such that no reasonable exception could be taken to it.
2. That inquiries have been made from the four city centres of the Dominion concerning the facilities offered to the Church regarding "Broadcasting," and the answers received show that the Methodist Church is given equal privileges with other Churches in this connection.
3. That an interview has been held with the Rev. A. J. Seamer respecting the relation of the Home Mission Board to the Welfare of the Church Committee, and an understanding as to their respective functions arrived at, viz., that we consider the functions of the Home Mission Board at present be to deal with the spiritual advance campaign and matters arising therefrom, and that those of the new Welfare of the Church Committee be to initiate new movements calculated to promote the Church's efficiency and progress. The Committee recommends:—

1. That where practicable the doors of our Churches be left open during the day for purposes of devotion, and that tables bearing Methodist literature be placed in the vestibules for the benefit of those visiting the Churches.
2. That in pursuance of the direction of last Conference the following be submitted as a constitution for Ladies' Guilds:—
 - (1) That in all Circuits and Home Mission Stations where they do not already exist, organisations known as Ladies' Guilds be constituted, and that the following be eligible for membership:—(1) Women members of the Church; (2) adherents who are sufficiently interested to assist in this work; and (3) honorary members. And that all such organisations as already exist be duly recognised.
 - (2) That the following office-bearers be elected:—(1) President, who shall be a member of the Methodist Church; (2) two Vice-Presidents; (3) a Treasurer; and (4) Secretary—all of whom, where practicable, shall be members of the Church.
 - (3) That the functions of the Guild be:—To promote the spiritual and social welfare of its members and of the Church generally; to assist the Circuit or Home Mission Station in the upkeep of the furnishing of the Parsonage; to help in Trust and Circuit enterprises and Missionary efforts.
 - (4) That each Guild be empowered to elect one member to the Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, such representative to have been in continuous membership with the Church for twelve months.
3. That in view of the numerous doubtful worldly allurements surrounding the youth life of to-day, the Committee urges upon our Churches the wisdom of encouraging healthy and attractive activities for the full orbed development of the young people of our congregations and neighbourhoods. As a means towards this end, we recommend the institution and extension of Young People's Clubs to cater definitely for the physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs of young life.

The following are recommended as the Committee for 1928:—The Superintendents of the Dunedin and suburban Circuits, together with the following laymen:—Dr. Lyth, Messrs. Roseveare, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A.; W. H. Johnstone, J. M. Benton, E. Aslin, A. H. Reed; L. Mercier, J. Davidson, W. O. Brown, H. H. Johnson, G. A. Skene, and C. McLean, Rev. W. B. Scott, Convener, the General Statistical Secretary to be a corresponding member.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

W. WILLS, Convener.

The Report was received as amended, and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Literature on Railway Book Stalls.

That the matter of the moral tone of certain literature be investigated by the Temperance and Public Morals Committee during the year.

Broadcasting.

That the question of the broadcasting of Church services be remitted to the Welfare of the Church Committee for investigation, and report to next Conference.

Parsonages.

That the Welfare of the Church Committee be instructed to collect and tabulate information which will lead to a better definition by next Conference of the term "Furnished Parsonages."

Visit of Rev. Tom Sykes.

That the matter of inviting the Rev. Tom Sykes to New Zealand be referred to the Home Mission Board for consideration, in consultation with the District H.M. Committee, with power to act.

Prayer Meetings.

That the attention of our Ministers and Local Preachers be drawn to the widespread neglect of the After-Church Prayer Meeting, and that we urge upon our Preachers and Office-Bearers the need for special effort at the Sunday evening service, particularly to secure definite decisions for Christ.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT—REPORT, 1927.

REPORT FOR 1927.

Influence of Sunday Schools.

"If all the children attended Sunday School we could wipe out the Children's Courts." So said the Chief Probation Officer of Victoria. It is easy to belittle Sunday Schools; they undoubtedly suffer by comparison with State Schools in regard to equipment and educational method, but the sincerity, love, and devotion of Sunday School teachers is an asset of inestimable power to Church and State, and our Church will do well to set high value upon her opportunity with 30,000 children attending our Schools.

General statistics have more value when considered by periods than by the span of one year only. The Census tables are not yet published, and it will be next year before we can state their significance in reference to our work. In the meantime we may note that the figures presented to last Conference, when compared with those of 1920, show increases of 29 schools, 270 teachers, and 2952 scholars. Fifty per cent of this increase is in the Senior or Bible Class section. We are not "feeding" our schools in the infant division with the care that we ought. For instance, there is a decrease in the period of 1992 names on the Cradle Roll. The Bible Classes have increased by 1443. The Church used to lose about 75 per cent. of her children in adolescence. We estimate the loss now at 50 per cent. That is still very serious, but the tendency is in the right direction. In one particular local church an ideal has been reached, where the Sunday School Superintendent is able to say—"For five years past we have lost none of our young people; we can account for them all."

The Demand for Quality.

Gratified as we are by the good character and influence of our Sunday School workers, we cannot be complacent with the poor equipment provided by the Church and the ineffective method of so much teaching. Parsimony here is poor economy. Better Sunday School architecture is in evidence recently in several Auckland suburban buildings, also a few other instances, as in Christchurch and Invercargill. This Department has been able to help in several places by consultation respecting proposed buildings. The quality of the curriculum and lesson literature

for our teachers and scholars is better now than they have ever had, and we have been gratified with the testimony from educationists, who recognise that educational principles are being observed. The Standard Syllabus of the Bible Classes is an immense improvement upon the fragmentary Syllabus of a few years ago, when each Class compiled its own. Our Bible Class Camps organisation has attained a meritorious degree of efficiency. One School this year is pioneering with the introduction of a balopticon for pictorial teaching. We contemplate that it is only a matter of time when Radio will be requisitioned for Sunday School teaching to a multitude of children in country places. Meantime we are thankful for the good work of 27 teachers, who are teaching children in lonely settlements by means of correspondence.

The Problem of Leadership.

Mr. Hamilton Archibald declares—"There is no boy problem; there is no girl problem; there is a leadership problem."

The Church is intolerably slow to provide that leadership, which means that ulterior to the problem of leadership is the problem of awakening the Church to see that the chief way to build up the Christian Church and to establish the Kingdom of Christ must be the way of Religious Education, including Educational Evangelism. The question of methods in evangelism calls for review and serious thought. Traditional methods often grate upon the sensitive spiritual nature of youth. Whenever we lack a Christ-like reverence for human personality, made in the image of God, our very way of approach may drive away those whom we wish to draw. The quiet, unforced and natural appeal prevailing in the Bible Class Camps, and usually leading to confession at the Communion service, is worthy of study by the leaders of the Church.

Until a large staff is trained and employed for Religious Educational work the Church must expect to lose a large proportion of its constituency, and in that proportion which it does retain must expect much of spiritual deformity or deficiency. The objecting question—"How can the Church afford to pay for such a staff?" is to be met first of all by another question—"How can the Church afford to lose half her potential constituency and depend for her existence and mission upon the other half maimed or immature?"

Under present conditions something of what is possible is being attempted. We appreciate the increasing place given to this side of ministerial training in the Theological College. We value the action of last Conference in opening the door for candidates to be specially trained and designated for youth work. Over a thousand of our Sunday School teachers have been reached by Teacher-training Classes in the past four years. The Leadership-training scheme of the Bible Class Movement is now well inaugurated, with more than a hundred trainees applying themselves to Bible Study, Church History, Youth Psychology, and other subjects. The help which is given by several ministers and College tutors in this work is much appreciated by the students.

Sunday School Examination.

In this, our second year of conducting a Dominion-wide examination, there was an advance in "entrants" of nearly 50 per cent.; 679 children sat for examination, with excellent results. The winners of the Gold Medals are:—

Senior Grade—James Beever, Wesley College, Paerata, 96 per cent.

Intermediate—Joyce E. Brooks, Irwell, 100 per cent.

Junior—Margaret Lindsay, Cashmere, 100 per cent.

The Y.P. Manual.

The publication of this Manual has proved a boon to ministers, S.S. Officers, and B.C. Leaders, setting forth as it does the complete organisation of all Y.P. work in the Church, and based upon the relevant laws of the Church, all set out in order. "It is indispensable," says a minister; "I take it to every quarterly meeting and every teachers' meeting." Intimacy with this Manual will prevent much of the muddle and liability to friction which otherwise can so easily disturb local relationships in Young People's work.

N.Z. Council of Religious Education.

Our Board representatives have met several times during the year with the representatives of other Churches in this united Council. Since the meeting of the Church of England Bishops in August the representation of that Church, hitherto small and informal, has become complete and official, to the strengthening of the Council. Branches of the Council are being established in the larger centres. A Questionnaire has been carefully prepared and circulated for study of the principles of National Religious Education in preparation for a Conference on the subject to be held in 1929.

Finance and Literature.

The Balance-sheet herewith reveals a position slightly better than last year.

Our schools were appealed to for a special collection of £70 for a Surf Boat for use on the West Coast of Bougainville. The response is an amount exceeding £80, and an increased missionary interest in the minds of the scholars.

We have made arrangements for our Literature Trading Branch for a new period, 1928-29. Our Honorary Manager, Mr. W. Chas. Francis, has rendered conspicuous service hitherto, and our literature interests will continue in his capable hands, with assistance provided.

Y.P. Office.

Committees appointed by Conference have met in Christchurch, Wellington, and Auckland. Temporary arrangements have been made regarding literature, etc.; certain questions have been submitted to the Bible Class Movements for their consideration, and the present position is set forth in recommendations subjoined.

Itinerary.

The General Secretary has this year visited 59 Circuits and 10 H.M. Stations. An all-lines ticket in the North Island has made it possible to suit dates better to local circumstances. There is a proposal to extend this to the South Island next year. Almost universally the ministers arrange the programme wisely, and hospitality abounds.

World's S.S. Convention.

This will meet at Los Angeles in July, 1928, and the Board is arranging for the General Secretary to attend. Dr. Poole, President of the World's S.S. Association, will visit New Zealand in June, 1928.

W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

O. S. PEARN, Secretary.

BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENTS.

REPORT FOR 1927.

The Y.W. and Y.M. Movements have been occupied in recent years with the work of extending and consolidating each its own organisation. It is now recognised that better provision must be made for common

interests, mutual service, and advance together. A Combined Convention last New Year was a new feature, and many possibilities of co-operation were opened up.

Ten years ago three Methodist Camps were held. Five years ago there were 16; this year there have been 38, with a total of over 2000 campers. It is estimated that at least 90 per cent. of these attended Communion, confessing thereby their faith in Jesus Christ. Rich harvests are thus gathered for the Church.

There is growing discontent with the quality of

Church Socials.

A Committee representing both Movements has been set the serious task of investigation and counsel to raise the standard.

Literature.

The Standard Syllabus this year has proved excellent; 3300 copies were sold. The text-book "Fulfilment" has been popular; 572 copies were imported and sold out in quick time. The Junior Classes' Syllabus is based on the Y.P. Text-Book of the Graded Lessons of Australia and N.Z., which serves us well. The B.C. magazine, "The Link," now edited by Mr. C. R. Edmond, has paid its way this year.

The Bible Class Movement identifies itself with general Church interests, having representatives on various Boards, such as Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Y.P. Department, and N.Z. Alliance.

At the end of January the Second Conference of Secretaries of Christian Youth Movements in N.Z. will be held. It is mooted that the question will be raised of forming a New Zealand Christian Youth Federation.

Our hearts are glad to learn of the B.C. Movement getting hold in the State of Victoria. It was also inaugurated this year in South Australia.

YOUNG WOMEN'S B.C. MOVEMENT.

(Extracts from Report.)

The Special "Majority Year" Programme" has been carried out. It is gratifying to report that the 3000 mark for membership has been exceeded. There are increases in each Grade—Senior, 122; Intermediate, 70; and Junior, 147. These increases have been made despite the exit of 486 members during the year. Some leave for reasons that are inevitable, but the preventable loss causes us deep concern. We have now 235 affiliated Classes, a net increase of 24. We know of 70 Classes still unaffiliated, and every endeavour is being made to extend the privileges of fellowship to these Classes. In Senior Bible Classes 88 per cent. are now Church members, but in Junior Classes only 36 per cent. We continue to urge for Preparation Classes and Reception Services. 156 members have become S.S. teachers, and 7 Maori Sunday Schools are carried on by B.C. members. 178 of our girls are occupied with Club Leadership or other forms of social service. Two new District Unions have been formed at Hawke's Bay and Southland.

Leadership Training.

Fourteen classes in Church History, Bible Study, and Psychology have been held, with a total membership of 217, and 22 have availed themselves of tuition by correspondence; 30 students have obtained examination passes.

Twenty-one Camps

Held this year revealed the value of decentralisation in larger aggregate attendance, spreading of responsibility, drawing out latent talent, and enlarging the horizon of vision for the 879 campers who attended. We shall always be grateful to the compilers of the Camp Study, "The Kingdom of God."

Finance.

The entire allocation of £530 (always budgeted for a year in advance) has been received from the District Unions by due date, and this year each Union, without exception, presented the class offerings at a Thanksgiving Service. It is obvious that very considerable development has been made in the spirit of giving. In addition to the Budget, our classes report £703 given to "Other Causes"—too long a list to enumerate here. Even then, what Bible Class members give as individuals to the Church is not included here.

World Fellowship

Is increasingly prominent in B.C. circles, and our Publicity Agent has done valuable work to deepen the sympathy of young New Zealanders toward other members of God's human family. Two of our Unions have affiliated with the National Council of Women. All our Unions now have representatives on the Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Sister Nicholls continues her splendid work as our representative on the Maori field.

Our Travelling Secretary's

Contribution to the progress of our Movement cannot be overestimated.

Our History,

Published this year through the ability and devotion of our N.Z. President, Mrs. Harvey Cook, is a production of which any movement might justly feel proud. We commend it to leaders of the Church as well as to Bible Class members.

D. FAIRWEATHER, Hon. Secretary.

YOUNG MEN'S B.C. MOVEMENT.

(Extracts from Report.)

Camps

A record number—16—with a record attendance—1210—has made this year a great one in our history. Our Travelling Organiser organised a Summer Camp, chiefly for High School boys, in the Bay of Plenty; and for young men in dairying districts he arranged two camps in the Auckland Province. The Camps Study, "Unto a Perfect Man," prepared by Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., proved an excellent basis for circle study. Many campers returned to their homes and churches with a new allegiance to our Lord, and with an eager desire for His service.

Statistics

Will not be presented until after Synods, but in time for B.C. Convention at New Year. A copy will be forwarded to the Y.P. Board in due course. Our latest returns showed that 87 of our young men were local preachers, and 66 had during the year taken up the work of Sunday School teaching. It is well known that those in our ranks who hear the call to the Christian ministry are encouraged to offer.

Dr. E. G. Sayers,

Who went forth from our movement, and toward whose support we make an annual contribution of £200, visited our Classes in the main centres this year. He has now departed to the Solomon Islands, and the movement is more than ever solid for the maintenance of its missionary policy.

The Theological College Campaign is extended to 30th November. The sum will not be large, but it has enabled many to give in small amounts.

Church Membership

Was urged upon all Bible Classes in September. So that the opportunity should be used to the best advantage, we circularised both ministers and class leaders, urging them to consult and co-operate in the matter. From information to hand we believe most gratifying results have been achieved.

The Travelling Organiser,

Mr. Cyril Burton, has been doing excellent service again this year. Each year he is touching fresh areas and getting contact with places not previously visited.

Leadership Training

Is the key to efficiency and progress. An important advance has been made this year under the direction of Committee in Auckland.

Twenty-nine men have entered, and commenced the three years' course.

N. R. SEDDON, Hon. Secretary.

The Reports and Balance-sheets were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Conference expresses pleasure at the improvement in Circuit contributions, but regrets that there are a few important Circuits that are contributing not at all, or but a meagre amount.
2. That the main Sunday Schools of the Dominion be circularised, inviting from them an annual contribution—and that such may be deemed a part of the Circuit allocation.
3. That in reference to Bible Class organisation, the following shall be the law of the Church, and be inserted in the Law Book:—

The local B.C. Executive shall be regarded as a Sub-Committee of the Local Y.P. Committee to conduct the routine business affecting the Local Bible Classes. It shall consist of the Minister, the B.C. Leaders, the B.C. Secretaries, the Senior B.C. Representatives on the Local Y.P. Committee, the S.S. Superintendent and the S.S. Secretary, one of whom shall be appointed Convener by the Local Y.P. Committee at its Annual Meeting.

Duties:

The arrangement of functions or activities in which the local Bible Classes combine.

The grading of the Bible Classes and promotion of Bible Class members.

Set in order the B.C. business for the Local Y.P. Committee, particularly Annual Reports and Balance-Sheets.

- 4 That the request of the Bible Class movement for representation in Synods and Conference be considered by the Young People's Board, who shall report to the Synods of 1928.
5. That the Conference urges upon Ministers and Leaders' Meetings, definite uniformity of action in an adequate recognition of the Infant Membership of the Church.
6. That a Membership Card be issued by the Conference, to combine Cradle Roll membership in the Sunday School and Infant membership in the Church, to be available for those Children who belong to both.

7. That whilst appreciating the increasing recognition of the value of Services of Reception into Church membership, Conference emphasises the necessity for (a) adequate training in preparation classes, and (b) regular recognition of membership in the succeeding years.
8. That the Young People's Board consider during the year a four-fold grading of Church membership, and report to the Synods.
9. That the resolution of 1927 Conference concerning the need for the equipment and staffing of an office be affirmed, and the Conference authorises the Y.P. Board to consider the problem fully during 1928, with a view to a definite scheme being decided upon, if possible, at the following Conference.
10. That the Conference expresses its deep appreciation of the loyalty, zeal, and enterprise of the Youth of our Church, as disclosed by the Annual Reports of the Y.W. and Y.M.B.C. movements. The development of the Camps policy and the scheme for leadership training is particularly gratifying, and the Conference will continue to look to the movements for recruits for various forms of Christian service.
11. That the Conference congratulates Mr. Cyril Burton upon his recovery from the effects of his accident, and places on record its sense of the value of his work to the whole Church during his term of office as Travelling Organiser in the Y.M.B.C. movement.
12. That the Conference welcomes the appointment of Mr. W. E. Donnelly as Mr. Burton's successor, and wishes him the blessing of God in his responsible task.
13. That the third Sunday in May be observed as Young People's Day; that it be also recognised as a Day of Prayer for the B.C. movement. It is further recommended that the annual collection for the Y.P. Department be made on Young People's Day.
14. That the Conference expresses its confidence in the Y.P. Board, and in the General Secretary of the Y.P. Department.

Social and Recreational Life.

That for the guidance of our Young People in the matter of social and recreational life the Conference resolves to issue the following positive and constructive statement:—

1. The Conference appreciates the larger and truer conception of Christianity which relates it to the whole of life, and thus includes physical education, sports and amusements, and social relationships. It is the task of our religion to cultivate body, mind and spirit in the interest of complete Christian personality.
2. The Conference approves of the action of the Y.W. and Y.M. Bible Class Movements in their appointment of a Committee to apply its attention to raising the standard of programmes at Church Socials, and trusts that steps will be taken to train a special leadership for social and recreational life.
3. In these days of the new freedom of youth and multiplied opportunities for pleasure, a great responsibility rests upon all who are associated with organisations for sport and amusement to use their influence to promote by these means a clean and healthy citizenship. We are concerned that there exists in the community a spirit of vulgarity and greed which is strongly organised to exploit the lower passions of human nature for monetary gain, with the result that multitudes of young people, innocent and unwary, become the victims of potent temptation almost before they have become aware of its presence and their peril. Against all such subtle and powerful perversions of true sport and recreation our Church stands in uncompromising opposition.

4. Conference respects the rights of individual conscience in the matter of conduct. At the same time we stress the need to educate the Christian conscience. Every such right of conscience should be exercised by Christians as in presence of their Lord, weighing the effect upon their plans and purposes as professed servants of His. They should also act with a sense of social responsibility, considering the well being of others, especially those younger than themselves.
5. Conference recommends all Christian parents to encourage an open and frank relationship with their children in adolescent years concerning their social problems, that by reasonableness, sympathetic understanding and active participation they may win their confidence and help them to choose ever the way of the Christian ideal.

BOARD FOR 1928.

The Chairmen of the North Canterbury District, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. T. Blight, B.A., G. I. Laurenson, A. Liversedge, B. J. James, L. B. Neale, S. J. Werren, A. N. Scotter, B.A., C. Blair, H. J. Odell, and O. S. Pearn, Messrs. M. Kershaw, W. C. Francis, F. Thompson, J. H. Jones, A. Williams, W. A. Bascand, A. E. Lawry, P. W. Sharpe, C. Colechin, E. Angus Jones, A. T. Gandell, W. E. Donnelly, Mrs W. J. Williams, Sister Mabel Morley, Miss Hodder, and Miss Croasdale. 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.—The President, Revs. E. Drake, E. T. Olds, T. R. B. Woolloxall, J. F. Martin, F. Greenwood, G. B. Hinton, C. B. Jordan, and J. H. Allen, Messrs. A. D. Whitehead, P. Dellow, W. D. Goddard, C. H. Virtue, J. Greenall, — Joiner, L. R. Spencer, A. Gunn, T. Moor, G. Riddell, R. Walker and Frank Myers. Convener, F. Myers.

South Auckland.—The Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge and Morrinsville Circuits, together with the Superintendents of the main Sunday Schools in those Circuits, Mr. T. L. Hames and Miss L. Ewan. Convener, Rev. A. O. Harris.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—The Ministers of Hawera, Kaponga, Stratford and Eltham Circuits, Messrs. R. Lewis, H. J. Hopkins, E. Dixon, N. Davies, E. G. Foster, Mrs. Williams and Miss Sheat. Convener, Rev. H. L. Blamires.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Superintendent Ministers of Palmerston North (St. Paul's), Cuba Street, Feilding, Sanson-Rongotea and Ashhurst Circuits, the S.S. Superintendents of St. Paul's, Cuba Street, Feilding, Sister May Ralph, Miss Burnley, Messrs. Ian Rickard, T. Pacey, A. H. Fisher, E. Lock, and G. Darragh. 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, J. Phillips, A. E. Parker, J. W. Buchanan. Convener, Rev. R. Raine.

Nelson.—The Ministers and S. S. Superintendents of Nelson and Richmond Circuits, and Messrs. S. S. Collier and G. Knight. Convener, Mr. G. Knight.

North Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. A. Hopper, F. B. Lawrence, and H. A. Sharp, with the Executive of the Sunday School Union. Convener, Mr. C. Colechin.

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 Executive of the S.S. Union. 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 Young People's District representative to Synod is ex officio a member of the District Committee.

That the following be appointed Y.P. representatives to Synods:—Auckland, C. H. Virtue; South Auckland, T. L. Hames; Taranaki-Wanganui, E. Dixon; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, G. H. Stiles; Wellington, R. S. Maunder; Nelson, G. Knight; North Canterbury, J. H. Jones; South Canterbury, C. G. Vogeler; Otago-Southland, W. O. Brown.

That in the event of the Synod Representative for Young People approved by the Conference being unable to attend the Synod, the Chairman of the District shall have power to appoint a substitute on the nomination of the District Committee.

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

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

N.Z. Alliance.

The Annual Meeting of the Alliance, held on June, granted direct representation on the Dominion Executive to churches that accord the Alliance sympathetic support. The Dominion Executive met on August 12th, the Convener of this Committee representing the Methodist Church. Owing to the financial problem confronting the Alliance, the programme of work throughout the Dominion has had to be somewhat curtailed. With the poll approaching, it is essential that this curtailment be made good by voluntary labour. To assist finance it was resolved to hold a Temperance Self-denial Week throughout the Dominion from October 30th to November 6th, and to seek the co-operation of all the Churches and Temperance Societies. With the approval of the Committee and of the President, a covering letter, signed by the President of the Conference, and the Convener of the Committee accompanied the circular letter issued by the Alliance to the Methodist Churches.

The Licensing Bill.

Although the Licensing Bill as adopted by the House of Representatives was killed through amendments adopted and insisted upon by the Legislative Council, the carrying of the three main issues by such a substantial vote in the Lower House represents a great moral victory. We strongly support the Alliance in pressing for the re-introduction of a favourable Licensing Bill next session.

1928 Poll.

The Committee recommends that Conference make provision for releasing a number of men for engagement with the N.Z. Alliance for two or three months prior to the Poll.

Picture Films and Posters.

The Committee expressed through the Press its appreciation of the favourable reply given by the late Hon. B. F. Bollard, Minister of Internal Affairs, to a Deputation from the Presbyterian Assembly

urging the tightening up of the censorship of cinema films and posters. There are evidences, however, that films of a most undesirable quality are still passing the Censor.

Bible in Schools.

While the action of the House in defeating the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill is to be regretted, it is gratifying to note the recognition in the amendment carried of the value of Bible lessons in the State schools. We insist, however, in making the Bible an integral part of national education. We appreciate the splendid result of the Parents' Plebiscite, and also the support given by leading educationalists, including the Director of Education. We reaffirm our adherence to the principles embodied in the Bill, and pledge our support to the Bible in Schools League in pressing for its adoption.

Racing and Racecourse Gambling.

In co-operation with other Churches, strong protests from the Methodist Churches of the Wellington District were entered against the Gaming Amendment Bill introduced during the session, and we are gratified that the measure, which, by legalising the publication of betting odds, betting by telegraph from any part of the Dominion to any race meeting, and the operation of the "Double Tote," would have greatly increased the facilities for gambling, failed to reach the Statute Book. Any attempt to re-introduce it at any further date should be strenuously resisted by all our Churches.

Tin Hare Racing.

That believing wholesome recreation to have a high value for life and to be essential to the adequate development of young people, the Committee is impressed with the duty of guarding pastimes from the invasion of spurious sport and facilities for gambling; it therefore views with concern the efforts being made to introduce into the Dominion greyhound coursing with mechanical hares, and deprecates the part being taken in these efforts by some men in prominent public positions.

League of Nations.

Evidences of the growth of the League spirit are still encouraging, warranting a healthy optimism. It is cheering to note the recent utterance by Sir Austin Chamberlain: "Every time I visit Geneva my confidence in the League of Nations increases." We again commend the local unions to the support of our people, especially urging Churches and Church organisations to become full corporate members, and thus obtain a full supply of the literature published by the English League Union.

United Churches' Peace Manifesto.

The Committee expressed appreciation of the Manifesto issued by the Churches' United Peace Committee, setting forth the attitude of the united Churches against war, and hopes Conference will find opportunity of making pronouncement upon it.

(Signed) E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

C. H. OLDS, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Bible in Schools.

1. That Ministers be urged to observe Sunday, May 6th, as Bible Sunday, and strongly to support the Bible in Schools League in the services of that day.
2. That the members of our congregations be encouraged to assist in every way demonstrations of citizens and parents to be held in the month of May in the main centres of New Zealand, with the object of demanding from Parliament the passing of the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill.

Picture Films.

That in matters relating to Picture Films, the Temperance and Public Morals Committee associate with themselves the Rev. W. Walker as corresponding member.

Sunday Pictures.

That the matter of Sunday Pictures be investigated by the Committee during the year.

Sabbath Desecration.

That the Temperance and Public Morals Committee consider the following during the year, with power to act:—"That this Conference views with alarm the increase in Sabbath desecration, and respectfully urges the Government to bring pressure on the Railway Department to discontinue the running of excursion trains on Sundays.

Licensing Bill.

That the Methodist Church of New Zealand in Conference assembled representing 122,000 adherents, respectfully requests the Prime Minister to introduce a Licensing Act Amendment Bill, containing the three main issues of the Bill passed by the House of Representatives last session, viz.:—(1) Triennial Polls. (2) A Two-issue Ballot Paper. (3) Bare Majority Vote. The Conference urges that such a Bill be introduced into Parliament immediately after the debate on the Address in Reply, and during the early stages of the approaching session, to give every facility for its passage through both Houses. The Conference believes that such a Bill is strongly desired by a majority of the electors in New Zealand.

PROPOSED PEACE MANIFESTO FROM NORTH CANTERBURY SYNOD.

That Conference be recommended to adopt the following resolutions:—

1. That as the Methodist Church believes in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of all Men, as taught by Jesus Christ, this Conference affirms its conviction that War is a violation of His Spirit and principles, and should not be countenanced by the Christian Church.
2. That Conference declares that in its judgment preparation for war does not prevent war, but frequently is a direct incentive to war, and the aim of the Church, and especially the Ministers, should be to promote the spirit of peace and goodwill, and the education of the people in the principles of international justice as the true basis of peace, so that war shall become morally impossible, and disarmament and arbitration be regarded as the normal policy of the nations.

3. That Conference further declares its conviction that compulsory military training is contrary to the principles of the Covenant of the League of Nations, and therefore should not be continued in New Zealand, which is a party to the Covenant, and that until such training is abolished adequate protection be afforded to all bona fide conscientious objectors.
4. That Conference directs the Public Morals Committee to co-operate with the Churches' United Peace Committee and the League of Nations Union in their efforts to promote friendship and good understanding among the nations, and the general acceptance of the principle of settling all international disputes by arbitration.

CHURCHES' UNITED PEACE COMMITTEE MANIFESTO.

We, the members of a Peace Committee to which delegates have been appointed by the authorities of the following Churches of the Dominion, namely, the Church of England, the Presbyterian Church, the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Congregational Church, the Salvation Army, the Church of Christ, and the Society of Friends, being assured that war as a means of settling disputes between nations is utterly opposed to the mind of Christ, believe that the time has come for the Churches and all men of goodwill to take a definite stand against war, and so to use their influence with the people and Government of this Dominion that our country shall play its part in bringing about good and friendly relations amongst the nations.

With this end in view we are resolved to adhere to the following platform:—

(1) Realising the evil nature of the usual causes, the conditions, and the results of war, we regard it as the most inadequate, disastrous and wrong method of attempting to settle international disputes, and urge all the people of the Churches, and all ministers and priests in particular, to an outspoken and uncompromising declaration that the war system and the Gospel of Christ are diametrically and irreconcilably opposed.

(2) While acknowledging with admiration the courage and self-sacrifice nobly displayed in past wars, we warn all against the tendency to extend to war itself the admiration which belongs only to such courage and self-sacrifice—qualities for which men can find ample scope under conditions of peace.

(3) We believe that peace can be secured only as adequate machinery for the settlement of disputes is set up and made effective by the hearty support of the great nations, and we consider that the influence of the British Empire is of especial significance in this respect. We shall, therefore, co-operate with the League of Nations Union in urging that this Dominion give the fullest support to the work of the League of Nations.

(4) We shall also support every other effort which may be made for the promotion of mutual understanding and friendship among the nations and the removal of all actual and potential causes of dispute; and in particular we shall urge upon the whole community the duty of maintaining a spirit of calmness, reasonableness and conciliation in the face of any threatened international crisis, so that the attainment of a settlement may not be made more difficult by provocative words or acts on the part of the Government, the Press or the people.

(5) In view of the intolerable burdens imposed on the nations by the maintenance of vast armies and navies, and especially of the fact, now generally recognised, that preparation for war inevitably leads to war, we shall urge upon the Government vigorous co-operation with all efforts for universal disarmament; and realising that the task is one of such extreme difficulty that it may well prove impracticable apart from the active sympathy and co-operation of the people, we shall appeal to the

Churches and all men of goodwill to be unceasing in their advocacy of disarmament and in the endeavour to quicken in the mind of the community a sense of the momentous urgency of this matter.

(6) We shall also explore the proposals being supported by the Federal Council of Christian Churches in America and the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches with reference to the outlawry of war by an international conference, treaty, court and code of law, and shall disseminate information about this scheme, with a view to linking up our efforts with those of kindred organisations overseas.

(7) Realising that in all the matters above referred to an educational campaign to inform public opinion is necessary, we shall endeavour to lead the Churches to regard it as a foremost duty to instruct the minds and consciences of their members, and of the people generally, not only as to the waste, the horror, the wickedness, the demoralisation, and the sheer futility of war, but also as to the ways in which peace may be finally established amongst the nations of the earth.

In conclusion, being convinced that the gracious design of Almighty God in sending His Son Jesus Christ into the world was that His Kingdom might come, and all men dwell together as brethren, and believing that "not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit," is this Kingdom being set up, we feel justified in calling on all Christian people to adhere to the principles of peace even at a risk of loss and humiliation, in the faith that by our living in the spirit of Christ that day will indeed be brought nearer when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That both the Peace Manifesto of the North Canterbury Synod and the Churches' United Peace Committee Manifesto be referred to the Quarterly Meetings and Synods for consideration, and report to next Conference.
2. That the Temperance and Public Morals Committee, together with the Christchurch Committee, arrange to bring this matter effectively before the Quarterly Meetings.

Military Training and Conscientious Objectors.

That the following resolution be referred to the Quarterly Meetings and Synods for consideration, and report to Conference:—"This Conference is strongly convinced that the laws relating to military training should make provision for exemption from training and service on the ground of individual religious conviction, apart from the tenets of any Church or Denomination to which such objector may belong. That Conference directs the Temperance and Public Morals Committee to take action in co-operation with other Churches to secure any necessary legislative amendments."

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION, 1927.

Owing to the restricted Immigration policy of the Government, which has been in force throughout the year, matters have been quiet in this department. The unemployment, which has been rife, has had the effect of almost completely discouraging the pursuance of any policy of nomination.

While we have to some extent necessarily marked time, we have continued the useful work of welcoming and shepherding the immigrants who continue to arrive in the Dominion, though in greatly reduced numbers. Our thanks are due to the Methodist Brotherhood Overseas Bureau for advice forwarded of Methodist immigrants coming to the Dominion; to the Y.M.C.A., which renders good service to the Churches by the distribution on all incoming Home boats of letters of welcome

and identification badges; and to those ministers and deaconesses who give their valuable time to the work of meeting the new arrivals and getting them into touch with our Church wherever they may be settling.

The latest advice concerning the policy of the Government is that the restrictions on immigration are to continue for the present, and in the meantime we must continue to serve the adherents of our Church who come to the Dominion seeking employment by using our resources to place them as speedily as possible. We are glad to say we have been able to absorb all those belonging to our denomination who have sought our help, and we know of no unemployed Methodist immigrants at the present time.

CLARENCE EATON, Chief Immigration Officer.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rev. C. Eaton be heartily thanked for his services as Chief Immigration Officer, and that he be re-appointed.
2. That the Rev. W. Rowe be the Immigration Officer for Auckland.

QUESTION XXXV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting Church and Other Properties?

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1927.

1. Properties Acquired.

Auckland East.—Site at Remuera. Cost £1,100.

Papakura.—Land at Manurewa. Cost £1,200.

Otahuhu.—Church Site at Mangere East. £210.

Thames.—Section West side of Mackay Street. Cost £478.

Whakatane.—Half acre in Queen Street. Cost £35.

Wairoa, H. B.—Section at North Clyde. Cost £300. No debt.

Upper Hutt.—Church Site. Cost £125.

Wellington (Taranaki Street).—Purchase of Parsonage at Brooklyn Cost £1,500.

Christchurch East.—(1) Quarter acre and Parsonage at Linwood Avenue. Cost £1,337. (2) 20 perches behind Church at Richmond. Cost £30.

Nightcaps-Tuatapere.—Section at Ohai. Gift. Value £45.

2. Erections and Additions.

Auckland Central.—Outbuildings, Garage, Improvements to Church, School and Shops. Cost £1,624. Debt £141.

Kingsland.—Improvements to School. Cost £100. Debt £50.

Devonport.—1. Kitchen and Lavatories at Vauxhall. Cost £120. No debt. 2. Storeroom and Lavatories at Stanley Bay. Cost £105. No debt.

Northern Wairoa.—Removal and renovation of Parsonage. Cost £350. Debt £329.

Auckland Central Mission.—Alterations and repairs to Church and Parsonage. Cost £344. Debt £305.

Te Puke.—Erection of Parsonage. Cost £1,140. Debt £693.

- Putaruru.**—Erection of Bible Class Hall. Cost (materials) £122. Voluntary labour. No debt.
- Manaia.**—Additions to Parsonage. Cost £67. No debt.
- Stratford.**—Erection of Parsonage. Cost £1,220. Debt £300.
- Wanganui.**—Block of Shops. Further expenditure of £8,779 reported.
- Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.**—Additions to Ashhurst Parsonage. Cost £150. Debt £92.
- Palmerston North (Cuba Street).**—Heating apparatus. Cost £150. No debt.
- Upper Hutt.**—Erection of Church brought from Whiteman's Valley. Cost £287. Debt £162, including cost of site.
- Levin.**—New Parsonage. Cost £1640. No debt.
- Nelson.**—Additions to school, etc. Cost £333.
- Christchurch (Papanui).**—Schoolroom. Cost £2,250. Debt £570.
- Nightcaps-Tuatapere.**—Church. Cost £731. Debt £128.
- Dunedin (St. Kilda).**—Kitchen at school. Cost £106. No debt.
- Port Chalmers.**—Church porch at Sawyer's Bay. Cost £43.
- Bluff.**—Vestry. Cost £33. No debt.

3. Sales and Extended Leases Reported.

- Helensville.**—Silverdale Parsonage leased, £36 per annum.
- Cambridge.**—Section at Kaipaki sold for £10. Proceeds to be used by Cambridge Trustees as approved by Loan Fund Committee.
- Opunake.**—Sale of Parsonage and six acres for £895. £700 used in repayment of mortgage. Balance to general account.
- Marton.**—Sale of section Upper Tutaenui, £60. £42 to Loan Fund. Balance to general account.
- Stratford.**—1. Midhurst Parsonage sold for £350. 2. Stratford Parsonage removed to new site and sold for £800.
- Eltham.**—Lease of Douglas Parsonage and Section, 17/6 weekly.
- Wanganui.**—Lease of ten Shops for seven years. Rental £2,308.
- Lower Hutt.**—Section and Cottage sold for £900.
- Thorndon.**—Section at Wadestown sold for £285. Proceeds for new site.
- Christchurch East (Richmond).**—Frontage sold for street widening, £120
- Woodend-Sefton.**—Quarter acre at Leithfield sold, £14.
- Cromwell.**—Parsonage leased for six months, 25/- weekly.

4. Current Accounts.

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balances from last year	6,621	17	10
„ Balance held last year for Special purposes ..	21,311	6	4
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ..	3,879	6	11
„ Loans from other sources	20,252	8	7
„ all other Receipts	67,058	18	5
Total Receipts	119,123	18	1
Debit Balances	14,913	0	10
Grand Total	£134,036	18	11

	£	s.	d.
By Debit Balances from last year	11,245	12	9
„ Loan Fund Instalments Repaid	2,594	12	9
„ Other Loans Repaid	13,047	11	10
„ Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	9,093	11	7
„ Purchase of Land, Erection, or Additions to Buildings	34,316	0	9
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc. ..	34,085	18	9
Total Expenditure	£104,383	8	5
Credit Balances	6,768	7	5
Balances held for Special Purposes	22,885	3	1
Grand Total	£134,036	18	11

5. Statement of Debts.

Mortgage debts reported on 30th September, 1926 ..	163,222	3	0
Add new loans received during year	24,154	12	4
Total	£187,376	15	4
Deduct loans repaid during the year	16,573	4	4
Mortgage debts reported 30th September, 1927 ..	£170,803	11	0

6. Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances reported	£687,856	12	0
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A perusal of the foregoing statements shows that they reflect in some measure the general financial depression through which the Dominion is passing. There is a considerable decrease in the normal expenditure upon the purchase of land, the erection of new buildings and additions to existing buildings. The higher rate of interest ruling probably explains the fact that much less has been borrowed this year than the preceding year.

The exercise of greater care on the part of Trust Treasurers, and a fuller observance of our regulations by Superintendents of Circuits in filling in the property schedules would greatly lessen the task of the District Secretaries. In some cases incomplete schedules are returned, whilst balances brought forward from last year do not agree with the figures then reported. The same comment applies to amounts held for special purposes and to returns of mortgage debts. The figures in the Statement of Current Accounts showing loans repaid do not tally with the amount reported in the Statement of Debts as having been repaid during the year.

The total amount of Fire Insurances reported, namely £687,856 12s. shows that about a quarter of the Insurances are held outside the Connexional Office. There is room for improvement in this matter.

The thanks of the Conference are due to the District Secretaries for their painstaking services during the year. The various Synods recommended the following for reappointment as District Secretaries for 1928:—

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. Martin.
 Nelson—Mr. W. D. Pike.
 North Canterbury—Mr. F. Thompson.
 South Canterbury—Mr. John Watson.
 Otago-Southland—Mr. A. S. Froggatt.

Christchurch,

30th December, 1927.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the District Secretaries for their valuable services, and those named in the report be the District Secretaries for 1928.
3. That the Circuit Property Schedules, with the audited balance-sheets, be sent to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st, and that the revised Schedules with Summaries and Reports be sent by the District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than December 10th.
4. That the Property Schedules from Home Mission Stations be sent to the Chairman of the District not later than October 31st, and, after due scrutiny, sent by him to the District Secretary without delay.
5. That with a view to facilitating the work of the District Secretaries, Circuit Superintendents be directed to carry out the totals of the several columns, and to see that a correct balance is secured on each schedule.
6. That the attention of Auditors be called to the essential importance of seeing that the balances brought forward agree in every case with the balance given in the preceding year's accounts.
7. That where moneys are raised for special purposes, they should not be used temporarily for other purposes.
8. That all moneys held in trust for special purposes be invested only in those securities authorised by the "Trust Act, 1908," or its amendments.

N.B.—The following is an extract from the Trustee Act, 1908, No. 200, Section 95:—

(1) It shall be lawful for a Trustee, unless expressly forbidden by the instrument (if any) expressly creating the Trust, to invest any Trust funds in his hands in manner following, that is to say:—

- (a) In any of the stocks, funds, or other Government securities of New Zealand, or of the Commonwealth of Australia or any State thereof, or of Fiji.
- (b) On real securities in New Zealand.
- (c) In the bonds, debentures, or other securities of any municipal Corporation or County Council, or Water Supply Board, or River Board or Road Board or Town Board or Electric Power Board in New Zealand having authority to borrow money.
- (d) On deposit in any bank carrying on business in New Zealand under authority of any Act of the General Assembly, or in the Post Office Savings Bank established under "The Post and Telegraph Act, 1908," or in any savings bank constituted under "The Savings Bank Act, 1908."

For further particulars consult the "Trustee Act, 1908."

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Report for 1927.

The Cash Statment and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th September, 1927, are presented herewith.

The total receipts were £5044 4s. 7d.

The working expenses for the year were £211 9s. 9d., and the receipts for this purpose were £260 12s. 4d., showing a surplus of £49 2s. 7d. The assets of the Fund now stand at £21,713 11s. 11d.

During the year the Church Sites Fund began its activities, and the sum of £207 10s. was paid to assist in the purchase of sections at Wairoa (H.B.); Upper Hutt, Mangere East and Favona.

New loans have been advanced during the year as follows:—
 Taneatua, £49; St. Albans, £500; Papanui, £600; Epsom, £400;
 Whakatane, £50; Shirley, £250; Pakiri, £100; Ohai, £100; Maeroa,
 £200; Silverdale, £120; Taihape, £50; Picton, £100; Lower Hutt,
 £750; Henderson, £50; Otahuhu, £150. Total, £3469.

Rates have also been paid on land held by the Committee amounting to £2 14s. 2d.

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 (Birkenhead).—Sale of corner of Church property to improve roading conditions.

Papakura.—Sale of house property at Manurewa for best price available.

Pukekohe.—Sale to Fire Board, 33 feet frontage to Edinburgh Street; £350.

Whangaroa.—1. Sale of 4 acres 16 perches at Kaeo.

2. Transfer of part of Kaeo Estate to Whangaroa County Council for a cemetery and for roading purposes.

Port Albert.—Exchange of parsonage and Sections for a new parsonage and land.

Te Aroha.—1. Sale of Section at Manawaru for not less than £20, or for Government valuation, whichever is greater. Debt to Loan Fund to be discharged.

2. Sale of strip of land, Te Aroha West £15.

Cambridge.—Sale of Kaipaki section for £10. Proceeds for Methodist purposes to be applied as sanctioned by Loan Fund Committee.

New Plymouth.—Sale of Fitzroy parsonage for £900, proceeds for new parsonage.

Hastings.—Sale of parsonage and corner section for £850, and two other sections at £140 each. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Dannevirke.—Sale of two sections in York Street for not less than £175 each. Proceeds for reduction of parsonage debt and repayment of loan.

Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.—Sale of section at Ashhurst for £20.

Wellington (Taranaki St.)—Sale of Bidwell St. parsonage for £2150. Amount due to Loan Fund to be paid, and also £400 paid off the mortgage on Webb Street.

Blenheim (Seddon).—Sale of property for £130. Balance of proceeds after meeting liabilities to be held in trust by Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for future needs at Seddon.

Denniston.—Sale of section for £40, and building for best price obtainable.

Christchurch East.—Sale of parsonage for £850. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Bluff.—Sale of vacant section. Proceeds to be funded for new church or renovation of present church.

Committees for 1928.

The North Canterbury District Synod has nominated the following as the General Committee for 1928:—The Chairman of the District (ex officio), the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Addington, St. Albans and Sydenham Circuits, Rev. S. Lawry, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), T. T. Robson, H. Harrison, S. H. Maddren, H. J. T. Harrington, C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, T. W. West and R. W. Brighting.

Advisory Committees have been nominated by the District Synods, in addition to the Chairman and District Secretary of Church Properties, who are in each case ex officio members:—

Auckland.—Rev. S. Griffith and E. Drake, with Messrs. S. E. Chappell, and J. Tyler.

Auckland South.—Revs. P. R. Paris and A. O. Harris, Messrs. J. E. Tidd, E. J. Davey, W. B. Williams, F. Penn and E. N. Miller.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—The Ministers of the New Plymouth Circuit, the Secretary of the Synod, with Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, M.P., R. Pepperell, J. T. Griffin, E. Dixon and T. P. Hughson.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Ministers of St. Paul's and Cuba Street Circuits, with Messrs. F. S. Guy and G. H. Stiles.

Wellington.—To be arranged by the District Executive Committee.

Nelson.—The Ministers of the Nelson, Richmond and Blenheim Circuits, 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, and Mr. A. W. Barnett as corresponding members.

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

(Signed) W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,
30th December, 1927.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Cash Statement and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the sanction given by the Committee for the sale or extended lease of properties as reported, be confirmed and ratified by the Conference.

(N.B.—The sanction above mentioned will lapse if not acted on by March 31st, 1929.)

3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1928:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, and St Albans Circuits, Rev. S. Lawry, with Messrs J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), T. T. Robson, H. Harrison, S. H. Maddren, H. J. S. Harrington, C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, T. W. West, and R. W. Brighting.
4. That the District Advisory Committees be appointed as named in the Report.

C.—REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS and AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE, 1927.

Full particulars of the registration and removal of names of Trustees were, as usual, sent to the various District Synods. Seven new Trusts have been registered, and alterations involving 375 names have been made in respect of 73 Trusts. All changes have been duly certified to the Superintendent Minister concerned.

Seven new Deeds have been received for custody. Certified Lists of Trustees have been supplied in 22 cases, apart from furnishing a large number of Certified Lists without charge to various District Land Registrars. The sum of £35 5s. received in registration fees has been paid to the Connexional Secretaryship Fund.

There are many Trusts on our Register that are not up-to-date. In some cases no change in the personnel has been made for a great many years. In a number of these cases Circuit Superintendents have been written to and urged to take up the matter, but the response has so far been disappointing.

From several District Land Registrars have come a number of requisitions for the surrender of Conveyances to be exchanged for new Certificates of Title under the Land Transfer (Compulsory Registration of Titles) Act, 1924. The new titles cannot be uplifted without payment of a fee of £1 5s. Many Superintendent Ministers have been asked to take the necessary action to enable us to secure the new titles, but only in three cases have the fees been forwarded. It is not desirable for these deeds to remain out of our custody, and those concerned are urged to facilitate the work of our office and of the Land Registration offices by paying the required fee upon request.

There is some negligence in the matter of forwarding the names of newly elected trustees for registration. It should be noted that when new trustees have been elected they have no legal status in a meeting of the Trustees until the names have been registered and the fact duly certified by the Authorised Representative.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT.

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative

Christchurch,

31st December, 1927.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1884," the Rev. Major Albert Rugby Pratt be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1928-29.
3. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian of Deeds for the ensuing year.
4. That it be a recommendation to Synods to urge all Trusts and Circuits to deposit their records in safe custody.

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. Emsley 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 1927.

We have to report the completion of the six shops on the Great North Road and the two cottages in Chapman Street.

The revenue for the year shows a steady increase, which the Board have every reason to believe will be maintained.

In addition to payment of £1,200 per annum on account of training and maintaining students, the Board have undertaken to pay as from 1st April next, £308 per annum re College site.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Mr. T. W. Jones, who died on 7th July last whilst on a visit to England. Mr. Jones was a member of the Board for over fifteen years, and always took a great interest in the affairs of the Trust.

The present members of the Board are—Mr S. J. Ambury (Chairman); Revs. C. H. Laws, D.D., and George Bond; Messrs. W. Ambury, A. J. Buttle, W. E. Lewissham, Albert W. Parker, Frank M. Winstone and J. Veale.

S. J. AMBURY, Chairman.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTION.

That the Probert Trust Board be thanked for their services during the past year.

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS—REPORT 1927.

The past year has been one of quiet forward work at our Children's Home at Masterton. Nothing of outstanding interest requires to be chronicled.

Miss Allan, who was appointed as Matron in succession to Sister May, has carried out the duties of the position to the entire satisfaction

of the Board and the Masterton Committee. Miss Webb, as first assistant, has done good work, thoroughly justifying her appointment.

The Report to be submitted by the Masterton Committee will give full details of the work.

We again record with a sense of deep gratefulness the splendid work put in by the local Committee, and the untiring energy and zeal of the Secretary, Rev. J. Cocker.

Owing to the decision of the 1927 Conference, no grant has been received this year from the Governors of the T. G. Macarthy Estate, the application being withdrawn. Our members and friends are looked to to make up the loss in our income, which will be sorely felt unless givers see to it that we are not placed in this unhappy position.

(Signed) C. EATON, Chairman of the Board.

W. C. HEMERY, Hon. Secy. to Board.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTION.

That Conference expresses appreciation of the work done by the Board during the past year.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE PROPERTY TRUST.

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

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.

EMSLEY 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 FUND, 1927.

The Board has pleasure in presenting to Conference its Annual Report, together with the Revenue Account and the Balance-sheet for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

The business of the Fire Insurance Department continues to grow, as will be seen by the fact that this year additional risks have been accepted to the amount of £26,310. These represent both new insurance and additional cover for properties previously insured with the Connexional Office. The risks we carried on 31st October totalled £513,006, distributed as follows:—

- 444 Churches.
- 128 Schools and Halls.
- 166 Parsonages.
- 130 Institutions, Dwellings, and other Risks.

In addition to the above, our Office has undertaken the insurance of the personal effects of 89 Ministers whose total cover amounts to £23,038. It has also arranged cover for £1,215 in connection with two mortgages held by the Fire Insurance Fund; and for a sum of £12,793 on account of sixteen clients of the Supernumerary Fund Board. Thus the Fund has arranged other insurances totalling £37,046, in addition to over half a million pounds on purely church property risks.

The matter of re-insurance has received careful attention, and some increases have been made in order further to safeguard the Fund Re-insurances of church property amount to £123,141.

Fire Losses.

During the year claims for Fire Losses have been paid as under:—

Mount Eden Church	...	...	...	...	£820
Mount Albert Orphanage	...	...	...	...	50
Cambridge Terrace	...	...	...	...	25
Hastings Outbuildings	...	...	...	...	10
Glenaven School Kitchen	...	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	...	£907

It is gratifying to state that as the Connexional Fund was in these cases protected by re-insurances amounting to £835 the net loss to our Fund was only £72.

From the Fire Claims Trust Account a sum of £20 was paid to Normanby in connection with a loss sustained several years ago.

Grants Paid 1927.

In accordance with the resolutions adopted by last Conference, the Treasurers paid during the year to other Connexional objects grants totalling £700. The distribution was as follows:—Benevolent Branch Supernumerary Fund, £75; Church Sites Fund, £75; Foreign Mission Fund, £100; Home Mission Fund, £100; Deaconess House, £100; New Theological College Fund, £250.

Financial Statement.

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet make interesting reading. The amount received as premiums on Church risks is £57 more than last year. The premiums on the insurance of the personal effects of ministers show an increase of over £14. One mortgage having been paid off, there is a decrease of interest on Mortgages, but an increase in Debenture investments of £2,237 during the year is reflected in an increase of interest from this source of about £148.

After providing for all working expenses, fire losses, re-insurances and Conference grants, there is a surplus on the year's working of £2,152 17s. 3d. The assets of the Fund now amount to £21,515 2s. 3d.

In view of less favourable conditions for re-insurances imposed by the Underwriters' Association, the Board does not consider it wise to recommend the distribution this year of more than £700, leaving £1,452 17s. 3d. to be added permanently to the Accumulated Fund.

The following are the appropriations recommended for 1928:—

Benevolent Branch Supernumerary Fund	...	£75
Church Sites Fund	...	75
Foreign Mission Fund	...	100
Home Mission Fund	...	100
Deaconess House Fund	...	100
New Theological College Fund	...	250
Total	...	£700

The thanks of the Board are due to the Auditors, Messrs. C. F. Edgar, F.R.A., N.Z., and W. L. Thomas for their willing service in the interests of the Fund.

The Auditors have asked that a matter of £190 for Church Loans that has for some years appeared in the Balance-sheet shall be put on a basis more satisfactory from the Auditors' viewpoint. The Board has taken up the matter with the two Trusts concerned.

Board for 1928.

The following have been nominated by the North Canterbury Synod as the Board of Management for 1928:—The Connexional Secretary (ex officio), Rev. T. Fee, Rev. S. Lawry, Rev. F. T. Read, Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Treasurer), Mr. S. R. Webb, Mr. F. H. Christian, Mr. A. A. Sandford, Mr. H. Chaplin, Mr. W. J. Spratt.

The Board deeply deplores the loss by death of one of its members—the Rev. W. Laycock—and tenders its truest sympathy to his widow and daughter.

New Insurances Desired.

There are still several large properties belonging to the Church, especially in the cities of Auckland and Wellington, which are not insured in the Connexional Office. The Trustees of these properties are again requested to consider the advisability of transferring these insurances to the Fund, which exists exclusively for the benefit of the Church, and which has already been able to make very considerable contributions to various Church Funds.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Board.

S. R. WEBB, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

ADDENDA.

1. The Board desires to express its appreciation of the capable manner in which the business has been managed by the Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt) since his accession to office.

S. R. WEBB, Chairman.

Christchurch, 5th December, 1927.

2. The Board has considered the proposed scheme for the establishment of "The Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund" put forward by the Board of the Supernumerary Fund, and has to record its sympathy with its aims and objects. In order to facilitate the establishment of the Fund on the basis suggested, the Fire Insurance Board recommends Conference to sanction the appropriation by the Board out of its

profits of such sum not exceeding £250 per annum as may be required to make the contribution of £2 per annum for each subscribing member of the Fund. This appropriation to be for the next seven years, after which the position will be reviewed by the Board and reported to Conference.

S. R. WEBB, Chairman.
G. J. SMITH
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

Christchurch,
23rd January, 1928.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That from the year's surplus £1452 17s. 3d. be added permanently to the Accumulated Funds, and that the balance be granted to other Funds as follows:—Deaconess House Fund, £100; Foreign Missions, £100; Home Missions, £100; Supernumerary Benevolent Fund, £75; Church Sites Fund, £75; Theological College, £250; total, £700.
3. That in all cases except where mortgage obligations make it impracticable, Trustees and Committee in charge of Trust or Circuit Funds 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 for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. T. Fee, S. Lawry, F. T. Read, Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Treasurer), Messrs. S. R. Webb, F. H. Christian, A. A. Sandford, W. J. Spratt, and W. A. Bascand.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Messrs. C. F. Edgar and W. L. Thomas for their services as honorary auditors of the Fund.
6. That the Conference gives its approval to the recommendation of the Fire Insurance Board relating to "The Ministers Home Acquirement Fund," and sanctions the appropriation by the Board out of its profits of such sum not exceeding £250 per annum as may be required to make the contribution of £2 per annum for each subscribing member to the said Fund, such appropriation to be for the next seven years commencing on 1st April, 1928. The position shall be reviewed by the Board and reported upon to the Conference prior to the expiration of the period named.
7. That the Conference recommends the Fire Insurance Board, at its next distribution of profits, to consider favourably the application of the Y.P. Board for assistance.

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

REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE, 1927.

The Committee desires to place on record its sense of loss in the death of one of its members, Mr. H. Chaplin, and expresses its truest sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement. In view of the vacancy thus caused the following are recommended as the Committee for 1928:—

The Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Contingent Fund and "Methodist Times"; the Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Addington and St. Albans Circuits; Messrs. A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), M. Kershaw, J. Lomas and Frank Thompson.

The work done by the office during the year is described in the reports of the various Departments administered, and these reports show a continued and general expansion of business.

The Rev. S. Lawry relinquished office at the commencement of the Connexional year, and the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt took charge on April 11th, 1927. During the month of October the Secretary was on sick leave, and the thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. Lawry for relieving for that period.

Consideration is being given to the question of the staffing and organisation of the office in view of its ever-increasing work.

The working expenses of the office have been provided by the appropriations made by Conference of 1927. The financial statement which will be presented to Conference shows a deficiency of £26 5s. 3d. The estimated expenditure for 1928 is £1120, and the Committee recommends that the following appropriations be made:—Fire Insurance Fund, £300; Supernumerary Fund, £260; Church Building and Loan Fund, £210; Contingent Fund, £200; "Methodist Times," £100; Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, £20; Authorised Representative (estimate), £30. Total £1120.

(Sgd.) W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

A. F. DRAYTON, Treasurer.

Christchurch,
25th January, 1928.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.
2. That the appropriations as recommended in the Report be approved.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the members of the Committee for the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1928:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Addington and St. Albans Circuits, with Mr. A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Contingent Fund, and "Methodist Times," and Messrs M. Kershaw, J. Lomas, and Frank Thompson.
4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for his capable services as Connexional Secretary during the past year.
5. That the Connexional Secretaryship Committee give careful consideration to the growing work of the office and the present strength of the staff, with a view to making such adjustments as may be necessary.

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

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1927.

1. The College opened on the third Monday in March, when the twenty-one men appointed by Conference were enrolled. Of these Mr. W. J. Court, owing to insufficient accommodation at the College, has resided at his home, but has attended all classes. Mr. R. H. Miles, having been granted a further year's rest by Conference, has not attended during the year. The arrangement initiated last year by which the students for the ministry of the Congregational Church receive tuition at our College has been continued, two students attending classes, and has worked satisfactorily.

2. While the men vary greatly in educational attainments and in capacity for systematic study, their devotion to work has been excellent, discipline has been loyally maintained, and sincerity and spiritual purpose have been evident in the whole life of the College. The residential Professor reports that, apart from slight ailments, the health of the students has been good.

3. At the close of last year the following awards were made: The "Edson" prize (Greek), the "Garland" prize (Theology, Bible Study, and Homiletics), and the Junior Elocution prize were all won by Mr. G. I. Laurenson. The second Greek prize was won by Mr. L. C. Horwood. Mr. C. O. Hailwood won the senior Elocution prize.

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

- (1) Systematic Theology. Sin, The Doctrines of Grace, the Church and the Ministry. The Sacraments, Types of Church Polity, The Last Things. Textbook for part of the above, W. N. Clarke's "Outline of Christian Theology." Full discussion in bi-weekly lectures by the Principal.
- (2) Biblical Theology. (a) Old Testament. Weekly lectures by the Professor on The Nature and Attributes of God, The Development of Monotheism, Methods of Divine Revelation, the Covenant-relationship, Sacrifice, etc., etc. Textbook: Burney's Outlines of Old Testament Theology. (b) New Testament. The Theology of St. Paul. Textbook: G. B. Stevens "The Theology of the New Testament." (Part IV.) Weekly lectures by the Principal.
- (3) Biblical Introduction and Exegesis. (a) Old Testament. Weekly during first and second terms by the Professor on the Authorship, dates, composition, contents, literary style and interpretation of the Historical Books, and, for Exegesis, weekly lectures in the third term on the first five chapters of Genesis. (b) New Testament. Weekly lectures throughout the year by the Principal on St. Paul and his Age—the Times of the Apostle, his life, character, mind, and place in the world's life and thought. The Pauline Epistles, their occasion, authenticity, dates and contents. For Exegesis, weekly lectures throughout the year by the Principal covering a detailed study of Galatians and Second Timothy, with the general principles of Exegesis.

- (4) Homiletics. Two classes conducted by the Principal. (a) Senior. Practical and Pastoral Theology, with a study of Gillie's "The Minister in the Modern World." (b) Junior. A Course of Lectures on Sermon Preparation and Delivery, and on the conduct of Public Worship, with a study of Phillips Brooks' "Lectures on Preaching." (c) In addition to the above weekly criticism sermons have been preached, followed by discussion in class conducted by the Principal.
 - (5) Methodist Law and Circuit Administration. A short course of instruction for third year men has been conducted by the Principal.
 - (6) Greek. Senior. Two classes per week conducted by the Professor. Lectures on Syntax; reading of Matt. vi., I. John, Phil. ii., Rev. iii., Romans xi., Hebrews xii., also some papyrus remains and Lucian. Junior—Two classes per week conducted by Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A. Accidence and Syntax with translation of exercises. Textbook: "Initia Graeca." In addition to the above, two classes per week have been conducted by the Professor in Classical Greek for Matriculation and Junior Scholarship men.
 - (7) Mental and Moral Philosophy. Weekly lectures by the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A. Brackenbury's "Primer of Psychology," has been used as a textbook. The aim of the tutor has been to prepare students for their own reading in after years, and to indicate how they may turn the study to good account in the work of the ministry. The textbook has been used as a point of departure, and the subject has been treated generally along the lines of a University course.
 - (8) Comparative Religion. Fortnightly lectures by the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A. Textbook: Jevons' Cambridge Manual on the subject. Introductory lectures were also given to prepare for study of the set book. Discussions of Theosophy, Russellism, Eddyism, etc., have also been taken in class.
 - (9) English. Weekly classes up to Matriculation standard. (1) In Grammar, Composition, etc. Junior and Senior Classes. Textbook, Nesfield's "Manual." (2) Literature. History of English literature from 1400 to 1740, with special study of Treble's "Extracts from English Prose," and portions of Stobart's "Shakespeare Epoch" and "Wordsworth Epoch."
 - (10) Mathematics. Classes up to Matriculation standard have been conducted by Mr. C. R. Laws, M.Sc.
 - (11) Elocution and Voice Production. A Course of Instruction has been given by Mr. T. Harris, professional elocutionist.
- N.B.—The Revs. A. B. Chappell, M.A., and W. T. Blight, B.A., have joined the College staff during the year and conducted classes as above, thus relieving the President of the Conference. Grateful acknowledgment is made of their most able and valued assistance.

5. The following are the particulars of University work done by students during the year:—

Mr. N. R. Gutry, who passed for Matriculation last year, has attended University lectures in Education and Mental and Moral Philosophy. If successful in the Terms' examination he will proceed to the B.A. Pass in November.

Mr. H. W. Hitchcock, who completed the Matriculation examination last year, has attended University lectures in History and Mental and Moral Philosophy. If successful in the terms examination he will proceed to the B.A. Pass in November.

Messrs. H. Fallows, H. Noble, W. J. Court and J. W. Parker will sit for the Matriculation examination in December.

6. 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.

7. The students have rendered the usual considerable assistance in conducting services in the Auckland City, and in some adjacent country Circuits, for which in some cases financial acknowledgment has been made. They have also taken part in open air and city mission work as opportunity has offered, and in other ways they have been in touch with the broader religious life of our Church and of the city.

8. Dr. Ranston, as Residential Professor, has exercised a most efficient control over the residential affairs of the College, and has exerted a gracious influence in its inner life. And to Mrs. Ranston, who has been unremitting in her kindly attention to the welfare of the students, and has supervised the household arrangements with marked ability and economy the best thanks of the Church are due.

9. The Correspondence Classes, under the auspices of the College, have this year been under the direction of the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., who reports a roll of 24 students. Of these 18 entered in Theology, 18 in Bible Knowledge, 12 in English, 11 in Greek, 3 in Latin, 7 in Geography, 9 in History, 10 in Science, and 6 in Mathematics. The following have assisted Mr. Slade in giving tuition:—Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., J. Richards, H. J. Odell, O. Burnet, G. E. Brown, E. W. Hames, M.A., L. A. Brooks and Mr. C. R. Laws, M.Sc. To Mr. Slade and his co-workers the College Council tenders its most hearty thanks.

10. The work of the Collegiate Church has been well maintained during the year. Most of the services have been conducted by the College staff and students. Messrs F. J. Handy and G. I. Laurenson have rendered excellent service as Student-Pastors. Particulars as to the reconstructed church will appear in the New College Report, and the financial contribution to the College funds from the Church will be indicated in the Treasurer's statement.

C. H. LAWS, Principal.

Auckland,

October 21st, 1927.

B.—REPORT OF COUNCIL.

1. Meetings and Organisation.

The affairs of the College, so the last Conference determined, should henceforth be managed by a Council, consisting of not more than 30 members, and meeting at least once a quarter. The personnel and officers of the Council were decided at the Conference.

The Council met for the first time on March 31st, 1927, and has met regularly since. While the New College is building it is necessary to meet more often than quarterly.

The Conference instructed the Council to set up, and appoint Chairmen for, various Committees, as well as a Board of Studies.

We have to report that the Board of Studies was appointed, with the Principal of the College as its Chairman. The Finance Committee has also been set up, and Mr. F. M. Winstone is its Chairman. The Council found, however, that it would be best to delay the appointment of the College and House Committee, and further, to ask the Plans Committee, a strong body, which has been at work since the New College Scheme has been under way, to act for the present year as the Property Committee.

The Committee of Discipline has also met, and has had before it only favourable reports as to the diligence, discipline, and progress of the students.

2. Personal.

The Council has been saddened in its first year by the passing of Mr. W. H. Worsley. Mr. Worsley was deeply interested in the work of the College, and his presence on the Council was greatly valued. The members expressed their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Worsley and the members of the family.

3. Gifts.

The Council has to acknowledge gifts of books to the College Library from Mr. A. Harding, Woodville; Mr. G. H. Bennett, Palmerston N.; Rev. S. Henderson, Te Aroha, and Rev. Dr. Pinfold, Wellington; also there was laid on the Foundation Stone of the New College a First Edition of the Methodist Hymn Book, donated by Mr. A. H. Reed, of Dunedin. For this thoughtful and distinctive gift the Council is most grateful.

4. College Bonds.

Two or three former students who have now left the work, have not so far honoured the Bonds into which they entered during their residence in College. This matter is being pursued by the Council.

5. Collegiate Church.

Conference placed the Collegiate Church and Sunday School under the sole control of the Council. During the year the Council has worked in complete agreement, as to the principle and details of the arrangement, with the Board of Management of the Church and the Teachers' Meeting of the Sunday School.

6. The Scheme for the Government of the Collegiate Church and its institutions as submitted by the College Council was unanimously approved by last Conference, and will be found in the Minutes of Conference, 1927, pp. 90-91. Attention is drawn to Resolution 1., p. 91, whereby the Scheme, in accordance with Section 247, par. 10, Methodist Law Book, is submitted to the Synods for confirmation. A Form of Resolution drawn up by the Committee appointed by Conference for this purpose will be sent to each District Chairman.

7. The Council has under consideration important matters relating to the staffing and management of the New College when opened and will report on these to Conference.

8. That this Council recommends the Conference to re-appoint Rev. Professor H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., as Residential Professor for another term of six years, or such portion of that time as may be found necessary.

H. RANSTON, President of Conference.
W. T. BLIGHT, Secretary to the Council.

October 21st, 1927.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING APRIL 1st, 1928.

INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Probert Trust	1,200	0	0
Contingent Fund	740	0	0
Emsley Trust	110	0	0
Home Mission Fund	135	0	0
Foreign Mission Fund	50	0	0
Prince Albert College	50	0	0
Contributions from Students	68	0	0
Students' Services	20	0	0
Congregational Church (Two Students)	100	0	0
Rent (Moechau Street)	156	0	0
Collegiate Church	90	0	0
	£2,719	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
House and Service	750	0	0
Stipends	750	0	0
Rents	218	0	0
Tutors' Fees	60	0	0
Connexional Charges	120	0	0
Quarterages	160	0	0
Rates—"Dunholme" and Moechau Street	85	0	0
Rates—Grafton Road	40	0	0
University Fees	50	0	0
Telephones	25	0	0
Garden	20	0	0
Elocution	7	0	0
Insurance	14	0	0
Recreation	10	0	0
Furnishing	35	0	0
Principal's Residence Allowance	150	0	0
Bank Interest	10	0	0
Interest (Moechau Street)	130	0	0
Repairs	25	0	0
Sundries	50	0	0
Camp Fees	10	0	0
	£2,719	0	0

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Principal and College Council, and the statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending October 31, 1927, be received and adopted.
2. That the estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year ending March 31st, 1929, be received and adopted.

3. That the Conference tenders its thanks to the Principal (the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.), and the Residential Professor (Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.), and the Tutors (Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., Mr. C. R. Laws, M.Sc., and Mr. T. Harris).
4. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Secretary (Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A.), to the Treasurer (Mr. F. M. Winstone), to Mr. A. Peak for legal services rendered, and to Mr. J. Tyler for valuable services rendered in connection with the erection of the New College.
5. That the following be the Council for 1928:—The Rev. W. J. Elliott (President of Conference), Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, D. J. Murray, G. T. Marshall, T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, L. B. Dalby, E. Drake, A. Mitchell, A. Ashcroft, A. B. Chappell, M.A., Dip.Jour., F.R.E.S., F. E. Leadley, Messrs. A. C. Caghey, G. Winstone, sen., A. Peak, F. M. Winstone, J. W. Shackelford, S. J. Ambury, J. Stanton, LL.B., J. Veale, A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., A. J. Buttle, A. Messer, J. Tyler, H. Radcliffe, H. P. Burton, M. R. Souster. Officers: Chairman, Rev. W. J. Elliott (President of Conference); Secretary, Rev. F. E. Leadley; Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone.
6. That Prof. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., be reappointed Residential Professor for another term of six years, or such portion of that time as may be found necessary.
7. That Dr. Laws, having indicated his intention of retiring from the active work of the ministry, and thus from the Principalship of the College, in 1931, he be permitted to reside in his own house until that time, and that Dr. Ranston continue to act as Residential Professor, at Dunholme, and later at the new College.
8. That Dr. H. Ranston be designated as Principal, to succeed Dr. Laws in 1931.
9. That the stipends of the Principal and the Resident Professor remain as at present, until the opening of the new College, and that thereafter until his assumption of the Principalship, the Resident Professor receive £500 per annum, with a furnished house, and without the present emoluments, the stipend of the Principal continuing as at present. That the College Council report next year as to the stipends of the Principal and Tutor from 1931.
10. That subsequent to the opening of the new College, and until 1931, the domestic arrangements of the College be under the control of Dr. and Mrs. Ranston, and that the staff consist of a working housekeeper, a cook, and two or more housemaids.
11. That Dr. Ranston having intimated his desire to visit England, prior to assuming charge as Principal of the College, the Conference consents to such a visit, assured that it will be to the great advantage of the College, and requests the Council to make the necessary arrangements.
12. That as from 1931 there be two resident members of the Staff, the Principal and a Tutor, with such outside Lecturers as may be found necessary.
13. That as the second house will not be required until 1931, an amount equal to the tender for such residence, plus the estimated cost of furnishing it, be invested as from April 1st, 1929, or as soon thereafter as possible, so much of the interest as may be required to be used to meet the Principal's house allowance.

14. That the Conference expresses its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Wagstaff, of Te Aroha, in her sad bereavement, and accords its appreciation of the generosity of the late Mr Wagstaff in leaving a legacy of £2000 to the Theological College.
15. That the Conference recommends the College Council to take steps to recover from ex-students of the College the amounts due by them to the College funds, in cases where no attempt has been made to fulfil their obligation.
16. That the matter of additional tuition in Elocution be remitted to the Board of Studies and Council for consideration.

GOVERNMENT OF COLLEGIATE CHURCH.

Further Details of Scheme for the Government of the Collegiate Church and its institutions and for its attachment to the Auckland East Circuit and the Constitutions and General Regulations of the Theological College and University. Hostel, set forth on pages 90 to 96 inclusive of the Minutes of Conference, 1927.

1. Completed Form of Clause 1.

"That as from the 31st day of March, 1927, the work of the Collegiate Church and Sunday School shall be under the sole control of the Theological College Council, which Council shall have all the powers of a Circuit quarterly meeting in respect of matters provided by Paragraphs 27 and 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Part I. Section II., under the heading, '**Special Circuit Meeting,**' and (so far as applicable) by Paragraph 160, Sub-paragraphs (a) to (f) inclusive, Part IV., Section I., of the Book of Laws, under the heading of Local Offices and Courts-General."

2. Completed Form of Clause 4.

"That the Collegiate Church shall have its own Leaders' Meeting and other official meetings under the superintendence of the Principal of the College or his nominee, in whom (or his nominee) shall be vested all the powers which would otherwise be exercisable by the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit in which such Church is situated in respect of matters provided in:—

- (a) "Paragraphs 17 to 32 inclusive of the Book of Laws, Part I., Section II., under the heading, '**Trial and Discipline of Members.**'"
- (b) "Paragraph 51, Book of Laws, Part II., Section I., under the heading of '**The Ministry.**' By nomination through the Auckland East Circuit Quarterly Meeting.
- (c) "Paragraphs 174, 175 and 176, Part IV., Section VI., under the heading, '**Preachers' Meeting and Local Preachers.**' Through the Auckland East Circuit Preachers' Meeting.
- (d) "Paragraph 101 (so far as applicable) of the Book of Laws, Part II., Section VIII., under the heading, '**Ministerial Duties Superintendent of Circuits.**'"
- (e) "Paragraph 112 (for the purpose of a Leaders' Meeting) of the Book of Laws, Part II., Section VIII. aforesaid.
- (f) "Paragraphs 190 and 191 of the Book of Laws, Part IV., Section VII., under the heading, '**Leaders and the Leaders' Meeting.**'"

3. Additional Clause No. 12, Page 91, and to be read with Clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6 and 18 of the Constitution and General Regulations.

The site for the College being Lots 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 on plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under Number 15537 of the Subdivision of part of Allotment 20, Section 3, Suburbs of Auckland, and being part of the land in Certificate of Title, Volume 317, Folio 145 of the Register Book of the Land Transfer Office at Auckland, being required by the provisions of Section 67 of The Reserve and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1922, to be held under the provisions of the Model Deed, the Model Deed for the purposes of the Trust of the said site and in relation thereof, and for that purpose only be amended and varied as hereinafter set forth:—

- (a) By incorporating in Clause I. of the Model Deed and reading in conjunction therewith Clauses 1 and 2 of the Trust Deed set out on Pages 94, 95 and 96 of the Minutes of the Conference of 1927 (hereinafter termed "The Trust Deed").
- (b) By incorporating in Clause 8 of the Model Deed and reading in conjunction therewith Clause 4 of the Trust Deed.
- (c) By incorporating in Clause 29 of the Model Deed Clause 3 of the Trust Deed and reading the same in conjunction therewith.
- (d) By deleting Clauses 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36 and 37 of the Model Deed and substituting therefor Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Constitution and General Regulations set forth on Page 92 of the Minutes of Conference, 1927, with the addition to Clause 7 of the proviso hereinafter added to Clause 7 by Paragraph 4 of these further details, and also Clause 10 of the said Trust Deed.
- (e) By substituting for the word "Trustees" wherever the same is used in the Model Deed, the words, "The Methodist Theological College Council."

4. Proviso to be added to Clause 7, Page 92—
 "Provided that in any case in which the College Council shall act as a Quarterly Meeting for the purposes and in the circumstances set forth in Clause 1, Page 90, the Principal shall be entitled to preside at such meeting during the consideration of business solely referable thereto."

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the approval of the Conference of 1927 of the scheme for the control of the Collegiate Church and its relation to the Auckland East Circuit, and the constitution and general regulations of the Theological College and University Hostel set forth in pages 90-96 of Minutes of Conference, 1927, be confirmed, and that the further details submitted to the Synod, as per memorandum signed by the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., President of the Conference, and chairman of the Theological College Council, be approved and adopted.
2. That such alterations in the references to the paragraphs of the Book of Laws, in the further details of the scheme as may be necessary to make them conform to the new issue of the Book of Laws, be authorised.

D.—TRINITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY HOSTEL.

INTERIM REPORT.

1. Since Conference good progress has been made with the erection of the New College. In May last the tender of Mr. C. W. Ravenhall of £34,160 for the erection of the College and two residences was accepted, and in June the Foundation Stone was laid by the Governor-General, Sir Charles Fergusson. An afternoon of radiant sunshine, the presence of His Excellency, together with the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference and many representative citizens, and the attendance of a large and enthusiastic audience made the ceremony a most memorable one.

2. The dimensions and style of the building are now becoming apparent, and it is evident to all that an edifice worthy of our Dominion Methodism and an ornament to the City in which it stands will grace the old, historic site which has been so appropriately chosen for the College. The erection will be completed in ample time for the Opening Ceremony to take place at the Conference of 1929.

3. The removal and reconstruction of the Grafton Road Church and Schoolroom was a separate contract, and has involved a much greater expenditure than was anticipated. A very large portion of the woodwork of the church, which could not be seen till operations had begun, had to be renewed, and but a small amount of timber from the old school building was available for reconstruction work. Probably, when all expenses are met, including furnishings, £3000 will have been spent on this work. But the value of the premises in the practical training of the students completely justifies the expenditure.

4. The erection of the College is making heavy demands upon the financial resources of the Council, and it is most urgent that all available money should be collected and forwarded to the Treasurers. The whole success of our great Scheme now depends upon the zealous prosecution of this task. So cordial was the reception accorded to the General Secretary during his canvass last year, and so deep and widespread the interest displayed in the College scheme, that the Treasurers feel assured that they will receive the most willing and thorough support of all ministers and local treasurers in this matter. It is especially desirable that the annual donations should be collected on the due dates, and that great care should be taken to ensure that the system of monthly collecting is working well. The Treasurers gratefully acknowledge all that has thus far been done, and they are forwarding to each Synod a Statement showing the amount originally promised, the amount thus far received, and the amount now overdue in the several Circuits.

5. A detailed Report covering the progress of the Scheme and including a full statement of finance will be presented to Conference.

H. RANSTON, President of Conference.

C. H. LAWS, General Secretary.

October 21st, 1927.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Council, and the statement of the New Theological Building Fund be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. Dr. Laws, general secretary of the new College scheme, and the Treasurers (Rev. D. J. Murray and Mr. A. C. Caughey), be heartily thanked for their services.

3. That the following officers be appointed for the ensuing year:—
General Secretary, the Rev. Principal Laws, B.A., D.D.; Assistant Secretary, the Rev. T. A. Joughin; Treasurers, Rev. D. J. Murray and Mr. A. C. Caughey.
4. That in view of the heavy demands now being made upon the Building Fund, Circuit Superintendents and Treasurers be earnestly requested to ensure that all available monies are collected and remitted to the General Treasurers.
5. That the Conference learns with satisfaction of the progress being made in the erection of the new College, congratulates the College Council on its successful prosecution of the building scheme, and anticipates with pleasure the opening of the new College as a function at the next Conference.
6. Edson Trust.—That the Conference authorises the Methodist Theological College Council to promote a private Bill through the next session of Parliament to vary the trusts of the Deed of Trust of the Edson Trust Fund, dated the 28th May, 1918, in respect of the interest under the terms of such Deed of the Theological College, by authorising the application of the remaining portion of the Trust Fund in which the College is interested, and of the income thereof, in the following manner:—

Firstly, in appropriating and setting aside such portion of the remaining part of such Fund as the College Council shall deem desirable in providing for the future purchase of a new organ when the provision of the same shall be considered by the Council to be necessary, and, pending such purchase, in utilising such portions of the income from the investment as shall, in the opinion of the Council, be necessary or desirable for the upkeep, repair, and maintenance of the present organ, or in providing music, or in accumulating any unexpended portion as an accretion to capital.

Secondly, in applying the balance of the Fund and accumulated income in or towards the cost of erecting or furnishing the College Library, and of placing therein a suitable tablet to commemorate the gift of the late Mr. John Edson.

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

REPORT OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE TRUST.

With thankfulness the Board reports another year of good work and progress. The various Committees have met regularly, and their reports submitted to the monthly meetings of the Board are business-like, and show a detailed care in administration.

Wesley College, Paerata.

The Rev. E. Drake, Chairman of College Committee. Wesley College is receiving recognition as one of the leading schools of the Dominion. A sound general education is given up to matriculation standard, while special emphasis is placed on practical and scientific agriculture in all its branches. Scientific instruction is given in a well-equipped laboratory, and the practical training is given on the

College Farm of 680 acres. The standard of education is steadily improving. Above all, the College aims at producing men of character, imbued with Christian ideals and a right understanding of civic responsibility.

Inspectors from the Education Department visit the College periodically, and their reports have been highly satisfactory. Twelve Maori boys are benefiting by the Government Scholarships granted annually. The Maori Purposes Board provide these boys with free tuition for three years, in addition to making an adequate clothing allowance for each boy. The ratio of one-third Maori pupils to two-thirds European continues to be highly satisfactory.

The Board invites the co-operation of the Methodist Home Mission Board, Native Ministers, teachers and others interested in obtaining approved Native pupils. 120 pupils are in residence in the College. Religious services and Bible Classes are conducted regularly by the Rev. F. T. Harris, College Chaplain and Superintendent Minister of the Pukekohe Circuit, and his influence in the College life has been most helpful. The Board is co-operating with the Board of the Methodist Children's Homes and Orphanages, and is prepared to extend further help to orphan boys of good character who have obtained their Proiciency. There is a need to provide children from our Auckland Orphan Homes with a secondary education such as is given at Wesley College, provided the boys prove themselves worthy. With a view to meeting this need, the Board has adopted the following Scholarship Proposals:—

"The Trustees of the Board of the Wesley Training College have pleasure in submitting for your information particulars in connection with special Scholarships which the Board has decided to establish at Wesley College, Paerata.

Recognising that some may desire to assist in the further development of Wesley College, Paerata, and at the same time to perpetuate the memory of some loved one, the Board will be pleased to award a number of annual Scholarships under the following conditions:—

A donation or bequest to the Trust of £1,000 will establish a Scholarship in perpetuity, which will be available to the following, or as may be directed by the donor:—

1. To orphan or needy boys who are recommended as worthy by the Boards of Management of the Methodist Children's Homes and Orphanages of New Zealand.
2. To the sons of parents resident in New Zealand whose circumstances would not permit them to pay ordinary fees for Wesley College.
3. To the sons of ordained Ministers, Home Missionaries and local preachers of the N.Z. Methodist Church.

Such a Scholarship would entitle the recipient to board and tuition as a pupil of Wesley College, and could be made available for three years or more if recommended by the Principal. Gifts or bequests of smaller amounts would enable the Board to award Scholarships which, while not securing free board and tuition, would materially assist boys whose parents could not afford to pay full fees.

If so desired, the founders of these Scholarships may select the name by which they wish the Scholarship to be known.

The trusts and purposes upon and for which the Board's lands and College are held are set out in the Methodist Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1911, and its amendments, and are for "the support and upkeep of an Institution or School for the maintenance and education of (a) Children and youth being descendants of the native or Maori race

of New Zealand; (b) Orphan or needy children and youth of any other race being British subjects, provided that the selection of applicants for admission to the said Institution, and the term during which they may enjoy the benefits thereof, shall be at the discretion of the Board; and provided also that moderate and reasonable fees may be charged and taken for maintenance and tuition in cases where there is ability on the part of parents or guardians to pay the same."

The curriculum of the College is on broad educational lines, and the classes are suitably graded up to the Matriculation standard. In addition, boys are given an industrial training in any one or more of the following groups of subjects:—

1. Gardening, orchard-work, bee-keeping, and poultry management.
2. Agriculture, dairying, and breeding and treatment of stock.
3. Technical and mechanical trades and crafts.

The religious education is such as is approved and directed by the Methodist Conference of New Zealand.

The revenues derived from the Board's suburban lands are applied in terms of the Trust, in or towards the maintenance of the College at Paerata, which is conveniently situated 26 miles from Auckland, on a 700-acre block of land, and which has been developed into a magnificent model farm.

The Institution is not carried on for private pecuniary gain, but is maintained entirely for the benefit of the public. It is a general educational Institution, where the special subject agriculture is one of the branches of the general system of education carried on in the establishment, and the Trust is clearly inalienable.

The Trust is administered by a Board of 20 members, who are appointed by the N.Z. Methodist Conference, and whose services are entirely honorary. Many of its members have contributed substantial sums to assist in the establishment of the College.

Statement as to the Trust.

The finances of the Board are such that for many years to come practically the whole of its resources will be required for the development of its suburban estates. The Board is therefore dependent on contributions in the form of gifts or bequests for the development of the College at Paerata until such time as further revenue is available.

It is interesting to note that so many of the best known Institutions in the British Empire have been established and developed through endowments secured in the form of gifts and bequests.

It is the Board's wish to further extend its beneficial help to children who are passing through the various orphanages in the city, and the proposed Scholarship regulations have been adopted with a view to meet this need.

The above information is submitted to you in the hope that it may prove of interest to those who recognise the importance of a sound education based on Christian principles, and the need for further developing such Institutions in this young country.

Gifts and bequests made payable to the Board of the Wesley Training College Trust, Auckland, will receive public acknowledgment."

The general health at the College has been good. The Hospital erected during the year by Mrs. W. H. Smith in memory of her nephew, "Wm. Henry Caughey," has proved of great benefit in isolating cases of infectious sickness, thus preventing epidemics.

College Chapel.

Mrs. Smith has further shown her practical interest in the welfare of the young by offering to erect a College Chapel in permanent material to accommodate 250. This she is doing in memory of her husband, Wm. Henry Smith. The Board has gratefully accepted this munificent

gift, and rejoices that the name of Mr. Smith will be for all time associated with Wesley College. Plans are in course of preparation, and the building will be commenced early in 1928.

It has been found necessary to decline a large number of applicants for enrolment owing to lack of accommodation. From present indications the position will be the same next year, and plans have been prepared to provide what is needed, but lack of finance prevents further development at present. To accomplish what is needed at least £10,000 is required.

The loyal and efficient services of the Principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed., and Mrs Clark are acknowledged and appreciated. The excellent services rendered by the Teaching Staff, the Matron, and others at the College and Farm are also acknowledged.

Old Boys' Association.

An Association of Old Scholars has been formed. As the most important function of such an Association is to further the progress and interests of the College, the Board congratulates those instrumental in its formation.

The College Farm.

S. J. Ambury, Esq., Farm Supervisor. Area, 680 acres. 600 acres are being used for grazing and cropping; approximately 80 acres are taken up by buildings, plantations, playing area, roads, gullies and land that cannot be cultivated.

Stock.

800 sheep besides lambs, 100 head of cattle, 6 farm horses, 30 grown pigs. The Farm is looking well, and continues to respond to regular treatment with suitable fertilisers. The area treated with modern methods of intensive cultivation has proved most valuable in the practical training of scholars. The lambing season has been a good one, and a satisfactory price is anticipated for wool. The season has been excellent for the production of dairy produce, which will largely offset the low prices which ruled during a considerable portion of the year. A pleasing feature of the Farm has been the gradual improvement in the quality of stock. The herd of pedigree Friesian cows is becoming well known among breeders, and is a credit to the Farm. A number of cows have been under official Milking Tests, and prizes for stock have been obtained during the year. The present outlook for farm produce is brighter than at this time last year, and an improvement in the financial result is confidently anticipated.

Properties.

Mr. J. W. Shackelford, J.P., Chairman of Property Committee. The Board's properties are in good condition, and are inspected frequently. The main subdivision of the Waikowhai Property is completed. A number of sections have been leased, and the property has been improved by the houses built. The sale of the Board's properties during the year has been disappointing. This is accounted for by the serious economic depression, which we believe is now behind us. The lack of adequate transportation in the Roskill district has retarded the development of the Board's properties and the district as a whole. The Board is roading and developing its properties as expeditiously as the development and transportation services warrant. Nearly £10,000 has been spent on roading, developing and draining during the last three years. Two concrete roads have just been completed on the Mt. Albert Road Farm property.

Three Kings Property.

The northern frontage and the large number of sections on the western frontage are being offered for lease at an early date. Both the Three Kings property and the Grafton Road property are leased to

good tenants. In connection with the subdivision of the Three Kings property, the Board has set aside, as a Public Reserve, the mountain known as the Big King, also a small bush area near Mt. Albert, Onehunga Road. Steps will be taken to give the necessary legal effect to this action, which has met with warm appreciation by the citizens of Auckland, particularly in view of the fact that the Big King is the only mountain in Auckland which has not been scarred by quarrying operations.

Finance.

Mr. Geo. Winstone, Jnr., Chairman of Finance Committee. The report and balance-sheet for year ending 1927 will be submitted to Conference.

Gifts.

A sum of approximately £150 will be handed to the Trust at an early date by Major G. R. Hutchinson and Colonel C. T. Major, D.S.O., who are Trustees for the Maori Reinforcement Canteen and Comfort Fund. This Fund was established as the result of the public-spirited action of Major Hutchinson during the War, and will be known as the "Maori War Memorial Fund." The Annual Interest will be expended for the exclusive benefit of Maori boys at Wesley College. It is intended to provide a senior and junior agricultural prize, also a special prize for the best Maori pupil, character and qualities of leadership to be of primary consideration. The Board fully appreciates the sentiment attached to the Gift, and is grateful for this recognition of our work for the Maori people.

During the year the Board has sustained a distinct loss in the passing of Mr. T. W. Jones. His loyal and efficient service to the Board, extending over many years, has been recorded. Mr. A. Trenwith has resigned from the Board owing to pressure of other activities. His faithful services are acknowledged. The Board recommends confirmation of the appointment to the Board of Mr. Wm. J. Holdsworth and Dr. H. Belshaw, M.A. (Cambridge), Professor of Economics, Auckland University. The services of all members of the Board are honorary. Members have attended regularly, and their good work is hereby acknowledged. The Chairmen of the various Committees have rendered praiseworthy services to this Trust and to Methodism. It is largely due to them that the Board has functioned efficiently and harmoniously.

Mr. Leonard Knight, F.P.A., the Managing Secretary, and the Board's Engineer, Mr. J. C. Simmonds, B.Sc., have rendered faithful and efficient service. Mr. Thos. B. Arthur is the Board's Agent and Valuer, and Messrs. Peak, Kirker & Newcomb are the Board's Solicitors.

On behalf of the Board,

H. P. R. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

R. C. CLARK, M.A., Dip.Ed.,
Principal of Wesley College.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.,
Managing Secretary and Treasurer.

WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE TRUST REPORT FOR 1927.

The audited Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1927 shows a loss which is regrettable.

The loss on the Farm Working Account is £526 15s. 6d., compared with £1,253 4s. 9d. the previous year. Stock has been taken on a conservative basis. The College exhibits of sheep, cattle and pigs were awarded prizes at the Auckland Provincial Show held last November. This should create an increment in value not disclosed in the stock

valuation. The loss of £115 11s. 6d. on horses and cattle appears heavy, but is incidental to large farming operations. The cost of power £198 19s. 1d., an increase of £49 2s. 2d. The expenditure on seeds and manure is slightly lower. The gross profit on the Dairy is £1,068 19s. 0d., compared with £1,122 1s. 5d. for the year ended December, 1926; on sheep £1,457 7s. 4d., compared with £361 6s. 3d., which is accounted for by the substantial increase in the price of wool, and the good lambing season.

The loss on the College Account is £1,111 2s. 10d., a slight improvement only on the previous year. An additional £90 5s. 9d. has been written off for depreciation. The sums expended on provisions, fuel and light are substantially less than the previous year. Salaries at the College have increased by £616 13s. 6d. This is explained by the fact that the Board determined to have a first-class teaching staff and decided to offer salaries based on the Secondary School Teachers' Schedule. The items under the headings of Sports and Laboratories expenses, which amount this year to £158 15s. 1d., will in future be met by a small levy on the pupils. The school fees received amounted to £4,799 5s. 8d., an increase of £643 12s. 2d. on the previous year.

Interest Account—

The total interest charges amount to £2,680 18s. 8d., an increase of £455 14s. This amount should be reduced in future as the Board has arranged a Long Term Mortgage for £20,000, with the Bank of New Zealand, for a period of twenty years at the rate of six per cent. per annum, thereby effecting a saving of one per cent. per annum on overdraft. The terms of the loan provide for the annual payment of interest and the repayment annually of a portion of the principal. The Deeds of the Grafton Road and the Paerata properties have been lodged as security.

Properties.—

The rents received amount to £4,023 18s. 5d., which is £44 0s. 11d. higher than the previous year. The money spent during the last three years in the formation of roads, drainage and other improvements to the properties, is mainly responsible for the Board's indebtedness to the Bank of New Zealand. Such expenditure was the outcome of a definite policy to develop the suburban properties. The sale of these properties during the year has been disappointing. This is accounted for by the serious economic depression experienced, and the inadequate passenger transport services in the Roskill and Mt. Eden districts. As a result of these conditions, sales have slumped and a number of sections sold have had to be given up by purchasers who have been unable to fulfil their obligations. The subdivision of land at Orakei and surrounding districts near the new railway outlet has depressed the property market in other suburbs. Provided the transport problem is satisfactorily settled, sales should be effected on the Three Kings, Waikowhai and Mount Albert Road properties, which should in the near future largely offset the high annual interest charges. The properties are in the hands of several Agents and no effort is being spared to effect sales. An auction of leases on the Waikowhai property will be held at an early date.

Balance Sheet—

Loans on Fixed Deposits amount to £17,160, an increase of £3,275. Practically all the sums under this heading are from Methodist Connexional Boards.

The live stock, produce and sundry stocks at Paerata amount to £4,659 2s. 7d., an increase of £475 14s. 2d. on the valuation of the previous year.

It is noteworthy that the Capital Account shows a substantial increase as a result of the gift of the Memorial Isolation Hospital and the profit on sales of the Mount Albert Road property.

It has been found difficult to keep down expenditure at the College and on the Farm, as the requirements and improvements necessary in the establishment of a first-class institution are considerable.

A close inspection of the administration will reveal that full value has been obtained for the money expended. Nevertheless, it is unsatisfactory that annual expenditure should exceed income, and the Board will be asked to consider at its next monthly meeting certain proposals calculated to effect improvement in this direction.

H. P. R. CAUGHEY.

The Reports and Financial Statement were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the far-seeing and generous policy set forth in the Report, and of the devoted and efficient services of the Board, in administering the valuable and important Connexional properties under its control.
2. That the Conference places on record its deep appreciation of the valuable work done by Mr. H. P. Caughey, and tenders him its sincere thanks.
3. That the Conference expresses its deep appreciation of the generous gift to Wesley College by Mrs. W. H. Smith of a Chapel in memory of her late husband. The Conference believes that the Chapel will deepen the moral and spiritual influence of the College in the life of the scholars, and that it will provide a beautiful memorial of a devoted life. The Conference conveys to Mrs. Smith its grateful appreciation of her gift.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed., for his valuable and efficient services; to Mrs. Clark for her gracious and effective work in connection with the College; to the members of the Staff; and to the Rev. F. T. Harris for his valuable work as Chaplain.
5. That the Conference records its appreciation of the gift of £150 to the Wesley College Trust by Major G. R. Hutchinson and Colonel C. T., Major, D.S.O., Trustees for the Maori Reinforcement Canteen and Comfort Fund, the annual interest to be expended for the exclusive benefit of Maori boys at Wesley College.
6. That Conference confirms the appointment to the Board of Mr. Wm. J. Holdsworth, and Dr. H. Belshaw, M.A. (Cambridge), Professor of Economics, Auckland University.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Report.

The Committee set up by the Conference of 1927 to consider the question of secondary education for Methodist young people has met several times and studied the suggestion carefully. Every known source of information has been investigated. The educational and economic details have been critically examined.

The Committee is strongly of the opinion that something should be done, but feels that further investigation should be made. A difficulty is seen in the fact that the State makes wide provision for such instruction. Then the existence of good denominational schools to which some of our young people go is a factor to be reckoned

with. Also, by reason of the geographical nature of the Dominion, such schools as we might establish would be regarded as too far away for some scholars to attend.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, the Committee is convinced that something should be done. Letters have been sent to all Circuit Superintendents and to some Departmental Officers. With one or two exceptions the replies were favourable. Difficulties were pointed out, and they are indicated in the preceding paragraph. There is a general consensus of opinion that a Maori Girls' School should be instituted at the earliest possible opportunity. Then again schools in each Island for girls and boys respectively—one for each Island—are recommended.

The Committee feels that the matter should be taken up by the Conference in a practical way, and submits this report, recommending that such action be taken.—A. ASHCROFT, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Committee be thanked for its services and be recommissioned to continue its investigations and to present the results to the Conference of 1929.

That the Committee for 1928 consist of: The President of Conference, Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., E. Drake, W. A. Sinclair, A. B. Chappell, M.A., T. A. Joughin, L. B. Dalby, A. Ashcroft, S. Griffith, and H. Ryan, Prof. Belshaw, Mesdames B. Buttle and J. Armitage, Misses Winstone and Rishworth, Messrs. A. C. Caughey, G. Winstone, Jun., A. Peak, J. Stanton, LL.B., H. P. Caughey, A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., J. E. Astley, J. Trounson, S. J. Ambury, J. W. Court, J. W. Shackelford, R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed., A. J. Buttle, Allan White, R. O. Sinclair, LL.M., C. R. Laws, M.Sc., F. W. Walters (Te Aroha), E. Miller (Thames), T. L. Hames (Hamilton). Convener, Rev. A. Ashcroft.

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

1. SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

A.—REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1927.

In presenting the Annual Report to the Conference, the Board desires to place on record its sense of loss through the death, during the year, of the Lay Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Seed, who, with singular devotion and high ability served the interests of the Supernumerary Fund. It presents to his widow and family very sincere sympathy in their sorrow and prays that Divine consolation may be their portion in their bereavement. The Board elected Mr. George Bowron as Lay Treasurer, and with the approval of the President, appointed Mr. H. P. Lawry, S.M., to fill the vacancy in its membership.

Annuityants, Etc.

During the year we have had reported to us and have recorded the death of three supernumerary ministers who were annuityants on the Fund, also of two wives of supernumerary ministers. Two of the deceased ministers leave widows as annuityants. The last Conference added two ministers to the list of Supernumeraries. There are now 31 Supernumeraries and 42 widows who are annuityants on the Fund,

whilst two orphan children are in receipt of benefits. Satisfactory medical certificates have been presented by three widowers in the active work upon notification of their intention to re-marry.

Finance.

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, duly audited, are presented herewith. By direction of Conference the accounts were closed on 15th December, hence the period covered by the financial statements is only 50 weeks. The statements set forth the income and expenditure for the period named and also the character of the investments. It will be noted that the total income for the period was £11,790 13s. 8d., and the expenditure £7766 19s. 11d. A profit of £984 13s. 9d. resulted from the sale of Inscribed Stock and this sum has been added to the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund. A sum of £4023 13s. 9d. has been added to the Accumulated Funds. These now amount to £131,889 0s 7d, and with the Reserve Fund of £2476 8s 2d make a grand total of £134,365 8s. 9d. The sum of £273 8s. 4d. has been transferred from the Reserve Fund to meet a loss of that amount incurred in the sale of a property mortgaged to the Board.

Of the assets a sum of £102,100 is invested on mortgage, bearing interest at rates ranging from 5½ to 7 per cent.; £29,595 10s. is invested in Government and Local Body securities at interest varying from 4 per cent. to 6½ per cent. The debentures earning 4 per cent were taken over from Australia at the time of separation, and these will very shortly mature. The interest earned for the period under review is £7707 9s. 8d., being an average of £6 0s 3d per cent on the mean funds for the period of 50 weeks or £6 4s 9d per cent per annum. Interest earned exceeded all payments for annuities and furniture grants. The expenses of management have been £308 8s. 11d. The total amount paid as annuities is £7168 17s. 1d., and as furniture grants £240. An amount totalling £11,860 10s. 10d. has been lodged with the Supernumerary Fund Board by the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, the Deaconess Retiring Fund, the Benevolent Fund, the Military Camps Fund, the Removal Expenses Fund, and the South Island Methodist Orphanage.

The Board recommends that in future the accounts be closed on 30th November of each year.

Bequest.

During the year the Board received advice that the late Mr. William Penrose, of Dunedin, had left a legacy to the Supernumerary Fund. The amount has since been ascertained to be £1643 8s. The Executors in the estate have already paid the sum of £643 8s. and the balance of £1000 is expected to be shortly available. This is the first legacy received by the Board, which greatly appreciates the kindly thought of the late Mr. Penrose for the ministers of the Church.

The Board recommends that Conference approve of placing £1200 of the bequest to the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund and the balance to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund.

Subscriptions in Arrears.

The personal subscriptions in arrears, and interest thereon, amounted to £662 13s. 6d. at the date of the balance. This amount included sums due in lieu of circuit levies by ministers who are resting. The following table shows the district distribution of the arrears:—

District.	Arrears.			Interest.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	17	10	0	0	16	11	18	6	11
South Auckland	94	8	1	17	8	5	111	16	6
Taranaki-Wanganui	120	16	3	13	0	4	133	16	7
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	66	2	11	11	4	10	77	7	9
Wellington	45	4	0	7	17	11	53	1	11
Nelson	48	15	0	10	13	8	59	8	8
North Canterbury	71	7	9	21	18	2	93	5	11
South Canterbury	10	15	9	3	1	9	13	17	6
Otago-Southland	84	0	2	17	11	7	101	11	9
Totals	£558	19	11	£103	13	7	£662	13	6

In addition to the foregoing the sum of £400 2s. 5d. is owing for the purchase of benefits and interest thereon. No circuit levies were unpaid at the close of the financial year.

VALUATION OF FUND AND INCREASE OF BENEFITS.

As reported to the Synods, attention has been given by the Board to the request of Conference for a new valuation of the Fund with a view to ascertaining whether it be possible to increase the annuities. The Board reports as follows:—

"That having given full consideration to the recommendation of Conference (Minutes 1927, p. 103, Resolution 5), the Board, in the light of Mr Muter's former reports on the balance-sheets up till December, 1923, and of the warnings he conveyed; in view also of the fact that the rate of interest earned is not likely to increase, and that the existing scale of benefits assumes that there will be no losses sustained by the Fund; and in view further, of the steady increase of benefits since the New Zealand Fund was separated from the Australasian Fund in 1912, the Board expresses its emphatic conviction that the time has not arrived to incur the expense of a new valuation of the Fund."

The foregoing resolution was adopted after consideration of the facts tabulated below:—

PROGRESSIVE BENEFITS.

- 1st Jan., 1912.—N.Z. Fund separated from Australasian Fund.
 1st April, 1913.—Annuities increased by 15 per cent. Second wives admitted without extra payment.
 31st Dec., 1917.—Valuation on 4 per cent basis showed deficiency of £4346.
 1st April, 1920.—Further increase of Annuities 15 per cent, or 17½ per cent on original scale. £8,000 paid into the capital of the Fund. Ministers' Subscriptions and Circuit Levies increased.
 31st Dec., 1920.—Valuation at 4 per cent showed deficiency of £21,746. Valuation at 5 per cent showed surplus of £70.
 1st April, 1920.—Bonus added to 1913 scale of 10 per cent. Total increase of Annuities over 1913 scale of 43½ per cent. Furniture Grants increased £30 to £50, and £50 to £75.
 Annuity 40 years, 1912 rate, £118 3s 10d; 1920 rate, £169 18s 0d.
 Annuity 44 years, 1912 rate, £144 10s 0d; 1920 rate, £207 14s 4d.
 Extracts from Mr Muter's Valuation Report, dated Feb. 7th, 1924.
 Surplus on 5 per cent basis of valuation—£2,774.

"Five per cent interest is a high rate to assume, except for a limited period; and the surplus, £2,774, while quite satisfactory, is a small one, and demands for further increases based on its existence should be firmly resisted by the Board.

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

Mortgages.

The fall in the price of primary products experienced last year and the consequent reduction of land values, and the depression through which the country has been passing, have considerably reduced the value of some of the securities held by the Board. By judicious and careful handling the Fund has been safeguarded against any serious loss, but to provide against possible contingencies the Board recognises the necessity for building up the Reserve Fund as opportunity may permit. Close attention has been given to several cases that were giving concern to the Board, and our position has been strengthened by sanctioning the sale and transfer of several properties on satisfactory terms.

The Board has recognised the necessity for a modification of the rule relating to the amount of loan to be advanced so that arrangements may be made for a larger advance than our regulations now allow when mortgages are foreclosed.

The Board therefore asks the Conference to amend the law relating to "Limitations" concerning investments (as per Law Book, page 139, Rule 9 (b) by an addendum as follows:—N.B.—"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the foregoing Regulation, when a property is sold as the result of a foreclosure of mortgage, the Board may arrange with the purchaser for a larger amount than three-fifths of the then current value to remain on mortgage, and to make the best arrangements possible in the circumstances."

Homes For Supernumerary Ministers.

The matter of propounding a scheme for providing homes for Supernumerary Ministers is dealt with in a separate report attached hereto.

Military Camps Fund.

In August last the Board received from Mr. C. M. Luke the credit balance in the Military Camps Fund to be administered as directed by Conference in the interests of ministers who may suffer disabilities as the result of their war services (Minutes, 1926, page 127). The amount received was £612 19s. 4d., to which is now added £11 0s. 8d. for interest since earned. As directed by Conference £75 was paid to Mr. W. A. Watson, leaving a sum of £549 in the Fund.

Consideration has been given to the case of the Rev. F. T. Read and the Board asks that this be favourably considered by a conjoint meeting of the Conference Military Committee and the Conference Supernumerary Fund Committee.

Ministers Engaged in Military Service.

The question of making special provision for ministers and probationers who were engaged in military service is dealt with in a special report attached hereto.

Benevolent Fund.

Benevolent grants amounting to £189 have been made by the Board to nine different persons, chiefly widows in receipt of very small annuities. The income from this branch of the Fund is derived chiefly from interest on investments and deposits, a grant from the Fire Insurance Fund, and donations. The total assets of the Fund are £1133 14s. 1d.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The position of this Fund is disclosed by the statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance-sheet. The sum of £470 12s. has been paid to ten Home Missionaries, and one agent from the Foreign Mission field, who have retired from the work. An outstanding refund of £13 5s. due to the Home Mission Fund has also been paid.

During the year a statement has been sent to each Home Missionary showing the amount standing to his credit in the books of the Fund. Out of a reported surplus of £770 in the Fund a bonus of £9 per annum from 31st December, 1922, to 31st December, 1926, was placed to the credit of each Home Missionary who had, on the latter date, completed seven years of service. The total amount allocated as bonuses was £522, distributed as follows:—Thirteen men, £36 each; one man, £27; three men, £9 each.

The assets of the Fund have increased by £752 12s. 11d., and now stand at £5411 1s. 5d.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

During the year retiring allowances amounting to £104 8s. 11d. have been paid to four deaconesses who have resigned from the work. Nine contributors to this Fund are in the Foreign Mission field, four in the Maori work, and six are attached to circuits and missions. The contribution made by and on behalf of Deaconesses in the Solomon Islands is £30 per annum in one case, and £40 per annum in eight cases. The contribution for Deaconesses working in our Maori and European circuits is only £10 per annum.

The cash statement shows an income of £1816 0s. 5d. The sum of £1708 8s. 5d. is invested with the Supernumerary Fund Board.

The Board has considered in co-operation with the Deaconess Committee, the question of making better provision for Deaconesses when they retire from the work.

New Offices.

Efforts have been made, but without success, to secure sufficient tenants to warrant the Board in proceeding with the erection of the proposed new Connexional Offices in Worcester Street. The house and garage on the property are still let. The Board has secured by deed a right-of-way ten feet wide running along the western boundary of the property.

Board for 1928.

The following are nominated as the Board for 1928:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. Baumber, J. Guy, S. Lawry, W. Greenslade,

and Messrs G. Bowron (Treasurer), A. F. Drayton, A. Borrows, P. W. Sharpe, H. W. Heslop, H. P. Lawry, and a minister to be nominated at the Conference.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

WM. BAUMBER,

Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT

GEORGE BOWRON

Treasurers.

Christchurch,

23rd January, 1928.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Supernumerary Fund, the Cash Statement and Balance-sheet of the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, the Cash Statement and Balance-sheet of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, and the Cash Statement and Balance-sheet of the Deaconess Retiring Fund and the Cash Statement of the Military Camps Fund be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
3. That the Conference tenders its sincere sympathy to the widow and family of the late Mr. W. H. Seed, and places on record its high appreciation of the services he rendered to the Supernumerary Fund with singular devotion and ability as a member of the Board and as Lay Treasurer for many years.
4. That the Conference expresses appreciation of the generous bequest of the late Mr. William Penrose, of Dunedin, to the Supernumerary Fund, and tenders to Mrs. Penrose and her family its sympathy in their bereavement.
5. That the Conference approves of the proposal of the Board to place £1200 of the Penrose Bequest to the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund and the balance to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund.
6. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Management for its services during the past year, and that the following be the members for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. Baumber, J. Guy, S. Lawry, W. Greenslade, and Messrs. George Bowron (Treasurer), A. F. Drayton, A. Borrows, P. W. Sharpe, H. W. Heslop, H. P. Lawry, and the Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.
7. That the Board be authorised in future to close the accounts of the Fund on November 30th in each year.
8. That the following Addendum be added to the law relating to "Limitations" concerning investments (as per Law Book, page 139, Rule 9 (b): "N.B.—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the foregoing Regulation, when a property is sold as the result of a foreclosure of mortgage, the Board may arrange with the purchaser for a larger amount than three-fifths of the then current value to remain on mortgage, and to make the best arrangements possible in the circumstances."
9. That the Supernumerary Fund Board be empowered to erect the new Connexional Offices when it deems the time opportune, provided that the proposal for such erection be approved by a 75 per cent vote of the Board—the plans and specifications of the proposed building to be submitted to the Church Building and Loan Fund for consideration.

10. The Conference places on record its appreciation of the long and faithful services rendered to the Church by Mr. J. C. Prudhoe, and directs that a letter conveying this appreciation be sent to Mrs. Prudhoe.

B.—SPECIAL REPORT.

ON HOMES FOR SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS.

Earnest and sympathetic consideration has been given to the recommendation of the Taranaki-Wanganui Synod regarding the provision of homes for ministers on their Superannuation. It is fully recognised that changed economic conditions have rendered more acute the difficulties of providing for home acquirement by ministers upon relinquishing active service. The whole question has been viewed from various angles and the suitability of several schemes has been considered.

The Board recognises that many ministers find their resources well taxed in paying subscriptions to the Supernumerary Fund as well as in meeting life insurance premiums and other commitments. It feels that the success of any scheme for home acquirement for supernumeraries would depend upon the subsidising by the Church of the personal payments of ministers. An increase in Connexional levies upon the circuits is felt to be at present undesirable. Unless assistance can be secured from some other Connexional source it does not appear practicable to inaugurate any Home Acquirement Fund.

If the ministers would pay a small quarterly subscription of, say, £1, and the Fire Insurance Board would subsidise such payment by a contribution of, say, 10s. per quarter for each minister subscribing to a Home Acquirement Fund, a sound scheme would be practicable.

The tables given below set forth clearly the amounts that would be produced by the quarterly investment of varying sums at the rate of 5 per cent. and 6 per cent. per annum, and the two examples given illustrate the prospective benefit that would accrue in the course of time.

Table Showing the Approximate Values of the Investment of £6, £7, £8, Respectively, Per Annum, at Different Periods of Years.

			Interest at 5 p.c. per annum.			Interest at 6 p.c. per annum.		
			£6.	£7.	£8.	£6.	£7.	£8.
10 years	..	..	75	88	100	79	92	106
15 years	..	..	129	150	172	139	163	186
20 years	..	..	198	231	264	221	257	294
25 years	..	..	286	334	382	329	384	439
30 years	..	..	398	465	531	474	553	632
35 years	..	..	542	632	722	669	780	891
40 years	..	..	724	845	966	928	1083	1238
45 years	..	..	958	1118	1277	1276	1489	1702

The above calculations are made on the assumption that payments would be made yearly in advance, but as the contributions are paid in quarterly instalments not in advance, the periods named in the tables above would be exceeded by several months. The results tabulated would, of course, be subject to some reasonable deduction to cover office working expenses.

The net results to be anticipated would probably be somewhere in the vicinity of an interest earning basis of five and one-half per cent.,

more or less. Obviously this depends entirely upon the rate of interest in the future, though at the present value of money the result would probably be very close to a six per cent. basis.

Subject to the above considerations the probable benefits accruing will be made clear by the following examples:—

1. A minister having paid £4 per annum with a £2 subsidy from the Church, for 40 years and then becoming a permanent supernumerary would, on a 5 per cent. interest earning basis, be entitled to receive approximately £724, and on a 6 per cent. basis, £928. If he paid £6 per annum, plus the subsidy, he would receive approximately £966 on a 5 per cent. basis and £1238 on a 6 per cent. basis.
2. A minister dying after having paid £4 per annum, with a £2 subsidy from the Church, for say, 30 years, his legal representatives would be entitled to receive on a 5 per cent. basis approximately £398, and on a 6 per cent. basis £474, whilst if he paid £5 per annum, plus the subsidy, the amounts would be £465 or £553 according to the interest earning basis.

We therefore recommend:—

1. That a "Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund" be formed, to which ministers joining such Fund would pay a subscription of not less than £4 per annum on the understanding that the Fire Insurance Board agrees to make a contribution of £2 per annum for each subscribing member of the Fund.
2. That if the scheme now suggested be approved by the Conference the following be the rules and regulations of the said Fund:—

Rules and Regulations.

1. The name of the Fund shall be "The Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund."
2. The chief object of the Fund shall be to assist in providing homes for ministers when they become permanent Supernumeraries.
3. The Fund shall be managed by the Board of the Supernumerary Fund, subject to the direction of Conference.
4. The Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund shall be the Treasurers of the Fund.
5. The Board shall keep the accounts, have them audited annually, and shall submit to each Conference a financial statement and report as to the position of the Fund.
6. The income of the Fund shall consist of:—
 - (a) A subscription of not less than £4 per annum payable by each member of the Fund.
 - (b) A contribution of £2 per annum for each member of the Fund from the Fire Insurance Fund.
 - (c) Interest from the investment of the funds.
 - (d) Voluntary donations or bequests.
 - (e) Moneys derived from any other source.
7. Members of the Fund may contribute on a larger scale than £4 per annum and thereby secure a proportionately larger benefit, but such larger contribution shall not carry any increased subsidy.
8. Every probationer admitted into the Methodist Church of New Zealand after the date of the establishment of the Fund, shall as a con-

dition of admission, become a member of the Fund. Every Minister or probationer received prior to the said date may at his option become a member of the Fund. Any minister, who, after the said date may be received into full connexion with the Methodist Church of New Zealand in the terms of paragraph 81 of the Law Book, or on transfer for another Conference, may at his option become a member of the Fund.

9. The personal subscriptions of members and the contributions of the Fire Insurance Fund shall be due in equal quarterly instalments on the last day of March, June, September and December of each year. Personal subscriptions shall be forwarded to the Treasurers direct by members of the Fund, and it shall not be obligatory upon the Treasurers to issue accounts for subscriptions falling due.

10. The interest upon payments to the Fund shall be calculated every year at the average rate realised on the investments of the Fund for that year, and shall be compounded yearly.

11. The working expenses of the Fund shall be a charge upon its income.

12. Should the examination of the Fund from time to time disclose a surplus from forfeited benefits under Rule 22 below; or from sources indicated in Rule 6, clauses (d) and (e) then such surplus shall, after setting aside a Reserve Fund as the Board may deem desirable, be used to increase by bonus, pro rata, the amount standing to the credit of members of the Fund provided that only the interest derived from sources indicated in Rule 6, clauses (d) and (e) shall be available for bonus distribution.

13. The Board shall settle all claims in connection with the Fund, and in case of any dispute arising regarding any payment the decision of the Board shall be final.

14. A certificate shall be issued by the Treasurers of the Fund to each member showing the amount to his credit at the end of each third year after the end of the year in which the Fund was first instituted.

15. The Board shall hold a portion of the funds in liquid securities so as to have available sufficient to provide for all probable claims and shall invest any balance in securities of the same class and under the same conditions as are provided in respect of the Supernumerary Fund subject to the provisions laid down in Rule 17 below.

16. The Board shall have power to borrow from time to time any sum of money that may be required for the effective carrying on of the Fund, and to give security in the name of the Fund for the payment of principal and interest or other charges upon the Fund.

17. The Board shall have power to invest with any approved Permanent Building Societies any sum or sums belonging to this Fund, provided that not more than £5000 in the aggregate shall be invested with any one Building Society.

18. Any member of the Fund may obtain a loan, subject to the approval by the Board of the purpose to which the proposed loan is to be applied, at any time after he has completed ten years' contributions to the Fund, but such loan shall not exceed one-half of the amount standing to his credit in the books of the Fund. Interest on the amount so borrowed shall be paid half-yearly at the current bank-rate, and all personal contributions shall continue to be regularly paid on the due dates. In default of interest being promptly paid interest on arrears shall be charged at the rate of 7½ per cent.

19. A member of the Fund shall have the right, should he so desire, after having completed thirty-five years' service in the ministry, to receive the amount standing to his credit in the books of the Fund provided that the amount so received shall be applied for securing a home for his use upon becoming a permanent supernumerary.

20. If any member of the Fund is appointed to a Connexional Office, Institution or Department where a home is not provided by the Connexion he shall have the option of drawing the amount standing to his credit in the books of the Fund.

21. If a member of the Fund dies before becoming a permanent Supernumerary the amount standing to his credit in the books of the Fund shall be paid to his legal representatives.

22. Any member of the Fund ceasing to be a Minister or probationer of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for any reason other than ill-health shall be paid only the amount of his personal contributions with compound interest thereon, or otherwise in special cases as the Board may determine. In the event of retirement through ill-health the member shall be entitled to the full benefits of the fund.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

WM. BAUMBER,
Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, }
GEORGE BOWRON, } Treasurers.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference having sanctioned the appropriation by the Fire Insurance Board out of its profits of such sum not exceeding £250 per annum as may be required to make a contribution of £2 per annum for each subscribing member of a Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund, such appropriation to be for the next seven years commencing on April 1, 1928, a Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund be established as from the said date, to which Fund Ministers joining the same shall pay a subscription of not less than £4 per annum. It is understood that the Fire Insurance Board shall review the position prior to the expiration of the period named and shall report thereon to the Conference.
2. That the Rules and Regulations of the Fund, as set forth in the Report, be adopted.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board and especially to its lay Treasurer, Mr. George Bowron, for the painstaking study given to the question of the Acquirement of Homes for Superannuating Ministers, and for evolving the scheme now adopted by the Conference.

C. SPECIAL REPORT
ON
MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS WHO ENGAGED
IN MILITARY SERVICE.

Ministers Suffering War Disabilities.

The Board has given full consideration to the recommendation of Conference concerning provision for ministers suffering from war disabilities. The Board has no accumulated capital from which it can make a grant to supplement the amount in the Military Camps Fund.

The Board asks attention for the following facts relating to ministers and probationers who engaged in military service:—

(1) In the year 1919 forms for medical Reports were sent to each Minister and Probationer who in any capacity had been engaged in military service. Not counting those who have since died or resigned from the ministry, sixteen reports were filled up by duly qualified medical men and returned to the Secretary of the Supernumerary Fund Board. These are filed in the office.

(2) The medical Reports show that in the judgment of the medical men ten cases showed "no permanent disability." In six cases there was more or less disability which might affect the period of ministerial service. Three ministers and three Probationers did not return the medical forms, and it may be assumed that in these cases there was no serious disability.

(3) To add in each case a year of annuity for each year of military service not exceeding three would require a total sum of £1747 11s 3d. The amount required for each individual, and for each class of individuals, is set out in the accompanying tables.

(4) It may be assumed that in cases where 40 years' ministerial service is rendered, there is no disability for which it is necessary for this Board to make provision. The difference in the annuity for thirty-seven years and forty years' service is £22 9s.

(5) It may be worth while to call to remembrance the fact that with the exception of those chaplains who were receiving salaries from their circuits as well as military pay, all Ministers and Probationers had their personal subscriptions as well as the Circuit Levy paid into the Fund during each year of service, and consequently there was no loss of status in their relation to this Fund.

(6) In several cases a considerable period was spent in the Training Camps, where conditions were hardly likely to add materially to the risks of health. In addition to those named in the Tables, Revs. H. Daniel and R. B. Gosnell spent some time as Y.M.C.A. secretaries, but there is in their cases no medical report.

In the light of these facts the Board makes the following recommendations:—

1. That the Conference affirm the principle that no exceptional provision be made:—

- (a) For those ministers whose medical report in 1919 disclosed no permanent disability;
- (b) Who failed to supply any medical report;
- (c) Whose period of Ministerial Service covers forty years or more.

2. That the Conference authorise the Supernumerary Fund Board to transfer from the Military Camps Fund to the General Supernumerary Fund the sum of £481 14s 10d, that being the amount required to secure three years' additional annuity for the five ministers named in Table 1 as showing War disabilities, and as not being disqualified under the preceding suggestion, and that in each case three years be added to their status in relation to the Supernumerary Fund.

3. That no additional annuity provided under number 2 shall operate so as to secure to anyone therein referred to any larger annuity than that named in the regular scale (including bonus) for a Minister of forty years' service.

N.B.—The adoption of these recommendations will leave a balance of £67 5s 2d in the Fund to meet special cases.

I. MEDICAL REPORTS SHOW DISABILITIES.

Names	Years in Ministry. (Conf. 1928).	Years of Military Service.	Amt. required to buy additional Annuity.		
			£	s	d
William Grigg	40	3	105	0	0
Henry L. Blamires	32	3	105	5	5
Arthur J. Seamer	25	3	113	16	2
William Walker	16	3	92	8	11
Oswald Burnet	14	3	85	2	2
Francis T. Harris	14	3	85	2	2
			586	14	10
Less amount for W. Grigg, who has forty years' service			105	0	0
			£481	14	10

II. MEDICAL REPORTS SHOW NO DISABILITY.

Names	Years in Ministry. (Conf. 1928).	Years of Military Service.	Amt. required to buy additional Annuity.		
			£	s	d
Frederick T. Read (super)	38	2	63	12	2
Charles H. Olds	18	1	31	0	3
Leslie B. Neale	17	3	99	7	6
Frederick B. Lawrence ..	16	3	92	9	0
Arthur A. Bensley	15	3	88	16	10
Harold T. Peat	15	2	58	1	3
Edwin T. Olds	13	3	81	5	2
George E. Brown (Y.M. Sec.)	12	2	50	17	2
William T. Blight	11	2	48	15	2
Samuel J. Werren	14	2	55	9	11
			£669	14	5

III. NO REPORTS RETURNED.

Names	Years in Ministry. (Conf. 1928).	Years of Military Service.	Amt. required to buy additional Annuity.		
			£	s	d
Arthur Mitchell	38	3	105	10	0
W. B. Scott	21	2	71	6	9
William Lea	17	2	73	15	11
Percy I. Cooke	13	3	81	5	2
Henry J. Odeil	13	3	81	5	2
Charles H. Kendon	12	3	77	19	0
			£491	2	0

WM. BAUMBER,

Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, {
GEORGE BOWRON, } Treasurers.Christchurch,
23rd January, 1928.

N.B.—The name of the Rev. A. Hopper, who served one year, was inadvertently omitted for the list in Group III.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Supernumerary Board for the careful consideration given to the claims of members suffering war disabilities.
2. That the Report and the following recommendations from the Military Committee be referred to the Supernumerary Board for consideration and report to next Conference:—
 - (a) That, while approving generally of the principle laid down in the proposals of the Board, we recommend that the names of the Revs. W. Grigg, F. T. Read and L. B. Neale be included in Class I.
 - (b) That if in the future, a Minister who has been on active service (and who is not included in Class I.) suffer from any disability traceable to such service, he shall be regarded as belonging to this class, and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits.

2—CHILDREN'S FUND.

Report for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

The number of children on the Fund for the year is as follows:—

Auckland District	40
South Auckland	22
Taranaki-Wanganui	30
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	16
Wellington	25
Nelson	9
North Canterbury	33
South Canterbury	10
Otago-Southland	32

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These figures show a decrease of 12 on the previous year.

The number of births reported during 1927 has been in excess of those removed from the Fund owing to reaching the age limit, and we estimate that there are 226 claimants at present.

As directed by Conference, we have paid £100 to the estate of the late Rev. A. Reader.

The Circuit Levies for the year were £1998 9s 2d, and outgoings £1960 8s 6d, leaving a balance on the year's working of £38 0s 8d.

We are of opinion that payments will be in excess slightly of the Circuit Levies this year, but we suggest that the Levy be the same as last year—8½ per cent.—and the difference could be paid out of the credit balance of the Fund.

E. W. A. KELLOW ;
E. S. EMMITT ; Treasurers.

The Report and Balance-Sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Treasurers, Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., and Mr. E. W. A. Kellow, be thanked for their services.
2. That the Treasurers for 1928 be the Rev. E. D. Patchett and Mr. E. W. A. Kellow.
3. That the following be the Consultative Committee:—The Chairman of the District, the Superintendent Minister of the Wellington South Circuit, Messrs. J. C. Hemery and R. C. Riddell.

3.—CONTINGENT FUND.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the following be the Consultative Committee:—The Contingent Fund Treasurers, the Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., and A. F. Drayton.
2. That the best thanks of Conference be presented to Mr. Isaac Wilson, A.P.A.N.Z., for his services as Auditor, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That the Levy for 1928 be 8 per cent.
4. That the Treasurers refund the full travelling expenses to Conference of Candidates for the Ministry, as detailed by the Rules of the Equalisation Fund.
5. That the Treasurers pay any balance of the similar travelling expenses of Deaconesses attending Conference for dedication, after deducting the amount received on their account from the collection at the dedication service.
6. That the following be substituted for Reg. 6 (a), in Minutes, 1922, page 21:—That Circuits from which a Minister or Probationer is temporarily withdrawn, and to which in his stead, a Home Missionary or Supply is appointed, shall pay the Contingent Fund levies on the basis of the current stipend paid to that Home Missionary or Supply.
7. That such members of the Consultative Committee as are present at the Conference, together with three who shall be nominated at the beginning of Conference, be a Committee to consider all matters affecting disbursements from this Fund.

8. That all proposals for grants from the Fund shall first be considered by this Committee before being ratified by Conference.

9. The following grants were authorised:—

Spiritual Advance Committee, up to	£50
Deaconess Fund	75
Theological College	740
Connexional Secretary's Office	200
Special Grant for Affliction	35
Special Grant to Y.M.C.A. in Camps	50
(If a similar grant is made from the H.M. Fund.)	

£1150

10. That the expenses of the Supply in the Blenheim Circuit for Rev. F. Bateup be paid according to the rule in the case of Disabled Ministers, half by the Contingent Fund and half by the Home Mission Fund, for such time as is necessary.

11. That the Treasurers, the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., and Mr J. H. Blackwell, be thanked for their services and re-appointed.

4.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND REPORT FOR 1927.

The Committee work of this Fund for 1927 has been comparatively light, and it would have been much lighter still if those who are most concerned in its payments had given ordinary care and seen to it that Rule 10 was complied with, viz.:—"All accounts for removal expenses shall be submitted to the Treasurers with vouchers." Neglect of this Rule throws a deal of correspondence work upon the Treasurers, and they intimate their intention to be less lenient on this point in future.

This is the third year of the Fund's working. It was anticipated at the inception of the Fund that the first five years would be largely an experiment. It is, therefore, recommended that the levy again be 2 per cent. on stipends and £4 per annum on Departments for each Minister employed.

The year commenced with a credit balance of £1430 3s. 3d.; this now stands at £903 7s. 3d., with £416 13s. 11d. outstanding (this, of course, is a perfectly good account) at September 30th, 1927.

The money is held as follows:—£700 11s. 6d. on deposit with the Supernumerary Fund Board; £202 15s. 9d. at the Post Office Savings Bank; and a current account balance at the Bank of New Zealand.

The total cost of removals in 1927 was £850 3s. 11d. The sum of £234 17s. 11d. was advanced to Ministers removing, and the accommodation was much appreciated by those concerned.

The balance-sheet will be presented at Conference.

The Committee feels that too great a responsibility is thrown upon it for decision in the 1927 Conference Resolution No. 2 with regard to paying for the removal of motor cars, viz.:—"Except in exceptional cases, to be determined by the Committee." The Committee recommends the deletion of this clause of the resolution, as in its judgment this is a matter for the Circuits concerned to deal with.

The question of sleeping berths, as referred back by Conference for reconsideration by your Committee, has been inquired into. The Committee again recommends that a Minister's wife and little children be granted the expense of a sleeper on the train when the removal necessitates the full journey being taken between Auckland and Wellington provinces.

The following are recommended as the 1928 Committee:—Revs. W. Greenslade, the Minister of Durham Street Church, A. Liversedge, H. L. Blamires, B. J. James, H. J. Odell.

Messrs. A. A. Sandford, M. Kershaw, Frank Thompson, W. Dobbs, H. W. Heslop, and C. A. Newman.

Treasurers—Rev. B. J. James and Mr. A. A. Sandford.

Convener—Rev. B. J. James.

WM. GREENSLADE, Chairman of District.
B. J. JAMES, Convener.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Rule 6, Book of Laws, page 159, be altered by the addition of the words: (a) "That a Minister's wife and little children be granted the expense of a sleeper on the train when the removal necessitates a night journey." (b) "The Removal Expenses Fund provides for household removals, but makes no provision for motor-cars; but, where a car is needed in the work of a Circuit, and no car provided, if the incoming minister possesses a car, the expenses of removal from island to island shall be met by the Circuit concerned."
2. That the levy for 1928 be 2 per cent.
3. That the Committee, as nominated in the Report, be appointed.
4. That the Rev. B. J. James be thanked for his past services as Convener, and that the Rev. A. Liversedge be Convener for 1928.
5. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. A. Hay and Mr. A. A. Sandford, be thanked for their past services, and that the Rev. B. J. James and Mr. A. A. Sandford be the Treasurers for 1928.

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

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS—REPORT FOR 1927.

Semi-Jubilee.

The year 1927 is notable as the semi-jubilee year of the Mission in the Solomons. It has been commemorated by special services both in the Home Church and on the Mission Field. The Deputation from New Zealand to convey the greetings of the Church in the home-land to the Native Church consisted of the Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., Secretary of the Conference, and Mr. J. W. Court, Missionary Treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Jenkins represented the Missionary Society of Australasia. The celebrations on the Mission Field were of a most successful character, reports of which have appeared in "The Methodist Times" and "The Open Door." The official report of the Deputation will be presented to Conference.

Dr. E. G. Sayers.

The outstanding event of the year has been the outgoing of our first doctor to the Mission Field. After a successful career at the London School of Tropical Medicine, Dr. Sayers returned to New Zealand, paid a flying visit to the chief centres in connection with the Young Men's Bible Class Movement, and then left with the Deputation for the Solomons. Reports already received describe the large numbers of natives who are flocking to the doctor for advice.

The erection of the Helene Goldie Hospital as a base of operations for Dr. Sayers must soon be undertaken. The sum of £1600 is in hand for this purpose, but at least £2500 will be required. A special appeal for the medical work must be made next year.

Dr. Clifford James.

Early in the year Dr. Clifford James left for England to enter the London School of Tropical Medicine. Dr. James has passed the School examination with distinction, and has gained the Diploma of Tropical Medicine. He is remaining for a period to gain further experience in England and in the East. On his return to New Zealand next year he will visit the chief centres in the interests of the medical work of the Mission and later in the year will leave for the Mission Field.

Nurse Edna White.

Nurse Edna White, who was dedicated at the last Conference, left soon after for the Solomons, where she is already rendering much valued service.

Missionaries on Furlough.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Brown are now on furlough in New Zealand on completion of their first term of service in the Solomons. Mr. Brown is acting as Deputation in the South Island, and will return to the field early in the New Year.

Sister Lina Jones is also on furlough after three and a half years of service at the head station at Roviana. Miss Jones has done excellent work in introducing modern kindergarten methods into the Mission schools. After the usual furlough she will return to her work at Roviana.

Death of Mrs. Chivers.

On April 8th Mrs. E. F. Chivers, the wife of our late engineer, passed away in the Solomons, as the result of an attack of black-water from which she was the first white worker to die on the field during the whole history of the Mission. Mrs. Chivers was greatly loved by the natives and the white workers, and her death on the eve of her return to New Zealand was particularly sad. Mr. Chivers, after several years of valuable service on the Mission Field, has returned to New Zealand and entered into business.

Rev. W. W. Avery and Deputation Work.

While many persons both ministerial and lay have rendered assistance in connection with Deputation work, special mention must be made of the work of the Rev. W. W. Avery. The Eltham Circuit very generously released Mr. Avery for a month for Deputation purposes, his Circuit work being taken by a student from the Theological College. Very favourable reports have been received from the Circuits visited by Mr. Avery, and the best thanks of the Missionary Society are tendered to him for valuable help given.

Deputation for 1928.

The Revs. A. A. Bensley and A. H. Cropp are due for furlough in 1928. Definite dates for their furloughs have not yet been arranged, but it is expected that Mr. Cropp will be the Deputation for the North Island where there has not been a Deputation from the Field for two years.

Native Boys and Wesley College, Paerata.

Early in the year Belshazzar Gina and Silesi Fotu, boys from the Solomons were received into Wesley College, Paerata. The education of these boys in New Zealand is regarded as an experiment and results will be carefully watched. Satisfactory reports have been received of their progress and conduct.

Publications.

The circulation of "The Open Door" and "The Lotu," is being well maintained. The quarterly issue of "The Open Door" is 5250 copies, and of "The Lotu" 6250. Considerable improvements have been effected in "The Lotu," the number of pages having been increased and a dash of colour introduced on the cover page. It is hoped that the improvements in the paper may lead to an enlarged circulation and its introduction into every Sunday School.

Moving Pictures.

The motion picture "The Transformed Isle" has been much in demand during the year. The new motion picture "Tonga To-day" has been exhibited in several places, but it has not been used sufficiently to make it remunerative. The Board will shortly be considering some method of making more constant use of these pictures.

Story of the Mission.

The story of the Solomon Islands Mission is being written by the Rev. J. F. Goldie. Progress is being made with the work, and it is hoped that the manuscript may be ready for submission to the publishers during the next year.

Special Gifts.

In addition to legacies, a special gift of 10 shares in the C.S.R. Co. has been received from an anonymous donor; the income from the shares to be devoted to the medical work. Another special gift of £100 has been received from a subscriber who wishes to remain anonymous. In this case the interest is to be returned annually as "In Memoriam, the late E. H. Penny, Blenheim." To all these donors the thanks of the Board of Missions are tendered.

Finance.

The amount received by the General Treasurers up to October 17th is £7547 10s. 10d. This is £500 more than was received at the same date last year, but remittances in 1926 were exceptionally late. The following special amounts have been received:—Grant from Wai-kawau Trust for electric light at Senga, £150; Anonymous gift of Farmers Trading Co. debentures, £100 (cashed by F.T. Co.), and the following legacies: the late R. W. Neal, Onehunga, £50; the late W. F. Cheverton, Timaru, £366 13s. 4d. (part payment); the late Rev. John Smith, Auckland, £10; the late Eliza Ward, Tai Tapu, £25; the late E. Holdgate, Timaru, £50.

Thanks.

The best thanks of the Board of Missions are tendered to all who have assisted our Missionary work either by monetary contributions or service rendered. Without the aid of a large body of voluntary workers in the Circuits, the work on the foreign field would soon come to a close. Special mention must be made of the splendid service rendered by the Women's Auxiliaries.

The General Treasurers, the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court, have carried out their duties in their usual efficient manner.

H. RANSTON, President of the Conference.
W. A. SINCLAIR, General Secretary.

THE TREASURERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1927.

The Treasurers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand beg to present the following summary of the financial statements presented to the Annual Meeting of the Board.

The income of the General Fund from New Zealand contributions is £11,800 17s. 11d., being nearly £800 more than last year, but £1200 less than the amount asked for at the last annual meeting. The Solomon Islands District was asked to contribute £4000, and has reported an income of £4519 7s. 11d., which is £240 more than was raised in 1926.

The expenditure in the Solomon Islands has increased from £14,985 in 1926 to £16,448 16s. in 1927. The expenditure in New Zealand has increased from £1911 to £2311 19s. 1d., the increase being due to the larger sum that has had to be paid for interest. The year's working shows an unfavourable balance of £2149 11s. 6d., and this, after credit has been taken for £408 17s. 9d. interest charged to Banga Plantation account but not collected. The deficiency on the general fund is now £3487 10s. 4d.

Legacies and contributions to special objects amount to £1831 7s. 4d. Particulars of these sums and of the funds to which they are allocated appear in the various statements presented to the Board and will be printed in the annual report.

The Banga Plantation account shows an increased income from sales of produce, the amount being £1241 18s. 9d. The deficiency on the year's working is £267 16s. 11d. Interest to the amount of £408 17s. 9d. has been added, bringing the total deficit to £8837 11s. 10d.

A new house has been built in Bilua at a cost of £964 0d. 9d. This includes installation of electric light, tanks, concrete drainage, etc. Of this amount £710 has been paid. The remainder may be demanded at any time.

The Balance Sheet shows the Capital Account to be overdrawn to the extent of £252 15s. 4d.

G. T. MARSHALL
J. W. COURT.

23/1/28

The Report and Financial Statement were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That a Probationer be appointed to the Roviana Circuit, to reside at Kokengolo, to act as assistant to the Chairman of the District.
2. That Mr. F. H. Hayman, who has completed three years' training in the Theological College, is recommended for appointment to a Circuit, and has volunteered for missionary service, be accepted as a missionary.

ESTIMATES OF INCOME.

3. That the following be the Estimates of Income for 1928:—

New Zealand	...	...	£13,500
Solomon Islands	...	...	4,500
			£18,000

4. That the expenditure on the Mission Field be limited to £15,000 exclusive of amounts voted from the Equipment or other Special Fund.

5. That Conference sanction the sale or lease of the Banga Coconut Plantation, if, after consultation with the Chairman of the District, the Board deems it advisable to sell or lease.
6. (a) The Conference having carefully and prayerfully considered the work and the financial position of the Missionary Society, rejoices in the reports from the Mission Field telling of spiritual blessings and advance, is deeply impressed with the urgent need of entering the many open doors, particularly in Bougainville, and while recognising the difficult state of its finances, is not prepared to recommend to the Church retrenchment and withdrawal of workers, but with a firm faith in God and confidence in the missionary spirit of the Church challenges the Church in New Zealand to face its responsibility for the evangelisation of the people of the Solomons, and by prayer, sacrifice and effort provide the necessary means for carrying the work to a triumphant conclusion.

The members of the Conference consecrate themselves afresh to the sacred task committed to them, assured that God is able to make all grace abound to those who faithfully obey and courageously serve.

- (b) That a letter signed by the President of the Conference be sent to every Minister, Home Missionary, and Circuit Missionary Secretary calling their attention to the financial condition of the Missionary Society and urging that every possible effort be made to increase very considerably the missionary income this year.
 - (c) That selected Ministers and Laymen be appointed by the District Missionary Committees to assist in deputation work and organising in the Circuits.
 - (d) That in view of the rapidly growing need of our Solomon Islands Mission and the need for extensive and intensive work in that field the Conference directs that a special missionary effort be made throughout the Connexion in 1929 with a view to raising permanently the missionary spirit of the Church.
 - (e) That the Rev. J. F. Goldie be released from the Solomons for the greater part of the year to assist in this appeal.
 - (f) That the Board be instructed to give special attention to the arrangements for such special effort, and that a report be presented to the Synods setting forth its propaganda.
7. Helena Goldie Hospital—
- (a) That the Helena Goldie Hospital be erected at Roviana on a site to be selected by the Chairman and Dr. Savers.
 - (b) That the Chairman of the District, in consultation with Dr. Savers, present to the Board a comprehensive report on the proposal for the erection of the Helena Goldie Hospital, together with plans and specifications of the building ; that after receiving a satisfactory report, plans, etc., the Board be authorised to proceed with the scheme.
 - (c) That the Medical Fund be called "The Medical Mission and Hospital Fund."
 - (d) That decision as to Dr. James' headquarters be deferred until he has been able to visit Choiseul and Bougainville, and in consultation with the Chairman and Dr. Savers recommends to the Board, through the Synod, a medical policy for that portion of the Mission Field.
 - (e) That the Chairman be communicated with regarding the possibility of obtaining a subsidy for the medical work to be carried on by Dr. James.
8. That the Mission Synod be directed to consider the question of constituting Bougainville and Buka a separate Circuit, and to recommend any adjustments in appointments involved.

9. That a Conference Missionary Committee be appointed to sit during the sessions of the Conference, to consider—
 - (a) Missionary income from the Circuits.
 - (b) Circuits failing to forward missionary money promptly.
 - (c) Methods of organisation at the Home Base.
 - (d) Arrangements for deputation work.
 The Committee to consist of Chairmen of Districts, District Secretaries, Members of Women's Auxiliaries who are members of the Conference and such others as may be appointed.
10. The Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of the valuable work of the Women's Missionary Union and the Women's Auxiliaries and thanks all who have assisted during the past year. It urges all Circuits to establish branches of the Auxiliary, and where this is not possible, to hold at least one meeting of women during the year in the interests of missions.
11. The Conference endorses the recommendations of the Women's Missionary Conference with regard to the establishment of a Girls' Training School in the Solomons as soon as financial provision can be made.
12. That during the year plans of the school be obtained together with the estimated cost of building, equipping and staffing the school.
13. The Conference thankfully acknowledges the valuable work already done in the translation of portions of the Scriptures and requests the Mission Synod to give careful consideration to the possibility of supplying the native church in the near future with further portions of the Scriptures in the native languages, and asks that a report on the whole question of the translation of the Scriptures be presented to the next annual meeting of the Board of Missions.
14. That our educational policy in the Solomons receive special consideration during the year. That steps be taken to collect information of the needs and conditions in the whole field and the work at present undertaken; and that missionary educational methods in other lands be studied; with a view to a clear policy in educational work.
15. That the question of guardianship of any orphan or other native child being vested, not in any individual worker of the Mission, but in the Mission authorities, be referred to the Mission Synod for consideration.
16. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. A. N. Scotter and Mr. J. W. Court for valuable services rendered as the special deputation to the Mission Field in connection with the semi-jubilee of the Mission.
17. That the following addition be made to Paragraph 7 (Furlough Regulations): That when deputation work is not undertaken (except for medical or other satisfactory reasons) furlough shall be three months.
18. That the question of making representations to the Australasian Commonwealth Government and the High Commissioner in Fiji with regard to Governmental responsibility for educational and medical work in the Solomons be given careful consideration by the Board during the year.
19. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the following anonymous donors.
 1. For the gift of ten shares in the C.S.R. Co.
 2. For the gift of £500 for the purchase of a launch.
 3. For the gift of £100 in memory of the late E. H. Penny, of Blenheim.

20. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court for their services as General Treasurers, and that they be re-appointed.
21. That the Conference conveys to all Missionary workers and supporters at home and abroad its sincere thanks for devoted service, prayerful interest, and financial help, and confidently commends the work of the Missionary Society to the sympathy and support of all our Church members and adherents.
22. That a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Mission District by the Secretary of the Conference conveying the affectionate greetings of the Conference to all the members of the Mission Staff, European and Native, and to all the members and adherents of the Native Church.
23. That the Board of Missions be empowered to make all arrangements for the publication of the Story of the Mission, which is being written by the Rev. J. F. Goldie.
24. That the advisability of the appointment of District Missionary Treasurers be referred to the Board for consideration during the year, and to report to the Conference through the Synods.
25. That the Board be instructed to consider the advisability of securing Accident Insurance policies for its workers on the Mission Field.
26. That as the Rev. H. G. Brown and Mrs. Brown have had to return to the Home work, Conference assures them of its appreciation of their self-denying services in Bougainville, and trusts that they may enjoy renewed health.

Thanks.

- That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. W. W. Avery for valuable services rendered as Missionary deputation during the year.
- That the Rev. E. P. Blamires be re-appointed Editor of "The Lotu," and that he be thanked for his services during the past year.
- That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair be re-appointed Editor of "The Open Door," and that he be thanked for his services during the past year.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.

Auckland—Superintendents of Auckland City and Suburban Circuits: Revs. W. Rowe, T. R. B. Woolloxall, E. T. Olds, H. Ryan, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, S. E. Chappell, F. G. Steinert, J. P. Blair and J. Harris, Misses Carr and Somerville. Convener, Rev. W. Rowe.

South Auckland—Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu and Morrinsville Circuits, Messrs R. J. Bell, T. L. Hames, W. Harris, J. T. Johnson, and Mrs. J. M. Jones. Convener, Rev. A. O. Harris.

Taranaki-Wanganui—The Chairman of the District, Revs. E. T. Cox, W. H. E. Abbey, Ministers of Gonville and Dublin Street Churches, Messrs. W. G. Bassett, F. J. Denton, S. J. Goodey, F. Whitlock, S. Newsome, Mesdames Goodey, Gilling, Andrew, Warwick, Morgan, and Misses Coleman and Hartnell. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Chairman of the District, Superintendents of Palmerston North, Feilding, Hastings, and Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Circuits, Messrs. T. R. Hodder, R. H. Billens, C. E. Taylor, H. Tolley, and Mrs. H. E. Pacey. Convener, Mr. C. E. Taylor.

Wellington—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. E. S. Harkness.

Nelson—Superintendents of Nelson and Richmond Circuits, Mesdames Kemp and Scantelbury, Misses P. Smith and D. Nightingale, Messrs. Gorman, A. A. Lucas, M. Smith, R. Marshall, and L. White. Convener, Rev. H. L. Richards.

North Canterbury—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. S. Lawry.

South Canterbury—The ministers of Timaru, Temuka, and Waimate Circuits, Messrs. T. E. Holdgate, L. Shortus, and Mrs. B. Low, M.A. Convener, Rev. A. Blakemore.

Otago-Southland—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. J. Richards.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Rev. W. Rowe.

South Auckland—Rev. A. O. Harris.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. W. W. Avery.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr C. E. Taylor.

Wellington—Rev. E. S. Harkness.

Nelson—Rev. H. L. Richards.

North Canterbury—Rev. S. Lawry.

South Canterbury—Rev. A. Blakemore.

Otago-Southland—Rev. J. Richards.

BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1928.

The President of the Conference (Rev. W. J. Elliott), 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, Misses Carr, Buttle, Rishworth, and G. Griffith, M.A., the President of the Women's Union (Mrs. H. E. Pacey), Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, E. Drake, A. Ashcroft, T. R. B. Woolloxall, F. E. Leadley, L. B. Dalby, A. B. Chappell, A. Mitchell, M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. W. Avery, A. N. Scotter, F. Copeland, W. Rowe, 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, B. J. Lynneberg, T. R. Hodder, D. C. Cameron, and C. Rayner.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION—REPORT FOR 1927.

There are 41 Auxiliaries affiliated with the Union. We are glad to report that during the year Dannevirke, Te Awamutu, and Fitzroy, New Plymouth, have linked up.

The membership stands at 2522, showing an increase of 151.

Extension Work.

An effort has been made to give effect to the resolution of last Conference. Several Churches have been approached with the hope of forming Auxiliaries, the only result being the three mentioned, who have affiliated. Woodville, Foxton, and Bunnythorpe have formed Branches, and work in conjunction with Palmerston North.

Box and Card Circle.

This work has gone steadily on. Miss Waddingham has placed 156 boxes and 73 cards. The income from this effort is £62 10s. 5d., a very gratifying result.

Literature Department.

Very fine work has been done through this Department. The Secretary has despatched 1037 Sisters' letters during the year. These letters are a source of inspiration, and to a very large extent supply material for Auxiliary meetings.

Box Department.

This Department is doing very valuable work. The packing of the boxes by the Depots is very gratifying, the contents of the boxes being much appreciated by the workers in the field. The value of the boxes despatched to the Solomons is £352 10s. 6d. Medicines also have been sent to the value of £100.

Parcels frequently go to Sister Elinor Dobby, which are of great value in her work. Parcels also go to Sister Netta Gittos and Mrs. Wharehuia at Te Kuiti.

Missionary Sisters.

During the year Sisters Grace McDonald and Edna White have joined the staff of Sisters working in the Solomons, making a total of nine. Their devotion and splendid service is much appreciated.

Sister Elizabeth Common, who was on furlough during the year, has returned to her work.

Sisters Elinor and Netta Gittos are doing excellent work as Maori Deaconesses, and are seeing very fine results to their labours, especially with the Maori women and children.

Miss Vivian Adkin is still receiving training at Deaconess House, and hopes to leave for the Solomons early next year.

Finance.

The Treasurer shows the receipts for the last year as £2057 16s.

Conference.

The Conference this year will meet in Wellington from October 26th to 29th.

MARGARET W. PACEY, President.
E. MARION HODDER, Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

That a hearty invitation be extended to the Rev. J. G. Wheen, President of the General Conference of Australasia, to attend the Conference of 1929.

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

HOME MISSION REPORT FOR 1927.

Under the blessing of Almighty God the work of the Department is being steadily consolidated and developed along the lines laid down by Conference.

The Standing and Special Committees have been enthusiastic and diligent.

The Board has met quarterly to review the work of the Committees and to consider their recommendations.

The attendance of members at all Committee meetings has been satisfactory. Deep interest has been manifested in all phases of the work which Conference entrusted to the Board.

The General Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent have had many interviews with District Chairmen, and have also held conferences with the District H.M. Committees and Executives. They have visited numerous Circuits and Stations where difficult problems

in Circuit organisation, etc., existed, and have, in consultation with the Chairman concerned, helped forward their solution. They have also given special emphasis to the Inspirational and Educational side of Deputation work.

Staff.

Our H.M. Staff was considerably strengthened at the beginning of the Connexional year. Later in the year three single H.M. Probationers retired, and two candidates were received on probation. There have also been two changes in our "supplies." With these exceptions the Conference appointments have been observed. There are no important vacancies at present, but there will be an urgent need for at least twelve additional single agents early in the New Year. The District Synods are requested to take up this matter seriously. We believe that we have the young men we need in our N.Z. Church, and that they would offer for the work if they received sufficient encouragement from the local ministers and officials. There are also in our Sunday Schools many promising lads who should be encouraged to exercise their spiritual gifts and to look forward to taking up the work in future years.

Spiritual Advance.

The Spiritual Advance Committee's report, as adopted by the Board, is as follows:—

The Spiritual Advance Committee happily and eagerly took up the responsibilities entrusted to it. We are confident that the work of the Committee is being definitely used by the Holy Spirit to awaken and intensify among our members a sense of the need of greater spiritual vitality in the Church.

While no special Evangelist has been employed during the year, evangelistic missions have been held in very many places strengthening Christians, and winning numbers of others, especially young people, to God. It was while assisting in one such mission that our veteran brother, Rev. Wm. Ready, was called to the higher service of the Lord Whom he had served so long and faithfully. We tender our sincere sympathy to the widow and family.

Early in the year the Conference resolutions on Spiritual Advance were collated, and forwarded to Superintendents of Circuits. We submit that a more general adoption of these important resolutions is essential to the highest interests of a Spiritual Church, and of the Kingdom of God.

The Committee gratefully testifies that indisputable evidence exists of stimulus received by numbers of our people through the study of the campaign pamphlets issued during the year. Urgent requests for additional supplies encourage the belief that permanent good is being accomplished. The Committee tenders its best thanks to the writers of the pamphlets.

The preparation of a suitable booklet for candidates for membership in our Church has been given serious consideration by the Committee. Among other publications, Milne's "Meaning of Membership in Methodism," and Blamires' "Shall I Join the Church," were examined. They were both regarded as so admirably covering the position, that the Committee, in cordially recommending them, does not contemplate issuing another booklet on the subject while these are available.

The publication of a series of tracts for general distribution, to combat the influence of some present-day errors in religious teaching, and to help mould the thinking of those outside the Church on spiritual

matters, has engaged the attention of the Committee. While realising the service such a tract campaign could accomplish, the Committee has not at present sufficient data to proceed with the publication of such a series. The matter is, however, receiving further consideration.

Much thought has been given to the Programme of Spiritual Advance for 1928. The Committee realises that the Spiritual Advance activities of the past few years are of permanent spiritual value to our Church and people. We affectionately urge upon ministers and people whole-hearted acceptance of the lines of action already determined, but at the same time strongly advocate a further definite step in Spiritual Advance during 1928, by well-organised deputational visits of Ministers and Laymen, to every church and important preaching place in all our Circuits and Home Mission Stations.

We recommend:—

- (a) That where practicable each District H.M. Committee Executive or May Synod shall appoint, as soon as possible after Conference, small Deputations, consisting of Ministers and Laymen, who shall specially aim at the deepening of the spiritual life of the Church, and at decisions for Christ. It should be the aim of each Synod to draw as many Ministers and Laymen as possible into this Deputation work.
- (b) That an itinerary be drawn up in each District covering most suitable periods of the year, allotting meetings and speakers. In each case it is advisable that the Deputation be composed of speakers outside the bounds of the Circuit or Circuits to be visited.
- (c) That, as the whole aim of the visit of the Deputation is spiritual stimulus, it should be preceded by a period of prayerful preparation on the part of the members of the Deputation and the people to be visited.
- (d) It is suggested that such subjects as the undermentioned should form a basis for the addresses and appeals of the Deputations:—
 "Spiritual Fellowship," "The Importance of Church Membership," "Attendance at Fellowship Meetings, at Prayer Meetings, and at the Observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper," "Decision for Christ," "Individual Work," "Work for Young People," "The Training of Local Preachers." Processions of Witness where possible, and Covenant Services could be held on Sundays. The signing of Dedication Cards could be encouraged at places visited during the week.
- (e) That each District make its own financial arrangements to meet the expenses incurred.
- (f) That the Home Mission and Contingent Funds each make a grant up to £50 to the Spiritual Advance Committee.

Maori Work.

This is dealt with in a separate Report.

Literature and Colporteur.

The Literature and Colporteur work is progressing satisfactorily and will be systematically developed as finance permits.

Distribution and sales direct from the office are increasing.

The Van is still carrying out its Mission and forms a suitable base for two colporteurs.

The Colporteurs' itinerary for this year touches most of the North Island Districts. Independent reports from the Districts already show that good inspirational and propaganda work is being accomplished, while, of course, the educational value of the Literature being distributed is incalculable.

Finance.

The year has been a difficult one for our Treasurers. In 1926, the commercial depression not only depleted our income, but also increased the demands made upon our Fund. A strenuous effort has been made this year to bring the income up to the necessary level. Many Circuits are joyfully making great sacrifices for the H.M. Fund, but, unfortunately, some Circuits still seem to treat the appeal merely as an unwelcome Conference imposition.

H. RANSTON, Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the request of the Rev. E. T. Olds to be allowed to return to Circuit work this year be granted, and that we express appreciation of his devoted and highly successful services during his term of three years as Assistant Superintendent of the Home Mission Department.
2. That the office of Assistant Superintendent be left vacant for one year, and that the Home Mission Board be instructed to recommend through the Synods a suitable appointment to the next Conference.
3. That suitable arrangements be made for expert office assistance, and that £250 be placed on the estimates for this purpose.
4. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the splendid results achieved in connection with the 1927 Home Mission appeal. It recognises the effective work done by the Deputations, and the generous response of our people throughout the Dominion. It desires to thank especially those of the Maori members of the Deputation who at considerable sacrifice freely gave their services. The Conference also tenders its thanks to our people who extended hospitality to the travelling parties.
5. That in view of the fact that the present financial depression throughout the Dominion is causing heavy demands to be made upon the H.M. Fund by struggling Circuits and H.M. Stations, and that no Maori deputation party will be available this year, every Circuit and Home Mission Station be requested to make at the earliest possible date, in consultation with the District H.M. Committees, complete detail arrangements within the Circuit, to ensure the raising of the H.M. estimate.
6. That a circular be sent to all ministers and Circuit officials, calling attention to the fact that the figures placed in the estimates of H.M. Income represent the minimum amount that should be raised by each Circuit, and that if these amounts be not forthcoming, embarrassment must unavoidably result, and the future development of our Church be jeopardised.

7. That in all cases where a financially dependent Circuit or Home Mission Station contemplates a large increase in Circuit expenditure (such as is involved in the purchase of a car or any other new method of working), the Quarterly Meeting concerned shall, before committing itself to such proposal, secure through the Chairman of the District, the sanction of the District H.M. Committee.
8. That no unmarried probationer be appointed to a Circuit that has a furnished parsonage, until the financial aspect of the matter has been reported on by the H.M. Board, or the Conference H.M. Committee.
9. That the codified statement of the rules and regulations governing the appointment and work of Home Missionaries as published by the Home Mission Department be approved, with the exception that the words in clause 16 "except in special cases" shall be deleted.
10. That the H.M. Board confer with the District Committees in Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin re the establishment of Methodist Hostels for students and others.
11. That the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Boards confer during the year on the issue of Collecting Books and Missionary Boxes, which should serve the two funds.
12. Amendments to the Book of Laws.—That the word "standard" be substituted for the word "minimum" in clause 23, page 127, of the new Book of Laws.

That clause 22, page 127, be referred to the Home Mission Board for consideration and report to Synods and Conference.

Literature and Colporteur.

That the Conference express its gratification at the measure of success already achieved in the Literature and Colporteur work. It endorses the policy of steady development which is being pursued by the Board. It trusts that our members and well-wishers will heartily support this important branch of our work, so that it may become more and more effective year by year.

SPIRITUAL ADVANCE.

General Resolutions.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. That we pledge ourselves to do something definite along the lines of personal advocacy for the Saviour during the next twelve months.
4. That more definite and frequent appeals for immediate decisions, and for reconsecrations, be made in the ordinary services.
5. That greater emphasis be placed upon the spiritual value of the Communion and Covenant Services.

6. 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.

Thanks.

- That the Conference expresses its high appreciation of the efficient services rendered by both the General Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent, and that they be heartily thanked.
- That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the General Treasurer, Rev. G. Bond, for his invaluable services, and that he be reappointed.
- That Mr J. Veale be reappointed Lay Treasurer.
- That Mr. W. Ambury be heartily thanked for his services as acting Lay Treasurer and Book Steward, and that he be reappointed acting Lay Treasurer during Mr. Veale's absence.
- That the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., be thanked for his efficient services as corresponding secretary.
- That the Revs. W. B. Scott and H. Ryan be cordially thanked for their very valuable services as Editors of the Home Mission and Spiritual Advance columns in the "Methodist Times."

INVESTMENTS TRUST BOARD RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference authorises the formation of a Trust Board to be incorporated under "The Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908," for the purpose of taking over from the present Trustees of the invested funds of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund the securities and investments now held by or on behalf of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund and administered under the control and direction of the Home Mission Board, and for the purpose also of the investment of monies belonging to or available from time to time for investment for the benefit of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund, and also for the purpose of holding any real and personal property of any kind whatsoever which now is or may hereafter be held or acquired for the benefit of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund, and which is or shall not be settled under the provisions of the Model Deed.
2. That the name of such Board shall be "The Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board" (hereinafter termed the "Board").
3. That such Board shall consist of the General Superintendent of Home Missions and the Clerical and Lay Treasurers of the Home Missions and Church Extension Fund who, by virtue of their offices, shall be Members of the Board, and four other Members appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Home Mission Board.
4. That the following persons be appointed as Members of the said Board, and, as such, authorised to be incorporated under the name of "The Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board":—George Otto Blakey, Walter Ambury, Walter Samuel Stone and Edgar Osmond Chivers.
5. That the present Trustees of the Investment Funds and Securities of the Home Mission and Church Extension be requested to transfer to the Board all investments and property now held in their names.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

That the following be members of the Board for 1928:—The General Superintendent (Rev. A. J. Seamer), the General Treasurer (Rev. G. Bond), Lay Treasurer (Mr. J. Veale), the Corresponding Secretary, the Senior Maori Superintendent (Rev. R. T. Haddon), the Life Members (Rev. T. G. Brooke and Mr. J. Veale), with the Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Rev Eruera Te Tuhi and Missioner Scrimgeour, 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, H. S. Crowe, C. Bycroft, E. O. Chivers, W. Ambury, J. Reed, T. Moor, T. W. Hemer, Douglas Reid, D. L. Thomas, Mrs Smethurst, Misses Mather and I. Jones. Convener, the General Superintendent. Secretary, Rev. E. Drake.

DISTRICT HOME MISSION SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Rev. E. T. Olds.
 South Auckland—Rev. E. E. Sage.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. R. B. Gosnell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Rev. J. D. M'Arthur.
 Wellington—Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
 Nelson—Rev. H. L. Richards.
 North Canterbury—Rev. L. B. Neale.
 South Canterbury—Rev. J. Harris.
 Otago-Southland—Rev. W. B. Scott.
Sub-District Home Mission Secretaries.
 Hawke's Bay—Rev. B. Metson.
 Southland—Rev S. Bailey.

DISTRICT HOME MISSION COMMITTEES.

Auckland—The Superintendents of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, the Home Missionary of the Auckland Central Mission, with the Vice-President of the Conference, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, G. O. Blakey, George Winstone, jun., W. Ambury, A. J. Pople, E. O. Chivers, A. Peak and F. M. Winstone. Convener, Rev E. T. Olds.

South Auckland—The Superintendents of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Te Awamutu, Te Aroha and Morrinsville Circuits, and the H.M. of the Ngaruawahia Station, with Messrs. T. L. Hames, J. T. Johnson, C. Raynor, F. West, J. T. Bryant and W. Harris. Convener, Rev. E. E. Sage.

Taranaki-Wanganui—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth, Stratford and Waitara Circuits, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, M.P., R. Pepperell, P. J. White, C. Carter, A. G. Fischer, E. Taylor, J. T. Griffin, P. Okey, A. J. M'Leane, E. Dixon, and T. P. Hughson. Convener, Rev. T. R. Richards.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Ministers of Palmerston North, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Sanson-Rongotea, Woodville, Pahiatua Circuits, the Home Missionaries of the Feilding and Foxton Circuits, Messrs G. H. Stiles, H. E. Pacey, E. G. Bennett, A. H. Fisher, W. Flatt, T. R. Hodder, R. Print, J. Harding, J. H. Dixon, C. E. Taylor, and W. Kilvington. Convener, Rev. J. D. M'Arthur.

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. B. Metson.

Wellington—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.

Nelson—Ministers of Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Circuits, Messrs. S. Gorman, A. A. Lucas, A. G. Nightingale, J. Jordan and G. W. Nuttall. Convener, Rev. H. L. Richards.

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

South Canterbury—Ministers of Timaru, Oamaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits, Messrs A. Stead, H. H. Brown, W. G. Irwin and A. W. Barnett, corresponding members. Convener, Rev J. Harris.

Otago-Southland—In District Executive. H.M. Convener, Rev. W. B. Scott.

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

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

HOME MISSION BOARD'S REPORT ON MAORI WORK.

There arises every day fresh evidence of the fact that our work and prayers of faith are not in vain; for God is steadily leading our Maori people upward towards higher ideals and better modes of life. While from some standpoints, no doubt, our progress is pathetically slow, yet those who have the true perspective are praising God for the undoubted advances that are being made in most of our Mission Districts.

Maori Workers' Conference.

During the last week in September a Conference was held in our Auckland Central Mission Buildings. With one exception all our Agents were present. The Senior Superintendent, Rev. R. T. Haddon, presided.

A list of very searching questions as to the Message and Mission of our Church, and how these can best be given and carried out, had been carefully prepared, and this formed the basis of serious and earnest discussions. Our present general policy was unanimously approved and some new methods of work were inaugurated. It is safe to say that every member went away with clearer conception of, and greater confidence in, our Methodist principles and objectives.

In connection with the Maori Conference a very successful Demonstration was held in the Auckland City Town Hall. Great interest was manifested. Special seating arrangements were made, and over 3000 people were present. The function was unique and effective.

Deaconess Work.

Deaconess work is undoubtedly one of the most important branches of our Mission operations. No words of ours could do justice to the fine work of this sub-department. Our Deaconesses are deserving of our highest appreciation and thanks. The Young Women's B.C. Union continues to support one Deaconess, the Women's Missionary Auxiliary supports two and is ready to support a third. The Sunday Schools have been requested to support at least one Deaconess. Could not

other institutions or individuals also assist in the same way? We need a staff of at least fifteen Deaconesses if our historic Mission Districts are to be worked effectively. The prestige of our Mission gives exceptional opportunities to our workers in this Department to mould the lives of the children of the remnant of the Maori race.

King Country Hospital.

This institution still continues to meet a real need, and its influence is felt over a large area. But finance has been more difficult this year. The Matron desires to thank the kind friends who have sent gifts of various kinds.

Education.

The splendid type of education given to our lads at Wesley College is becoming more generally appreciated by our Maori people. The policy of the College Board is now completely in harmony with our policy in the Maori Mission Field. There is every prospect that the work of the College will assume increasing importance in our Mission activities.

Students for Native Ministry.

Two promising young men are being trained with a view to their becoming candidates for the Ministry.

Students for Deaconess Work.

The two European Students designated for Maori Work are continuing their special course of training in Christchurch under the guidance of the Deaconess Committee. Two Maori Students have been recommended for a three years' course of special training in Deaconess House.

Maori Girls' School Fund.

Some £3522 is held now in trust by the Treasurers of the H.M. Department. This money is interest bearing. Subscriptions continue to come to hand from time to time. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary has been, and is, the main support of this Fund. It is hoped that the way will soon be clear for a special appeal to be launched for the purpose of supplementing the fund sufficiently to enable a new educational scheme to be adopted in the interests of our Maori girls.

Literature and Colporteur Work.

A further revised edition of 2000 copies of our Maori Service Book has been published. It includes not only the form of prayer, special prayers, and an excellent selection of hymns, but also a very comprehensive catechism. This new book is undoubtedly the best of its type that has yet been produced.

Through pressure of other work and lack of finance it has not been possible this year to develop the general literature work amongst our Maori people as much as we desired to do, but special attention will be given to this phase of the work in 1928.

The King Country and the Drink Traffic.

The drink traffic is the arch-enemy of the Maori race. We are still watching closely the efforts being made by interested Europeans to open up the King Country to the Drink Traffic. The fact that the present law does not completely prohibit is used as a lever for the introduction of license. Yet no argument could be more absurd, for we find that there is more illegal sale of liquor in most other Maori

Districts than in the King Country. All our workers agree that the legalised traffic increases the demand for liquor to such an extent that, in addition to all the misery caused by the great quantities of drink supplied legally by the hotels, there is also more illegal sale of liquor to the Maori people in license than in no-license areas. Hence for practical, as well as sentimental, reasons, we stand by the chiefs of the King Country in their solemn demand that the Government keep inviolate the ancient sacred prohibition pact.

Finance.

The Maori Mission has had, since the amalgamation of the Maori and Home Mission Funds, and always must have, the first call on our H.M. Funds. This financial burden on our Church is a very heavy one, but it is unavoidable if we would be true to our historic obligations. We are convinced that the expenditure is more than justified, and that no other Church or organisation is securing equal results for the money expended. The only unsatisfactory feature is the failure of our tribes to render much systematic financial support to the H.M. Fund. Most of their contributions are swallowed up in local working expenses. This difficult problem is, however, economic rather than religious. All other Maori Missions and social organisations, indeed, all Maori organisations whatsoever, find this problem almost insoluble. Our workers faced the question splendidly at their recent conference, and all readily undertook to do their utmost to improve the position. We are satisfied that all that can be done without injury to greater issues will be done in this matter.

Co-operation.

It would be well to restate in this report what we have so often stated hitherto. The Maori Mission must of necessity be carried financially by the whole Church until, in co-operation and fellowship with the local pakeha Circuits, our Maori members and officials learn more of life's possibilities and responsibilities. Our Maori members must not only be shown the path, but someone must walk with them in the path. The only practical way to stabilise our work and secure satisfactory results, with less expenditure, in any district, is to develop the fullest possible co-operation between the European and Maori work, however uncongenial this may be locally to either pakeha or Maori or to both. Apart from such co-operation we must struggle on as at present, winning a good measure of success, socially and spiritually, but carrying an almost dead financial weight. However, we rejoice in the fact that, in spite of all difficulties and a good deal of passive resistance in certain quarters, the spirit and practice of co-operation, so absolutely vital to real and permanent success, are steadily developing and extending. There is moreover at stake in this matter a fundamental principle. Religion should be a unifying factor; not, as it too often has been, a divisive one. While every other educative influence is drawing Maori and Pakeha into closer fellowship and common citizenship, the Church must not allow herself to become the tool of any reactionary party by setting Maori and Pakeha interests over against each other. Methodism at least has not so learned Christ. We must give ourselves with ever increasing earnestness and zeal to the realisation of this ideal.

H. RANSTON, Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

R. TAHUPOTIKI HADDON,

Senior Maori Superintendent.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That permission be granted to our Deaconesses engaged in Maori work to administer the Sacrament of Baptism where circumstances are such that a Minister is not available. In all cases, except those of extreme urgency, the sanction of the General Superintendent must first be obtained.
2. That Conference expresses its confidence in the Maori Mission policy of the Home Mission Board.

School for Maori Girls.

That the Home Mission Board confer with the Women's Missionary Union and the Young Women's Bible Class Union, with a view to investigating the possibility of establishing at an early date a School of Domestic Science and Hygiene for Maori Girls.

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

AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

At the recommendation of the Commission appointed by the last Synod, received and endorsed by the H.M. Board, Conference constituted the France St., East St., and Airedale St. properties a Home Mission Station.

The Missioner was appointed as from the first of January, to re-organise the city mission work of our Church.

It is with deep gratitude to God that we present the following report of this work:—

The Board of Management was called together early in the year under the Chairmanship of Rev. L. Dalby, and officers were appointed and plans formed for the commencing of the work.

The headquarters at Airedale St. were completely renovated, and a fresh start made, the opening services being taken by Rev. W. Walker and Rev. E. T. Cox. Since then steady advance has been made in all departments, more especially in the social sphere, where we are immediately brought face to face with the tragic circumstance of hundreds of the city poor. It has been our joy to be able to take our full share in the relief of this kind. Police Court and Prison work have also been undertaken and carried out with considerable success.

Another notable feature of our social work is the Free Community Picture Entertainments. Specially selected programmes are screened every Thursday, and thus hundreds of the city's poor children, with their parents, are enabled to share this form of entertainment.

The Sunday School and the Band of Hope have been re-organised and are in a flourishing condition. Young Men's and Young Women's Clubs are under the direction of capable leaders. It is our great privilege to have part in guiding the lives of scores of young people.

Deaconesses.

Owing to the generosity of the Pitt St. Trust we were able to obtain the services of Sister Olive, who came to us with a wide experience in this class of work, and words cannot adequately express the great amount of good work she has been able to do. In one department alone she is the leader of a Women's Meeting which already has a membership of nearly fifty.

Finance.

We acknowledge with thankfulness the help given to us in this direction by so many Auckland Methodists. Especially are we indebted to the Pitt St. Trustees who donated £100 towards furnishing the Parsonage, besides paying the stipend of the Sister for six months. The East St. Trustees also advanced us £125, which with a grant of £50 from the Home Mission Department has considerably relieved the financial position. The major part of our total debt (£417) is in the trust account, and we are looking forward, with faith and confidence in the future, to being enabled to carry on the good work commenced.

As we work solely among people who are almost unable to support themselves we must depend on the generosity of those outside.

In all the avenues of our work there is remarkable scope for development, and we face the future with the promise that His word cannot return unto Him void.

C. G. SCRIMGEOUR, Missioner.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

That Conference tenders congratulations to Missioner C. G. Scrimgeour and to Sister Olive.

That the Board of Management for 1928 consist of Revs. Dr. Ranston, L. B. Dalby, E. Drake, W. A. Sinclair and A. J. Seamer, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, T. Clark, W. Ambury, and one to be nominated by the Auckland Y.M.B.C. Union, together with the officials and Trustees of the Mission property. Chairman, Rev. L. B. Dalby.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

It is with gratitude to God for His continual goodness that we present this report to Conference. The Mission continues to fulfil its purpose in the spiritual and social life of the city.

Throughout the year all its activities have been maintained at full strength. It has to be confessed that the inauguration of Sunday evening band concerts, the growing tendency of the week-end habit, the running of Sunday excursions by train and bus, all tend to make the work of the Mission more difficult.

These features, new in Dunedin, have necessitated the putting forth of greater effort on the part of the Superintendent and officials. We realise that the Sunday evening service has from the inception of the Mission, been the most important feature of its activities. We are anxious to do all in our power to maintain, and if possible to advance it.

The services throughout the year have been well attended and great good has been accomplished. It is with joy we report considerable advancement on Young People's work. The Sunday School has witnessed a marked increase in the number of scholars, and several new Young People's Societies have been commenced.

Social.

We are fully alive to the fact that the Mission, to justify its existence, must be much more than a preaching station, it must fulfil its obligation as a centre of social and philanthropic activity. For this purpose the Mission during the year has received its share of the public charities of the city, and this amount has been supplemented by the gifts of sympathisers, as well as by monies raised by the Mission. During the year we have expended the sum of £135 in relieving cases

of distress and of need. During the winter season we were in daily touch with those who required sympathy and practical help. It was a constant joy to be in a position to meet these cases. We also raised the sum of £30 for relief of unemployment in Dunedin and at Kaitangata.

Deaconess Work.

We realise that in Sister Hazel we have a Deaconess who is eminently fitted for her work, and that through her activities the Methodist Church takes its rightful place in the social work of the city. It is impossible to tabulate this work, but in the course of the year scores of cases of real need are ministered unto, and numberless lives are touched to finer issues.

The advertisement in the Press urging lonely girls, and women in need of help and advice, to wait upon Sister Hazel in her room is taken advantage of by large numbers. The Business Girls' Luncheon Club, and Rest Room, meet a felt need in the city; the Public Hospital and Benevolent Home are regularly visited; the Bible Class and Girls' Clubs are well maintained. This work counts for good not only in the Mission, but also in the life of the city.

Finance.

We are thankful to be able to report that by dint of special efforts, an appeal to the business men of the city, the "sinking fund" which has now been established, and particularly the generous gift of Miss Boot, of £250, the Trustees have been enabled for the fourth year in succession to pay the sum of £1000 off the mortgage debt, which now stands at £7000. We are indeed grateful for the splendid help given by Miss Boot. For three years in succession she has donated £250, which has made it possible for us to tackle the huge debt. Miss Boot has written expressing her deep regret that she is no longer in a position to help next year. We trust that sympathisers throughout the Methodist Church will help us in our effort to again pay off £1000 by the 30th September.

Rev. W. Ready.

It is with exceeding regret we record the death of Rev. W. Ready, the founder, and for nine years the able Superintendent of the Mission. It was in April, 1890, that Rev and Mrs. Ready arrived in Dunedin. It was a formidable task to which they were appointed. They had no church to come to, no parsonage, and no organisation. Their sole resources were £45 and an indomitable faith in God. Looking back it is almost incredible that in a little over three years from the inception of the Mission, the Garrison Hall, with seating accommodation for nearly 2000 was engaged and regularly crowded. An appropriate Memorial Service, officially attended by His Worship the Mayor was held on the Sunday evening following Mr. Ready's decease. On the occasion of the visit of the President (Dr. H. Ranston), on 6th December, a beautiful memorial tablet to his memory was unveiled, and a suitable tribute to his work delivered. Throughout the year the Superintendent has had the wholehearted and loyal support of all the officials and members, for which he expresses his deep gratitude.

The Mission is in good heart, and we face the future with confidence.

W. WALKER,

Superintendent.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Rev. W. Walker and the officials of the Dunedin Central Mission be warmly thanked for the progress maintained during the year.

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

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTE.

REPORT FOR 1927.

We have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1927, as it very definitely marks a forward movement in the development of this important Department of our Church work.

At last Conference (1927) Sisters Edna White, Alice Howell, Grace Macdonald, and Norah Mills were dedicated. Sister Alice Howell was already serving under the Home Mission Board; Sister Norah Mills had served one year in Wellington South Circuit; and Sister Grace Macdonald, in addition to her Deaconess House training, had completed two years' hospital training. She, with Sister Edna White, has since entered upon Foreign Mission work in the Solomon Islands under the F.M. Board.

Sister Margaret Jeffrays, having completed two years in Deaconess House, was at the beginning of the year appointed to the Pitt Street Church, Auckland. Arrangements are being made for her dedication at the forthcoming Conference.

At present there are in training six Deaconess students—Miss Barnett, Miss Hayman, Miss Adkin, Miss Snowden, Miss Hobbs, and Miss Foster. Of these, Miss Barnett and Miss Hayman finish their Deaconess House course at the end of this year. Unfortunately, for family reasons, Miss Barnett must for a time return to her home, but it is expected that she will take up Deaconess work later. Miss Hayman is entering St. Helen's Hospital, Christchurch, for two years' hospital training. Of the others, Miss Adkin and Miss Hobbs already are Certificated Midwifery Nurses.

Next year it is expected that four new students will enter the House, including two young Maori women recommended by the Home Mission Board. All the students have passed satisfactorily the usual term examinations.

The work of the House as a Training Institute has been conducted in a most pleasing and highly efficient manner under the Superintendent, Mrs. W. J. Williams; the Revs. W. A. Hay, A. Liversedge, S. Werren, L. B. Neale, W. H. Speer, and H. A. Sharp, Lecturers; and Sister Winifred, Lectress in Nursing.

Sister Winifred recently accepted a part-time appointment in the St. Albans Circuit, and it is hoped that a full-time appointment will eventuate.

There have been 15 Teachers' Training College students and 6 Deaconess students in residence during the year, and the fact that this large family has occupied Deaconess House in the happiest conditions speaks volumes for the tactful and able management of the Superintendent, and the Hon. Chaplain, the Rev. W. J. Williams. To these, with the Rev. Lecturers, Sister Winifred, and Messrs. Bowron, Odell, Salter, Lamb, and Wilson, the ladies of the House Committee, the sincere thanks of the Committee are due, and are here tendered.

During the year the extensions forecast in last Report have been effected at a cost, with consequent furnishings, of £2350. The work has been faithfully carried out under the supervision of Mr. G. T. Lucas, architect, to whom the Committee's thanks are due for his kindly interest and his many professional services.

The new portion was opened with a largely-attended function on 28th May last, many of those present expressing surprise and pleasure at the extent, completeness, and comfort of the House generally.

In the Deaconess Institute the Church possesses a property which has now cost well over £7000. It occupies a very valuable and pleasing position overlooking Latimer Square. It contains 21 bedrooms, dining-room, Committee-room, Superintendent's office-study, and every modern convenience. There are outbuildings, in which goods are received for distribution in connection with the Social Service, of which Deaconess House is the centre. Accommodation is also provided for the reception and packing of goods for the Solomon Islands in connection with the work of the Women's Auxiliary of Home and Foreign Missions. The present debt on the property is £2000.

The House is being used by a number of local Bible Classes for meetings, conferences, etc., and the Young Women's Bible Class Movement for New Zealand is occupying Deaconess House and holding its Annual Conference therein in January of next year. It will readily be recognised that the House is fulfilling in a marked degree exactly those functions for which it was instituted.

During the year, as opportunity offered, the General Secretary for Foreign Missions, Rev. W. A. Sinclair, and the General Superintendent of Home Mission Department, the Rev. A. J. Seamer, met the Committee, and helpful discussions as to procedure in the case of workers nominated by the Boards represented ensued, and a satisfactory working method adopted. Also a Joint Committee authorised by Conference met to consider matters pertaining to the retiring allowances of Deaconesses.

Formal application is again made for the usual Conference Grants as follows:—Home Mission Board, £75; Foreign Mission Board, £75; Contingent Fund, £75; and Connexional Insurance Fund, £100.

Thanks are due to the associate members and other friends, who have shown continued interest in the Institute, for financial and other help rendered.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1928:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Rev. M. A. R. Pratt, Rev. S. Lawry, Superintendent, Ministers of the Christchurch Circuit, together with the Ministers appointed to New Brighton, Linwood, Edgware Road, and Lyttelton; Messrs. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., G. Bowron, A. Borrows, W. H. Heslop, J. E. Purchase, and C. A. Newman; Sister Mabel Morley; Mesdames Bowron, Salter, Lamb, Odell, Wilson, and Sandford.

Following are recommendations to Synod and Conference, forwarded by the Deaconess Committee:—

That it be a recommendation to the Home Mission Board that their appeal for support include Deaconess work, with a view to assisting by a Grant such Churches as would possibly employ a Deaconess if so assisted.

That, so far as is practicable, the Methodist Orphanages be staffed by trained Deaconesses; and

That candidates for Deaconess work be given to understand that such work is to be regarded as one phase of their service.

Deaconess Regulations.

No. 13 to be amended to read as follows:—

The appointment of a Deaconess shall be made by the Committee, after consultation with the Circuit or Institution concerned.

All appointments shall be reported to Conference. When the Conference has sanctioned the appointment of a Deaconess to a Circuit or Institution, the obligation to provide for continued employment of a Deaconess shall be recognised from year to year, unless a request to be relieved of such obligation shall be forwarded to the Committee by the September Quarterly Meeting, or in the case of an Institution by the equivalent Committee Meeting. The request must be approved by the Synod of the District concerned and the recommendation adopted by Conference.

No Circuit or Institution shall dispense with the services of a Deaconess during the currency of a yearly appointment, but the Committee may make the necessary adjustments during the year, with the consent of the Circuits or Committees affected.

(Conference Resolution No. 4, Page 103 of Conference Minutes.)

Following are the recommendations of a Joint Committee set up by direction of Conference to consider the best means of making better provision for Deaconesses when they retire from their work:—

That with a view to increasing Deaconesses' retiring allowance, the Synod of 1927 be requested to recommend to Conference that contributions made to the retiring fund by the Home Mission Board be the same as that of Deaconesses themselves, viz., £4 per annum instead of £2 per annum, and that provision be made in the estimates accordingly.

That with a view to increasing the capital account of the Deaconess Retiring Fund by £2000, the interest of which should be devoted to improving Deaconesses' retiring allowance, it be a recommendation that Synod be asked to request next Conference (1928) to authorise an Appeal during 1929 with the object of raising £5000 (Five Thousand Pounds), to be divided between the capital account of the Deaconess Retiring Fund and the liquidation of the debt on Deaconess House property.

WM. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

C. A. NEWMAN, Secretary.

Deaconess House, Christchurch,
13th October, 1927.

The Report and Financial Statement were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Committee for 1928.

1. The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, Rev. S. Lawry, Superintendents of the Christchurch Circuits, together with the Ministers appointed to New Brighton, Linwood, Edgeware Road and Lyttelton, Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., Messrs. G. Bowron, A. Borrows, H. W. Heslop, J. E. Purchase, and C. R. Newman, Sister Mabel Morley, Mesdames Salter, Lamb, Odell, Wilson and Sandford.
2. That the following grants be recommended:—Home Mission Board, £75; Foreign Mission Board, £75; Contingent Fund, £75; Fire Insurance Fund, £100.
3. That the employment of trained Deaconesses as members of the Staff of Connexional Orphanages be recommended to the Orphanage Boards for favourable consideration.
4. That employment on the Staff of Orphanages be regarded as one of the avenues of service open to Deaconesses.

Deaconess Regulations.

5. Number 13 to be amended as follows:— ?

- (1) The appointment of a Deaconess shall be made by the Committee after consultation with the Circuit or Institution concerned.
- (2) All appointments shall be reported to the Conference. When the Conference has sanctioned the appointment of a Deaconess to a Circuit or Institution, the obligation to provide continued employment of a Deaconess shall be recognised from year to year, unless a request to be relieved of such obligation shall be forwarded to the Committee by the September Quarterly Meeting, or, in the case of an Institution, by the equivalent Committee Meeting. The request must be considered by the Synod of the District and by the Conference.
- (3) No Circuit or Institution shall dispense with the services of a Deaconess during the currency of a yearly appointment, but the Committee may make the necessary adjustments during the year, with the consent of the Circuits or Committee concerned.

6. Deaconesses' Retiring Allowances.

- (1) That, with a view to increasing the Deaconess Retiring Allowances, the contributions made to the Retiring Fund by the Home Mission Board be the same as that of the Deaconesses themselves, viz., £4 per annum, instead of £2 per annum.
- (2) That, with a view to increasing the Capital Account of the Deaconess Retiring Fund by £2000, the interest of which shall be devoted to improving Deaconesses' Retiring Allowances, the Conference authorises that an appeal be made during 1931 with the object of raising £4000, to be divided between the Capital Account of the Deaconesses' Retiring Fund and the liquidation of the debt on Deaconess House Property, donors having the right to allocate their gifts.

7. Thanks.

The Conference expresses its thanks to Mrs. W. J. Williams (Lady Superintendent), to the Rev. W. J. Williams (Residential Chaplain), and the Lecturers for their faithful services rendered during the year.

The Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. C. A. Newman) be thanked for his willing and valuable services, and re-appointed.

That the Deaconess Committee consider during the year, as a matter of policy, the reception of young women for training in Religious Education, whether joining the Order of Deaconesses or not.

OFFICIAL LIST OF DEACONESSSES AND PROBATIONERS.

Home Work—

Deaconesses—

- *1914 Sister "Annie" Tocker, 36 Macfarlane Street. (With Government Department).
- 1918 Sister "Hazel" Hamilton, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- *1918 Sister "Winifred" Beaumont, Wellington South.
- 1920 Sister "Mildred" West, Ashburton.

1920 Sister "Bessie" Macfarlane, Aro Street Mission, Wellington.

*1927 Sister "Margaret" Jeffreys, Pitt St., Auckland.

Maori Work—

Deaconesses—

*1921 Sister "Eleanor" Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.

1921 Sister Nicholls, London Street, Hamilton.

*1923 Sister "Marion" Fabrin, Maori Mission, Te Kuiti.

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.

*1926 Sister "Grace" McDonald, Solomon Islands.

Deaconesses Resting—

1907 Sister "Mabel" Morley.

*1908 Sister "Ruth" Fawcett.

*1918 Sister "Winifred" Beaumont.

1921 Sister "May" Ralph.

*1926 Sister "Norah" Mills.

*Trained in Deaconess House.

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

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

The year has been marked by much activity and progress.

In November, 1926, a most successful spectacular demonstration was held in the Concert Chamber of the Auckland Town Hall, when over 100 children, trained by Mrs. Armitage and Mrs. Everiss, acquitted themselves splendidly in a varied programme of action songs and tableaux, and a moving address was given by the late Rev. W. Ready. The financial result was over £50.

Extension of Building.

At Wesley Home, Mt. Albert, in place of an old barn destroyed by fire, we have erected a new Playroom for boys, a milking shed, and a coal and wood shed; also a new wing to the main building, providing Hostel accommodation for elder girls who are going to work, but still make their home with us. The cubicles are greatly prized, and good marks are obtained for cleanliness and tidiness.

We hope that before Conference meets some suitable Hostel may be secured for our elder boys, five of whom will soon probably be taking situations in, or near, Auckland and have no other home.

At Epsom, in addition to improvements to the Laundry and Play-room, we have provided an office for the Matron, an extension of the boys' dormitory by a balcony enclosure, also an additional Fire-escape and sundry accessories.

Our Roll number at the end of the year, viz., September 30th, was 73 at Mt. Albert (in Wesley and Epworth), and 40 at Epsom, a total of 113, with vacancies for about 11 more.

The health, conduct and progress of the children with few exceptions has been good. The children take great interest in Church and Sunday School, and over a dozen of the elder ones have taken their stand for Jesus Christ.

The reports from the **Headmasters** of Gladstone School, Mt. Albert, and Mt. Roskill, Epsom, are highly gratifying.

At the S.S. Union Annual Examinations, out of 49 entrants from Mt. Albert, all passed but 2, and 11 gained prizes. At Epsom, where the majority are very young, out of 16, 11 passed and one gained a prize.

Successful Missionary Sales were held at Mt. Albert and Epsom, raising £50 and £17 respectively as well as fostering the Missionary spirit.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the loyal co-operation of the Ladies' Committee who undertake full responsibility for the clothing, and also generously provide a Christmas Festival and gifts year by year.

Further bequests have been received as follows:—Estate of R. W. Neal, £50; Sir Henry Brett, £400; J. H. Townsend (reported last year and now paid), £100. Notice has also been given of the following legacies to mature at a future date, viz.:—£200 (approx.), Mrs. W. Hansen, Auckland; £150, S. T. Cox, Opunake; £100, John Gibson, New Plymouth.

The Board gratefully acknowledges these tokens of goodwill; and also the faithful services of our collectors, the Misses Ethel Mason and E. M. Stables, and the generous help represented by General Donations, Xmas offerings from Churches and Sunday Schools, Annual Subscriptions, and many gifts and kindnesses too numerous to mention.

By the fatal accident which resulted in the death of Mr. Wagstaff, of Waihou, we have lost a devoted friend and a most successful collector, who last year collected over £50 apart from the Xmas collections. Who will take up his work and emulate his zeal? Our finances would be greatly assisted and stabilised by the vigorous working of a system of Annual Subscriptions in every Circuit.

During the year we have reduced our capital debt by £2000; and by means of a long-dated mortgage from the B.N.Z., repayable in 20 years, we have paid the balance of £3103, owing to the Mt. Eden Land Co. for the Epsom property. Our capital debt, however, it still over £7000; and the size of our family has increased, so we still look confidently to the sustained generosity of our people.

To facilitate legal procedure relating to bequests, transfers, etc., a small Trust Board (Incorporated), has been appointed.

In conclusion the Board expresses its grateful appreciation of the devoted services of Mrs. Armitage and Mrs. Everiss and their loyal staffs, the various sub-committees, to Mr. Walter Ambury for constant voluntary service, to our Medical Advisers, Drs. Harold Pettit and Howard Thomas, the Board's Solicitors, Messrs. Peak, Kirker and Newcomb, and the Auditor, Mr. Egerton Gill.

It is recommended that the following be added to the Board of Management, viz.:—Mrs. T. A. Joughin, Rev. J. F. Martin and Mr. D. L. Thomas.

(Signed) E. DRAKE, Chairman.
S. GRIFFITH, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, also the Statements of Receipts and Expenditure, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, be received and adopted.
2. That in view of the present needs and future development, Conference earnestly commends the Orphanage to the systematic support of our people, requesting the liberal response to the appeal for Christmas offerings, and especially a large increase in the number of annual subscribers.
3. That Conference approve of the incorporation of the Auckland Methodist Orphanage Trust Board.
4. That the Conference congratulate the Board of Management and the Matrons on the successful work of the year, and express their appreciation of the support given to this great work by Churches, Sunday Schools and Subscribers, and also by means of legacies.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ladies' Committee for their valuable help, and especially to Mrs. A. C. Caughey, President, and Miss Mason, Secretary.
6. That Conference express deep regret at the death in August last, as a result of a motor accident, of Mr. A. A. Wagstaff, of Waihou, a devoted worker of the Te Aroha Circuit, and an enthusiastic and successful collector for the Orphanage Fund.
7. That the Board of Management be thanked and recommended for reappointment, with the addition of Rev. T. A. Joughin and Mrs. Joughin, Rev. J. F. Martin, and Mr. D. L. Thomas.
8. Conference notes with deep regret the approaching retirement in May next of Mrs. Armitage, Mt. Albert Matron, and expresses its grateful appreciation of the devotion and conspicuous ability which have marked her services as Matron for the past eight years.
9. That the thanks of Conference be presented to the Honorary Medical Advisers, Drs. Harold Pettitt and W. Howard Thomas, also to Mr. Arch. Peak, Hon. Solicitor, Rev. S. Griffith, Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. A. L. Caughey, co-treasurer, and that they be reappointed.

BOARD FOR 1928.

Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., G. Bond, W. A. Sinclair, G. T. Marshall, W. S. Potter, E. Drake, C. Griffin, T. G. Brooke, A. Ashcroft, L. B. Dalby, J. F. Martin, T. A. Joughin, J. H. Allen, J. Blight, A. B. Chappell, M.A., Dip.Jour., Mesdames W. H. Smith (Life Member), A. H. White, A. E. Snowden, J. Blight, A. C. Caughey, A. Peak, H. P. Caughey, F. M. Winstone, the Misses Kirk, Harvey, A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Messrs. A. C. Caughey, and W. Astley (Life Members), J. E. Astley, A. Peak, J. Thomson, H. P. Caughey, G. M. Fowlds, T. Clark, E. O. Chivers, A. Trenwith, S. Oldfield, W. Ambury, E. A. Pearce, D. L. Thomas, A. L. Caughey (Lay Treasurer); Rev. S. Griffith, Secretary and Treasurer.

B.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

We are thankful to God for the blessings which have rested upon our work of caring for the children during the past year. Also for many things which have not happened. Seventy-six boys and girls have been admitted to the Home since it was opened and no serious accident has befallen any of them. More than half the number has gone to homes or occupations satisfactory to the Management Committee.

During the year four boys and two girls have become employed in occupations in which they are giving satisfaction. Five other boys have gone to suitable homes. The time when the boys and girls leave the Home is a most important moment, and we have considerable difficulty in finding them suitable employment. Several children have been admitted during the year, and at the time this report is being written several applications are under consideration.

We have been deeply and painfully impressed by the number of applications on behalf of families deserted by their fathers. Last year there was an increase of several hundreds of such cases dealt with in the Magistrates' Courts of the Dominion. We are of the opinion that such fathers should be compelled to work either for the State or under supervision and their wages used for the support of their families. This would be helpful, just, and would probably act as a deterrent. Dr. Prior has continued his work as honorary medical attendant, and has been most attentive in his oversight of the health of all the residents in the Home. We sincerely thank him for his work.

The general health of the children has been good, and their success at the day school has been encouraging. The public hall was crowded at the annual concert, and £27 was taken for admission. Each year a Scripture Examination is held and the questions are based upon the teaching received in the Home. Prizes are given from the proceeds of an invested gift which was presented for this purpose. The boys and girls acquitted themselves well at the recent examination.

Miss Allan, who was appointed Matron a year ago, had previously been on the staff of several Children's Homes, and she has ably filled her present position and given entire satisfaction. Miss Webb, who was appointed first assistant, has also given every satisfaction in the position. The members of the Ladies' Committee, Grounds Committee and General Committee have rendered good service during the year. The members of the Committee are drawn from one Circuit, and are comparatively few in number, but each individual takes a deep interest in the Home and its affairs.

The income for the year has failed to meet the payments by £451. The reasons for this decrease are found in the action of the last Conference which protested against the Committee receiving help from the McCarthy Trust, hence no application for a grant was made this year. No special bequests have been received, though we have been notified of several having been made. An increase in the number of annual subscribers is greatly needed, and we appeal to each Circuit to appoint live agents to advocate the claims of the Home. The Christmas collections amounted to £311 in 1926, and £314 in 1925. We express our thanks to the many friends who have sent gifts of clothing and food.

The Dominion will reap the benefit of the work done in the Home in producing Christian citizens with the highest ideals.

The following are nominated as members of the Management Committee:—Messrs. C. E. Daniell, A. H. Daniell, A. J. Donald, S. J. Smith, J. H. Handysides, F. E. Wells, W. H. Judd, Dr. Prior and Rev. J. Cocker, Mesdames J. Cocker, J. Elliott, A. N. Pragnell, Miss Burton and the Superintendent-Minister's wife.

That Mr. S. J. Smith (Public Trustee) be chairman for the coming year.

That the Rev. J. Cocker be Secretary and Treasurer.

WM. BECKETT, Chairman.
J. COCKER, Secretary.

The Report and Financial Statement were received and adopted.

COMMITTEE FOR 1928.

Rev. E. O. Blamires, Messrs. C. E. Daniell, A. H. Daniell, A. J. Donald, S. J. Smith, J. H. Handyside, F. E. Wells, W. H. Judd, Dr. Prior, and the Rev. J. Cocker, Mesdames J. Cocker, J. Elliott, O. N. Pragnell, E. O. Blamires, Miss Burton. Chairman, Mr. S. J. Smith.

That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. J. Cocker (Secretary and Treasurer), and that he be reappointed.

C.—THE SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

It is with a feeling of devout thankfulness to God that the Board presents its Annual Report.

A review of the year's work affords reason for encouragement. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are continuing to give entire satisfaction, and are supported by a loyal and efficient staff of helpers.

The Board has under its care 63 children. Of these, 54 are in our own Home, and nine are domiciled in the Presbyterian Boys' Home. Five of these are at the Presbyterian Hostel for working boys, and pay the major portion of their board.

The health of the children has been good, although some have received Hospital treatment. These have fully recovered, and are enjoying good health.

Several of the elder boys and girls have been received into Church membership, and are taking a lively interest in Church and Bible Class work.

In connection with the Sunday School Examination, 26 entered and 24 secured passes.

Encouraging reports have been received from the State School, and the Headmaster has written expressing appreciation of the conduct of the children. Good reports have come to hand regarding the seven girls and boys who are attending the Technical School. Most of these will be placed in situations early next year.

The matter of erecting the Boys' Home on the newly-acquired site has been carefully considered by a Special Committee. Sketch plans have been prepared, but it was deemed almost impossible to proceed with the erection, as the amount involved would absorb all our invested capital. It was also felt that to meet the extra cost an additional income of 50 per cent. would be necessary. At present the ordinary income falls seriously short of meeting the ordinary expenditure. In fact it requires all the interest from the Endowment Fund to meet the Board's ordinary expenditure. For those reasons the matter of building the Boys' Home has been deferred until more prosperous times.

During the year the following legacies have been received:—From the estate of the late Sarah Usher, £979 0s. 5d.; A. Cheverton, £226 14s. 3d.; Elizabeth A. Harvey, £50; Elizabeth Harris, £20; A. Cowie, £50; Mr. Queere, £25; James Rowe, £226 9s. 4d.; E. Holdgate, £50; W. D. Marks, £50; Wm. Morrow, £163 3s.

The Rev. W. Laycock continues to be successful in his work as Field Organiser, and the Board is now beginning to reap the results of his organisation in the Circuits.

The Board expresses its thanks to Dr. A. J. Orchard for his gratuitous services. It also thanks the many friends who have forwarded gifts of food and clothing.

Last year's Christmas Appeal met with a generous response, and as a result the Board has purchased a wireless receiving set, which is much appreciated by the children and members of the staff. To all donors the Board expresses its sincere thanks.

Resolutions of meeting held October 18th, 1927:—

The Treasurer (Mr. George Bowron) was thanked for his services and his reappointment recommended.

The Rev. J. Harris was thanked for his services as Secretary.

The Rev. H. J. Odell was nominated as Secretary for 1928.

The following were nominated to constitute the Board for 1928:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District; the Connexional Secretary; the Superintendents of the Durham Street, St Albans, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, Woolston, Papanui, and Riccarton Circuits; the Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, C. E. Ward, F. T. Read and A. Peters, Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, H. L. Blamires, and H. J. Odell, and Sister Mabel Morley; Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., E. W. Hall, F. Thompson, G. Bowron (Treasurer), Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., J. Lomas, W. T. Burley, M. Kershaw, W. H. Marshall, J. Gilmour, F. A. Sheat and W. Dobbs.

It is with very deep regret that the Board has learned since the Report was prepared that Rev. W. Laycock, the Field Organiser, has suddenly passed away. The Board expresses its appreciation of his willing and efficient work, and tenders its sympathy to Mrs. Laycock and her daughter.

Signed:

WM. GREENSLADE, Chairman.
J. HARRIS, Secretary.

The Report and Financial Statement were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Board for 1928: The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, St. Albans, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, Woolston, Papanui, and Riccarton Circuits; the Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, C. E. Ward, F. T. Read, and A. Peters; Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron, H. L. Blamires, and H. J. Odell, and Sister Mabel Morley; Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., E. W. Hall, F. Thompson, B. Bowron (Treasurer), Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., J. Lomas, W. T. Burley, M. Kershaw, W. H. Marshall, J. Gilmour, F. A. Sheat, and W. Dobbs. (Field Organiser, Rev. F. T. Read.)

The Conference expresses its deep regret at the death of the Rev. Wm. Laycock. It places on record its appreciation of his willing and capable services, and tenders its sympathy to Mrs. Laycock and her daughter.

The Treasurer (Mr. George Bowron) be thanked for his services and reappointed.

That the Rev. H. J. Odell be appointed Secretary for 1928.

That the Rev. J. Harris be thanked for his services as Secretary for the past six years.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference recommends the various Orphanage Boards to consider the appointment of an efficient canvasser to visit districts and secure donations in support of the work. The Conference believes that the appeal on behalf of the children will be readily responded to if presented by a qualified canvasser.
2. That the June Quarterly Meetings appoint Circuit Orphanage Secretaries.

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

**"METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE—
REPORT 1927.**

The Committee has the honour to report that the work in connection with the publication of the "Methodist Times" has proceeded harmoniously throughout the year. We are continually under a debt of gratitude to Messrs. Gamble and Stringer, of the "Lyttelton Times" Printing Office, for their courtesy, care and attention to all the technique of issuing the journal.

Correspondence with Circuit agents and subscribers, revision of old lists of subscribers, and other details of publication has thrown a large amount of work on the Business Manager.

The Committee respectfully submits that when a Special Issue of the "Methodist Times" is requested, as by the Foreign Mission Department this year, it should first be consulted and adequate provision made for the extra cost involved.

We fear this Church organ is not receiving the support in the Circuits generally that it deserves, not merely from a literary standpoint, but what perhaps is much more important, the consideration of the welfare and progress of our beloved Church. Every minister and member should be anxious for the advance of this paper, for they should know that without it the connexional spirit would wane, and the work be impaired in the Home and Foreign Missionary Departments, and the Young People's and every other department.

While heartily thanking the Circuit Agents for their kindly assistance in the past, your Committee appeals to all Methodists for a more enthusiastic support in the future.

The Committee again expresses its thanks to the Editors and other Contributors for their talented and efficient work during the year.

Its best thanks are also due to the Business Manager, Rev. M. A. R. Pratt.

The Rev. P. R. Paris is unanimously recommended for reappointment as Editor for 1928.

Finance.—The Balance-sheet will be presented at Conference.

WM. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

B. J. JAMES, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Literature Committee be asked to consider during the year the advisability of printing personal and general news in larger type, also the matter of publishing a larger number of illustrations.

That the Conference expresses its thanks to the editors and other contributors for their talented and efficient work during the year.

That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Business Manager, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, and that he be reappointed.

That the Rev. P. R. Paris be appointed Editor for 1928.

That the Rev. B. J. James be reappointed Associate Editor.

That the Conference tenders its thanks to the anonymous donor of £20 for prizes in connection with an essay competition in the "N.Z. Methodist Times," and commends the project to the members of our Church.

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

That the Business Manager be empowered to close the accounts of the "Methodist Times" at an earlier date than January 31st, if necessary.

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

REPORT OF MILITARY COMMITTEE, 1927.

The Treasurer of the Military Camps Fund (Mr. C. M. Luke) reports that the funds to the credit of the Committee have been duly transferred to the Supernumerary Fund Treasurers, in accordance with the Conference resolution.

The Conference also recommended that the sum of £100 be granted from the Home Mission and Contingent Funds towards the expenses of the Y.M.C.A. work in the Territorial Camps of the Dominion. This amount has been received and gratefully acknowledged by the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. We are pleased to note that of the sum of £157 9s. 0d. received by the Y.M.C.A. Council from the Churches, £103 13s. 0d. came from the Methodist Church.

In this connection we note that of the 90 Camps served by the Y.M.C.A., an Association Secretary was in charge of the work in 84 Camps, while limited equipment was supplied to the remaining 6 Camps. The total expenditure for eleven months of the year amounted to £2,442 19s. 6d., and receipts to £2,147 16s. 5d., leaving a debit balance of £295 3s. 1d. We place these facts and figures on record in recognition of the fine work being done by the Y.M.C.A., and also that the Conference may know our subsidy is well bestowed. The fact that the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. has given a seat on its Military Committee to a representative of the Methodist Church is a further guarantee that the money will be wisely expended.

Our thanks are again due to our Naval and Military Chaplains—to the latter more particularly—for splendid service rendered. While the organisation of the Northern Military Command—where there is a shortage of Methodist Chaplains on the Active List—leaves something to be desired, the work of our Chaplains in the various Territorial Camps has been altogether satisfactory. At an early date it is proposed to hold a Conference in Wellington of representatives of the Chaplain Advisory Committees of the Dominion, with a view to securing the highest efficiency in Chaplaincy affairs. We have already recommended the wiping out of the Regimental District system as it applies to Chaplains, and to this the Department has agreed.

We regret that our efforts to secure the transfer of the Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., to the N.Z. Forces failed owing to his having passed the age limit. His years of service, unfortunately, did not entitle him to promotion to the Third Class. We recommend the Conference Military Committee to prepare a list of suitable men among our younger ministers for appointment as Chaplains when vacancies arise in the various Commands owing to the retirement of senior men.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman of District

C. EATON, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the thanks of the Conference be given to our Military and Naval Chaplains for valuable services rendered during the year.
2. That renewed effort be made to secure the transfer of the Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., to the New Zealand Forces.
3. Complaint having been made of the desecration of the Sabbath Day by the holding of firing practice and military sports in connection with a territorial camp, the Conference directs that a protest be made to headquarters against a repetition of the evil.
4. That Conference expresses appreciation of the work of the Y.M.C.A. in the Territorial camps of the Dominion; and that the grant of £100 made last year be continued for the present year.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Revs. W. T. Blight, W. Walker and C. Eaton for services rendered on the Chaplains' Advisory Committees.
6. That the following be appointed Representatives on the Chaplains' Boards:—Northern Command, Rev. E. T. Olds; Central Command, Rev. C. Eaton; Southern Command, Rev. W. Walker.
7. That the Conference recommends to the Theological College Council the placing of a brass tablet in Trinity Theological College, Auckland, to commemorate the supreme sacrifice of those Ministers and Students of our Church who laid down their lives in the Great War.

N.B.—For special Resolutions re War Disabilities, see under Report C, Question 41.

The following Military Committees were appointed:—

Headquarters and Central Command—The Chairman and Chaplains of the District, Messrs. C. M. Luke, C. R. Edmond, R. B. T. Richardson, H. P. Mourant. Convener, Rev. C. Eaton.

Northern Command—The Chaplains in the District, Messrs. B. Buttle, W. S. Stone, K. Dellow, H. C. Mutton and Major F. C. Soar. Convener, Rev. E. T. 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. L. B. Neals.

Otago Command—Chaplains of the Otago-Southland District, Messrs. E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, J. B. Shacklock, T. Smith. Convener, Rev. W. Walker.

NAVAL CHAPLAINS.

That the following be the Naval Chaplains appointed by the Conference:—

Wellington—Rev. C. Eaton.

Auckland—Rev. J. F. Martin.

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. M. Ayrton.

Nelson—Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.

New Plymouth—Rev. T. R. Richards.

Picton—Rev. F. Batup.

Greymouth—Rev. G. E. Brown.

Napier—Rev. B. Metson.

Tauranga—Rev. H. G. Brown.

QUESTION L.—What is the Report on Early Church Records?**REPORT OF CUSTODIAN, 1927.**

During the year the following have been received by the Custodian:

1. Minutes of First Conference of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church (1855) from Mr. Henry Buttle.
2. Minute Book of Military Camps Committee (1915-1922) from Rev. F. T. Read.
3. Historical Jubilee Souvenir of Hawera Methodism from Mr. James Foy
4. Autograph Book containing signatures of various Presidents of the British Conference and of prominent English Methodist laymen, from A. H. Reed, Esq.
5. Photograph of first Otago Synod (1872) from Mr. James Oliver.
6. Four large steel engravings from Rev. S. Lawry, as under:—
 - (a) Rescue of John Wesley from the Flames.
 - (b) John Wesley preaching from his father's tomb.
 - (c) Charles Wesley preaching to American Indians.
 - (d) John Wesley's Deathbed.
7. Rev. William Kirk's Wellington Baptismal Register (1848-1852) from Mrs. Garlick.
8. Copies of Conference Minutes from Mrs. W. H. Seed.

To the various donors thanks are presented for their gifts.

The claims of other departments of work in the Connexional Office during the year have been so insistent and so numerous that opportunity has not yet been found to confer with the Principal of the Theological College on the matter of the repositories of the various classes of records. For the same reason it has not been possible to attempt any close analysis of the mass of material in the Connexional Office so that it may be properly classified and catalogued.

A number of enquiries have been received for historical information, and in most cases the data sought has been furnished.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT.

Christchurch, 28th December, 1927.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian for the ensuing year, with the Principal of the College as a Joint Custodian, and that they confer concerning the respective spheres of the Connexional Office and the College as repositories of such records.

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

That the present method of election be continued.

Book of Offices.

An interim Report was presented by the convener, and was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the following be the committee for 1928: Revs. the President, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., E. Drake, L. B. Dalby, W. A. Sinclair, and T. R. B. Woolloxall (convener). Corresponding member, the Connexional Secretary.
2. That the Committee complete the work of revision during the year, and submit the result in typed sheets to the following Advisory Committee (the cost of typing to be a charge upon the Contingent Fund): Revs. W. Baumber, S. Lawry, H. E. Bellhouse, M. A. Rugby Pratt, A. N. Scotter, B.A., J. H. Haslam, P. R. Paris, and H. L. Richards.
3. That the financial report of the text of the Book, and the cost of publishing it, and the sale price be submitted to next Conference.
4. That the Committee be directed to include in the new Book of Offices a Communion service for children.

Incidence of Connexional Taxation.

An interim Report was received, and the following Committee appointed to report to Synods and Conference:—The Ministers of the Dannevirke, Woodville, Pahiatua, Broad Street, Cuba Street, Feilding and Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Circuits, with Messrs. G. H. Stiles, A. Harding, J. J. Boagey, J. Chrystall, and C. E. Taylor. Convener, Rev. C. A. Poston.

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

(See Book of Laws, pp. 97, 98.)

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, A. Peak, E. Dixon, C. M. Luke, E. Kellow, S. T. Martin, H. P. Mourant, W. E. Redstone, Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., J. A. Fleisher, O.B.E., H. Holland, M.P., E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock and D. C. Cameron. Secretary of Conference, Secretary and Convener.

Committee of Exigency to be the Wellington District Executive, with the Wellington members of the Committee of Privileges.

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

Wellington.—The Ministers and Probationers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Mrs. Hill, Miss Armstrong, Messrs. R. S. Maunder, H. P. Mourant, R. T. B. Richardson, E. Tregurtha, E. B. Ash, A. Flett, H. Dixon, R. Ferguson, H. D. C. Horwood, J. R. Burley, W. Tomlin, D. Youlton, F. J. W. Fear, F. Lockwood, W. J. Jacobson, W. Walton, B. J. Lynneberg, S. T. Martin, R. Burgess, P. G. de Ridder, J. W. Buchanan, and A. E. Parker. Rev. A. E. Jefferson, Convener.

North Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, the Ministers of Edgeware Road, New Brighton and Linwood

Churches, Revs. W. J. Williams, S. Lawry, F. T. Read, and A. Peters; the Treasurer of the "Methodist Times" and Literature Committee; Messrs H. Holland, O.B.E., M.P., J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., F. Thompson, H. E. Peryman, W. Simpson, J. Lomas, W. H. Marshall, W. C. Francis, A. A. Sandford, D. E. Parton, C. W. Barrell, M. Kershaw, H. W. Heslop, W. A. Bascand, H. W. Armitage, S. Roberts, J. Pitcaithly, and H. Branthwaite. Rev. S. J. Werren, Convener.

Otago-Southland.—The Superintendent, 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. E. Aslin, E. A. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, A. T. M'Indoe, J. B. Shacklock, T. W. Hemer, W. King, E. W. Isbister, L. Mercier, C. H. M'Lean, H. H. Johnston, G. Harvey, P. Nixon, R. Bagshaw, R. J. Allen, A. J. L. Scott, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., and T. Jory, together with two Representatives each from the Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Unions, and from the Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Associate members, Mrs. Duke, Messrs. W. A. Brown and A. H. Reed. Convener, the Chairman of the District.

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

1.—NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT.

We record first our sincere congratulations to our Wellington brethren on their success in establishing a strong Branch of the Association in the Empire City. In the hands of such capable and experienced Officers as our honoured brethren, H. P. Mourant, President; J. R. Burley, Hon. Secretary; and A. H. Brooks, Treasurer, the success of the Branch is well assured. Our prayers and best wishes go out for them and with them in their holy enterprise. Any information that may be of service to them will be willingly and promptly furnished by the Executive.

The keynote of this Association from its inception has been to encourage and stimulate our young men who possess gifts, grace and piety, who have heard the call of God to become preachers of the Word of Life. And with that call comes the necessity for thorough equipment. They must need to read and study suitable literature. This we are prepared to furnish at 33 and 1-3 per cent. below the published price. We can supply to young preachers who are on trial a special set of six books for 8s. 6d., post free, the published price of which is 17s. 6d.

The work of the pulpit to-day has no doubt to be done under new conditions, and requires different qualities in order to ensure success. It has to deal not only with opinions and tendencies that are characteristic of the times, but what is of equal importance, with an entirely changed condition of general intelligence. It has to compete with new and formidable rivals, with newspapers, with magazines, with reviews, with well-filled bookshelves of printed sermons by the ablest modern divines; so that the preacher's task to-day calls for constant, taxing, tireless, nerve-exhausting effect.. Many of these rivals are not slow to criticise, and who, if they cannot overthrow its power, can at least make its retention more difficult. It is idle, therefore, or worse than idle, to ignore changes in the conditions of the world in which the

preacher (and especially the Local preacher) has to work. It is, therefore, of the first importance that our young men who have felt the Divine call should be furnished with an adequate equipment for this work. Where there is a true and earnest zeal for God there will surely be a diligent and conscientious devotion to all such studies as may serve to give effect to that zeal. The charge to give attendance to reading is as truly and imperatively a Divine injunction as is the charge to "watch and pray." We, therefore, respectfully suggest that in Circuits, singly or in groups, there should be formed some suitable Theological class where our young men could be trained and made "Vessels unto honour, meet for the Master's use, prepared unto every good work."

We purpose to get into communication with the Chairmen of Districts as soon as possible after the Synods, with a view to having this matter brought under the personal notice of Superintendents of Circuits.

We congratulate the Rev. E. P. Blamires and his co-workers in the Young People's Department. We are deeply interested in the good work that is being done by them, and we are looking with prayerful anxiety to them to supply our pulpit with God-made, God-sent preachers.

We Remain, Honoured Fathers and Brethren,

Yours in the Master's Service,

J. LOMAS, President.

A. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the request of the Local Preachers' Association for direct representation in Conference be referred to the District Synods for report to Conference.
 2. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of the Local Preachers' Association, and of the great service to the Church of the Local Preachers throughout the Dominion.
 3. That the following proposal be referred to the Local Preachers' Association for consideration and report to Synods and Conference:—
- That Conference recognise 25 and 50 years of service as a Local Preacher by the issue of a suitable certificate or such other method as may be approved; and that it be presented publicly by the Chairman of District.

II. WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

(See Minutes 1927; Page 147.)

The World Conference on Faith and Order met at Lausanne, Switzerland, from August 3—21, when 425 representatives of Christian faiths from 70 nation-wide autonomous Churches having a constituency of 275,000,000 adherents deliberated in the attempt to restore the unity of Christendom. The Church of Rome was the only Christian denomination that did not participate in the Congress.

Our New Zealand Church last year appointed the Rev. Dr. Pinfold and Mr. J. B. Veale as its representatives. Dr. Pinfold, unfortunately, had to return to New Zealand prior to the World Conference, and at the date of this report I have had no word as to whether Mr. Veale was at Lausanne.

The Conference, which is the first conclave on an ecumenical scale since the early Councils of the Christian Church, arrived at a spirit of accord that must profoundly affect the future course of Christendom. No attempt was made to crystallise the sentiments of the gathering into definite credal pronouncements or to define the conditions of future re-union. Its object was to register the apparent level of fundamental agreements within the Conference and the grave points of disagreements remaining; also to suggest certain lines of thought which may in future tend to a fuller measure of agreement.

After full discussion, reports were adopted, either unanimously or nem. con., on

1. The Call to Unity.
2. The Church's Message to the World—The Gospel.
3. The Nature of the Church.
4. The Church's Common Confession of Faith.
5. The Ministry of the Church.
6. The Sacraments.

"The question of 'The Unity of Christendom in relation to existing Churches' was remitted to a Continuation Committee for consideration and report.

The Conference was the starting-point for a long and difficult journey to the goal of Christian re-union. If full advantage is to be taken of the progress registered at Lausanne, the spirit and method of the World Conference must be repeated in each main ecclesiastical assembly as well as in each separate congregation.

I recommend the re-appointment of our Commission to receive any further communications from the Continuation Committee.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Convener of Commission.

Christchurch, 30th December, 1927.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY DR. PINFOLD.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Conference for appointing me as its Representative to the 1927 "World Conference on Faith and Order." Just before I was to start from London a cable came informing me of the tragic death of my wife; so instead of going to Lausanne as arranged, I returned to New Zealand. It was a great disappointment to me not to have the opportunity of doing my best to worthily represent my Church. I have kept in touch with the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference; also with some who were present. My conclusion is that while it was a great and important gathering, even historic, and while it resulted in the formation and development of friendships that will assist in the fostering of the Spirit of Union among the Churches, yet it did not accomplish all the good its promoters hoped to achieve. The Conference did much in showing that the agreements among the Churches were many more than was generally imagined; while, among the matters in which difference of opinion was expressed, Conferences for mutual interchange of thought would lead to splendid results. One thing will probably need to be watched. Some enthusiasts are working to bring about the union of all Christendom under one head, and it is not difficult to see that their eyes are turned towards Rome to find that head. It may be that this fact has helped in producing the recent Papal encyclical, in which the Pope affirms "that Church unity is obtainable only by the return of dissidents to the Roman Catholic Church." Even Bishop Gore—who was a member of the Lausanne Conference—and Dean Inge now point out

the futility of the hope of ultimate reunion with the great Western Church. The latter suggests an exchange of pulpits with the Free Churches freely, and intercommunion at special times. I wish to thank the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for the prompt way in which he sent on to the Lausanne Conference Secretary the names of your Representatives. I again thank the brethren for their appointment.

JAMES T. PINFOLD.

Wellington,

17th January, 1928.

The Report and Supplementary Report were received and adopted.

III.—VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS.

Church Extension.

That Conference appoint the District H.M. Committee, with power to add, to consider the question of Church extension as it relates to Auckland City and Suburbs, and to establish if possible a Sites Fund to enable Circuits to acquire sites in strategic positions.

Christian Endeavour.

That Conference recommends the resuscitation of the C. E. Movement as a definite part of the Church life of our Circuits.

Chairmanship of Connexional Committees.

PROPOSAL.

Whereas there is no general rule or regulations providing for the Chairmanship of Connexional Committees, the Conference is recommended to adopt the following:—

That except where otherwise provided for by regulation the District Synod, when nominating Connexional Committees or Boards of Management located within its bounds, shall nominate for appointment by the Conference one of those named to be the Chairman of such Committee or Board, or if the nomination shall be found for any reason to be impracticable, the Conference shall nominate and appoint a Chairman. The appointed Chairman, together with the Secretary, shall sign the Report and be responsible for its presentation to Conference. Should a vacancy in any such Chairmanship occur during the year, the Committee or Board shall appoint one of its members to be acting Chairman until the ensuing Conference.

RESOLUTION.

That the above proposal be remitted to the Synods for consideration, co-operate.

Good Friday.

That Good Friday should be regarded as a sacred day and that wherever possible an Inspirational Rally should be held in one of the larger centres, in which smaller Circuits should be invited to co-operate.

Church Services.

That Conference requests Ministers, Local Preachers and Leaders' Meetings to take such steps as will secure a more general and worthy participation in those portions of the service in which the congregation is expected to take an audible part, especially in the Lord's Prayer, and the concluding "Amen"; also in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and other occasions when provision is made for responses.

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 re-appointed.

President's Committee of Advice.

That the following be the President's Advisory Committee:—Revs. Principal Laws, B.A., D.D., E. Drake, W. A. Sinclair, A. J. Seamer, A. Ashcroft, and the Secretary of the Conference, the Vice-President, Messrs. J. A. Flesher and A. Peak.

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, 1928.

QUESTION LV.—When and Where shall the next Conference be held?

On Thursday, February 21st, 1929, in the Pitt Street Church, Auckland.

VOTES OF THANKS.

President.—That the best of thanks of Conference be tendered to the President, the Rev. W. J. Elliott, for his inaugural address, and also for his efficiency and thoroughness in presiding over the business sessions and social functions of the Conference.

Vice-President.—That the Vice-President, Mr. J. W. Shackelford, be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.—That the cordial thanks of Conference be accorded the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., for his faithful services during the year. The Conference appreciates particularly his visits of inspiration to various Districts.

Ex-Vice-President.—That the best thanks of Conference be tendered to Mr J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., for his distinguished services during his year of office.

Ordination Charge.—That the Ex-President, the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., 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 to the precentor, for their services to the Conference.

Trustees, Hosts, Etc.—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Trustees of Durham Street Church 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; and the members of the Equalisation Fund Committee.

Press.—That the Press Secretaries be thanked for their services; that the Press Association and the Daily Papers be thanked for reporting the buiness; that the Reporters for the "Methodist Times" be thanked for their admirable reports.

Choirs.—That Mr. E. Firth, F.R.C.O., and the United Choirs be congratulated on the success of the Oratorio, "Samson"; and that the City and Suburban Choirs be thanked for their assistance at the various functions.

Garden Party.—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Flesher for the use of their grounds for the Conference Garden Party, and the excellent arrangements made for it.

Form of Bequest.

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

I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of the

(Here insert the name of the Institution or Fund to be benefited)

sum of pounds sterling to be paid out of my personal estate, in aid of the said

(Name the Institution or Fund)

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

Presidents and Secretaries of New Zealand Conferences.

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, N.Z.

PLACE.	YEAR.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY
Christchurch	1874	Thomas Buddle	Alexander Reid
Auckland	1875	James Buller	Alexander Reid
Wellington	1876	Alexander Reid	John Crump
Christchurch	1877	William Kirk	William Morley
Wellington	1878	John Crump	William Morley
Auckland	1879	William Morley	Rainsford Bavin
Dunedin	1880	William Lee	William Morley
Nelson	1881	John B. Richardson	Rainsford Bavin
Christchurch	1882	James A. Taylor	William Morley
Auckland	1883	Rainsford Bavin	Henry Bull
Wellington	1884	William Morley	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1885	Joseph Berry	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1886	Henry Bull	William J. Williams
Auckland	1887	William C. Oliver	Henry R. Dewsbury
Wellington	1888	William J. Williams	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1889	William J. Watkin	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1890	John J. Lewis	William Lee
Auckland	1891	Henry R. Dewsbury	William Lee
Wellington	1892	George Bond	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1893	William Keall	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1894	David McNicoll	Henry Bull
Nelson	1895	Joseph H. Simmonds	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1896	William Baumber	William J. Williams
Wellington	1897	Paul W. Fairclough	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1898	William G. Parsonson	Daniel J. Murray
Christchurch	1899	John Orchard	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1900	Joseph S. Smalley	Daniel J. Murray
Wellington	1901	Charles H. Garland	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1902	Daniel J. Murray	Samuel Lawry

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch	1903	John A. Luxford	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1904	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Wellington	1905	Joseph N. Buttle	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1906	Thomas G. 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

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT
Christchurch	1885	Mr. David Goldie
New Plymouth	1886	Rev. P. W. Jones
Wellington	1887	Rev. James Guy
Invercargill	1888	Mr. G. Froggatt
Christchurch	1889	Rev. J. Sharp
Dunedin	1890	Mr. C. M. Luke
Auckland	1891	Rev. W. S. Potter
Christchurch	1892	Mr. J. Bellringer
Ashburton	1893	Rev. James Guy
New Plymouth	1894	Rev. C. E. Ward
Wellington	1895	Rev. William Laycock
Timaru	1896	Rev. James Clover
Feilding	1897	Rev. T. H. Lyon
Dunedin	1898	Rev. J. Dawson
Christchurch	1899	Rev. P. W. Jones
Stratford	1900	Rev. J. Cocker
Auckland	1901	Rev. W. S. Potter
Wellington	1902	Hon. C. M. Luke
Ashburton	1903	Rev. G. Clement
Wanganui	1904	Rev. E. Drake
Christchurch	1905	Rev. J. Sharp
Invercargill	1906	Mr. C. E. Bellringer
New Plymouth	1907	Rev. C. E. Ward
Dunedin	1908	Rev. J. Olphert
Auckland	1909	Rev. R. Raine
Timaru	1910	Rev. S. Henderson
Wellington	1911	Rev. G. H. Mann
Christchurch	1912	Rev. G. K. Smith
Wellington	1913	Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C.

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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.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.	J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J. W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

A Chronological List

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| <p>1869—Simmonds, Joseph H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1870—Lewis, John J. (Sup.)
 Ward, Charles E. (Sup.)
 Williams, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1871—Bond, George (Sup.)
 Carr, Thomas G. (Sup.)</p> <p>1874—Jory, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1875—Guy, James (Sup.)
 Murray, Daniel J. (Sup.)
 Nixon, John (Sup.)
 Standage, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1876—Baumber, William (Sup.)
 Griffin, Cornelius (Sup.)
 Jones, Peter W. (Sup.)
 Potter, William S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)
 Lawry, Samuel (Sup.)
 Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1880—Brooke, Thomas G. (Sup.)</p> <p>1881—Pinfold, James T., D.D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel (Sup.)
 Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C.
 Wallis, T. Jackson</p> <p>1887—Blight, Joseph (Sup.)
 Clement, George (Sup.)
 Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)
 Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.
 Wrigley, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William
 Olphert, John</p> <p>1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A.
 Read, Frederick T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1890—Cocker, James (Sup.)
 Harding, Arthur (Sup.)
 Mitchell, Arthur
 Newbold, Thos. W. (Sup.)</p> | <p>1891—Sinclair, William A.</p> <p>1892—Dalby, Leonard B.
 Peryman, Samuel H. D.
 Raine, Robert
 Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward
 Elliott, William J.
 Frost, George
 Harrison, Colin C.</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E.
 Griffin, John W. (Sup.)
 Henderson, Samuel
 Vealie, Thomas W.</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur
 Lochore, John A.
 Richards, Thomas R.</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L.
 Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,
 F.R.E.S.</p> <p>1897—Cossum, Percy J.
 Goldie, John Francis
 Greenwood, Fred
 Hay, W. Arthur
 Pybus, T. Arthur</p> <p>1898—Beckett, William
 Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S.</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P.
 Southern, John
 Wills, William</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy
 Greenslade, William
 Haslam, Jonathan H.
 Hunt, George P.
 Liversedge, Arthur
 Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel
 Cook, George S.
 Eaton, Clarence
 Featherston, Jacob
 Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
 Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—(Continued).

- 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
 „ Scott, W. Bramwell
- 1908—Cox, Edwin T., M.A.
 „ Jordan, Chas. B., M.A., B.D.,
 F.R.E.S.
 „ Martin, J. Frederick
 „ Speer, William H.
 „ Tinsley, Robt. B.
- 1909—Cotton, Harry
 „ McArthur, John D.
- 1910—Burley, William A., M.A.
 „ Harris, Archer O.
 „ Olds, Charles H., B.A.
 „ Richards, James
 „ Sharp, Harold A.
- 1911—Enticott, Walter J.
 „ Fowles, Albert H.
 „ 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, J. Ernest
 „ Walker, William
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
 „ Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Binet, Vincent le C.
 „ Burnett, 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.
 „ Jack, John F.
- 1923—Blakemore, Albert
 „ Hames, Eric W., M.A.
 „ Orchard, Hector C.
 „ Spencer, Herbert
- 1924—Ayrton, Moses
 „ Bailey, John
 „ Bateup, Frank
 „ Brown, Hubert G.
 „ Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
 „ Kings, Harry S.
 „ McGregor, Robert
 „ Pearn, Oliver S.
 „ Taylor, Cecil R.

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| 1925—Brooker, E. Hugh | 1927—Laurenson, George I. |
| „ Brown, F. Gardner | „ Penn, Athol R. |
| „ Peterson, Gordon B. | „ Raynor, Ivo M. |
| „ Reid, John | „ Silvester, A. Wharton E. |
| | „ Utting, Harry V. |
| 1926—Hall, James H. | 1928—Dudley, Raymond |
| „ Harris, G. Raymond | „ Grocott, John D. |
| „ Voyce, A. Harry | „ Hailwood, Charlie O. |
| 1927—Burton, G. Cyril | „ Handy, Francis J. |
| „ Hames, Bernard R. | „ Hayman, Frank H. |
| „ Larsen, Norman P. | „ Jeffreys, Howard H. |

NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| 1882—Rakena, Piripi | 1914—Rakena, P. Rakena |
| 1896—Heretini, Te Tuhi | 1916—Soakai, Joeli |
| 1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki | 1920—Matarae Tauroa |
| 1911—Kakuere, Hori | 1922—Haddon, E. Oliver |
| „ Te Tuhi, Eruera | 1928—Keepa Matene |
| „ Wilcox, Davis | „ Wharehuia McDavis |
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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 Sheet 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. Y.P. = Young People's Department. Th. C. = Theological College.

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1907	.. 4	.. Abbey, William H. E., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho	43
1922	.. 3	.. Allen, James H., Onewa Street, Birkenhead	7
1924	.. 1	.. Ayrton, Moses, Bluff	118
1895	.. 3	.. Ashcroft, Arthur, New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland	4
1906	.. 5	.. Avery, William W., King Edward Street, Eltham	37
1924	.. 1	.. Bailey, John, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	69
1901	.. 3	.. Bailey, Samuel, Elles Road, Invercargill	117
1924	.. 5	.. Bateup, Frank, Picton	74
1876	.. S	.. Baumber, William, 91 Hackthorne Road, Christchurch (1918)	79
1898	.. 1	.. Beckett, William, Cambridge Street, Levin	70
1894	.. 6	.. Bellhouse, Harold E., 149 Tennyson St., Dunedin	104
1921	.. 1	.. Benny, Henry, Inglewood, Taranaki	35
1913	.. 7	.. Bensley, Arthur A., Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands	[5]
1914	.. 12	.. Binet, Vincent le C., Seqa, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	[6]
1907	.. 5	.. Blair, Charles, King Street, Rangiora	94
1900	.. 7	.. Blamires, E. Percy, 43a, Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	Y.P.
1904	.. 1	.. Blamires, Ernest O., 48 Hall Street, Masterton	68
1896	.. 1	.. Blamires, Henry L., East Road, Stratford	36
1923	.. 1	.. Blakemore, Albert, Birkett Street, Temuka	99
1887	.. S	.. Blight, Joseph, 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1910)	3
1917	.. 1	.. Blight, William T., B.A., 54 Chester St., Christchurch	79
1871	.. S	.. Bond, George, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1915)	3
1880	.. S	.. Brooke, Thomas G., Penryn Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1924)	3

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1922	.. 1	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Motueka	77
1925	.. 2	Brown, F. Gardner, Matamata, Waikato ..	32
1916	.. 2	Brown, George E., Franklin Street, Greymouth ..	76
1924	.. 1	Brown, Hubert G., Tauranga	28
1910	.. 3	Burley, William A., M.A., Queen Street, Thames ..	20
1914	.. 3	Burnet, Oswald, Westport	78
1871	.. S	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1915)	3
1917	.. 2	Chambers, Ernest B., Banks Street, Whangarei ..	16
1896	.. 12	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland	3
1906	.. S	Clark, James R., 25 Wyon Street, Linwood, Christchurch (1923)	80
1887	.. S	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin (1923)	104
1902	.. 2	Coatsworth, Thomas, Opunake, Taranaki ..	40
1890	.. S	Cocker, James, 46 Albert Street, Masterton (1922) ..	68
1901	.. S	Cook, George S., Otaki (1928)	71
1915	.. 3	Cooke, Percy I., 142 North Street, Timaru ..	97
1905	.. 1	Copeland, Fred, West Street, Feilding ..	57
1897	.. 1	Cossum, Percy J., Kaponga	41
1918	.. 3	Costain, Alfred M., Roxburgh, Otago ..	115
1909	.. 2	Cottom, Harry, Ohoka, Canterbury	93
1908	.. 5	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., Wicksteed Street, Wanganui ..	42
1921	.. 7	Cropp, Allan H., Bougainville, Solomon Islands ..	[4]
1919	.. 1	Cuming, William B., Queen Street, Woodville ..	52
1892	.. 3	Dalby, Leonard B., 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland ..	1
1906	.. 4	Daniel, Herbert, Dannevirke	51
1917	.. 1	Dennis, John, Karori, Wellington	60
1917	.. 7	Dent, Tom, Patutiva, Marovo, Solomon Islands ..	[4]
1893	.. 5	Drake, Edward, Selwyn Road, Epsom, Auckland ..	3
1898	.. 3	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton ..	89
1928	.. 1	Dudley, Raymond, Hutt	64
1901	.. 6	Eaton, Clarence, 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington ..	59
1893	.. 2	Elliott, William J., Papakura, Auckland ..	10
1903	.. 1	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., South Road, Hawera ..	38
1911	.. 1	Enticott, Walter J., Te Awamutu	31
1901	.. 2	Featherston, Jacob, Irk Street, Gore	119
1877	.. S	Fee, Thomas, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch (1913)	82
1924	.. 1	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., Edinburgh St., Pukekohe ..	11
1919	.. 1	Ford, Herbert, visiting England .. ..	..
1916	.. 2	Fordyce, Robert E., Tua Marina, Blenheim ..	74
1914	.. 6	Foston, Charles A., Pahiatua	53
1911	.. 2	Fowles, Albert H., Springston, Canterbury ..	89
1893	.. 5	Frost, George, 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne ..	48
1919	.. 3	Gatman, William, Johnson Street, Milton, Otago ..	114
1897	.. 27	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands ..	[4]
1912	.. 1	Gosnell, Robert B., Fitzroy, New Plymouth ..	33
1900	.. 2	Greenslade, William, 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch	80
1897	.. 4	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

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1882 ..	S ..	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1920)	3
1888 ..	1 ..	Grigg, William, Willowby, Canterbury	102
1928 ..	1 ..	Grocott, John D., Wairoa, Hawke's Bay	49
1875 ..	S ..	Guy, James, 124 Bealey Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1921)	80
1928 ..	1 ..	Hailwood, Charlie O., Kilbirnie	62
1926 ..	1 ..	Hall, James H., Russell, Bay of Islands	18
1927 ..	2 ..	Hames, Bernard R., B.A., Island Bay, Wellington ..	61
1923 ..	2 ..	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Dargaville, Northern Wairoa ..	15
1928 ..	1 ..	Handy, Francis J., 53 Wellington Road, Marton ..	44
1890 ..	S ..	Harding, Arthur, Raroa Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington (1923)	64
1916 ..	1 ..	Harkness, Edwin S., Wellington Road, Kilbirnie, Wellington	62
1910 ..	2 ..	Harris, Archer O., 32 Firth Street, Hamilton East ..	26
1914 ..	1 ..	Harris, Francis T., Tai Tapu, Canterbury	90
1926 ..	1 ..	Harris, G. Raymond, Frankton, Hamilton	25
1905 ..	1 ..	Harris, John, Eden Street, Oamaru	103
1893 ..	3 ..	Harrison, Colin C., Rotorua	27
1900 ..	3 ..	Haslam, Jonathan H., 18 Coronation St., Waimate ..	98
1897 ..	S ..	Hay, W. Arthur (1928), Maylands, Perth, W.A.	79
1928 ..	1 ..	Hayman, Frank H., Roviana, Solomon Islands	4
1894 ..	6 ..	Henderson, Samuel, Church Street, Te Aroha	21
1912 ..	4 ..	Hinton, George B., Takapuna, Auckland	6
1916 ..	2 ..	Hocking, William H., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin ..	106
1911 ..	1 ..	Hopper, Arthur, Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch	87
1900 ..	2 ..	Hunt, George P., Leeston, Canterbury	91
1922 ..	3 ..	Jack, John F., Greendale, Canterbury	96
1903 ..	5 ..	James, Benjamin J., 43 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton, Christchurch	85
1919 ..	1 ..	Jefferson, Alfred E., Porirua Road, Johnsonville ..	63
1928 ..	1 ..	Jeffreys, Howard H., Mt. Roskill, Auckland	1
1876 ..	S ..	Jones, Peter W., Sandiland Street, Feilding (1901) ..	57
1882 ..	S ..	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	3
1908 ..	1 ..	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland	4
1874 ..	S ..	Jory, John D., "Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland (1912)	7
1887 ..	S ..	Joughin, Thomas A., Mt. Albert, Auckland (1922) ..	1
1899 ..	1 ..	Keall, R. Purcell, Greytown, Wairarapa	66
1916 ..	1 ..	Kendon, Charles H., Sanson, Manawatu	58
1924 ..	2 ..	Kings, Harry S., Kaeo, North Auckland	17
1889 ..	3 ..	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 150 Hardy Street, Nelson ..	72
1927 ..	1 ..	Larsen, Norman P., 52, Collingwood Street, Ponsonby ..	2
1927 ..	1 ..	Laurenson, Geo. I., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch ..	79
1912 ..	1 ..	Lawrence, Frederick B., 46, Radley Street, Woolston, Christchurch	82
1885 ..	1 ..	Lawry, Albert C., Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	108
1877 ..	S ..	Lawry, Samuel, Mt. Pleasant Road, Redcliffs, Christchurch (1927)	79
1887 ..	9 ..	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., 241 Remuera Road, Auckland	Th.C

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1912	.. 2 ..	Leadley, Frank E., Grey Street, Onehunga ..	8
1870	.. S ..	Lewis, John J., Tenterton Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1919)	1
1903	.. 1 ..	Liddell, Ralph J., Carterton ..	67
1900	.. 3 ..	Liversedge, Arthur, 336 Selwyn Street, Christchurch	84
1895	.. 5 ..	Lochore, John A., Nelson Street, Petone ..	65
1909	.. 1 ..	McArthur, John D., 23 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North	55
1904	.. 5 ..	McBean, Angus, Spey Street, Invercargill ..	116
1924	.. 1 ..	McGregor, Robert, Mowatt Street, Waitara ..	34
1883	.. S ..	Marshall, George T., 27 Kenneth Avenue, Morning-side, Auckland (1920)	1
1908	.. 2 ..	Martin, J. Frederick, 17 Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	5
1916	.. 9 ..	Metcalfe, John R., Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	[6]
1905	.. 5 ..	Metson, Basil, Madeira Steps, Napier ..	46
1890	.. 1 ..	Mitchell, Arthur, 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby ..	2
1875	.. S ..	Murray, Daniel J., Quest Terrace, Dominion Road, Auckland (1920)	1
1918	.. 1 ..	Neil, Wallace S., Waiuku, Auckland ..	12
1911	.. 5 ..	Neale, Leslie B., Ripton Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	86
1917	.. 1 ..	Nelson, John R., Woodend, Canterbury ..	95
1890	.. S ..	Newbold, Thomas W., 275 George Street, Dunedin (1912)	104
1875	.. S ..	Nixon, John, Eliot Street, New Plymouth (1907) ..	33
1915	.. 3 ..	Odell, Henry J., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch	83
1910	.. 2 ..	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 1 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt	64
1915	.. 1 ..	Olds, E. Thomas, 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland	3
1888	.. 1 ..	Olphert, John, Dublin Street, Wanganui ..	43
1923	.. 3 ..	Orchard, Hector C., Manaia, Taranaki ..	39
1902	.. 1 ..	Oxbrow, Walter J., Queen Street, Hastings ..	47
1906	.. 3 ..	Paris, Percy R., London Street, Hamilton ..	25
1917	.. 2 ..	Parker, Frederick J., Ashhurst, Manawatu ..	56
1918	.. 2 ..	Parker, James W., Queen Street, Cambridge ..	24
1912	.. 2 ..	Parsons, J. Ernest, 278 Church Street, Palmerston North	54
1902	.. 2 ..	Patchett, Ernest D., 93 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington	60
1924	.. 1 ..	Pearn, Oliver S., 22, Union Street, New Brighton ..	80
1913	.. 1 ..	Peat, Harold T., 21 Butler Street, Timaru ..	97
1927	.. 2 ..	Penn, Athol R., Sumner, Christchurch ..	82
1892	.. S ..	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Johnsonville (1928) ..	63
1877	.. S ..	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch (1920)	86
1925	.. 2 ..	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Victoria Street, St. Clair, Dunedin	107
1920	.. 3 ..	Pickering, William B., Paeroa ..	23
1881	.. S ..	Pinfold, James T., D.D., "The Nook," Main Road, Karori, Wellington (1921)	60
1876	.. S ..	Potter, William S., 155 Crummer Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland (1919)	2

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1902	.. 2 ..	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, 118 Knowles Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	.. C.S.
1897	.. 3 ..	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	.. 112
1892	.. 1 ..	Raine, Robert, 34 Bruce Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington	.. 59
1901	.. 6 ..	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., 70 Remuera Road, Auckland	.. Th.C.
1927	.. 1 ..	Raynor, Ivor M., Te Hapara, Gisborne	.. 48
1889	.. S ..	Read, Frederick T., 64 Lindsay Street, St. Albans	.. 86
1924	.. 2 ..	Reid, John, Gonville, Wanganui	.. 42
1911	.. 4 ..	Richards, H. Leslie, Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	.. 73
1910	.. 3 ..	Richards, James, 60 Lawrence Street, Mornington, Dunedin	.. 110
1905	.. 1 ..	Richards, Raymond, 36 Brighton Road, Roslyn, Dunedin	.. 111
1895	.. 5 ..	Richards, Thomas R., Liardet Street, New Plymouth	.. 33
1906	.. 1 ..	Roberts, Charles M., Breakwater Road, New Plymouth	.. 33
1911	.. 2 ..	Rowe, William, 11 Sherwood Street, Dominion Road, Auckland	.. 1
1906	.. 3 ..	Ryan, Henry, 22 Station Terrace, Remuera, Auckland	.. 3
1916	.. 4 ..	Sage, Ernest E., Thames Street, Morrinsville	.. 22
1907	.. 4 ..	Scott, W. Bramwell, 49 Wesley Street, South Dunedin	.. 107
1900	.. 1 ..	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 227 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch	.. 81
1903	.. 5 ..	Seamer, Arthur J., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland	.. H.M.
1910	.. 3 ..	Sharp, Harold A., 165 Ollivier's Road, Linwood, Christchurch	.. 80
1927	.. 1 ..	Silvester, A. Wharton, Papatoetoe	.. 9
1869	.. S ..	Simmonds, Joseph H., Princess Street, Takapani, Auckland (1923)	.. 10
1891	.. 10 ..	Sinclair, William A., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland; private address, 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland	.. F.M.
1918	.. 3 ..	Skuse, Thomas, Opotiki, Bay of Plenty	.. 29
1915	.. 4 ..	Slade, William G., M.A., Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	.. 92
1892	.. 3 ..	Smith, G. Knowles, Hokitika	.. 75
1899	.. 1 ..	Southern, John, Geraldine	.. 100
1908	.. 1 ..	Speer, William H., visiting England	.. 80
1923	.. 1 ..	Spencer, Herbert, Kirk Street, Otaki	.. 71
1875	.. S ..	Standage, Charles H., 18 Craigie Street, Timaru (1915)	.. 97
1904	.. 1 ..	Stockwell, George F., High Street, Blenheim	.. 74
1924	.. 1 ..	Taylor, Cecil R., Taumarunui	.. 30
1908	.. 3 ..	Tinsley, Robert B., Havelock Street, Ashburton	.. 101
1927	.. 2 ..	Utting, Harry V., North-East Valley, Dunedin	.. 104
1894	.. 1 ..	Vealie, Thomas W., 24 Colombo Street, Wellington	.. 61
1926	.. 3 ..	Voyce, A. Harry, Bougainville, Solomon Islands	.. [4]
1912	.. 6 ..	Walker, William, 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin	.. 105
1885	.. S ..	Wallis, T. Jackson, St. Albans, Christchurch (1928)	.. 86
1870	.. S ..	Ward, Charles E., Canon Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1910)	.. 81
1914	.. 5 ..	Werren, Samuel J., Cranford Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	.. 86
1906	.. 3 ..	White, Hedley, Balclutha, Otago	.. 113
1870	.. S ..	Williams, William J., 23 Latimer Square, Christchurch (1914)	.. 79

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1899	.. 5 ..	Wills, William, 66 Fitzroy Street, Caversham	.. 109
1901	.. 2 ..	Woolloxall, Thomas R., 10 New Bond Street, Kings- land, Auckland	.. 1
1887	.. S ..	Wrigley, James, Henderson, Auckland (1924)	.. 4

MAORI MINISTERS.

1900	.. 20 ..	Haddon, Robt. Tahupotiki, Normanby, Taranaki	.. [3]
1922	.. 1 ..	Haddon, E. Oliver, Ratana Pa, Wanganui	.. [3]
1896	.. 32 ..	Heretini, Te Tuhi, Whirinaki, Hokianga	.. [1]
1911	.. 5 ..	Kirkwood, Hori, Ngaruawahia, Waikato	.. [2]
1928	.. 1 ..	Keepa, Matene, 19 Probert Chambers, Auckland	.. [1]
1882	.. 1 ..	Rakena, Piripi, Pipiriki, King Country	.. [3]
1914	.. 1 ..	Rakena, Rakena P., Okaiawa, Taranaki	.. [3]
1928	.. 5 ..	Rangiheuea, M.R., Wharehuia, Te Kuiti, King Country	.. [2]
1920	.. 1 ..	Tauroa, Matarae, Waima, Hokianga	.. [1]
1911	.. 1 ..	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Kawakawa, North Auckland	.. [1]
1911	.. 1 ..	Wilcox, Davis, Raglan	.. [2]

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

Dr. E. G. Sayers, Roviana, Solomon Islands, via Tulagi.
Dr. Clifford James.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

- 1896—John H. White, Mapua, Nelson (retired); 9.
1899—John Oliver, Main Street East, Palmerston North (retired); 13.
1904—C. Aker, Patea, Taranaki; 1.
1904—W. T. Hooper, Waipawa, Hawke's Bay; 2.
1907—S. Keen, Kuripuni, Masterton; 2.
1908—G. H. Bridgman, Rother Street, Oamaru (retired); 2.
1908—C. W. Brown, Oxford, Canterbury; 2.
1908—W. E. Sleep, Norsewood, Hawke's Bay; 4.
1909—T. W. Featherstone, Waihi; 2.
1909—F. P. Kellow, Gonville, Wanganui (retired); 7.
1909—W. Watson, Patea, Taranaki (retired); 6.
1910—C. Duncan, Mosgiel, Otago; 3.
1911—C. Strand, Paraparaumu, Wellington; 2.
1913—J. Common, Bombav, Auckland; 3.
1914—F. E. Foote, Maori Hill, Dunedin; 4.
1915—J. H. Edmondson, Foxton, Manawatu; 1.
1915—T. Flower, Raetihi; 1.
1917—A. L. Witheford, Waddington, Canterbury; 2.
1919—J. W. Bayliss, Taihape; 1.
1919—J. Belshaw, Ngaruawahia, Waikato; 2.
1919—P. Bridge, Lawrence, Otago; 2.
1921—J. Thomas, Otautau, Southland; 1.
1922—H. Ashworth, Putaruru, Waikato; 2.
1922—G. H. Marr, Warkworth; 1.
1922—C. Robinson, Granity; 1.
1923—E. R. Alexander, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains; 1.
1923—W. McDonald, Broadwood, Hokianga; 5.
1923—C. G. Scrimgeour, 2 Airedale Street, Auckland; 2.

- 1924—R. T. Alexander, Ohaeawai, Bay of Islands; 3.
 1924—J. G. W. Grindlay, Port Albert; 3.
 1924—G. Hall, Te Kuiti, King Country; 2.
 1924—G. F. O. Whittlestone, Waikouaiti, Otago; 3.
 1924—W. H. Wilson, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty; 2
 1924—H. Dyson (resting).
 1924—H. Thornley, Halcombe, Feilding; 1.
 1925—W. J. Henderson, Cromwell, Otago; 2.
 1925—D. Hickman, Rawene, Hokianga; 1.
 1925—E. Hill, Kaukapakapa; 2.
 1925—T. W. Parsons, Reefton, West Coast; 1.
 1926—F. O. Prosser, Riverton, Southland; 3.
 1926—W. Sussex, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty; 1.

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

A.—Exempted from Examination Work.

- 1925—H. J. Malcolm, Edendale, Southland; 4.
 1927—G. R. Rotherham, Ruawai, Northern Wairoa; 2.
 1928—N. Whitfield, Porirua, Wellington; 1.

B.—Due to Take Examination Work.

- 1924—F. T. Hoten, Coromandel; 2.
 1924—B. H. N. Teague, Murchison, Nelson; 1.
 1925—C. C. Hoskin, Hawarden, Canterbury; 1.
 1925—A. R. Thomas, Ohura, King Country; 1.
 1925—W. Wilson, Apiti, Feilding; 2.
 1926—R. Grice, Mangonui, North Auckland; 2.
 1926—S. Hindmarsh, Huntly, Waikato; 1.
 1926—D. J. Stallard, Broad Bay, Dunedin; 1.
 1926—R. Tapp, Okato, Taranaki; 3.
 1927—R. Jamieson, Nightcaps, Southland; 1.
 1927—W. C. Jenkin, Murchison, Nelson; 3.
 1927—J. L. Mitchell, Paparoa, North Auckland; 2.
 1928—C. S. Bennett, Uriti, Waitara; 1.
 1928—R. Coombebridge, Colporteur Society, Probert Chambers, Auckland;
 1.
 1928—J. A. Daglish, Wakefield, Nelson; 1.
 1928—W. H. Greenslade, Upper Hutt, Wellington; 1.
 1928—E. C. Grey, Hikurangi; 1.
 1928—O. P. Liddell, Helensville; 1.
 1928—K. A. Robinson, care of Parsonage, Timaru; 1.
 1928—J. Woodhouse, Kaihu, Northern Wairoa; 1.

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

- 1918—Hone Tamati, Te Karae, Hokianga; 1.
 1920—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Rahotu, Taranaki; 1.
 1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country; 8.
 1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland; 2.
 1927—Hauotu Hapimana, Aotearoa, King Country; 2.
 1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waioimio, Bay of Islands; 2.

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.

Sister Netta Gittos, Mission Hospital, Te Kuiti.

Sister Ethel McMillan, Bambatana, Choiseul, via Tulagi, Solomon Islands.

Sister Grace McDonald, Bambatana, Choiseul, via Tulagi, Solomon Islands.

Sister Lilian Berry, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.

Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.

Sister Edna White, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.

Sister Elizabeth Common, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.

Sister Jean Dalziel, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.

Sister Lily White, Senga, Choiseul, via Tulagi, Solomon Islands.

Sister May Barnett, c/o Rev. A. Bensley, Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands.

APPENDIX

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1927.
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants	
Auckland Central ..	5	..	5	3	9	..	1	16	3	73	..	131	..	694	2049
Auckland West ..	5	..	6	2	3	..	..	10	..	353	..	105	..	250	980
Auckland East ..	8	..	6	3	11	..	..	16	2	759	12	332	..	630	2120
Auckland (Avondale) ..	7	3	3	2	3	..	..	4	..	392	..	119	..	350	1440
Auckland (Devonport) ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	14	..	206	..	60	..	130	550
Auckland (Takapuna) ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	116	..	42	..	100	270
Auckland (Birkenhead) ..	4	2	4	1	2	..	..	10	..	243	..	65	12	215	620
Onehunga ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	6	2	229	..	144	105	210	650
Otahuhu ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	181	..	44	45	110	558
Papakura ..	2	2	2	1	3	..	..	5	..	135	..	56	21	102	437
Pukekohe ..	7	12	2	2	1	2	10	7	..	241	..	28	20	20	1079
Waiuku ..	1	8	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	74	..	30	69	90	425
Mahurangi ..	3	7	1	1	..	1	..	6	1	81	..	27	10	90	400
Paparoa ..	5	7	..	1	..	1	..	7	..	88	..	24	21	41	300
Northern Wairoa ..	6	27	..	2	1	2	..	14	..	207	..	30	34	100	650
Whangarei ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	132	..	36	..	70	500
Whangaroa ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	35	..	15	..	20	150
Auckland Met. Mission ..	3	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	200
Port Albert ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	66	1	21	28	120	300
Coromandel ..	1	6	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	27	..	..	..	25	90
Kaukap'apa-Helensville ..	4	10	2	2	..	2	..	5	2	82	..	21	..	100	330
Bay of Islands ..	2	5	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	20	..	..	..	40	170
Hokianga ..	3	22	..	1	..	2	..	8	..	80	..	12	..	90	410
Mangonui ..	3	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	43	..	9	..	9	200
Hikurangi ..	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	39	..	..	..	..	160
Ohaeawai ..	1	15	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	36	..	18	21	14	356
Colporteur Work ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
General Totals	87	156	42	32	40	19	2	145	10	4641	13	1369	386	3800	15394

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	129	..	19	25	104	350
Te Aroha ..	3	6	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	174	..	48	..	90	624
Morrinsville ..	3	4	1	1	1	..	..	6	4	169	..	20	39	130	515
Paeroa and H. P. ..	3	9	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	100	..	60	8	55	400
Cambridge ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	119	..	45	..	100	450
Hamilton ..	4	5	3	1	2	..	..	19	1	485	..	100	59	300	1000
Hamilton East ..	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	130	..	40	33	110	400
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	63	..	1	..	108	250
Rotorua ..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	63	..	22	18	50	200
Tauranga ..	1	8	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	89	10	18	42	80	330
Opotiki ..	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	44	..	14	..	30	220
Taumarunui ..	1	8	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	78	..	18	..	68	289
Te Awamutu ..	2	9	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	129	3	32	30	70	560
Matamata ..	2	6	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	101	..	23	41	51	426
Waihi ..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	1	64	..	7	..	51	200
Whakatane ..	3	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	46	..	10	6	40	150
Te Puke ..	1	6	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	49	2	11	12	58	200
Huntly ..	1	10	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	120	7	22	..	30	425
Te Kuiti ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	73	..	16	..	58	243
Ohura ..	2	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	42	..	11	..	10	137
Putaruru ..	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	2	5	61	..	6	32	35	265
General Totals ..	46	102	15	19	15	8	..	79	15	2328	22	543	345	1628	7634

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1927.
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants	
New Plymouth	9	5	3	2	3	1	..	16	..	625	25	240	..	430	1680
Waitara	3	16	1	1	1	1	..	4	..	151	..	46	..	133	654
Inglewood	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	59	..	37	..	50	150
Stratford	5	1	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	175	..	78	..	120	565
Eltham	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	110	..	35	30	75	450
Hawera	3	1	1	1	1	..	1	10	..	300	7	160	35	180	650
Mania	..	4	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	88	15	25	30	65	250
Opunake	6	7	..	3	1	1	..	7	..	117	15	12	..	80	550
Kaponga	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	49	..	22	25	25	240
Wanganui	4	..	2	2	2	1	..	13	..	472	..	106	..	330	1012
Wanganui North	3	..	3	2	2	1	..	4	..	162	..	84	20	120	450
Marton	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	74	..	63	24	25	150
Taihape	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	39	..	7	6	10	90
Raetihi-Ohakune	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	29	..	10	..	20	50
Patea	2	2	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	31	..	30	25	20	85
Douglas	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	3	..	..	55
General Totals	55	46	18	21	17	8	1	77	..	2491	61	958	245	1683	7081

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	6	1	1	1	1	..	..	16	..	370	..	175	106	224	1110
Hastings	1	2	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	321	..	35	..	250	725
Gisborne	4	7	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	248	..	75	35	185	763
Wairoa	..	6	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	18	..	8	6	20	67
Waipawa	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	41	..	12	..	25	150
Dannevirke	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	147	..	45	..	115	450
Woodville	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	85	..	6	..	60	250
Pahiatua	3	4	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	70	..	6	..	50	250
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	267	..	85	..	270	660
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	2	..	2	1	1	1	..	6	..	329	..	72	..	310	790
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	146	..	16	..	98	286
Feilding	6	1	2	2	2	1	..	12	..	250	..	70	..	150	850
Sanson-Rongotea	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	129	..	28	22	68	275
Foxton	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	75	..	21	15	40	218
H.M.S.—Apti	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	46	..	17	20	31	174
Norsewood	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	42	..	10	10	20	120
General Totals	40	37	14	16	14	5	..	88	..	2575	8	681	214	1916	7138

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

WELLINGTON—															
Taranaki Street	3	1	4	3	2	..	1	12	..	562	5	130	..	350	1350
Thorndon	4	..	4	5	3	..	..	8	..	219	..	120	..	180	835
Wellington South	2	..	2	2	2	..	1	12	2	304	..	101	..	221	790
Kilbirnie	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	9	..	207	14	52	..	150	720
Johnsonville-Ngaio	5	1	2	2	1	1	..	4	..	177	..	62	35	150	450
Hutt	3	..	3	1	2	..	..	8	..	216	..	50	..	150	590
Petone	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	208	6	65	35	165	642
Greytown-Featherstone	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	1	63	..	34	15	65	100
Carterton	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	136	..	39	..	100	375
Masterton	3	2	2	2	1	1	..	11	..	260	4	127	..	220	845
Eketahuna	2	9	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	90	..	28	..	50	370
Levin	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	128	..	55	71	90	350
Otaki	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	73	..	30	..	53	230
H.M. Stations—															
Paraparaumu	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	56	..	16	..	47	165
Upper Hutt	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	32	..	4	..	..	55
General Totals	43	18	23	22	19	4	2	84	3	2731	29	911	156	2004	7867

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1927.

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	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	264	34	75	..	200	750
Richmond	9	..	4	1	1	1	..	7	..	208	..	..	..	176	550
Blenheim	6	7	3	3	..	..	..	12	..	405	..	89	78	305	1351
Hokitika	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	61	..	16	16	40	240
Greymouth	3	3	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	165	..	28	..	73	360
Motueka	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	110	..	22	..	100	300
Westport	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	85	..	44	28	70	220
Home Mission Stations—															
Reefton	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	49	..	15	25	26	150
Havelock	4	5	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	55	..	..	..	20	160
Murchison	1	9	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	21	..	12	11	25	140
Granity	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	33	..	..	..	15	230
General Totals	33	37	14	13	9	5	..	43	..	1456	34	301	152	1050	4451

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CHRISTCHURCH—															
Durham Street ..	2	..	1	1	8	..	..	9	..	363	..	81	26	275	1000
East	6	1	5	3	5	..	..	21	..	677	..	343	..	480	1954
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	..	2	3	..	..	7	..	188	..	44	..	145	480
Woolston	5	..	4	1	3	..	..	3	..	269	..	54	..	175	630
Sydenham	2	..	2	2	1	..	..	3	..	203	..	30	..	65	630
Addington	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	219	31	116	..	170	630
Riccarton	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	2	126	..	50	..	120	300
St. Albans	2	1	2	2	4	..	1	4	..	400	..	75	80	300	850
Papanui	3	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	177	..	88	52	170	390
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	93	..	21	..	70	350
Springston	5	3	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	146	2	..	..	138	470
Tai Tapu	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	125	..	10	..	75	300
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	150	..	18	..	123	430
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	127	6	45	..	60	250
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	1	72	..	17	..	60	230
Rangiora	4	1	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	158	..	25	..	70	400
Woodend-Sefton ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	110	..	6	..	60	280
Greendale	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	76	..	21	..	40	240
Hawarden	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	31	..	..	..	23	119
Oxford	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	84	..	16	25	69	132
Waddington	5	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	59	..	7	7	45	170
General Totals	68	18	27	27	36	3	..	108	3	3853	39	1067	190	2733	10235

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1927.

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	3	2	3	1	..	15	..	478	6	196	56	353	1570
Waimate	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	166	..	80	30	140	600
Temuka	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	96	..	32	..	90	240
Geraldine	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	101	..	39	..	72	260
Ashburton	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	16	..	296	3	120	..	180	750
Willowby	5	2	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	129	..	33	21	117	335
Oamaru	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	12	..	190	..	55	25	160	550
Rakaia-Methven	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	40	..	..	..	45	190
Mayfield	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	41	..	13	5	40	165
General Totals	25	24	9	9	9	3	1	62	..	1537	9	568	137	1197	4660

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN—Trinity	3	..	3	1	4	..	..	6	..	276	5	95	50	160	574
Central Mission	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	3	..	200	..	20	10	120	1300
Dundas Street	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	165	..	36	13	120	400
Cargill Road	2	1	3	1	2	..	..	10	..	228	..	60	..	200	700
St. Kilda	2	..	1	1	2	..	..	2	..	154	..	35	..	112	322
Caversham	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	177	..	80	..	95	470
Mornington	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	150	..	68	..	130	385
Roslyn-Maori Hill	2	1	2	1	1	1	..	1	1	170	4	77	..	80	360
Port Chalmers	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	61	..	22	11	40	210
Balclutha	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	63	..	27	20	22	200
Milton	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	61	..	9	..	25	156
Roxburgh	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	60	..	6	..	55	210
Invercargill—Central	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	276	..	60	..	150	600
St. Peters	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	150	4	64	23	155	500
Bluff	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	67	..	1	..	30	175
Gore	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	115	1	32	..	60	206
Otautau	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	58	..	43	..	40	200
Waikouaiti	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	35	..	11	10	25	75
Broad Bay	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	15	..	3	4	20	85
Mosgiel	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	48	..	15	12	30	100
Edendale	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	37	..	10	..	36	236
Kaitangata	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	41	..	6	14	15	110
Lawrence	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	11	5	20	60
Cromwell	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	4	..	21	110
Riverton	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	59	..	..	..	43	124
Nightcaps Tuatapere	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	53	..	3	..	32	187
General Totals	50	25	20	25	22	9	1	63	3	2783	14	798	172	1836	8105

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1927.

DISTRICTS.	Church Membership.															Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.		
Auckland ...	87	156	42	32	40	19	2	145	10	4641	1	1369	386	3800	15394	
South Auckland ...	46	102	15	19	15	8	...	79	15	2328	22	543	345	1628	7634	
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	55	46	18	21	17	8	1	77	...	2491	61	958	245	1683	7081	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ...	40	37	14	16	14	5	...	88	...	2575	8	681	214	1916	7138	
Wellington ...	43	18	23	22	19	4	2	84	3	2731	29	911	156	2004	7867	
Nelson ...	33	37	14	13	9	5	...	43	...	1456	34	301	152	1050	4451	
North Canterbury ...	68	18	27	27	36	3	1	108	3	3853	39	1067	190	2733	10235	
South Canterbury ...	25	24	9	9	9	3	1	62	...	1537	9	568	137	1197	4660	
Otago-Southland ..	50	25	20	25	22	9	1	63	3	2783	14	798	172	1836	8105	
Totals 1927 ...	447	463	182	184	181	64	8	749	34	24395	229	7196	1997	17847	72565	
Totals 1926 ...	448	450	174	182	181	61	7	752	29	24241	393	7430	121	17428	72609	
Increases ..	...	3	8	2	...	3	1	...	5	154	...	...	1876	419	...
Decreases ..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	164	234	...	...	44

MAORI MEMBERSHIP RETURNS

CIRCUIT	Senior	Junior	Infant	Churches	Ministers	Home Missionaries
Auckland ...	542	264	171	8	5	2
Waikato-King Country ...	579	278	236	1	1	5
Taranaki-Waimarino ...	268	122	127	2	3	1
South Island ...	53	36	19	1	...	...

SUMMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1927.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools.	TEACHERS.		SCHOLARS.								No. on Cradle Roll.	BIBLE CLASSES.				Number of Scholars between 13 and 15 years who have ceased to attend	Young Workers' League.	Wesley Guild	Christian Endeavour 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. 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 ...	79	747	648	6922	4878	419	1003	209	80	130	619	864	433	327	306	276	192	805	241	222	376	1124	765	362	46	5	6	48
South Auckland ...	64	311	265	3049	2079	99	543	345	43	58	88	311	116	195	77	171	62	439	87	52	81	507	6	18	32	4	5	31
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	51	276	251	3021	2196	237	825	313	59	105	45	290	225	145	169	107	61	642	22	97	57	225	92	21	34	5	2	28
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ...	40	250	223	2634	1922	186	511	159	45	39	126	292	185	164	148	92	49	468	118	236	...	249	44	26	25	...	1	29
Wellington ...	41	385	336	3786	2574	211	804	168	65	111	226	405	232	180	296	143	75	653	21	70	342	181	225	265	27	1	6	31
Nelson ...	30	176	154	1891	1418	79	269	185	24	12	52	244	77	194	41	205	31	513	35	65	85	204	102	72	13	...	2	18
North Canterbury ...	61	513	463	4582	3295	333	703	323	69	90	353	491	203	268	132	276	92	888	302	119	198	489	280	98	44	6	8	44
South Canterbury ...	27	175	151	1616	1218	87	441	85	24	197	18	183	81	127	67	78	23	353	...	87	123	286	95	19	16	...	4	16
Otago-Southland ...	44	325	299	3019	2243	208	486	133	100	163	78	414	149	272	114	225	40	748	55	121	195	420	329	108	25	8	6	33
Correspondence ...	1	26	26	50	50																							
Totals	438	3184	2816	30570	21873	1859	5585	1920	509	905	1605	3494	1701	1872	1450	1574	625	5509	881	1069	1457	3685	1938	989	..	...	...	...
Increases ...	14	63	134	272	983	322		464	97	116	342	208	209	...	140		...	464	...	...		306	1076	137	...	...	...	...
Decreases ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	266	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	...	79	53		356	39	915	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending December 31st, 1927.

RECEIPTS.					
			£	s.	d.
To Circuit Contributions	...	...	590	5	8
" A. G. Literature Partnership	...	...	216	4	10
" Conference Collection	...	...	5	12	11
" Commission, Sale of Hymnals	...	...	1	1	7
" Surf Boat Fund	...	...	26	4	2
" Donations	...	...	3	12	0
			£843	1	2

EXPENDITURE.					
			£	s.	d.
Dr. Balance, 1926	...	...	48	18	1
By General Secretary, Stipend	...	...	300	0	0
" General Secretary, House Allowance	...	...	150	0	0
" General Secretary, Travelling Expenses	...	...	139	3	11
" General Secretary, Postages, etc.	...	...	11	2	6
" General Secretary, Telephone	...	...	4	10	0
			604	16	5
" Accident Insurance Policy	...	...	3	9	5
" Connexional Levies	...	...	60	0	0
" Clerical Assistance	...	...	10	0	0
" Postages, Exchange, Typing, etc.	...	...	3	17	0
Board Secretary	...	...	3	18	6
District Secretary	...	...	0	15	0
" Printing and Stationery	...	...	35	7	0
" Examination Expenses	...	...	27	19	10
" Surf Boat Fund	...	...	26	4	2
" Refund Stratford Circuit	...	...	1	5	0
" Bank Charges and Cheque Books	...	...	0	18	0
" Bank Interest on Overdraft	...	...	9	0	6
" Credit Balance, 1927	...	...	6	12	3
			£843	1	2

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31/12/27.

LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft	19 16 11	Office Furniture	16 0 0
Cr. Balance	22 12 3	Cash in Hand	26 9 2
				<u>£42 9 2</u>					<u>£42 9 2</u>

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Audited and found correct.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
J. H. JONES,

January 23rd, 1928.

Cash Statement for Year ending 30th September, 1927.

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Audited and found correct.

October 28th, 1927.

Auditors

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1927.

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M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
J. A. FLESHER } Treasurers.

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

October 28th, 1927.

Treasurers: Rev. GEO. BOND and Mr. J. VEALE.

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ARCH. PEAK.
J. G. HENDERSON.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1927.

LIABILITIES.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Loans at Call ...	5,000	0	0				
Plus Accrued Interest ...	53	18	7				
				5,053	18	7	
Loans on Fixed Deposit ...	17,160	0	0				
Plus Accrued Interest ...	252	7	8				
				17,412	7	8	
Sundry Creditors ...				658	18	5	
Bank of New Zealand Long Term Mortgage Loan ...	20,000	0	0				
Plus Accrued Interest ...	322	3	9				
				20,322	3	9	
(Secured over Grafton Road and Paerata Properties)							
Bank of New Zealand Over- draft ...	5,146	13	0				
Plus Accrued Interest ...	74	19	6				
(Secured over Three Kings Property).							
				5,221	12	6	
War Memorial Fund (Maori)				141	19	9	
Capital Account—							
Balance at 1/1/1927 ...	148,516	3	6				
Plus Profit on Sales of Mt. Albert Road Property	762	2	6				
Plus Gift of Isolation Hos- pital from Mrs. Marion Smith ...	2,307	3	0				
Plus House sold for removal	15	0	0				
	151,600	9	0				

ASSETS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Paerata Land at cost ...	15,832	12	0				
College Buildings at cost	35,627	17	9				
Improvements to Paerata Property ...	5,712	2	10				
				57,172	12	7	
City and Suburban Pro- perty at Government Val- uation—							
Grafton Road ...	27,259	0	0				
Three Kings ...	33,480	0	0				
Mt. Albert ...	31,827	0	0				
Dominion Road ...	8,505	0	0				
Waikowhai ...	9,640	0	0				
				110,711	0	0	178
Improvements to Properties—							
Three Kings ...	683	9	9				
Mt. Albert ...	5,570	19	7				
Dominion Road ...	85	6	4				
Waikowhai ...	5,269	14	8				
				11,609	10	4	
Plant and Machinery —							
Paerata ...	2,319	8	9				
Less Depreciation ...	289	18	7				
				2,029	10	2	
Furniture and Fittings—							
College ...	766	13	5				
Equipment—College ...	2,642	14	3				
	2,642	14	3				
Less Depreciation ...	207	12	8				
				2,435	1	7	

Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year ...	1,264 2 5	150,336 6 7
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Stock on Hand—Paerata—			
Live Stock at Valuation	3,921 17 1		
Produce and Sundry Stocks	737 5 6		
		4,659 2 7	
Loans on Mortgage ...	818 10 0		
Plus Accrued Interest ...	21 12 9		
		840 2 9	
Mt. Albert Estate Purchasers—			
Principal Outstanding ...	8,033 12 2		
Plus Accrued Interest ...	124 14 0		
		8,158 6 2	
Sundry Debtors—			
For Rent ...	383 8 9		
For Fees ...	625 10 0		
For Sundries ...	417 11 5		
	1,426 10 2		
Less Rererve for Bad Debts	123 2 4		
		1,303 7 10	
Payments in Advance ...		182 16 5	179
Cash in Hand—			
Paerata and Office ...		45 16 10	
		<u>£199,147 7 3</u>	

£199,147 7 3

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., etc.
General Secretary.

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust as at 31st December, 1927, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak, Kirker & Newcomb, a certificate that all Title Deeds and Securities are in order, and have been furnished with certified valuations of the stock on hand at Paerata, which we have accepted as correct.

Auckland,
20/1/1928

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON,
Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

EXPENDITURE.					INCOME.				
					£	s.	d.		
To Interest	...	...	...	...	2,191	16	1	By Rents	...
„ Loss on College	...	...	...	...	1,111	2	10	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income,	...
„ Loss on Farm	...	...	...	...	526	15	6	transferred to Capital Account	...
„ General Expenses	...	...	...	...	1,421	13	8		
					<u>£5,251</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£5,251</u>
									<u>8</u>
									<u>1</u>

Interest Account for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

					£	s.	d.		
To Interest on Overdraft	...	...	...	...	1,154	4	3	By Interest from:—	
„ Interest on Loans at Call and Fixed Deposits	...	...	...	...	1,204	10	8	Mt. Albert Estate	...
„ Interest on Long Term Mortgage	...	...	...	...	322	3	9	Sundry Mortgagors	...
					<u>£2,680</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>	„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	...
									<u>2,191</u>
									<u>16</u>
									<u>1</u>

College Account for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Advertising	47	10	7	By School Fees	4,799	5	8
„ Bad Debts (fees)	55	1	2	„ Net Loss transferred to Income and			
„ Bad Debts (Reserve)	76	1	8	Expenditure Account	1,111	2	10
„ Depreciation Written Off	207	12	8				
„ Fuel and Light	370	11	9				
„ Insurance	78	5	4				
„ Laboratory Expenses	22	13	0				
„ Provisions	2,030	2	11				
„ Repairs and Maintenance	294	14	1				
„ Rates	73	12	0				
„ Salaries and Wages	2,435	12	0				
„ Sports	25	8	2				
„ Stationery and Books	136	2	1				
„ Sundry	57	1	1				
	<u>£5,910</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£5,910</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>

Farm Working Account for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Loss on Cattle	90	19	0	By Gross Profits on:—			
„ Loss on Horses	24	12	6	Dairy	1,068	19	0
„ Loss on Produce	187	8	11	Pigs	149	1	7
„ Depreciation Written off	289	18	7	Sheep	1,457	7	4
„ Freight and Commission	116	16	1	Sundry Stock	10	9	6
„ Insurance	37	5	4	Garden	43	7	10
„ Power	198	19	1	„ Net Loss transferred to Income and			
„ Rates	52	17	1	Expenditure Account	526	15	6
„ Repairs and Maintenance	252	5	8				
„ Salaries and Wages	1,124	14	8				
„ Seeds and Manure	628	11	3				
„ Stock Expenses	211	8	9				
„ Sundry Expenses	40	3	10				
	<u>£3,256</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£3,256</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>

General Expenses Account for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

	£	s.	d.
To Audit Fees	15	15	0
„ Insurance	20	17	8
„ Legal Expenses	91	4	9
„ Office Expenses	35	8	9
„ Printing, Stationery and Advertising	57	6	10
„ Rates and Taxes	308	5	2
„ Rent, Board Room	27	7	9
„ Repairs and Maintenance	22	12	3
„ Salary—Secretary	300	0	0
„ Sundry Expenses	99	14	11
„ Survey Fees	31	9	6
„ Travelling Expenses	13	12	1
„ Wages, maintaining properties	437	9	0
	<u>£1,461</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Royalties	39	9	3
„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	1,421	13	8

£1,461 2 11

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Rent Received Account for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

	£	s.	d.
To Waikowhai Expenses	36	12	9
„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	3,987	5	8
	<u>£4,023</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Rents Received From:—			
Grafton Road Property	1,100	3	2
Three Kings Property	1,212	18	3
Mt. Albert Road Property	883	17	0
Dominion Road Property	183	0	0
Waikowhai Property	644	0	0
	<u>£4,023</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st October, 1927.

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
October 31, 1927—				October 31, 1926—				
To Interest from Mortgages	81	5	0	By Balance, Bank of New Zealand ...	...	1	18	5
„ Interest from Government Bond	15	0	0	„ Theological College ... ..	...	75	0	0
				„ Bank Charges and Cheque Book ...	...	0	14	0
				„ Management ... ..	...	4	16	3
				„ Balance, Bank of New Zealand ...	...	13	16	4
	£96	5	0			£96	5	0

Investment Account.

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
October 31, 1927—				October 31, 1927—				
To Capital	1,900	0	0	By Freehold Mortgages ... ..	...	1,300	0	0
				„ Government 5% Bond ... ..	...	300	0	0
				„ Deposit at Call with Probert Trust Board	...	300	0	0
	£1,900	0	0			£1,900	0	0

S. I. AMBURY, }
GEO. BOND. } Treasurers.

Auckland, N.Z., 28th November, 1927.

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) A. J. BUTTLE, Hon. Auditor.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st October, 1927.

October 31, 1927— To REVENUE A/C—	<u>£</u> <u>s.</u> <u>d.</u>
Rents and Interest Received ...	6,547 5 10
„ QUEEN ST. PROPERTY— Refund A/C Alterations ...	... 19 5 7
„ REFUND DEPOSITS ...	8,200 0 0
„ BANK OF NEW ZEALAND— Balance Due ...	1,595 7 9
	 <u>£16,361 19 2</u>
	 <u>£16,361 19 2</u>

October 31, 1926— By BALANCE DUE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND ...	<u>£</u> <u>s.</u> <u>d.</u>
October 31, 1927— „ THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE— Paid to Trustees ...	513 2 2 1,294 0 0
„ GREAT NORTH ROAD PROPERTY— Balance Payments A/c Contracts New Shops and Cottages ...	9,685 7 0
„ COLLEGE ORGAN FUND— Balance Paid ...	22 1 0
„ GENERAL EXPENSES— Repairs and Maintenance	686 17 7
Insurance Premiums ...	279 8 11
Rates ...	616 13 8
Interest ...	2,702 4 2
Land Tax ...	113 16 5
Secretary's Salary ...	50 0 0
Commission on Rents	327 7 3
St. Andrews' Cemetery	50 0 0
Sundries ...	21 1 0
	 <u>4,847 9 0</u>
	 <u>£16,361 19 2</u>

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.), }
L. KNIGHT, F.P.A. (N.Z.), } Auditors.

Auckland, 10th November, 1927.

S. J. AMBURY, }
GEO. BOND, } Hon. Treasurers.

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

Balance-sheet, 31st October, 1927.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
CAPITAL A/C—				FREEHOLD PROPERTIES—					
Balance as at 31st October, 1927	...	36,565	4 6	Great North Road	...	56,007 13 3			
INCOME A/C—				Queen Street	...	24,216 5 0			
Balance as at 31st October, 1927	...	5,988	6 0				80,223	18 3	
AUCKLAND SINKING FUND COMMRS.—				BALANCE PURCHASE—					
Loan	...	36,000	0 0	Avondale Property	...		225	0 0	
EMSLY TRUST—									
Deposit at Call	...	300	0 0						
BANK OF NEW ZEALAND—									
Balance Due	...	1,595	7 9						
		£80,448	18 3				£80,448	18 3	

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the Year ended 31st October, 1927, 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, 1927, as shown by the Books.

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.) }
 „ L. KNIGHT, F.P.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.
 Auckland, 10th November, 1927

S. J. AMBURY, }
 GEO. BOND, } Hon. Treasurers.

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

Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st October, 1927.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
October 31, 1926—				October 31, 1927—			
To Balance	209	6	5	By Rents Received	6,404	8	5
October 31, 1927—				„ Interest Received	142	17	5
To Rents Accrued	6,461	14	6	„ Balance	266	12	6
„ Interest Accrued	142	17	5				
	<u>£6,813</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£6,813</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>

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(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.), }
 „ L. KNIGHT, F.P.A. (N.Z.), } Auditors.
 Auckland, 10th November, 1927.

(Signed) S. J. AMBURY, }
 GEO. BOND, } Hon. Treasurers.

Treasurers: J. STANTON and J. W. SHACKELFORD.

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Oct. 1st, 1926—Mortgage Balance	£	s.	d.	Sept. 30th, 1927—Paid off	£	s.	d.
...	3,750	0	0	...	100	0	0
				Balance on Mortgage	3,650	0	0
	<u>£3,750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£3,750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

J. STANTON,
J. W. SHACKELFORD, } Treasurers.

J. MAGINNESS, }
J. P. BLAIR. } Auditors.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30th September, 1927.

Chairman: REV. T. R. RICHARDS.

Secretary and Treasurer: R. PEPPERELL, F.P.A. (N.Z.).

RECEIPTS.					£	s.	d.
To	Balance, 30/9/26	...	...	...	156	12	2
„	Rents	...	...	...	746	12	10
„	Interest on Mortgage	...	...	...	30	1	0
„	Consent Fees and Sundries	...	...	...	4	4	0
„	Refund Rates	...	...	...	32	9	4
					<hr/>		
					£969	19	4
					<hr/>		

By	Salary	...	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.
„	Remitted to Home Mission Treasurer	...	...	...	...	...	700	0	0
„	Legal Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	12	8	0
„	Bank Charge	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
„	Cheque Book	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
„	Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	...	...	88	1	8
„	Audit Fees	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	0
„	Rates Paid for Tenant	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	11
„	Repairs to Mission Property	...	...	...	...	...	30	17	4
„	Telephone, Stamps, Exchange, etc.	5	9	6
„	Balance Bank of New South Wales	67	7	11
							<hr/>		
							£969	19	4
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I hereby certify that I have Examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th September, 1927. All Receipts as shown by the Secretary's Books have been duly banked, and Vouchers have been produced for all payments. I have also checked the Credits to the respective Tenants, and found these in order. I have also verified the amount invested on Mortgage.

VAL DUFF Public Accountant Auditor

VAL. DUFF, Public Accountant, Auditor.

New Plymouth, 14th November, 1927.

T. R. RICHARDS, Chairman.

R. PEPPERELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

Revenue Account for the year ending 31st December, 1927. Dec. 31, 1927—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1927—						
By General Expenses:—						
Rates at Masterton and Foxton	48	16	7			
Fire Insurance Premium, Con-						
nexional Office	4	19	5			
Travelling Expenses £1/3/6,						
Law Costs £2/4/6	3	8	0			
Rent of P.O. £1/10/—, Post-						
ages, Exchange Duty Stamps,						
Advertising 14/6, Bank Fee						
10/—	4	2	2			
				61	6	2
Donation remitted to Masterton						
Committee				5	0	0
Balance carried forward				18,914	18	7
				£18,981	4	9

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Loans on Mortgage	... ..	4,050	0	0
Freehold property at Masterton with Home, Foxton and Wellington	... ..	14,428	16	9
Interest accrued and due to 31st December		70	17	6
Rent accrued and due to 31st December	...	67	4	4
Balance at Post Office Savings Bank		164	9	6
Balance at Bank of Australasia	... ..	133	10	6
		£18,914	18	7

E. & O.E.
Wellington, 16th January, 1928.
(Sgd.) CLARENCE EATON, Chairman of Board.
W. C. HEMERY, Honorary Treasurer.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Revenue Account for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

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Balance Sheet.

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M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
GEORGE J. SMITH } Treasurers.

C. F. EDGAR, F.R.A., N.Z. }
W. L. THOMAS } Auditors.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended October 31st, 1927.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Probert Trust Board	1,240	0	0	Debit Balance, 1/11/26	152	6	8
Contingent Fund	940	0	0	House	667	1	4
Home Mission Fund	135	0	0	Furnishing	31	17	1
Emsley Trust	75	0	0	Garden	20	15	11
Congregational Church—Three Students to				Telephones	21	10	0
December, thence Two only	116	13	4	Rent	208	0	0
Auckland East Circuit to March	30	0	0	Rates	80	10	5
Collegiate Church	66	15	7	Stipends	669	3	4
Prince Albert College	50	0	0	Tutors' Fees	80	1	9
Students' Services	40	8	5	Quarterages	166	0	0
Students' Contribution F. J. Handy	20	0	0	University Fees	40	9	0
H. H. Marshall	10	0	0	Camp Fees	9	15	0
Rent (Moehau Street)	104	0	0	Elocution	6	6	0
Removal Expenses Fund	4	7	0	Repairs	11	18	6
				Connexional Charges	113	1	3
				Insurance	11	9	6
				Rent Meth. Board Room	13	1	0
				Bank Interest and Charges	5	1	6
				Interest on £2,000 (Moehau Street)	127	10	0
				Land Agent's Commission (Moehau Street)	25	0	0
				Legal Expenses	5	0	6
				Postages, Printing and Stationery	12	0	2
				Rent Moehau Street (to New College Fund)	26	0	0
				Principal's Residence Allowance	179	3	6
				Advertising Collegiate Church Services	8	0	0
				Sundries	27	9	11
				Credit Balance, 31/10/27	113	12	0
	<u>£2,832</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£2,832</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

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We have Examined the Books and Vouchers of the Theological College Council, and compared same with the Bank Book, and are of the opinion they are a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1927.

11th November, 1927.

(Signed) ANDREW MESSER, }
A. J. BUTTLE, }

Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE NEW BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Treasurers: Mr. A. C. CAUGHEY, Rev. D. J. MURRAY.

Cash Account for year ended 31st January, 1928.

To Balances brought forward—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Peak, Kirker & Newcomb ...				17	15	10			
Bank of N.Z. ...				407	10	6			
							425	6	4
Revenue Receipts—									
Interest on Investments ...	863	10	6						
Less Adjustment Last Period ...	185	2	9						
				678	7	9			
Add Interest accrued on fixed deposit Bank N.Z. ...	194	15	3						
Add Interest accrued on Deposit at Call ...	12	7	2						
				885	10	2			
Refund Removal Expenses ...				11	2	8			
Residential Allowance — Secretary ...				91	13	6			
							988	6	1
CAPITAL RECEIPTS—									
Donations collected ...	8708	6	11						
Collection at Stone-laying ...	62	4	9						
Proceeds sale of Parsonage ...	53	13	6						
War Bond Certificate, Mrs. Ferrin ...	1	0	0						

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
REVENUE PAYMENTS—						
General Secretary Honorarium	70	16	8			
Treasurer Honorarium ...	47	5	0			
Travelling Expenses ...	32	9	8			
Postage, Stationery and Exchange ...	49	12	7			
Advertising ...	44	15	9			
Auditing ...	15	14	6			
Rates, Park Road ...	13	0	2			
Interest on Overdraft ...	4	6	3			
Insurance, Builder's Risk ...	1	11	6			
Rent, Grafton Road ...	12	10	0			
Peak, Kirker & Newcomb, Fees and Charges ...	12	19	10			
Surveyor, defining boundary ...	5	5	0			
				310	6	11
CAPITAL PAYMENTS—						
Property Account—						
Progress Payments—						
New College Building ...	8490	19	2			
A. L. Robertson, Surveyor ...	256	4	0			
Coombes & White, Architects	1063	4	10			
R. Atkinson Abbott, Architect	237	19	11			
R. J. Emerson, Clerk of Works	288	0	0			
				10336	7	11
Church Renovation Account—						
Contract Removal and Alteration Chapel ...	2820	11	3			

METHODIST CHURCH THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE NEW BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Increase in value at Maturity of War Bond	...	...	4	0	0	
						8829 5 2
War Bond Matured	...	...	96	0	0	
Balance Purchase Money, Young	...	...	156	16	0	
Mortgage Repaid, Smale	...	...	450	0	0	
Mortgage Repaid, Morton	...	...	1750	0	0	
Mortgage Repaid, Lawrence	...	...	1200	0	0	
Refund Deposits at Call	...	...	2780	0	0	
Refund Deposit, Wesley Training College	...	...	1000	0	0	
Refund Deposit, Methodist Foreign Mission	...	...	2000	0	0	
						9432 16 0
						<u>£19,675 13 10</u>

Bycroft & Cumnick, Electricians	115	15	0	
Radcliffe & Burton, Sunday School	...	...	83	16 0
Wilson & Moodie, Architects, Fees, Advertising and Sundries	...	...	211	19 0
				3232 1 3
Organ A/c	...	...	...	100 0 0
INVESTMENTS—				
Wesley Training College, 6%	1100	0	0	
Wesley Training College, at call	1000	0	0	
Other Deposits at Call	...	...	2780	0 0
				4880 0 0
By Balances carried forward—				
Bank of New Zealand	...	...	582	12 8
Cash in Hand	...	...	27	2 8
Accrued Interest B.N.Z.	...	...	194	15 3
Accrued Interest Deposit at Call	...	...	12	7 2
				816 17 9
				<u>£19,675 13 10</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 1928.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at 31st Jan., 1927				21,630	15	6			
Add Revenue Receipts Less Revenue Payments	988	6	4						
		310	6	11					
				677	19	5			
Donations collected Collection at Stone-laying ...				8,708	6	11			
Proceeds Sale of Parsonage ...				62	4	9			
War Bond Certificate, Mrs Ferrin Increase in value at Maturity of War Bond ...				53	13	6			
				1	0	0			
				4	0	0			
							31,138	0	1

£31,138 0 1

			ASSETS.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Property A/c as at 31st Jan., 1927	...	...	900	0	0		
Add payments made as per Cash Account	...	...	10,336	7	11		
						11,236	7 11	
Church Renovation A/c	...	...				3232	1 3
Organ A/c	...	...	100	0	0		
Deposits—								
Winstones	...	...	325	0	0		
Bank of N.Z.	£4909	15 8						
Accrued Int.	194	15 3						
			5,104	10	11			
Wesley Training College	...	...	9,200	0	0		
Meth. Theological College re Moehau St. property			675	0	0			
						15,304	10 11	
Mortgage, Sims 7%	...	...				400	0 0
War Bonds	...	...				242	17 6
Bank of New Zealand				582	12 8	
Cash in Hand				27	2 8	
Interest Accrued				12	7 2	
						£31,138	0 1	

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I have examined the above Balance Sheet and Cash Account, compared the same with the vouchers and records relating to the New Building Fund of the Methodist Church Theological College, and have verified the various assets shown therein, and hereby certify the same to be correct in accordance therewith.

10/2/1928

EGERTON, GILL, F.P.A., N.Z.,

Revenue Account for the Period ending 15th December, 1927.

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SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Balance-Sheet as at 15th December, 1927.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds, as Revenue Account	131,889	0	7	Investments:—			
Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home	4,759	18	9	Loans on Mortgages	102,100	0	0
Removal Expenses Fund	740	7	5	Government and Other Debentures	29,595	10	0
Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund	4,052	1	5	Freehold Property	4,127	15	8
Deaconess Retiring Fund	1,708	18	5	Cash at Savings Bank	1,802	2	0
Benevolent Branch	50	4	10	Amounts on Deposits	4,900	10	4
Military Camps Fund	549	0	0	Accrued and Due:—			
	11,860	10	10	Interest on Mortgages Accrued	1,231	2	0
Penrose Bequest	643	8	0	Interest on Mortgages Due	1,725	1	10
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund, 1926	1,765	2	9	Interest on Debentures Accrued	561	3	2
Plus Profit on Realisation Inscribed Stock	984	13	9		3,517	7	0
	2,749	16	6	Circuit Levies	591	19	6
Less Interest Remitted	273	8	4	Balance Due Purchase Benefits	364	14	1
	2,476	8	2	Interest Due and Unpaid	43	8	4
	2,476	8	2		408	2	5
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft	844	18	9	Ministers' Subscriptions	584	9	4
Sundry Creditors	26	4	6	Interest Due and Unpaid	90	16	9
	£147,740	10	10	Sundry Debtors	675	6	1
					21	17	10
					£147,740	10	10

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We have examined the above Balance-Sheet and attached Revenue Account, and have compared it with the Books of the Fund, and certify to the correctness of same. 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 15th December, 1927.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT
GEORGE BOWRON

Treasurers.
Christchurch.

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, 20th January, 1927.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND (BENEVOLENT BRANCH).

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance Forward (Supernumerary Fund Deposit)		135 11 4	By Grants made	189 0 0
Balance Forward (Post Office Savings Bank)		48 2 5	Exchanges	0 4 0
Interest on Investments	61 6 4			<hr/>
Donation	5 0 0		By Audit Fees (Two Years) ...	
Fire Insurance Fund	75 0 0		Balance P.O. Savings Bank ...	83 9 3
		<hr/>	Balance in Supernumerary Fund	50 4 10
		141 6 4		<hr/>
		<hr/>		133 14 1
		£325 0 1		<hr/>
				£325 0 1

Balance-Sheet as at 15th December, 1927.

LIABILITIES.							ASSETS.								
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Capital	...	...	...	1,000	0	0				Christchurch City Council Debs.	...	500	0	0	
Balance	...	...	...	133	14	1				Christchurch Drainage Board Debs.	...	500	0	0	
							1,133	14	1						1,000 0 0
										Deposit P.O. Savings Bank	...	83	9	3	
										Deposit Supernumerary Fund Board	...	50	4	10	
														133 14 1	
							<u>£1,133</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>					<u>£1,133</u>	<u>14 1</u>

We have examined the above Cash Statement and Balance-Sheet, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and certify to their correctness. We have had all securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 15th December, 1927.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT } (Signed)
GEORGE BOWRON } Treasurers.
Christchurch.

(Signed) HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A. (N.Z.), F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ending December 31st, 1927.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1st—							
„ Circuit Levies—							
To Balance					1090	0	0
District—Auckland	...	636	12	0			
„ South Auckland	...	343	4	0			
„ Taranaki-Wanganui	...	313	4	0			
„ Hawke's Bay—							
„ Manawatu	...	283	14	0			
„ Wellington	...	372	0	0			
„ Nelson	...	204	4	0			
„ North Canterbury	...	529	8	0			
„ South Canterbury	...	184	0	0			
„ Otago-Southland	...	407	4	0			
					3273	10	0
„ Sale of Minutes—							
District—Auckland	...	0	18	0			
„ South Auckland	...	1	9	0			
„ Hawke's Bay—							
„ Manawatu	...	1	1	0			
„ Wellington	...	1	6	0			
„ Nelson	...	1	3	0			
„ North Canterbury	...	1	14	0			
„ South Canterbury	...	1	1	0			
„ Otago-Southland	...	0	17	0			
					9	9	0
„ Synod Collections—							
District—Wellington	...	3	5	0			
„ North Canterbury	...	2	2	6			
„ South Canterbury	...	3	1	2			
„ Otago-Southland	...	10	14	4			
					19	3	0
„ Sale of Literature, etc., per							
Connexional Secretary	...				7	5	8

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cost of Auckland Conference							
Travelling—							
Rep. Exs. Equalisation Fund	...	380	2	1			
Official Minist. Reps. and							
Probationers for Ordination	...	220	8	7			
						600	10 8
Printing—							
Agenda	...	£108	18	3			
Less Sales	...	22	8	0			
						86	10 3
Minutes	...				144	12	3
Other	...				149	11	4
Stationery	...				15	14	5
Sec. Postages, etc.	...				12	10	0
						408	18 3
„ District Expenses — Chairman's							
Travelling and other Expenses							
District—Auckland	...	53	15	2			
„ South Auckland	...	33	5	0			
„ Taranaki-Wanganui	...	27	9	9			
„ Hawke's Bay—							
„ Manawatu	...	36	10	0			
„ Wellington	...	22	15	11			
„ Nelson	...	27	4	5			
„ North Canterbury	...	21	15	0			
„ South Canterbury	...	17	13	4			
„ Otago-Southland	...	26	3	0			
						266	11 7
„ Synod Expenses — Ministers'							
Probationers', H.M. Travel-							
ling, Stationery, etc.—							

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

District—Auckland	...	...	89	10	10
„ South Auckland	...	...	35	18	4
„ Taranaki-Wanganui	...	...	32	0	3
„ Hawke's Bay -					
„ Manawatu	...	...	25	10	8
„ Wellington	...	...	24	2	4
„ Nelson	40	17	10
„ North Canterbury	14	11	6
„ South Canterbury	12	5	5
„ Otago-Southland	35	18	2

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„ Ministerial Supply—

District—Auckland	11	1	9
„ Taranaki-Wanganui	9	16	0
„ Hawke's Bay -					
„ Manawatu	12	9	0
„ Wellington	17	5	0
„ Nelson	5	5	0

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“ Removal Expenses—

District—South Auckland			
„ Connexional Payments—					
President's Travelling, 1927	70	0	0
President's Travelling, 1926	...	...	32	2	8
President's Postages, Telegrams	...	...	11	4	0
President's Supply	...	...	50	0	0
Board of Examiners	...	...	10	10	0
Probationers' Medical and					
Exam. Expenses	14	2	6
“ Methodist Times,” Editor			
and Sub-Editor	35	0	0

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„ Grants—					
Theological College	...	740	0	0	
Connexional Sec. Fund	...	175	0	0	
For Affliction	...	75	0	0	
Deaconess Fund	...	75	0	0	
Y.M.C.A. Military Fund	...	50	0	0	
Spiritual Advance Com.	...	25	0	0	
World Conference on Faith and Order (2 years)	...	20	0	0	
Tai Tapu Circuit	...	25	0	0	
					1185 0 0
„ Hon. Treasurers—					
Stamps, Stationery, etc.	...	3	0	0	
Bank Interest, Commission and Exchange	...	5	3	6	
					8 3 6
„ Balance, B.N.Z., Kaiapoi	...	1130	5	4	
Balance held by Chairmen—					
Auckland North	22 12 8				
Due by Whan- garoa Circuit	37 9 0				
		60	1	8	
South Auckland	...	14	5	8	
Taranaki-Wanganui	...	20	0	0	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	25	0	9	
Wellington	...	29	3	9	
Nelson	...	20	0	0	
North Canterbury	...	10	0	0	
South Canterbury	...	-	-	-	
Otago-Southland	...	26	13	7	
					1335 10 9
					<u>£4399. 7 8</u>

£4399 7 8

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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 Contingent Fund as at 31st December, 1927.

ISAAC J. WILSON, A.P.A., N.Z.,

11th February, 1928.

Hon. Auditor.

J. H. BLACKWELL

W. G. SLADE

} Hon. Treasurers.

Christchurch, N.Z.,

Cash Statement as at 15th December, 1927.

Balance-Sheet.

We have examined the above Balance-Sheet and attached Cash Statement, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and certify to the correctness of same. 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 15th December, 1927.

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, 23rd January, 1928.

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.
Cash Statement for Period ending 15th December, 1927.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance Brought Forward, 31/12/26			1,275	7	7		
Personal Subscriptions	234	10	0	Benefits Paid	104	8	11
Circuit Levies	156	0	0	General Expenses	2	13	1
Mission Funds	67	0	0	Balance in Supernumerary Fund	1,708	18	5
			457				
Interest			83				
			2				
			10				
			<u>£1,816</u>				<u>£1,816</u>
			0				5
			5				

Balance-Sheet as at 15th December, 1927.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds	1,823	18	5	Deaconess Personal Subscriptions	43	0	0
				Circuit Levies	17	0	0
				Home Mission Fund Payments	55	0	0
							115 0 0
				Deposit with Supernumerary Fund			1,708 18 5
			<u>£1,823</u>				<u>£1,823</u>
			18				5
			5				

We have examined the above Balance-Sheet and attached Cash Statement, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and certify to the correctness of same. 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 15th December, 1927.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT
GEORGE BOWRON
20th January, 1927.

Treasurers.
Christchurch

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

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N.Z.
CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS, 1927**

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	..	..	..	From 1926	25	0	0
Auckland Central	..	..	..	..	272	12	11
Auckland West	..	..	..	From 1926	5	6	8
Auckland West	..	..	..	..	112	16	1
Auckland East	..	..	..	..	630	12	11
Auckland (Avondale)	..	..	..	..	244	1	0
Auckland (Devonport)	..	..	..	..	69	6	1
Auckland (Takapuna)	..	..	..	..	37	15	0
Auckland (Birkenhead)	..	..	..	From 1926	1	14	0
Auckland (Birkenhead)	..	..	..	..	149	5	3
Onehunga	..	..	..	..	68	16	8
Otahuhu	..	..	..	..	58	12	10
Papakura	..	..	..	..	45	4	6
Pukekohe	..	..	..	..	126	17	9
Waiuku	..	..	..	..	41	11	7
Mahurangi	..	..	..	..	23	7	10
Paparoa	..	..	..	..	64	19	0
Northern Wairoa	..	..	..	..	44	12	8
Whangarei	..	..	..	..	19	14	4
Port Albert	..	..	..	From 1926	1	2	2
Port Albert	..	..	..	..	86	1	3
Coromandel	..	..	..	..	15	4	2
Kaukapakapa-Helensville	..	..	..	..	10	7	0
Bay of Islands	..	..	..	..	1	13	6
Hokianga	..	..	..	..	19	12	0
Whangaroa	..	..	..	..	10	13	8
Mangonui	..	..	..	..	4	2	6
Hikurangi	—		
Ohaeawai	5	1	0

Women's Auxiliaries: Auckland
£210, Whangarei £13 4s.

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II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames	128	4	0
Te Aroha	111	0	1
Morrinsville	58	13	9
Waihi	23	12	5
Paeroa and Hauraki Plains	21	19	2
Cambridge	74	17	9
Hamilton	126	0	0
Hamilton East	54	17	9
Rotorua	58	6	2
Tauranga	38	0	5
Opotiki	5	19	1
Taumarunui	5	18	6
Taumarunui	5	2	2
Te Awamutu	41	14	0
Whakatane	1	17	6
Matamata	18	13	2
Te Puke	13	10	8
Ngaruawahia	17	15	0
Huntly	4	2	1
Te Kuiti	27	6	6
Ohura	14	12	0
Putaruru	8	4	4

Women's Auxiliaries: Hamilton £10,
 Hamilton East £1, Matamata
 £5 1s., Tatuani £10, Te Aroha
 £3 18s., Te Awamutu £3 2s. 6d.,
 Thames £10.

£859 6 6

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	147	9	5
Waitara	4	6	8
Inglewood	14	17	0
Stratford	41	8	4
Eltham	90	8	6
Hawera	147	13	3
Manaia	40	7	5
Opunake	70	19	6
Kaponga	14	17	0
Wanganui	141	10	6
Wanganui North	53	12	9
Marton	46	6	1
Taihape	1	1	0
Raetihi-Ohakune	—	—	—
Patea	7	17	8

Women's Auxiliaries: Eltham, £10,
 Hawera £30, Lepperton £1 12s.
 3d., Marton £1 10s., Wanganui
 £25, New Plymouth £20, Strat-
 ford £3 15s., Waitara £5, Wan-
 ganui North £3 5s.

£822 15 1

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	94	4	9
Hastings	166	8	4
Gisborne	46	16	11
Waipawa	12	18	2
Dannevirke	—		
Woodville	35	9	10
Pahiatua	34	14	2
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	131	7	8
Palmerston North (Cuba St.)	159	15	2
Feilding	267	9	0
Sanson-Rongotea	34	9	7
Foxton	—		
Apiti	13	4	1
Norsewood	4	3	1
Wairoa	2	10	5
Ashurst-Bunnythorpe	23	16	5
Women's Auxiliaries: Feilding £12 10s., Gisborne £6 16s. 3d., Has- tings £30, Napier £20, Palmer- ston North (St. Paul's) £15, (Cuba St.) £15.	£1027	7	7

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki St.)	238	8	1
Wellington (Thorndon)	106	15	6
Wellington South	154	2	4
Wellington (Kilbirnie) From 1926	26	0	3
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	48	8	6
Johnsonville-Ngaio	110	0	2
Hutt	90	3	3
Petone	31	4	9
Greytown-Featherston	14	6	10
Carterton From 1926	0	10	0
Carterton	51	14	4
Masterton	111	12	7
Eketahuna	20	16	11
Levin	119	8	7
Otaki From 1926	3	15	0
Otaki	14	14	3
Paraparaumu	4	0	0
Women's Auxiliaries: Wellington £125, Petone £9 15s.	£1146	1	4

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	129	1	3
Richmond	..	..	..	..	From 1926	1	4	0
Richmond	..	..	..	..	..	26	13	0
Blenheim	..	..	..	..	..	151	4	0
Hokitika	..	..	..	..	..	17	0	0
Greymouth	..	..	..	..	..	31	18	9
Motueka	..	..	..	..	From 1926	4	5	6
Motueka	..	..	..	..	..	23	1	6
Reefton	..	..	..	..	..	11	4	6
Westport	..	..	..	..	..	15	0	10
Havelock	..	..	..	..	From 1926	3	8	0
Murchison	..	..	..	..	..	6	17	0
Granity	..	..	..	..	From 1926	2	0	0
Granity	..	..	..	..	..	7	0	0

Women's Auxiliaries: Nelson £30,
Blenheim £10, Greymouth £3.

£429 18 4

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham St.)	..	..	..	..	..	168	19	0
Christchurch East	..	..	..	..	From 1926	0	10	0
Christchurch East	..	..	..	..	..	227	18	2
Christchurch (Cambridge Ter.)	..	..	..	..	From 1926	26	13	4
Christchurch (Cambridge Ter.)	..	..	..	..	..	33	18	10
Christchurch (Woolston)	..	..	..	..	From 1926	0	5	0
Christchurch (Woolston)	..	..	..	..	..	95	2	11
Christchurch (Sydenham)	..	..	..	..	..	84	10	9
Christchurch (Addington)	..	..	..	..	From 1926	29	13	1
Christchurch (Addington)	..	..	..	..	..	77	7	6
Christchurch (Riccarton)	..	..	..	..	..	29	0	3
Christchurch (St. Albans)	..	..	..	..	From 1926	22	3	6
Christchurch (St. Albans)	..	..	..	..	..	131	4	5
Christchurch (Papanui)	..	..	..	..	..	64	5	0
Lyttelton	..	..	..	..	..	16	4	7
Springston	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Tai Tapu	..	..	..	..	..	37	17	3
Leeston	..	..	..	..	From 1926	23	10	0
Leeston	..	..	..	..	..	52	0	0
Kaiapoi	..	..	..	..	..	62	10	3
Ohoka	..	..	..	..	..	54	13	1
Rangiora	..	..	..	..	..	45	19	1
Woodend-Sefton	..	..	..	..	..	26	0	9
Greendale	..	..	..	..	From 1926	13	3	0
Greendale	..	..	..	..	..	34	7	3
Hawarden	..	..	..	..	..	—
Oxford	..	..	..	..	..	9	10	6
Waddington	..	..	..	..	From 1926	20	0	6
Waddington	..	..	..	..	..	16	16	0

£1453 15 0

Women's Auxiliaries: Christchurch
£150, Rangiora £15.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Timaru	..	..	..	..	117	3	1
Waimate	..	..	..	..	33	0	0
Temuka	..	..	..	..	23	2	4
Geraldine	..	..	..	From 1926	2	12	6
Geraldine	..	..	..	..	20	10	0
Ashburton	..	..	..	..	104	7	1
Willowby	..	..	..	From 1926	14	13	0
Willoughby	..	..	..	..	11	16	8
Oamaru	..	..	..	..	44	0	0
Methven	..	..	..	From 1926	10	0	0
Methven	..	..	..	..	12	2	8
Mayfield	..	..	..	..	7	4	0
Women's Auxiliaries: Oamaru £7					£400	11	4
10s., Timaru £22.							

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity)	..	..	..	..	120	1	9
Dunedin (Central Mission)	..	..	..	..	40	0	8
Dunedin (Dundas St.)	..	..	..	From 1926	45	4	9
Dunedin (Dundas St.)	..	..	..	..	34	5	7
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	..	..	..	From 1926	38	12	0
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	..	..	..	..	70	19	0
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	..	..	..	..	28	4	3
Dunedin (Caversham)	..	..	..	..	37	3	7
Dunedin (Morningside)	..	..	..	From 1926	27	11	1
Dunedin (Morningside)	..	..	..	..	44	1	8
Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill)	..	..	..	..	56	4	9
Mosgiel	..	..	..	..	10	2	0
Port Chalmers	..	..	..	..	16	17	3
Balclutha	..	..	..	..	23	0	0
Milton	..	..	..	..	21	18	2
Roxburgh	..	..	..	From 1926	11	15	6
Roxburgh	..	..	..	..	11	15	4
Invercargill (Central)	..	..	..	From 1926	28	13	0
Invercargill (Central)	..	..	..	..	95	3	4
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	..	..	..	..	47	10	2
Bluff	..	..	..	..	13	9	9
Gore	..	..	..	..	18	16	0
Otautau	..	..	..	From 1926	20	0	0
Otautau	..	..	..	..	15	0	0
Waikouaiti	..	..	..	From 1926	14	0	0
Waikouaiti	..	..	..	..	16	2	9
Broad Bay	..	..	..	From 1926	4	9	10
Broad Bay	..	..	..	..	8	15	10
Edendale	..	..	..	..	12	5	2
Lawrence	..	..	..	From 1926	9	1	1
Cromwell	..	..	..	..	7	12	2
Riverton	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	..	..	..	..	8	15	0
Women's Auxiliaries: Dunedin £125,							
M.Y.W.M.M. £45, Invercargill					£962	11	5
£25.							

SUMMARY.

£ s. d.

Districts—

Auckland	..	..	..	..	2196	4	4
South Auckland	..	..	..	..	859	6	6
Taranaki-Wanganui	..	..	..	..	822	15	1
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	..	..	..	1027	7	7
Wellington	..	..	..	..	1146	1	4
Nelson	..	..	..	..	429	18	4
North Canterbury	..	..	..	..	1453	15	0
South Canterbury	..	..	..	..	400	11	4
Otago-Southland	..	..	..	..	962	11	5
Women's Auxiliaries	..	..	..	..	1256	4	1
Interest—General	..	..	..	..	529	6	4

Memorial Gifts—

Mrs D. McCallum, Blenheim	..	..	..	..	6	10	0
Mrs. Ann Carvill, Blenheim	..	..	..	..	6	10	0
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim	..	..	..	..	6	10	0
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim	..	..	..	..	6	10	0
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	..	..	..	..	6	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	..	..	..	..	6	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina	..	..	..	..	6	10	0
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim	..	..	..	..	6	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere	..	..	..	..	6	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parker, Blenheim	..	..	..	..	6	10	0
Mr. Frank V. White, Tua Marina	..	..	..	..	6	10	0
Mr. E. H. Penney, Blenheim	..	..	..	..	4	8	1
Treasurers' List	..	..	..	..	564	14	2
Publications	..	..	..	..	76	4	4

 £11,800 17 11

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

Treasurers: Rev G. T. MARSHALL and Mr J. W. COURT

EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward from 1926	1337	18	10
„ Solomon Islands District:—			
Stipends and Allowances	6,692	3	9
Boats and Travel	3,397	18	10
Freights, Customs and			
General Charges	1,538	11	6
Schools and Colleges	1,492	8	5
Properties, current ex-			
penses	1,617	6	9
General Expenses, Print-			
ing, etc.	421	6	2
Industrial Undertakings	1,289	0	7
	16,448	16	0
„ New Zealand Office:—			
Interest on Overdrafts			
and Loans	740	10	10
Working Expenses:—			
Salaries	600	0	0
Connexional Charges	68	5	0
Deputations, Travelling,			
etc.	198	19	7
Exchanges, postages, etc.	71	14	2
Printing, Typing, etc.	196	9	10
Office Rent, Telephones,			
etc.	88	11	3
Films and Lantern	55	2	4
Sundries	33	12	1
	1,312	14	3

INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.
By New Zealand Contributions:—			
General Fund, 1926 account	447	1	11
1927 account	8,691	10	4
			9,138 12 3
Women's Auxiliaries			1,256 4 1
For Native Teachers and			
Students			350 14 10
For Orphans			66 0 0
Interest			605 4 5
Publications—Income	432	13	8
Expenditure	356	9	4
			76 4 4
Maps			0 14 0
Medical Mission Work	307	4	0
			11,800 17 11
„ Banga Plantation Account—			
Interest charged but not			
collected			408 17 9
			12,209 15 8
„ Solomon Islands Contributions—			
Subscriptions and Collections			
Roviana Circuit	1,015	14	6
Vella Lavella Circuit	707	12	0
Choiseul Circuit	696	4	0
Government Subscription	50	0	0
	2,469	10	6

„ Insurance and Replace- ment Fund	118	0	0
„ Sundry Payments:—			
Legal Expenses	41	12	6
Deaconess Institute	75	0	0
Miss Adkins' Allowance	78	0	0
Sundries	64	1	6
	258	14	0
	<u>£20,216</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>

Sales of Produce	1,995	7	5
Sales of Books	54	10	0
	4,519	7	11
	16,729	3	7
„ Balance—deficit	3,487	10	4
	<u>£20,216</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>

Audited and found correct,

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Income on Capital Account for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

ALLOCATION.			
	£	s.	d.
To Working Capital Fund	156	5	0
„ Medical Mission Capital Fund	500	0	0
„ Insurance and Replacement Fund	383	2	2
„ Equipment Fund	569	9	5
„ Hospital Fund	428	17	1
	<u>£2,037</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>

INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.
By Legacies	601	13	4
„ Contributions	1229	14	0
„ Grant from General Fund	118	0	0
„ Interest, etc.	88	6	4
	<u>£2037</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>

Auckland,
20/1/1928

Audited and found correct,

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METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1927 (exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

LIABILITIES.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors, Solomon Islands						
Circuit Balance	453	5	0			
Wages Outstanding	353	3	2			
Sundry Trade Creditors	1048	0	2			
Personal Accounts	12	2	1			
				1866	10	5
Grants in Transit				145	7	4
Overdraft at B.N.Z., Auckland				8221	4	10
(Plus Accrued Interest and Secured over Working Capital and Medical Fund Assets).						
Loans—						
Waikawau Trust at 6%						
Balance 1/1/27	931	1	6			
Plus Interest to date	47	18	9			
	979	0	3			
Less Allocation for Electric Light at Senga	150	0	0			
				829	0	3
Tunncliffe, H.A. at 6 per cent.				500	0	0

ASSETS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash and Bank Balances—									
Cash in Hand—Solomon Islands				110	15	0			
Balance at B.N.Z. „				390	18	10			
				<hr/>			501	13	10
Sundry Debtors—									
Personal Accounts — Solomon Islands							47	12	11
Banga Plantation Deficit—									
Balance 1/1/1927				1745	13	0			
Plus Transfer Balance 1926									
Deficit				117	15	1			
Plus Transfer Part 1927									
Deficit				182	4	11			
Plus Interest charged at 5%				408	17	9			
				<hr/>			2454	10	9
Stock on Hand—Solomon Islands							1176	7	0
Advance Payments (1928)							737	6	3
Medical Mission Fund Assets—									
10 Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Shares, valued at £50 each							500	0	0
Working Capital Assets—									
£200 Mt. Eden Boro' 5% Debentures				200	0	0			
£1500 A.C.C. 5½% Debentures				1467	10	0			
£600 Soldiers' Loan 5½% Inse. Stock				531	0	0			
£100 N.Z. 4½% Govt. War Bonds				100	0	0			

Special Funds—

Medical Mission	1870	7	0	
Equipment ...	913	4	1	
Insurance & Replacements	493	2	2	
				3276 13 3

£14,838 16 1

Loans on Mortgage ...	6870	0	0	
				9168 10 0

Capital Account (overdrawn)—

Excess of Expenditure over				
Income for year ...	2149	11	6	
Less Balance of Capital (in				
credit) at 1/1/1927	1740	11	2	
Less Legacies, etc.				
received ...	156	5	0	
				1896 16 2
				252 15 4

£14,838 16 1

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I certify that having examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, and all my requirements having been complied with, the above Balance-sheet is, in my opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Society's affairs as at the 31st December, 1927, as shown by the books of the Society. The Solomon Islands figures are as certified to by the Chairman and Secretary of the Solomon Islands District, but excludes the value of Island Properties which are estimated by the Chairman of that District to be worth £55,730. Members of the Society are referred to my Report of even date, addressed to the Board.

Auckland,
20/1/1928.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc.

Auditor.

Banga Plantation Account, 1927.

Auckland,
20/1/1928.

Audited and found correct,
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc.

N.Z. METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, Year Ended 31/1/28.

Treasurer: MR. G. O. BLAKEY.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand and Bank ...			76 1 9	Insurance ...	14	15	10
Donations ...	400	7	7	Printing and Stationery, Wires,			
Donations, Home Missions ...	100	0	0	Cables ...	40	13	6
Office Sales ...	527	15	4	Phone, Lighting, etc. ...	10	18	7
Office Typing ...	77	3	1	Postages, Freights, Cartages, etc.	54	8	8½
Van Sales ...	222	2	6				120 16 7½
Postages, H.M. Account ...	20	0	0	Petty Cash ...			51 12 8
			1,347 8 6	Van Expenses ...			89 9 0
				Salary ...			156 0 0
				Purchases ...			193 17 9
				Cash in Hand ...	3	2	1½
				Cash in Bank ...	208	12	1
							211 14 2½
							£1,423 10 3
			£1,423 10 3				

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1928.

Treasurers—REV. G. BOND and MR. J. VEALE.

INCOME.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland—						
Central ..	310	0	0			
West ..	80	0	0			
East ..	400	0	0			
Avondale ..	175	0	0			
Devonport ..	50	0	0			
Takapuna ..	40	0	0			
Birkenhead ..	75	0	0			
Onehunga ..	65	0	0			
Otahuhu ..	50	0	0			
Papakura ..	45	0	0			
Pukekohe ..	80	0	0			
Waiuku ..	50	0	0			
Mahurangi ..	20	0	0			
Paparoa ..	40	0	0			
Northern Wai-						
roa ..	50	0	0			
Whangarei ..	40	0	0			
Whangaroa ..	15	0	0			

Maori Missions.

Auckland Cir-						
cuit ..	100	0	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Port Albert ..	60	0	0			
Coromandel ..	10	0	0			
Helensville ..	10	0	0			
Kaukapakapa ..	10	0	0			
Bay of Islands ..	15	0	0			
Hokianga ..	20	0	0			
Mangonui ..	10	0	0			
Hikurangi ..	10	0	0			
Ohaeawai ..	10	0	0			
				£1,830	0	0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames ..	85	0	0			
Te Aroha ..	80	0	0			
Morrinsville ..	60	0	0			
Waihi ..	20	0	0			
Paeroa and						
Hauraki Plains	20	0	0			
Cambridge ..	50	0	0			
Hamilton ..	100	0	0			
Hamilton East	40	0	0			
Ngauwawahia ..	10	0	0			
Rotorua ..	25	0	0			
Tauranga ..	22	0	0			
Opotiki ..	20	0	0			
Taumarunui ..	15	0	0			
Te Awamutu ..	40	0	0			
Whakatane ..	10	0	0			
Matamata ..	30	0	0			

EXPENDITURE.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland Maori Circuit.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Minister (1)—						
Stipend ..	200	0	0			
Travelling ..	50	0	0			
Rent ..	52	0	0			
Minister (2)—						
Stipend ..	200	0	0			
Travelling ..	20	0	0			
Rent ..	40	0	0			
Minister (3)—						
Stipend ..	200	0	0			
Travelling ..	20	0	0			
Rent ..	40	0	0			
Minister (4)—						
Stipend ..	60	0	0			
Home Missionary—						
Stipend ..	60	0	0			
Home Missionary—						
Stipend ..	104	0	0			
Deaconess—						
Stipend ..	135	0	0			
Travelling ..	40	0	0			
Deaconess—						
Stipend ..	135	0	0			
Travelling ..	50	0	0			
Deaconess—						
Stipend ..	125	0	0			
Travelling ..	20	0	0			
Asst. Deaconess—						
Stipend ..	100	0	0			
Travelling ..	40	0	0			
				£1,691	0	0

Special—						
Hospital Rent	80	0	0			
Matron's Hon-						
orarium ..	100	0	0			
Sunday School						
Material ..	40	0	0			
Printing Leaf-						
lets ..	50	0	0			
Evangelistic						
Missions and						
Conference ..	100	0	0			
Special Travel-						
ling ..	50	0	0			
Compassionate	20	0	0			
"Methodist						
Times" ..	5	0	0			
Contingencies	50	0	0			
				£495	0	0

Total .. £2,186 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

Kaukapakapa—						
If divided ..	40	0	0			
Bay of Islands—						
If M.H.M. ..	75	0	0			
Hokianga North	40	0	0			
Hokianga South	30	0	0			
Ohaeawai ..	9	0	0			
Central Mission	50	0	0			

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Te Puke ..	15	0	0			
Huntly ..	20	0	0			
Te Kuiti ..	20	0	0			
Ohura ..	20	0	0			
Putaruru ..	20	0	0			

Waikato- Maniapoto ..	90 0 0	£812 0 0
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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	125	0	0			
Waitara ..	30	0	0			
Inglewood ..	16	0	0			
Stratford ..	50	0	0			
Eltham ..	30	0	0			
Hawera ..	100	0	0			
Manāia ..	40	0	0			
Opunake ..	60	0	0			
Kaponga ..	15	0	0			
Wanganui ..	105	0	0			
Wanganui North	40	0	0			
Marton ..	25	0	0			
Taihape ..	15	0	0			
Raetihi-Ohakune	10	0	0			

Taranaki-				
Waimarino	..	50	0	0

Patea	..	10	0	0	
		<hr/>			£721 0 0

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier ..	100	0	0			
Hastings ..	110	0	0			
Gisborne ..	50	0	0			
Wairoa ..	6	15	0			
Waipawa ..	18	0	0			
Dannevirke ..	30	0	0			
Woodville ..	25	0	0			
Pahiatua ..	20	0	0			
Broad Street, Palmerston N.	100	0	0			
Cuba Street, Palmerston N.	90	0	0			
Ashhurst- Bunnythorpe ..	28	0	0			
Feilding ..	100	0	0			

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Otahuhu—2nd Agent ..	40	0	0			
North Wairoa—Kaihu ..	20	0	0			
Ruawai ..	30	0	0			

Whangaroa—Ordained Ministers	100	0	0
Do., Special	18	14	6
	<hr/>		
		£452	14 6

Waikato and King Country Maori
Circuits.

	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Minister (1)—						
Stipend ..	180	0	0			
Travelling ..	50	0	0			
Rent ..	50	0	0			
Minister (2)—						
Stipend ..	180	0	0			
Travelling ..	20	0	0			
Minister (3)—						
Stipend ..	180	0	0			
Travelling ..	20	0	0			
Rent ..	40	0	0			
H. Missionary—						
Stipend ..	160	0	0			
Travelling ..	20	0	0			
Rent ..	40	0	0			
H. Missionary—						
Stipend ..	140	0	0			
Travelling ..	20	0	0			
H. Missionary—						
Stipend ..	60	0	0			
Deaconess—						
Stipend ..	125	0	0			
Travelling ..	20	0	0			
				£1,305	0	0

Whakatane	..	120	0	0
Te Puke	..	35	0	0
Huntly, S.H.M.		20	0	0
Te Kuiti	..	70	0	0
Putaruru	..	40	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Paeroa-Hauraki				
Plains ..	90	0	0	
Rotorua—				
If standard				
stipend paid	40	0	0	
Tauranga ..	60	0	0	
Opotiki ..	95	0	0	
Taumarunui ..	85	0	0	
				£655 0 0

Taranaki-Waimarino Maori Circuit.
Grants Recommended by Synod. Committee's Revision.

Senior Superintendent—	by Synod			
Stipend ..	150	0	0	

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1928.—Continued.

INCOME.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Durham Street ..	185	0	0			
Christchurch E.	185	0	0			
St Albans ..	110	0	0			
Sydenham ..	50	0	0			
Cambridge Ter.	40	0	0			
Woolston ..	90	0	0			
Addington ..	70	0	0			
Riccarton ..	40	0	0			
Papanui ..	50	0	0			
Lyttelton ..	25	0	0			
Springston ..	60	0	0			
Tai Tapu ..	40	0	0			
Leeston ..	55	0	0			
Kaiapoi ..	45	0	0			
Ohoka ..	45	0	0			
Rangiora ..	60	0	0			
Woodend-Sefton	30	0	0			
Greendale ..	35	0	0			
Hawarden ..	12	10	0			
Oxford ..	17	10	0			
Waddington ..	20	0	0			
				£1265	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Timaru ..	150	0	0			
Waimate ..	45	0	0			
Temuka ..	25	0	0			
Geraldine ..	20	0	0			
Ashburton ..	125	0	0			
Willowby ..	40	0	0			
Oamaru ..	65	0	0			
Rakaia-Methven	10	0	0			
Mayfield ..	10	0	0			
				£490	0	0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Dunedin—						
Trinity ..	100	0	0			
Central Mis-						
sion ..	50	0	0			
Dundas Street	55	0	0			
Cargill Road ..	50	0	0			
St Kilda ..	30	0	0			
Caversham ..	35	0	0			
Mornington ..	35	0	0			
Roslyn-Maori						
Hill ..	45	0	0			
Port Chalmers ..	20	0	0			
Balclutha ..	35	0	0			
Milton ..	25	0	0			
Roxburgh ..	20	0	0			
Invercargill—						
Central ..	90	0	0			
St Peter's ..	50	0	0			

EXPENDITURE.

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Johnsonville ..	15	0	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Kilbirnie ..	20	0	0			
Greytown—						
Featherston (if						
Ordained Min-						
ister and stan-						
dard Stipend)	40	0	0			
Carterton (one						
year only) ..	10	0	0			
Eketahuna (if						
Ordained Min-						
ister) ..	50	0	0			
				£355	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dovedale ..	45	0	0			
Reefton ..	20	0	0			
Havelock (if						
M.H.M.) ..	40	0	0			
Murchison ..	25	0	0			
Granity ..	65	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Blenheim (Pic-						
ton) ..	20	0	0			
Hokitika ..	70	0	0			
Motueka ..	30	0	0			
Westport ..	10	0	0			
				£325	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Hawarden ..	70	0	0			
Waddington ..	9	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Riccarton ..	40	0	0			
Lyttelton ..	30	0	0			
Tai Tapu ..	35	0	0			
Deaconess' In-						
stitution ..	75	0	0			
Deaconess' Stu-						
dents ..	80	0	0			
				£339	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Maori Mission.

Temuka ..	10	0	0			
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Home Mission Stations.

Rakaia-Methven	9	0	0			
Mayfield ..	20	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Temuka ..	20	0	0			
To Special on						
Maori Super-						
vision ..	10	0	0			
Geraldine ..	20	0	0			
				£79	0	0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1928.—Continued.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bluff ..	15	0	0			
Gore ..	25	0	0			
Otautau ..	15	0	0			
Waikouaiti ..	15	0	0			
Edendale ..	15	0	0			
Broad Bay ..	10	0	0			
Kaitangata ..	0	0	0			
Mosgiel ..	15	0	0			
Lawrence ..	10	0	0			
Cromwell ..	10	0	0			
Riverton ..	10	0	0			
Tuatapere-Night-caps ..	15	0	0			
				£795	0	0

Total Estimated Income
from Circuits and
H.M. Stations .. £8040 5 0

GENERAL.

Connexional Properties.

Auckland ..	700	0	0			
Grey Institute, New Plymouth	600	0	0			
Kai Iwi, Wan- ganui ..	225	0	0			
				£1625	0	0

Interest on Investments.

Auckland ..	500	0	0			
Canterbury ..	60	0	0			
Dunedin ..	5	10	0			
				£565	10	0

Memorial.

Mrs Ann Carvell, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mr Francis Ter- rill, Blenheim	6	10	0			
Mrs E. A. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mr Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	6	10	0			
Mr and Mrs John Spencer, Nelson ..	6	10	0			
Mr and Mrs J. C. Botham, Tua Marina ..	6	10	0			
Mr C. B. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mr and Mrs Wm Cresswell, Lr. Moutere ..	6	10	0			

EXPENDITURE.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Edendale ..	20	0	0			
Lawrence ..	9	0	0			
Cromwell ..	20	0	0			
Nightcaps-Tuata- pere ..	30	0	0			
Broad Bay ..	30	0	0			
Waikouaiti-Pal- merston ..	20	0	0			
Riverton ..	30	0	0			
Mosgiel ..	9	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Cargill Road (St Clair) ..	40	0	0			
Caversham ..	20	0	0			
Port Chalmers ..	60	0	0			
Milton ..	25	0	0			
Roxburgh ..	25	0	0			
Bluff (if O.M.)	60	0	0			
Otautau (if O. H.M., if H.M. pro. less) ..	30	0	0			
Balclutha ..	30	0	0			
				£458	0	0

Estimated Expenditure						
Maori Work ..	4911	0	0			
European Work ..	3463	14	6			

Total carried forward .. £8374 14 6

GENERAL.

Departmental.

General Superin- tendents of H.M.'s—						
Stipend ..	325	0	0			
House Allow- ance ..	150	0	0			
Travelling ..	100	0	0			
Connexional Charges ..	55	0	0			
				£630	0	0
Assistant Super- intendent—						
Stipend ..	68	15	0			
House Allow- ance ..	40	0	0			
Travelling ..	25	0	0			
Connexional Charges ..	12	10	0			
				146	5	0
Gen. Treas. Hon- orarium, inclu- ding Expenses	150	0	0			
Office Assistance	250	0	0			
				400	0	0
Office Expenses—						
Rent, etc. ..	100	0	0			
Telephone ..	28	0	0			
Lighting, etc.	10	0	0			
				138	0	0

RECEIPTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

EXPENDITURE.

MAORI MISSIONS.

Special.

Annuity ..	20	0	0
S.S. Materials..	40	0	0
Evangelistic Mis- sion	100	0	0
Removal Expenses	43	15	11
Compassionate	75	0	0
Contingencies (Fur- niture, Horses, etc.)	239	4	5
Methodist Times	5	0	0
			523 0 4

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel ..	19	5	0
Helensville-			
Kaukapakapa	68	0	0
Ditto, Special	20	0	0
Bay of Islands	42	10	0
Ditto, Special	50	0	0
Hokianga North	55	0	0
Hokianga South	30	0	0
Hikurangi ..	10	10	0
Ohaeawai ..	22	10	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Pukekohe, 1 qr.	10	0	0
Northern Wairoa	47	10	0
Aided Circuits.			
Central Mission	37	10	0
Mahurangi ..	16	5	0
			429 0 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Te Puke	..	47	10	0
Huntly	..	32	10	0

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1927.—Continued.

EXPENDITURE.				EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cambridge ..	64	5	3				Te Kuiti ..	80	0 0
Hamilton ..	68	0	7				Ohura ..	34	5 0
Ditto, 1926 ..	28	5	9				Putaruru ..	52	10 0
Hamilton East ..	60	14	0				Whakatane ..	115	0 0
Ngaruawahia ..	20	8	11				Ditto, Special ..	20	0 0
Rotorua ..	31	14	6						
Tauranga ..	31	6	5						
Ditto, 1926 ..	5	5	0						
Opotiki ..	40	2	2						
Taumarunui ..	12	4	6						
Ditto, 1926 ..	6	2	2						
Te Awamutu ..	29	2	6						
Ditto, 1926 ..	37	9	5						
Whakatane ..	12	11	6						
Matamata ..	42	15	3						
Ditto, 1926 ..	18	19	6						
Maori Missions ..	42	12	5						
Home Mission Stations.									
Te Puke ..	34	8	6						
Huntly ..	17	4	5						
Te Kuiti ..	40	16	11						
Ditto, 1926 ..	14	18	10						
Ohura ..	32	2	11						
Ditto, 1926 ..	3	0	0						
Putaruru ..	19	5	0						
				1,039	17	10			
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.									
Circuits.									
New Plymouth ..	108	1	7						
Waitara ..	0	0	0						
Ditto, 1926 ..	13	17	4						
Inglewood ..	27	16	5						
Stratford ..	54	16	1						
Eltham ..	21	4	2						
Ditto, 1926 ..	20	0	0						
Hawera ..	46	0	9						
Ditto, 1926 ..	26	0	0						
Manala ..	15	1	0						
Opunake ..	90	17	9						
Kaponga ..	15	0	0						
Wanganui ..	70	1	1						
Ditto, 1926 ..	11	8	2						
Wanganui North ..	40	1	0						
Ditto, 1926 ..	17	13	0						
Marton ..	12	0	0						
Taihape ..	2	19	0						
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	14	2	2						
Ditto, 1926 ..	1	0	6						
Maori Missions ..	22	16	0						
Home Mission Station.									
Patea ..	10	6	5						
				641	12	5			
HAWKE'S BAY—MANAWATU DISTRICT.									
Circuits.									
Napier ..	79	17	7						
Hastings ..	121	7	0						
Gisborne ..	66	16	8						
Waioa ..	8	13	6						
Waipawa ..	27	5	0						
Ditto, 1926 ..	15	13	10						

EXPENDITURE.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Paeroa-Hauraki				Plains ..	157	10	0
Ditto, 1926 ..	5	5	0	Rotorua ..	40	0	0
Opotiki ..	102	10	0	Tauranga ..	52	10	0
Taumarunui ..	108	15	0	Ditto, Special ..	25	0	0
Matamata ..	15	0	0				
							914 5 0
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.				TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.				Home Mission Stations.			
Patea ..	67	10	0				
Circuits with Home Missionaries.				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Waitara ..	72	10	0				
Opunake ..	42	10	0				
Inglewood ..	38	15	0				
Manala ..	28	15	0				
Kaponga ..	43	15	0				
Marton ..	35	0	0				
Ditto, Special ..	40	0	0				
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	31	5	0				
Taihape, Special ..	50	0	0				450 0 0
HAWKE'S BAY—MANAWATU DISTRICT.				HAWKE'S BAY—MANAWATU DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.				Home Mission Stations.			
Apiti ..	30	0	0				
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0				
Norsewood ..	32	10	0				
Circuits with Home Missionaries.				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Gisborne ..	20	0	0				
Aided Circuits.				Aided Circuits.			
Waipawa ..	62	10	0				
Waioa ..	97	10	0				
Woodville, 1 qr. ..	3	15	0				
Pahiatua ..	22	10	0				
Foxton ..	40	0	0				
Ashhurst ..							
Bunnythorpe ..	22	10	0				351 5 0
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.				WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.				Home Mission Stations.			
Paraparaumu ..	76	5	0				
Upper Hutt ..	57	10	0				
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0				
Circuits with Home Missionaries.				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Johnsonville ..	26	5	0				
Aided Circuits.				Aided Circuits.			
Kilbirnie ..	42	10	0				

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RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dannevirke ..	0	0	0	Eketahuna ..	33	15	0
Woodville ..	29	3	6	Carterton ..	11	5	0
Pahiatua ..	21	16	6				267 10 0
Palmerston North (Broad Street)	111	16	1				
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	110	11	11				
Fellding ..	162	18	8				
Sanson—Rongatea	33	14	1				
Foxton ..	29	19	6				
Ashhurst-Bunny- thorpe ..	29	17	7				
Home Mission Stations.							
Apiti ..	26	2	5				
Norsewood ..	10	12	1				
			886 5 11				
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.							
Circuits.							
Wellington—							
Taranaki St.	216	3	10				
Thorndon ..	88	12	11				
South ..	100	0	8				
Kilbirnie ..	34	17	0				
Johnsonville, Ngalo	80	3	0				
Ditto, 1926 ..	6	3	6				
Hutt ..	90	10	9				
Petone ..	37	16	4				
Ditto, 1926 ..	21	9	2				
Greytown ..	26	18	4				
Carterton ..	38	18	3				
Masterton ..	122	10	0				
Eketahuna ..	22	17	6				
Levin ..	58	14	11				
Otaki ..	22	0	0				
Home Mission Station.							
Paraparaumu ..	16	2	0				
Ditto, 1926 ..	0	10	0				
			984 8 2				
NELSON DISTRICT.							
Circuits.							
Nelson ..	166	4	9				
Richmond ..	59	8	2				
Blenheim ..	206	10	11				
Hokitika ..	36	15	7				
Greymouth ..	43	11	6				
Motueka ..	37	2	6				
Reefton ..	22	2	4				
Westport ..	27	9	9				
Home Mission Stations.							
Havelock ..	8	14	6				
Murchison ..	14	19	6				
Granity ..	24	5	0				
			647 4 6				
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.							
Circuits.							
Christchurch—							
Durham St.	185	19	7				
East ..	203	1	6				
Cambridge Ter.	30	4	11				

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Eketahuna ..	33	15	0			
Carterton ..	11	5	0			
						267 10 0

NELSON DISTRICT.**Home Mission Stations.**

Havelock ..	40	0	0
Murchison ..	26	5	0
Granity ..	81	5	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Richmond ..	26	5	0
Ditto, Special	25	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Blenheim ..	32	10	0
Hokitika ..	72	10	0
Motueka ..	42	10	0
Reefton ..	20	0	0
Westport ..	12	10	0
Ex-President's Assistant ..	18	15	0
			397 10 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**Home Mission Stations.**

Hawarden ..	67	10	0
Oxford ..	10	0	0
Waddington ..	18	15	0

Aided Circuits.

Riccarton ..	46	5	0
Tai Tapu ..	53	15	0
Greendale ..	15	0	0
Deaconess' Insti- tute ..	75	0	0
			286 5 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**Home Mission Stations.**

Methven ..	9	5	0
Mayfield ..	22	10	0

Aided Circuits.

Temuka ..	30	0	0
Geraldine ..	35	0	0
			96 15 0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.**Home Mission Stations.**

Mosgiel ..	12	10	0
Waikouaiti-Pal- merston ..	6	15	0
Edendale ..	21	5	0
Kaitangata ..	25	0	0
Lawrence ..	25	0	0
Cromwell ..	32	10	0
Ditto, Special	20	0	0
Riverton ..	37	10	0
Tuatapere- Nightcaps ..	31	5	0
Broad Bay ..	28	15	0

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RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Woolston ..	100	11	3	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Sydenham ..	64	10	7		£	s.	d.
Addington ..	80	0	8	Cargill Road ..	32	10	0
Riccarton ..	42	13	5	St. Kilda, 1 qr.	6	5	0
St. Albans ..	121	6	4				
Papanui ..	55	16	5	Aided Circuits.			
Lytelton ..	43	8	8	Caversham ..	21	5	0
Springston ..	76	13	7	Port Chalmers ..	57	10	0
Tai Tapu ..	31	15	6	Milton ..	32	10	0
Leeston ..	77	0	3	Roxburgh ..	31	5	0
Kaipoi ..	47	15	7	Bluff ..	11	5	0
Ohoka ..	46	12	6	Balclutha, 1 qr.	6	5	0
Rangiora ..	62	8	11	Otautau ..	20	0	0
Woodend, Sefton	27	0	10				
Greendale ..	37	16	2				
						459	5 0
Home Mission Stations.				Total for			
Hawarden ..	14	0	0	Aided Cir-			
Oxford ..	16	7	9	cuits and			
Waddington ..	15	19	5	H.M. Stations		£3,651	15 0
			1,381 3 10	Departmental.			
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				General Superin-			
				tendent—			
Circuits.				Stipend ..	325	0	0
Timaru ..	138	0	8	House Allow-			
Waimate ..	52	12	7	ance ..	150	0	0
Temuka ..	28	13	0	Travelling ..	100	0	0
Geraldine ..	16	7	6	Extra Travel-			
Ashburton ..	132	8	3	ling, Tele-			
Willowby ..	26	3	3	grams, etc.	63	11	6
Oamaru ..	74	0	0	Connexional			
				Charges ..	64	2	8
Home Mission Stations.							702 14 2
Methven ..	29	2	2	Removal Ex-			
Mayfield ..	10	19	2	penses and			
			508 6 7	Contingent			
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.				Fund on			
				Account H.M.			
Circuits.				Evangelist	2	5	0
Dunedin—							2 5 0
Trinity ..	104	0	0	Assistant Superin-			
Central Mission	89	4	6	tendent—			
Dundas Street	64	19	5	Stipend ..	275	0	0
Cargill Road	60	8	10	House Allow-			
St. Kilda ..	35	6	8	ance ..	160	0	0
Caversham ..	47	15	5	Travelling ..	100	0	0
Mornington ..	37	6	4	Extra Travel-			
Roslyn ..	58	5	3	ling ..	13	1	2
Mosgiel ..	21	3	0	Connexional			
Port Chalmers	24	5	3	Charges and			
Balclutha ..	78	7	7	Removal Ex-			
Milton ..	28	2	5	penses Fund	55	17	8
Roxburgh ..	29	3	0				603 18 10
Invercargill—				General Treasurer			
Central ..	98	11	7	Honorarium	150	0	0
St. Peters ..	55	1	6				150 0 0
Bluff ..	17	19	6	Colporteur Agents—			
Gore ..	35	11	6	No. 1 ..	285	0	0
Otautau ..	15	10	0	No. 2 ..	35	0	0
				H.M.R.F.	5	0	0
Home Mission Stations.				Contingent Fund	4	0	0
Waikouaiti ..	19	2	6				329 0 0
Broad Bay ..	9	3	11	Office Rent ..	71	2	6
				Telephones (2)	26	0	0
				Lighting and			
				Heating ..	12	16	3
							109 18 9

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1927.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Edendale ..	24	8	6			
Kaitangata ..	0	0	0			
Lawrence ..	13	6	0			
Cromwell ..	24	13	10			
Riverton ..	21	18	3			
Nightcaps-Tuata- pere ..	27	14	11			
				1,041	9	8
Total from Circuits	£8,828	4	0			

GENERAL.**Connexional Properties.**

Auckland ..	800	0	0			
Grey Institute, New Plymouth	450	0	0			
Kai Iwi, Wanganui	220	0	0			
				1,470	0	0

Interest from Investments.

Auckland ..	523	3	10			
Canterbury ..	58	10	0			
Estate of late Geo. P. Wake	346	17	2			
Capital Money awaiting invest- ment ..	180	0	0			
Native Hospital, as rent ..	80	0	0			
				1,188	11	0

Memorial.

Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blen- heim ..	6	10	0			
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6	10	0			
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina ..	6	10	0			
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere ..	6	10	0			
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parker, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mr. Frank C. White, Tua Marina ..	6	10	0			
Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
				71	10	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
C.B. and L. Fund in respect of Coromandel	25	1	0			
Opotiki ..	9	1	0			
Whakatane	8	8	0			
				42	10	0
Rates and In- surance ..	13	11	5			
Interest B.N.Z.	10	2	9			
Capital Money awaiting in- vestment ..	180	0	0			
				203	14	2

Miscellaneous.

Removal Ex- penses ..	62	11	10			
Ministerial Sup- plies ..	53	15	0			
H.M. Deputations	160	4	7			
Theological In- stitution ..	135	0	0			
Methodist Times Church Sites	12	10	0			
Fund ..	50	0	0			
Refunds ..	2	12	0			
Cheque Book ..	2	0	0			
Treasurer, Post- age, Telegrams, and Exchange	21	11	0			
Bank Commission	0	10	0			
				500	14	5

Printing.

Balance Sheets and Estimates	25	2	6			
Annual Report and Postage	126	5	0			
Maori Parties, Itinerary, Pos- ters, Promise Cards, Hand- bills, etc. ..	153	14	9			
H.M. Certificates	9	5	11			
Typing H.M. Statement ..	1	0	0			
Office Stationery Letterheads, Leaflets and Circulars ..	3	14	0			
Printed Post- cards ..	4	15	8			
Deputation Plan	1	10	0			
H.M. Application Forms ..	2	18	6			
				335	4	4
Spiritual Advance	25	0	0			
				25	0	0

Miscellaneous.			EXPENDITURE.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rent, Spring Creek	3	0	0		
Proportion Telephone and other Charges—					
From F.M. Board	10	18	7		
From Lit. & Col. Society	10	18	7		
			21	17	2
Refunds.					
N.Z. Insurance Co.	4	4	7		
Te Kuiti State Fire Insurance	1	7	1		
H.M. Removal Expenses	5	0	0		
Lit. and Col. Deposit	2	12	0		
South British Insurance	2	15	6		
H.M.R.F.	13	5	0		
			29	4	2
Connexional Fire Insurance			100	0	0
Conference Collection			21	1	9
N.Z. Y.W.B. Class Union for Deaconesses			145	0	0
N.Z.M.W.M. Union for Deaconesses	328	15	0		
Ditto, General Work	183	11	9		
Ditto, Maori Girls' School	53	11	0		
			565	17	9
M.W.M. Auxiliary, for General Work			39	10	0
M.W.M. Union for Deaconesses' Institution	1	10	0		
Cuba St. C.E., for Deaconesses	2	10	0		
Southbrook Girls' Club, for Maori Girls' School	2	0	0		
			6	0	0
Sundry Donations.					
C.W.O.	60	0	0		
Epsom Orphanage	8	10	0		
Mr. S. Gorman, Deaconess' Work	4	0	0		
Mr. F. J. Field, Wellington	2	2	0		
Miss Adams, Auckland	1	1	0		
			75	13	0
Journal	0	17	6		
Douglas Commission, 1926	10	0	0		
Loan on Account Removal Expenses H.M.	5	0	0		
Student Traveling as Supply	3	10	2		
Advisory Board Expenses	1	8	6		
Hospital Verandah Blinds	5	17	6		
Deaconess' House	1	10	0		
Booking Town Hall	2	12	0		
Legal Expenses	5	1	0		
			35	16	8
Motor Car Expenses.					
License	2	2	6		
On Account New Car	25	0	0		
Insurance	11	17	2		
Insurance, Sister Nicholls	7	1	2		
			46	0	10
H.M. Retiring Allowance	50	0	0		
H.M., in Lieu of Notice	11	13	4		
			61	13	4
Lit. and Col. Society, Typing, etc.	78	0	0		
Ditto, Circuit Subscriptions	53	16	0		
			131	16	0
Extraordinary.					
Hokianga Monument	119	19	7		
Part Cost of Celebrations	42	0	10		
			162	0	5
National Council, Y.M.C.A.	50	0	0		
			50	0	0
Waitomo Electric Power Board, on Account	2	0	0		
			2	0	0
Maori Girls' School	53	11	0		
			53	11	0
Loan to Huntly H.M.S.	60	0	0		
Loan to Taihape Trust	50	0	0		
			110	0	0
Contribution to Lit. and Col. Society	100	0	0		
			100	0	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1927.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
On Account Lit. and Col. Society	47	15 0	H.M.R. Fund ..	277	10 0			
Maori Parties ..	4	8 5	Deaconess' R. Fund ..	19	0 0	296	10 0	
Total Income	12,617	12 3	Total Expenditure ..			12,106	18 7	
Deficit, 1927	846	15 11	Dr. Balance from 1926			1,357	9 7	
	£13,464	8 2				£13,464	8 2	

We have audited the accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department. All our requirements as auditors have been complied with. We have examined cash and bank books, and all vouchers, and in our opinion the true position as on the 31st of January, 1928, is shown in these accounts.

Dated at Auckland this 2nd day of February, 1928.

ARCH. PEAK.

J. G. HENDERSON.

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION CAPITAL ACCOUNTS, 1927.

CAPITAL.				INVESTMENTS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Legacies to the end of 1926 ..				10,764	7	10	By Freehold Securities ..	10,881	19	6
„ New Bequests—							„ Moneys in H.M. Account, B.N.Z., Awaiting			
Rev. John Smith ..	10	0	0				Investment ..	4,180	6	2
Mr. Edward Holdgate ..	50	0	0							
Eliza Ward ..	25	0	0							
W. J. Cheverton (further amount) ..	366	13	4	451	13	4				
„ Memorial Gifts ..	1,000	0	0							
„ New Ditto ..	100	0	0	1,100	0	0				
„ Other Gifts, Scott, to date ..	100	0	0							
„ Mr. H. Brittain ..	250	0	0	350	0	0				
„ Proceeds of Property Sales ..				2,396	4	6				
				£15,062	5	8		£15,062	5	8

CANTERBURY INVESTMENT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital, December 31, 1927 ..	1,100	0	0	Investment ..	1,100	0	0

METHODIST MAORI GIRLS' COLLEGE, 1927.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Amount Brought Forward from 1926 ..	3,343	11	8	Brought Forward ..	2,885	0	0
„ M.W.M. Union ..	48	11	0	To Deposit with W.T.C. Board, Transferred from Auckland Savings Bank to W.T.C. Board ..	400	0	0
„ Lower Hutt Circuit ..	3	0	0	„ Auckland Savings Bank ..	310	12	2
„ Southbrooke Girls' Club ..	2	0	0				
„ Interest—							
Auckland Savings Bank ..	7	15	6				
W.T.C. Board ..	190	14	0				
	198	9	6				
	£3,595	12	2		£3,595	12	2

Audited and found correct.

ARCH. PEAK.

J. G. HENDERSON.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.
Year ending 31st December, 1927.

Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Removal Expenses	858	0	3	By Circuit Levies	728	0	9
„ Exchange, Stamps, Stationery and Sundries	3	0	9	„ Interest	44	2	7
				„ Capital Account	88	18	1
	<u>£861</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£861</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

Balance Sheet.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Accumulated Fund, December 31st, 1926	1430	3	3	By Levies Outstanding			164 12 9
„ Less Balance as per Revenue Account	88	18	1	„ Supernumerary Fund Deposit			740 7 5
	<u>1341</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	„ Balance P.O.S. Bank	409	8	9
				„ Balance Bank of N.Z.	26	16	3
	<u>£1341</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>436</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
					<u>£1341</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>

I hereby certify to having carefully examined the Books and Vouchers of the above Fund, and find them correct.

January 15th, 1928. W. L. THOMAS, Auditor.

W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.
A. A. SANDFORD, Treasurer.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ending 31st December, 1927.

RECEIPTS.					PAYMENTS.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance forward 1st January, 1927				256	3	6			
Conference Grants:—									
Home Mission Fund (5 quarters)	93	15	0						
Foreign Mission Fund	75	0	0						
Contingent Fund	75	0	0						
Connexional Fire Ince. Fund	100	0	0						
				343	15	0			
Donations	13	10	6						
Associate Contributions	42	7	0						
				55	17	6			
Rents—Workshop and Outhouse	71	0	0						
				71	0	0			
Interest	29	9	7						
				29	9	7			
Students' Contributions—Cost of training	74	18	10						
				74	18	10			
Miscellaneous—									
Discounts and Refunds	10	16	10						
Bal. at Cr. Sister Tocker Fund	10	3	5						
Collection at Opening New Wing	15	14	3						
Collection at Deaconess Dedication Service	10	4	0						
Contributions from Contingent Fund	7	3	2						
				54	1	8			
House Accounts							579	2	1
Salaries							224	7	10
Students Uniforms							58	18	11
Drapery, etc.							27	6	10
Periodicals, Stationery, Bank Charge, Stamps, etc.							14	7	5
							904	3	1
Deaconess Probationers' Travelling Expenses							17	7	2
							17	7	2
Rates							49	7	9
Insurances							17	17	7
Telephone Account							10	7	6
							77	12	10
Interest on Loan, S.I. Meth. Orph.							59	12	9
							59	12	9
Additions—									
Balance of Contract							1597	0	0
Footpaths, etc.							22	10	0
Fees							54	0	0
							1673	10	0
Furnishings consequent on additions							321	15	2
							321	15	2
Miscellaneous							24	2	10
							24	2	10

Hostel Board Receipts	765	17	8
			<u>765 17 8</u>
S.I. Methodist Orphanage— Loan on a/c D.H. Extensions	1700	0	0
			<u>£3351 3 9</u>

Credit Balance at Bank N.Z.	272	19	11
			<u>£3351 3 9</u>

3rd January, 1928.

C. A. NEWMAN,
Secretary and Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the above Fund and find all the Receipts and Payments in the above Statement correctly accounted for.

Christchurch,
11/1/28.

L. H. FEE, A.P.A.N.Z.,
Hon Auditor.

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METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION. Statement of Liabilities and Assets.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Deaconess House Property .. ..	..	6200	0 0	Due S.I. Methodist Orphanage Treasurer ..	..	2000	0 0
Furnishings, etc. .. ..	..	725	0 0	Depreciation Account .. ..	..	200	0 0
Credit Balance at Bank of N.Z. .. ..	..	272	19 11	Balance of Assets over Liabilities .. ..	..	4997	19 11
			<u>£7197 19 11</u>				<u>£7197 19 11</u>

3rd January, 1928.

C. A. NEWMAN,
Secretary and Treasurer.

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year ended 30th September, 1927.

October 1st, 1926—			September 30th, 1927—			EXPENDITURE.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, Bank of New Zealand			30	9	2	Revenue—		
„ Balance, Cash in Hand			7	16	1	Salaries and Wages	1,421	0 6
						Provisions	1,094	17 4
			38	5	3	Drapery and Boot Repairs	119	0 10
						Fuel and Light	181	9 1
						Printing, Stationery, Advertising	110	13 1
						Medicines and Dental	66	5 6
						Stamps, Telegrams and Telephone	25	14 8
						Repairs and Renewals	25	4 6
						Interest	407	17 1
						Property Repairs	145	7 1
						Insurance	47	3 4
						Exchange and Bank Charges	2	12 9
						Matrons' Petty Expenses	50	0 0
						Sundry Expenses	19	19 3
						Audit Fee and Office Rent	21	2 4
						Rates	68	16 11
						Fees and Costs	126	4 8
						Concert Expenses	7	9 0
						Paerata School Fees	9	5 7
								3,950 3 6
						New Furniture		287 12 0
						Additions to Property		927 7 0
						Mount Eden Land Company—		
						Balance Purchase Money		4,103 18 4
						Deposits—		
						Wesley Training College	650	0 0
						Winstone Limited	850	0 0
						Smith & Caughy, Ltd., on		
						Account of Loan	1,000	0 0
								2,500 0 0

Bank of New Zealand Mortgage 3,500 0 0

11,753 16 11

£11,792 2 2

Balances Carried Forward—

Cash in Hand

Bank of New Zealand ...

0 5 1

22 16 3

£11,792 2 2

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.
To Expenditure, as per Cash Statement ...	3,950	3	6
„ Interest	53	19	9
„ Fees, Costs and Disbursements, as per			
Peak, Kirker & Newcombe	19	6	8
„ Depreciation Plant	182	2	0
	<u>£4,205</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Receipts, as per Cash Statement ...	4,103	10	6
„ Capital Account Deficiency	102	1	5
	<u>£4,205</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

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Balance-Sheet at at 30th September, 1927.

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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, F.N.Z.A.A.

28/10/27.

Treasurers: S. GRIFFITH.
A. L. CAUGHEY.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st December, 1927.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward—				By Maintenance—			
P.O. Savings Bank			527 1 2	Salaries and Wages	497	18	2
Bank of New Zealand			201 18 10	Casual Help—Garden, Grounds, etc.	28	8	1
Maintenance—							526 6 2
Donations and Subscriptions ...	78	11	2	General House Supplies ...	525	17	10
Collections	345	18	2	Lighting and Heating ...	90	1	2
Maintenance Fees	434	11	7	Drapery, Clothing, and Boots	160	7	11
Interest P.O. Savings Bank ...	33	4	0	Medicine and Hospital Fees, etc.	13	19	8
Interest Inscribed Debentures	55	0	0	Printing, Advertising, and Telephone	60	18	8
Interest Newcombe Trust ...	3	7	6	Repairs and Renewals ...	21	11	4
Nett Proceeds Children's Concert	16	0	0	Accident Insurance ...	2	4	6
			966 12 5	Travelling Expenses and Sundries	15	17	0
							890 18 1
				Total Maintenance	1,417	4	3
				Prizes re Newcombe Trust ...	2	8	3
							1,419 12 6
				Investments and Deposits—			
				P.O. Savings Bank	160	5	2
				Bank of New Zealand ...	115	14	9
			£1,695 12 5				£1,695 12 5

Balance-Sheet as on 31st December, 1927.

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31/12/1927.

J. COCKER, Treasurer.

ARCH. H. DANIELL,
F. G. WELLS,

Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

RECEIPTS.			
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance, 1st January, 1927—			
Post Office Savings Bank ...	2	7 10	
Bank of New Zealand ...	759	1 3	
Cash in Hand ...	65	5 9	
			826 14 10
Maintenance Account—			
Subscriptions and Donations	695	7 10	
Collections ...	83	6 4	
Maintenance Fees ...	393	13 4	
Interest ...	155	11 11	
			1,327 19 5
(Interest on deposits amounting to £368 10s. 11d. has been added to the Investments).			
Endowment Account—			
Sarah Ussher Estate (N.Z. Govt. Inscr. Stk. and Bonds) ...	1,100	0 0	
Sarah Ussher Est.—Cash	1,609	0 5	
—, Queere Est. ...	25	0 0	
Jas. Rowe Est. ...	226	9 4	
E. Holdgate Est. ...	50	0 0	
W. D. Marks Est. ...	50	0 0	
Wm. Morrow Est. ...	163	3 0	
W. F. Cheverton Est. ...	185	19 5	
—, Cowie Est. ...	50	0 0	
			3,459 12 2
Rent ...		66 0 0	
Deposits withdrawn ...		800 0 0	
			<u>£6,480 6 5</u>

PAYMENTS.			
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Maintenance Account—			
Salaries and Wages—Home Staff	522	13 2	
Garden and Farm ...	108	2 3	
General House Supplies ...	446	6 0	
Lighting and Heating ...	77	3 2	
Drapery, Clothing, Boots, etc. ...	249	15 7	
Less Refunded ...	39	15 5	
			210 0 2
Stamps, Stationery, Telephones and Technical College	45	8 5	
Less Refunded ...	2	2 7	
			43 5 10
Fire and Accident Insurance ...	20	4 8	
Repairs and Renewals ...	134	16 4	
Sundries ...	29	19 8	
New Furnishings ...	38	15 4	
			1,631 6 7
Organising Secretary—Rev. W. Laycock, Honorarium and Travelling Expenses ...		53 10 0	
Papanui Sunday School ...		75 0 0	
Maintenance of Boys in Presbyterian Homes		329 2 0	
Additions and Repairs to College on new Site ...		143 1 7	
Rates and Taxes ...		9 17 11	
G. H. Jones Trust A/c—Interest ...		10 10 10	
Loan to Deaconess House Committee ...	1,700	0 0	
Deposit with Supernumerary Board ...	500	0 0	
N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock and Bonds	1,100	0 0	
Balance, 31st December, 1927—			
P.O. Savings Bank ...	2	7 10	
Bank of New Zealand ...	715	12 5	
Cash in Hand ...	209	17 3	
			927 17 6
			<u>£6,480 6 5</u>

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME. Balance as at 31st December, 1927.

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We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and certify that in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and exhibits a correct view of the Orphanage's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books.

Per B. B. WHITTINGHAM & HOLLAND

Per Pro. WHITTINGHAM & HOLLAND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 15th December, 1927.

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(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT;
GEORGE BOWRON

} 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

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND CHILDREN'S FUND, 1928.

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's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ...	1145	0	0	91	12	0	845	0	0	71	17	6
Conf. F.M. Secretary ...	350	0	0	28	0	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
Conf. H.M. Dept. ...	325	0	0	26	0	0	225	0	0	19	2	6
„ H.M. 2 ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Auckland West ...	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	29	15	0
Auckland East ...	820	0	0	65	12	0	520	0	0	44	4	0
„ Theo. Col. ...	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	29	15	0
„ Avondale ...	525	0	0	42	0	0	325	0	0	27	12	6
„ H.M. ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Devonport ...	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
„ Takapuna ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
„ Birkenhead ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Onehunga ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Otahuhu ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Papakura ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Pukekohe ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Pukekohe H.M. 2 ...	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waiuku ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Mahurangi ...	180	0	0	14	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paparoa ...	178	6	8	14	5	0	118	6	8	10	1	0
Northern Wairoa ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
„ H.M. 2 ...	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangarei ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Whangaroa ...	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Bay of Islands H.M.Stn ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Auckland Central Mis. ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pt. Albert H.M. Sta. ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coromandel ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaukapakapa ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Helensville ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga (Rawene) ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga (Broadwood) ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mangonui ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hikurangi ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohaeawai ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	7328	6	8	654	5	0	4628	6	8	393	9	0

N.B.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for H.M. Retiring Fund is £5 for each Home Missionary employed. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 2 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Te Aroha	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Morrinsville	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Paeroa-Hauraki Plains	400	0	0	32	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Cambridge	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Hamilton	485	0	0	38	16	0	325	0	0	27	12	6
Hamilton East	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Rotorua	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	10	12	6
Tauranga	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Opotiki	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Taumarunui	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	10	12	6
Te Awamutu	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Matamata	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Ngaruawahia. H.M. Stn	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whakatane ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waihi ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Huntly ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Kuiti ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Putaruru ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Puke ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohura ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3615	0	0	321	4	0	2145	0	0	182	6	6

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	715	0	0	57	4	0	375	0	0	31	17	6
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waitara	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inglewood ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stratford	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Eltham	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Hawera	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Manaia	230	0	0	18	8	0	130	0	0	11	1	0
Opunake	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaponga	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	10	12	6
Wanganui	325	0	0	26	0	0	225	0	0	19	2	6
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wanganui North	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marton	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Taihape	178	8	0	14	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Raetihi-Ohakune H.M.St	4	0	0
Mokau	4	0	0
Patea	4	0	0
Douglas	4	0	0
	3473	8	0	317	17	6	1955	0	0	166	3	6

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HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Hastings	290	0	0	23	4	0	190	0	0	16	3	0
Gisborne	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wairoa	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Waipawa	200	0	0	16	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dannevirke	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Woodville	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Pahiatua	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Palmerston N (S Pauls)	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Palmerston N (Cuba St)	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	125	0	0	10	0	0	25	0	0	2	2	6
Feilding	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanson and Rongotea	260	0	0	20	16	0	160	0	0	13	12	0
Foxton-Shannon H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apiti ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Norsewood ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3280	0	0	282	8	0	1920	0	0	163	4	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington Taranaki St.	580	0	0	46	8	0	420	0	0	35	14	0
Thorndon	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	29	15	0
South	380	0	0	30	8	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
Kilbirnie	425	0	0	34	0	0	265	0	0	22	10	6
H.M. Dept.	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Johnsonville-Ngaio	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hutt	295	0	0	23	12	0	195	0	0	16	11	6
Petone	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Greytown	200	0	0	16	0	0	140	0	0	11	18	0
Carterton	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Masterton	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eketahuna	200	0	0	16	0	0	140	0	0	11	18	0
Levin	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Otaki	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Upper Hutt—H.M. Stn	4	0	0
Paraparaumu	4	0	0
	4505	0	0	376	8	0	2935	0	0	249	8	6

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NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson ...	325	0	0	26	0	0	225	0	0	19	2	6
Richmond ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
H.M. ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Blenheim ...	730	0	0	58	8	0	470	0	0	39	19	0
Hokitika ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Greymouth ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Motueka ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Westport ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Reefton ...	...	...	...	6	12	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Havelock—H.M. Stn. ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Murchison ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Denniston ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Granity ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wakefield-Dovedale ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2305	0	0	215	0	0	1445	0	0	122	16	6

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch—												
Durham Street ...	530	0	0	42	8	0	370	0	0	31	9	0
Connexional Secretary	350	0	0	28	0	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
S.S. and Y.P. Dept.	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
East ...	800	0	0	64	0	0	500	0	0	42	10	0
Cambridge Terrace ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Woolston ...	425	0	0	34	0	0	265	0	0	22	10	6
Sydenham ...	260	0	0	20	16	0	160	0	0	13	12	0
Addington ...	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Riccarton ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
St. Albans ...	560	0	0	44	16	0	360	0	0	30	12	0
Papanui ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Lyttelton ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Springston ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Tai Tapu ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Leeston ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Kaiapoi ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Ohoka ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Rangiora ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Woodend-Sefton ...	240	0	0	19	4	0	140	0	0	11	18	0
Greendale ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Waddington H.M. Stn.	4	0	0
Hawarden	4	0	0
Oxford	4	0	0
	6490	0	0	531	4	0	4070	0	0	345	19	0

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SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy %			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru	575	0	0	46	0	0	375	0	0	31	17	6
" H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waimate	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Temuka, King Street	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Geraldine	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Ashburton	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Willowby	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Oamaru	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Methven—H.M. Station ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mayfield ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2175	0	0	186	0	0	1375	0	0	116	17	6

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—												
Trinity	450	0	0	36	0	0	290	0	0	24	13	0
Central Mission	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Dundas Street	287	10	0	23	0	0	187	10	0	15	18	9
Cargill Road	410	0	0	32	16	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
St. Kilda	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Caversham	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Mornington	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Roslyn-Maori Hill	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
" H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Chalmers	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Balclutha	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Milton	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Roxburgh	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	10	12	6
Invercargill Central	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Invercargill, St. Peter's	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Bluff	190	0	0	15	4	0	130	0	0	11	1	0
Gore	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Otautau	180	0	0	14	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mosgiel H.M. Stn. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waikouaiti ... ..	...	...	...	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
	4617	10	0	409	8	0	2757	10	0	234	7	9

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Bank Balance				595	16	7	Payments, as Per Warrant—						
Circuit Levies—							Auckland	357	15	0			
Auckland	378	17	9				South Auckland	200	5	0			
South Auckland	194	8	9				Taranaki-Wanganui	272	5	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui	185	6	0				Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	141	15	0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	170	19	2				Wellington	229	10	0			
Wellington	243	10	6				Nelson	81	0	0			
Nelson	119	17	0				North Canterbury	297	0	0			
North Canterbury	344	0	9				South Canterbury	92	5	0			
South Canterbury	114	15	0				Otago-Southland	283	3	6			
Otago-Southland	246	14	3								1954	18	6
				1998	9	2	Conference Expenses (1927)	5	0	0			
							Bank Charge Keeping A/c	0	10	0			
											5	10	0
							Grant Rev. Reader's Estate				100	0	0
											2060	8	6
							Credit Bank of N.S.W., Wellington				533	17	3
											£2594	5	9

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