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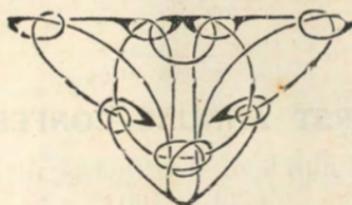
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of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, which was
also the First United Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist
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THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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The Session was opened by the Rev. W. J. Elliott, President, after which the President-Elect, the Rev. J. F. Goldie, was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. T. P. Hughson 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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Marton	W. Winchcombe
Taihape	J. W. Bayliss

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	R. Thomas
"	...	...	...	...	J. Pedersen
Hastings	...	...	...	...	J. B. Pickering
"	...	...	...	...	Mrs. Pickering
Gisborne	...	...	...	...	S. Bass
Wairoa	...	...	...	...	J. F. M. Haughton
Waipawa	...	...	...	...	W. T. Hooper
Dannevirke	...	...	...	...
Woodville	...	...	...	...	J. Harding
Pahiatua	...	...	...	...	R. J. Collister
Palmerston North, St. Paul's	...	...	...	...	A. Tregurtha
"	...	...	...	...	S. Kingston
"	...	...	...	...	Mrs. F. J. Parker
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	...	...	...	...	W. G. Pearce
Feilding	...	...	...	...	R. Print
Sanson-Rongotea	...	...	...	...

Wellington District.

Wellington (Taranaki Street)	...	...	...	...	R. S. Maunder
Wellington (Thorndon)	...	...	...	...	J. R. Burley
Wellington South	...	...	...	...	H. W. Smith
"	...	...	...	...	H. Dixon
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	...	...	...	...	J. C. Riddell
Johnsonville-Ngaio	...	...	...	...	B. J. Lynneberg*
Hutt	...	...	...	...	R. Withington
Petone	...	...	...	...	J. Jacobson
Greytown	...	...	...	...
Carterton	...	...	...	...	C. E. Jones
Masterton	...	...	...	...	S. J. Smith
Eketahuna	...	...	...	...	H. Smith
Levin	...	...	...	...	P. W. Goldsmith*
Otaki	...	...	...	...	W. F. Armitage

Nelson District.

Nelson	...	...	...	...	A. A. Lucas
Richmond	...	...	...	...	R. Loney*
Blenheim	...	...	...	...	A. Butterworth
"	...	...	...	...	J. S. White
Hokitika	...	...	...	...
Greymouth	...	...	...	...	Mrs. G. E. Brown
Motueka	...	...	...	...	E. S. Wratt
Westport	...	...	...	...

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C.
Christchurch (East)	W. Tuck
Christchurch	P. W. Sharpe
Christchurch	S. Harrington
Christchurch	J. Buxton
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	E. W. Hall
Christchurch (Woolston)	W. McDowell
Christchurch (Sydenham)	W. Dobbs
Christchurch (Addington)	J. Voss
Christchurch (Riccarton)	P. G. Clements
Christchurch (St. Albans)	W. Simpson
Christchurch (Papanui)	A. Williams
Lyttelton	A. E. Haynes
Springston	J. Pitcaithley*
Tai Tapu	J. Gilmour
Leeston	R. G. Bishop
Kaiapoi	O. C. Holland
Ohoka	H. A. Bennett
Rangiora	C. Rands
Woodend-Sefton	Mrs. W. H. Judson
Greendale	F. G. Early*

South Canterbury District.

Timaru	H. H. Brown
Timaru	Mrs. H. H. Brown
Waimate	J. I. Hayman
Temuka	R. Maxwell
Geraldine	E. Simpson
Ashburton	F. Frampton*
Ashburton	C. F. Horrill
Willowby	S. H. Lill
Oamaru	A. G. Carey

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	P. Christie
Dunedin Central Mission	D. C. Cameron
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	G. Crosby
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	J. B. Shacklock
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	Miss A. Cameron
Dunedin (Caversham)	J. Davidson*
Dunedin (Morningson)	Mrs. Harvey
Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill)	
Port Chalmers	Mrs. R. Allan
Balclutha	
Milton	
Roxburgh	
Invercargill (Central)	J. T. Hall
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	
Bluff	
Gore	
Otautau	

Solomon Islands District.

Mr. F. W. Stone.

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

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

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

James H. Hall
 G. Raymond Harris
 Who have travelled three years.

Bernard R. Hames, M.A.
 Norman P. Larsen
 George I. Laurenson
 Athol R. Penn
 A. Wharton E. Silvester
 Harry V. Utting
 Arthur H. Voyce
 Who have travelled two years.

Raymond Dudley, B.A.
 John D. Grocott
 Charlie O. Hailwood
 Francis J. Handy
 Frank H. Hayman
 Howard H. Jeffreys
 Ivo M. Raynor
 Who have travelled one year.

Resolution.—That Arthur H. Voyce take only four subjects (of which Greek must be one) for his third year examination, and that this examination be his final one.

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

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

Who have completed three years at the Theological College.

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

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 third year at the Theological College.

G. Richard Bowden
 Thomas H. Carr
 William E. Moore
 Herbert W. Payne
 David O. Williams

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

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

Raymond Dudley, B.A. (who has travelled one year).
 Donald C. Alley, from List of Reserve.
 Ivan S. Williamson, from List of Reserve.
 W. E. Allon Carr.
 Reginald Day.
 William W. H. Greenslade.
 Ernest C. Grey.
 Sydney Hindmarsh.
 William C. Jenkin.
 Kenneth A. Robinson.

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

None.

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

None.

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

Naphtali Fotu.
 Paul Havea.

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?

R. Tapp, B. H. N. Teague, and W. Wilson, who have completed three years.
 R. Grice and A. R. Thomas are each to take an examination in one subject.
 J. L. Mitchell, who has completed two years, and V. R. Jameson, subject to his passing in one subject.
 E. S. Bennett, R. Coombridge, A. J. Johnston and J. Woodhouse, who have completed one year.

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

Daniel J. Murray

William S. Potter

James R. Clark

Also John H. White, Home Missionary.

Daniel J. Murray. In the passing of the Rev. Daniel James Murray death has removed from the ranks of the Methodist ministry of New Zealand one honoured and beloved by the whole Church. After 41 years of devoted service, he became a Supernumerary, but undiminished zeal for the Kingdom of God forbade his enjoying the rest to which he was justly entitled. He continued to exercise his powers in establishing the new Methodist cause at Roskill, and in acting as Clerical Treasurer of the New College Building Fund. Failing strength at last compelled him to relinquish all active service, and after a brief illness in September 27th, 1928, he exchanged mortality for life, and entered the higher service of his Lord. He was born at Cambridge, England, on November 17th, 1851, and in 1874 he entered the ranks of the English Primitive Methodist ministry, and served his Church with distinction in various English Circuits, leaving for New Zealand in 1878. On arrival in the Dominion he was received into the ministry of the Wesleyan Church, and served with acceptance and success in many of the most important Circuits. Fidelity characterised his ministry throughout. The Church honoured him with many official duties, which he discharged with conscientious thoroughness. For six years he was Secretary of the Conference, and in 1902 he was elected President, and worthily sustained the high honour of that office. The fragrant influence of his character, and the blessed memory of his labours will ever remain the treasured possession of the Church.

William S. Potter was born at Hoxton, London, on November 5th, 1854, and came to Auckland with his parents in 1858. He became a scholar in the Alexandra St. Sunday School in the following year and later became Secretary. He was converted in 1870, and amid many difficult circumstances remained loyal to Christ. Under the guidance of the late Rev. W. Tinsley and Mr. David Goldie, he became a local preacher. In 1876 he was accepted as a Probationer. He laboured in a number of Circuits, and had the unique experience of labouring for three terms in Auckland. He became a Supernumerary in 1919, but even then continued active work in Auckland West, where for eight years he took charge of the Richmond Ave. Church in an honorary capacity. During this time he succeeded in clearing off the debt, the premises were renovated and enlarged. Wherever he laboured properties were improved, debts vanished, congregations increased and conserved, and the spiritual life was intensified. Mr. Potter was a diligent pastor, a clear expounder of the Word of God, and in all things a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. Gifted with executive ability, Mr. Potter was Book Steward of the Primitive Methodist Church, and President of the Conference on two occasions, as well as Editor of the Connexional

paper. Always an ardent advocate of Methodist Union, he rejoiced in its consummation in 1913. His last hours were spent in confident anticipation of meeting face to face the Saviour Whom he loved and served. It was a benediction to visit and converse with him. William Smith Potter went to the higher service on January 30th, 1929.

James Richard Clark was born in England, near Windsor, on April 5th, 1854. Arriving in New Zealand in 1879, he settled in Taranaki, and attached himself to the Wesleyan Church at Waitara. He soon became a local preacher and office-bearer. In 1893 he entered the Home Mission work to which he gave himself wholeheartedly, his efforts as preacher and pastor being greatly appreciated in every Home Mission Station where he laboured. In 1905 he was received into the full work of the ministry. He laboured with acceptance in five of our Circuits before his health broke down and he endured great weakness and affliction. Through all his faith in his Saviour remained firm and he passed to his reward on August 1st, 1928.

John H. White, Home Missionary, who died on July 13th, 1928, at the advanced age of 85. Born of Methodist parents at Ludborough, in Lincolnshire, England, he was converted at the early age of 14. His name appeared on the Grimsby plan in 1884 as a fully accredited local preacher. In 1893 Mr. White, with his wife and family, left the Old Country for New Zealand, and two years after he entered the service of our Home Mission Department. During his ministry in Taranaki, four new churches were built, and the foundations laid for future prosperity. He laboured successfully in other stations, and retired in 1920, after a ministry of 25 years. John White was a man beloved by all who knew him, and was held in highest esteem. He was an ardent Temperance worker, a lover of the Methodist Hymn Book and a devoted and consecrated servant of God. He being dead yet speaketh through a gracious memory.

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
 John Nixon
 Charles H. Standage
 William Baumber
 Cornelius Griffin
 Peter W. Jones
 Thomas Fee
 Samuel Lawry
 Alfred Peters
 Thomas G. Brooke
 James T. Pinfold, D.D.

Samuel Griffith
 T. Francis Jones
 George T. Marshall
 T. Jackson Wallis.
 Joseph Blight
 George Clement
 Thomas A. Joughin
 James Wrigley
 Frederick T. Read
 James Cocker
 Arthur Harding
 Thomas W. Newbold
 Samuel H. D. Peryman
 John W. Griffin

2. George S. Cook for another year.

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

None.

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

W. Arthur Hay.

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

None, but J. Ernest Parsons has permission to rest in 1930, and is granted a supply.

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?

No.

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

W. Arthur Hay to be transferred to West Australia Conference.
 William H. E. Abbey to be transferred to the Victorian Conference.

Also Leonard B. Dalby, who returns to the British Wesleyan Methodist Conference.

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

The Districts were called one by one, and the answer in each case was, "No objection."

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

None.

QUESTION XXII.—What are the Arrangements for the Annual Examination of Probationers, Students, and Candidates for the Ministry and Home Missionaries?

I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Secretary and Convener	Rev J. H. Haslam.
Principal, Theological College .. ..	.. Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.
Honorary Members .. ..	.. Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, G. T. Marshall, T. G. Brooke, 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. T. A. Pybus.
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.

Examiners for Students.

Systematic Theology	.. ..	Rev. W. A. Sinclair.
Biblical Theology—		
Old Testament	.. ..	Rev. E. Drake.
New Testament	.. ..	Rev. J. A. Lochore.
Old Test. Intro. and Exegesis	.. ..	Rev. A. Ashcroft.
New Test. Intro. and Exegesis	.. ..	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
Homiletics and Pastoral Theology	.. ..	Rev. J. Wrigley.
Greek	.. ..	Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
Mental and Moral Philosophy	.. ..	Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.
Mathematics	.. ..	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
English	.. ..	Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
Child Psychology, Pedagogy, Leadership, etc.		To be appointed by the Board of Studies.

(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. B. Scott.
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 23, and the second section on Tuesday, December 3. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 17, and of Home Missionary Probationers on Tuesday, December 3.

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 1929 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.

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

- English—(a) Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar and Composition. (b) An Essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner.
- Latin—Walters and Conway's Limen, Part I., Sections 1-138.
- 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.
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 (Fur-neaux); (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—Driver's 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."
 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).
 Davison 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, W.—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'Afee, 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.—Private Prayer in Christian Story.
 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.
 Darwin, C.—Life of, by his Son.
 *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.
 St Francis of Assisi, by Sabatier.
 *Savonarola, by Villari.
 Stevenson, Robert Louis, Faith of, by J. Kelman.
 Tennyson, A., A Memoir by his Son.
 Whyte, Alex., by G. F. Barbour.
 William the Silent, by Harrison.

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.—Semitic 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. 1—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.
 Masefield.
 Milton.
 Myer's "St Paul."
 Shakespeare.
 Shelley.
 Tennyson.
 Francis Thompson.
 Watson.
 Whittier.
 Wordsworth.
 Yeats.

X. ESSAYS AND BELLES LETTRES—

Arnold, Bagshot, 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 1930 be the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
4. That Conference learns with pleasure that the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., has secured the degree of B.D. in the Melbourne College of Divinity; that the Rev. B. R. Haines secured the M.A. degree, and Raymond Dudley the B.A. degree; and gives its sanction to these honours being printed in the Minutes of Conference.
5. That with a view to making possible greater progress by men pursuing university study during their theological course, superintendent ministers be strongly urged to advise candidates, especially those likely to attend university classes, to pass the Matriculation examination prior to entering College.
6. That, while giving to students pursuing a university course every facility to proceed as far as possible while at College, such university study cannot be allowed to interfere seriously with thorough work in the essential subjects of a divinity course. How far it may be possible for a student to pursue concurrently both courses of study must be left to the judgment of the Board of Studies.
7. That special consideration be given to any case where an additional year in College would enable a student to complete his university course before entering upon circuit work, and that during such additional year the student, in addition to his university studies, pursue under direction some special theological and Biblical work.
8. That probationers who desire to pursue university work during their probation be directed to consult their Superintendents so that such studies may interfere as little as possible with their circuit work.

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

AUCKLAND.

Pukekohe.—That a single H.M. be appointed to Tuakau.

Coromandel.—That Coromandel be transferred to South Auckland District, and be under the supervision of the Superintendent of Thames Circuit.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

That Paeroa and Hauraki Plains Circuit be divided—(1) Paeroa to consist of Paeroa, Hikutaia, Karangahake, Wharepoa and Komata, with a married minister. (2) Hauraki Plains to be a Home Mission Station, and to consist of Ngatea, Waitakaruru, Kerepehi, Patetonga, Kaihere and Turua, and that it be under the supervision of the Superintendent of Thames Circuit.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Douglas.—That Douglas H.M. Station be attached to Patea H.M. Station.

Wanganui North.—That the Superintendent of the Circuit reside at Dublin Street, and that the Circuit remain as at present, with 2 married ministers, with a suitable grant.

Mokau.—That Mokau be deleted from the Station Sheet.

Taihape.—That Taihape be reduced to a Home Mission Station.

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

AUCKLAND.

Central Mission.—That a Probationer be appointed as an additional agent under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

Port Albert.—That Port Albert become a Circuit, with an ordained minister, and a suitable grant.

Hikurangi.—That Hikurangi become a Circuit, with a Probationer, and a suitable grant.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Morrinsville.—That a single Probationer as second Agent be appointed, to reside at Waitoa.

King Country Area.—That Revs. Burley, Paris, Wills, Grindlay, Taylor, Sage and the Ohura Home Missionary, with the Circuit Stewards of Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti and Taumarunui Circuits, and Messrs. F. W. Walters, H. Walters, P. Rushton and J. T. Johnson be a Commission to review Circuit boundaries and staffing of the King Country, and to report to next Synod. Convener, Chairman of the District.

Huntly.—That Huntly become a Circuit, with a Probationer and a suitable grant.

WELLINGTON.

Masterton.—That a Probationer be appointed as second Agent, to reside at Kuripuni.

NELSON.

Greymouth.—That a Probationer be appointed, to reside at Runanga, with a suitable grant.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Christchurch (St. Albans).—That an additional Agent be appointed by the Circuit for Bryndwr, with a grant for one year only.

Hawarden.—That Hawarden become a Circuit, with a married Probationer and a suitable grant.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Timaru.—That the staff of Timaru Circuit be 2 married ministers and 1 wanted, the Circuit to take a Probationer in 1930.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Caversham.—That the Caversham Quarterly Meeting be requested to consider the employment of a second Agent in 1930.

QUESTION XXV.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

None.

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

AUCKLAND.

Paparoa.—Paparoa is due, and fulfils its obligations with a suitable grant

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Hamilton.—That Hamilton (2nd) be relieved for a second year.

Matamata.—Matamata is due, and fulfils its obligations with a suitable grant.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Wanganui.—Wanganui (Gonville) is due, and fulfils its obligations with a suitable grant.

Marton.—That Marton be relieved for one more year.

New Plymouth.—That New Plymouth (3rd) be relieved for a year.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington South.—Wellington South is due, and fulfils its obligations with a suitable grant.

NELSON.

Blenheim.—That a single Home Missionary be appointed to Picton for this year only.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Christchurch (Durham Street).—That Durham Street (2nd) be relieved for a second year.

Christchurch (Woolston).—That Woolston (2nd) be relieved for one year.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Dunedin (Trinity).—That Trinity (2nd) be relieved a second year.

RESOLUTION.

That the Circuits named below take ordained ministers in the following order:—

1. Hamilton (2nd).
2. Durham St., Christchurch (2nd).
3. Woolston (2nd).

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. JOHN F. GOLDIE.**

Vice-President: **MR. THOMAS P. HUGHSON.**

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1929.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 123, 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.**—William Walker (who shall supervise Auckland Central Mission H.M. Station), Thomas R. B. Woolloxall, William Rowe, Howard H. Jeffreys, John J. Lewis, 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.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.—Supply,

Leonard C. Horwood, who shall assist at the Auckland Central Mission under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

2. **Auckland West.**—Arthur Mitchell, Norman P. Larsen.
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).—H. Leslie Richards.
 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; Joseph H. Simmonds, J. Wesley Griffin (Supernumeraries).
 11. **Pukekohe**.—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.; a Home Missionary (Bombay); 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**.—Herbert Ford.
 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 Circuit).
 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. **Port Albert**.—Walter J. Enticott.
 20. **Hikurangi**.—Harry V. Utting.
 21. **Maori Missions**—

(1) AUCKLAND—

Eruera Te Tuhi (Aratapu).
Matere Tauroa (Waima).
Matene Keepa (Tuakau).
Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirinaki).
A Home Missionary (Te Karae).
A Home Missionary (Waiomio).

AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.—A Home Missionary.

KAUKAPAKAPA—A Home Missionary.

HELENSVILLE—A Home Missionary.

HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary (Rawene)

A Home Missionary (Kohukohu).

MANGONUI.—A Home Missionary

OHAEAWAI.—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK.—Two Home Missionaries.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman of the District.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

22. **Thames.**—William A. Burley, M.A. (who shall supervise the Coromandel and Hauraki Plains Home Mission Stations).
23. **Te Aroha.**—Henry J. Odell.
24. **Morrinsville.**—Ernest E. Sage, Arthur T. Kent (Waitoa).
25. **Paeroa.**—Frank Bateup.
26. **Cambridge.**—James W. Parker.
27. **Hamilton.**—Percy R. Paris, G. Raymond Harris.
28. **Hamilton East.**—Archer O. Harris (who shall supervise Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station).
29. **Rotorua.**—William H. Speer.
30. **Tauranga.**—Hubert G. Brown.
31. **Opotiki.**—Thomas Skuse (who shall supervise Whakatane H.M. Station).
32. **Taumarunui.**—Cecil R. Taylor (who shall supervise Ohura H.M. Station).
33. **Te Awamutu.**—William Wills.
34. **Matamata.**—F. Gardner Brown.
35. **Huntly.**—Charles E. Dickens.

(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).
 A Home Missionary (Marokopo).

NGARUAWAHIA.—A Home Missionary.

WAIHI.—A Home Missionary.

WHAKATANE.—A Home Missionary.

TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.

TE KUITI.—A Home Missionary.

OHURA.—A Home Missionary.

PUTARURU.—A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

HAURAKI PLAINS.—A Home Missionary.

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

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

36. **New Plymouth.**—Clarence Eaton, Robert B. Gosnell; one wanted; John Nixon, George S. Cook (Supernumeraries).
37. **Waitara.**—Robert McGregor; a Home Missionary.
38. **Inglewood.**—Henry Benny.
39. **Stratford.**—Henry L. Blamires; a Home Missionary.
40. **Eltham.**—William W. Avery.
41. **Hawera.**—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C.

42. **Manaia**.—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
 43. **Opunake**.—Thomas Coatsworth; a Home Missionary.
 44.—**Kaponga**.—Percy J. Cossum.
 45. **Wanganui**.—Edwin T. Cox, M.A., John Reid.
 46. **Wanganui North**.—John Olphert, Colin C. Harrison.
 47. **Marton**.—Francis J. Handy.

(3) **TARANAKI-WAIMARINO**—

- Robert T. Haddon, Senior Maori Superintendent (Normanby).
 Rakena P. Rakena (Okaiawa).
 E. Oliver Haddon (Kakaramea, Patea).
 Piripi Rakena (Pipiriki).
 A Home Missionary (Rahotu).
 A Home Missionary (Rangitikei).

TAIHAPE.—A Home Missionary.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

DOUGLAS.—Attached to Patea.

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.**

48. **Napier**.—William G. Slade, M.A.
 49. **Hastings**.—Walter J. Oxbrow.
 50. **Gisborne**.—George Frost, Ivo M. Raynor.
 51. **Wairoa**.—John D. Grocott.
 52. **Waipawa**.—One wanted.
 53. **Dannevirke**.—Hedley White.
 54. **Woodville**.—William B. Cuming.
 55. **Pahiatua**.—William B. Pickering.
 56. **Palmerston North** (St Paul's).—J. Ernest Parsons.
 57. **Palmerston North** (Cuba Street).—John D. McArthur.
 58. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**.—Frederick J. Parker.
 59. **Feilding**.—Fred Copeland; one wanted; Peter W. Jones (Super-numerary).
 60. **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. (2)

61. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—Thomas R. Richards, Robert Raine.
 62. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—Ernest D. Patchett, (John Dennis) James T. Pinfold, D.D. (Supernumerary).
 63. **Wellington South**.—Thomas W. Vealie, Charles M. Roberts.
 64. **Wellington** (Kilbirnie).—Edwin S. Harkness, Charlie O. Hailwood; A. Harding (Supernumerary).
 65. **Johnsonville-Ngaio**.—Alfred E. Jefferson; one wanted; Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).
 66. **Hutt**.—Charles H. Olds, B.A. (who shall supervise Upper Hutt H.M. Station), Norman R. Gutry.
 67. **Petone**.—Benjamin J. James.
 68. **Greytown-Featherston**.—R. Purcell Keall.
 69. **Carterton**.—Ralph J. Liddell.
 70. **Masterton**.—Ernest O. Blamires; one wanted; James Cocker (Supernumerary).
 71. **Eketahuna**.—John H. Bailey.
 72. **Levin**.—William Beckett.
 73. **Otaki**.—Herbert Spencer.

PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.

UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

74. **Nelson**.—Percy N. Knight, B.A.
 75. **Richmond**.—Jonathan H. Haslam.
 76. **Blenheim**.—George F. Stockwell (who shall supervise Havelock H.M. Station), Robert E. Fordyce, a Home Missionary.
 77. **Hokitika**.—G. Knowles-Smith.
 78. **Greymouth**.—George E. Brown (who shall supervise Reefton H.M. Station), Harry Noble (Runanga).
 79. **Motueka**.—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
 80. **Westport**.—Charles A. Foston (who shall supervise Granity H.M. Station).

REEFTON.—A Home Missionary.

HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.

MURCHISON.—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.

81. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D., George I. Laurenson; William J. Williams, William Baumber, Samuel Lawry (Supernumeraries).
 CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—M. A. Rugby Pratt.
- YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.—E. Percy Blamires, General Secretary; Bernard R. Hames, M.A., Travelling Secretary, Y.M.B.C. Movement.
82. **Christchurch East**.—William Greenslade, Harold A. Sharp, Oliver S. Pearn, James Guy (Supernumerary).
83. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A., Charles E. Ward (Supernumerary).
84. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Frederick B. Lawrence, Harold Fallows; Thomas Fee (Supernumerary).
85. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Basil Metson.
86. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Arthur Liversedge.
87. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—John F. Jack.
88. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—Leslie B. Neale, Samuel J. Werren; T. Jackson Wallis and Frederick T. Read (Supernumeraries).
89. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Arthur Hopper; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).
90. **Lyttelton**.—Charles Blair.
91. **Springston**.—Albert H. Fowles.
92. **Tai Tapu**.—Francis T. Harris.
93. **Leeston**.—George P. Hunt.
94. **Kaiapoi**.—Oswald Burnet.
95. **Ohoka**.—Harry Cottom.
96. **Rangiora**.—Samuel Henderson.
97. **Woodend-Sefton**.—John R. Nelson.
98. **Greendale**.—Jacob Featherston.
99. **Hawarden**.—Walter Parker.
- OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.
 WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A., Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

100. **Timaru**.—Harold T. Peat, Percy I. Cooke; one wanted; Charles H. Standage (Supernumerary).
101. **Waimate**.—W. Bramwell Scott.
102. **Temuka**.—Albert Blakemore.
103. **Geraldine**.—John Southern.
104. **Ashburton**.—Robert B. Tinsley (who shall supervise the Rakaia-Methven H.M. Station).

105. **Willowby**.—William Grigg.

106. **Oamaru**.—John Harris.

RAKAIKA-METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.

MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GRIGG, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

107. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—Harold E. Bellhouse; one wanted; George Clement (Supernumerary).

108. **Dunedin** (Central Mission).—George B. Hinton.

109. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—William H. Hocking.

110. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—John A. Lochore, Athol R. Penn (St. Clair).

111. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Albert C. Lawry; Thomas W. Newbold (Supernumerary).

112. **Dunedin** (Caversham).—Herbert Daniel.

113. **Dunedin** (Morningson).—James Richards.

114. **Dunedin** (Roslyn-Maori Hill).—Raymond Richards; a Home Missionary.

115. **Port Chalmers**.—T. Arthur Pybus.

116. **Balclutha**.—Hector C. Orchard.

117. **Milton**.—William Gatman (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).

118. **Roxburgh**.—Gordon R. H. Peterson (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).

119. **Invercargill** (Central).—Angus McBean (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. Station).

120. **Invercargill** (St. Peters).—Samuel Bailey (who shall supervise the Otautau Circuit, and Riverton and Nightcaps-Tuatapere H.M. Stations).

121. **Bluff**.—Moses Ayrton.

122. **Gore**.—Alfred M. Costain.

123. **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.

- (4) **Roviana.**—John Francis Goldie (Roviana); Tom Dent (Marovo); Frank H. Hayman (Roviana); John R. Metcalfe (Bougainville); Allan H. Cropp (Bougainville); A. Harry Voyce (Bougainville); one wanted (Bougainville); one to be sent (Luaniua); a Catechist wanted (Pelau); Joeli Soakai (Kia, Roviana); Dr E. G. Sayers (Roviana).
 Sisters' Home.—Two Missionary Sisters.
 Helena Goldie Hospital.—Dr E. G. Sayers; two Nursing Sisters.
 District Training Institution.—John F. Goldie, Principal; Frank H. Hayman, Vice-Principal.
 Roviana Day School.—John F. Goldie; Frank H. Hayman, a Kindergarten teacher.
 Kia.—Joeli Soakai.
 Saikili.—A Catechist.
 Wana Wana.—Daniel Iabule.
 Kepi.—Lazarus Molia.
 Marovo.—Tom Dent (Patutiva); 3 Catechists and 8 Native Teachers.
 Mono (Treasury Island).—A Catechist.
 Fauro.—A Catechist.
 Luaniua.—One wanted.
 Pelau.—A Catechist wanted.
 Kela.—A Catechist wanted.
 Tasman Group.—A Catechist wanted.
 Ugili.—A Catechist.
 Simbo.—Naphtali Fotu; Samuel Alevia.
 Bougainville.—John R. Metcalfe; Allan H. Cropp; A. Harry Voyce; one wanted; two Catechists and 15 Native Teachers.
 Narovo.—A Catechist.
 Siwai.—Native Teacher.
 Tiop.—John Maka.
 Buka.—Native Teacher.
- (5) **Vella Lavella.**—Arthur A. Bensley (Bilua).
 Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister.
 Circuit Training Institution.—Arthur A. Bensley.
 Bilua Day School.—Arthur A. Bensley.
 Barakomo.—A Native Teacher.
 Maravari.—A Native Teacher.
 Eleoteve.—A Native Teacher.
 Niaravai.—A Native Teacher.
 Sirombai.—A Native Teacher.
 Java.—A Native Teacher.
 Dovele.—A Native Teacher.
 Iriqila.—A Native Teacher.
 Jurio.—Silas Lesatuni.
 Sirulando.—A Native Teacher.
 Luqa.—A Native Teacher.
 Kundu.—A Native Teacher.
 Kiara.—A Native Teacher.
 Sambala.—A Native Teacher.
 Kubokota.—A Native Teacher.
 Ombuumbulu.—A Native Teacher.
 Povana.—A Native Teacher.
- (6) **Choiseul.**—Vincent Le C. Binet (Bambatana); Dr C. James (Bambatana).
 Sisters' Home.—Two Missionary Sisters (Bambatana).
 Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister (Seqa).
 Circuit Training Institution.—Vincent Le C. Binet.

Medical Mission.—Dr C. James; one Nursing Sister.
 Lologai.—A Native Teacher.
 Malanana.—A Native Teacher.
 Tepazaka.—A Native Teacher.
 Bira Bira.—A Native Teacher.
 Seqa.—A Native Teacher.
 Bambatana Day School.—Vincent Le C Binet.
 Tauro.—A Native Teacher.
 Varisi.—A Native Teacher.
 Taba Taba.—A Native Teacher.
 Ririo.—A Native Teacher.
 Kamuqa.—A Native Teacher.
 Sui.—A Native Teacher.
 Nambusassa.—A Native Teacher.

JOHN F. GOLDIE,
 President of the Conference,
 Chairman of the District.

ARTHUR A. BENSLEY,
 Acting-Chairman.

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., Matthew K. Gilmour.

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

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1929.

Auckland District—

Home Mission Department.—C. Strand.
 Auckland Central Mission.—C. G. Scrimgeour.
 Avondale (Henderson).—Supply.
 Pukekohe (Bombay).—J. Belshaw.
 (Tuakau).—One wanted.
 Mahurangi (Warkworth).—G. H. Marr.
 Helensville.—W. J. Henderson.
 Kaukapakapa.—J. Common.
 Hokianga (Rawene).—D. Hickman.
 (Kohukohu).—R. T. Alexander.
 Mangonui.—R. Grice.
 Portland.—R. Coombridge.
 Northern Wairoa (Ruawai).—G. R. Rotherham.
 Northern Wairoa (Kaihu).—F. Sanderson.
 Ohaeawai.—F. D. Hoten.
 Colporteur Work.—A. J. Johnstone, one wanted.
 Auckland (Maori) (Te Karae).—Hone Tamati.
 (Waiomio).—Te Riri Kawiti.
 Te Rira Ratete (Punakitere) (resting).

South Auckland District—

Hauraki Plains.—E. R. Alexander.
 Waihi.—T. W. Featherstone.
 Te Kuiti.—J. G. W. Grindlay.
 Whakatane.—J. L. Mitchell.
 Putaruru.—H. Ashworth.
 Te Puke.—W. Sussex.
 Ngaruawahia.—G. Hall.
 Ohura.—A. R. Thomas.
 Coromandel.—O. P. Liddell.
 Waikato-King Country Maori—
 (Kawhia).—Hone Taotahi.
 (Aoetearoa).—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-Ohakune.—Supply.
 Taihape.—A. C. Shanks.
 Douglas.—One wanted.
 Taranaki-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.—C. Duncan.
 Waipawa.—W. T. Hooper.

Wellington District—

Johnsonville (Porirua).—W. Trafford.
 Upper Hutt.—One wanted.
 Masterton (Kuripuni).—H. Dyson.
 Paraparaumu.—W. H. Wilson.

Nelson District—

Blenheim (Picton).—S. Keex
 Reefton.—T. W. Parsons.
 Havelock.—C. E. Roke.
 Murchison.—B. H. N. Teague.
 Granity.—C. Robinson.
 Wakefield-Dovedale.—J. A. Daglish.

North Canterbury District—

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

South Canterbury District—

Timaru.—One wanted.
 Rakaia-Methven.—J. Boothroyd (Supply).
 Mayfield.—One wanted.

Otago-Southland District—

Dunedin Trinity (N.E. Valley).—L. C. Elmsley.
 Otautau.—J. Thomas.
 Roslyn (Maori Hill).—F. E. Foot.
 Mosgiel.—J. W. Bayliss.
 Edendale.—H. J. Malcolm.
 Lawrence.—P. Bridge.
 Cromwell.—A. E. Orr.
 Riverton.—F. O. Prosser.
 Nightcaps-Tuatapere.—R. Jamieson.
 Broad Bay.—D. J. Stallard.
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—G. F. O. Whittlestone.

QUESTION XXIX.—Who are Elected as Chairman and Secretaries of District and Statistical Secretaries for the Ensuing Year?**CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.**

Auckland—Edward Drake.
 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—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
 South Canterbury—William Grigg.
 Otago-Southland—Harold E. Bellhouse.
 Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie (President of the Conference).

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Frank E. Leadley.
 South Auckland—Ernest E. Sage.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Robert B. Gosnell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Frederic 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.

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

QUESTION XXX.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the Year 1930?

President—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Secretary—Jonathan H. Haslam.

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

The General Returns for the year ending September 30, 1928, show an increase of 9 schoolrooms. This will make for better efficiency in Sunday School work, and is to be welcomed as a sign of the greater importance attached to this part of the Church's work. We have three more ministers, and a total of 65 Home Missionaries on the staff. Gratifying also is the increase of two Local Preachers, which is an evidence that their need and usefulness are still recognised. Fourteen more Class Leaders are reported, and if this means that there is that additional number of classes in active fellowship, it is good news.

The membership shows an all round increase—in senior members, 148; junior, 311; and infant, 1114. Some Circuits do not yet make a return of infant members, though our Rules make this mandatory. The membership of the Church steadily grows, as the following figures reveal:—

Year.	Senior.	Junior.
1913	21,751	3863
1918	23,288	6524
1923	23,491	6764
1928	24,543	7507

It needs to be pointed out that the membership total is a more or less exact figure, and is perhaps the best way of measuring our progress. It is an index of our work amongst adults and the young people. In 15 years the junior membership has almost doubled itself.

The Communicants are a few less than last year, but this is exceptional, as the number has been steadily growing for a decade. The figures are:—1918, 15,978; 1923, 16,488; 1928, 17,810.

It is interesting to make a comparison of the proportions of Communicants to Church members in each district. For every 100 Church members the Communicants are as follows:—Auckland, 85; South Auckland, 66; Taranaki-Wanganui, 69; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, 76; Wellington and Nelson, 70; North Canterbury, 69; South Canterbury, 75; and Otago-Southland, 66. South Auckland and Otago-Southland need to give attention to this aspect of intensive work. Also of note is the fact that South Auckland has not developed its junior membership as other districts have, while Taranaki-Wanganui sets the standard for the Dominion in this respect.

Attendants on Public Worship.—This return is most unsatisfactory, so much so that two Synods recommend that the position be reviewed during the coming year, and some more satisfactory method adopted. The decline reported is nearly 1600, but it is not a real decline. In 16 cases the Circuits where the decline was a serious one were communicated with, and, with two exceptions, these were Circuits where a change of Superintendents had taken place at last Conference. In one of the two exceptions a mistake had occurred, but in all the others the ministers concerned stated that the figures were as accurate as they could make them. A method of calculation that varies with various men can give no accurate estimate of our work, and the question must be faced whether it is worth while retaining it. None of the other figures is open to this objection, as they are the result of records that are more or less accurately kept.

I would suggest that a Special Committee consider this matter during the year, and report to next Conference. It may be advisable to consider whether those under the pastoral care of the ministers could not be reported in place of attendants on public worship. This would necessitate a more detailed and accurate visiting list than is now kept by the majority of the ministers.

In conclusion, a tribute must be paid to the District Statistical Secretaries who have done their utmost to present accurate returns. They have asked for reasons for closing preaching places, and have carefully reported them. More care has been taken than usual, and the results may be relied upon.

Note.—As all the Sunday School returns have not yet reached me, I cannot report on them.

W. A. BURLEY,

General Statistical Secretary.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE GOVERNMENT CENSUS.

The results of the Government Census, taken on 20th April, 1926, have taken a long time to compile, and Vol. 8, Religious Professions, was available on December 24, 1928. This volume is full of interest to the churches generally, and not least to our own denomination. The four chief denominations are represented as follows:—

Church of England	...	...	553,993, or 41.2 per cent.
Presbyterian	...	...	330,731, or 24.6 per cent.
Roman Catholic	...	...	173,364, or 12.9 per cent.
Methodist	...	...	121,212, or 9.0 per cent.

It is a hopeful feature that the various Christian bodies comprise no less than 93.83 per cent. of the whole population. This is a higher percentage than in previous censuses, when the figure was about 87 per cent.

As we are interested in the whole Christian Church, the following table will be of general interest:—

Increases or decreases since the census of 1921:—

Church.	Increases.	
	Number.	Per cent.
Christian Scientist	534	62.97
Seventh Day Adventist	649	29.18
Brethren	1,869	16.91
Presbyterian	31,186	10.41
Baptist	2,069	10.18
Methodist	8,868	7.89
Church of England	39,386	7.65
Roman Catholic	9,231	5.62
Salvation Army	650	5.61
Decreases.		
Unitarian	399	28.04
Spiritualist	239	9.25
Congregational	695	8.71
Church of Christ	656	7.59

The increase of the population generally was 10.30 per cent. In the last ten years the increase of the population was 22.29 per cent., but the Methodist Church increased by 14.33 per cent. only. Of the four large denominations, the Presbyterian was the only one whose in-

crease exceeded the general increase of population. Still, the Methodist Church augmented the number of its adherents to a greater extent, numerically and relatively, than in the preceding quinquennium, the numbers being:—1921, 6320, or 5.96 per cent.; 1926, 8868, or 7.89 per cent.

Geographical Distribution.

Our Church is most strongly represented (proportionately) in Taranaki. For the whole Dominion the proportion is 90 out of every 1000 of the population. In the various Provinces the proportion is as follows:—Auckland, 90; Hawke's Bay, 68; Taranaki, 138; Wellington, 90; Marlborough, 93; Nelson, 95; Westland, 57; Canterbury, 108; Otago, 68; Southland, 62.

Methodists are found in almost equal proportions in town and country. The urban population of the Dominion, i.e., those who live in the 14 largest cities and towns, is 52 per cent., and the rural population is 48 per cent. of the whole. The Methodist proportions are 52.6 per cent. and 47.4 per cent. respectively. This shows that we appeal to town and country dweller alike.

There is an excess of females in the Methodist Church. In the Dominion generally males predominate, being 51.1 per cent. of the whole; but in our Church they comprise only 48.4 per cent. It is interesting to notice that in the Church of England and the Presbyterian Church males predominate. Females outnumber the males in large numbers amongst the Christian Scientists, Seventh Day Adventists, the Brethren, The Church of Christ, and the Baptists.

Ages.

The Methodist Church records its highest proportion at the ages 10 to 20 years. It is the only one of the four largest Churches whose share of persons aged 60 years and upward is greater than the ratio of the ages of the population generally. One concludes that Methodism and longevity go hand-in-hand.

Objection to State Religious Attachment.

Each census many thousands avail themselves of the right to object to state their religion. In this census no less than 62,585 people, or 4.16 per cent. of the total population, have availed themselves of this right. It is impossible to state how this may affect the figures of the various denominations. This figure has grown from 18,295 in 1901 and 38,591 in 1921 to the present figure of 62,585.

Officiating Ministers and Number of Adherents.

The following table sets out the position for the main denominations (ministers referred to are those registered under the Marriage Act, and include Home Missionaries):—

	Ministers.	Adherents per Minister.
Church of England	469	1,181
Presbyterian	396	835
Roman Catholic	296	586
Methodist	283	428
Baptist	67	328
Congregational	34	214

Comparative figures for the last six enumerations for our Church are:—

Year	1901	1906	1911	1916	1921	1926
Adherents	441	511	451	398	460	428

These figures show that of the large denominations we have the largest proportion of agents. This ought to make for effective work, and few of our adherents should be overlooked in pastoral administration.

Census Returns and Church Returns Compared.

Yet if we compare the census returns with our Church returns we shall find that many who call themselves Methodists are not attending our services. The totals for the two Islands and the whole Dominion are as follows:—

	Census.	Church.	Unattached.	Unattached. Per cent.
North Island ...	76,500	44,540	31,960	42
South Island ...	44,712	26,445	18,267	41
Dominion ...	121,212	70,985	50,227	41.4

If we take the urban population we shall discover some illuminating and disturbing facts. The urban population is regarded by the Government Statistician as the dwellers in the 14 largest cities and towns. These are not in all cases coincident in area with our Circuits, but they afford a good basis for comparison, and, if anything, favour the Church returns; e.g., in many of our town Circuits country places are included which are not included in the census. (Figures in brackets are those of 1921 census.)

City or Town.	Census.	Church.	Unattached.	Unattached. Per cent.
Auckland ...	17,116	9,991	7,125 (5,089)	42 (35)
Wellington ...	9,700	5,741	3,959 (2,837)	41 (32)
Christchurch ...	13,174	7,015	6,159 (5,862)	47 (47)
Dunedin ...	6,972	4,752	2,220 (643)	32 (11)
Hamilton ...	1,982	1,500	482 (+ 68)*	24 (...)
Gisborne ...	793	765	28 (24)	4 (3)
Napier ...	1,128	1,125	3 (31)	— (3)
Hastings ...	1,094	725	369 (274)	34 (27)
New Plymouth ...	2,401	1,775	626 (434)	26 (22)
Wanganui ...	2,263	1,435	828 (720)	36 (32)
Palmerston North ...	2,171	1,360	811 (375)	37 (22)
Nelson ...	1,282	750	532 (410)	41 (35)
Timaru ...	1,722	1,565	157 (19)	9 (1)
Invercargill ...	1,821	1,105	716 (672)	39 (39)
Total Urban ...	63,619	39,604	24,015 (17,322)	38 (30)
Total Rural ...	57,593	31,381	26,212 (21,817)	45.5 (37.4)
Dominion ...	121,212	70,985	50,227 (39,139)	41.4 (35)

*Note.—Hamilton returned more than the census in 1921 by 68.

An analysis of these figures shows we have lost ground in the last five years in the four main cities, notably so in Dunedin and Wellington. In Gisborne, Napier and Timaru we are keeping pace with the census Methodists. In all other towns a considerable proportion is not attending our services. Christchurch occupies an unenviable position, as it has the highest percentage of unattached Methodists. It occupied this position in the previous census. Other towns where the position is serious are Invercargill, Nelson and Wanganui. Napier is the only place to improve its position compared with the census of 1921.

These figures are arresting, and surely challenge the whole Church to renewed effort to win professed Methodists to public worship. We may legitimately assume that those who claim to belong to our Church ought to recognise some responsibility to her. They should provide a fruitful soil for our working. If we could win to a working allegiance only one-half of these, the Methodist Church of New Zealand would be a strong one, able to do much where to-day she is handicapped.

From the figures we fail equally in town and country. In the rural areas our failure is more pronounced—45 per cent. is not attached.

But some factors must be taken into account in the comparison of Church returns and census returns. We try to estimate the number that attend the public worship. This excludes children under three years of age; the census gives the number under 5 as 11,701. Probably 8,000 are 3 and under. Then there are those who live where our Church is not represented. Add to these the number of those who by reason of permanent disability or old age cannot possibly attend service, and the number would be considerable. Incidentally, this is the answer to the query why the census returns are always greater than the Church returns. Yet, allowing for all these considerations, it remains true that a considerable proportion of people claiming to be Methodists are not ministered to by us. Such a state of things is challenging us to a more earnest endeavour to live and work so that they may come with us to worship and serve God.

A fuller and more detailed Statistical Statement could be prepared for each District and forwarded to the May Synod or to the Annual Synod if Conference so desires.

W. A. BURLEY,

General Statistical Secretary.

28/12/28.

The Reports were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the matter of a more satisfactory method of computing the attendance on Public Worship be remitted to the Welfare of the Church Committee for consideration and report through the Synods to next Conference, the General Statistical Secretary to be a corresponding member.
2. That the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be thanked for his services, and that he be reappointed General Statistical Secretary.

Special Report on the Government Census.

1. That a special vote of thanks be accorded to Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., for his illuminating and informative report on the relation of the Methodist Church to the Government Census on Religious professions.
2. That while this Conference appreciates the fact that Methodism has increased by 7.89 per cent. since the Census of 1921, it views with apprehension the fact that our Church has not kept pace with the increase of population, there having been during the last 10 years a difference of almost 8 per cent. against Methodism. That the Conference impress upon our people the necessity for renewed zeal and of prayer for the quickening of our faith, so that it may be possible to recover lapsed Methodists, and to gain the active co-operation of others to whom our Church may appeal in the cause of Jesus Christ.

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

THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORT.

The matters remitted to the above Committee by the Conference have been fully considered during the year.

The Broadcasting of Church Services is being carefully watched, but up to the present nothing has transpired to call for action on the part of the Committee.

I.—PARSONAGE FURNISHING.

The Committee, in response to the direction of last Conference, approached every ordained minister, with the object of obtaining the fullest possible information on the subject of "Furnished Parsonages." As an indication of the interest taken in the question, no less than 122 replies were received. It is clearly evident that the ministers of the Connexion are looking for some reform in this direction. A very strong minority would prefer a slight increase in stipend to enable them to provide their own cutlery, linen and bedding. It is essential that something in the nature of a quarterly grant should be made to allow the minister's wife an opportunity of replacing the incidentals of the home without the necessity of making a request for these goods from time to time.

After a great deal of consideration the Committee sends forward the following suggestions for the judgment of the Synods:—

- (1) That the principle be reaffirmed that an "Adequately Furnished Parsonage" shall be provided for each married minister, in addition to the minimum stipend.
- (2) That an "Adequately Furnished Parsonage" is expected to contain a sufficiency of furnishings for the use of the household, including earthenware, glassware, kitchen requisites, cutlery, linen and bedding.
- (3) On the occasion of each new appointment to a Circuit an inventory shall be taken in duplicate, one copy to be held by the minister and the other by the Circuit Stewards. The Circuit Stewards to be asked to act in consultation with the retiring or newly-appointed minister as to the needs of the Parsonage.
- (4) That the Quarterly Meeting or Ladies' Guild arrange for a suitable grant each quarter, such grant to be paid to the minister's wife, or housekeeper, for the purpose of replenishing the Parsonage with minor articles that may be required from time to time.
- (5) That a letter be sent from the ensuing Conference to each Circuit Quarterly Meeting for the purpose of indicating to the Circuit its responsibility with regard to an "Adequate Furnished Parsonage."
- (6) That the attention of ministers be drawn to the fact that a responsibility is laid upon them to exercise all reasonable care with regard to the upkeep and protection of the Parsonage and furnishings provided by the Circuit. This is an obligation on the part of the minister to the Circuit concerned, to the whole Church, and to his successors.

II.—UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

It has been reported that a number of our young Methodists, who are students at the University Colleges, have from time to time, through the influence of their associations, attached themselves to Churches other than their own. This Committee therefore submits to the Conference the following recommendations:—

- (1) That in each University centre, one church be selected, whose minister and office-bearers be earnestly requested to cultivate the acquaintance of such Methodist students as are attending that University College, with the view of attaching them to the Church.
- (2) That at the beginning of each University term a Students' Sunday Service be held, to which all Methodist students receive a special invitation.
- (3) That with a view of discovering the Methodist students, the minister of the church early in the year seek, by any means accessible to him, to secure their names and make their acquaintance.
- (4) That all ministers of congregations which send students forward to the University Colleges and Secondary Schools be urged to send on the names of such students to the minister of the church assigned to that particular University College or School.

III.—COLLEGIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

This Committee, while recognising the devoted service of Sunday School teachers, deploras the loss of scholars to the Church; it declares its conviction that the retention of even 50 per cent., instead of 20 per cent. as at present, of the children under our care would transform our Church in a generation. In view of the importance of the matter, and the fact that the welfare of the Church is so closely identified with competent leadership in religious education, it recommends that:—

- (1) The curriculum of the Theological College be so arranged that two hours a week may be devoted to such subjects as will specially qualify every student in future years for effective leadership of his Sunday School workers, both in methods and organisation. That this period be deducted from the time now occupied by subjects of lesser importance.
- (2) That in order that theory and practice may go hand in hand, the Collegiate Church Sunday School be taken over as a school of practice by the College at the earliest possible date, to enable each student, in conjunction with the staff of voluntary workers, to gain practical experience in the methods and organisation of a modern Sunday School.

IV.—NEEDS OF METHODIST SAILORS.

The question of the spiritual and social needs of the Methodist sailors visiting our ports was discussed by the Committee, and the following motion was carried for the consideration of the Conference:—

That Conference requests the Home Mission Board to consider the possibility of providing more definitely for the spiritual and social needs of Methodist sailors who visit the chief New Zealand ports from time to time.

V.—RESTATEMENT OF DOCTRINE.

This Committee regrets that no action has been taken in the matter of "A Simple Statement of the Doctrines of Our Church," though the preparation of such a statement was decided on by the Conference of 1925. The Committee reiterates its belief that the matter is one of first importance and real urgency, and asks Conference to direct the Committee appointed three years ago to discharge its functions this ensuing year, reporting to the Conference of 1930.

The following are recommended as the Committee for 1929:—
 The Superintendents of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, together with Dr. C. E. W. Lyth, Messrs. E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., A. T. McIndoe, J. B. Shacklock, E. Aslin, A. H. Reed, L. Mercier, J. Davidson, W. O. Brown, G. A. Skene, H. H. Johnson, L. Wraight, and R. Rae.
 Convener to be appointed.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.
 W. B. SCOTT, Convener.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

- I. Parsonage Furnishing.**—(a) That Clauses 1, 3, 5 and 6 be adopted; that Clause 2 be adopted, with the omission of the word "glass-ware"; that Clause 4 be amended to read—"That the Quarterly Meeting arrange through the Ladies' Guild or by other means, etc. (b) That the Conference request the Home Mission Board to consider the question of Parsonage Furnishing for Home Missionaries along the lines of the foregoing Resolutions.
- II. Students and Church Attendance.**—(a) That Clause 1 shall read as follows:—"That in each University centre a church or churches be selected whose minister or ministers and office-bearers be earnestly requested to cultivate the acquaintance of such Methodist students as are attending the University College in that centre with the view of retaining them for the church. (b) Clauses 2, 3, 4 were adopted. (c) That the details of the pastoral oversight of students and of their church attendance be referred to the Methodist ministers' meetings in the four University centres. (d) That Circuit ministers in provincial towns, where there are Colleges and High Schools, be urged to give special attention to the attendance of students at their own churches.
- III. Collegiate Sunday School.**—See Resolution under Theological College, Question 39.
- IV. Needs of Methodist Sailors.**—That this matter be referred back to the Welfare of the Church Committee to draft a scheme for submission to the Synods of 1929.
- V. Restatement of Doctrine.**—That Conference agree that a simple statement of the doctrines of our Church is necessary, and instructs the Welfare of the Church Committee to consider the matter during the year, with the members of the 1925 Committee as corresponding members.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rev. W. B. Scott be thanked for his services as Convener during 1928.
2. That the following be the Committee for 1929:—The Superintendents of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, together with Dr. C. E. W. Lyth, Messrs. E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., A. T. McIndoe, J. B. Shacklock, E. Aslin, A. H. Reed, L. Mercier, J. Davidson, W. O. Brown, G. A. Skene, H. H. Johnson, L. Wraight, and R. Rae. Convener, Rev. W. H. Hocking.

3. That the Welfare of the Church Committee consider the advisability of instituting an induction service for Church Officers upon their appointment.
4. That Conference once more emphasises the Social Creed of the Church (Book of Laws, pp. 226-227), and seeks its wide publicity in the Press; and that on the Sunday before Labour Day this creed be read from our pulpits.
5. That the Committee be instructed to consider and report on what changes, if any, can be made in the order of service for the opening session of Conference, so that a proper dignity may be maintained without unduly lengthening the service; Dr. C. H. Laws to be a corresponding member.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1928.

"To heal the sick is necessary
To prevent sickness is common sense.
To promote public health is statesmanship."

So speaks a modern educationist. The ever-increasing care bestowed upon the young by the State and by medical science impressively illustrates the necessity for the Church to recognise that her future existence and power depend primarily upon her concern for, and care of, young life.

The value of the Y.P. Department is to be gauged less by tabulating its direct benefits to individual schools (though these are very evident in most circuits) than by its efforts to convince the Church as a whole of the supreme importance of constant Christian nurture.

Much Departmental effort is wasted unless individual churches give to this work the outstanding emphasis for which the Department pleads. Where this is lacking the church may anticipate an inevitable decline. The conditions of to-day multiply the enticements to forsake the Sunday School, and never was it so hard for the older generation to understand the newer generation with its freer modes of thought and action.

The Year's Work.

Pages might be written on each of the following phases of the work, but we must content ourselves with the mere enumeration.

The General Secretary has personally visited 47 Circuits and 13 H.M. Stations during the year.

New S.S. building projects have been undertaken at Papanoa, Onehunga, Mangere, Edendale, Fitzroy, Napier, Ngaio, Waiwetu, Springlands, Motueka, Riccarton, Edgeware Road, Cashmere, Shirley and Gore.

Teacher-training work has continued.

The Scholars' Examination was held in July. 629 sitting.

"The Lotu" now circulates 7500 copies, an increase of a thousand. Several new schools have been opened, especially in the far North.

We have 27 teachers engaged in S.S. teaching by correspondence.

The Y.P. Demonstration at last Conference set quite a new standard of excellence.

Our Lesson Literature has been more closely graded, and the changes will be appreciated as schools realise its significance and value.

Mr W. C. Francis has continued his splendid services as Honorary Manager for Literature. We save our schools about £150 per annum.

We have recently opened a Reference Library.

Youth Movements.

The value of the Department may again be gauged by its contribution to the development of the Christian movement among the youth of New Zealand. Our own B.C. movements maintain a close relationship with this Department, and through it with the Church. Their own reports (abbreviated) are presented herewith.

It is the Department's policy to aim at the establishment of an ideal relationship between the Church and the B.C. movement. During the present year it has particularly striven to assist the Young Men's and Young Women's movements to achieve an ideal relationship to each other. The respective unions have met together in every district during the mid-winter, for conference. Their findings will be brought before a combined convention at the end of the year.

The standard of church socials for young people is being raised by the effort of a combined committee which has been at work for exactly one year.

There are only a few minds thus far in the adult church that are inquiring the significance for the Church of what is happening in the fellowship and evangelism of the Bible Classes and the camps. Should not a Men's Fellowship be provided to follow the Bible Class experience?

This year the Young People's organisations are asking for a little direct representation in Synods and Conference. Would it not be true wisdom to gladly grant even more than is requested?

If the Church will carry out conscientiously the Conference decisions of recent years, friction between B.C. and Church or School will be a rare occurrence.

Youth Federation.

Co-operation with the youth of other denominations and with the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and Student Christian Movement has also commenced, and the formation of a New Zealand Christian Youth Federation (which would be 30,000 strong) will be considered at a conference at Waikanae in January next. Such a federation would act as an integral section of the New Zealand Council of Religious Education, which stands for a national work to unify and co-ordinate all Christian agencies for New Zealand's childhood and youth.

Does the Church Keep Pace?

It may come as a surprise to many that by a careful estimate this Department, including our B.C. movements, aggregates a larger personal attendance at its Conferences, Dominion and District Executives (not including camps) than the Church Conference, Synods, and all the other connexional committees added together. The active service represented attests that the organisation is an expression of vitality. If the Church is to keep in touch with her own youth work, the time has come to give very much more time at Synods and Conferences.

National Religious Education.

Definite advance has been made by the New Zealand Council of Religious Education during the year. Branches have been formed in the chief cities. A national conference is to be held in September, 1929.

In preparation for it an important questionnaire has been issued and endorsed by the official heads of the leading churches. It is now being studied in sections by individuals and groups whose contributions will be tabulated and issued as reports before the Conference meets. The aim is to formulate and clarify ideas and principles on which all future programmes will be based. We regard this question of National Religious Education as New Zealand's most urgent problem. To assist in its solution the Methodist Conference is asked, at this preliminary stage, for a small grant of £50 toward the expenses of the Conference referred to.

The World's S.S. Congress at Los Angeles.

The greatest conference ever held in the interests of the world's Sunday Schools took place last July. Mr Maurice Hodder, M.A., M.R.E., who, while in America, undertook to represent the Y.P. Board, has sent a most valuable report, providing us with information and guidance, particularly features of the religious educational awakening throughout the world, the principles of curriculum construction, lines of development for youth movements, and leadership training.

B.C. Travelling Secretaries.

Miss Hodder and Mr. Donnelly are terminating their service as Travelling Secretaries to the two B.C. Movements. The Board records its high estimation of the excellent connexional service which each has rendered in the past in promoting the work of their departments, and the fine spirit of co-ordination with the Board which they have always displayed.

Finance.

The Board is grateful that the Conference direction of a few years ago to Quarterly Meetings to recognise their moral obligation for the financial allocation has been effective in so many circuits. The Synods will have information concerning amounts outstanding, and we hope that the end of the year will see all circuits in line with a bona fide effort to do their share.

The General Secretary.

The Board gladly recognises the systematic industry and the efficient devotion of the Rev E. P. Blamires, specially rejoicing in the success which is attending his co-operation in the leadership of the two Bible Class organisations in the direction of a warmer allegiance to the Mother Church, and to the high ideals for which she stands.

WILLIAM GREENSLADE, Chairman.

FRANK THOMPSON, Secretary.

The above Report was adopted as amended, but South Canterbury recommended that the last sentence of the paragraph, "Does the Church keep pace?" be deleted.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

(Extracts from Report).

Travelling Organiser.

Since last report, Mr. G. C. Burton has relinquished the position of Travelling Organiser, after a valuable term of office. His successor is Mr. W. E. Donnelly, who has made a special contribution to the Movement along the lines of Leadership Training. He has also

helped our work in placing good reading material in the hands of the B.C. Members. We regret to report that Mr. Donnelly's term is only twelve months, and that he will be relinquishing the work in January, 1929, thus necessitating another appointment.

Syllabus.

Another successful Senior Standard Syllabus for 1928 was prepared by a Joint Committee of the Y.W. and Y.M. Movements, and based on the Text Book "New Life." 3430 copies have been sold. The Junior Syllabus was again based on the Senior Text Book of the Australasian Graded Lesson Material; 1095 copies were sold. An advance in co-operation has been made in connection with the 1929 Syllabus. The publishing of this Syllabus is being done by a joint committee representing the Baptist and Methodist Y.W. and Y.M. Movements. Also the Senior and Junior Syllabus is being combined, with separate points for discussion.

Leadership Training.

The Leadership Training Committee in Auckland continues to be active in this, one of the most important sections of our work. Thanks to the work of the Committee and of our Travelling Organiser, the number of entries is encouraging.

Camps.

A further record has been made in the matter of attendance at Camps. A high standard was maintained, and a spiritual impetus was received by those attending, and this will be reflected in the Class and Union activity. An increased interest is being shown in the Study Circles. Twelve Camps were held at Easter, and two Winter Camps, with total attendance of 1242.

Missionary Policy.

An extra £50 has been raised by special efforts, thus enabling the Movement for the first time to provide the whole of Dr. Sayer's salary.

Social Programmes.

The Combined Committee representing the Y.W. and Y.M. Movements is supplying the classes with good material, and is also making a careful study of problems relating to the social life of the Movements.

Theological College Fund Campaign.

The sum of £100 8s. 6d. has been remitted to Dr. Laws, with a request that, if possible, it be used for some special part of the College.

"Methodist Bible Class Link."

This feature of the work of the Movements is being carried on under the editorship of Mr. C. R. Edmond, and a high standard is being maintained. Through lack of support from some districts, finance still causes some anxiety.

Statistics.

Statistics presented at the Convention in January, 1928, show a total of 189 classes affiliated with the movement, with a total active membership of 2064. Church members total 920. These are all slight increases on the previous year. There are also 91 Local Preachers, and 205 Sunday School Teachers in the Movement.

N. R. SEDDON, Hon. Sec.

YOUNG WOMEN'S B.C. MOVEMENT.

(Extracts from Report).

Membership.

Total membership of Movement is now 3121, the increase for the year being 85. We have 250 affiliated classes—a net increase of 15. There are 156 sub-leaders, and 155 Sunday School teachers and 15 B.C. leaders have been supplied during the year. 576 members have been promoted from Sunday School or transferred from other Bible Classes. Average attendance of active B.C. members is 73%. 135 classes provide or take part in Girls' Clubs, while 213 members are engaged in Club leadership or other social service. We know of 69 unaffiliated classes to whom are extended all the privileges of Movement fellowship. 77½% of Senior members are Church members, while only 46% of Intermediate and 36% of Junior members are linked up with the Church. Disappointment expressed with slow progress in Junior membership and establishment of Annual Reception Services.

Leadership Training.

The Central Committee now in Auckland, with Miss E. Booth as Convener, has rendered notable service. Every Union has made progress in this important work. Twenty-two classes in Bible Study, Church History, Missions and Psychology held, with total membership of 241 trainees, several of whom are taking two or more subjects; 88 enrolments for Correspondence Course; 53 examination passes granted, and 17 accredited. Deeply indebted to Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., and other Tutors.

Libraries.

In addition to 6 Union libraries, 56 classes are building up own libraries. £5 spent on Reference Library in conjunction with Y.P. Department.

Co-operation.

In view of much co-operative work to be undertaken, a Combined Convention will be held in December prior to the Annual B.C. Conferences in Christchurch. Other combined gatherings are the Summer Retreat for Leaders and interested B.C. members in January, and the second Waikanae Conference representative of all Movements. A new co-operative venture for 1929 is the Combined Baptist and Methodist Syllabus to be published for the use of Juniors and Seniors. The combined Social Programme Committee in Wellington has already done valuable work in raising the standard of social life and making available all types of programme material.

Local B.C. Executive.

Every attempt is being made to establish the new law of last Church Conference re the setting up of a local B.C. Executive.

Missionary.

All Unions continue to appreciate the inter-representation on the Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Representatives on the Home and Foreign Mission Boards present interesting reports periodically. Classes maintain a live and practical interest in the work of our Deaconess among the Maoris. £60 17s. 6d. in hand for Gladys Chivers Memorial.

Camps.

Seventeen camps this year, with total number of 868 campers, eleven short of our Majority Year record. Study Book, "In Whose Service is Perfect Freedom," prepared by Miss E. D. Graham, M.A.,

made great impression. Camp Guide prepared by Headquarters for use of Camp Committees much appreciated. Total credit balance for seventeen camps, £125, which was donated to various funds. Dominion Camp to be held next Easter at Wesley College, Paerata, also several Junior Camps in districts.

Movement Day of Prayer.

Movement Day of Prayer observed on Y.P. Sunday, May 20th, in conjunction with Y.M. Movement. Intercession leaflet prepared and sent out to all Ministers, leaders and classes. Combined Intercessory Services proved helpful.

Travelling Secretary.

Deepest appreciation is recorded of the outstanding work of Miss Hodder, whose term of office concludes in January. The appointment of Miss Elsie Sewell has received unanimous approval, and to her are extended the warmest wishes of the whole Movement.

Finance.

This year all Unions held a Thanksgiving Service at which classes presented their thank-offerings, the total amount received being £650, of which £561 is required to maintain our Movement interests, which are mainly missionary. A minimum total of £1640 has been raised for many purposes by affiliated classes, including £81 18s. 4d. to Home Missions, £209 5s. 4d. to Foreign Missions, £220 13s. 4d. to Church Funds, and £102 2s. 7d. to Sunday School funds. In addition eight individual classes are supporting three Native teachers and five orphans.

D. FAIRWEATHER, Hon. Secretary.

The Reports and Balance-sheets and Statistical Schedule were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. 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; and that it be recommended that the annual collection for the Y.P. Department be made on Y.P. Day.
2. That the Conference regrets that a few Circuits which are well able to contribute their allocation have failed to make an adequate effort. In the case of conspicuous instances Conference directs that a letter be sent to the Quarterly Meetings concerned, signed by the President of the Conference.
3. That Conference strongly recommends that in churches where there are now more than 2 Bible Classes a local B.C. Executive be formed, as provided for in the legislation of last Conference, also that the local Y.P. Committee should be constituted.
4. That the Conference approves the formation in local churches of Y.P. Societies to promote Christian fellowship and service, such as the Wesley Guild and the Christian Endeavour Society.
5. That the Conference communicate to the Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Movements respectively its sense of the value of their work with its well-ordered organisations; its spiritual purpose; its activity in leadership training; its recruiting for varied forms of Christian service; and its loyalty to the Church. The Conference prays for God's blessing upon the forthcoming Camps, the newly-inaugurated summer school programme, and all the enterprises of the coming year.
6. That the Conference place on record its appreciation of the four years' whole-hearted and efficient service rendered by Miss Lorna Hodder as Travelling Secretary of the Y.W.B.C. Movement.

7. That the Conference express its appreciation of the services of Mr. W. E. Donnelly to the Y.M.B.C. Movement during his year of service as Travelling Organiser.
8. That the Conference welcome the appointment of Miss Elsie Sewell to the Travelling Secretaryship of the Y.W.B.C. Movement, and urges all Circuits to facilitate her work whenever possible.
9. That the Conference appoint the Rev. B. R. Hames, M.A., as the Travelling Secretary of the Y.M.B.C. Movement, commends him to the Church, and wishes him God-speed.
10. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. M. R. Hodder, M.A., for his excellent work as our New Zealand Representative at the World's Sunday School Convention last year.
11. That the District Y.P. Committee be empowered to elect two further duly qualified representatives to Synod, to be nominated, one each by the Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Movements respectively.
12. That paragraph 239, p. 74, Book of Laws, concerning Representation in Conference, be amended, so that after the reference to District Secretaries of Church Property, the words be added—"The President of the Y.M.B.C. Movement and the President of the Y.W.B.C. Movement, or an elected representative in each case.
13. That when candidates for the office of Local Preacher have secured a complete pass in the leadership training course of the B.C. Movement, Superintendent Ministers' and Local Preachers' Meetings are requested to take cognisance of the fact, and avoid any unnecessary duplication of written examinations.
14. That the question of the fourfold grading of Church membership be referred back to the Y.P. Board for further consideration.
15. That the annual effort to recruit Church members from the Bible Classes, which has usually been made in September, take place earlier: Easter Camps to be followed by membership preparation and public recognition services to be held on Young People's Day.
16. That in the matter of the Y.P. Office and its location, the Y.P. Board and all concerned give consideration to a possible ordination in a Youth Work Office in 1931.
17. That a grant not exceeding £50 be made from the Contingent Fund towards the expenses of the Conference on National Religious Education, to be held in September of this year.

BOARD FOR 1929.

The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. T. Blight, B.A., G. I. Laursen, A. Liversedge, W. Greenslade, L. B. Neale, S. J. Werren, B. Metson, C. Blair, O. S. Pearn, and B. R. Hames, M.A., 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, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Sister Mabel Morley, Miss Sewell, 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, H. L. Richards, C. B. Jordan, and J. H. Allen, Messrs. A. D. Whitehead, P. Dellow, W. D. Goddard, C. H. Virtue, J. Greenall, J. Joiner, L. R. Spencer, A. Gunn, T. Moor, G. Riddell, R. Walker. Convener, Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall.

South Auckland.—The Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge and Morrinsville Circuits, together with the Superintendents of the main Sunday Schools in those Circuits, with the following B.C. Representatives—H. Gilling, F. Reekie, Misses E. Hetherington and L. Ewan. Convener, Rev. A. O. Harris.

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

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, Messrs. Ian Rickard, 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. Mourant, J. Cable, E. C. Gamble, J. R. Burley, J. Phillipps, A. E. Parker, J. W. Buchanan, W. E. Howe, and H. N. Vivian. Convener, Mr. J. Phillipps.

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. W. A. Bascand.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers and S.S. Superintendents of Timaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits, and Mr. L. Shortus. 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, Miss E. Hetherington; Taranaki-Wanganui, E. Dixon; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, G. H. Stiles; Wellington, R. S. Maunder; Nelson, G. Knight; North Canterbury, J. Gilmour; 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.

The 1928 Poll.

We recommend the Conference to reaffirm its unflinching conviction that the only solution of the problem presented by the Liquor Traffic in N.Z. and its attending evils, is the carrying of Prohibition. We believe that the increase of the "Continuance" vote at the recent Poll largely resulted from the heavy financial handicap under which the campaign was conducted by the N.Z. Alliance, together with the misleading and untruthful methods adopted by the liquor trade in its propaganda. We recognise in this not the defeat but simply retarded victory. We heartily rejoice in the overwhelming endorsement of the "Dry Regime"

in the United States at the recent Presidential Election, and pledge ourselves to renewed zeal in this great fight. We desire to stress the urgent necessity of training the Young People concerning the evils of strong drink, and commend a still closer co-operation with the N.Z. Alliance in every effort made to this end. We welcome the Youth Movement Against Alcoholism as a most promising agency for enlisting the young life of the Church. We reaffirm our belief in the elimination of the middle issue, thus providing for a straight-out contest between Prohibition and Continuance on a bare majority.

Desecration of the Lord's Day.

We desire to draw attention to what appears to be a settled policy of the Government in the regular organising of week-end excursions on the railways, thus apparently seeking to bring in the Continental Sunday. We wish to enter our emphatic protest against this deliberate policy of Sabbath desecration, because of its deteriorating effect on the moral and spiritual well-being of the people. We sincerely believe this action of the Government to be opposed to all the best traditions of the British people, in that it helps to destroy the necessary quiet of the Christian Sabbath, and helps to foster a disregard for the sanctity of the Lord's Day. We therefore earnestly call upon the Government to reverse its policy by the abolition of such week-end excursions.

Bible in Schools.

We view with much satisfaction the progress of the Bible in Schools movement throughout the Dominion, the overwhelming support of the parents on the question, as revealed by the recent Plebiscite, and the pleasing advance made in the 1928 session of Parliament vote. Realising that the moral and spiritual welfare of the children is of paramount importance to this young Dominion, we urge all our people to use their best efforts in promoting the interests of the Bible-in-Schools League, and we regret that political influences frequently block the way. We desire to point out that the provisions of the Bill provide for no new departures in education, as they are already well established in the secondary schools of our Dominion.

League of Nations.

We view with increased confidence the evident growth of the spirit of the League as shown during the year in the signing of the Kellogg Pact by the leading nations, believing it to be a sign warranting optimism regarding international relationships. We commend to all our people the whole-hearted support of the principles for which the League stands, by actively associating themselves with the local Unions throughout the Dominion.

Military Training.

After reviewing the Reports of the Circuits and Synods on this question, the Committee recommends the adoption of the Auckland Synod's findings as follows:—

(1) That the Government be urged to abolish the system of compulsory military training as a practical expression of its co-operation in the matter of Disarmament. We recognise the value of discipline to the youth of this Dominion, and recommend the substitution of a system of compulsory physical training instead of the military system now in operation.

(2) We are 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 an objector may be connected.

Peace Manifesto.

Owing to the divergent views expressed by the Quarterly Meeting and Synods on these Manifestos, and the evident confusion of thought on the whole question, we recommend Conference to set up a Special Committee to draft a simplified statement that will embody the vital points expressed in the Manifestos concerned.

(Signed) E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

T. W. VEALIE, Convener.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.**Desecration of the Lord's Day.**

1. Realising that in the matter of Lord's Day observance judgment must begin at the House of God, Conference strongly urges Church members to utilise the Lord's Day primarily for purposes of worship, soul culture, and Christian service, and to refrain from participating in all degrading practices that violate the sanctity of the Lord's Day.
2. That the Conference instruct the Temperance and Public Morals Committee to co-operate with the sister Churches in combating the evil of Sunday railway excursions, and demands that the Lord's Day be respected by the Railway Department by the discontinuance of these excursions; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister concerned, and read in all our churches.

Bible in Schools.

That Conference adopt this paragraph, with the following addition:—
"This Conference gives its full support to the Bill presented to Parliament".

Temperance.

1. That Conference urge the Ministers, members and adherents of the Church to give immediate consideration to the question of temperance teaching in relation to the beverage use of alcohol with the object of encouraging all to become total abstainers, and that, in order to effect this, a Temperance Committee be appointed in each church, which shall be responsible for the work within the Church and Sunday School.
2. That the Conference support the New Zealand Alliance in its demand for a more effective enforcement of the licensing law with regard to six o'clock closing, and the elimination of the boarders' rights to secure liquor after six o'clock, and we urge the N.Z. Alliance to continue its strenuous opposition to any suggestion that liquor may be served in hotel dining-rooms up to 10 p.m.

Gambling.

That the attention of our people be drawn to the possibility of the Racing Bill becoming law, which provides for the double tote, the publication of dividends in the newspapers, and betting by wire at any post office with racing club secretaries on any race being run in the Dominion. Conference urges our people to oppose this legislation by all means possible.

League of Nations.

That the Conference welcome as signs of improving international relationships the signing of the Kellogg Pact renouncing war as an instrument of national policy and the maintained prestige of the League of Nations. It commends to the support of all Church members and adherents the League of Nations Union as an essential although unofficial adjunct of the League, and urges them to form local branches of the Union.

Peace Manifestos.

That, inasmuch as the Christian Church is an expression of the Spirit of the Prince of Peace, and an attempt to realise the truth that in Him all dividing lines, whether of race or class, are transcended; and inasmuch as resort to war as a means of settling disputes between Nations is not in harmony with the Spirit of Christ; and inasmuch as war is universally acknowledged as a most grievous hindrance to the triumph of this Spirit among men; the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand summons all our people throughout the Dominion to unremitting prayer and effort to secure:—

- (1) The renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy.
- (2) The adoption of peaceful methods for the settlement of all international differences.
- (3) The changing of those attitudes and practices which constitute the roots of war.

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION.

The past year has been the quietest in our experience in matters pertaining to immigration. The number of Methodist immigrants has almost reached the vanishing point, and indeed the volume of immigration in general shows a marked decrease. It is evident that the depression through which the Dominion has been passing has had its effect in discouraging immigration. This decline does not apply to New Zealand only; the Governments of all the Dominions have come under the criticism of the Press in the Old Land for their restrictive policies in this connection. It is difficult to seek to stimulate activity on our part while the problem of unemployment continues to be so pressing.

We are glad to report, however, that our care for Methodist immigrants arriving in the Dominion is steadily maintained. We again acknowledge our indebtedness to the Brotherhood Overseas Bureau for advices forwarded from time to time; to the Y.M.C.A., whose officers continue to meet incoming steamers and distribute letters of welcome; and to those Ministers and Deaconesses who throughout the year have attended to the work of meeting and shepherding new arrivals.

C. EATON, Chief Immigration Officer.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Rev. C. Eaton was thanked for his services as Chief Immigration Officer; and Rev. T. R. Richards be appointed to the position.

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

A—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1928.

1. Properties Acquired.

- Matamata.**—Gift of section at Walton. Value £125.
New Plymouth.—Parsonage purchased at Fitzroy. Debt £1450.
Kilbirnie.—(1) Parsonage purchased at Hataitai. Cost £1893. (2) Maranui—15.15 perches at Queen's Drive. Cost £491.
Hutt.—Waiwhetu—1 rood 34.4 perches. Cost £845.
Wellington (Taranaki Street).—Brooklyn—Purchase of Parsonage in Washington Avenue. Cost £1925
Christchurch.—Section purchased at Fisherton, £200. Debt £20.
Christchurch East.—Purchase of Parsonage, £2000. Debt £1000.
Christchurch (St. Albans).—Purchase of section (Somme Street) and re-sale of part. Debt £41.

2. Erections and Additions.

- Auckland (Pitt Street).**—Church erected at Edendale. Cost £400. No debt.
Mount Albert.—Church additions. Cost £3300. Debt £1500.
Birkenhead.—S.S. Hall additions. Cost £127. Debt £100.
Northcote.—Church additions. Cost £268.
Onehunga.—S.S. Hall erected at Mangere. Cost £700. Debt £236.
Pukekohe.—Parsonage additions. Cost £628.
Morrinsville.—Church porch. Cost £50. No debt.
New Plymouth.—(1) Pipe organ. Cost £2000. No debt. (2) S.S. at St. Aubyn. Cost £687. Debt £200. (3) Additions Powderham Street, £94.
Wanganui.—Shops and offices. Cost £25,000. Debt £22,200.
Napier.—(1) New Sunday School. Cost £3875. Debt £180. (2) New Sunday School at Greenmeadows. Cost £271. Debt £83.
Wairoa (H.B.).—Foundation of church. Cost £30.
Palmerston North (Broadway Avenue).—Garage and sleeping porch. Cost £100. No debt.
Hutt.—(1) Church and Sunday School at Waiwhetu. Cost £1070. Debt £874. (2) Taita—Church additions. Cost £178. Debt £118.
Thorndon.—Primary School at Karori. Cost £429. No debt.
Kilbirnie.—New church at Hataitai. (Progress payment £1613).
Johnsonville.—Ngaio B.C. Rooms. Cost £500. Debt £280.
Christchurch East.—(1) Class Rooms erected at Fitzgerald Avenue. Cost £1022. Debt £487. (2) Sunday School and Church Tower erected at Shirley, £2091. All defrayed by bequest of Mr. James Rowe.
Christchurch (Riccarton).—Sunday School erected. Cost £1418. Debt £500.
Christchurch (Durham Street).—Sunday School erected at Cashmere. Cost £1400. Debt £400.
Christchurch (St. Albans).—Bryndwr Church erected. Cost £4488. Debt £1487.

Leeston.—Cemetery fence. Cost £60. Defrayed by gift from family of late Mr. John Barnett.

Temuka.—Church vestry. Cost £108.

Invercargill (St. Peter's).—Erection of gallery. Cost £244. Debt £107.

Gore. New Sunday School erected. (No particulars).

Nightcaps.—Vestry added. Cost £197. Debt £141.

3. Sales and Extended Leases Reported.

Dargaville.—Lease Mount Wesley Parsonage and 10½ acres for two years at £78 per annum plus rates.

Te Aroha.—Section sold at Manawaru. Price £50.

New Plymouth.—Sale of old Fitzroy Parsonage.

Dannevirke.—30 perches Parsonage land sold, £210. Proceeds reduction of debt to Advances to Settlers' Department.

Ashhurst-Bunthythorpe.—Sale of ¼ acre Parsonage land for £20 at Ashhurst.

Wellington (Taranaki Street).—(1) Sale of Brooklyn Parsonage at Bruce Avenue for £1520. Proceeds for new Parsonage. (2) Sale of ½ acre at Vogeltown for £200. Proceeds for paying off second mortgage. (3) Sale of Bidwell Street Parsonage for £2150. Proceeds to repay loans.

Greytown.—Sale of Featherston section for £95. Proceeds to reduce mortgage.

Blenheim.—Sale of Seddon Church and site. Proceeds for liquidation of debt. Balance £54 16s. 11d. to be held in trust pending future development.

Temuka.—Half-acre sold at rear of Parsonage for £80. Proceeds for additions to church.

Bluff.—One-eighth acre sold. £60.

4. Current Accounts.

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balances from Last Year	7,253	11	10
„ Balance held Last Year for Special Purposes ...	21,842	2	0
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ...	4,040	0	0
„ Loans from Other Sources	23,232	2	8
„ All Other Receipts	79,081	18	3
Total Receipts	£135,449	14	9
Debit Balances	18,356	3	9
Grand Total	£153,305	18	6
	£	s.	d.
By Debit Balance from Last Year	14,126	4	9
„ Loan Fund Instalments Repaid	3,424	5	11
„ Other Loans Repaid	12,762	8	1
„ Interest on Loans and Bank Overdraft	10,748	13	8
„ Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	45,867	7	4
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, Etc. ...	37,934	6	7
Total Expenditure	£124,863	6	4
Credit Balances	5,754	15	10
Balances held for Special Purposes	22,687	16	4
Grand Total	£153,305	18	6

5. Statement of Debts.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debts Reported on 30th September, 1927 ...	169,810	12	3
Add New Loans Received During Year	31,916	19	2
Total	£201,727	11	5
Deduct Loans Repaid During the Year	16,813	2	0
Mortgage Debts Reported 30th September, 1928 ...	£184,914	9	5
	£	s.	d.
Unpaid General Accounts	1,026	15	1
Unpaid Interest	791	6	8

6. Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances Reported	£689,831	10	0
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7. General.

An examination of the foregoing returns shows that the year has been one of considerable activity. The total receipts are £16,326 more than in the previous year. The amount of £45,867 expended in the purchase of land and in the erection of new buildings and additions to existing structures shows an increase of £11,551 over last year. The total of Mortgage debts as reported shows an increase of £14,111.

Last year I had occasion to call attention to carelessness in the keeping of accounts and in carrying out audits. The balances brought forward, both debit and credit, do not agree with those reported last year, nor does the amount reported as held for special purposes last year agree with the amount brought forward. Loans received and repaid are reported differently in the Statement of Debts and in the Current Accounts. Some of the Balance-sheets sent to the District Secretaries are not audited at all; others are unsigned or insufficiently signed. One District Secretary complains that only two Circuit Superintendents forwarded correct statements. From one Circuit no returns were supplied to Synod, and such had to be secured by the General Secretary. A great amount of work would be saved to the District Secretaries and the General Secretary if those who compile Circuit schedules would make them accurate and complete. Their own accounts should be tested by carrying out the totals and making correct balances.

8. District Secretaries for Church Property.

Again I am indebted to the District Secretaries for helpful service. All are recommended by their respective Synods for reappointment excepting Mr. T. R. Hodder, who has for 19 years served the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District with singular zeal, ability, and painstaking care. To him hearty thanks are due. Thanks are also due to the Rev. E. Drake, who in the absence of Mr. J. W. Shackelford in England, compiled the returns for the Auckland District.

The following are recommended by the Synods for appointment as District Secretaries for 1929:—

Auckland.—Mr. J. W. Shackelford, 27 Elliott Street, Auckland.

South Auckland.—Mr. F. C. Daniell, Te Mawhai, Main Trunk Line, North Island.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Mr. E. J. Judd, Manaia.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Mr. C. E. Taylor, Ranfurly Road, Feilding.

Wellington.—Mr. S. T. Martin, 11 Millward Street, Wellington.

Nelson.—Mr. W. D. Pike, "Honiton," Main Street, Blenheim.

North Canterbury.—Mr. Frank Thompson, 28 Repton Street, Merivale.

South Canterbury.—Mr. John Watson, 51 Cameron St. West, Ashburton

Otago-Southland.—Mr. A. S. Froggatt, 153 Gala Street, Invercargill.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary.

Christchurch, 26th December, 1928.

The Report was received.

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 1929.
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 Secretary, 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 the 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 a 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 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."

9. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the donors of gifts of land and buildings:—Matamata, Gift of Section at Walton, Christchurch East, Shirley, to the Trustees of the late Mr James Rowe, Leeston, to the family of the late Mr John Barnett, gift of the cemetery fence. Ngaruawahia, to the Rev. George Kirkwood, offer of section of land. This offer to be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, and the Home Mission Board.

B—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND REPORT FOR 1928.

The Cash Statement and Balance-sheet for the year ending 30th September, 1928, are presented herewith. The total receipts were £5212 10s. 10d. The working expenses for the year were £229 13s. 5d., and the receipts for this purpose were £297 6s. 4d., showing a surplus of £67 12s. 11d. The assets of the Fund now stand at £21,955 17s. 11d., including £1000 that is invested for the Church Sites Fund. From the Sites Fund grants have been made of £20 towards acquiring a section at Hutt Valley and £75 towards the purchase of a section at Beckenham, in the Sydenham Circuit. The sum of £242 6s. 6d. is at present available for site acquirement on the conditions set forth in the Law Book, page 164.

New loans have been advanced during the year to the amount of £3390, as follows:—Otahuhu, £150; Te Kuiti, £130; Te Puke, £570; St. Aubyn (New Plymouth), £200; Johnsonville Church, £160; Ngaio School, £160; Bryndwr (St. Albans), £750; Edgeware Road (St. Albans), £400; East Belt School (Christchurch East), £500; Addington, £240; Lyttelton, £80; Ohai, £50. Rates have also been paid on land held by the Committee totalling £8 16s. 4d.

It is the intention of the Committee to transfer £125 from the Office Expenses Account to the Capital Account of the Fund.

Estate of Gideon Smales (Otahuhu Circuit).

The Supreme Court having given judgment in regard to the Trusts in four acres of land fronting Howick Road with the stone church erected thereon, left by the late Rev. Gideon Smales to the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Church of England in that district, it has become necessary for two Trustees to be appointed by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and two Trustees by the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Auckland, the property to be transferred to the said four Trustees so appointed, who shall hold the land subject to the Trusts declared in respect of the same by the will of Gideon Smales. Each party is to hold trust in one undivided moiety of the property.

The Committee recommends that the following persons nominated by the Otahuhu Quarterly Meeting be appointed Trustees by the Conference:—John Cossentine Bryant, farmer, Papatoetoe, and Joseph Thomas Hemming, farmer, East Tamaki.

Sales Sanctioned.

The following sales of property have been sanctioned by the Committee, and the Conference is asked to confirm the same by resolution:—**Onehunga.**—Glasgow Lease of four sections, subject to a 21 years' re-valuation.

Otahuhu.—Sale of Parsonage section for £1155, and two sections for £250 and £345 respectively. Proceeds for reduction of Mortgage debt and liability to Loan Fund. Balance for acquiring a more suitable Personage property, subject to the approval of the Loan Fund Committee.

- Papakura (Manurewa).**—Sale of house property for best price obtainable.
- Kaeo.**—Sale by Mission Trustees of three acres at Kaeo at £25 per acre.
- Waihi.**—Sale of two sections and cottages in Johnson Street for £120. Proceeds for renovations to Church, School and Parsonage.
- New Plymouth (Lemon Street).**—Sale of 45 feet 9 inches fronting Lemon Street for a minimum price of £325.
- New Plymouth (Moturoa).**—Sale of Lease of Allotment 99 Township of Whiteley for £170.
- New Plymouth (St. Aubyn).**—Exchange of small strip of land at rear of Church.
- Marton (Bulls).**—Sale of 12.2 perches from Church Section for £7 10s net
- Napier (East Clive).**—Sale of Church building for removal for not less than £35. Proceeds to be held in Trust for Church extension work in Napier suburban area, and subject to approval by Loan Fund Committee.
- Dannevirke.**—Sale of Parsonage section in High Street for £210 net. Proceeds for reduction of Parsonage debt and repayments to Loan Fund.
- Palmerston North (St. Paul's).**—Sale of land at rear of Parsonage for not less than £150. Proceeds for reduction of permanent debt.
- Wellington (Taranaki Street), Brooklyn.**—Sale of Bruce Avenue Parsonage for £1520. Proceeds for purchase of new Parsonage.
- Wellington, Kilbirnie (Maranui).**—Sale of portion of section at corner of Onepu Road and Cockburn Street for £1100. Proceeds for new Church Building Fund at Maranui.
- Greytown (Featherston).**—(1) Greytown—Donation of strip of land to Borough Council for street improvements. (2) Featherston—Sale of Parsonage section for not less than £100. Proceeds to reduce Mortgage debt on hall. (3) Featherston South—Sale of Church building for removal for best price obtainable.
- Otaki.**—Sale of Section 73 of Parsonage land for not less than £85. Under special circumstances proceeds to reduce current debt.
- Denniston.**—Sale of section for £40. Proceeds to be held in Trust by Loan Fund Committee for new building on a more suitable site.
- Christchurch East.**—Windsor—Sale of old church and section for not less than £200, or building only for best price obtainable. Proceeds to be held in Trust for a Parsonage at Shirley.
- St. Albans (Somme Street).**—Sale of part of Tennis Court section.
- Leeston.**—Sale of one-sixth of an acre of Parsonage land for not less than £50 net. Proceeds to be held in Trust for a new Parsonage or for improving present Parsonage.
- Hawarden.**—Sale of two quarter acre sections of Parsonage land facing Tenterden Street for not less than £75. Proceeds for repayment of liability to Loan Fund.
- Temuka.**—Sale of Lots 361 and 362 (half acre) at rear of Parsonage for not less than £75. Proceeds for permanent improvement to property.
- Balclutha.**—Sale of two sections of Parsonage land for not less than £150, or of one section for not less than £75. Proceeds to be first applied to repayment of liability to Loan Fund, and any balance for reduction of Mortgage debts.

Committees for 1929.

The North Canterbury District Synod has nominated the following as the General Committee for 1929:—The Chairman of the District (ex officio), the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, 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, R. W. Brighting, and S. Roberts.

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

South Auckland.—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 Circuits, the Secretary of the Synod, with Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, 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. G. H. Stiles and T. R. Hodder.

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

Nelson.—The Superintendent of the Blenheim Circuit and Mr. C. W. Parker.

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 Rev. A. C. Lawry, Messrs. J. B. Shacklock, E. Rosevear and D. C. Cameron. Sub-Committee for Southland—Superintendent of Invercargill Central Circuit and the District Secretary.

(Signed) W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 26th December, 1928.

The Report was received and adopted.

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, 1930).

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 Committee for 1929 be as named in the report.
4. That the District Advisory Committees be appointed as named in the Report.
5. That John Cossentine Bryant, farmer, Papatoetoe, and Joseph Thomas Hemming, farmer, East Tamaki, be appointed Trustees in the Estate of Gideon Smales, deceased.

6. That the matter of providing residences for Ministers in charge of Departments be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to consider and report to next Conference, and that for this purpose the Lay Treasurers of Departments and Mr D. C. Cameron be corresponding members of the Committee.

C—REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

Detailed reports of the registration and removal of Trustees were, as usual, furnished to the various District Synods. Seven new Trusts have been registered, and alterations and additions have been made in respect of 103 Trusts. These changes have involved the registration of 367 new Trustees and the removal of 397 names from the Register. This represents far more changes than usual. It is the result of an effort steadily made throughout the year to get the various Trust registrations brought up to date. All changes have been duly certified to the Superintendent Minister concerned.

The sum of £41 3s. received in fees has been paid in to the Connexional Secretaryship Fund.

There is still much to be done in the direction of revising the registered lists of Trustees. There has been no registered change in the personnel of some Trusts for over thirty years.

Thirteen new Deeds have been received for safe custody. Certified Lists of Trustees have been supplied in 42 cases, apart from a large number furnished free of charge to various District Land Registrars.

Requisitions still come in from various District Land Registrars 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 a few 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 much 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, 26th December, 1928.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887" the Rev. Major Albert Rugby Pratt be appointed Authorised Representatives for the year 1929-1930.
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 wherever possible with the Custodian of Deeds.
5. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be requested to consider the advisability of uplifting the new titles of certain cemetery sites now vested in local Trustees.

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

AUCKLAND.

1. General Connexional Property Trust.
2. Wesley Training College, Three Kings.
3. Emsley Theological Endowment Trust.
4. Probert Trust.
5. Theological Students' Library Fund.
6. Methodist Office Trust Board.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

7. Grey Institute.
8. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.

WELLINGTON.

9. Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.

The Balance-sheets (see appendix) were received and adopted.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

PROBERT TRUST BOARD—REPORT 1928.

As anticipated last year, the revenue has been well maintained, being some £256 in excess of last year.

During the year the mortgage on the property has been reduced by £1000, and the Trustees' intention is to endeavour to reduce it by a similar amount each year.

To fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the death of Mr. T. W. Jones, the Board have appointed, subject to approval of Conference, Mr. Joseph Stanton.

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. Lewisham, Albert W. Parker, Joseph Stanton, Frank M. Winstone and J. Veale.

S. J. AMBURY, Chairman.

The report and Balance-sheets were received and adopted, and the Board was thanked for its services during the year.

REPORT FOR 1929 CONFERENCE.

The year which has just closed, marked a period of successful work at the Masterton Children's Home, and the report submitted by our Committee at Masterton will show the Conference what has been accomplished.

Our Matron (Miss Allan) and her first assistant (Miss Webb) have done splendid work, their duties having been carried out in a manner which reflects the highest credit on them and the other members of the Staff.

We record with pleasure our appreciation of their worth, also the great work done by the members of the Masterton Committee, with Rev. Jas. Cocker as Secretary. It gives the Board much pleasure to ask the Conference to re-appoint the Committee as now constituted.

The appointment of Chairman of the Board of Trustees must be left in abeyance until we know who is to fill Mr. Eaton's place at Taranaki Street.

With deep regret we record the death during the past year of an old member of the Board, Mr. George Tiller.

Revenue Account and Balance Sheet of the operations of the Board, as at 31st December, 1928, are attached.

The accounts and report from the Masterton Committee are submitted separately.

On behalf of the Board,

W. C. HEMERY,

Hon. Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference heartily appreciates the Services of the Board during the year.
2. That the President be empowered to confirm the nomination by the Board of its chairman for 1929.

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

REPORT ON CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND, 1928.

The Connexional Fire Insurance Board has pleasure in presenting to Conference its Annual Report, together with the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet for the year ending 31st October, 1928:—

New Business.

During the year additional risks have been accepted totalling £30,930. These risks represent both new insurances and additional cover for properties previously insured with our Office.

Re-Insurance.

Full consideration has been given by the Board to the matter of re-insurances, and satisfactory arrangements have been made for the next two years.

Grants

In accordance with the Conference resolutions of last year the following amounts have been paid to various Connexional objects:—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.

Home Acquirement Fund Subsidy.

As decided by last Conference, a subsidy has been paid to the newly-established Home Acquirement Fund. This amounts to £125, to cover the first half-year's contribution.

Fire Claims.

Again we have enjoyed immunity from serious fires. Only two claims have been made. The first was for a small fire at Foxton Parsonage. This claim was met by re-insurance. The other claim was for a fire at Reefton Schoolroom, the loss in this case, amounting to £26 3s. 6d., being borne by our own Fund.

Finance.

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet show a satisfactory position. The income from all sources amounted to £3055 6s. 2d. After providing for all working expenses, fire loss, re-insurances and Conference grants, there is a surplus on the year's working of £1954 13s. 7d. Debenture investments show an increase of £600. The assets of the Fund now amount to £22,771 15s. 11d.

Allocation of Profits.

The Board proposes to add permanently to the Accumulated Fund the sum of £1229 13s. 7d., and, including the subsidy agreed upon for the Home Acquisition Fund, it recommends the following appropriations for 1929:—

Home Acquisition Fund	...	...	...	...	£
Benevolent Branch Supernumerary Fund	...	...	...	...	250
Church Sites Fund	...	...	...	...	75
Foreign Mission Fund	...	...	...	...	50
Home Mission Fund	100
Deaconess House Fund	100
Young People's Department	50
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					£725

Thanks to Auditors.

The thanks of the Board are tendered to the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. W. L. Thomas and A. A. Sandford, for their willing services.

Board for 1929.

The following have been nominated by the North Canterbury Synod as the Board of Management for 1929:—Connexional Secretary (ex officio), Rev. T. Fee, Rev. S. Lawry, Rev. F. T. Read, Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E., M.L.C. (Treasurer), Messrs. S. R. Webb, F. H. Christian, A. A. Sandford, W. J. Spratt and W. A. Bascand.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Board,

S. R. WEBB, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 21st December, 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 £1229 13s 7d be added permanently to the Accumulated Funds, and that the balance be granted to other Funds as follow:—

	£	s.	d.
Home Acquisition Fund	250	0	0
Benevolent Branch Supernumerary Fund	75	0	0
Church Sites Fund	50	0	0
Foreign Mission Fund	100	0	0
Home Mission Fund	100	0	0
Deaconess House Fund	100	0	0
Young People's Department	50	0	0
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Total	725	0	0

3. That in all cases except where mortgage obligations make it impracticable, Trustees and Committees 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 members for the ensuing year be as named in the report.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Messrs W. L. Thomas and A. A. Sandford for their services as honorary auditors of the Fund.
6. That the Fire Insurance Board be authorised, should it so desire, to increase the amount approved of for subsidy to the Home Acquirement Fund.

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

REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE, 1928.

The work of the various departments administered in this Office is dealt with in the several Reports submitted to Conference, hence there is no need for detailed reference herein. The work of all departments continues to grow from year to year. The inauguration of the Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund has called for special attention, and the "Methodist Times" department has been reorganised. The new edition of the Law Book has also been handled, and a sum of £54 12s. for copies sold has been forwarded to the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund.

Attention has been given by the Committee to the direction of last Conference to "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." Expert advice has been sought upon the subject of Office organisation. The Committee has added another member to the permanent staff, and has procured a second typewriting machine. Other steps are being taken with a view to increasing still further the all-round efficiency of the Office.

During the year the death of the Lay Treasurer, Mr. A. F. Drayton, took place. The Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the service he rendered over a long period of years, and tenders its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Drayton and her family in their bereavement. Mr. Frank Thompson has been appointed to the office of Lay Treasurer.

The working expenses have been provided by the appropriations, totalling £1090, made by the Conference of 1928, and a sum of £41 3s. received in fees from the Authorised Representative. Including the debit balance of £26 5s. 3d. brought forward from last year, the expenditure has totalled £1136 5s. 10d. This also includes special expenditure of £57 7s. 6d. for purchase of office equipment and for the report on office organisation and practice.

The estimated expenditure for 1929 is £1328. This includes provision for an increase in the stipend and house allowance of the Secretary so as to bring the occupant of this office more into line with the financial

position of a minister in Circuit work. To meet the estimated expenditure the Committee recommends the following appropriations:—

	£	s.	d.
Contingent Fund	210	0	0
Church Building and Loan Fund	225	0	0
Fire Insurance Fund	330	0	0
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	400	0	0
"Methodist Times"	125	0	0
Authorised Representative	30	0	0
Special	8	0	0
Total	£1328	0	0

The following have been nominated by the North Canterbury Synod as the members of the Committee for 1929:—

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. Frank Thompson (Treasurer); the Lay Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Contingent Fund, "Methodist Times" Committee, and Messrs. M. Kershaw, J. Lomas, and J. W. Manchester.

(Signed) W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, }
FRANK THOMPSON } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 24th January, 1929.

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 Committee for 1929 be as named in the Report.
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.

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

A. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1928.

1. The College opened on the third Monday in March, when the twenty men appointed by Conference came into residence. In addition to these, two students for the ministry of the Congregational Church have attended classes, and also one student who is preparing to come forward as a candidate for our own ministry this year. These latter have not resided at the College, and on their behalf, fees, as required by the College Council, have been paid.

2. At the close of last year the following prize awards were made: the "Edson" prize (Greek), the "Garland" prize (Theology, Biblical work and Homiletics), and the senior Elocution prize were won by Mr. L. C. Horwood. The second Greek prize was awarded to Mr. J. W.

Parker, with a special prize to Mr. M. A. McDowell. The second prize in the "Garland" competition was gained by Mr. C. O. Hailwood. The junior Elocution prize was won by Mr. M. A. McDowell.

3. The Course of Study as laid down by the Conference has been pursued and a detailed report thereon will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Examination Committee. The Principal has conducted the classes in Systematic Theology, New Testament Introduction, Exegesis and Biblical Theology, Homiletics and Sermon Criticism, and Methodist Law and Circuit Administration. The Professor has dealt with Greek, Old Testament Introduction, Exegesis and Biblical Theology, Logic, and Comparative Religion. English and Mathematics have been taught by Mr. C. R. Laws, M. Sc., and Elocution by Mr. T. Harris. The examination results will be presented to Conference.

4. The following details of University work done by students during the year are reported:

Mr. N. R. Gutry, who passed for the B.A. degree last year in Education and Philosophy, has this year attended lectures in the same subjects at the advanced stage.

Mr. H. W. Hitchcock, who passed for the B.A. degree last year in History and Philosophy, has this year attended lectures in History (advanced) and Music.

Mr. H. Fallows has attended lectures in Music and Philosophy, Mr. McDowell in History and Economics, Mr. J. W. Parker in History and Philosophy, Mr. W. G. Parker in History and French, and Mr. Williams in English (advanced) and Philosophy.

All these, if successful in their terms examination, will proceed to the degree examination in November.

Mr. H. Noble, who was prevented by ill-health from sitting for Matriculation last year, will this year attempt the examination.

5. During the year the Board of Studies has supervised the work of Messrs. Alley and Williamson, the two accepted candidates on the List of Reserve for entrance to the College, and a report on their cases will be presented to Conference.

6. The duties of Residential Professor have been carried out with his wonted ability by Dr. Ranston, while the household arrangements have been most ably superintended by Mrs. Ranston. The general health of the students has been good, and the term examination results show satisfactory devotion to study. The men have conducted a large number of services in the Auckland Circuits with much acceptance, and have held Open Air Meetings, and in other ways gained experience in evangelistic work. In the work of the Collegiate Church, Messrs. Gutry and Draper have acted as assistant-pastors, and Mr. Kent has directed the Wesley Guild.

7. During the year the following, in addition to various ministers of the Auckland Circuits, have visited the College and addressed the students; the Rev. Dr. Poole (London), Rev. Donald Grant (Gen. Sec. S.C.M.), Dr. Clifford James, Mr. J. W. Court and Mr. H. S. Conway (C.I.M.) The Rev. E. P. Blamires has also given an invaluable course of three lectures on Young People's work and Sunday School organisation.

8. The Correspondence Classes, under the oversight of the College, have been conducted during the year under the direction of the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., and a report will be presented to the Conference Examination Committee.

9. The work at "Dunholme" will terminate at the end of November, and it is proposed to hold a suitable Closing Function to com-

memorate our sixteen years' residence there and the indebtedness of the Church to Mr. A. C. Caughey for his most generous consideration of our collegiate work. The transfer to Trinity College will take place at the beginning of December, and we are looking forward to work under the new conditions. It is recommended to Conference that next year the College shall open on the second Monday in March, thus lengthening the first term by a week.

C. H. LAWS, Principal.

October 18th, 1928.

P.S.—Mr. Hitchcock has since tendered his resignation, which has been accepted by the President.

B. REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

Organisation.

1. The College Council has met regularly during the year. Various Committees set up by the Council have given much time and thought to the mass of detail occasioned by the building of the College.

2. The Board of Studies has determined the course of study for each Student. The Committee of Discipline has met each term, and has received favourable reports as to the character, diligence and progress of the Students.

3. The long tenancy of "Dunholme" for Collegiate purposes comes to an end on 1st December, 1928. A suitable function to commemorate the occasion is to be held.

4. The Council decided that to facilitate the transfer from "Dunholme" to the new College, the third term examination be not held this year. The final examination by Conference Examiners is to take place at a somewhat earlier date.

5. At the request of the Council, the Board of Studies will make recommendations in re class adjustments, and the revision of duties for next year, between the Principal and the Residential Professor, in consequence of Dr. Ranston's visit to England in July next. The Council is considering other arrangements to facilitate Dr. Ranston's visit.

Personal.

The Council records its deep sense of loss through the death of the Rev. D. J. Murray, who was the Clerical Treasurer of the new College and Hostel Scheme, and whose grasp of the many details of the work was only equalled by his great tact and devotion. The members expressed their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Murray and the family.

Gifts.

The Council gratefully acknowledges gifts of books and documents to the College Library from Mrs. Laycock, who allowed first choice to be made from the library of the late Rev. W. Laycock; from Rev. S. C. Roberts, New South Wales; Revs. Geo. Budd (Presbyterian), W. A. Sinclair, and S. Henderson; Miss Rishworth, Epsom, Mr. R. Mears, Hamilton East, and A. M. Mowlem, Esq., S.M., Napier.

WILLIAM J. ELLIOTT, President of the Conference.

FRANK E. LEADLEY, Secretary to the Council.

Auckland,

24th October, 1928.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FROM COLLEGE COUNCIL.

After reviewing the recommendations from the various Synods, and considering other matters, the Council submits to Conference the following Supplementary Report:—

1. Treasurer New College Building Fund.

That Mr. A. Peak be appointed Lay Treasurer to this Fund in the place of the late Mr. A. C. Caughey.

2. Council for 1929.

That the following be the Council for 1929:—Revs. J. F. Goldie (President of the Conference), W. J. Elliott (ex-President), C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, G. T. Marshall, T. A. Joughin, A. Mitchell, W. A. Sinclair, E. Drake, A. Ashcroft, A. B. Chappell, M.A., C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., and F. E. Leadley; and Messrs. G. Winstone, Senr., J. W. Shackelford, A. Peak, J. Veale, S. J. Ambury, J. Stanton, LL.B., F. M. Winstone, A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., A. J. Buttle, J. Tyler, H. Radcliffe, H. P. Burton, A. Messer, and two others to be nominated at Conference.

Officers.—Chairman, The President; Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M.; Secretary, Rev. F. E. Leadley; Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone.

3. Teaching of Hebrew.

In reference to the remit from the Wellington Synod, the Council reports that each year, in determining the course of study for each student, the question of the Hebrew Class is considered, and several men have in recent years taken this subject. While it is not possible to make Hebrew a compulsory subject, the Board of Studies will see that the claims of this subject are brought before selected students.

4. Appointment of Second Member of Tutorial Staff.

The Auckland District Synod having referred to the College Council the question of the advisability of the designation of the second member of the Tutorial Staff being made at the approaching Conference, the Council recommends as follows:—

1. That, in view of Dr. Ranston's visit to England and the possibility that he may not be present at the Conference of 1930, the designation of the second member of the Staff be made at the Conference of 1929, the appointment to take effect in 1931.
2. That, while it is not possible at present to give a detailed list of subjects to be taught by him, the following important subjects will be included among those to be taught:—
Systematic Theology, New Testament Introduction, Greek, and Mental and Moral Philosophy.
3. That, apart from his tutorial duties, the second member of the Staff shall assist in the administrative work of the College as may be from time to time arranged; and his wife shall exercise a general superintendence over the domestic arrangements of the College.
4. That the following names be sent forward to Conference in alphabetical order:—

Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.

Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.

Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.

5. That the voting in the Conference for the appointment be by ballot, and that an absolute majority be required.
6. That a Special Committee of the Conference be set up to consider and report upon all matters relating to the appointment.

5. The Practical Training of Students in Sunday School and Other Church Work.

The paragraphs in the Report of the Welfare of the Church Committee relating to the practical training of students in Sunday School method and organisation having been referred for consideration to the College Council by the Auckland District Synod, the Council submits to Conference the following report, approved by the Board of Studies:—

A—TRAINING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

I. Theoretical.

- (a) That there be introduced for third year students a special course of one hour per week in Child Psychology, the Principles of Pedagogy, and the Qualifications for General Religious Leadership. And that to allow of this, Comparative Religion, which is now a third year subject, but is included in the Probationers' Course (See Minutes 1928, p. 22), be deleted from the College curriculum.
- (b) All students, other than those including the subject as part of their University course, already take a full year's course in Psychology within the College, and in the treatment of this subject Religious Education is kept specially in view.
- (c) In an endeavour to give practical application to the principles of Religious Education, a series of special Sunday evening services will be conducted during one term in the Collegiate Church by the Professor. Subjects of a doctrinal and Biblical character will be discussed from the modern viewpoint, and questions will be encouraged. First and second year students, in rota, will be requested to attend these services.
- (d) The Rev. E. P. Blamires visits the College each year and gives a course of three lectures, which all students attend, on Young People's Work and Sunday School Organisation.

II. Practical.

- (a) It is proposed to introduce the system of Grading into the Collegiate Sunday School immediately, and expert advice is being secured to this end.
- (b) Each third year student will be required to attend and take part in the work of the Graded School for one term.
- (c) Each third year student will visit some large Graded Sunday School in Auckland and report, in writing, to the Professor his observations of the system at work there.
- (d) All students, in regular turn (at least three per Sunday), are to attend the Bible Class of the Collegiate Church.

B—GENERAL CHURCH WORK.

- (1) Systematic house-to-house pastoral work in the area adjacent to the Collegiate Church, which has been carried on in the past, will be reorganised and made more effective now that the students resident in the district. Two or more students will also be appointed to give special pastoral assistance in both morning and evening services at the Collegiate Church.

- (2) Open-air work and evangelistic mission work will, as hitherto, be conducted by the students, with the advice and assistance of the Staff.
- (3) The students of each year in turn shall attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Auckland East Circuit, and also, as may be arranged, the business meetings of the Collegiate Church and Sunday School.
- (4) The Principal already conducts a Special Class, attended by third year students, in Circuit Administration, Methodist Law, the Conduct of Business Meetings, etc., and this, together with his Class in Pastoral Theology for second year men, affords ample opportunity for the discussion of many questions bearing upon Leadership in the Church.

C. H. LAWS, Principal.
H. RANSTON, Professor.

C—BUDGET FOR 1929-30.

Estimate of Income and Expenditure for Year commencing April 1st, 1929

				£	s.	d.
Probert Trust	...	...	...	1377	0	0
Probert Trust—Ground Rent	...	...	...	250	0	0
Contingent Fund	...	...	...	740	0	0
Emsley Trust	...	...	...	110	0	0
Home Missions	...	...	...	135	0	0
Foreign Missions	...	...	...	50	0	0
Prince Albert College	...	...	...	50	0	0
Congregational Church	...	...	...	100	0	0
Students' Contributions	...	...	...	180	0	0
Rent, Moehau Street	...	...	...	156	0	0
Collegiate Church	...	...	...	100	0	0
Hostel Fees	...	...	...	650	0	0
				£3898	0	0

Expenditure.

				£	s.	d.
House and Service (Divinity Side, £850); Hostel Side, £650)	...	...	...	1500	0	0
Stipends	...	...	...	1000	0	0
Principal's Residence Allowance	...	...	...	150	0	0
Tutors' Fees	...	...	...	75	0	0
Rates	...	...	...	117	0	0
Insurance	...	...	...	30	0	0
Rent	...	...	...	260	0	0
Telephones	...	...	...	47	0	0
Quarterages (22 Students)	...	...	...	176	0	0
Recreation	...	...	...	10	0	0
Bible Class Camp Fees	...	...	...	10	0	0
University Fees	...	...	...	75	0	0
Connexional Charges	...	...	...	120	0	0
Interest, Moehau Street	...	...	...	130	0	0
Bank Interest and Charges	...	...	...	10	0	0
Legal Expenses, Stationery, Postage, Printing, etc.	...	...	...	15	0	0
Advertising Church Services	...	...	...	8	0	0
Caretaker and Garden	...	...	...	40	0	0
Furnishing	...	...	...	50	0	0
Repairs	...	...	...	25	0	0
Sundries	...	...	...	50	0	0
				£3898	0	0

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Principal and College Council, the statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and the several Prize Accounts for the year ended October 31, 1928, be received and adopted.
2. That the estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year ending March 31, 1930, 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 (Mr C. R. Laws, M.Sc., and Mr T. Harris).
4. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Secretary (Rev. F. E. Leadley), 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 1929:—The Rev. J. F. Goldie (President of Conference), Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, W. J. Elliott, G. T. Marshall, T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, E. Drake, A. Mitchell, A. Ashcroft, A. B. Chappell, M.A., Dip.Jour., C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F. E. Leadley, Messrs 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, J. M. Caughey and G. Wilson. Officers: Chairman, Rev J. F. Goldie (President of Conference); Vice-Chairman, Mr A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M.; Secretary, Rev. F. E. Leadley; Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone.
6. That from 1931 the stipends of the College Tutorial Staff be as follows:—Principal, £500 per annum (as at present); second member of staff, £350 per annum, each with a furnished house.
7. That the arrangements outlined by the Principal for the working of the College and Hostel during the absence of the Residential Professor in England be approved by the Conference.
8. That while it is not advisable to make Hebrew a compulsory subject in the College curriculum, the Board of Studies be requested to continue to select special students who shall take this subject.
9. That the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., be designated for appointment as second member of the Tutorial Staff on the retirement of the present Principal in 1931.
10. That the proposals of the Council regarding the practical training of students in Sunday School and Young People's Work be adopted.
11. That the Conference request the College Council to consider the formation of a New Zealand branch of the Wesley Historical Society.

D. REPORT ON NEW COLLEGE SCHEME.

1. The Council has pleasure in reporting that during the year the erection of the new College has been completed, and that the building is now out of the contractor's hands. The Principal's house, which is meanwhile to be occupied by the Residential Professor, has also been erected. Arrangements are now being made for the furnishing of the College and residence, and the work of laying out the grounds is

being prosecuted. The new College, both in dimensions and style, is commended by all as an edifice worthy of our Church. It is excellently planned for educational purposes, and as a Hostel takes at once a foremost place among such institutions in the city.

2. A detailed report on the finances of the Scheme will, as on former occasions, be presented to Conference, but meanwhile the Treasurers are able to report that payments to the Building Fund have been well sustained during the year, and that it has been possible to meet the contract price of £34,160, with all extras, architects' fees, salary of clerk of works, etc.

3. The cost of furnishing so large a building will be very heavy, and the laying out of the grounds will involve considerable expense, and, further, a sum sufficient to cover the erection and furnishing of the second house within two years must be laid aside. In addition to this it is most essential that a fund should be initiated to provide, as soon as possible, for the purchase of the College site. Every donation promised to the Building Fund is therefore urgently needed, and the Council respectfully asks the Synods to see that means are taken in every Circuit to secure that all promises are gathered in as they become due. Only thus can our great scheme be carried to a completely successful end.

4. Steps are now being taken, by circular and otherwise, to advertise the opening of the Hostel next year. No more comfortable and convenient accommodation can be found for students in the city of Auckland, and the charges determined upon have been made most moderate. While no doubt most of the residents will come from districts more adjacent to Auckland, the Council wishes to make it clear that young men from any part of the Dominion will be welcomed, and asks the Synods to advertise the Hostel in every possible way. That there will be a keen demand is evident from the fact that applications are already coming in.

5. One of the most imposing rooms in the new College is the Library, with its oak furnishings and its ample provision for books. Here, too, in glass cases will be preserved the valuable documents, etc., presented to the College Museum. The treasurers of the Students' Library Fund have been able to provide £100 towards the purchase of new books. The Council is deeply indebted to the Probert Trustees for the donation of a similar sum for the same purpose; and also to the Foreign Mission Board for the gift of £25 to provide modern missionary literature. Donations in cash from friends will be gladly received for the new Library Fund.

6. Preparations are being made for the official opening of the new College at Conference, and at the urgent request of the Council, Mr. A. C. Caughey, whose devotion to the interests of the College, has extended over many years, has consented to perform the Act of Opening. On the evening of the same day a Public Gathering will be held in the Pitt Street Church, at which prominent educationalists will speak on questions relating to the Church and Education.

7. In accordance with the resolutions of last Conference (see Minutes, 1928, p. 88), a private Bill to vary the trusts of the Deed of Trust of the Edson Trust Fund, was promoted by the Council. The Bill received the assent of Parliament. In the preparation and promotion of this Bill the Council was greatly indebted to Mr. A. Peak, by whom the Bill was drafted and whose visits to Wellington to appear before committees of both Houses, effectively assured the success of

the legislation. The thanks of the Council are also due to the Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., and Mr. J. A. Lee, M.P., who in their respective Houses took charge of the measure.

8. The death of the Rev. D. J. Murray, referred to in the ordinary Report of the Council, has made necessary the appointment of another Clerical Treasurer of the Building Fund. The Council recommends that the following be the officer of the new College Scheme for next year:

General Secretary: The Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.

General Treasurers: the Rev. T. A. Joughin and Mr. A. C. Caughey.

(Signed) W. J. ELLIOTT, President of Conference,
Chairman of the Council.

C. H. LAWS, General Secretary, New College
Effort.

Auckland,

October 23rd, 1928.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Financial Statement of the New Theological College Building Fund be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurer, the Rev. T. A. Joughin, be heartily thanked for his services.
3. That the following officers be appointed for 1929: General Secretary, Rev. Principal Laws, B.A., D.D. Treasurers, Rev. T. A. Joughin and Mr. A. Peak.
4. That the Conference Synod learns with satisfaction of the completion of the erection of the New College, and of the arrangements for the opening at this Conference. It recognises with devout gratitude the hand of God in the successful consummation of this great enterprise, and prays that the facilities now provided for the more thorough training of our Students may, by the blessing of God, enrich the Church with an educated and zealous ministry, especially equipped for our times.
5. That this Conference place on record its high and grateful appreciation of the services rendered by the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., in connection with the erection of Trinity Theological College. He has placed the whole future of Methodism in New Zealand under obligation by the admirable provision made for training students for the ministry. The remarkable achievement of opening such a building free of debt is due mainly to the successful efforts made by Dr. Laws in personally soliciting subscriptions from people all over the Dominion, and the College will stand as a memorial of one of the most splendid records of consecrated personal service in the history of New Zealand Methodism.
6. That the Conference heartily approves the policy of the Council to effect the purchase of the College site at the earliest possible date, and to establish a site purchase fund.
7. The Conference rejoices that the generous support of our people has enabled the College Council to meet fully the cost of erecting and furnishing the New College and Principal's residence, and also that of removing and reconstructing the Collegiate Church and Sunday School and laying out the extensive grounds; but in view of the expenditure yet necessary

to cover the erecting and furnishing of the second house, and the urgency of providing for the purchase of the College site, Ministers and Officials be urged to co-operate by every means in their power, in collecting the outstanding promises, so that the whole scheme may be carried to a completely successful issue.

8. That the Conference draws the attention of Ministers and Laymen to the opening of the Hostel in connection with the new College, and urges them to make its excellent accommodation for Students as widely known as possible.
9. The Conference hereby places on record its sense of the irreparable loss which it has sustained through the death of one of its most esteemed and distinguished laymen, Mr A. C. Caughey. There was scarcely a department of our work that did not feel the stimulus of his generous help. The half was not known of his benefactions. His services as lay treasurer of the New College Building Fund were of inestimable value. Having himself experienced the poverty of the facilities for training students for the Ministry, he was resolved that those conditions should not continue. At every step of the way to the realisation of our New College, he was its undaunted and enthusiastic supporter, its wise and generous helper. To him an educated Ministry was indispensable to a living and growing Church, and so he gave himself to his ideal with an enthusiasm and devotion that was only stayed by death. We cherish his memory as a successful business man who was scrupulously honourable in all his dealings, as a Churchman who was tolerant and generous, and as a Christian who humbly endeavoured to follow in the footsteps of his Master.
10. Trinity College Fellowship.—That Conference direct the College Council to consider favourably the constituting of a Fellowship of Trinity College; the Fellowship to be conferred upon those who render some distinguished contribution or service to the scholarship or learning of the Methodist Church, and that, if so constituted, the Rev. Principal C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., be elected as the first Fellow of Trinity Methodist College.
11. That the Conference recognise with gratitude the many gifts that have been made to Trinity College by generous donors, and resolves that its appreciation and thanks be made known through the "Methodist Times." The Conference especially recognises the exceptionally valuable gifts of ancient books and manuscripts and of Wesleyana made by Mr A. H. Reed, of Dunedin, to the College library, and directs that a special letter of thanks be sent to him signed by the President.

STUDENTS AND UNIVERSITY STUDY.

(See Minutes, 1928, p. 35, Res. 6.)

REPORT OF BOARD OF STUDIES.

1. That with a view to making possible greater progress by men pursuing university study during their theological course, superintendent ministers be strongly urged to advise candidates, especially those likely to attend university classes, to pass the Matriculation examination prior to entering College.

2. That, while giving to students pursuing a university course every facility to proceed as far as possible while at College, such university study cannot be allowed to interfere seriously with thorough work in the essential subjects of a divinity course. How far it may be possible for a student to pursue concurrently both courses of study must be left to the judgment of the Board of Studies.
3. That special consideration be given to any case where an additional year in College would enable a student to complete his university course before entering upon Circuit work, and that during such additional year the student, in addition to his university studies, pursue under direction some special theological and Biblical work.
4. That probationers who desire to pursue university work during their probation be directed to consult their Superintendents so that such studies may interfere as little as possible with their Circuit work.

C. H. LAWS, Principal.

December 10th, 1928.

The Report was received and adopted.

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

REPORT OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE TRUST.

We have pleasure in presenting to Conference the Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Board of the Wesley Training College.

It is with the deepest regret that we report the passing of two outstanding members of this Trust Board, the late Mr. H. P. Caughey, Chairman of the Board, and his father, the late Mr. A. C. Caughey, Trustee of 35 years standing. Both displayed the greatest ability in carrying out the work entrusted to their care, and rendered splendid service in the administration of this Trust's affairs.

College and Farm.

For the greater part of last year we had a full roll, and are starting this year in the same happy position. More and more the advantages we offer are being appreciated. A pleasing feature of this year's enrolment is the large number of boys coming from Methodist homes, while it is also most satisfactory that we are receiving an increasing number of boys who are keenly interested in and desirous of following agricultural occupations.

The past year has probably been the smoothest running year we have had. The loyal co-operation I have received from both masters and prefects has contributed in no small degree to this happy state of affairs.

Tribute must also be paid to the part played in the tone and the religious life of the school by the activities of the Chaplain, Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A. The reception of 35 boys into Church membership at the end of the year gives ample witness to the value of his work.

The College Chapel, which Conference members will have an opportunity of seeing, will aid materially in the religious life of the school, and is a fitting and worthy monument to the late Mr. William Henry Smith, and to the practical interest of Mrs. Marian Caughey Smith in our needs.

The health of the boys has been, particularly good, and we have not had one case of serious illness.

We are pleased to state that we have had our full complement of Maori and Island boys this year. Their relations with the white boys has been all that could be desired, and their success in examinations, as well as in sports and social activities, has been very gratifying.

It will be noticed that the loss on the working of the College is greater than that of last year, this loss being almost entirely due to the increased amount of beneficiary work which we are doing. The Board is annually expending over £1000 per year in carrying out the Trust and extending educational assistance to deserving Maori boys who are capable of benefiting from a secondary school course.

The Farm is looking well, and although a long spell of dry weather caused a great deal of anxiety in the early part of the year, yet the year as a whole has been a very good one. During the past few months we have made 800 tons of hay, and 180 tons of ensilage. We have also got away over 600 fat lambs, and sold 35 stud rams and 40 stud ewes. In addition we have also sold 15 bales of wool. The dairy herd is doing extremely well, and this year four cows have secured the Certificate of Record, and a further two are under test. This year we have commenced apiculture, and have erected a well-equipped honey house, and at present have 60 hives. We believe that within a few years there will be few better farms in New Zealand than ours.

I must acknowledge my great indebtedness to Mr. S. J. Ambury, the Farm Adviser, whose kindly advice and keen judgment have been invaluable.

Much has been accomplished since the removal of the College to Paerata, but as we grow we see more of the great possibilities that lie before us. At the present time we urgently need accommodation for more students so that our work among both Maori and the Pakeha youth may be extended. We need, too, further laboratories for the teaching of Agricultural Science. It was Mr. Hugh Caughey's vision, and his ambition, to see these things fulfilled. If he had been spared we should certainly have had them in a short time. We trust that others will be found not indifferent to the possibilities of this very fine Methodist Educational Institution. There are few greater monuments to Methodism in New Zealand than Wesley College, which has been built up by the unselfish labours of certain of our brethren, and we are sure that as a Church we will not lose their vision.

(Sgd.) R. C. CLARK, Principal.

Properties.

Owing to the depression in the property market the year 1928 has been a most difficult one so far as the Board's suburban properties are concerned. There have been practically no sales of suburban land in Auckland during the past year. Under these circumstances it has been impossible for the Board to realise its sections and reimburse itself for outlay it has incurred in subdividing and developing its suburban properties.

Everything possible has been done to find prospective buyers or lessees, and the sections for sale or lease have been in the hands of at least six well-known Auckland land agents the whole year.

A very small interest on the part of prospective purchasers is now becoming apparent, and this is evidenced by the fact that at an auction sale of Waikowhai section leases conducted for the Wesley Board at Richard Arthur Limited's rooms within the last few days, two leases were sold and it is probable that the interest of other buyers was sufficiently stimulated to lead to further sales being effected in the near future. This Waikowhai sale was extensively advertised, and in fact everything possible that could be done to interest the public was done before the sale took place. This is well exemplified by the fact that the Property Committee had section lines cut through the heavy scrub on the estate so that the public could view any section they were interested in from every possible angle.

The guiding principle of the Property Committee throughout the past year has been to gradually complete the subdivision of those properties which it is intended shall be fully developed for sale purposes, in order that they may be economically brought on the market.

The cost of roading and draining these undeveloped properties is very great, and a cautious policy has been adopted which will enable the Property Committee to bring its subdivisions on to the market with the least possible delay when suburban land is selling freely. £1150 has been expended during 1928 in forming roads and improving the drainage systems of our properties, and the sum expended on improvements to the suburban properties during the past four years amounts to £12,770.

The Property Committee of the Board believes that the property market from now forward should gradually improve, and that with the extension of the city and suburban tramway system to the Mt. Albert Road, the time is not far distant when the Board's suburban subdivisions will sell at remunerative prices.

(Sgd.) GEO. WINSTONE, Junr.,
Chairman, Property Committee.

Finance.

The Board is giving the financial situation the most careful attention, and hopes to have a more favourable report to render to the next Conference. Mr. J. Stanton will present this year's report on the finances to Conference.

(Sgd.) E. DRAKE,
Chairman.

(Sgd.) LEONARD KNIGHT,
General Secretary.

The Reports and Balance-sheets were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference place on record its recognition of the great loss sustained by the Board in the death during the year of Mr A. C. Caughey and Mr H. P. R. Caughey, and its deep appreciation of the outstanding services rendered by them, particularly the work of Mr H. P. R. Caughey as Chairman of the Board for the last three years.
2. That Conference express its grateful appreciation of the devoted and efficient services of members of the Board in administering the valuable and important connexional properties under its control, and especially tenders its thanks to Mr J. Stanton, LL.B. for his work in connection with the College.

3. 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. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., for his valuable work as Chaplain.
4. That Conference confirms the appointment to the Board of Messrs J. Marsden Caughey and James Tyler.
5. That the Conference grant permission to the Board to sell the freehold of 39 acres of land having a frontage to Dominion Road, Auckland, and known as the Dominion Road property.

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

1. SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1928.

In accordance with the Rules of the Fund the Board of Management has pleasure in submitting the Annual Report to Conference. The Board desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to it by the late Mr. A. F. Drayton. The vacancy caused by his death has been filled by the appointment, with the approval of the President, of Mr. Herbert Chapman.

Annuitants, Etc.

During the year we have had reported to us, and have recorded the death of two supernumerary ministers who were Annuitants on the Fund, also the death of the widow of a supernumerary minister. Both the deceased supernumeraries leave widows as annuitants. The death has also been reported of the wife of a minister in active work. The last Conference added two ministers to the list of permanent supernumeraries and two were made temporary supernumeraries. There are now 33 supernumeraries and 43 widows who are annuitants on the Fund, whilst two orphan children are in receipt of benefits.

Finance.

We present herewith the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, duly audited. By the authority of Conference the accounts were closed on 30th November, hence the period covered by the financial statement is only 50 weeks. The statements clearly show the income and expenditure for the period named and also the character of the investments. It will be seen that the total income for the period was £11,552 4s. 10d. and the expenditure £8100 14s. 6d. A sum of £1200 bequeathed by the late Mr. William Penrose, of Dunedin, has been added to the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund, which now stands at £3676 8s. 2d. An amount of £3451 10s. 4d has been added to the Accumulated Funds, which now amount to £135,340 10s. 11d., and with the Reserve Fund of £3676 8s. 2d., make a grand total of £139,016 19s. 1d.

Represented in the assets is a sum of £113,050, which is invested on first mortgage, bearing interest at rates ranging from 5½ to 7 per cent. Mortgage investments show an increase of £10,950 over last year. The sum of £29,595 10s. is invested in Government and Local Body Securities at interest varying from 4 to 6½ per cent. The debentures earning 4 per cent. involve a sum of £900. They were taken over from Australia at the time of separation and will mature during 1929. The interest earned for the period under review is £7780 1s. 5d., being an average of £5 19s 11½d per cent. on the mean funds for the period of

50 weeks, or £6 4s. 9d. per cent. per annum. It is not to be expected that this high rate can be maintained. The interest offered on debentures now being issued is $5\frac{1}{2}$ or $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., and the tendency is towards even lower rates in the not distant future. A reduction in the rate of interest on mortgage investments must, in consequence, be regarded as inevitable. It will be noted that the interest earned has exceeded all payments for annuities and furniture grants. The total amount paid as annuities was £7391 16s. 1d. and as furniture grants £210. The expenses of management have only been £329 19s. 5d., but this amount must necessarily increase in the near future. Amounts totalling, with accrued interest, £18,565 14s. have been lodged on deposit with the Supernumerary Fund by various Connexional Funds and Institutions.

Close attention has been given to all mortgage securities, and the Board is taking all necessary steps to guard the interests of the Fund in the one or two cases that have given special concern.

Subscriptions In Arrears.

At the date of the balance the personal subscriptions in arrears, and interest thereon, amounted to £696 16s. 4d. 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.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland	41	8 3	0	19 5	42	7 8
South Auckland	99	13 0	4	9 11	104	2 11
Taranaki-Wanganui	104	11 3	4	0 8	108	11 11
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	58	15 0	4	15 4	63	10 4
Wellington	63	6 0	11	19 1	75	5 1
Nelson	63	15 0	15	6 5	79	1 5
North Canterbury	64	4 4	10	18 2	75	2 6
South Canterbury	53	13 6	17	9 9	71	3 3
Otago-Southland	66	15 2	10	16 1	77	11 3
Totals	£616	1 6	£80	14 10	£696	16 4

In addition to the foregoing the sum of £410 6s. 1d. is owing for the purchase of benefits and interest thereon. No circuit levies that were due were unpaid at the close of the financial year.

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

This branch of the Supernumerary Fund has benefited during the year by the addition to its capital of £400 from the bequest of the late Mr. Penrose, and by some special contributions to the revenue account. The sum of £1400 is now invested and an amount of £312 7s. 9d. stands to the credit of the current account. The total assets of this fund are now £1712 7s. 9d.

Benevolent grants amounting to £87 were made by the Board to eleven different persons. This represents only about one-half the usual amount, as, owing to the earlier date of closing the accounts, the Christmas distribution does not come within the scope of this year's report.

Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund.

This fund, the formation of which was authorised by last Conference, was inaugurated as from 1st April, 1928. That its institution has been appreciated by the ministers is evident from the fact that 125 have joined as from its inception. As the first payments did not fall due until 30th June, 1928, it will be seen that the financial statements deal only with a period of five months. The revenue account and balance-sheet set forth the position as at 30th November.

The subsidy promised by the Fire Insurance Board, amounting to £250 per annum, is only sufficient to cover the subscriptions of 125 contributors. As that number has already been reached and as every probationer received after the date of the establishment of the Fund must, as a condition of admission, become a member of this Fund, the Board will need to consider the matter of providing the subsidy for all members in excess of 125.

Subscriptions to this fund fall due on the last day of March, June, September and December in each year. If these subscriptions are received within three days of the due date, interest is credited as from the first day of April, July, October and January, but otherwise interest is calculated from the first day of the following month. Subscriptions paid in advance are also credited with interest from the first day of the month following the date of payment. It is for the advantage of members to meet their obligations promptly.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of this fund fully disclose its position. A sum of £601 18s. 2d. has been paid to twelve home missionaries and one lay agent from the Foreign Mission field who have retired from the work. The assets of the fund have increased by £635 14s. 11d. and now stand at £6046 16s. 4d.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

During the year one Deaconess retired from the work and received a retiring allowance of £24. A sum of £458 13s. 3d. has been added to the Accumulated Funds. The assets of this fund now amount to £2300 1s. 8d.

Military Camps Fund.

The amount standing to the credit of this fund on 30th November was £580 13s. 5d., a sum of £31 13s. 5d. having been earned in interest since the last annual balance. This fund is held in the interest of ministers who may suffer disabilities as the result of their war services.

Ministers Suffering War Disabilities.

The Board has carefully considered the recommendations of the Conference upon the report relating to Ministers and Probationers who engaged in military service (as per Minutes of Conference, 1928, pp. 105-107).

(1) The Board wishes to report that if the names of the Revs. W. Grigg, F. T. Read and L. B. Neale are included in Class I. as showing disabilities, it will only be possible to buy two years' additional annuity for the eight ministers in that class. The cost of purchasing such additional annuity would be as follows on 31st March, 1929:—

William Grigg	..	..	..	80	9	6
Frederick T. Read	..	..	..	81	7	6
Henry L. Blamires	..	..	..	74	19	11
Arthur J. Seamer	..	..	..	81	7	4
Leslie B. Neale	..	..	..	66	11	3
William Walker	..	..	..	64	1	2
Oswald Burnet	..	..	..	58	16	6
Francis T. Harris	..	..	..	58	16	6
Total	..	..	..	£566	9	8

(2) If the sum of £566 9s. 8d. be allocated for the purchase of the benefits named for the eight ministers concerned, there will only be available, allowing for the interest the Military Camp Fund will earn up till 31st March, 1929, a sum of about £25 for the remaining fifteen ministers with military service, for the purpose of carrying out the Conference recommendation to the effect that, "if in 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." The Board points out that if such a proposal is to be carried out the Conference will need to make financial provision to meet the demands as they arise. It should be understood in such an event, that each case should be determined on its merits.

(3) The Board recommends that if any additional years are granted to any minister on account of war service the following conditions be expressly laid down:—

- (a) That in accordance with Regulation 14 (Law Book, page 140) the personal subscriptions of any ministers who continue in full work shall be paid until they have actually completed 44 years in the ministry.
- (b) That no annuity shall be paid to any minister for a longer term of service than 44 years, which period now carries the maximum rate of annuity as per Regulation 56 (Law Book, page 148).

(4) The Board suggests that the foregoing matters be considered at the Conference by a joint meeting of the Conference Supernumerary Fund Committee and the Conference Committee on Military Affairs.

N.B.—As a report upon the Military Camps Fund must be submitted annually to the Auditor-General and also to the Under-Secretary for Internal Affairs assurance should be sought that such a disposition of the fund as has been suggested is not in conflict with the regulations governing the administration of War Funds.

Connexional Offices.

During the year the Board has purchased as an investment, and also for future Connexional purposes, a valuable corner block of central city property known as Gravenor Buildings, having a frontage of 66 feet to Hereford Street and 114 feet to Manchester Street. The purchase was unanimously approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee. The property is immediately opposite the National Bank of New Zealand in Hereford Street and the large structure of the New Zealand Express Company in Manchester Street. The purchase price was £30,000. A deposit of £10,000 has been paid on account of the purchase. Satisfactory financial arrangements have been made whereby the Board pays only 5 per cent. interest on any unpaid balance of the purchase price, and receives a rebate of 1 per cent. per annum until 12th November, 1932, on all moneys paid before that date.

The Board asks the Conference to confirm its action in this matter and also requests authority to expend a sum not exceeding £20,000 in developing the property by adding one or more floors and altering the ground floor when it deems the time opportune so to do, but this is not expected to occur until the present office leases expire in 1932. The Board is very optimistic as to the great prospective increase in the future earning power of this investment when the current leases of the various offices expire about four years hence.

In consequence of the acquirement of this new property it is the intention of the Board to sell the land previously acquired in Worcester Street upon which it had been intended to erect Connexional Offices.

Board for 1929.

The following are nominated as the Board for 1929:—The Connexional Secretary; Revs. W. Baumber; J. Guy; S. Lawry; W. Green-slade; A. N. Scotter; and Messrs. George Bowron (Treasurer); A. Borrows; P. W. Sharpe; H. W. Heslop; H. P. Lawry and H. Chapman.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

WILLIAM BAUMBER,

Chairman.

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

Christchurch,
23rd January, 1929.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Supernumerary Fund, the Cash Statement and Balance-sheet of the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Deaconess' Retiring Fund, the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Home Acquirement Fund, and the Cash Statement of the Military Camps Fund be received, adopted, and printed in the minutes.
2. That the Conference tender its sincere sympathy to the widow and family of the late Mr A. F. Drayton, and place on record its appreciation of the services he rendered as a member of the Board for several years.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Management for its services during the past year, and that the members for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
4. That the Conference express its hearty approval of the action of the Board in purchasing Gravenor Buildings, Christchurch, as an investment and for future connexional purposes; it thanks the Board for its far-sighted policy, and gives authority to the Board to expend up to £20,000 in developing the property, when the Board deems the time opportune so to do.
5. That the Treasurer, Mr George Bowron, be thanked for his services, and that a letter of appreciation be sent to him.

Ministers Suffering War Disabilities.

6. (a) That in accordance with Regulation 14, p. 140, Book of Laws, the personal subscriptions of any ministers who continue in full work shall be paid until they have actually completed forty-four years in the Ministry.
- (b) That no annuity shall be paid to any Minister for a longer term of service than forty-four years, which period now carries the maximum rate of annuity, as per regulation 56, p. 148, Book of Laws.

- (c) That the Supernumerary Fund Board be requested to give favourable consideration to the suggestion to make provision for Ministers with war service purchasing additional benefits in the Supernumerary Fund.

(See also under Question 49).

2.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

Report for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

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

Auckland District	..	..	..	..	39 $\frac{3}{4}$
South Auckland	..	..	..	..	27
Taranaki-Wanganui	..	..	..	..	28 $\frac{3}{4}$
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	..	..	..	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wellington	..	..	..	..	24 $\frac{3}{4}$
Nelson	9
North Canterbury	34 $\frac{3}{4}$
South Canterbury	13
Otago-Southland	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
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These figures show an increase of fourteen on the previous year.

In addition it has been our painful duty to draw a cheque for £7 10s for one funeral allowance, and general expenses have amounted to £3 10s, making a total expenditure of £2079.

The amount levied on Circuits was £1981 4s, and thus the Bank credit has been correspondingly reduced by £108 16s.

As we anticipate that the expenditure for 1929 will be somewhere in the region of the year under review, we would recommend that the Circuit levy be 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for the coming year. This will further reduce the credit balance, but we think the gradual reduction of the surplus fair, as all Circuits share proportionately.

E. W. A. KELLOW, }
E. D. PATCHETT, } Treasurers.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Treasurers, Rev. E. D. Patchett and Mr E. W. A. Kellow be thanked for their services, and that they be reappointed.
2. That the members of the Consultative Committee—the Chairman of the District, Rev. T. W. Vealie, Messrs W. C. Hemery and J. C. Riddell—be thanked for their services, and that they be reappointed.
3. That the Consultative Committee consider the advisability of increasing the allowance to £10 per child per annum, and report to Synods and Conference.

3.—CONTINGENT FUND.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the following be the Consultative Committee for 1929:—The Treasurers, the Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., and F. Thompson.
2. That the 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 1929 be 7½ per cent.
4. That the Treasurers be thanked for their services.
5. That the Treasurers for 1929 be Rev. O. Burnet and Mr J. H. Blackwell.
6. That the following Resolutions be regarded as addenda to the Rules and Regulations of the Fund printed in the Book of Laws:—
 - (a) That the Treasurers refund the full travelling expenses to Conference of Candidates for the Ministry, as detailed by the Rules of the Equalisation Fund.
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) 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.
 - (e) That all proposals for grants from the Fund shall first be considered by this Committee before being ratified by Conference.

4.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND REPORT FOR 1928.

The past year brought a maximum amount of business, and constituted a severe test, if not the supreme test, of the Fund as an experiment. The amount of clerical labour thrown upon the Treasurers was enormous, and had it not been for the ability and self-sacrificing attention of the Lay Treasurer (Mr. A. A. Sandford) it could not possibly have been carried through without engaging professional aid. We regret to say that the burden was largely increased by carelessness or thoughtlessness of participants in the Fund's benefits.

The removal expenses for the year totalled £1191 14s. 10d., the highest, with the exception of one, viz., 1924, prior to the operation of the Fund, when the total was £1195. The average for the three years, 1922/3/4, was £985. Since the operation of the Fund the expenses have been £412 2s. 5d., £1124 11s. 5d., £858 0s. 8d., £1189 13s. 10d. in successive years, an average (omitting the first amount of £412 2s. 5d., which was exceptionally light and for purposes of average may be discarded) of £1057 8s. 8d.

The present levy of 2 per cent. produces approximately £750, so that it is apparent that the rate must be increased to at least 2½ per cent. to enable the Fund to meet the claims which must be made upon it. This latter rate would yield about £930, and on the above average would be the minimum on which the Fund could operate. It would appear that later it will be necessary to again increase to 3 per cent., but meantime, with possibly fewer removals next year and a small balance carried forward, this may not be immediately necessary. The unusually light year in 1925 allowed a considerable surplus to be carried forward, and it is this that has enabled the rate to be maintained at a lower level until this time.

Experience has suggested the advisability of the following amendments to Rules and Regulations, which would clarify the position for ministers removing and facilitate the work of the Committee, and would remove the necessity for an undue amount of tedious correspondence between ministers and treasurers:—

Rule 3.—Last Clause to be amended to read—“Otherwise than in cases where Conference, through the Stationing Committee, specially directs that the full amount of the expenses be paid by the Fund.” (Minutes of Conference, 1926, page 96).

Rule 6.—To be added—“That where it is intended to remove by motor, the minister shall first get an alternative tender for removal from a reliable carrying Company—this information to be supplied to the Treasurers—or otherwise get the permission of the Treasurers before removing other than by rail or steamer.”

The following paragraph is required to define the R.E.F. Committee in the Law Book:—

The Removal Expenses Fund shall be managed by a Committee, consisting of an equal number of ministers and laymen, appointed at each Conference. Such Committee to include the two Treasurers and the Convener.

The following are recommended as the 1929 Committee:—

The Revs. W. Greenslade, W. T. Blight, B.A., A. N. Scotter, B.A., L. B. Neale, H. Sharp, M. A. R. Pratt, A. Liversedge; Messrs. A. A. Sandford, M. Kershaw, Frank Thompson, W. Dobbs, H. W. Heslop, C. A. Newman, Gordon J. Woodham; Treasurers, A. A. Sandford and W. T. Blight, B.A.; Convener, W. T. Blight, B.A.

W. GREENSLADE, Chairman of District.

B. J. JAMES, Treasurer.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the paragraph regarding the Management Committee of the Fund be adopted as recommended in the Report.
2. That Rules 3 and 4, Section 289 Book of Laws, p. 158.—Last Clause be amended to read—“Otherwise than in cases where Conference, through the Stationing Committee, specially directs that the full amount of the expenses be paid by the Fund.”
3. That Rule 6 be amended by the addition of the words:—“That where it is intended to remove by motor or other conveyance, the minister shall first get an alternative tender for removal from a reliable carrying Company—this information to be supplied to the Treasurers—or otherwise get the permission of the Treasurers before removing other than by rail or steamer.”

4. That the levy for 1929 be $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
5. That the Treasurers, Rev. B. J. James and Mr A. A. Sandford be thanked for their services to the Fund.
6. That the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., and Mr A. A. Sandford, be the Treasurers for 1929.
7. That the Committee for 1929 be as recommended in the Report. The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

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

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT FOR 1928.

The most notable event of the year has been the election of the Rev. J. F. Goldie, Chairman of the Mission District, as President of the Conference in 1929. This appointment will necessitate the residence of Mr Goldie in New Zealand during that year, and he proposes to bring his family to reside in Auckland. As president, he will be free from duty as chairman of a district in New Zealand, and, consequently, will be able to devote most of his time to deputation work and the visitation of the Church in all parts of the Dominion. He will be assured of a cordial welcome by our people everywhere.

Year of Special Appeal.

The last Conference gave special attention to missionary matters, including the condition of our missionary financial position, the urgent need for extension work on the Field, the strengthening and development of the medical work, and adopted the following resolution: "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."

Various recommendations in this connection are being submitted to the Synods for consideration.

New Appointments of Missionaries.

The Rev. F. H. Hayman was appointed by the last Conference as an assistant to the Chairman of the Mission District. Before proceeding to the Mission Field, Mr Hayman visited Fiji and studied the educational work at Davui Levu and elsewhere. At the head station he is devoting himself largely to educational work, filling the position previously occupied by Mr Waterhouse, who has retired from our work.

Sister Vivian Adkin has also been accepted for missionary service, having completed her training at St Helen's Hospital and in the Deaconess House. Sister Vivian left for the Mission Field in April.

Sisters for Bougainville District.

Sisters Elizabeth Common and Vivian Adkin have been appointed as pioneer Sisters in the Bougainville section of the district, being at present resident on Mr Cropp's station at Buka. This is a notable development in the work of 1928.

Missionaries on Furlough.

During the year the Revs A. A. Bensley, Tom Dent and V. le C. Binet, together with their wives, have been on furlough in New Zealand. Sisters Lily White and Jean Dalziel are also on furlough after a first term of service. They all arrived in fairly good health.

Deputation Work.

The above-mentioned missionaries have all rendered excellent service in deputation work. The General Secretary has assisted in the Auckland, South Auckland, Taranaki-Wanganui, and North and South Canterbury Districts. In two of those districts he was assisted by Gina, a Solomon Island boy who is being educated at Wesley College, Paerata. The Rev A. N. Scotter has been an enthusiastic advocate of the missionary cause, and in the Canterbury, Otago and Nelson districts has done excellent work. Mr J. W. Court and many others have assisted in the year's campaign.

Our Medical Work.

Dr Sayers has continued his excellent work at Roviana. The large numbers of natives who have sought his aid, and the results secured, testify to the value of medical mission work. Sisters Lilian Berry and Edna White have assisted in the hospital. More suitable buildings for the hospital work have been erected, and will meet the need for a time. Our objective, however, must be the erection of the Helena Goldie Hospital in 1930.

Dr Clifford James.

Dr Clifford James returned to the Dominion in June, after having completed his training in England, where he gained the Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene of the London School of Tropical Medicines, and the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. After his marriage, and prior to leaving for the Mission Field, he visited many of the chief centres throughout the Dominion, and succeeded in arousing much interest in the medical work of the Mission. Dr and Mrs James are due to leave Sydney on October 31 for the Solomons. The location of the second medical station will not be determined until further consideration has been given to the question at the Mission Synod.

Visit of the General Secretary to the Mission Field.

Problems associated with the development of the medical work, the establishment of the second medical station, the extension of the work on Bougainville, the future of the Banga plantation, and several other important matters led the Board to the unanimous decision that it was necessary that the General Secretary should visit the Mission Field this year, confer with the missionaries, and attend the Synod. Mr Sinclair will leave Sydney on October 31, and will probably be away from the Dominion about three months. He hopes to be able to visit Rabaul to confer with the Administrator of the Mandate Territory.

Banga Plantation.

The Board has given special attention to the question of the sale of the Banga Coconut Plantation, and, after prolonged consideration, decided to offer the plantation for sale. Accordingly advertisements were inserted in the Sydney papers, but thus far only one enquiry has been received. In the event of failure to sell at a reasonable price, efforts must be made to raise sufficient capital in New Zealand to ensure the successful working of the plantation.

Publications.

The circulation of our missionary papers, "The Open Door" and "The Lotu," has been more than maintained. The quarterly issue of "The Open Door" is 5500, and the circulation of "The Lotu" has reached 7500. The revenue from these papers is slightly more than sufficient

to meet the cost of publication. Fifteen thousand copies of a leaflet entitled "The Challenge of the Solomons" were distributed through the churches.

Special Gifts.

Special gifts of a valuable character have been received during the year. A Wanganui "Friend of Missions," who desires to remain anonymous, has given £600 for the purchase of a much-needed launch. Some Auckland Methodists have given a Diesel engine worth between £400 and £500 for the launch at Bilua. Mr James Trounson, of Northcote, Auckland, has given £1000, which, by the request of the donor, must be added to the working capital fund of the Mission. Other gifts include an organ by the Mount Eden Church, a microscope for Dr James by Dr Pinfold, of Hamilton, a Radiola by Mr Ward, of Tai Tapu, and a small organ by Mr F. J. Field, Wellington. The best thanks of the Board are tendered to those generous donors.

House for the President-elect.

The Board recommends that a suitable furnished house be provided for the President-elect in Auckland next year, that the usual rent allowances to missionaries on furlough be continued during the time the President-elect is resident in New Zealand, and that the remainder of the cost be a charge on the Contingent Fund.

Radius Group.

The missionary spirit has been strongly present in the Theological College, and has found expression in the formation of a college society called "The Radius Group." The members of this group meet regularly for the study of missionary problems, and to pray for missionary work and workers. The students also hired themselves out for a day's work and gave the wages earned, amounting to £14, to our missionary funds.

Finance.

The amount received by the General Treasurers up to October 17 is £7310 8s 2d. This is practically the same as the amount received at the same date last year. The following special amounts have been received:—Mr J. Trounson, gift of £1000 in 4½ per cent inscribed stock for working capital. This will yield a yearly income for the general fund in perpetuity; £600 from an anonymous donor for a launch for Rev T. Dent; and £50 from M.W.M.U., for equipment of Sisters' House at Bougainville. The following legacies have been received:—J. Sinclair, Christchurch, £20; D. McKenzie, Ashburton. £825 (part of £1000); S. Cox, Opunake, £150; H. Rowe, Kaiapoi, £14 3s 3d; W. F. Cheverton, Timaru, £285 14s 3d (third instalment); Jane Hore, Christchurch, £95 (first instalment).

Thanks.

The best thanks of the Board are tendered to District Secretaries, Circuit Secretaries and Committees, Collectors and to all who, in deputation work and otherwise, have assisted in advocating and furthering the great cause of Foreign Missions. The continued prayers of the whole Church are sought for the work to which we are pledged, and for which we are responsible in the Solomon Islands.

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

W. J. ELLIOTT, President of the Conference.

W. A. SINCLAIR, General Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1928.

The Treasurers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand beg to draw attention to the following items in the financial statements presented to the annual meeting of the Board, and the Conference.

The Income of the General Fund from New Zealand contributions is £11,790 8s 2d, being £10 less than the preceding year. The Solomon Islands District has contributed £4955 1s 2d, an advance of £436 on the total for 1927.

The expenditure in the Solomon Islands is £14,948 19s 3d, as against £16,448 in 1927, a decrease of £1500. The expenditure in New Zealand is £2713 2s 2d, an increase of £401. The year's working shows an unfavourable balance of £474 15s 1d, as against £2149 11s 6d in 1927.

From legacies the sum of £1530 8s 9d has been received, and in special gifts £2457 10s 3d, including £1000 of Inscribed Stock of Working Capital Fund, and £1000 from Roviana Circuit for the Helena Goldie Hospital.

The Banga Plantation Account shows a surplus for the year of £220 15s from sales of produce over working expenses. The present debt is £9068 11s 10d. The debt on the General Fund is £3962 5s 5d, making a total indebtedness of £13,030 17s 3d.

The Balance-sheet shows the Capital Account to be in credit to the extent of £292 9s 7d.

GEORGE T. MARSHALL, Treasurers.
J. W. COURT,

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION—REPORT FOR 1928.

The M.W.M.U. has been in existence fourteen years, and there are now 40 Auxiliaries affiliated. The Executive seeks to keep in touch with them by means of a Quarterly Letter written by the President, by copies of letters and reports received from Sisters, and by personal advice and help when required.

There is a very fine spirit of unity among the general membership, which now amounts to 2538, a slight increase on the number last year.

Extension.

There have been no new Auxiliaries begun this year; but a good deal of consolidation has been done, and extension work has taken the form of establishing branches in one or two of the cities. We trust that in consequence of this change in method of work, next year will show a substantial increase in both membership and finance.

Box and Card Circle.

This work, under Miss Waddingham's wise guidance, shows steady progress, and is proving useful where the people live in sparsely-populated districts.

Box Department.

Mrs. Smethurst at the head of this Department continues her activities with unabated and marvellous zeal. Whenever a new Auxiliary or Branch is formed, the boxes of goods sent to the Sisters arouse the first practical expression of the newly-awakened interest of the ladies in our Foreign Mission work. So this Department carries a double usefulness, and has a work to accomplish in N.Z. as well as on the Foreign Field. And Mrs. Smethurst has unique gifts of organisation which find abundant outlet in controlling and arranging the activities of the whole Union in this particular direction. This year goods to the value of £339 were sent to the Solomons, while the Sisters in N.Z. have received numerous "sacks, bags, and parcels."

Missionary Sisters.

During the year Sister Vivian Adkin has been sent out, making the tenth Sister in the Solomons supported by our Union. She was at the Head Station for a short time, and is now with Sister Elizabeth Common working under Rev. Alan Cropp on Bougainville. Sisters Jean Dalziel and Lily White are in N.Z. on furlough at present.

Finance.

The total income for the year amounted to £2112 4s. 6d., the increase in the year's working being £54 7s. 6d. The amount paid out in Sisters' salaries amounted to £1650. We have to gratefully acknowledge an anonymous gift of £15 towards the Sisters' Salaries Fund.

Conference.

A very successful although rather small conference was held at Invercargill in October; 37 delegates attended, and 15 Auxiliaries were unrepresented. Sisters Lily White and Jean Dalziel were also present, and gave interesting addresses on their work. They also expressed great pleasure at the opportunity of sharing in the inspiration of such a gathering.

New Executive.

It was with great regret that the Union was obliged to accept the resignation of the Palmerston North Executive owing to the anticipated absence from N.Z. of both President (Mrs. H. E. Pacey) and Secretary (Mrs. T. R. Hodder).

The new Executive was set up in Christchurch, the officers elected at Conference being Mrs. G. Bowron, President; Mrs. Frank Thompson, Secretary; and Mrs. J. E. Purchase, Treasurer. Since then Mrs. A. N. Scotter, Mrs. T. R. Buxton, Sister Mabel Morley, and Miss Beck have been added, making a team which, under the blessing of God, should do good work.

MARY E. BOWRON, President.

LUCY THOMPSON, Secretary.

The Reports, Balance-sheets and Financial Statements were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

ESTIMATES OF INCOME.

1. That the following be the Estimates of Income for 1929:—

New Zealand	.. ..	£20,000
Solomon Islands	.. ..	4,500
		£24,500
2. That the expenditure on the Mission Field be limited to £16,000 exclusive of amounts voted from the Equipment or other Special Fund.
3. That the Conference pledges itself to make every possible effort to raise the Missionary Income this year to the record amount of £20,000, and urges the members and adherents of the Church throughout the Dominion to support the appeal with sacrificial liberality.

4. Medical Work.—

- (a) That the Conference place on record its appreciation of the splendid work of Drs. Sayers and James, and the members of the Medical Staff, tenders to them its best thanks, and pledges its support to the medical work of the Mission.
- (b) That the Conference places on record its deep appreciation of the splendid gift of the native people of the Roviana Circuit of £1000 for the Helena Goldie Hospital and that a letter of thanks be sent.
- (c) That during this year plans for the Helena Goldie Hospital and the doctor's house be prepared and that a commencement be made with the erection of these buildings on the return of the Rev. J. F. Goldie to the Mission Field next year.

5. Training School for Girls.

- (a) That the Conference has learned with pleasure of the valuable work which is being done in the various Sisters' Homes in giving a practical training to native girls.
- (b) That further consideration be given during the year to the whole question of the establishment of a Central Training School for girls.
- (c) That after receiving the information and suggestions which have been requested from the missionaries on the Field, the Board in consultation with the Rev. J. F. Goldie and the Women's Missionary Union Executive, prepare a report for submission to the Mission Synod; that the Synod be requested to consider these proposals and to report its findings to the next annual meeting of the Board and Conference.

6. Rev A. H. Cropp.

- (a) That the Board tenders to the Rev. A. H. Cropp its sincere sympathy in the trying circumstances through which he has passed and assures him of its confidence in him as a missionary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
- (b) That a complete statement of the circumstances leading up to the libel case, and to the request of the Administrator of the Mandated Territory (Brigadier-General Wisdom) for the removal of Mr. Cropp to another part of the Mission District, be prepared with great care and forwarded to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth Government.
- (c) That the Conference be requested to authorise the Board, of which the Rev. J. F. Goldie will be the Chairman, to take such action as may be deemed necessary after receiving the reply of the Prime Minister and after consultation with the distant members of the Board of Missions.

7. Banga Plantation.

- (a) That with a view to conserving the present undoubted value of the plantation and enabling it to be developed on the recognised proper system so as to increase its productivity and thus eventually afford relief to the general fund of the Society from the charge to which it is now subject, the Directors of the Methodist Foreign Mission Society of N.Z. Trust Association be requested to raise capital by the issue of Debentures up to the sum of £6000. The term, rate of interest, general conditions and security for the same to be determined by the Directors in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Mission Board.

- (b) That such Debentures be made available from time to time to such amount as may be deemed advisable to persons interested in the work of the Society, who are prepared to take up the same.
- (c) That the Conference be recommended to endorse these proposals and to commend them to the favourable consideration of our people as an opportunity of giving needed help to the work of our Society.

8. **Division of the Roviana Circuit.**

That the question of the division of the Roviana Circuit be deferred for the present and that careful consideration be given by the Board during the year, in consultation with the Chairman of the District as to whether the most thorough supervision of the district can be secured by setting the Chairman free from certain of his duties—with or without the division of the Circuit.

9. **Gladys Chivers Memorial.**

That the Conference approves of the proposal that the Gladys Chivers Memorial which is being promoted by the Young Women's Bible Class Union, take the form of a Children's Memorial Ward in the Helena Goldie Hospital, and that a suitable tablet be placed in the ward.

10. **N.Z.Y.M.M.B.C.U.**

That a letter be sent to the Executive of the Y.M.M.B.C.U. expressing the hearty thanks of the Conference for the splendid assistance given to the missionary work of the Church in providing the salary of Dr. Sayers.

11. **Story of the Mission.**

That the Conference records its strong conviction that the writing of the story of the Mission in the Solomon Islands by the Rev. J. F. Goldie will be in the best interests of the missionary work of the Church. It urges Mr Goldie to regard this as a matter of special importance, and trusts that the work may be completed at an early date.

12. **Teachers from New Britain.**

That the New Britain District be requested to supply six native teachers for work on Bougainville and Buka.

13. **District Treasurers.**

That Mr C. E. Taylor be appointed District Treasurer for the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District and Mr. D. C. Cameron for the Otago-Southland District, and that the appointment of further District Treasurers be deferred until experience be gained in connection with these appointments.

14. **Constitution of the Board of Missions.**

That the Constitution of the Board of Missions be altered so as to provide that the representative of the Mission District to Conference shall be a member of the Board when in New Zealand on furlough.

15. Women's Missionary Union.

The Conference records its appreciation of the valuable service rendered to the missionary work of the Church by the Women's Missionary Union and the Women's Auxiliaries. It rejoices in the success of the work of the women and trusts the objective may soon be reached, of a Missionary Auxiliary in every circuit, and where this is not possible, of a meeting of women in every church at least once a year.

16. Thanks to Secretaries, Collectors, etc.

The Conference tenders its thanks to the members and adherents of the Church in providing £11,790 for the General Foreign Mission Fund; it thanks District, Circuit and Local Secretaries, Collectors and "Open Door" agents, and all who have in any way assisted in the missionary effort of the year. It expresses its profound appreciation of the sacrificial giving of the members of the Church on the Mission Field and sends to them its heartiest thanks and greetings.

17. Literature.

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. W. A. Sinclair, Editor of "The Open Door," and to the Rev. E. P. Blamires, Editor of "The Lotu," and that they be re-appointed.

18. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. G. T. Marshall for his services as Missionary Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed.

19. That the Conference place on record its appreciation of the most valuable service rendered by Mr. J. W. Court as General Treasurer of the Missionary Society during a period of thirteen years, and tenders him its heartiest thanks. Through his generous contributions to the missionary funds of the Church many special articles of equipment have been provided, and by his visits to the Mission Field he has become thoroughly acquainted with its needs. The Conference trusts that Mr. Court may long be spared to assist in the great work of sending the Gospel to the people of the Solomon Islands.

20. That Mr. A. J. Buttle be appointed Treasurer for 1929.

21. That the thanks of the Conference be given to Mr. Cropp, sen., for the gift of an engine for the launch "Saga".

22. That the Board of Foreign Missions and the Home Mission Board appoint a joint sub-committee to foster the formation of branches of the Men's Missionary Movement throughout the Dominion; such branches to elect their own Dominion Executive if such is required.

ORGANISATION OF SPECIAL MISSIONARY APPEAL.

Spiritual Objective.

1. That in this special appeal the spiritual objective of all missionary work occupy an outstanding position, and that it be a campaign of missionary education and inspiration as well as appeal.
2. That Sunday, May 26, be set aside as a day when the whole Church shall give itself to prayer on behalf of Foreign Missions.

District Organisation.

1. That District Committees be strengthened for the purpose of next year's campaign; that in Districts where it is necessary Sub-district Committees be appointed; and that District targets be set up.
2. That where practicable the May District Meetings be visited by the President-elect, the General Secretary or other suitable representative for the purpose of presenting the urgent claims of the work in the Solomons.

Circuit Organisation.

1. That strong Circuit Committees be appointed with capable Secretaries, and also local Church Committees .
2. That each Circuit Committee be instructed to make a special survey of the circuit missionary income with a view of so organising the appeal that a worthy return shall be secured.
3. That a personal canvass of all Church members and adherents be made.
4. That collectors be appointed of weekly, monthly or quarterly amounts from persons who are not annual subscribers.
5. That better use be made of missionary boxes; that boxes be available for distribution at all missionary meetings; that boxes be opened quarterly or half-yearly, and that in this connection a box-opening meeting be recommended.
6. It is recommended that some of the following methods of creating interest and obtaining funds be made use of: Circuit rally, tea-table conference with the deputation, sale of work, garden party, public tea or concert.

Bible Classes, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

1. That the sympathetic interest and support of Bible Classes, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies be sought.
2. That prizes be offered for the best programme for a children's missionary demonstration.
3. That the larger schools be recommended to undertake the support of a student at a cost of £7 per year or a native teacher at from £10 to £15 per year, and smaller schools the support of an orphan or waif at a cost of from £3 to £5.

BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1929.

The President of the Conference (Rev. J. F. Goldie), the General Secretary (Rev. W. A. Sinclair), the Treasurers (Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr A. J. Buttle), the President of the Women's Missionary Union (Mrs G. Bowron); Mesdames F. Thompson and Hill; Misses Carr, Somerville, Rishworth, Griffith; Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, W. J. Elliott, E. Drake, A. Ashcroft, T. R. B. Woolloxall, W. Walker, F. E. Leadley, A. Mitchell, A. B. Chappell, W. Rowe, W. W. Avery, A. N. Scotter, F. Copeland, G. F. Stockwell; Messrs J. W. Court, G. Winstone, W. S. Mackay, F. W. Stone, A. Peak, J. P. Blair, J. E. Astley, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, E. H. Burton, B. J. Lynneberg, D. C. Cameron, C. Rayner, and C. E. Taylor. Convener, the General Secretary.

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. G. F. Stockwell.
 North Canterbury—Rev. S. Lawry.
 South Canterbury—Rev. A. Blakemore.
 Otago-Southland—Rev. J. Richards.

DISTRICT TREASURERS.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr. C. E. Taylor.
 Otago-Southland—Mr. D. C. Cameron.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.

Auckland—Superintendents of Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Misses Carr and Somerville, 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, A. G. Harris. Convener, Rev. W. Rowe.

South Auckland—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu and Morrinsville Circuits, Messrs. H. Wagstaff, E. Thomas, W. Harris, J. T. Johnson, and Mrs H. M. Jones. Convener, Rev. A. O. Harris.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Chairman of the District, Ministers of the Wanganui and Wanganui North Circuits, Messrs. F. J. Denton, S. J. Goodey, F. Whitlock, S. Newsome, Mesdames Goodey, Gilling, Andrew, Warwick, Morgan, Misses Coleman and Hartnell. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery. Sub-committee—Ministers of the New Plymouth Circuit, Rev. E. S. Emmitt, Messrs T. P. Hughson, E. Dixon, C. E. Bellringer, G. Fischer. Convener, Rev. C. Eaton.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Chairman of District, Superintendent Ministers of Palmerston North, Feilding and Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Circuits, Messrs. T. R. Hodder, R. H. Billens, C. E. Taylor, H. Tolley, G. G. Hancox, M.A., N. L. Shelton, J. Chrystall, Mrs. H. E. Pacey, and Mrs T. R. Hodder. Convener, Mr. C. E. Taylor. Sub-committee for Hawke's Bay—Superintendent Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs R. Thomas, G. C. Laws, J. D. Common, R. Doubleday and C. Newton.

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. G. F. Stockwell.

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

South Canterbury—The Ministers of Timaru, Temuka, and Waimate Circuits, Messrs. T. E. Holdgate and F. G. Holland. Convener, Rev. A. Blakemore.

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

N.B.—District Committees are empowered to co-opt additional members.

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

ANNUAL REPORT, 1928.

"Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness." Seeking continually the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Board has given close attention to the work entrusted to it by the Conference. Three strong standing committees were appointed by the Board immediately after Conference—(1) Executive, (2) Spiritual Advance, (3) Literature and Colporteur. The Board has met quarterly to receive reports from these committees and to deliberate upon their recommendations. The committees have met as occasion has demanded. The attendances at both Board and committee meetings have been excellent.

District H.M. Committees.

All the District Committees have been functioning during the year, and have done excellent work. The thanks of the Conference is due to them. At the same time, it seems that but few of the District Committees have as yet fully realised the heavy responsibilities that rest upon them concerning Church extension problems, Home Mission needs and activities, and Spiritual advance work in their districts.

There has, unfortunately, been very little attention whatever given as yet in some districts to Resolution 6, Page 125, Minutes of 1926 Conference, yet no resolution affecting Church extension passed by recent Conferences is more important than this one. It is hoped that detail attention will be given by every District Committee to this important matter of the pastoral oversight of our Methodist families resident in areas not included in any Circuit station.

Staff.

We desire to express our appreciation of the work of the staff, both on the field and in the office.

There will be quite a number of vacancies in the New Year for suitable single men. The Synods and Conference are requested to give careful consideration to this very important matter. Every Conference sends selected young men from our staff into college. We need other unmarried young men to take their places and also to occupy new posts that must be established as soon as more of the right type of agents are available. For a considerable period now we have been securing the majority of our unmarried men from Home Mission stations and small aided country Circuits. While from one standpoint we rejoice in this fact, yet it can hardly be considered creditable to the larger Circuits where 80 per cent of our membership is found. (In Canada all candidates for the ministry are required to spend at least one year in the work before entering college. It is claimed that the city candidates in particular benefit greatly by this regulation.)

The Deaconesses working under our Department and engaged primarily in Maori work are rendering very fine service in their districts and amongst both brown and white women and children, and are a great force for righteousness and social uplift.

Spiritual Advance .

Under the blessing of God, the objectives of the Spiritual Advance Movement have been vigorously pursued during the year, and with gratifying results.

Deputation.

We are pleased to be able to report that in a great many Circuits and H.M. Stations the decisions of Conference regarding visits of inspiration by ministers and laymen have been faithfully carried out, and have been the means of spiritual stimulus and evangelistic success. Our thanks are cordially given to all who have so cheerfully undertaken this service in the interests of the Kingdom of God.

Evangelistic Missions.

The Board was unable to secure any definite information concerning Rev Tom Sykes's projected visit to Australia and New Zealand. Consequently there was no opportunity to secure his services. But early in the year, after securing information from Circuits and Home Mission stations interested, the Board engaged Mrs F. M. Cribb, who was in New Zealand for health reasons, to conduct a series of missions. Mrs Cribb came to us with the highest possible credentials from the Queensland Methodist Conference, under whose authority she had served as evangelist for the previous three years. Prior to that she had served the Church in China for fifteen years, where she established the Japanese Christian Mission in Shanghai, and before going to China was employed as an evangelist by the English Wesleyan Conference.

Mrs Cribb has conducted a series of missions at Port Albert, Paparoa, Helensville, Auckland Central Mission, Penrose, Te Awamutu, Wanganui, Gonville, Pahiatua, Foxton and Te Kuiti. These missions have been fruitful in the reconsecration of Christian lives, and the winning of many—especially of the young—to the service of Jesus Christ. The committee expressed its appreciation of the splendid services rendered by Mrs Cribb.

Much thought has been given to the programme of Spiritual Advance for 1929. The Board 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, and of the General Resolutions on Page 122-3, Min. of Conf., 1928, and strongly advocate a continuance of the policy of well organised visits to Circuits and H.M. stations by special deputations of ministers and laymen in the interests of Spiritual Advance, who shall stress the necessity of a Religion of Experience by means of group fellowship.

We recommend:—

- (a) That, wherever practicable, District H.M. Committee executives or May Synods shall appoint as early as possible after Conference, a number of small deputations of ministers and laymen, so that each Circuit and H.M. station in the district may be visited. The deputation shall lay special emphasis on the idea of Christian fellowship, and on religion as a vital personal experience. It is urged that each deputation shall conduct a model fellowship meeting in every place visited. The Spiritual Advance Committee is to prepare a pamphlet for the use of deputations, suggesting methods of procedure.
- (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 deputations be composed of speakers outside the bounds of the Circuit or Circuits to be visited. It should be the aim of each Synod to draw as many ministers and laymen as possible into this deputation work.

- (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) That in each district May Synod, one session shall be set aside as a "retreat" for fellowship and the discussion of the problems of religious experience.
- (e) That in each district, wherever possible, ministers and home missionaries be urged to form Fellowship Groups, wherever possible, which shall meet at frequent intervals during the year.
- (f) It is noted with pleasure that the interest in open-air work is growing in many places, and it is urged that special attention, where practicable, be given to this effective means of presenting the Christian Evangel.
- (g) That the necessity of holding prayer meetings, before or after Sunday services, be repeatedly urged upon our people.
- (h) That the importance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as a most helpful means of deepening and enriching Christian experience be increasingly stressed from all our pulpits.
- (i) That the policy of continuing evangelistic missions wherever possible be strongly advocated.
- (j) That each district make its own financial arrangements to meet the expenses incurred.
- (k) That the Home Mission and Contingent Funds each make a grant up to £50 to the Spiritual Advance Committee.

Literature and Colporteur Work.

Our Colporteurs have been working in North Auckland, Waikato, King Country, Taranaki, Manawatu, Wairarapa and Hawke's Bay. They will now work north along the East Coast, and will probably reach Thames by the end of the year. They are having many interesting experiences, and are doing splendid work. The appointment of an experienced man as manager of the depot has resulted in a more, a better and select range of literature being provided, thus greatly enhancing the value of the Colporteur work. We confidently anticipate that this improvement will continue until we reach our ideal of truly expert service in this very important field. If the rising generation, both Pakeha and Maori, can be led to read more wisely and widely, they will think on deeper and more progressive lines. We are seeking to follow Wesley's example and ideals in all these matters. The Book Depot is steadily developing, and we desire all our country ministers and home missionaries to interest themselves in the matter of getting a regular supply of the right type of literature into all possible homes throughout their Circuits and stations. Many parents who will not move in this matter themselves would gladly supply the needs of the household under the advice and counsel of their ministers. If the literature cannot be secured locally, our depot or other literature depots will supply it by post on approval.

Our business manager is an expert on general literature as well as devotional reading matter, and his advice is always available to our people.

Last year the General Superintendent gave up his office almost entirely to literature storage, etc. This was a very serious handicap to his office work. A rearrangement was made possible this year by the General Secretary of Foreign Missions kindly exchanging offices, and the large room adjoining is now used as a book depot.

The literature and Colporteur year ends on January 31, and the balance-sheet will be submitted as usual direct to Conference.

Maori Work.

The Maori work is dealt with fully in the superintendents' report, but one or two matters must be referred to in this departmental report. There is no doubt whatever but that steady progress has been made during this year. Each minister and home missionary now sends, on the printed form supplied, a monthly report of his own and the Circuit work to his superintendent. After the quarterly meeting, the superintendent sends these reports with his comments thereon to the Home Mission Office. Many definite cases of conversion have taken place, and in most areas the work is most encouraging. Great care was taken last year in recommending changes of appointments to the Stationing Committee. Some of the least popular of these changes have proved to be most beneficial.

The Senior Superintendent of the Maori Mission, Rev Robert Tahu-potiki Haddon, still continues to render very valuable service to the New Zealand Alliance, and the Alliance has forwarded to us a letter expressing very high appreciation of Mr Haddon's work, and also of the service rendered by Mr Seamer as chairman of the Alliance Maori Work Committee. There is no doubt that alcohol is the arch-enemy of the Maori. Every restraint placed on its manufacture or distribution is of great importance to our work.

The establishment of National Prohibition would be of incalculable benefit to the remnant of the Maori race.

The recent Royal Commission on Confiscated Maori Lands, etc., has presented a report which amply justifies the attitude taken and the opinions expressed by our Methodist Maori missionaries all through the intervening years. We trust that the Government will immediately take steps to carry out both the letter and spirit of that report, and will see that the compensation awarded is wisely used in the development of the social and industrial life of the survivors of the tribes concerned. Maoris who are landless through excessive confiscation should be provided with land forthwith from the lands owned by the Government. Simple healthful houses should be provided. This should take precedence of any money payments whatever. For almost sixty years our Methodist missionaries have been pleading for at least some such adjustment as the Royal Commission has now recommended, and it would be ironical indeed if, now that a measure of justice is to be done in monetary payments, etc., those payments proved a curse (as certain others have done) rather than a blessing to the tribes concerned. As leading chiefs have so often stated, the only compensation worth considering is assistance to mend the heart that was broken, to cleanse and heal the septic wound, and place the feet of the remnant of the race in the path of true progress.

We are glad to note that the Prime Minister has forecasted the appointment of another Commission to clear up the other grievances that have not yet been dealt with. No country can prosper unless its Government is prepared to inquire into and adjust the legitimate grievances of its citizens

Home Mission Stations.

The majority of our H.M. stations are undoubtedly making steady and satisfactory progress. The Spiritual Advance Movement has reached them directly or indirectly, and in a very fair proportion of the stations there are distinct evidences of a deepening spiritual life. But the conditions of life in both city and country Home Mission stations are such that our workers must necessarily be greatly handicapped as compared to those labouring in the average Circuit.

The placing by Conference of certain stations under the supervision of adjacent Circuit Superintendents has had good results. In some cases we find that the Circuit officials have also become interested in the struggling Home Mission Stations near at hand, and "the strong" reach out a helping hand to "the weak." This is Christianity, and genuine Methodism.

The following stations should, within a few years, be constituted Circuits and ordained ministers appointed: Port Albert, Hokianga (Rawene), Te Puke, Oxford, Mosgiel and Riverton. But in none of these cases should any alteration be made until the present married home missionaries in charge have completed full terms.

There are no H.M. appointments held by single men at present that are likely to be available in the near future as married men's appointments. As a matter of fact there are married men now at six appointments that should be filled by unmarried ministerial probationers or H.M. probationers if such were available. This would save the H.M. Fund at least £400 per annum.

Aided Circuits.

Speaking generally, the aided Circuits are progressing and developing sufficiently to more than justify the grants that they are receiving. There are, however, some very striking exceptions to this rule, and we are calling, through the District H.M. Committees, the attention of the Synods concerned to these cases with a view to securing the necessary alterations of boundaries or change of policy. Most of the aided Circuits are doing real Home Mission work, and are just as worthy of assistance as Home Mission Stations, provided that they work on progressive and economical lines.

Church Extension.

There are many indications that if the old Methodist spirit of aggressive Christianity could be further developed in our Circuits some very fine extension work could be done immediately.

The Board strongly recommends that District H.M. Committees be requested to review the needs of the whole of their districts, and consider carefully the provision made both within and without the present Circuit boundaries for the progress and development of the work. Until late years New Zealand Methodism was perhaps inclined to spread itself too widely, and to endeavour to cover more ground, in both Maori and Pakeha fields, than its staff and financial resources justified. But at the present time many Circuits are swinging to the other extreme.

Local Preachers and S.S. Teachers.

A very great deal of fine H.M. and Church extension work is being done by honorary preachers and teachers. Many of these workers travel outside of their own Circuits, some of them indeed travel great distances at their own expense, to carry the message where it is urgently needed. These devoted workers are playing an important part in building up the Kingdom of Christ in this Dominion amongst both Maoris and

Europeans. There is, however, equal opportunities awaiting hundreds more of such workers, and we appeal to the gifted young men and women to qualify themselves and take up this work.

Circuits that have been Granted Relief because of Periods of Depression.

Marton is rapidly recovering, and there are good reasons for the hope that, if granted relief for another year, this Circuit will again be able to meet its obligation

Mahurangi, Paparoa and Otautau are also making steady recovery, and should probably receive ministerial appointments when the present married Home Missionaries in charge have completed their terms, but not earlier. Untimely removals of married Home Missionaries who have tided Circuits through difficult periods are highly detrimental to permanent progress.

The Synods concerned might with advantage give consideration to the status of Taihape and Waipawa which, judging by the grants required and other evidence, are not nearly as strong or progressive as our average Home Mission Stations.

Circuits Due to Take Married Ministers.

In granting relief year after year to comparatively wealthy Circuits that could afford to fulfil their obligation without a H.M. grant, and appointing the married ministers to Circuits that cannot support them without heavy grants, the Conference has been making a use of the Home Mission Fund that was never made in the early days of the fund, and which, in the opinion of the Board, is quite unjustified. In this connection the following circuits must be mentioned—Wellington South (second); Christchurch, Durham Street (second); Dunedin, Trinity (second); Hamilton (second), and Wellington, Kilbirnie (second).

Blenheim (second) and Wanganui (second) are also overdue, but they have been providing for married probationers.

Had the Circuits mentioned above, and also Wellington (Taranaki Street (second)), received married ministers when due, married Home Missionaries appointed to the corresponding number of weak Circuits thus relieved, and the unmarried men appointed to progressive, but financially weak places, the H.M. Fund would have been saved hundreds of pounds per annum, and more progressive work would have been accomplished.

Some Circuits that would scorn to take a Home Mission grant lean very heavily in an indirect way upon the H.M. Fund.

Every appointment that continues as an unmarried man's appointment longer than four years must, in justice to other places, be looked upon as costing the H.M. Fund equal to a grant of the difference between the cost of a married agent's support and that of an unmarried agent. Where substantial progress is being made, and a sufficiently large sphere of service is being made available to the probationers, the Board does not oppose relief for reasonable periods, but the cases mentioned should be very carefully considered by the District Synods concerned and by Conference.

Circuit Boundaries.

The Board is disappointed that the District Committees have not so far been able to suggest remedies for some of the most obvious inequalities. For instance, why should such limited spheres be provided for the able men appointed to St Clair, N.E. Valley, Kaponga and Cashmere when there is such need for aggressive work close at hand in adjacent under-staffed Circuits.

Status and Staffing.

In order to provide for ministers returning to Circuit work, and also for ministers and Home Missionaries who may marry next year, some six additional furnished parsonages may be required in April, and these should undoubtedly be provided by strong Circuits that are overdue, and which still have unmarried men. Even should a H.M. grant be necessary, this should be given rather than force the married men upon stations where the H.M. Fund would have to meet the whole expense involved.

The line drawn in our Church organisation between the Home Mission Station and the aided Circuit is at times very arbitrary, and a handicap to suitable stationing. This will be increasingly so as time goes on, unless it be clearly recognised by the officials of these stations or Circuits that Conference must assert, whenever necessary, its undoubted right to alter the status of any aided Circuit or Home Mission Station should the exigencies of stationing require such adjustment. Sometimes married men's Circuits, simply because of their status, have during a shortage of married ministers, been able to secure unmarried agents, while struggling Home Mission Stations have been forced to accept married agents or none at all. On the other hand, financially independent Home Mission Stations have sometimes declined to assume responsibility as Circuits, and have wrongly held that they had the right to retain H.M. status as long as they desired to do so. The Board recommends that Conference establish certain H.M. unmarried agent stations, such as Upper Hutt, Hikurangi, Mangonui and Huntly as Circuits in order that probationers might be appointed. There is great opportunity for vigorous men in these stations. The conditions at these and other such stations call for an aggressive policy, and demand the services of the probationers that they have been utilised all too long at unprogressive posts.

Conclusion.

From the days of the great European War, when our staff was so sadly depleted, our department has been grappling with difficulties and problems of a magnitude little dreamed of by the majority of our people. But in many respects the work is now becoming stabilised. For His guidance and blessing in even the darkest days we give thanks to the Heavenly Father. We have now reached a stage in the development of our Methodist Church life and work throughout the Dominion that calls for a steady forward movement in every Circuit and Home and Maori Mission Station. Many preachers and officials are feeling, and, responding to the 'urge of this new day. It is high time that the Church called all her pessimists to believing prayer and active service.

Undoubtedly our New Zealand Church is now in a position to worthily sustain and develop our Home Mission, Church Extension, Maori Mission and Literature and Colporteur Work.

The outstanding need of our Church organisation to-day is a more adequate supply of gifted, energetic and spiritually-minded young men and women as ministers, home missionaries and deaconesses. The fact that we are more fully staffed than other New Zealand churches should not cause us to overlook our own deep and great need in this respect.

Granted the most desirable young men of our congregations come forward as candidates for this greatest and grandest possible sphere of work, our Church could rapidly, by Methodist simplicity and directness of teaching and Methodist experimental religion and fellowship, make a

great impact on the rising generation, and within the next decade resume her proper place in the van of the forces of aggressive Christianity. To this ideal we press forward. We recognise that God is not a respecter of persons or peoples, but we believe that he is a respecter of principles, character and practice.

Signed on behalf of the H.M. Board

W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

E. DRAKE, Secretary.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

The Report, the Balance-sheet, and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Literature and Colporteur Society were received and adopted.

The Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1929 were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference place on record its high appreciation of the efficient work of the General Superintendent, and that he be heartily thanked for his services.
2. That the Conference designate the Rev. A. J. Seamer for appointment in 1930 for a further term to the office of General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department.
3. That after careful consideration, difficulty having been found in making a nomination to the position of Assistant Superintendent of an ordained minister, who would be free to take office in 1929, Mr C. Strand be appointed as "Supply" to the office for a term of two years, and that his services be used chiefly in the H.M. Stations and neglected areas.
4. That in the future the first as well as the second draft of the H.M. Station Sheet be prepared by the Conference H.M. Committee and not by the H.M. Board.
5. That the recommendations of various Synods concerning the H.M. Retiring Fund be referred to the H.M. Board for full consideration, and report to the 1930 Conference through the District Synods.
6. (a) That after this year, the H.M. Estimates of Expenditure be based on the average ordinary income of the preceding three years.
(b) That the present method of estimating at Synod and Conference the probable income for the H.M. Fund from Circuits for the ensuing year be discontinued.
(c) That the H.M. Board, in consultation with the District H.M. Committee, suggest by letter to each Circuit an amount as a target for the Circuit in connection with the annual appeal.
7. **Establishment of Methodist Hostels.** (Minute of Conference, page 122, par 10.)
The Board has approached the District Committees concerned. The North Canterbury Committee is giving the matter serious consideration.
8. **Clause 22, page 127, Book of Laws.** (Minute of 1928 Conference, page 122, par. 12.)

That this clause be deleted, as it is obsolete in its present form, and even if amended and brought up to date would probably be of no value, as other regulations cover the ground.

9. The Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board.

(Minute of 1928 Conference, page 123.)

The Board has been duly established and incorporated, and has already done some valuable work.

10. Maori Girls' School. (Minute of 1928 Conference, page 128.)

The Board has been in touch during the year with the Executives of the Women's Missionary Union and the Y.W.B.C. Union. Both of these organisations are deeply interested in the establishment of a College that would specialise in instruction in Domestic Science and Hygiene, etc., and are directly and indirectly assisting the steady accumulation of funds. There is nothing further to report at present. In the meantime the General Treasurer will gladly receive contributions towards this most worthy object.

11. Visit of Rev. Tom Sykes to New Zealand. (Minute of 1928 Conference, page 53, par. 2.)

There has been some correspondence on this matter, but nothing definite has as yet been before the Board.

12. Additional Income.

That in view of the heavy commitments made by the Conference this year in the Home and Maori Mission work all circuits and Home Mission Stations be urgently requested to do their utmost to raise at least ten per cent more than the amount shown on the Estimated Income for the current year."

Spiritual Advance.

1. That, wherever practicable, District H.M. Committee executives or May Synods shall appoint as early as possible after Conference, a number of small deputations of ministers and laymen, so that each Circuit and H.M. station in the district may be visited. The deputation shall lay special emphasis on the idea of Christian fellowship, and on religion as a vital personal experience. It is urged that each deputation shall conduct a model fellowship meeting in every place visited. The Spiritual Advance Committee is to prepare a pamphlet for the use of deputations, suggesting methods of procedure.
2. 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 deputations be composed of speakers outside the bounds of the Circuit or Circuits to be visited. It should be the aim of each Synod to draw as many ministers and laymen as possible into this deputation work.
3. 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.
4. As an alternative to the above proposals Districts may adopt the following method:
 - (a) In the larger centres simultaneous evangelistic services be held every Sunday evening throughout a month to be decided upon, when every Minister and Local Preacher shall do his utmost to secure decisions for Christ.

- (b) All Ministers and others taking part should endeavour to meet together each week during the month, for prayer, counsel, and progress reports; also that a meeting or series of meetings of all Preachers taking part be held prior to these special services for prayer and counsel.
5. That in each District May Synod, one session shall be set aside as a "retreat" for fellowship and the discussion of the problems of religious experience.
 6. That in each district, Ministers and Home Missionaries be urged to form Fellowship Groups, wherever possible, which shall meet at frequent intervals during the year. It is recommended that "The Message of the Jerusalem Missionary Conference" be studied during the year.
 7. That a special Spiritual Advance Committee be set up in each District to organise, direct, and vitalise the movement in all the Circuits and preaching places concerned; this Committee to be set up and to function as soon as possible after Conference.
 8. It is noted with pleasure that the interest in open-air work is growing in many places, and it is urged that special attention, where practicable, be given to this effective means of presenting the Christian Evangel.
 9. That the necessity of holding prayer meetings, before or after Sunday services, be repeatedly urged upon our people.
 10. That the importance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as a most helpful means of deepening and enriching Christian experience be increasingly stressed from all our pulpits.
 11. That the policy of continuing evangelistic missions wherever possible be strongly advocated.
 12. That each District make its own financial arrangements to meet the expenses incurred.
 13. That the Home Mission and Contingent Funds each make a grant up to £50 to the Spiritual Advance Committee.

Thanks.

- That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the General Treasurer, Rev. G. Bond, for his valuable services. That he be appointed with an honorarium of £50, and that arrangements be made for the office staff to relieve him of detail work as far as possible.
- That Mr J. Veale be heartily thanked for his services as Lay Treasurer, and that he be reappointed.
- That Mr. Walter Ambury be thanked for his assistance as acting Lay Treasurer in Mr. Veale's absence, and also for his very helpful services in connection with the Book Depot.
- That Rev. E. Drake be thanked for his efficient services as Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Chairman of the Executive, and Editor of the H.M. General Column in the "Methodist Times."
- That Rev. E. T. Olds be thanked for his services as Secretary to the Executive.
- That Rev. A. Liversedge be thanked for his services as Editor of the Spiritual Advance Column in the "Methodist Times."
- That Mr. G. O. Blakey be thanked for his services as Treasurer of the Literature and Colporteur Society.

- That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. Dr. H. Ranston and the Rev. F. E. Leadley for their work as Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Spiritual Advance Committee.
- That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. W. Rowe and Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall for their work as Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Literature and Colporteur Society Committee.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

That the following be the members of the Board for 1929:—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. W. Hemer, D. L. Thomas, T. L. Hames, A. L. Caughey, G. Wilson, Mrs Smethurst, Misses Mather and I. Jones. Convener, the General Superintendent. Secretary, Rev. E. T. Olds.

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. McArthur.
 Wellington—Rev. J. Dennis.
 Nelson—Rev. J. H. Haslam.
 North Canterbury—Rev. L. B. Neale.
 South Canterbury—Rev. J. Harris.
 Otago-Southland—Rev. J. A. Lochore.

Sub-Districts Home Mission Secretaries.

Hawke's Bay—Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.
 Southland—Rev. S. Bailey.

DISTRICT HOME MISSION COMMITTEES.

Auckland—The Superintendent Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Rev. E. T. Olds, the Home Missionary of the Auckland Central Mission, Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, W. S. Mackay, G. O. Blakey, W. Ambury, E. O. Chivers, A. Peak, J. Veale, F. W. Stone and W. S. Stone. Convener, Rev. E. T. Olds.

South Auckland—The Superintendents of Hamilton, Te Awamutu, Te Aroha, Morrinsville, and the Home Missionary at Ngaruawahia, Messrs. J. S. Tidd, J. T. Johnson, C. Raynor and F. West. Convener, Rev. E. E. Sage.

Taranaki-Wanganui—The chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth, Stratford and Waitara Circuits, R. Tapp (Home Missionary), Messrs C. E. Bellringer, R. Pepperell, P. J. White, C. Carter, A. G. Fischer, E. Taylor, J. T. Griffin, P. Okey, A. J. McLeaney, E. Dixon, and T. P. Hughson. Convener, Rev. R. B. Gosnell.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Ministers of Palmerston North, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Sanson-Rongotea, Woodville and Pahiatua Circuits, the Home Missionaries of 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. Fowler, C. E. Taylor, W. Kilvington and J. Chrystall. Convener, Rev. J. D. McArthur.

Sub-committee (Hawke's Bay)—Ministers of Napier, Hastings, Waipawa Circuits, Messrs J. H. Oldham, L. A. Denton, H. R. French, E. E. Bott. Corresponding member, Rev. G. Frost. Convener, Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.

Wellington—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. J. Dennis.

Nelson—Ministers of Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Circuits, and Messrs. S. Gorman, A. A. Lucas, A. G. Nightingale, J. Jordan and G. W. Nuttall. Convener, Rev. J. H. Haslam.

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 member). Convener, Rev. J. Harris.

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

Sub-committee (Southland)—Ministers of the Invercargill, Bluff and Gore Circuits, the Home Missionary at Riverton, Messrs. P. A. Pearce, F. W. Preddy, A. S. Froggatt, G. R. Brown and A. Mitchell. 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.

As the years go by different influences and Movements swing great sections of the Maori Race to and fro, but our Methodist Maori Church still stands firmly on the Rock, Christ Jesus, Who is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever."

Confronted by difficulties that are little dreamed of by most of our European brethren, our workers are going steadily forward with the evangelisation and social amelioration of the Maori people.

All fair-minded men who read carefully the Report of the recent Royal Commission on Maori grievances will get a glimpse of the almost insurmountable obstacles we have been and are still confronted with.

Our progress is slow, but very definite. Allowing for a certain ebb and flow that is always in evidence, we can report real progress in most districts.

Unfortunately for our workers, the remnant of the Maori Race is becoming more and more scattered. Also the struggle to raise the standard of living amongst our people creates economic problems of peculiar difficulty. Sometimes we wish that our people were living closer together themselves and altogether apart from Europeans, so that they could live more naturally and simply instead of being forced to adapt themselves to the complex civilisation which is now pressing upon them from all sides.

Auckland Circuit.

The Auckland Circuit, which included the North Auckland Peninsular and the whole area of the Auckland Church District, is making headway under the very able guidance of the Circuit Superintendent, Rev. Eruera Te Tuhi. Assisted by six colleagues and a loyal band of Lay Preachers, Mr. Te Tuhi is pushing forward, and insisting on regular and systematic work. In some of these areas the Mormon heresy is a great hindrance to the proper development of our work, but the power of that superstition is decreasing.

Sister Eleanor Dobby continues to do good work amongst the women and children in her great Hokianga District—one of the very few Districts where the Maori population outnumbers the Pakeha.

Sister Nicholls has oversight of the children on the East Coast and in Kaipara and Auckland, and has many local assistants.

Miss Ivy Jones has recently been appointed to assist in the organisation of the work in and around Auckland City and suburbs, where many Maoris are now resident.

South Auckland and King Country Circuit.

The Circuit Superintendent, Rev. Hori Kakuere, with the assistance of his five colleagues and a few Local Preachers, covers the West Coast District from Mercer and Mokau and across to the centre of the Island. This is an area in which the people for the most part turned their backs on civilisation over sixty years ago, after the misunderstandings with the Government and Settlers that led up to the greater troubles which arose during the Waikato Wars. The leading chief, King Te Rata, and the great majority of his colleagues have become very sympathetic with our work of late years. But the wonderful Mission garden of 75 years back was, like that of Taranaki, almost entirely destroyed by the upheavals of the sixties, and is now all overgrown with noxious weeds. What is still more unfortunate, the soil is full of their seeds. We face here, as in Taranaki, one of the most difficult Missionary problems of modern times.

But the work of the early Missionaries was never completely destroyed, and now, after many years of tending the few plants that survived the great upheaval, we are diligently cultivating again quite a lot of garden. We are busy ploughing and planting and weeding morning, noon and night.

Sister Nicholls has the oversight of the Women's and Children's work in this large area as well as in part of the Auckland Circuit. She has had a measure of assistance from Maori students, and Students Snowden and Hobbs, of Deaconess House, have now been designated to fill the two vacancies. With this strengthening of the Staff we expect to see a distinct forward movement in this work that is already influential and extensive. Many honorary workers, both Pakeha and Maori, are rendering valuable assistance to Sister Nicholls.

King Country Hospital.

With the building and equipment of a magnificent Public Hospital at Te Kuiti it was thought that perhaps our very useful Institution should be moved into areas still neglected. We find, however, that the Matron has her hands as full as ever. Furthermore, as Te Kuiti is centrally situated, and one of the most important aspects of our medical work is its value as a generally educative influence, the work will be continued at Te Kuiti as at present for a time at least.

Taranaki-Waimarino Circuit.

This Circuit included the West Coast from Mokau River to Wellington, and runs inland to a line which includes Ohakune, Raetihi, and the Upper Wanganui River. The Senior Superintendent is resident in this Circuit, which has in addition a Staff of three ordained Ministers and one Home Missionary. There are very few Local Preachers in this area, and we have only two churches (buildings).

The work is, however, more encouraging than it has been at any time since the Taranaki Wars, and the Circuit Superintendent, Rev. R. P. Rakena, is very persistent in his efforts to establish regular services and methodical financial measures. Parts of the Circuit are, however, not yet being reached in a methodical way. But that will come in time.

Sister Alice Howell, who did very earnest work in Taranaki for some years, has retired from full work on account of ill-health. Sister Foster is now in charge of the Women's and Children's Work in the Northern part of the Circuit, and Sister Gittos, resident at Ratana Pa, is working amongst the women and children of that area.

Ratana Movement.

We have nothing to add to or detract from what we have said in earlier reports concerning that Movement. There is every reason to be thankful that we have been able to watch its developments without prejudice, and to correctly estimate the various phases this most interesting Movement has passed through.

South Island.

Our South Island people are under the pastoral oversight of the adjacent Pakeha Circuit ministers, but it is the rule to send a Maori minister through the chief Maori areas at least every six months. Rev. R. P. Rakena made a detailed visitation in the autumn, and the Rev. E. C. Haddon has the early summer visitation in hand.

Of late years certain developments in Maori thought and life made the South Island Maori work more difficult than ever for most of the Pakeha ministers who had it in hand. But the way is opening up now for more effective service than ever, and we earnestly request the Ministers and Local Preachers concerned to try and establish regular services and Sunday Schools at all adjacent Maori pahs.

Literature.

The Literature and Colporteur work has been of great value to the Mission. But we urgently need more good literature in the Maori language. We are gratified to know that the Literature and Colporteur Committee has decided to publish further leaflets and booklets at an early date, and we hope that friends of the Maori will send in some special subscriptions to assist in meeting the heavy outlay involved.

Staff.

We have now eighteen ordained Maori Ministers and Home Missionaries and seven Deaconess Organisers. One Home Missionary is resting for the year. The rest of the Staff have their hands full of work, and year by year are discovering more effective methods of work. They are up against indescribable difficulties, and appreciate it greatly when their Pakeha colleagues in adjacent Circuits show a kindly interest in the Mission work.

Students.

We are glad to report that two eminent Maori youths are taking a College course with a view to entering the ministry, and that two Maori maidens are taking a course at Deaconess House. Several other promising younger students have Mission work in view.

Finance.

The financial side of our work is exceedingly difficult, but we are glad to be able to report that the income to the Home Mission Fund over the local working expenses will be more than that of past years. We are doing all that is advisable to impress upon our people their responsibility in this matter.

Signed on behalf of the H.M. Board,

W. J. ELLIOTT,

Chairman, President of Conference of District.

ROBERT TAHUPOTIKI HADDON,

Senior Maori Superintendent.

A. J. SEAMER,

General Superintendent.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTION.

That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Senior Maori Superintendent for his work during the year, and also for his efforts on behalf of Prohibition.

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

AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

We are glad to be able to report a marked advance in the work of our Central Mission in Auckland.

After only two years of activity, our organisation compares favourably with any of its kind in this city.

The policy adopted is one of steady advance toward the establishing of a Social Service worthy of our Church, and with the wonderful support given by the business community and the various Churches and Guilds throughout the Province, our work has been crowned with success.

Social Service.

During the winter we distributed to the poor and needy no less than 10,000 parcels of food and clothing, and provided 5000 beds and meals for workless men. During the worst period of depression we were dealing with 200 cases per day. The work of investigating these and providing for their needs has kept us very busy; nevertheless, we have maintained our full programme of weekly meetings.

One of the most successful ventures of the year has been the establishing of the Business Men's Relief Service. Business men in the city are repeatedly being called upon by persons seeking charity, and under this scheme they simply sign a card introducing the case to the Missioner, who investigates it and provides relief in cases of genuine hardship. This Service has been welcomed by all business men, and is receiving very wide support.

Deaconesses.

Early in the year Sister Olive left us to take up work in Wellington, and we were very fortunate in securing the valuable services of Sister Bessie. No one will realise the magnitude of the task which Sister Bessie undertook and has carried out so well. Besieged at all hours with calls for food and clothing, she has toiled month in and month out without a day's relaxation. Fortunately, she was not long with us before she enlisted the support of a willing band of helpers, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. Under her wise supervision, all branches of the Deaconess work have made great progress, and her name, with that of the M.C.M., will be long and gratefully remembered by hundreds of city's less fortunate.

Sunday Services.

With such a full programme of social work, little time could be spared for concentration on these services, but we are gradually building up a band of worthy helpers, and the Mission has won many new friends. Plans have been carefully prepared for holding theatre services in Queen Street, and in the near future we hope to launch out on a campaign which will reach those outside and bring lasting results in our spiritual work.

Finance.

As our work is almost solely among people who cannot give great monetary help, we must depend upon the generosity of Methodist people throughout the Province for financial assistance. We estimate our annual expenditure for the maintenance of our Circuit work at £500, and although our Circuit debt amounts to £227 at present, we are confident that our people will allow us to carry on our work, which we know to be of great benefit to the city, without undue concern in this direction. We are deeply grateful to the Pitt Street Trustees, who are paying the stipend of Sister Bessie; also to the East Street Trustees for a grant of £25 per quarter. These gifts, with our Home Mission Grant, make our task considerably lighter. It is our policy to use all moneys subscribed by the public entirely for the relief of distress; thus we render 100 per cent. charity with all money given for the purpose.

We thank our Eternal Father for this unfailing goodness toward us, and we look forward to the future for times of great blessing and increased opportunity for service.

C. G. SCRIMGEOUR, Missioner.

November, 1928.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference record its appreciation of the work done by the Staff of the Mission during the year. It realises the difficult nature of the work and the splendid services given by Missioner Scrimgeour, assisted by Sister Bessie.
2. That for this year the Auckland Central Mission be placed under the immediate direction of the Home Mission Board, the Board to work in association with the officials who are the members of the Mission Quarterly Meeting.
3. That the cordial appreciation of the Conference be expressed to the anonymous donor who has guaranteed the support of a Probationer to assist in the work of the Auckland Central Mission.
4. That Missioner C. G. Scrimgeour be appointed Official Prison Chaplain.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

It is with great joy we present this Report to Synod concerning the outstanding activities of the Mission during the past year. In every department the work has been fully maintained. It is probably true to say that the Mission presents an opportunity for inspiring youth with religious ideals which is without parallel in the Methodist Church of this land. The major portion of the Sunday evening congregation is comprised of young men and women who are at the most impressionable period of their lives. It is our aim to present to them Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, their Exemplar, and their abiding Companion. It is our firm belief that the services are of such a nature as to leave an indelible impression for good upon their lives. Throughout the year the congregations have been well maintained, despite very powerful secular counter attractions, which tend to make religious work difficult for all the Churches.

Social.

In common with other parts of the Dominion, unemployment has been very prevalent, causing a considerable amount of distress. The resources of the Mission have been taxed more heavily than for some years past. In addition to the distribution of clothing, &c., we have expended the sum of £156 in relieving cases of distress. This statement, however, is but a poor indication of the real worth of our social activities. The best and by far the most permanent results of social work can never be tabulated, nor even stated. It consists in putting new heart into the downcast, providing new friendships for the lonely, and giving new sympathy to the sorrowful. The splendid work being accomplished by Sister Hazel was recognised by the Dunedin "Evening Star," which published a special report of her activities as a "social worker," as well as through the agency of the Luncheon Club and Rest Room. The report states:—"Sister Hazel's advice has invariably proved eminently sound in every respect, and has been a source of great comfort to many, who have every reason to feel grateful for guidance at critical points in their lives. Many destitute women, without homes or shelter, have come to her for assistance. Mothers with daughters at a difficult age, and worried by domestic troubles, seek her advice, and in many cases reconciliations have been effected. Well-educated girls of a very fine type come to her seeking friendship. In fact, Sister Hazel has been called upon to assist in problems affecting every phase of social and domestic life."

We earnestly desire the time when it will be possible to considerably augment the social work in the city through the services of other Deaconesses.

Finance.

For the fifth year in succession, by means of debt reduction efforts, including a Sale of Work, the Trustees have been enabled to pay £1000 off the mortgage, leaving the present debt at £6000. We are very grateful to all friends of the Mission who have helped to achieve this result.

The Hall.

The property is being kept in good condition. During the year the whole of the interior of the Hall and the vestibule have been painted and decorated at a cost of £250, which amount the Trustees were not called upon to defray. We calculate that during the past six years renovations and improvements have cost approximately £3300. The Hall is a distinct credit to Methodism, and with the gradual reduction of the debt the Mission will be set free to more effectively fulfil its purpose as a centre of religious and social activity.

The Superintendent gratefully acknowledges the loyalty and whole-hearted co-operation of the officials and members of the Mission, which have made his ministry a constant joy and a happy memory.

W. WALKER, Superintendent.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTION.

That the Conference record its appreciation of the faithful work of the Rev. W. Walker, carried out during a period of six years as the Superintendent of the Mission. We note with joy the magnificent result of the Debt Reduction Scheme, and rejoice with Mr Walker that only the sum of £6000 remains as the debt upon this splendid property. That Conference also express its thanks to Sister Hazel for her efficient and self-denying work in connection with the Mission.

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

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTE.

REPORT FOR 1928.

It affords us much pleasure to report the continued efficient and smooth conduct of the Institute under the able Superintendency of Mrs. W. J. Williams.

At the Conference in March last Sister Margaret Jeffreys, of Auckland, and Sister Vivian Adkin were dedicated. The latter as a Missionary to the Solomon Islands, where she is now stationed at Bougainville.

Deaconess House dedication services were held for Sister Gertrude Barnett and for Sister Foster. Sister Foster commenced work at Hawera among the Maoris in May last.

Miss Hobbs, a second year student and a Certificated Midwifery Nurse, is taking further training at the Karitane-Harris Hospital in Dunedin in preparation for Maori work. Miss Hobbs and Miss Snowden complete their Deaconess House training at the close of the current year, and they have been designated for service under the Home Mission Board.

Miss Hayman, who has finished her course at Deaconess House, has also completed her first year's training at S. Helen's Hospital, will take the remaining year in Auckland prior to commencing work on the Maori Field. As this move meant Miss Hayman's departure from Christchurch and Deaconess House, a farewell and dedication service was held for her. The service was largely attended, and was highly inspiring and helpful to all present.

Sister Olive Coleman was during the year received into the Methodist Order of Deaconesses, and the Committee, in view of her service with the Auckland Central Mission and her present service in connection with Taranaki Street Church, have pleasure in recommending her, with Sister Foster, for dedication at the forthcoming Conference, subject to satisfactory reports from their superintendent ministers.

During the year Sister Winifred Beaumont was appointed to Wellington South; Sister Bessie Macfarlane to Auckland Central Mission; and Sister Olive Coleman to Taranaki Street Church.

Sister Alice Howell serving at Hawera, retired from Deaconess service in June last.

An interesting event of the year was the entry to Deaconess House of the first Maori students, Miss Kirkwood (Piungatai Kakuere), Miss Willcox (Atawhai Werekake), and Miss Nere Matoe, who are intended for the Maori work. They have made themselves much at home at Deaconess House, and the greatest goodwill and freedom has existed between themselves, the Deaconess students, and the Training College students. They have made satisfactory progress in their studies, which it is intended shall extend over a period of three years.

Sister Lenna Button, of Melbourne, who had seen several years' Deaconess service in that city, desired to avail herself of the training offered by our Institute, and entered the House for that purpose early in the year. Sister Lenna has exercised a helpful influence in the House generally, which has been appreciated by the Superintendent, Mrs. Williams.

The students have applied themselves with due diligence to their work generally, and the results of the several term examinations have been very satisfactory.

Students in training at this date are as follows:—Miss Hayman, Miss Snowden, Miss Hobbs, the two Maori girls (the third being intended for hospital training), Miss Parkinson, and Sister Lenna.

There have been 17 Training College and other students in residence, in addition to the Deaconess students, during the year. Increased accommodation make it possible to take 30, including the staff. Already vacancies are rapidly being booked for 1929.

Sister Ruth has returned from extended leave of absence, during which she visited England, Egypt, and Palestine, and returns with widened knowledge and a rich experience, which it is sincerely hoped may be fully utilised by our Church in the near future. The Committee welcomes Sister Ruth back to New Zealand, and is pleased to know of her restored health.

Six distinct meetings are held in the House regularly in connection with the Bible Class Movement, and the B.C. Leaders' Conference was held in Deaconess House at the beginning of this year.

During last Conference, held in Christchurch, over a hundred Conference representatives from other districts were at different times entertained, and pleasure and approval at the House and its appointments were freely expressed.

Since last reporting, two bedrooms have been added at a cost, with furnishings, of £255, while ample accommodation for bicycles has been provided, at a cost of £21. The present indebtedness on Deaconess House property stands at £2000.

The Committee desires again to acknowledge the very efficient manner in which the Institute has been conducted by the Superintendent (Mrs. W. J. Williams), and the valuable services and influence of the Hon. Chaplain, the Rev. W. J. Williams. The kindest feeling has existed in the House at all times.

To the Lecturers, the Revs. Liversedge, Neale, Sharp, Werren, Dudley, Lawrence and Blight, for their valuable and willing service the thanks of the Committee and the Church as a whole are due. Miss Beck's and Miss Wellsman's services as Lecturers in Nursing are also thankfully acknowledged.

The ladies of the House Committee, Mesdames Bowron, Lamb, Wilson, Salter, Sandford and Odell, and Sister Mabel Morley have been unremitting in their interest and assistance in all matters affecting the welfare of Deaconess House, and sincere thanks for their good services are here accorded them.

We desire to thank the Associate Members and other friends, who by their financial assistance and continued interest, have encouraged the work of the Institute.

We mention with appreciation the past services of the Revs. Hay, Harris and Speer, who have during the year left the North Canterbury district.

Application is herein made for the usual Conference grants, as follows:—Home Mission Board, £75; Foreign Mission Board, £75; Contingent Fund, £75; Connexional Insurance, £100.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1929:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, Rev. S. Lawry, the Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits, together with the Ministers appointed to New Brighton, Linwood, Edgeware 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, Sandford and Blight.

Deaconess House, besides being a Training Institute and a home for Training College students, has been the centre of much activity, and much relief work has been done among the needy of the city and suburbs. The Superintendent is frequently called upon for assistance, which, with the assistance of the Deaconess students, is freely rendered. Much has been done in this way, but there is urgent need for comprehensive Deaconess work.

The Committee is highly gratified at the appreciation of the work of the Deaconess Institute, as shown by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, by readily employing its trained Deaconesses in their respective fields of service, and asking for more. While the devotion to duty and the successful work of such appointees is cause for thankfulness and congratulation, the same appreciation of the need and value of such services is not so apparent in our home churches generally, and it is sincerely hoped that serious consideration may be given to the fact that there undoubtedly exists not only a wide scope but a real necessity for Deaconess service in connection with many of our home Circuits.

WM. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

C. A. NEWMAN, Secretary.

Deaconess House, 11th Oct., 1928.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference cordially approve of the request of the Committee that Sister Olive Coleman, of Wellington, and Sister Iris Foster, of Hawera, be dedicated at this Conference.
2. That Conference express its pleasure at hearing that Maori students for Deaconess' work are in training; also its appreciation of the Hostel accommodation, whereby our Methodist Young Women are assured of a suitable home under Christian influences.
3. That the Home Mission Board be requested to consider and report to next Conference on the matter of making a fuller use of trained young women in the work of our Circuits and Home Mission Stations.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Lady Superintendent, Mrs W. J. Williams, and to the Residential Chaplain, Rev W. J. Williams, for their faithful and efficient services; also to the lecturers, Misses Wellsman and Beck, Revs. A. Liversedge, L. B. Neale, H. A. Sharp, S. J. Werren, F. B. Lawrence and W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., and to the members of the House Committee.

5. That the Secretary and Treasurer, Mr C. A. Newman be thanked for his services and re-appointed.
6. That the Committee for 1929 be as recommended in the report, except that Mrs B. Metson takes the place of Mrs H. J. Odell.

OFFICIAL LIST OF DEACONESSES AND PROBATIONERS.

Home Work—

Deaconesses—

- *1908 Sister "Ruth" Fawcett, Durham Street South, Christchurch.
- *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, Airedale Street, Auckland.
- *1927 Sister "Margaret" Jeffreys, Pitt St., Auckland.
- *1928 Sister "Rita" Snowden, Raetihi.
- 1929 Sister "Olive" Coleman, Aro Street Mission, Wellington

Maori Work—

Deaconesses—

- *1921 Sister "Eleanor" Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
- 1921 Sister Nicholls, London Street, Hamilton.
- Sister "Alice" Howell, Hawera.
- 1927 Sister "Netta" Gittos.
- *1929 Sister "Iris" Foster, Hawera.
- 1929 Sister "Irene" Hobbs, Te Kuiti.

Foreign Work—

Deaconesses—

- *1913 Sister "May" Barnett, Solomon Islands.
- *1914 Sister "Lilian" Berry, Solomon Islands.
- *1922 Sister "Elizabeth" Common, Solomon Islands.
- *1922 Sister "Jean" Dalziel, Solomon Islands.
- *1926 Sister "Grace" McDonald, Solomon Islands.
- *1928 Sister "Vivian" Adkin, Solomon Islands.

Deaconess Resting—

- 1907 Sister "Mabel" Morley.
- *1914 Sister "Lily" White.
- 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.**

With gratitude to God we report another year's work on behalf of His little ones.

The year has been one of much activity, some children leaving and others admitted; our present roll number being as follows:—Wesley Home, 42; Epworth Home, 32; Epsom Home, 45; total, 119; and other applications pending. In addition, several of our elder boys who are at work are boarded out under our supervision.

The outstanding event of the year has been the retirement of Mrs Armitage from the position of matron of Mt. Albert. During eight years she devoted herself and her talents unstintedly and with good success to the care and nurture of the children, and in May last retired from the work with an enlarged circle of friends and an enhanced reputation as a gifted worker in the Lord's vineyard.

In Miss Johnston, from Canada, who, out of many applicants, was selected as Mrs Armitage's successor, we have a Methodist lady of culture and experience. Miss Johnston is successfully adapting herself to the work, and is gaining the love of the children and the confidence and esteem of those who work with her, Miss Coatman, after more than five years as Mrs Armitage's assistant in charge of "Epworth," has been appointed as matron, and is fully justifying her appointment. All the matrons gratefully acknowledge many gifts of fruit, produce, books, etc. In response to an appeal made by Mrs Everiss to Ladies' Guilds, enough quilts were sent in for forty-five Epsom beds, with some over for Mt. Albert, and the promise of more next winter.

Having no Boys' Hostel, we have found it necessary to board our elder boys. Though fortunate in securing good homes, we may not always be so fortunate, and the question of a Hostel is being closely investigated, with a view to providing a bright Christian Hostel for boys from fifteen to eighteen, not only from our Orphanages, but for others at that critical age, attending secondary schools or at work.

On May 8, the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall was again crowded for a spectacular entertainment, resulting from the training and direction of Mrs Armitage and Mrs Everiss and willing assistants. All acquitted themselves excellently, and the evening was a great success.

Health and conduct, with a few exceptions, have been good, and most gratifying reports have been received from the headmasters of the Gladstone School, Mt. Albert, and the Roskill School, Epsom.

While grateful for much liberality shown towards this work, we regret to report that we have again entrenched on capital in order to avoid a heavy overdraft on current account. On account of legacies announced last year, £221 has been received this year, and has been required for current expenditure. Our capital debt is over £7000, interest amounting to £410. To enable us to pay our way and as soon as possible reduce our capital debt, we hope to extend through our districts a sound policy of annual subscriptions, and to this end we solicit the cordial co-operation of Circuit ministers, office-bearers and members. We hope also that all our Sunday Schools will send us an annual contribution.

In recognition of long and exceptional service for the Orphanages, the Rev George Bond and Messrs J. Trounson and A. C. Caughey have been appointed Life Members of the Board of Management. The Board gratefully acknowledges invaluable assistance rendered by the Ladies' Committee, by Mrs Caughey, ex-president, and Mrs Peak, the new president, and by Miss A. Mason, honorary secretary. Their work is indispensable. The president and secretary of the Ladies' Committee have been appointed ex-officio members of the Board's Executive. Our official collectors, the Misses Mason and Stables, honorary medical advisers, Drs Harold Pettitt and Howard Thomas, also Mr A. Peak, solicitor, and other helpers too numerous to mention, have continued to render efficient service, and deserve our thanks.

We recommend that the Board of Management be as listed below.

W. J. ELLIOTT (President of Conference), Chairman.
S. GRIFFITH, Secretary.

October, 1928.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference express its high appreciation of this important philanthropy, and cordially thanks the Board, the Ladies' Committee, and the Matrons for their devoted services on behalf of the Orphans and needy children.
2. That Conference extend its welcome to Miss Johnston, from Canada, the new Matron of Wesley Home, Mt. Albert, and wishes her a happy and successful term of office.
3. While gratefully acknowledging the support given to this great work by our Churches and generous donors, Conference regrets to note that the necessary expenditure has again entrenched on Capital, and recommends effective organisation in every Circuit with a view to a substantial increase in annual subscriptions. Conference also urges a liberal response to the Christmas appeal on Orphanage Sunday.
4. Conference notes with profound regret the heavy loss sustained by the Board and the Methodist Church of New Zealand by the death in December last of Mr A. C. Caughey, who, in 1913, in conjunction with his sister, Mrs W. H. Smith, generously gave to the Church Wesley Home, Mt. Albert, as the first Methodist Orphanage in New Zealand, and has since fostered this expanding enterprise by wise counsel and generous gifts. This great loss is accentuated by the fact that a few weeks previously another heavy loss was sustained by the death of Mr H. P. Caughey, one of the most useful members of the Board. Conference directs that letters of condolence be sent to the bereaved families.
5. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented the Ladies' Committee, to the honorary medical advisers, Drs H. Pettitt and Howard Thomas; to Mr A. Peak, solicitor; to Rev. S. Griffith, secretary and treasurer; and to Mr A. Len Caughey, lay treasurer, and that they be re-appointed.
6. That Rev S. Griffith be appointed as manager, in accordance with the requirements of the State Welfare Department.

7. That Conference affirm the need for the setting up of a Connexional Orphanage Committee, to co-ordinate Orphanage Work, and refers this matter to the Auckland Board, who shall correspond with other Boards, and report to Synods and Conference, and shall also consider the question of co-ordination so as to secure lay representation in Conference.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR 1929.

Life Members—Rev. G. Bond, Mrs W. H. Smith, Messrs J. Trounson and W. Astley, Revs. W. J. Elliott, E. Drake, T. A. Joughin, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., G. T. Marshall, T. G. Brooke, C. Griffin, A. Ashcroft, W. A. Sinclair, the Superintendent of the Auckland Central Circuit, A. B. Chappell, M.A., J. F. Martin, J. H. Allen, J. Blight, H. Ryan, Mesdames A. C. Caughy, A. H. White, T. A. Joughin, E. Drake, T. Clark, F. Wilson, F. M. Winstone, A. Peak, H. P. Caughy, the Misses Kirk, Harvey, A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Messrs. J. E. Astley, A. Peak, G. M. Fowlds, T. Clark, E. O. Chivers, A. Trenwith, W. Ambury, E. A. Pearce, D. L. Thomas, L. Rudd, D. H. Thomas and B. L. Moody, Rev. S. Griffith (Secretary and Treasurer), Mr A. Len Caughy (Lay Treasurer).

B.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Another year of helpful work has been done in the Home, and our hearts are full of thankfulness to God for His help. During the seven years the Home has been open 83 children have been admitted, and for 49 of these suitable homes have been found. The boys and girls have carried with them the good impressions they have received.

Of the 34 boys and girls remaining in the Home, 30 have lost either one or both parents, and in the other cases very special circumstances justified their admission.

Some applicants for admission have been declined during the year, and we suggest that a law should be made which would place upon the State the responsibility of bringing back absconding fathers.

The children have done well at the day school and creditably passed their examinations.

The results of the Annual Home Scripture Examination show that the minds of the children are well stored with Bible truths.

The annual concert, which was given by the children to an audience which filled the hall was a good advertisement for the Home.

The health of the children has been excellent on the whole. During a serious scarlet fever epidemic among the school children of the district we had three mild cases among the children. Dr. N. H. Prior, our Honorary Medical Attendant, has continued his work of superintending the health of the residents in the Home. As a slight appreciation of his watchful care and the interest he displays in the work, the members of the Management Committee presented him with a large framed photo of the staff and children.

The members of our Management Committee have regularly attended our monthly business meetings and betrayed a deep interest in the welfare of the Home, and our thanks are due to the members of the Ladies' and Grounds Committee for their work.

The Staff.

Miss Allan, our Matron, has given every satisfaction in the capable manner in which she has managed the Home, and she has been loyally supported by Miss Webb, the Assistant Matron. After rendering very good service for several years, Miss Houghton has left, and the Management Committee made her a presentation as an appreciation of her work. Miss Lilly has recently joined the staff.

Finance.

Last Christmas the churches in the area served by the Home contributed £334 by their collections, against £311 the previous year. We feel the need of a number of reliable annual subscribers.

During the year we have received two bequests. One of £250 from the estate of the late Miss Jackson, of Petone, and £150 under the will of the late Mr. S. Cox, of Opunake.

We express our thanks to the many friends who helped us by gifts of clothing, food, etc.

An arrangement has been made by which members of the Management Committee conduct family prayers in the Home one evening each week. The arrangement is helpful to all concerned.

The following are nominated as the Board of Management for the coming year:—Revs J. Cocker, 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, H. J. Jones, and Dr. Prior; Mesdames J. Elliott, J. Cocker, E. O. Blamires, O. N. Pragnell, and Miss Burton. That Mr S. J. Smith be Chairman for the next year. That the Rev. J. Cocker be Secretary-Manager and Treasurer.

S. J. SMITH, Chairman.

J. COCKER, Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rev J. Cocker be appointed as manager in accordance with the requirements of the State Welfare Department.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the honorary medical adviser, Dr. N. Prior, and to the Rev. J. Cocker for his services as Secretary and Treasurer, and that they be re-appointed.

C.—THE SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

The Board desires to express its gratitude to God for another year's work and blessing. The year has brought its difficulties with it, but by the capable and devoted management of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes and Staff these have been successfully met. On every hand there are reasons for satisfaction and encouragement.

The number of children in our Home at present is 50. The proportion of boys and girls being equal; 25 of each.

For a number of years the Board has been indebted to the Presbyterian Church for its care of our Senior Boys in their Hostel. For this we wish to thank the Presbyterian Committee heartily. During this year, after long consideration, another course has been adopted

for the Senior Boys. Private homes have been secured for them, and they are now boarded out in Methodist families. This scheme is working admirably and is providing our boys with that home influence so essential for them at this period of life. The Board is grateful to our people who have opened their homes to them.

A cause for much thankfulness is the splendid health of the children this year. Although there has been somewhat of an epidemic of scarlet fever in Christchurch, our children have escaped it altogether; and the general health has been good.

During the year we sustained a heavy loss in the death of our devoted and much-loved Field Organiser, Rev. W. Laycock. He had the welfare of the Home very much at heart, and his work, done so conscientiously in the Circuits, continues to bear good fruit. The Rev. F. T. Read succeeds him and is doing good work.

The Bible Class Union invited the Senior Boys into the Bible Class Camp last Easter at Leeston. A number accepted the invitation, and at the Camp Service these boys heard and accepted Christ's challenge of life.

Our children did well in the Sunday School Examinations, 25 entered and these made a big contribution towards gaining the shield which the Papanui School won this year.

The Senior Boys who are of an age have all been found suitable employment in the city and are learning trades. Very gratifying reports of their progress come to hand from time to time.

During the year a Drying Room has been erected at a cost of £87. The Board wishes to place on record its thanks to Dr. Orchard for his gratuitous services, also thanks to Rev. Hopper, Chaplain to the Home.

The Ladies' Committee, always active, has earned the Board's thanks for their loyal support and co-operation during the past year.

The Home has many friends through the South Island who, by gifts of cash and kind, express their interest in our work. To all these we tender our sincere thanks.

During the year the following legacies have been received:—

Estates of the late—

	£	s.	d.
Geo. Sheat	50	0	0
Jas. Sinclair	20	0	0
Duncan McKenzie	825	0	0
S. T. Cox	150	0	0
W. F. Cheverton	154	3	2
Miss Jessie Kean	100	0	0
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	£1,299	3	2

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Treasurer, Mr. G. Bowron, be thanked for his services and his re-appointment be recommended.

The Secretary, Rev. H. J. Odell, be thanked for his services.

The Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., be nominated as Secretary for 1929.

BOARD FOR 1929.

All the Ministers and Probationers in active work in Christchurch, the Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, C. E. Ward, F. T. Read, A. Peters, Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron 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, W. Dobbs and F. J. Carr. Field Organiser: Rev. F. T. Read.

WM. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

H. J. ODELL, Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted, except that the Board be empowered to appoint its secretary for 1929.

RESOLUTION.

That Mr A. E. Haynes be appointed Manager in accordance with the requirements of the State Welfare Department.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the employment of trained Deaconesses as members of the Staff of Connexional Orphanages be recommended to the Orphanage Boards for favourable consideration.
2. That employment on the Staff of Orphanages be regarded as one of the avenues of service open to Deaconesses.

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

“METHODIST TIMES” AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE—REPORT 1928.

The work of this Department has gone on smoothly throughout the year. It was decided, at the request of the Young People's Board, to reprint the pamphlet, “Shall I Join the Church?” The Young People's Board has taken charge of the sales, as it was thought to be more suitable for them to handle this business than the Connexional Office. The Rev. S. Lawry has carefully attended throughout the year to the business connected with the sales of Methodist hymn books. We desire to place on record the great loss the “Methodist Times” has sustained by the death of Mr James Gamble, late manager of the Jobbing Department of the “Lyttelton Times” Office. He always took something more than a business interest in our Church paper. His criticisms and suggestions were of great value, and his courtesy made it easy to co-operate with him. The work in connection with the “Methodist Times” has been carefully, methodically and conscientiously discharged by the Editors and the Business Manager. The paper has not received the support, in the way of new subscribers, that it deserves, and as we confidently expected a year ago. We are sure that this is so, not through any literary or spiritual deficiency, but because the Methodist people do not use their imaginations to see what an immense power for good it could be made in the home, the local church, and the connexion throughout this Dominion. The slogan has been raised, “Every Office-Bearer in the Church a Subscriber.” We predict that if this suggestion is generally adopted a long step will have been taken toward the much-desired revival in our Church life.

The Committee again expresses its thanks to the Editors and other contributors for their talented and efficient services during the year.

Best thanks are also due to the Business Manager, the Rev. M. A. R. Pratt.

The Rev. P. R. Paris is unanimously recommended by your Committee for re-appointment as Editor for 1929.

The balance-sheet will be presented at Conference.

W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

B. J. JAMES, Convener.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Editor, the Rev. P. R. Paris, and the Business Manager, Rev. M. A. R. Pratt, and the Editor Emeritus, the Rev. W. J. Williams, be thanked for their services, and that they be re-appointed.
2. That the Associate Editor, the Rev. B. J. James, be thanked for his services.
3. That at the June Quarterly Meetings, the Circuit Agents of the "New Zealand Methodist Times" submit a report as to the number of subscribers in the Circuit, and that the information be sent on to the Synods.
4. That the Conference request the Methodist Times and Literature Committee to communicate with the General Conference of Australasia regarding the conditions relating to the issue of the new Methodist Hymn Book.
- 5 That the Rev. T. J. Wallis be appointed Associate Editor for 1929.

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

REPORT OF MILITARY COMMITTEE.

The thanks of the Conference are due to those Chaplains who during the year have served our Church in the Territorial Camps of the Dominion. All report favourably on the conduct of the Camps, the courtesy of the Military Authorities, and the excellent opportunities afforded for religious work among the men. In some instances, in addition to the Church parades on the Sunday, arrangements are made for a daily parade for morning prayers and a brief reading of Scripture. Willing testimony is borne by the Department to the salutary influence exercised by the presence of the Chaplains in the Camps; and the efforts of the various denominations on behalf of the men is greatly appreciated. We gladly place on record our thanks to the Y.M.C.A. for the help afforded to the Chaplains in their Camps, and bear testimony to the value of the service rendered by this organisation.

The Chaplains' Advisory Committees of the various Commands have regularly met throughout the year, and have given careful attention to the administration of the Chaplains' Department. A number of our Chaplains have been placed on the "Reserve" and "Retired" Lists on account of their having reached the age limit, and the vacancies have been filled by the nomination of younger ministers as Chaplains.

Our thanks are also due to the Naval Chaplains of the various Ports for their efforts to meet the Spiritual needs of sailors on H.M. warships in New Zealand waters.

C. EATON, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to our Military and Naval Chaplains for their valued services during the year.
2. That the Y.M.C.A. be granted £100 (£50 each from the H.M. and Contingent Funds), and that Conference records its appreciation of its work in Territorial Camps during the year.
3. That the resignation of the Rev. G. E. Brown as a Territorial Chaplain be accepted.
4. That the following Ministers and Probationers be approached to ascertain their willingness to serve as Chaplains on the active list, and that they be nominated by the Conveners of their various commands as vacancies occur:—Revs. F. Gardner Brown, H. L. Fiebig, B.A., E. W. Hames, M.A., C. O. Hailwood, H. H. Jeffreys, N. P. Larsen, and G. I. Laurenson.
5. That the Military Camps Fund be held as at present by the Supernumerary Fund Board, and be administered in the interests of Ministers, with war service as cases may arise.

Ministers Suffering War Disabilities.

6. (a) That in accordance with Regulation 14, p. 140, Book of Laws, the personal subscriptions of any Ministers who continue in full work be paid until they have actually completed 44 years in the ministry.
 - (b) That no annuity shall be paid to any Minister for a longer term of service than 44 years, which period now carries the maximum rate of annuity, as per Regulation 56, p. 148, Book of Laws.
 - (c) That the Supernumerary Fund Board be requested to give favourable consideration to the suggestion to make provision for Ministers with war service purchasing additional benefits in the Supernumerary Fund. (See also under Question XII.)

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. H. Olds, B.A.

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. W. Walker.

Southern Command—The Chairman and the Chaplains in the District, Col. G. J. Smith, Messrs. T. T. Robson, W. Simpson, W. Dobbs and E. R. Caygill. Convener, Rev. L. B. Neale.

Otago Command—Chaplains of the Otago-Southland District, Messrs. E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, J. B. Shacklock, T. Smith. Convener, Rev. G. B. Hinton.

That the following be the Naval Chaplains appointed by the Conference:—

Wellington—Rev. T. R. Richards.
 Auckland—Rev. W. Walker.
 Devonport—Rev. J. F. Martin.
 Lyttelton—Rev. C. Blair.
 Timaru—Rev. H. T. Peat.
 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. C. Eaton.
 Picton—Rev. S. Keen.
 Greymouth—Rev. G. E. Brown.
 Napier—Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.
 Tauranga—Rev. H. G. Brown.

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

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN, 1928.

The only items received by the Custodian during the year have been as follow:—

1. Minute Book, Taranaki-Wanganui Synod, 1874-1899, per Rev. W. W. Avery.
2. Trinity (Dunedin) Sunday School Class Registers for 1888. per Mr. E. Aslin.
3. Wesleyan Methodist Magazines, 1864-5-6, and Stevens' "History of the M.E. Church," from Rev. H. L. Blamires.

Occasional enquiries for historical data come to hand, and usually the information sought has been supplied.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT.

Christchurch, 26th December, 1928.

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?

CHAIRMANSHIP OF CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEE.

That, whereas there is no general rule or reeregulation providing for the Chairmanship of Connexional Committees, the Conference adopts the following:—

That in all cases where the Chairmanship of Connexional Committees is not provided for by the Laws and Regulations of the Church, each Committee shall have the right of electing its own Chairman, the election to take place at the first meeting of the Committee held after the first day of April in each year.

REPORT ON THE INCIDENCE OF CONNEXIONAL LEVIES, 1928.

The Committee met twice, and gave much consideration to every aspect of the question.

The following finding was arrived at:—

“The Committee considers that the present system of levying on the amount of stipend paid is inequitable in its incidence, the weaker Circuits being taxed too heavily, and therefore recommends that the levies for the Children’s and Contingent Funds be made on a membership basis.”

N.B.—Circuits employing a Home Missionary to have the members under the Missionary’s pastoral care deducted from the taxable number, their taxation remaining as at present.

Connexional Departments employing ministers to be taxed on a basis to be determined by Conference.

FRED COPELAND, Chairman.
CHAS. A. FOSTON, Convener.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be referred back to the Committee, as Conference considers taxing on the basis of membership is unsatisfactory, and directs that other avenues be explored. The following to be corresponding members of the present Committee: Revs. S. Lawry, T. W. Vealie, E. S. Emmitt, G. F. Stockwell, H. Ryan, W. A. Burley, J. Richards and H. Cottom; with Messrs. W. S. Mackay, G. Sherson, T. P. Hughson (Vice-President), B. J. Lynneberg, A. A. Lucas, P. W. Sharpe, H. H. Brown and D. C. Cameron.
2. That Rev. C. A. Foston be heartily thanked for his painstaking work as Convener of the Committee during the past year, and that he be a corresponding member of the Committee, and that Rev. F. J. Parker be appointed Convener.

REPORT OF THE BOOK OF OFFICES COMMITTEE.

During the year the Committee has completed the revision of the Old Book, but owing to the addition of other Orders of Service it has been found impossible to complete the Book for publication. The request of last Conference for the inclusion of a Holy Communion Service for children has received attention, enquiries having been made throughout the Dominion and Australia, but so far as can be ascertained no such service is in existence in the other Churches. It is hoped to complete a suitable service at an early date.

In addition to the Service in the Book, now in use, the New Book will include:—

- A Service for the Induction of a Minister.
- A Service for the Recognition of a Local Preacher.
- A Holy Communion Service for Junior Members of the Church.
- A Service for the Dedication of a Deaconess.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the following be the Committee for 1929:—Revs. The President, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., E. Drake, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, E. P. Blamires, W. Walker, and T. R. B. Woolloxall (Convener). Corresponding member, the Connexional Secretary.
2. That the Committee be authorised to make preparation for the publishing of the new Book of Offices after consultation with the Contingent Fund Treasurers, and to report to next Conference as to the cost of publishing, the price of the new Book, and other matters for confirmation.

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. Flesher, 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, T. Crosbie, 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 Ministers and Probationers of the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, Revs. M. A. R. Pratt, F. T. Read, S. Lawry and A. Peters; Messrs J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., C. W. Barrell, F. E. Parton, A. A. Sandford, F. Thompson, M. Kershaw, W. C. Francis, A. G. Williams, A. E. Lawry, E. W. Hall, W. A. Bascand, H. W. Heslop, T. W. West, W. L. Thomas, W. Dobbs, S. H. Maddren, J. Voss, A. C. Comber, R. W. Brighting, P. C. Clements, W. Simpson, A. Williams, G. Woodham, A. E. Haynes, T. J. Carr, J. Pitcaithly, W. T. Foster, J. Lomas, A. Holden, C. A. Newman, G. Bowron, Miss B. Fairweather, and Mrs G. Bowron. Convener, Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

Otago-Southland.—The Superintendent, Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries of the Dunedin, Port Chalmers, Mosgiel and Broad Bay Circuits and H.M. Stations, the Superintendents of the two Invercargill Circuits, Rev G. Clement, with Messrs E. Aslin, E. A. Rosevear,

J. Gillies, D. C. Cameron, A. T. M'Indoe, J. B. Shacklock, E. W. Isbister, H. H. Johnston, P. Nixon, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., E. Dowland, W. O. Brown, L. Wraight, R. Rae, T. Clyde, P. Bennett, 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 and Mr A. H. Reed. Convener, the Chairman of the District.

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

I.—NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT.

We find it somewhat difficult to present an abstract of a report, to be at once condensed in statement and just to the interests which have claims to be presented in their fulness, with the demands of brethren who are justly entitled to fuller recognition of their sphere and service—services which oftentimes challenge the utmost heroism of faith, yet grateful for the glorious opportunities that our beloved Methodist Church provides for them to preach the word of life—a Gospel that appeals to all that is highest and noblest in life and thought. The longer we are in the work the more conscious we are of the need of a fuller consecration. God help us to be faithful to our trust; let us seek to be animated by their spirit, and, above all, let the love of Christ “constrain us,” going on from conquest unto conquest until the world is won for Christ. As preachers we need to put heart and brain into our sermons, if we would make our hearers' hearts burn within them as we deliver our message of salvation. Such preachers are always painfully distrustful of themselves. Much it takes out of their heart and nerves, and how they feel their emptiness and the necessity of continuously refilling. These men feel that it is not their own work they are doing, but God's. They are at liberty to neglect their own work, but God's work must be done well. We are living in an age that calls for the very best training our young men can get to meet our modern needs. It goes without saying that Local Preachers must be well trained; the more the better for themselves and the congregations to whom they minister. Preachers must be always studying and always ripening. They must not be merely Bible readers, but Bible students. This has always been the main object of our Association, to be able to help all our Local Preachers (and especially young preachers) to secure suitable literature, to equip themselves for this holy enterprise. Last year 68 volumes, at a cost of £7 12s. 5d., were ordered and mailed to several of our brethren (all from our own bookroom). It is pleasing to note that our Book Scheme is becoming better known and appreciated. Many of our brethren are taking advantage of its benefits. Our good brother, J. W. Shackelford, the Vice-President of the Conference, whilst visiting England, has undertaken, on behalf of our Association, to interview Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton to find out if that firm would supply us with their publications on the same terms as we are getting from the Epworth Press Bookroom, namely, 33 1-3rd per cent. below the published price. We may just add here that we furnished Brother Shackelford with a letter of introduction to our English Methodist Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association, as our representative to their Aggregate Meeting, which was held at Lincoln in June last. We conveyed through him the sincere greetings of our New Zealand brethren.

At our annual meeting, held in the Cambridge Terrace Church during the sitting of the last Conference, the following remits were sent on to the Conference for their consideration:—

- (1) That the privilege of electing one of the members of the Central Executive as its representative to a seat in the Annual Conferences be granted to the L. P. Association.
- (2) 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 the District. (See Minutes, 1928, page 147.)

These remits the Conference referred to the District Synods this year for report to next Conference.

The Local Preachers' Association now being a recognised Connexional Institution, and therefore responsible to the Conference for conducting the business of the Association in a constitutional manner, we are therefore of opinion that some official or member of the General Executive should have a seat in the Conference if for no other reason than to be able to give such information as may be necessary when the business of the Association is before the Conference or in the Committee stage.

J. LOMAS, President.

A. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

The Reports of the Local Preachers' Association and of the Sanson Bequest were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference express its appreciation of the self-denial and splendid service rendered to the Church by a devoted body of Local Preachers.
2. That Conference recognise twenty-five and fifty 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 the District.
3. That the Executive of the Local Preachers' Association select a Local Preacher, who is attending Conference, to represent them.

II.—WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

(See Minutes, 1928, page 147.)

There is little to report concerning this movement that seeks to promote an ultimate re-union of Christian Churches. The Continuation Committee appointed by the World Conference that met at Lausanne, Switzerland, in August, 1927, assembled at Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, on September 6th, 1928. This Committee reaffirmed the foundation principle of the World Conference on Faith and Order that the ultimate union of the Churches requires "the clear statement and full consideration of those things in which we differ as well as of those things in which we are at one." It is of opinion that, while particular schemes of re-union must certainly be left to the Churches themselves, acting on their own initiative, the movement on Faith and Order, in carrying on the work of the Lausanne Conference, should endeavour to bring inter-Church enterprises for re-union to the knowledge of its adherents in all the Churches, thus encouraging the organic growth of Church unity.

Report was made of a communication from the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work to the effect that a Committee had been appointed on September 5, 1928, to consider the question of the co-ordination of the various international movements among the Churches; the said Committee had been requested to confer with the Continuation Committee on Faith and Order, to promote closer relations between the two movements.

The Continuation Committee called attention to the echo of the work of Lausanne at the meeting of the International Missionary Council held on the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, at Easter-tide, 1928. It concurred in the conclusions reached at Jerusalem that the unity of the Church of Christ is of pressing urgency for the effective propagation of the Gospel, and that the effective co-operation of the indigenous Churches on the Mission Field is of vital importance to Church union.

The appointment of the following Commission to receive any further reports from the Continuation Committee is recommended:—Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.; Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.; Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.; Rev. W. A. Sinclair; Rev. J. H. Haslam; Rev. H. E. Bellhouse; Messrs. H. E. Pacey, H. P. Mourant, J. Veale, F. Thompson and E. A. Rosevear, and Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt (Convener).

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Convener of Commission.

Christchurch, 26th December, 1928.

The Report was received and adopted.

3.—VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS.

North Island Rest House—

That the Conference learns with deep feeling and gratitude of the gift of £500 made by the late Rev. W. S. Potter in his last days for the establishment of a fund to provide a Rest Home for Ministers, Missionaries on furlough, and Home Missionaries in the North Island, and requests the Trustees to proceed with the scheme as soon as possible.

Kaeo Memorial Church—

That special expenditure of about £250 which has proved necessary, be met from Centenary Fund money in hand or to come, any necessary balance to be advanced by the Church Building and Loan Fund, which shall be repaid in quarterly instalments by the Home Mission Fund; the Home Mission Fund to be recouped from Centenary Fund money as soon as possible.

New Church, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay—

That the Conferents accord its thanks to Mr A. C. Stewart, a Baptist Layman for very valuable services voluntarily rendered in connection with the erection of the above Church.

PRESIDENTIAL RULINGS.

I. Should any question arise in the interval between one Conference and the next one as to the meaning or intention of any Resolution of the Conference, or as to the interpretation of any Law or Regulation of the Church, the matter may be referred to the President, whose Ruling thereon shall be given after consultation with his legal adviser, and shall be binding until the next Conference.

II. Any appeal for the Ruling of the President shall be dealt with in the following manner:—

- (a) The appeal shall be made by or through the Chairman of the District within whose bounds it arises, and may be accompanied by a statement of the case for the appellant.
- (b) The Chariman of the District shall not obstruct any such appeal.
- (c) Before despatching the appeal the Chairman of the District shall notify any other parties that in his judgment are likely to be affected by the decision, so that they may have an opportunity of presenting their statement of the case.
- (d) The President shall send his Ruling to the Chairman of the District who forwarded the appeal, for notification to the parties concerned.
- (e) On the second day of the Conference the President shall lay upon the table of the Conference a copy of each ruling given by him, and it shall be referred to a Committee to be appointed, for examination and report, and the Conference shall confirm, modify or disallow any such Ruling.

Lay Representation in Conference.

That the list of Lay Treasurers set out on p. 75, par. 241 of the Book of Laws be amended by the omission of No. 3, the representation of the "Foreign Mission Fund" being now otherwise provided for; and by the addition of "The Removal Expenses Fund" and "The Deaconess Institution."

Qualifications of Lay Representative.

That Paragraph 244 be amended so as to read:—"Each Lay Representative must be an adult Church Member who has been at any time a member for at least four years."

Ministerial Absence.

A Minister or Probationer who for any reason proposes to be absent from the Dominion shall inform the Chairman of his District of his intended absence and the reason for the same; and the arrangements made for pulpit supply shall be subject to the approval of the District Home Mission Committee.—This shall not apply to Supernumeraries.

Note: This to be an addition to par. 90, p. 21, Book of Laws.

James and Martha Trounson Benefit Fund.

That the Conference place on record its grateful appreciation of the munificent gift of £11,000 in New Zealand Inscribed Stock as a Benevolent Fund for necessitous Ministers and Laymen of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and appoints the following to Archibald Peak, and Alfred Trenwith, together with Revs. C. H. Laws, H. Ranston and G. Bond.

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 19, 1929.

QUESTION LV.—When and Where shall the Next Conference be Held?

On Thursday, February 20th, 1930, in the Taranaki Street Church, Wellington.

VOTES OF THANKS.

President.—That the best of thanks of Conference be tendered to the President, the Rev. John F. Goldie, 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 Thomas P. Hughson, be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.—That the cordial thanks of Conference be accorded the Rev. W. J. Elliott, for his faithful services during the year.

Ex-Vice-President.—That the best thanks of Conference be tendered to Mr J. W. Shackelford, for his services during his year of office.

Ordination Charge.—That the Ex-President, the Rev. W. J. Elliott, 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 Pitt 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 business; that the Reporters for the "Methodist Times" be thanked for their admirable reports.

Choirs.—That Mr J. Maughan Barnett, and the United Choirs be congratulated on the success of the Oratorio, "St Paul," and that the City and Suburban Choirs, and the Secretaries, Messrs A. Peak, P. Dellow and R. H. Horsley be thanked for their assistance at the various functions.

Wesley College, Paerata.—That the Conference congratulate the Board of Wesley College, on the successful Opening and Dedication of the College Chapel.

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.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

PLACE.	YEAR	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C. M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	John Dawson	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 Asheroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Asheroft
Auckland	1922	Chas. H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Asheroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rothwell	H. Field	Arthur Asheroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Asheroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas E. Richards	H. P. Mourant	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight B.A.	J. C. Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.	D. A. Fleisher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J. W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John F. Goldie	T. P. Hughson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

A Chronological List

OF THE

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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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.)
 „ Nixon, John (Sup.)
 „ Standage, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1876—Baurber, William (Sup.)
 „ Griffin, Cornelius (Sup.)
 „ Jones, Peter W. (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 (Sup.)</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—Peryman, Samuel H. D. (Sup.)
 „ 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—Asheroft, 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
 „ 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. (Sup.)
 „ 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.
 „ Daniel, Herbert
 „ Paris, Percy R.
 „ Roberts, Charles M.
 „ Ryan, Henry
 „ White, Hedley
- 1907—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—Cottom, Harry
 „ McArthur, John D.
- 1910—Burley, William A., M.A.
 „ Harris, Archer O.
 „ Olds, Charles H., B.A.
 „ Richards, James
 „ Sharp, Harold A.
- 1911—Enticott, Walter J.
 „ Fowles, Albert H.
 „ Hopper, Arthur
 „ 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.
 „ Burnet, Oswald
 „ Foston, Charles A.
 „ Harris, Francis T.
 „ Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.
 „ Olds, E. Thomas
 „ Odell, Henry J.
 „ Slade, William G., M.A.
- 1916—Brown, George E.
 „ Fordyce, Robert E.
 „ Harkness, Edwin S.
 „ Hocking, William H.
 „ Kendon, Charles H.
 „ Metcalfe, John R.
 „ Sage, Ernest E.
- 1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.L.
 „ 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 H.
 „ Bateup, Frank
 „ Brown, Hubert G.
 „ Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
 „ Kings, Harry S.
 „ McGregor, Robert
 „ Pearn, Oliver S.
 „ Taylor, Cecil R.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—(Continued).

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| 1925—Brown, F. Gardner | 1928—Grocott, John D. |
| " Peterson, Gordon R. H. | " Hailwood, Charlie O. |
| " Reid, John | " Handy, Francis J. |
| | " Hayman, Frank H. |
| 1926—Hall, James H. | " Jeffreys, Howard H. |
| " Harris, G. Raymond | |
| " Voyce, A. Harry | 1929—Dickens, Charles E. |
| 1927—Hames, Bernard, R., M.A. | " Fallows, Harold |
| " Larsen, Norman P. | " Gutry, Norman R. |
| " Laurensen, George I. | " Horwood, Leonard C. |
| " Penn, Athol R. | " Kent, Arthur T. |
| " Raynor, Ivo M. | " Noble, Harry |
| " Silvester, A. Wharton E. | " Parker, Walter |
| " Utting, Harry V. | |

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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An Alphabetical List

OF THE

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in parentheses immediately after his address. The number of the Circuit in the Station 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.
1922	.. 4	Allen, James H., Onewa Street, Birkenhead	.. 7
1895	.. 4	Ashcroft, Arthur, 774 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland	.. 4
1906	.. 6	Avery, William W., King Edward Street, Eltham	.. 40
1924	.. 2	Ayrton, Moses, Bluff	.. 121
1924	.. 2	Bailey, John H., Stanley Street, Eketahuna	.. 71
1901	.. 3	Bailey, Samuel, Elles Road, Invercargill	.. 120
1924	.. 1	Bateup, Frank, Paeroa	.. 25
1876	.. S	Baumber, William, 91 Hackthorne Road, Christchurch (1918)	.. 81
1898	.. 2	Beckett, William, Cambridge Street, Levin	.. 72
1894	.. 7	Bellhouse, Harold E., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin	107
1921	.. 2	Benny, Henry, Inglewood, Taranaki	.. 38
1913	.. 8	Bensley, Arthur A., Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1914	.. 13	Binet, Vincent le C., Bambatana, Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1907	.. 1	Blair, Charles, 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton	.. 90
1900	.. 8	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a, Church Street, Devonport Auckland	.. Y.P.
1904	.. 2	Blamires, Ernest O., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	.. 70
1896	.. 2	Blamires, Henry L., East Road, Stratford	.. 39
1923	.. 2	Blakemore, Albert, Birkett Street, Temuka	.. 102
1887	.. S	Blight, Joseph, Parsonage, Morrinsville (1910)	.. 3
1917	.. 2	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 54 Chester Street Christchurch	.. 81
1871	.. S	Bond, George, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1915)	3
1880	.. S	Brooke, Thomas G., Penryn Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auck. land (1924)	.. 3
1922	.. 2	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Motueka	.. 79

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1925	3	Brown, F. Gardner, Matamata, Waikato	34
1916	3	Brown, George E., Franklin Street, Greymouth	78
1924	2	Brown, Hubert G., Tauranga	30
1910	4	Burley, William A., M.A., Queen Street, Thames	22
1914	1	Burnet, Oswald, Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	94
1871	S	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1915)	3
1917	3	Chambers, Ernest B., Banks Street, Whangarei	16
1896	13	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a, Grafton Road, Auckland	3
1887	S	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin (1923)	107
1902	3	Coatsworth, Thomas, Opunake, Taranaki	43
1890	S	Cocker, James, 46 Albert Street, Masterton (1922)	70
1901	S	Cook, George S., St. Aubyns, New Plymouth (1928)	36
1915	4	Cooke, Percy I., 142 North Street, Timaru	100
1905	2	Copeland, Fred, West Street, Feilding	59
1897	2	Cossum, Percy J., Kaponga	44
1918	1	Costain, Alfred M., Irk Street, Gore	122
1909	3	Cottom, Harry, Ohoka, Canterbury	95
1908	6	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	45
1921	8	Cropp, Allan H., Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[4]
1919	2	Cuming, William B., 77 Grey Street, Woodville	54
1906	1	Daniel, Herbert, 95 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin	112
1917	2	Dennis, John, 235 Main Road, Karori, Wellington	62
1917	8	Dent, Tom, Patutiva, Marovo, Solomon Islands	[4]
1929	1	Dickens, Charles E., Huntly	35
1893	6	Drake, Edward, Selwyn Road, Epsom, Auckland	3
1898	1	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., Manaia, Taranaki	42
1901	1	Eaton, Clarence, Liardet Street, New Plymouth	36
1893	3	Elliott, William J., Papakura, Auckland	10
1903	2	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., South Road, Hawera	41
1911	1	Enticott, Walter J., Port Albert, North Auckland	19
1929	1	Fallows, Harold, Sumner, Christchurch	84
1901	1	Featherston, Jacob, Greendale, Canterbury	98
1877	S	Fee, Thomas, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch, (1913)	84
1924	2	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., Edinburgh Street, Pukekohe	11
1919	1	Ford, Herbert, Paparoa, North Auckland	14
1916	3	Fordyce, Robert E., Tua Marina, Blenheim	76
1914	1	Poston, Charles A., Westport	80
1911	3	Fowles, Albert H., Springston R.D., Canterbury	91
1893	6	Frost, George, 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne	50
1919	4	Gatman, William, Johnson Street, Milton, Otago	117
1897	28	Goldie, John F., Pukenui Road, Epsom	[4]
1912	2	Gosnell, Robert B., Paynter's Avenue, Fitzroy, New Plymouth	36
1900	3	Greenslade, William, 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch	82
1897	5	Greenwood, Fred, Station Road, Otahuhu	9
1876	S	Griffin, Cornelius, 7 Eglinton Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1914)	3
1895	S	Griffin, John W., Great South Road, Manurewa, Auckland (1925)	10

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1882	.. S ..	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1920)	.. 3
* 1888	.. 2 ..	Grigg, William, Willowby, Canterbury	.. 105
1928	.. 2 ..	Grocott, John D., Paul Street, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay	51
1929	.. 1 ..	Gutry, Norman R., Hutt	.. 66
1875	.. S ..	Guy, James, 124 Bealey Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1921)	.. 82
1928	.. 2 ..	Hailwood, Charles O., Ventnor Street, Seatoun	.. 64
1926	.. 2 ..	Hall, James H., Russell, Bay of Islands	.. 18
1927	.. 1 ..	Hames, Bernard R., M.A., P.O. Box 1354, Wellington Y.P.	.. 15
1923	.. 3 ..	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Dargaville, Northern Wairoa	.. 15
1928	.. 2 ..	Handy, Francis J., 53 Wellington Road, Marton	.. 47
1890	.. S ..	Harding, Arthur, Raroa Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington (1923)	.. 64
1916	.. 2 ..	Harkness, Edwin S., 147 Hatatai Road, Wellington	.. 64
* 1910	.. 3 ..	Harris, Archer O., 32 Firth Street, Hamilton East	.. 28
1914	.. 2 ..	Harris, Francis T., Tai Tapu, Canterbury	.. 92
1926	.. 2 ..	Harris, G. Raymond, Frankton, Hamilton	.. 27
1905	.. 2 ..	Harris, John, Eden Street, Oamaru	.. 106
✓ 1893	.. 1 ..	Harrison, Colin C., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho	.. 46
1900	.. 1 ..	Haslam, Jonathan H., Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	74
1928	.. 2 ..	Hayman, Frank H., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. [4]
1894	.. 1 ..	Henderson, Samuel, King Street, Rangiora	.. 96
1912	.. 1 ..	Hinton, George B., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin	.. 108
* 1916	.. 3 ..	Hocking, William H., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin	.. 109
1911	.. 2 ..	Hopper, Arthur, 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch	.. 89
1928	.. 1 ..	Horwood, Leonard C., Probert Chambers, Auckland H.M.	.. 93
? 1900	.. 3 ..	Hunt, George P., Leeston, Canterbury	.. 93
1922	.. 1 ..	Jack, John F., 43 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton, Christchurch	.. 87
* 1903	.. 1 ..	James, Benjamin J., Nelson Street, Petone	.. 67
* 1919	.. 2 ..	Jefferson, Alfred E., Porirua Road, Johnsonville	.. 65
1928	.. 2 ..	Jeffreys, Howard H., 29 Richmond Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland	.. 1
1876	.. S ..	Jones, Peter W., Sandiland Street, Feilding (1901)	.. 59
1882	.. S ..	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	.. 3
* 1908	.. 2 ..	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., Belmont Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1922)	.. 1
1899	.. 2 ..	Keall, R. Purcell, Greytown, Wairarapa	.. 68
1916	.. 2 ..	Kendon, Charles H., Sanson, Manawatu	.. 60
1929	.. 1 ..	Kent, Arthur T., Waitoa	.. 24
1923	.. 3 ..	Kings, Harry S., Kaeo, North Auckland	.. 17
1889	.. 4 ..	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 150 Hardy Street, Nelson	.. 74
1927	.. 2 ..	Larsen, Norman P., 44 Summer Street, Ponsonby	.. 2
1927	.. 2 ..	Laurenson, Geo. I., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	.. 81
✓ 1912	.. 2 ..	Lawrence, Frederick B., 46 Radley Street, Woolston, Christchurch	.. 84
1885	.. 2 ..	Lawry, Albert C., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	.. 111

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1877	.. S ..	Lawry, Samuel, Mt. Pleasant Road, Redcliffs, Christchurch (1927)	81
1887	.. 10 ..	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., 4 Aldred Road, Remuera, Auckland	Th.C.
1912	.. 3 ..	Leadley, Frank E., Grey Street East, Onehunga ..	8
1870	.. S ..	Lewis, John J., Tenterton Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1909)	1
f 1903	.. 2 ..	Liddell, Ralph J., Carterton	69
1900	.. 4 ..	Liversedge, Arthur, 336 Selwyn Street, Christchurch	86
1895	.. 1 ..	Lochore, John A., 49 Wesley Street, South Dunedin ..	110
1909	.. 2 ..	McArthur, John D., 23 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North	57
1904	.. 6 ..	McBean, Angus, Spey Street, Invercargill	119
1924	.. 2 ..	McGregor, Robert, Mowatt Street, Waitara	37
1883	.. S ..	Marshall, George T., 27 Kenneth Avenue, Morningside, Auckland (1920)	1
1908	.. 3 ..	Martin, J. Frederick, 17 Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	5
1916	.. 10 ..	Metcalfe, John R., Buka Passage, Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[6]
1905	.. 1 ..	Metson, Basil, 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch	85
1890	.. 2 ..	Mitchell, Arthur, 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby ..	2
1918	.. 2 ..	Neal, Wallace S., Waiuku, Auckland	12
1911	.. 6 ..	Neale, Leslie B., 3 Repton Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	88
1917	.. 2 ..	Nelson, John R., Woodend, Canterbury	97
1890	.. S ..	Newbold, Thomas W., 91 Queen's Drive, St. Kilda, Dunedin (1912)	111
1875	.. S ..	Nixon, John, Eliot Street, New Plymouth (1907) ..	36
1929	.. 1 ..	Noble, Harry, Greymouth	78
1915	.. 1 ..	Odell, Henry J., Church Street, Te Aroha	23
1910	.. 3 ..	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 1 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt	66
1915	.. 2 ..	Olds, E. Thomas, 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland	3
1888	.. 2 ..	Olphert, John, Dublin Street, Wanganui	46
1923	.. 1 ..	Orchard, Hector C., Balclutha, Otago	116
1902	.. 2 ..	Oxbrow, Walter J., Queen Street, Hastings	49
1906	.. 4 ..	Paris, Percy R., London Street, Hamilton	27
1917	.. 3 ..	Parker, Frederick J., Ashhurst, Manawatu	58
1918	.. 3 ..	Parker, James W., Queen Street, Cambridge	26
1929	.. 1 ..	Parker, Walter, Hawarden, Canterbury	99
1912	.. 3 ..	Parsons, J. Ernest, 278 Church Street, Palmerston North	56
1902	.. 3 ..	Patchett, Ernest D., 93 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington	62
1924	.. 2 ..	Pearn, Oliver S., 22 Union Street, New Brighton ..	82
1913	.. 2 ..	Peat, Harold T., 21 Butler Street, Timaru	100
1927	.. 1 ..	Penn, Athol R., 120 Forbury Road, St Clair, Dunedin	110
1892	.. S ..	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Johnsonville (1928)	65
1877	.. S ..	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch (1920)	89
1925	.. 1 ..	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Roxburgh, Otago	118
1920	.. 1 ..	Pickering, William B., Pahiatua	55

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1881	.. S ..	Pinfold, James T., D.D., "The Nook," Karori Park, Wellington (1921)	.. .. .. 62
1902	.. 3 ..	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, 118 Knowles Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	.. .. .. C.S.
1897	.. 4 ..	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	.. 115
1892	.. 2 ..	Raine, Robert, 39 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington	.. .. .. 61
1901	.. 7 ..	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Richmond House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland	.. .. Th.C.
1927	.. 2 ..	Raynor, Ivo M., 2 Lyndhurst Street, Gisborne	.. 50
1889	.. S ..	Read, Frederick T., 64 Lindsay Street, St. Albans	.. 88
1924	.. 3 ..	Reid, John, Gonville, Wanganui	.. .. 45
1911	.. 1 ..	Richards, H. Leslie, Takapuna, Auckland	.. .. 6
1910	.. 4 ..	Richards, James, 60 Lawrence Street, Mornington, Dunedin	.. .. .. 113
1905	.. 2 ..	Richards, Raymond, 36 Brighton Road, Roslyn, Dunedin	.. .. .. 114
1895	.. 1 ..	Richards, Thomas R., 38 Macfarlane Street, Wellington	.. 61
1906	.. 1 ..	Roberts, Charles M., Island Bay, Wellington	.. 63
1911	.. 3 ..	Rowe, William, 11 Sherwood Street, Dominion Road, Auckland	.. .. .. 1
1906	.. 4 ..	Ryan, Henry, 22 Station Terrace, Remuera, Auckland	.. 3
1916	.. 5 ..	Sage, Ernest E., Thames Street, Morrinsville	.. 24
1907	.. 1 ..	Scott, W. Bramwell, Coronation Street, Waimate	.. 101
1900	.. 2 ..	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 227 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch	.. .. .. 83
1903	.. 6 ..	Seamer, Arthur J., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland	.. .. .. H.M.
1910	.. 4 ..	Sharp, Harold A., 88 Linwood Avenue, Linwood, Christchurch	.. .. .. 82
1927	.. 2 ..	Silvester, A. Wharton, P.O. Box 4, Papatoetoe	.. 9
1869	.. S ..	Simmonds, Joseph H., Princess Street, Takanini, Auckland (1923)	.. .. .. 10
1891	.. 11 ..	Sinclair, William A., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland; private address, 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland	.. .. .. F.M.
1918	.. 4 ..	Skuse, Thomas, Opotiki, Bay of Plenty	.. .. 31
1915	.. 1 ..	Slade, William G., M.A., Madeira Steps, Napier	.. .. 48
1892	.. 4 ..	Smith, G. Knowles, Hokitika	.. .. 77
1899	.. 2 ..	Southern, John, Geraldine	.. .. 103
1908	.. 1 ..	Speer, William H., Rotorua	.. .. 29
1923	.. 2 ..	Spencer, Herbert, Kirk Street, Otaki	.. .. 73
1875	.. S ..	Standage, Charles H., 18 Craigie Street, Timaru (1905)	.. 100
1904	.. 2 ..	Stockwell, George F., High Street, Blenheim	.. 76
1924	.. 2 ..	Taylor, Cecil R., Taumarunui	.. .. 32
1908	.. 4 ..	Tinsley, Robert B., Havelock Street, Ashburton	.. .. 104
1927	.. 1 ..	Utting, Harry V., Hikurangi, North Auckland	.. 20
1894	.. 2 ..	Vealie, Thomas W., 24 Colombo Street, Wellington	.. 63
1926	.. 4 ..	Voyce, A. Harry, Bougainville, Solomon Islands	.. [4]
1912	.. 1 ..	Walker, William, 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland	.. 1
1885	.. S ..	Wallis, T. Jackson, 26 Hendon Street, St Albans, Christchurch (1928)	.. .. .. 88
1870	.. S ..	Ward, Charles E., Canon Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1910)	.. .. .. 83

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1914	6	Werren, Samuel J., Cranford Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	88
1906	1	White, Hedley, Dannevirke	53
1870	S	Williams, William J., 23 Latimer Square, Christchurch (1914)	81
1899	1	Wills, William, Te Awamutu	33
1901	3	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland	1
1887	S	Wrigley, James, West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland (1924)	4

MAORI MINISTERS.

1900	21	Haddon, Robt. Tahupotiki, Normanby, Taranaki	[3]
1922	22	Haddon, E. Oliver, Ratana Pa, Wanganui	[3]
1896	33	Heretini, Te Tuhi, Whirinaki, Hokianga	[1]
1911	6	Kirkwood, Hori, Ngaruawahia, Waikato	[2]
1928	2	Keepa, Matene, Tuakau, Auckland	[1]
1882	2	Rakena, Piripi, Pipiriki, King Country	[3]
1914	2	Rakena, Rakena P., Okaiawa, Taranaki	[3]
1928	6	Rangiheua M.R., Wharehuia, Te Kuiti, King Country	[2]
1920	2	Tauroa, Matarae, Waima, Hokianga	[1]
1911	2	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Aratapu, North Auckland	[1]
1911	2	Wilcox, Davis, Raglan	[2]

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

Dr E. G. Sayers, Roviana, Solomon Islands, via Tulagi.
 Dr Clifford James, Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

- 1899—John Oliver, Main Street East, Palmerston North (retired); 13.
 1904—C. Aker, Patea, Taranaki; 2.
 1904—W. T. Hooper, Waipawa, Hawke's Bay; 3.
 1907—S. Keen, Picton; 1.
 1908—G. H. Bridgman, Rother Street, Oamaru (retired); 3.
 1908—C. W. Brown, Oxford, Canterbury; 3.
 1909—T. W. Featherstone, Waihi; 3.
 1909—F. P. Kellow, Gonville, Wanganui (retired); 8.
 1909—W. Watson, Patea, Taranaki (retired); 7.
 1910—C. Duncan, Norsewood, Hawke's Bay; 1.
 1911—C. Strand, Home Mission Office, Probert Chambers, Auckland; 1.
 1913—J. Common, Kaukapakapa; 1.
 1914—F. E. Foote, Maori Hill, Dunedin; 5.
 1915—J. H. Edmondson, Foxton; 2.
 1917—A. L. Witheford, Waddington, Canterbury; 3.
 1919—J. W. Bayliss, Mosgiel, Otago; 1.
 1919—J. Belshaw, Bombay, Auckland; 1.
 1919—P. Bridge, Lawrence, Otago; 3.
 1921—J. Thomas, Otautau, Southland; 2.
 1922—H. Ashworth, Putaruru, Waikato; 3.
 1922—G. H. Marr, Warkworth; 2.
 1922—C. Robinson, Granity; 2.
 1923—E. R. Alexander, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains; 2.
 1923—C. G. Scrimgeour, 2 McDonald Street, Morningside, Auckland; 3.
 1924—R. T. Alexander, Kohukohu, Hokianga; 1.

- 1924—J. G. W. Grindlay, Te Kuiti; 1.
 1924—G. Hall, Ngaruawahia, Waikato; 1.
 1924—F. D. Hoten, Ohaeawai, Bay of Islands; 1.
 1924—B. H. N. Teague, Murchison, Nelson; 2.
 1924—G. F. O. Whittlestone, Waikouaiti, Otago; 4.
 1924—W. H. Wilson, Paraparaumu, Wellington; 1.
 1924—H. Dyson, Kuripuni, Masterton; 1.
 1924—H. Thornley, Halcombe, Feilding; 2.
 1925—W. J. Henderson, Helensville; 1.
 1925—D. Hickman, Rawene, Hokianga; 2.
 1925—T. W. Parsons, Reefton, West Coast; 2.
 1925—A. R. Thomas, Ohura, King Country; 2.
 1925—W. Wilson, Apiti, Feilding; 3.
 1926—R. Grice, Mangonui, North Auckland; 3.
 1926—F. O. Prosser, Riverton, Southland; 4.
 1926—W. Sussex, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty; 2.
 1926—R. Tapp, Okato, Taranaki; 4.

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

A Exempted from Examination Work.

- 1925—H. J. Malcolm, Edendale, Southland; 5.
 1927—G. R. Rotherham, Arapohue, Northern Wairoa; 3.

B Due to take Examination Work.

- 1926—D. J. Stallard, Broad Bay, Dunedin; 2.
 1927—R. Jamieson, Nightcaps, Southland; 2.
 1927—J. L. Mitchell, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty; 1.
 1928—C. S. Bennett, Uriti, Waitara; 2.
 1928—R. Coombridge, Portland, North Auckland; 1.
 1928—J. A. Dalglish, Wakefield, Nelson; 2.
 1928—A. J. Johnstone, Colporteur Society, Probert Chambers, Auckland; 2.
 1928—O. P. Liddell, Coromandel; 1.
 1929—L. C. Emsley, North-East Valley, Dunedin; 1.
 1929—A. C. Orr, Cromwell, Otago; 1.
 1929—C. E. Roke, Havelock, Nelson; 1.
 1929—F. Sanderson, Kaihu, Northern Wairoa; 1.
 1929—A. C. Shanks, Taihape; 1.

HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLY.

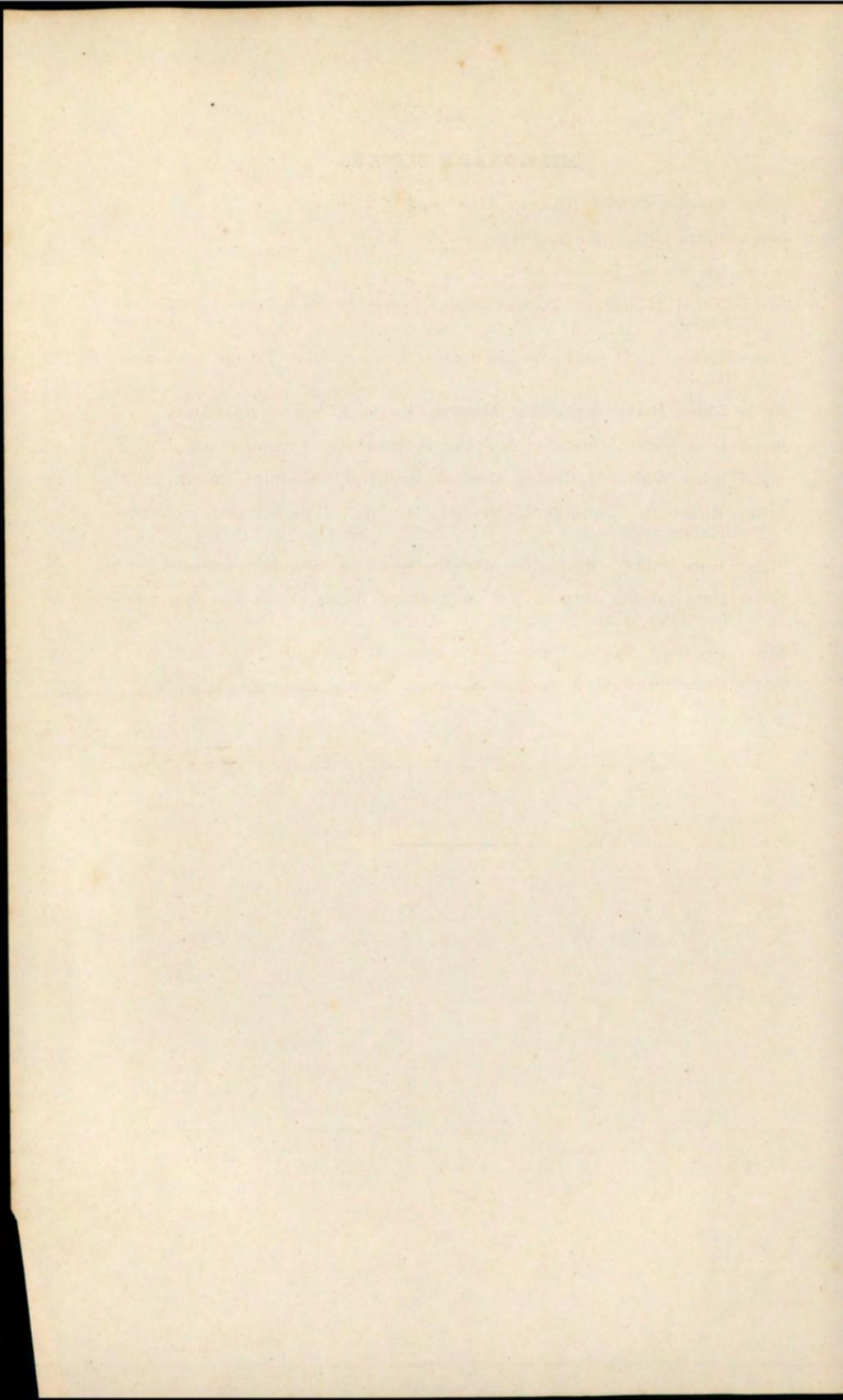
J. Boothroyd, Rakaia, North Canterbury.

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

- 1918—Hone Tamati, Te Karae, Hokianga; 2.
 1920—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Rahotu, Taranaki; 2.
 1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country; 9.
 1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland; 2.
 1927—Hauotu Hapimana, Aotearoa, King Country; 3.
 1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands; 3.

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

- Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
- Sister Netta Gittos, Mission Hospital, Te Kuiti.
- Sister Iris Foster, Hawera.
- 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, Bougainville, Solomon Islands.
- Sister Jean Dalziel, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
- Sister May Barnett, care of Rev A. Bensley, Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands.
- Sister Vivienne Adkin, Methodist Mission, Bougainville.
- Sister Muriel Stewart, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.
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APPENDIX

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1928.
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi-cants	
Auckland Centrai ..	5	..	6	3	9	..	1	14	..	774	15	15	43	720	2100
Auckland West ..	5	..	6	2	3	..	..	6	..	300	..	101	118	209	983
Auckland East ..	8	..	6	3	13	..	..	21	4	767	5	333	58	635	2130
Auckland (Avondale) ..	7	3	3	2	3	..	..	13	..	410	..	116	..	350	1440
Auckland (Devonport) ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	197	5	60	30	130	560
Auckland (Takapuna) ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	150	..	38	..	125	300
Auckland (Birkenhead) ..	4	2	4	1	2	..	..	9	..	252	..	54	13	220	620
Onehunga ..	3	1	3	1	1	..	..	6	3	260	..	149	91	268	648
Otahuhu ..	3	1	1	1	2	..	..	4	..	190	..	39	50	120	560
Papakura ..	2	3	2	1	3	..	..	6	..	138	..	44	17	103	450
Pukekohe ..	7	9	2	2	1	1	..	6	..	178	..	23	14	220	790
Waiuku ..	1	8	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	62	..	31	42	65	365
Mahurangi (Warkworth) ..	3	7	..	1	..	1	..	7	..	67	..	21	10	90	400
Paparoa ..	5	7	..	1	..	1	..	7	..	79	..	23	24	59	300
Northern Wairoa ..	6	29	..	2	1	2	..	11	..	184	..	34	38	145	700
Whangarei ..	2	9	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	137	..	36	20	80	500
Whangaroa ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	32	..	20	25	20	170
Bay of Islands ..	2	5	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	24	..	..	..	20	205
Auckland Met. Mission ..	3	..	2	1	..	1	1	2	4	60	..	15	12	40	200
Port Albert ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	69	..	24	30	130	350
Coromandel ..	1	6	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	26	..	..	..	25	95
Kaukapakapa ..	3	5	1	2	..	1	..	1	5	41	2	12	..	20	80
Helensville ..	1	5	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	44	..	8	8	15	102
Hokianga (Rawene) ..	1	12	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	43	2	6	17	50	270
.. (Broadwood) ..	1	11	..	..	..	1	..	4	7	47	..	9	45	40	200
Mangonui ..	3	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	46	..	11	11	15	200
Hikurangi ..	1	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	48	..	21	8	28	166
Ohaeawai ..	1	14	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	39	..	14	16	..	342
Colporteur Work ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
General Totals	86	156	44	31	44	18	2	147	25	4664	29	1378	740	3942	15226

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	154	4	23	20	110	338
Te Aroha ..	3	6	1	1	1	..	..	7	1	180	..	48	..	90	624
Morrinsville ..	3	4	1	1	1	..	..	6	5	184	..	22	60	138	530
Paeroa and H. P. ..	3	9	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	95	..	60	28	55	380
Cambridge ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	126	1	50	..	100	450
Hamilton ..	4	5	3	1	2	..	..	16	..	480	..	102	50	320	1000
Hamilton East ..	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	136	..	34	35	110	500
Rotorua ..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	69	..	20	20	40	200
Tauranga ..	1	8	1	1	1	..	..	2	4	103	..	19	40	35	360
Opotiki ..	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	60	..	..	..	38	300
Taumarunui ..	1	8	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	85	..	28	13	71	247
Te Awamutu ..	2	9	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	132	2	39	32	70	525
Matamata ..	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	103	..	35	31	80	320
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	66	..	8	..	60	260
Waihi ..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	1	63	..	12	..	55	200
Whakatane ..	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	51	..	24	8	40	160
Te Puke ..	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	50	..	..	..	30	215
Huntly ..	1	8	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	90	..	10	17	20	200
Te Kuiti ..	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	91	2	30	70	69	227
Ohura ..	2	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	41	..	11	..	15	130
Putaruru ..	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	2	2	66	..	6	22	44	247
General Totals ..	44	98	14	19	14	9	..	79	14	2405	9	581	446	1590	7353

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1928.
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	Communi-cants	
New Plymouth	9	6	4	3	4	..	..	17	..	631	40	360	196	460	1775
Waitara ..	3	13	1	1	1	1	..	3	..	148	..	30	72	68	360
Inglewood ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	70	..	20	..	50	150
Stratford ..	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	180	..	70	30	160	480
Eltham ..	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	6	..	112	..	36	30	75	460
Hawera ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	229	..	75	..	175	480
Manaia ..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	85	13	27	50	65	250
Opunake ..	6	10	2	3	1	1	..	5	..	115	..	24	..	80	600
Kaponga ..	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	51	..	14	25	30	240
Wanganui ..	4	..	2	2	2	1	1	13	..	437	..	132	83	350	1015
Wanganui North	3	..	3	2	2	..	..	5	..	148	..	76	45	103	420
Marton ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	95	..	91	24	..	250
Taihape ..	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	36	..	7	7	12	90
Raetihi-Ohakune	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	32	..	..	..	15	40
Patea ..	2	3	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	25	..	29	27	22	160
Douglas ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	3	..	..	40
General Totals	55	46	21	22	17	7	2	81	..	2404	53	994	589	1665	6810

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	6	1	2	1	1	..	..	14	..	360	4	171	101	225	1125
Hastings ..	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	335	..	35	30	250	725
Gisborne ..	4	7	1	1	2	..	..	9	..	237	..	75	40	185	765
Wairoa ..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	33	..	4	12	20	117
Waipawa ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	44	..	23	..	20	130
Dannevirke	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	147	..	45	..	115	460
Woodville ..	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	79	4	6	..	50	200
Pahiatua ..	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	72	..	7	..	50	250
Palmerston N. (St. Pau's)	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	277	..	95	45	270	660
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	284	..	82	..	300	700
Ashurst-Bunnythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	122	..	54	..	89	250
Feilding ..	6	1	2	2	2	1	..	13	..	257	..	80	..	160	800
Sanson-Rongotea	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	112	2	28	31	70	285
H.M.S. Foxton-Shannon	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	2	..	66	..	..	..	45	180
Apiti ..	4	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	65	..	2	12	49	163
Norsewood ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	42	..	10	20	30	180
General Totals	42	34	15	16	14	5	..	82	..	2532	10	740	291	1928	6990

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

WELLINGTON—															
Taranaki Street ..	3	1	4	2	2	..	1	11	..	561	..	144	..	350	1375
Thorndon ..	4	..	4	5	3	..	..	8	..	217	..	105	..	183	838
Wellington South ..	2	1	2	2	2	..	1	11	..	310	..	107	..	225	780
Kilbirnie ..	4	..	..	1	2	1	..	9	..	246	..	46	..	182	778
Johnsonville-Ngaio	5	1	2	2	2	1	..	5	..	208	..	76	38	130	520
Hutt ..	4	..	1	1	3	..	..	9	..	292	12	65	72	180	720
Petone ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	208	6	65	36	170	600
Greytown-Featherstone	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	63	..	33	..	62	144
Carterton ..	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	137	..	40	..	100	375
Masterton ..	3	2	2	2	2	1	..	11	..	254	..	113	80	200	815
Eketahuna ..	2	9	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	92	..	25	50	20	360
Levin ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	140	4	60	..	100	350
Otaki ..	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	64	..	2	..	50	220
H.M. Stations—															
Paraparaumu ..	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	51	..	10	..	50	156
Upper Hutt ..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	40	..	3	..	13	130
General Totals	43	19	21	22	23	5	2	84	..	2883	22	894	276	2015	8161

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1928.

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	Communi- cants	
Nelson	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	257	42	70	..	180	750
Richmond	4	..	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	120	..	50	..	76	330
Blenheim	6	6	4	3	3	..	..	12	..	400	..	95	126	350	1250
Hokitika	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	72	1	13	12	40	240
Greymouth	3	6	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	176	..	25	..	75	450
Motueka	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	112	..	22	..	86	311
Westport	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	90	..	54	19	65	200
Home Mission Stations—															
Reefton	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	53	..	16	3	28	180
Havelock	4	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	48	..	41	..	20	170
Murchison	1	7	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	20	..	16	7	20	150
Granity	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	32	..	38	22	26	170
Wakefield-Dovedale	5	2	2	..	..	1	..	7	..	90	..	..	..	57	152
General Totals	33	37	15	13	9	5	..	46	..	1464	43	440	189	1023	4353

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CHRISTCHURCH—	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi- cants	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
Durham Street	2	..	2	1	7	..	..	9	..	346	..	81	17	225	600
East	6	1	5	3	4	..	..	21	..	685	..	345	..	480	1960
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	..	2	2	..	..	9	..	200	..	40	..	100	450
Woolston	5	..	4	1	3	..	..	4	..	263	..	90	..	185	695
Sydenham	2	..	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	204	..	25	27	50	660
Addington	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	221	34	120	..	156	620
Riccarton	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	3	133	..	50	..	120	300
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	4	..	..	5	1	387	..	82	44	300	900
Papanui	3	..	1	1	2	..	..	4	..	185	1	116	..	170	440
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	94	..	13	..	60	250
Springston	5	3	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	144	..	..	..	144	470
Tai Tapu	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	125	..	12	8	70	130
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	150	..	56	8	132	430
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	132	..	40	..	60	250
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	1	82	..	40	27	75	250
Rangiora	4	1	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	160	..	25	25	70	400
Woodend-Sefton	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	105	..	12	..	53	315
Greendale	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	70	..	21	..	72	189
Hawarden	1	3	2	1	..	1	..	1	3	34	..	..	..	20	..
Oxford	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	85	..	31	30	63	132
Waddington	5	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	54	..	9	10	50	136
General Totals	69	15	31	26	34	3	..	113	9	3850	35	1208	196	2655	9577

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1928.
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	Communi- cants	Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi- cants	Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi- cants	Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi- cants				
Timaru	6	4	3	2	3	1	..	..	15	..	480	..	194	60	386	1565						
Waimate	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	157	..	50	27	100	500					
Temuka	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	106	..	25	20	40	180					
Geraldine	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	99	..	15	..	75	260					
Ashburton	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	16	..	324	..	120	36	198	765						
Willowby	5	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	6	..	118	..	39	..	122	347					
Oamaru	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	11	..	189	..	45	..	160	556						
Methven-Rakaia	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	40	..	..	..	45	190
Mayfield	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	39	..	..	..	41	135	
General Totals	25	22	9	9	9	3	1	59	..	1552	..	488	143	1167	4498									

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN—Trinity	3	..	3	1	3	..	..	6	..	293	..	80	42	166	536
Central Mission	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	3	..	203	..	28	10	120	1300
Dundas Street	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	173	..	36	18	130	430
Cargill Road	2	1	3	1	3	..	..	9	..	204	..	28	..	150	600
St. Kilda	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	158	3	25	..	120	340
Caversham	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	179	..	79	..	95	470
Mornington	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	150	..	70	25	135	380
Roslyn-Maori H l	2	1	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	170	3	72	..	65	365
Port Chalmers	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	61	..	18	10	40	156
Balclutha	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	108	..	44	31	40	310
Milton	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	64	..	10	..	30	180
Roxburgh	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	68	..	13	..	65	210
Invercargill—Central	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	270	..	60	..	150	600
St. Peters	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	151	..	64	27	160	505
Bluff	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	70	..	16	..	40	360
Gore	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	106	..	28	16	56	200
Otautau	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	50	..	21	..	25	123
Waikouaiti	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	35	..	12	12	25	75
Broad Bay	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	13	..	3	..	20	95
Mosgiel	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	45	..	15	10	25	80
Edendale	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	37	..	9	..	38	210
Lawrence	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	30	..	13	6	20	68
Cromwell	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	33	4	6	5	25	140
Riverton	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	60	..	30	9	50	130
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	49	1	4	20	36	154
General Totals	50	23	21	25	20	10	1	60	..	2780	11	784	241	1826	8017

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1928.

DISTRICTS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	
Auckland ...	86	156	44	31	44	18	2	147	25	4664	29	1378	740	3942	15226
South Auckland ...	44	98	14	19	14	9	...	79	14	2405	9	581	446	1590	7353
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	55	46	21	22	17	7	2	81	...	2404	53	994	589	1665	6810
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	42	34	15	16	14	5	...	82	...	2532	10	740	291	1928	6990
Wellington ...	43	19	21	22	23	5	2	84	...	2883	22	894	276	2015	8161
Nelson ...	33	37	15	13	9	5	...	46	...	1464	43	440	189	1022	4353
North Canterbury ...	69	15	31	26	34	3	...	113	9	3859	35	1208	196	2655	9577
South Canterbury ...	25	25	9	9	9	3	1	59	...	1552	..	488	143	1167	4498
Otago-Southland ..	50	23	21	25	20	10	1	60	...	2780	11	784	241	1826	8017
Totals 1928 ...	447	453	191	183	184	65	8	751	48	24543	212	7507	3111	17810	70985
Totals 1927 ...	447	463	182	184	181	64	8	749	34	24395	229	7196	1997	17847	72565
Increases ..	..	..	9	..	3	1	...	2	14	148	...	311	1114	..	...
Decreases	10	...	1	17	37	1580

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

Solomon Islands	98	19	11	..	10	198	86	5173	9194
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SUMMARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools	SCHOLARS INCLUDING B.C. MEMBERS						Scholars 13-15 ceased to attend.	Teachers, Officers and B.C. Leaders.			No. on Cradle Roll	SOCIETIES. (Enrolment Totals)			Church Members SENIOR			JUNIOR		INFANT.		
		Primary	Junior & Inter- mediate	Young Women's B.C.	Young Men's B.C.	Grand Total	Average Attendance		No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	In Training Classes.		Children's Sunday.	Children's Weekdays	Young People's	Teachers &c. Church Roll.	Received during Year.	B.C. Members on Church Roll.	Received during Year.	No. on Church Roll.	Received during Year.	No. on Church Roll.	Received during Year.
Auckland	85	2108	3132	944	719	7034	4648	140	746	650	49	903	1212	1304	1085	627	34	437	65	1378	125	730	8
South Auckland	63	1044	1435	415	338	3256	2258	26	323	295	12	375	435	240	210	266	17	216	40	581	119	446	11
Taranaki-Wanganui	53	753	1467	374	271	2865	2110	39	290	265	7	298	744	155	247	251	14	231	52	741	63	549	9
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	38	698	1252	370	317	2637	1863	51	272	252	..	269	674	315	139	245	9	201	47	659	56	323	47
Wellington	42	1307	1687	480	432	3906	2720	41	426	367	6	506	1447	662	586	370	34	312	59	828	149	341	152
Nelson	30	581	742	257	271	1851	1291	40	201	169	..	290	490	214	192	179	6	45	34	442	67	244	28
North Canterbury	61	1499	2120	538	466	4656	3437	138	522	468	32	499	1300	919	799	402	22	315	66	906	164	338	43
South Canterbury	24	461	621	215	171	1468	1086	33	177	150	5	140	562	312	90	146	7	125	26	448	6	113	24
Otago-Southland	44	907	1365	384	390	2972	2244	47	330	286	43	280	856	644	334	295	15	243	61	622	92	215	50
Correspondence	1	..	..	..	..	50	50	..	26	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	441	9358	13821	3977	3375	30695	21707	555	3313	2928	154	3560	7720	4765	3682	2781	158	2125	450	6605	841	3299	635
Increases	3	..	..	404	351	125	1613	..	129	112	..	66	754	..	..	..	..	266	..	1020	..	1379	..
Decreases ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	..	64	..	..	..

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending December 31st, 1928.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s. d.	By General Secretary—			
To Circuit Contributions	490	9 7	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
„ A. G. Literature Partnership	150	0 0	300	0 0		
„ Conference Collection	21	14 9	House Allowance	150	0 0	
„ Commission on Sale of S.S. Hymnals	10	1 10	Travelling Expenses	132	9 2	
„ Contributions, World's S.S. Congress	6	0 6	Postages, etc.	11	5 5	
„ Contributions, North Canterbury S.S. Union	14	7 8	Telephone	4	5 0	
„ Credit Balance, 1927	6	12 3			597	19 7
	£699	6 7	„ Accident Insurance Policy		3	9 5
Debit Balance, 1928	120	16 4	„ Connexional Levies		60	0 0
			„ Clerical Assistance		25	0 0
			„ World's S.S. Congress—Refunds and Grant		10	18 7
			„ Postages, Typing, Exchange—			
			Board Secretaries	3	18 1	
			Board Treasurer	4	5 0	
			District Secretaries	4	1 6	
					12	4 7
			„ Coin Envelopes, Printing, and Stationery		43	3 6
			„ Examinations		36	19 9
			„ Literature and Magazines		10	14 6
			„ Grant to Council of Religious Education		5	0 0
			„ Advertising "Methodist Times"		7	10 0
			„ Cheque Books and Bank Charges		0	18 0
			„ Interest Bank Overdraft		6	5 0
	£820	2 11			£820	2 11

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31/12/28.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.									
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.				
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft	120	16	4	Office Furniture	...	...	...	16	0	0	170
						Debit Balance	...	...	...	104	16	4	
			<u>£120</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>					<u>£120</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>	

Audited and found correct.

January 8th, 1929.

J. H. JONES

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A. (N.Z.)

} Auditors.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1928.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds at at 30th Sept., 1927	20,079	10	8						
Plus Whakatane adjustment	30	0	0						
				20,109	10	8			
Proceeds Properties sold and held in trust	1,334	7	11						
Less Rates	2	16	4						
				1,331	11	7			
Church Sites Fund				242	6	6			
Office Expenses Account, 1927	209	0	3						
Surplus for 1928	43	18	11						
				252	19	2			
Church Sites Fund (Interest on Mortgage unpaid) ..				19	10	0			
				£21,955	17	11			
							20,869	13	2
							1,086	4	9
							£21,955 17 11		

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Audited and found correct,

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
J. A. FLESHER } Treasurers.

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

Christchurch, 26th October, 1928.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.
 Balance Sheet for the year ended October 31st, 1928.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.		
	£	s.	d.
Nil			
	By Mortgage	11,500	0 0
	„ Properties	4,500	0 0
	„ Credits in Auckland Savings Bank	310	0 0
	„ Credits in Bank of N.Z.	12	11 3
		<u>£16,322</u>	<u>11 3</u>

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9/11/1928

Audited and found correct,
 ARCH. PEAK
 J. G. HENDERSON

EMSLEY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Oct. 31, 1927—				October 31, 1928—			
To Balance Bank of New Zealand	13	16	4	By Theological College	145	0	0
October 31, 1928—				„ Bank Charge	0	10	0
To Interest from Mortgages	87	15	0	„ Deposit Probert Trust Board	300	0	0
„ Interest from War Loan	7	10	0	„ Management	6	16	8
„ Interest from Deposit	41	9	0				
„ War Loan Repaid	300	0	0				
„ Balance Bank New Zealand	1	16	4				
	<u>£452</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£452</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

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Investment Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Oct. 31, 1928—				Oct. 31, 1928—			
To Capital	1900	0	0	By Freehold Mortgages	1300	0	0
				„ Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board	600	0	0
	<u>£1900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£1900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Audited and found correct,
A. J. BUTTLE.
21st November, 1928.

(Signed) S. J. AMBURY }
GEO. BOND } Treasurers.
Auckland, N.Z.

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

Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st October, 1928.

Oct. 31st, 1927—				Oct. 31st, 1928—							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Balance	266	12	6	By Rents Received	...	6,790	4	6
Oct. 31st, 1928—				„ Interest Received	...	13	10	0
To Rents Accrued	6,753	4	0	„ Balance	...	229	12	0
„ Interest Accrued	13	10	0					
				<u>£7,033 6 6</u>					<u>£7,033 6 6</u>		

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.)
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.

S. J. AMBURY }
GEO. BOND } Hon. Treasurers.

Auckland, 13th November, 1928.

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THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.
Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st December, 1928.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
January 1st, 1928—				December 31st, 1928—			
To Balance Carried Forward	18,914	18	7	By General Expenses			82 11 4
December 31st, 1928—				Rates at Masterton and Foxton	49	5	10
To Interest Account	293	2	6	Fire Insurance Premium,			
Rent Account	329	4	4	Connexional Office ...	4	18	11
				Rent of Post Office Box ...	1	10	0
				Bank Charge, 10/-; Cheque			
				Book, 5/-	0	15	0
				Postages, Exchange, Stamp			
				Duty, Stationery	1	1	7
				Gratuity to Matron and First			
				Assistant, Children's Home	25	0	0
				Balance Forward			19,454 14 1
	<u>£19,537</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>				<u>£19,537 5 5</u>

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Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1928.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Balance of Funds, as per Revenue Account ...		19,454	14	1	Loans on Mortgage		4,600	0	0
					Freehold Property at Masterton, with Build-				
					ings, Foxton (2) and Wellington ...	14,428	16	9	
					Interest Accrued to 31st December ...	80	10	0	
					Rents Accrued to 31st December	75	6	0	
					Balance at Post Office Savings Bank ...	114	9	6	
					Balance at Bank of Australasia	115	11	10	
		<u>£19,454</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>£19,454</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>

Audited and found correct.
 C. McDONALD, }
 F. TURNER, } Auditors.
 15th January, 1929.

E. and O. E.
 Wellington, 11th January, 1929.
 (Sgd.) CLARENCE EATON, Chairman of Board.
 W. C. HEMERY, Honorary Treasurer.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1928.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Accumulated Funds as at							
31/10/27	.. ..	21,456	11 2	Mortgages Investments	7,800	0 0	
	£ s. d.			Interest due and accrued	146	6 2	
Less Vote of Conference—							7,946 6 2
Theological Col- College	.. 250 0 0			Debenture Investments	13,489	7 4	
Deaconess House	100 0 0			Interest due and accrued	150	0 7	
Foreign Mission Fund	.. 100 0 0						13,639 7 11
Home Mission Fund	.. 100 0 0			Loans to Churches	190	0 0	
Benevolent Br. Super Fd.	.. 75 0 0			Interest due and accrued	0	14 0	
Church Sites Fd.	75 0 0						190 14 0
		700	0 0	Amount at Bank New Zealand	202	15 11	
				Amount at P.O. Savings Bank	41	14 9	
		20,756	11 2	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	750	0 0	
Add Balance from Revenue A/c	1,954	13 7					994 10 8
Fire Claims Trust A/c				Sundry Dr.			0 17 2
							£22,771 15 11
							£22,771 15 11

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
 GEORGE J. SMITH } Treasurers.
 Christchurch, 30th November, 1928.

Audited and found correct,
 W. L. THOMAS }
 A. A. SANDFORD } Auditors.

**METHODIST CHURCH THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
NEW BUILDING FUND.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Total Promises made to 31st Jan., 1929			<	37,341	13	2
Less Received on Account—						
To 31st Jan., 1927	10,410	3	8			
To 31st Jan., 1928	8,708	6	11			
To 31st Jan., 1929	11,942	13	4			
,, Cancelled Promises	136	0	6			
				31,197	4	5
Balance Outstanding for Collection			...	£6,144	8	9

Stock on Hand—Paerata—				
Live Stock at Valuation ...	3,945	7	0	
Produce and Sundry Stocks	840	8	8	
				4,785 15 8
Loans on Mortgage ...	728	10	0	
Less Accrued Interest ...	13	19	9	
				742 9 9
Mount Albert Estate and Three Kings Purchases—				
Principal Outstanding ...	5,889	6	3	
Plus Accrued Interest...	171	6	10	
				6,060 13 1
Sundry Debtors—				
For Rent ...	629	17	6	
For Fees ...	608	6	0	
For Sundries ...	775	6	11	
				2,013 10 5
Less Reserve for Bad Debts ...	225	0	0	
				1,788 10 5
Payments in Advance ...				137 15 7
Cash in Hand—				
Paerata and Office ...				59 10 0
				<u>£199,855 14 6</u>

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 at the 31st December, 1928, 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, 25/1/29.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1928.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest	2435	5	2	By Rents	3913	2	8
„ Loss on College	1568	7	3	„ Profit on Farm	105	18	10
„ General Expenses	2224	12	11	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income Transferred to Capital Account	2209	3	10
	<u>£6228</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£6228</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

College Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1928.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Advertising	56	1	2	By School Fees	4598	6	8
„ Bad Debts Written Off	67	10	1	„ Reduction of Bad Debts Reserve	61	13	2
„ Depreciation	223	15	3	„ Camp Receipts	60	2	0
„ Fuel and Light	388	6	3	„ Laboratory Expenses	10	15	7
„ Insurance	45	6	6	„ Net Loss Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	1568	7	3
„ Laundry	45	0	0				
„ Provisions	2277	9	0				
„ Repairs and Maintenance	234	7	2				
„ Rates	69	17	7				
„ Salaries and Wages	2654	11	5				
„ Sports	75	2	2				
„ Stationery and Books	76	9	7				
„ Sundry Expenses	85	8	6				
	<u>£6299</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£6299</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>

BOARD OF WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

General Expenses Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1928.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Audit Fees	15	15	0	By Balance Transferred to Income and Expen- diture Account	2224	12	11
„ To Bad Debts Written Off	9	9	2				
„ Insurance	23	14	9				
„ Legal Expenses	51	6	0				
„ Office Expenses	39	12	9				
„ Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	70	16	5				
„ Rates	965	2	5				
„ Rent, Board Room	26	10	0				
„ Reserve for Bad Debts	163	10	10				
„ Repairs and Maintenance	16	18	2				
„ Salary, Secretary	350	0	0				
„ Sundry Expenses	41	1	4				
„ Survey Fees	68	17	10				
„ Travelling Expenses	20	8	3				
„ Wages Maintaining Properties	361	10	0				
	£2224	12	11		£2224	12	11

Rent Received Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1928.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Land Agents' Commission and Charges	29	19	0	By Rents Received from—			
„ Balance Transferred to Income and Expen- diture Account	3913	2	8	Grafton Road Property	1167	18	5
				Three Kings Property	1134	7	0
				Mount Albert Road Property	830	11	3
				Dominion Road Property	183	0	0
				Waikowhai Property	627	5	0
	£3943	1	8		£3943	1	8

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Revenue Account for the Period Ending 30th November, 1928.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Annuities	...	7,391	16 1	By Amount of Funds, 15/12/27	...	131,889	0 7
„ Furniture Grants	...	210	0 0	„ Ministers' Personal Subscrip-	...	1,507	2 0
„ Subscriptions Refunded	...	145	16 0	tions	...	2,180	1 6
„ Expenses of Management	...	329	19 5	„ Circuit Levies	...		
„ Valuation Fee	...	3	3 0	Interest on—			
„ Subscription Awaiting Refund	...	20	0 0	Investments	...	8,436	7 1
„ Amount of Funds as at				Deposits	...	35	14 6
15/12/1927	... 131,889 0 7			Arrears Ministers' Sub-	...	36	3 8
„ Increase of Funds as at				scriptions	...	18	19 6
30/11/28	... 3,451 10 4			Arrears of Purchase of	...		
	135,340 10 11			Benefits	...	8,527	4 9
				Less—			
				Interest on Over-			
				draft	... £17 19 6		
				Other Funds	... 771 8 10		
					789 8 4		
				„ Worcester Street Property Re-		7,737	16 5
				venue A/c	...	42	5 0
				„ Fire Insurance Premiums	...	0	19 1
				„ Surplus on Sale of Security	...	84	0 10
						£143,441	5 5
						£143,441	5 5

SUPERNUMERARY FUND (BENEVOLENT BRANCH).

Balance-sheet as at 30th November, 1928.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital	...	1,400	0	0	Christchurch City Council Debs. ...	500	0 0
Balance	...	312	7	9	Christchurch Drainage Board Debs.	500	0 0
		1,712 7 9					1,000 0 0
					Penrose Bequest (with Super. Fd.)		400 0 0
					Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	285	4 8
					Deposit with P.O. Savings Bank ...	27	3 1
							312 7 9
		£1,712 7 9					£1,712 7 9

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We have examined the above Cash Statement and Balance-sheet, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and we certify to their correctness. We have had all the Securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1928.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
 G. BOWRON } Treasurers.
 Christchurch, January 17th, 1929.

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.

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Period Ending 30th November, 1928.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.									
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.				
Benefits Paid to Retiring Missionaries				601	18	2	Personal Subscriptions	315	0	0			
Office Management Expenses—							Circuit Contributions	290	0	0			
Connexional Secretary's Office	20	0	0				Mission Fund Payments	311	5	0			
General Expenses	3	15	7							916	5	0	
Balance to Accumulated Funds				23	15	7	Interest—						
				635	14	11	Debentures	77	5	0			
							Debentures Accrued	15	13	0			
							Supernumerary Fund	252	5	8			
											345	3	8
											£1,261	8	8
				£1,261	8	8							

Balance-sheet as at 30th November, 1928.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.									
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.				
Accumulated Funds as at 16/12/27	...	5,411	1	5	Government and Other Debentures		959	0	0				
Add	30/11/28	635	14	11	Government and other Interest								
					Accrued	15	13	0					
					Deposit with Supernumerary Fund				974	13	0		
										5,072	3	4	
										£6,046	16	4	
				£6,046	16	4							

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. 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 30th November, 1928.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. 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, January 17th, 1929.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Revenue Account for the Period Ending 30th November, 1928.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME..									
				£	s.	d.							
General Expenses	12	16	2	Ministers' Personal Subscriptions	...	...	644	0	0	
Balance to Accumulated Funds	763	15	6	Fire Insurance Fund—Subsidy	...	...	125	0	0	
				<u>£776 11 8</u>							<u>£776 11 8</u>		

Balance-sheet as at 30th November, 1928.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.												
				£	s.	d.										
Accumulated Funds	763	15	6	Ministers' Personal Subscriptions Outstanding	274	10	0				
				<u>£763 15 6</u>							Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	489	5	6
				<u>£763 15 6</u>							<u>£763 15 6</u>					

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. 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 30th November, 1928.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. 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, January 18th, 1929.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND MILITARY CAMPS FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 30th November, 1928.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance as at 15th December, 1927	549	0 0	By Balance on Deposit with Supernumerary		
Interest Supernumerary Fund Board, Metho-			Fund Board of the Methodist Church of		
dist Church of New Zealand (Inc.), from			New Zealand (Inc.)	580	13 5
15th Dec., 1927, to 30th Nov., 1928 ...		31 13 5			
		<u>£580 13 5</u>			<u>£580 13 5</u>

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The Cash Book and Receipts relating to the payment of the moneys of the Methodist Military Camps Fund have been duly examined by us, and we hereby certify that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments is in accordance therewith. The Balance shown has been verified with the Books of the Supernumerary Fund Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (Incorporated).

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. 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, 17th January, 1929.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.
Balance-sheet for Year ending 31st December, 1928.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS.					
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan 1st—									
To Balance	...	...	...				1335	10	9
„ Circuit Levies—									
District—Auckland	...	...	...	646	5	0			
„ South Auckland	...	...	...	321	4	0			
„ Taranaki-Wanganui	...	...	...	324	2	7			
„ Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	...	...	281	18	0			
„ Wellington	...	...	...	359	18	0			
„ Nelson	...	...	...	204	8	0			
„ North Canterbury	...	...	...	531	4	0			
„ South Canterbury	...	...	...	185	0	0			
„ Otago-Southland	...	...	...	409	8	0			
							3263	7	7
„ Sale of Minutes—									
District—Auckland	...	...	...	1	0	0			
„ South Auckland	...	...	...	1	4	0			
„ Taranaki-Wanganui	...	...	...	0	15	0			
„ Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	...	...	1	0	0			
„ Wellington	...	...	...	0	17	0			
„ Nelson	...	...	...	0	19	0			
„ North Canterbury	...	...	...	1	12	0			
„ South Canterbury	...	...	...	0	14	0			
„ Otago-Southland	...	...	...	—		
							8	1	0
Jan 1st—									
By Cost of Christchurch Conference—									
(a) Travelling, etc., Representatives' Expenses Equalisation Fund	.....	.....	.....	375	1	6			
Official Ministerial Representatives and Ordination	.....	.....	.....	243	5	10			
							618	7	4
(b) Printing, etc.—									
Agenda	... £126	3	9						
Less Sales	... 18	6	0						
							107	17	9
Minutes	... ..	...	...	146	1	3			
Other	... ..	...	...	23	8	6			
Stationery, Bibles, etc.	...	...	...	25	8	0			
Secretary's Postages, etc.	...	...	...	12	10	0			
							315	5	6
„ District Expenses—Chairman's Travelling and other Expenses—									
District—Auckland	...	...	...	56	11	7			
„ South Auckland	...	...	...	32	17	6			
„ Taranaki-Wanganui	...	...	...	60	3	6			
„ Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	...	...	22	11	3			
„ Wellington	...	...	...	24	18	2			
„ Nelson	...	...	...	23	19	10			

To Synod Collections—			
District—Hawke's Bay-Mana-			
watu	3	7	3
„ Wellington	7	12	0
„ Nelson	3	5	0
„ North Canterbury ...	3	19	0
„ Otago-Southland ...	5	1	9
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	23	5	0
„ Sale of Literature, etc., per			
Connexional Secretary ...	56	12	6

District—North Canterbury ...	19	7	0	
„ South Canterbury ...	29	19	3	
„ Otago-Southland ...	26	9	8	
	<hr/>			296 17 9
„ Synod Expenses — Ministers'				
Probationers' H.M. Travelling,				
Stationery, etc.—				
District—Auckland	84	19	9	
„ South Auckland	42	0	8	
„ Taranaki-Wanganui ...	34	12	0	
„ Hawke's Bay-Mana-				
watu	28	2	6	
„ Wellington	37	3	11	
„ Nelson	42	16	0	
„ North Canterbury ...	16	10	6	
„ South Canterbury ...	9	0	10	
„ Otago-Southland ...	28	19	6	
	<hr/>			324 5 8
„ Ministerial Supply—				202
District—Auckland	5	15	0	
„ Taranaki-Wanganui ...	32	4	3	
„ Hawke's Bay-Mana-				
watu	9	17	0	
„ Nelson	25	10	0	
„ North Canterbury ...	19	19	0	
	<hr/>			93 5 3
„ Connexional Payments—				
President's Travelling, etc.	46	15	0	
President's Supply	25	0	0	
Vice-President's Travelling				
(1927)	11	0	10	
Board of Examiners' Expenses	19	0	0	
“Methodist Times” Honoraria				
and Expenses	36	17	0	
Printing—Book of Laws ...	197	11	2	
„ Other	65	3	9	
	<hr/>			401 7 9

Grants—				
Theological College	...	740	0	0
Connexional Fund	...	200	0	0
Affliction	... ..	35	0	0
Y.M.C.A. Military Fund	...	50	0	0
Deaconess Fund	... ..	75	0	0
Spiritual Advance Com.	...	25	0	0
			1125	0
			0	0
Hon. Treasurers—				
Stamps, Stationery, etc.	...	3	5	0
Bank Interest, Exchange, etc.	...	6	10	0
			9	15
			3	
„ Balances held by Chairmen—				
District—				
Auckland	... £39	10	10	
North Auckland				
(Whangaroa)		18	14	6
			58	5
			4	
South Auckland	... ..	9	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui	...	20	0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	25	0	0
Wellington	... ..	20	0	0
Nelson	... ..	20	0	0
North Canterbury	... ..	—	
South Canterbury	...	5	0	0
Otago-Southland	30	14	2
			187	19
			6	
Balance B.N.Z., Kaiapoi	...	1314	12	10
			1502	12
			4	
			£4686	16
			10	

£4686 16 10

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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 I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the said Statement correctly sets forth the position of the Contingent Fund as at December 31st, 1928.

J. H. BLACKWELL }
W. G. SLADE } Hon. Treasurers

(Signed) ISAAC J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z..
Hon. Auditor.
Christchurch, 13th February, 1929.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND CHILDREN'S FUND.

31st December, 1928.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Bank Balance 1/1/28	533	17	3						
Circuit Levies—												
Auckland	393	9	0						
South Auckland	182	6	6						
Taranaki-Wanganui	182	6	6						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	165	17	0						
Wellington	238	5	6						
Nelson	122	16	6						
North Canterbury	345	19	0						
South Canterbury	115	16	3						
Otago-Southland	234	7	9						
				1981	4	0						
				<u>£2515</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>						
Payments as per warrants—												
Auckland	357	15	0						
South Auckland	243	0	0						
Taranaki-Wanganui	258	15	0						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	211	10	0						
Wellington	222	15	0						
Nelson	81	0	0						
North Canterbury	312	15	0						
South Canterbury	117	0	0						
Otago-Southland	274	10	0						
										2079	0	0
Sundry Payments—												
Funeral Allowance	7	10	0						
Bank Charge (Keeping A/c)	0	10	0						
Conference Expenses, Ch.Ch.	2	10	0						
Stamps, Stationery and Bank Exchanges	0	10	0						
										11	0	0
										2090	0	0
To Balance (Credit B.N.S. Wales)										425	1	3
										<u>£2515</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

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E. H. A. KELLOW }
E. D. PATCHETT } Treasurers.

Audited and found correct,
ERNEST HOBY }
C. M. CHARLESWORTH } Auditors.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N.Z.
CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS, 1928.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	300	0	1
Auckland West	153	8	7
Auckland East	0	10	9
Auckland East	549	9	4
Avondale	1	0	0
Avondale	226	11	1
Auckland (Devonport)	67	7	8
Auckland (Takapuna))	56	13	5
Auckland (Birkenhead)	109	12	10
Onehunga	95	5	8
Otahuhu	71	9	4
Papakura	36	14	6
Pukekohe	134	4	10
Waiuku	41	9	2
Mahurangi	2	10	0
Paparoa	23	13	5
Northern Wairoa	32	12	11
Whangarei	—		
Port Albert	71	18	8
Coromandel	20	0	6
Kaukapakupa-Helensville	3	10	0
Bay of Islands	6	12	8
Hokianga	9	10	1
Whangaroa	15	3	10
Mangonui	9	0	0
Hikurangi	—		
Ohaeawai	3	17	0
	£2042	5	7

Women's Auxiliaries: Auckland,
£203; Whangarei, £8 10s.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames	107	18	9
Te Aroha	121	5	2
Morrinsville	53	0	9
Waihi	30	9	7
Paeroa and Hauraki Plains	17	6	5
Cambridge	80	19	3
Hamilton	121	1	2
Hamilton East	57	8	10
Rotorua	46	12	3
Tauranga	33	9	9
Opotiki	2	10	3
Taumarunui	4	3	5
Te Awamutu	30	17	6
Whakatane	4	15	0
Matamata	25	3	6
Te Puke	10	19	4
Ngaruawahia	17	5	11
Huntly	1	19	0
Te Kuiti	30	5	10
Ohura	9	5	2
Putaruru	7	1	11
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	£813	18	9

Women's Auxiliaries: Thames, £10;
 Te Aroha, £4 10s.; Tatuanui, £2
 10s.; Hamilton, £12 10s.; Hamilton
 East, £1; Te Awa, £2 15s.;
 Matamata, £5 17s. 3d.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	161	11	7
Waitara	49	3	3
Waitara	31	11	4
Inglewood	23	6	3
Stratford	61	5	5
Eltham	88	16	11
Hawera (£72 16s. 6d. overpaid)	217	10	11
Manaia	44	2	9
Opunake	72	17	9
Kaponga	—		
Wanganui	122	16	0
Wanganui North	49	17	3
Marton	24	14	10
Taihape	3	17	5
Raetihi-Ohakune	1	11	3
Patea	8	8	0
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	£961	10	11

Women's Auxiliaries: New Plymouth,
 £21 7s. 6d.; Waitara, £5; Lepper-
 ton, £1 11s. 6d.; Eltham, £12
 10s.; Stratford, £2; Hawera, £30;
 Wanganui, £30; Wanganui North,
 £7 7s. 6d.; Marton, £3 14s.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	85	0	0
Hastings	179	1	5
Gisborne	2	14	0
Gisborne	61	9	2
Waipawa	15	7	1
Dannevirke	35	15	10
Dannevirke	20	13	1
Woodville	3	5	0
Woodville	49	17	7
Pahiatua	40	3	0
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	149	0	2
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	183	12	11
Feilding	311	0	8
Sanson-Rongotea	36	11	10
Foxton-Shannon	4	9	0
Foxton-Shannon	22	2	7
Apiti	19	15	9
Norsewood	3	1	1
Wairoa	—	—	—
Ashurst-Bunnythorpe	34	19	11
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	£1258	0	1

Women's Auxiliaries: Napier, £20;
Hastings, £30; Gisborne, £4 14s.
7d.; Palmerston St. Paul's, £15;
Cuba Street, £15; Feilding,
£12 10s.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	1	0	0
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	223	0	3
Wellington (Thorndon)	122	7	3
Wellington South	149	16	4
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	21	15	6
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	97	4	2
Johnsonville-Ngaio	118	7	7
Hutt	103	7	10
Petone	3	9	0
Petone	53	6	5
Greytown-Featherston	12	8	0
Carterton	48	9	10
Masterton	119	5	1
Eketahuna	19	5	1
Levin	122	9	8
Otaki	10	0	0
Paraparaumu	3	7	0
Upper Hutt	2	4	6
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	£1231	3	6

Women's Auxiliaries: Masterton, £15;
Wellington, £135; Hutt, £10;
Petone, £8.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson	118	17	8
Richmond	23	4	7
Blenheim	145	9	7
Hokitika	13	10	0
Greymouth	2	0	0
Greymouth	28	8	10
Motueka	24	10	2
Reefton	15	17	9
Westport	16	12	10
Havelock	3	10	0
Havelock	2	0	3
Murchison	7	0	0
Granity	6	0	0
Wakefield-Dovedale	—		
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	£407	1	8

Women's Auxiliaries: Nelson, £30;
Blenheim, £15; Greymouth, £4.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham St.)	174	19	2
Christchurch East	246	16	5
Christchurch (Cambridge Ter.)	27	0	0
Christchurch (Woolston)	90	12	6
Christchurch (Sydenham)	0	4	0
Christchurch (Sydenham)	72	4	9
Christchurch (Addington)	83	1	6
Christchurch (Riccarton)	33	10	5
Christchurch (St. Albans)	98	12	8
Christchurch (Panauni)	1	17	6
Christchurch (Papanui)	89	1	10
Lyttelton	16	0	3
Springston	10	11	3
Springston	61	0	5
Tai Tapu	21	0	0
Leeston	56	14	1
Kaiapoi	52	18	11
Ohoka	56	2	2
Rangiora	52	6	8
Woodend-Sefton	36	13	7
Greendale	0	19	6
Greendale	24	10	0
Hawarden	2	10	0
Oxford	11	6	11
Waddington	0	7	6
Waddington	13	5	10
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	£1334	7	10

Women's Auxiliaries: Christchurch-
£150; Rangiora, £11.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Timaru	118	10	8
Waimate	63	4	5
Temuka	39	15	4
Geraldine	29	16	2
Ashburton	110	1	3
Willowby	28	6	6
Oamaru	59	0	6
Methven	13	11	0
Mayfield			

£462 5 10

Women's Auxiliaries: Timaru, £24;
Ashburton, £5; Willowby, £2;
Oamaru, £7 10s.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity)	120	8	7
Dunedin (Central Mission)	35	10	3
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	31	6	9
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	63	12	9
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	28	6	8
Dunedin (Caversham)	1	0	0
Dunedin (Caversham)	40	11	10
Dunedin (Morningson)	45	4	0
Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill)	3	0	0
Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill)	50	0	0
Mosgiel			
Port Chalmers	20	0	0
Balclutha	11	0	0
Milton	15	0	0
Roxburgh	11	17	6
Invercargill Central	68	16	10
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	45	8	0
Bluff	10	17	4
Gore	25	2	8
Otautau			
Waikouaiti	18	1	0
Broad Bay	7	2	4
Edendale	3	17	0
Edendale	15	12	4
Lawrence	6	15	6
Cromwell	5	12	10
Riverton	9	0	0
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	5	0	0

£698 4 2

Women's Auxiliaries: Dunedin, £93
15s.; Otago M.Y.W.M.M., £60;
Roxburgh, £2; Invercargill, £25.

SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
Districts—			
Auckland	2042	5	7
South Auckland	813	18	9
Taranaki-Wanganui	961	10	11
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	1258	0	1
Wellington	1231	3	6
Nelson	407	1	8
North Canterbury	1334	7	10
South Canterbury	462	5	10
Otago-Southland	698	4	2
Women's Auxiliaries	1260	10	0
Interest—General	563	12	3
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 Marena	6	10	0
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Montere	6	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parker, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mr. E. H. Penney, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mr. Frank V. White, Tua Marina	6	10	0
Treasurers' List	616	18	7
Publications	62	9	0
	£11,790	8	2

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

To Sundry Payments—			By Sales of Produce	1,977	11	2	
Theological College (2 years)	100	0	Sales of Books, etc.	12	16	0	
Deaconess Institute	75	0	Medical Department, Fees, etc.	68	5	6	
Dr. James' Expenses in Eng- land	105	0					4,955 1 2
Rev. F. H. Hayman, Ex- penses Fiji	30	1					17,187 6 4
Sundries	69	17	„ Balance—Deficit				3,962 5 5
		379 18 11					
„ Insurance and Replacement Fund		117 0 0					
		<u>£21,149 11 9</u>					<u>£21,149 11 9</u>

Audited and found correct.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc. Auditor.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Income on Capital Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1928.

ALLOCATION.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Working Capital Fund	1020	0 0	By Legacies	1530	8 9
„ Insurance and Replacement Fund ...	149	0 10	„ Gifts	2457	10 3
„ Equipment Fund	1960	19 0	„ Grant from General Fund	117	0 0
„ Medical Mission and Hospital Fund ...	1089	4 0	„ Interest	114	4 10
		<u>£4219 3 10</u>			<u>£4219 3 10</u>

Audited and found correct.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc. Auditor.

Auckland, 1/2/29.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Account—						
Legacies and Gifts Received ...	1020	0	0			
Less Capital Overdrawn						
at 1/1/1928	252	15	4			
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for Year	474	15	1			
	727	10	5			
		292	9	7		
		£15,448	15	6		
					£15,448	15 6

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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, 1928, as shown by the Books of the Society. The Solomon Islands figures are as certified to by the Chairman and Secretary of the Salomon Islands District, but exclude the value of Island Properties, which are estimated by the Chairman of that District to be worth £55,518. Members of the Society are referred to my Report of even date, addressed to the Board.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc. Auditor.

Auckland, 1/2/1929.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Banga Plantation Account, 1928.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Sales of Produce	1468	18 2	By Balance Brought Forward ..	8837	11 10
„ Balance — Deficit in New Zealand	9203	14 10	„ Advertisements “For Sale” ..	9	18 0
Less Credit in Solomon Islands	135	3 0	„ Interest on £8837 for 1 year at 5 per cent.	441	17 0
		9068 11 10	„ Working Expenses—		
Total Cost of Plantation to date, £12,158 3s. 1d.			Fares, Transport, etc. ..	29	15 0
			Recruiting Fees	60	0 0
			Tools, etc.	13	4 0
			Food, Clothing, Light, etc. ..	533	5 2
			Wages, Native Labour ..	460	7 0
			Sacks, Twine, etc. ..	71	12 0
			Wages, Manager, Oct.-Dec. ..	80	0 0
				1248	3 2
		£10,537 10 0		£10,537 10 0	

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Auckland, 1/2/1929.

Audited and found correct.
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc., Auditor.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1929.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.						
Home Mission Stations.				SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Coromandel ..	10	0	0	Waikato and King Country						
Ngaruawahia ..	10	0	0	Maori Circuit.						
Te Puke ..	15	0	0							
Waihi ..	20	0	0	Minister (1)—						
Huntly ..	20	0	0	Stipend ..	200	0	0			
Te Kuiti ..	20	0	0	Travelling ..	50	0	0			
Ohura ..	20	0	0	Rent ..	50	0	0			
Putaruru ..	20	0	0	Minister (2)—						
	Maori.			Stipend ..	200	0	0			
Waikato-Maniapoto ..	90	0	0	Travelling ..	20	0	0			
				Rent ..	40	0	0			
			£845	0	0					
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.				H. Missionary—						
Circuits.				Stipend ..	160	0	0			
	£	s.	d.	Travelling ..	20	0	0			
New Plymouth ..	125	0	0	Rent ..	40	0	0			
Waitara ..	30	0	0	H. Missionary—						
Inglewood ..	16	0	0	Stipend ..	140	0	0			
Stratford ..	50	0	0	Travelling ..	20	0	0			
Eltham ..	30	0	0	H. Missionary—						
Hawera ..	100	0	0	Stipend ..	60	0	0			
Manaia ..	40	0	0	Deaconess—						
Opunake ..	60	0	0	Stipend ..	125	0	0			
Kaponga ..	15	0	0	Travelling ..	20	0	0			
Wanganui ..	105	0	0	Deaconess—						
Wanganui North ..	40	0	0	Stipend ..	125	0	0			
Marton ..	25	0	0	Travelling ..	20	0	0			
Taihape ..	10	0	0					£1,510	0	0
Maori Mission.				Home Mission Stations.						
Taranaki - Waimarino ..	50	0	0	Whakatane ..	120	0	0			
	Home Mission Stations.			Te Puke ..	20	0	0			
Patea ..	10	0	0	Huntly (if Pro-						
Raetahi-Ohakune ..	10	0	0	bationer) ..	10	0	0			
			£716	Te Kuiti ..	60	0	0			
				Putaruru ..	30	0	0			
				Hauraki Plains ..	55	0	0			
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.				Aided Circuits.						
Circuits.				Paeroa ..	30	0	0			
	£	s.	d.	Rotorua (if Stan-						
Napier ..	100	0	0	dard Stipend) ..	20	0	0			
Hastings ..	110	0	0	Tauranga ..	45	0	0			
Gisborne ..	60	0	0	Opotiki ..	80	0	0			
Wairoa ..	8	0	0	Taumarunui (if						
Waipawa ..	20	0	0	Standard Sti-						
Dannevirke ..	25	0	0	pend) ..	85	0	0			
Woodville ..	30	0	0	Matamata ..	20	0	0			
Pahiatua ..	20	0	0					£575	0	0
Broad Street,										
Palmerston N. ..	110	0	0							
Cuba Street,										
Palmerston N. ..	100	0	0							
Ashhurst-Bun-										
thorpe ..	28	0	0							
Fellding ..	110	0	0							
Sanson-Rongotea ..	30	0	0							
Foxton ..	25	0	0							
Apiti ..	20	0	0							
Norsewood ..	10	0	0							
			£806							
				TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.						
				Taranaki-Waimarino Maori Circuit.						
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
				Senior Superin-						
				tendent—						
				Stipend ..	250	0	0	No Change.		
				Travelling ..	50	0	0			
				Rent ..	50	0	0			

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1929.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.						
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.										
Circuits.										
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Taranaki Street	200	0	0							
Thorndon	80	0	0							
Wellington South	80	0	0							
Kilbirnie	60	0	0							
Johnsonville-										
Ngaio	80	0	0							
Hutt	100	0	0							
Petone	35	0	0							
Greytown-										
Featherston	20	0	0							
Carterton	40	0	0							
Masterton	120	0	0							
Eketahuna	20	0	0							
Levin	65	0	0							
Otaki	20	0	0							
Home Mission Stations.										
Paraparaumu	10	0	0							
Upper Hutt	5	0	0							
				£935	0	0				
NELSON DISTRICT.										
Circuits.										
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Nelson	120	0	0							
Richmond	25	0	0							
Blenheim	150	0	0							
Hokitika	25	0	0							
Greymouth	40	0	0							
Motueka	25	0	0							
Westport	20	0	0							
Home Mission Stations.										
Havelock	5	0	0							
Murchison	7	10	0							
Granity	10	0	0							
Reefton	12	0	0							
Wakefield-										
Dovedale	7	10	0							
				£447	0	0				
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT										
Circuits.										
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Durham Street	175	0	0							
Christchurch E.	175	0	0							
St Albans	100	0	0							
Sydenham	50	0	0							
Cambridge Ter.	40	0	0							
Woolston	80	0	0							
Addington	60	0	0							
Riccarton	35	0	0							
Papanui	50	0	0							
Lytelton	25	0	0							
Springston	60	0	0							
Tai Tapu	30	0	0							
Leeston	55	0	0							
Kalapoi	40	0	0							
Ohoka	45	0	0							
Rangiora	50	0	0							
Woodend-Sefton	40	0	0							
Greendale	35	0	0							
Hawarden	10	0	0							
Oxford	15	0	0							
Waddington	18	0	0							
				£1,188	0	0				
				EXPENDITURE.						
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
				Minister (1)—						
				Stipend	200	0	0			
				Travelling	40	0	0			
				Minister (2)—						
				Stipend	120	0	0			
				Travelling	20	0	0			
				Minister (3)—						
				Stipend	200	0	0			
				Travelling	30	0	0			
				Rent	52	0	0			
				H. Missionary—						
				Stipend	160	0	0			
				Travelling	20	0	0			
				Rent	40	0	0			
				Deaconess (1)—						
				Stipend	135	0	0			
				Travelling	40	0	0			
				Deaconess (2)—						
				Stipend	125	0	0			
				Travelling	40	0	0			
							£1,572	0	0	
				Home Mission Stations.						
				Patea	55	0	0			
				Raetihi-Ohakune—						
				If Married						
				H.M.	80	0	0			
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.						
				Waitara	70	0	0			
				Aided Circuits.						
				Inglewood	50	0	0			
				Manala	30	0	0			
				Wanganui						
				(Gonville)	30	0	0			
				Kaponga	60	0	0			
				Taihape (if						
				Married H.M.)	100	0	0			
				Wanganui North—						
				If Ord. Mins.	80	0	0			
							£555	0	0	
				HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.						
				Home Mission Stations.						
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
				Apiti	15	0	0			
				Norsewood	30	0	0			
				Aided Circuits.						
				Gisborne						
				(2nd Agent)	50	0	0			
				Wairoa	80	0	0			
				Waipawa	45	0	0			
				Pahiatua	20	0	0			
				Ashhurst-						
				Bunnythorpe	10	0	0			
							£250	0	0	
				WELLINGTON DISTRICT.						
				Home Mission Stations.						
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
				Paraparaumu	55	0	0			
				Upper Hutt	60	0	0			

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1929.—Continued.

INCOME.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru ..	100	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 ..	5	0	0			

£435 0 0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin— Trinity ..	100	0	0			
Central Mission	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			
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 ..	10	0	0			
Lawrence ..	10	0	0			
Cromwell ..	10	0	0			
Riverton ..	10	0	0			
Tuatapere- Nightcaps	15	0	0			

£795 0 0

Total estimated income
from Circuits and H.M.
Stations £7,997 0 0

GENERAL.

Brought fwd. .. £ s. d. £ s. d.
7,997 0 0

Connexional Properties.

Auckland ..	700	0	0			
Grey Institute, New Plymouth	600	0	0			
Kai Iwi ..	225	0	0			

1,525 0 0

EXPENDITURE.

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Kilbirnie ..	20	0	0			
Hutt ..	40	0	0			
Greytown- Featherston	35	0	0			
Eketahuna ..	45	0	0			
Otaki ..	40	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Wellington South (1 year only)	100	0	0			
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£395 0 0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wakefield- Dovedale	25	0	0			
Reefton ..	15	0	0			
Granity ..	50	0	0			
Murchison ..	20	0	0			

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Blenheim (Picton)	20	0	0			
Greymouth (If Prob.)	45	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Motueka ..	20	0	0			
Westport ..	10	0	0			
Hokitika ..	60	0	0			

£265 0 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Station.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hawarden (one year)	100	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Riccarton ..	30	0	0			
St Albans (one year)	50	0	0			
Lyttelton ..	20	0	0			
Tai Tapu ..	35	0	0			

Special.

Deaconess' Institution	75	0	0			
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£310 0 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Maori Mission.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Temuka ..	10	0	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Rakaia- Methven	9	0	0			
Mayfield ..	30	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Temuka ..	10	0	0			
Geraldine ..	20	0	0			

£79 0 0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1929.—Continued.

Interest on Investments.				EXPENDITURE.			
				OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland ..	600	0	0				
Canterbury ..	60	0	0				
Dunedin ...	5	10	0				
				665	10	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, 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. R. Parker, Blenheim ..	6	10	0				
Mr Frank O. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0				
Mr E. H. Penny, Blenheim ..	6	10	0				
				71	10	0	
				£10,259	0	0	
Miscellaneous.							
N.Z.Y.W.B.C. Union	145	0	0				
N.Z.M.W.M. Union	480	0	0				
The Wake Estate	300	0	0				
Connexional Fire Insurance	100	0	0				
Rents— Spring Creek, Blenheim ..	3	0	0				
				1028	0	0	
Total Income				£11,287	0	0	
				Aided Circuits.			
				Cargill Road—			
				If probationer give part time to Caversham			
				40			
				Caversham—			
				If Cargill Rd recommendation not agreed			
				15			
				Port Chalmers			
				55			
				Balclutha (final year)			
				30			
				Milton ..			
				20			
				Roxburgh ..			
				15			
				Bluff ..			
				55			
				£375			
				0			
				0			
				Maori Work.			
				Special—			
				Hospital rent			
				80			
				Matron's honorarium			
				100			
				Sunday School material			
				40			
				Printing leaflets			
				50			
				Evangelistic Missions and Conference			
				100			
				Special travelling			
				50			
				Compassionate Methodist Times			
				20			
				5			
				Contingencies			
				50			
				Total estimated expenditure			
				495			
				0			
				0			
				Maori Work ..			
				5123			
				0			
				0			
				European Work			
				3363			
				0			
				0			
				8486			
				0			
				0			
				Departmental.			
				General Superintendent of H.M.'s—			
				Stipend ..			
				325			
				0			
				0			
				House allowance			
				150			
				0			
				0			
				Travelling ..			
				100			
				0			
				0			
				Connexional charges			
				55			
				0			
				0			
				630			
				0			
				0			

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1929.—Continued.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.			
£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
		Assistant Super- intendent (Supply)—			
		Stipend ..	225	0	0
		House allowance	100	0	0
		Travelling ..	100	0	0
				425	0
		H.M. Office work	150	0	0
				150	0
		General Treasurer—			
		Honorarium	50	0	0
		Assistant ..	100	0	0
				150	0
		Office Expenses—			
		Rents ..	100	0	0
		Telephones	28	0	0
		Lighting, etc.	10	0	0
				138	0
		Postage, tele- grams, etc.	15	0	0
		Bank commis- sion, cheque books, ex- change, etc.	10	0	0
				25	0
		Printing.			
		Reports, bal- ance sheets, circulars ..	250	0	0
				250	0
		Miscellaneous.			
		C.B. and L. Fund Instalments—			
		Opotiki ..	9	0	0
		Whakatane ..	8	8	0
		Rates and insurances	10	0	0
		Interest ..	100	0	0
		Church Sites Fund	50	0	0
		Advertising and space in "N.Z. Metho- dist Times"	12	10	0
				189	18
				£1957	18
		General.			
		H.M. Retiring Allowance	125	0	0
		H.M. Retiring Fund	280	0	0
		Deaconess Retir- ing Fund	100	0	0
		H.M. Deputation expenses	100	0	0
		Removal expenses	70	0	0
		Ministerial supplies	200	0	0
		Theological Institution	135	0	0
		Contingencies	300	0	0
		For Spiritual Advance	50	0	0
		Y.M.C.A. ..	50	0	0
				1410	0

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1928.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. BOND and MR. J. VEALE.

RECEIPTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	119	0	6			
Ditto, 1927 ..	48	12	0			
Auckland West	61	3	0			
Ditto, 1927 ..	12	12	10			
Auckland East	298	18	6			
Ditto, 1927 ..	10	2	0			
Auck., Avondale	107	15	5			
Ditto, 1927 ..	2	0	0			
Auck., Devonport	48	1	7			
Ditto, 1927 ..	0	6	0			
Auck., Takapuna	36	3	2			
Ditto, 1927 ..	3	0	0			
Auck., Birkenhead	68	7	7			
Onehunga ..	58	5	5			
Otahuhu ..	44	19	7			
Papakura ..	27	14	8			
Pukekohe ..	52	17	1			
Ditto, 1927 ..	33	11	7			
Waiuku ..	24	17	6			
Mahurangi ..	29	17	3			
Paparoa ..	25	0	0			
Northern Wairoa	82	6	8			
Whangarei ..	54	15	9			
Whangaroa ..	26	12	8			
Bay of Islands ..	36	2	3			
Maori Missions	100	0	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Port Albert ..	72	15	2			
Coromandel ..	22	1	2			
Kaukapakapa ..	10	1	8			
Helensville ..	16	4	3			
Hokitanga-Rawene	37	10	6			
Hokitanga-						
Broadwood	41	4	1			
Ditto, 1927 ..	2	10	0			
Mangonui ..	37	19	0			
Hikurangi ..	24	11	0			
Ohacawai ..	45	1	6			
				1,813	1	4

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Thames ..	76	18	5			
Te Aroha ..	98	11	0			
Morrinsville ..	68	16	9			
Ditto, 1927 ..	2	15	0			
Paeroa - Hauraki						
Plains ..	31	18	9			
Cambridge ..	0	0	0			
Hamilton ..	130	9	9			
Ditto, 1927 ..	9	16	9			
Hamilton East	41	12	6			
Rotorua ..	30	2	7			
Tauranga ..	36	15	3			
Opotiki ..	30	3	2			
Taumarunui ..	14	8	0			
Te Awamutu ..	38	10	1			

EXPENDITURE.

MAORI MISSIONS.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ..	1,539	7	0			
Waikato ..	1,195	8	4			
Taranaki ..	1,352	11	0			
South Island ..	73	10	0			
Hospital, Te Kuiti	100	0	0			
Ditto, Interest as						
Rent ..	80	0	0			
Assist. Deaconesses	45	0	0			
Student, Deaconess	15	0	0			
Two Maori Student						
Deaconesses	50	0	0			
Medical Training	25	0	0			
Deaconesses' Re-						
tiring Fund ..	16	0	0			
Ratana House, Ad-						
ditions, Painting,						
etc. ..	58	17	0			
W.T.C. Board, on						
account 2 Pupils	40	7	6			
Ratana School ..	65	0	0			
						4,656 0 10

Special.

Annuity ..	20	0	0			
S.S. Materials	40	0	0			
Evangelistic Mis-						
sion ..	100	0	0			
Printing Leaflets	50	0	0			
						210 0 0
Contingencies for						
Horses, Harness	71	5	0			
Maori Party,						
Assembling	46	0	0			
Maori Party,						
Clothing, and						
Instruments	19	15	0			
Parsonage Repairs—						
Normanby and						
Okaiawa	17	8	9			
						154 8 9
Removal Expenses	122	19	6			
Methodist Times	5	0	0			
Deaconesses' In-						
stitution ..	29	5	0			
Annual Tram						
Ticket ..	12	12	0			
Furniture ..	17	12	6			
Balance, H.M. De-						
putation Ex-						
penses ..	17	9	0			
						234 18 0

Total Maori Expenditure £5,255 7 7

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel 1 qr.	2	5	0			
Helensville and						
Kaukapakapa	16	0	0			

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HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1928.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Matamata ..	41	14	7				Kaukapakapa ..	30	0	0
Ditto, 1927 ..	1	17	0				Bay of Islands, 1 qr.	10	0	0
Maori Missions	90	0	0				Ditto, Special	20	0	0
							Hokianga North	40	0	0
Home Mission Stations.							Hokianga South	32	10	0
Ngaruawahia	15	11	0				Hikurangi, 1 qr.	2	5	0
Waihi ..	20	7	9				Ohaeawai ..	13	0	0
Whakatane ..	10	0	0				Portland ..	0	0	0
Te Puke ..	28	18	6				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Huntly ..	7	6	8				Central Mission	100	0	0
Ditto, 1927 ..	2	18	0				Otahuhu ..	30	0	0
Te Kuiti ..	42	5	9				Northern Wairoa	47	10	0
Ohura ..	8	4	0				Whangaroa ..	75	0	0
Putaruru ..	29	16	0				Ditto, Special	18	14	6
Ditto, 1927 ..	3	5	0				Aided Circuits.			
				913	2	9	Mahurangi, 1 qr.	3	15	0
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.							Whangarei - Port-			
							land ..	37	18	4
										478 17 10
Circuits.							SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
New Plymouth	100	1	3				Home Mission Stations.			
Ditto, 1927 ..	1	7	6				Whakatane ..	120	0	0
Waitara ..	1	0	0				Ditto, Special	25	0	0
Ditto, 1927 ..	28	3	2				Waihi, 1 qr. ..	3	15	0
Inglewood ..	27	10	3				Te Puke ..	38	15	0
Ditto, 1927 ..	1	10	0				Huntly ..	20	0	0
Stratford ..	53	13	3				Te Kuiti ..	71	5	0
Eltham ..	30	11	0				Ditto, Special	15	0	0
Hawera ..	17	10	8				Ohura, 1 qr. ..	3	10	0
Ditto, 1927 ..	25	10	0				Ditto, Special	10	0	0
Manala ..	40	17	11				Putaruru ..	42	10	0
Ditto, 1927 ..	12	8	0				Aided Circuits.			
Opunake ..	68	14	8				Paeroa-Hauraki			
Ditto, 1927 ..	4	6	2				Plains ..	105	0	0
Kaponga ..	5	13	0				Rotorua ..	40	0	0
Wanganui ..	65	4	11				Tauranga ..	57	10	0
Wanganui North	9	6	0				Opotiki ..	96	5	0
Marton ..	15	5	6				Taumarunui ..	88	15	0
Ditto, 1927 ..	1	6	1				Matamata, 1 qr.	5	0	0
Taihape ..	5	18	6							742 5 0
Maori Missions	50	0	0				TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			
							Home Mission Stations.			
Home Mission Stations.							Raetihi-Ohakune	51	5	0
Raetihi-Ohakune	0	0	0				Ditto, Special	60	0	0
Patea ..	5	10	0				Patea ..	65	0	0
Ditto, 1927 ..	0	5	6				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				571	13	4	Waitara ..	66	5	0
HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT.							Opunake ..	25	0	0
							Aided Circuits.			
							Inglewood ..	53	15	0
Circuits.							Manala ..	32	10	0
Napier ..	66	13	9				Taihape ..	75	0	0
Ditto, 1927 ..	11	0	7				Kaponga ..	57	10	0
Hastings ..	148	9	2				Marton, 1 qr.	10	0	0
Gisborne ..	51	0	0				Wanganui North	45	0	0
Wairoa ..	0	10	0							541 5 0
Ditto, 1927 ..	4	5	0							
Waipawa ..	26	12	9							
Dannevirke ..	1	0	0							
Ditto, 1927 ..	24	14	6							
Woodville ..	28	13	11							
Pahiatua ..	22	18	10							
Palmerston North										
(Broad Street)	104	4	3							

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RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	101	7	9			
Ashhurst-Bunny- thorpe	23	0	5			
Ditto, 1927 ..	0	10	0			
Fellding ..	195	19	7			
Sanson-Rongatea	20	0	1			

Home Mission Stations.

Foxton-Shannon	29	19	3			
Apti ..	37	2	7			
Ditto, 1927 ..	3	10	6			
Norsewood ..	3	2	6			
				904	15	5

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Wellington—						
Taranaki St.	131	19	1			
Thorndon ..	81	1	5			
South ..	23	6	10			
Kilbirnie ..	31	15	4			
Ditto, 1927	47	14	0			
Johnsonville, Ngalo	56	13	3			
Ditto, 1927 ..	15	9	0			
Hutt ..	68	13	1			
Petone ..	24	8	2			
Greytown-Feather- ston	4	11	10			
Carterton ..	35	0	0			
Masterton ..	112	10	8			
Eketahuna ..	12	12	2			
Levin ..	45	13	8			
Otaki ..	16	0	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	11	8	5			
Upper Hutt ..	2	1	0			
				719	17	11

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Nelson ..	121	9	4			
Richmond ..	21	19	3			
Blenheim ..	156	7	7			
Hokitika ..	25	16	3			
Greymouth ..	27	6	8			
Motueka ..	31	6	7			
Westport ..	16	16	9			

Home Mission Stations.

Reefton ..	15	1	6			
Havelock ..	2	0	3			
Murchison ..	11	18	1			
Granity ..	9	0	0			
Ditto, 1927 ..	1	17	6			
Wakefield-Dovedale	0	0	0			
Runanga ..	1	1	0			
				442	0	9

EXPENDITURE.

HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Foxton, 1 qr. ...	10	0	0			
Ditto, Special	30	0	0			
Apti ..	22	10	0			
Norsewood ..	30	0	0			
Ditto, Special	10	0	0			

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Gisborne ..	45	0	0			
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Aided Circuits.

Waipawa ..	52	10	0			
Wairoa ..	80	0	0			
Ashhurst-Bunny- thorpe ..	18	15	0			
Pahiatua ..	20	0	0			
				318	15	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu	66	5	0			
Upper Hutt ..	92	10	0			

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Johnsonville, Ngalo	17	10	0			
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Aided Circuits.

Kilbirnie ..	25	0	0			
Lower Hutt ..	56	5	0			
Greytown ..	30	0	0			
Carterton ..	11	5	0			
Eketahuna ..	45	0	0			
				343	15	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Dovedale ..	33	15	0			
Havelock ..	10	0	0			
Murchison ..	25	0	0			
Granity ..	68	15	0			

Aided Circuits.

Richmond, 1 qr.	6	5	0			
Blenheim ..	22	10	0			
Hokitika ..	70	0	0			
Motueka ..	32	10	0			
Westport ..	10	0	0			
Reefton ..	20	0	0			
				298	15	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Oxford, 1 qr. ...	2	10	0			
Hawarden ..	17	10	0			
Ditto, Special	20	0	0			
Waddington ..	10	10	0			

Aided Circuits.

Riccarton ..	41	5	0			
Greendale, 1 qr.	3	15	0			
Lytelton ..	22	10	0			
Tai Tapu ..	40	0	0			
Deaconess' Insti- tute ..	75	0	0			
				233	0	0

CAPITAL.				INVESTMENTS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Legacies to end of 1927 ..				11,216	1	2			
.. New Legacies, 1928, from late Mrs. Fanny G. Hanson, Auckland ..	71	0	7						
Mr. Jas. Sinclair, Christchurch ..	10	0	0						
Mr. Duncan McKenzie, Ashburton ..	825	0	0						
Mr. S. T. Cox, Opunake ..	150	0	0						
Mr. W. F. Cheverton, Waimate (further amount) ..	285	14	4						
Mrs. Jane Hoare ..	235	11	3						
				1,577	6	2			
.. Memorial Gifts ..				1,100	0	0			
.. Other Direct Gifts—									
Mr. H. Brittain, Wellington ..	200	0	0						
Mr. Geo. Butler, Pleasant Point ..	50	0	0						
				250	0	0			
.. Inscribed Government Stock ..				1,000	0	0			
.. Dunedin Debenture—									
Mr. W. H. Scott ..				100	0	0			
.. Proceeds of Sales of Properties ..				2,396	4	6			
				£17,639	11	10			
							£17,639	11	10

CANTERBURY INVESTMENT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital, December 31, 1928 ..	1,100	0	0	Investment	1,100	0	0

THE METHODIST MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1928.

Brought Forward	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	To Balance	£	s.	d.
By Interest—				3,595	12	2	.. .. .	3,285	0	0
Auckland Savings Bank ..	7	18	4				.. Deposit, W.T.C. Board ..	350	0	0
W.T.C. Board ..	210	18	3				.. Credit, Auckland Savings Bank ..	179	8	9
				218	16	7				
				£3,814	8	9				
								£3,814	8	9

31/1/1929.

Audited and found correct.

ARCH. PEAK.
J. G. HENDERSON.

WILSON & HORTON LIMITED
HERALD PRINTING WORKS,
AUCKLAND.

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REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.
 Year ending 31st December, 1928.
 Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
To Removal Expenses	1196	14	10		By Circuit Levies	726	16	1
„ Exchange, Stamps, Stationery and Sundries	4	13	11		„ Interest	34	5	3
					„ Capital Account	440	7	5
	<u>£1201</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>			<u>£1201</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>

Balance-sheet.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.						
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.			
To Accumulated Fund Dec. 31st, 1927	1341	5	2	By Levies Outstanding			262	2	4	
Less Balance as per Revenue Account	440	7	5	„ Supernumerary Fund Deposit			590	5	8	
			<u>900</u>	„ Balance P.O. Savings Bank ...	35	15	5			
			<u>£900</u>	„ Balance Bank of N.Z. ...	12	14	4	<u>48</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
							<u>£900</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>	

I hereby certify to having carefully examined the Books and Vouchers of the above Fund, and find them correct.

W. L. THOMAS, Auditor.
 January 15th, 1929.

B. J. JAMES,
 A. A. SANDFORD, } Treasurers.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Deaconess House Property	6,400	0	0	Due South Island Orphanage	2,000	0	0
Furnishings, etc.	725	0	0	Depreciation Account	300	0	0
Credit Balance at Bank of New Zealand ...	239	11	6	Balance of Assets over Liabilities	5,064	11	6
	<u>£7,364 11 6</u>				<u>£7,364 11 6</u>		

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Deaconess House, 17th January, 1929.

C. A. NEWMAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended 30th September, 1928.

				EXPENDITURE.					
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
October 1st, 1927—		£	s. d.	£	s.	d.			
To Balance Bank of New Zealand		22	16 9						
„ Balance Cash in Hand ..		0	5 1						
				23	1	4			
RECEIPTS.									
Sept. 30th, 1928—									
Revenue—									
General Donations	210	16	7						
Official Collections	302	13	0						
Churches	342	11	1						
Sunday Schools	45	2	11						
Maintenance Fees	2163	14	7						
Discounts and Exchange	23	16	9						
Interest	10	15	0						
Annual Demonstration	52	12	5						
Sale of Stock	12	12	0						
Sale of Stone	10	0	0						
Winstone Estate	735	4	8						
Mrs. Serre Estate	166	0	6						
Rebate on Goods Purchased	6	19	6						
				4082	19	0			
Legacies—									
Mrs. Hanson	71	0	6						
S. T. Cox, Hawera	150	0	0						
				221	0	6			
Hughes on account of Loan				9	0	0			
							£	s.	d.
							1501	5	6
							1297	17	11
							69	9	3
							251	18	7
							5	5	1
							134	1	3
							46	16	5
							27	10	8
							411	2	0
							117	14	8
							265	1	5
							55	12	10
							2	15	0
							73	3	8
							36	11	4
							8	8	0
							10	10	0
							134	13	5
							4	1	0
							16	1	9
							10	10	0
							4480	9	9

THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.

Statements of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st December, 1928.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward—									
P.O. Savings Bank ...	160	5	2						
Bank of New Zealand ...	115	14	9						
	<hr/>			275	19	11			
„ Endowments and Legacies—									
Cox Bequest ...	150	0	0						
Miss Jackson's Bequest ...	250	0	0						
	<hr/>			400	0	0			
„ Maintenance—									
„ Donations and Subscriptions ...	98	15	11						
Collections ...	370	14	5						
Maintenance Fees ...	410	16	9						
Interest P.O. Savings Bank ...	13	12	5						
Interest Inscribed Debentures ...	55	0	0						
Interest Newcombe Trust ...	3	7	6						
Nett Proceeds Annual Concert ...	14	0	3						
	<hr/>			966	7	3			
	<hr/>			£1642	7	2			
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By Maintenance—									
Salaries and Wages ...	430	17	6						
General House Supplies ...	416	19	11						
Lighting and Heating ...	102	2	8						
Drapery, Clothing and Boots ...	61	10	10						
Hospital Fees, Medicine, etc. ...	19	10	3						
Printing, Advertising and									
Telephones ...	72	15	9						
Repairs and Renewals ...	21	11	4						
Accident Insurance ...	0	14	2						
Travelling Expenses and									
Sundries ...	11	11	10						
Total Maintenance	<hr/>						1137	14	3
„ Prizes re Newcombe Trust ...							2	8	9
„ Investments and Deposits—									
P.O. Savings Bank ...	423	17	7						
Bank of New Zealand ...	78	6	7						
	<hr/>						502	4	2
	<hr/>						£1642	7	2
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SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.
Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ending 31st December, 1928.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	p 's ₤	p 's ₤
To Balance 1st January, 1928—			By Maintenance Account—		
Post Office Savings Bank ...	2 7 10		Salaries & Wages—Home Staff	558 14 10	
Bank of New Zealand ...	715 12 5		Do. Garden	103 1 4	
Cash in Hand ...	209 17 3		General House Supplies ...	529 19 2	
		927 17 6	Lighting and Heating ...	80 9 6	
„ Maintenance Account—			Drapery, Clothing		
Subscriptions and Donations	638 14 4		and Boots, etc. £257 2 0		
Collections ...	242 2 2		Less Refunded 58 18 6	198 3 6	
Maintenance Fees ...	556 2 2		Printing, Stationery, Adver-		
Interests on Deposits & Loans	263 8 1		tising, Stamps, Bank Ex-		
Surplus from Conference			change, Telephone ...	55 6 1	
Functions ...	46 13 8		Renewals and Repairs ...	81 15 1	
		1,747 0 5	Sundries ...	21 10 0	
(Interest on Deposit with Super-			Fire and Accident Insurance	18 15 1	
numerary Board, £361 16s. 4d.,					1,647 14 7
has been added to the Deposit.)			„ Organising Secretary—The Late		
„ Endowment Account—			Rev. W. Laycock and Rev.		
Geo. Sheat Estate ...	50 0 0		F. T. Read ...		83 10 0
Duncan McKenzie Estate ...	825 0 0		„ Maintenance of Senior Boys		
Jessie Keen Estate ...	100 0 0		Outside of Home ...	317 2 6	
S. T. Cox Estate ...	150 0 0		Less Refunded ...	73 1 0	
W. F. Cheverton Estate ...	154 3 2				244 1 6
A. Cowie Estate, per Mr J. A.			„ Rates and Taxes ...		37 0 10
Flesher ...	50 0 0		„ G. H. Jones Trust—Interest to		
		1,329 3 2	31st December ...		8 12 3
„ Rent ...		28 10 0	„ Deposited with Supernumerary		
„ Deposits withdrawn ...		1,582 17 11	Board ...		3,050 0 0
„ Sumner Church—Repayment			„ Loan to Edgeware Road Trustees		400 0 0
Loan ...		40 0 0	„ Loan to Sumner Church ...		40 0 0
„ Christmas Cheer Fund ...		14 3 9	„ New Drying Room ...		123 16 0
„ Sundries ...		10 0 8	„ Christmas Cheer Fund ...		14 3 9
„ Balance Due to Treasurer ...		3 4 5	„ Post Office Savings Bank ...	2 7 10	
			„ Bank of New Zealand ...	31 11 1	
					33 18 11
		<u>£5,682 17 10</u>			<u>£5,682 17 10</u>

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December, 1928

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.		ASSETS.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Endowment Account	17,281	11 5	Freehold Property—				
Maintenance Reserve Account	150	0 0	Present Home and				
Property Reserve Account	1,125	0 0	Site	£5,449	1 5		
Late G. H. Jones' Children Trust Account	114	17 6	New Laundry Room	123	16 0		
Balance Due to Treasurer	3	4 5				5,572	17 5
			Additional 12 Acres for New				
			Home	2,905	1 7		
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	18,674	13 4				8,477	19 0
	3,080	0 5	Furnishings	430	0 0		
			Less Depreciation	30	0 0		
						400	0 0
			Live Stock—Cows			16	0 0
			Investments—				
			Waimairi County Council De-				
			benture	100	0 0		
			N.Z. Government Bond	100	0 0		
			N.Z. Inscribed Stock	1,000	0 0		
			Loan—Deaconess House Com-				
			mittee	2,000	0 0		
			Loan—Edgeware Road Church	400	0 0		
			Deposits	8,876	15 10		
			Deposit Stock, N.Z. Farmers'				
			Association	350	0 0		
						12,826	15 10

	Cash Balances—
	P.O. Savings Bank 2 7 10
	Bank of New Zealand £38 7 6
	Less Cheque not presented ... 6 16 5
	31 11 1
<u>£21,754 13 9</u>	<u>33 18 11</u> <u>£21,754 13 9</u>

We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

We have vouched all Receipts and Payments and verified the existence of all the Assets, with the exception of furnishings, which have been valued as at 31st December, 1927, less the year's depreciation, and cows, which have been also valued as at last balancing date.

In our opinion the above Statement correctly exhibits the Orphanage's position according to the information and explanations given to us.

We have accepted the analysis of the maintenance portion of the Receipts and Payments Account as supplied by the Treasurer.

Christchurch, 24th January, 1929.

p.p. HICKS, AINGER & TWYFORD.
F. E. TWYFORD, F.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.

**RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1929.**

WHERE THE STATUS OF THE PREACHER APPOINTED IS
ALTERED, THE CONTINGENT FUND TREASURERS SHOULD BE
CONSULTED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ...	1195	0	0	89	12	6	895	0	0	76	1	6
Conf. F.M. Secretary	350	0	0	26	5	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
Conf. H.M. Dept. ...	325	0	0	24	7	6	225	0	0	19	2	6
" H.M. 2 ...	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Auckland West ...	515	0	0	38	12	6	335	0	0	28	9	6
Auckland East ...	820	0	0	61	10	0	520	0	0	44	4	0
" Theo. Col.	550	0	0	41	5	0	350	0	0	29	15	0
" Avondale	525	0	0	39	7	6	325	0	0	27	12	6
" " H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Devonport	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	14	17	6
" Takapuna	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
" Birkenhead	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Onehunga ...	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	14	17	6
Otahuhu ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Papakura ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Pukekohe ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Pukekohe H.M. 2 ...	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waiuku ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Mahurangi ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paparoa ...	180	0	0	13	10	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Northern Wairoa ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
" H.M. 2 ...	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangarei ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Whangaroa ...	215	10	0	15	3	0	130	10	0	10	17	9
Bay of Islands ...	80	0	0	6	0	0	50	0	0	4	5	0
Port Albert ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hikurangi ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Auckland Central Mis.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaukapakapa H.M. Stn	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Helensville ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga (Rawene) "	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga (Broadwood) "	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mangonui ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohaeawai ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	7505	10	0	625	18	0	4750	10	0	403	11	9

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 2½ per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Te Aroha	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Morrinsville	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Paeroa	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Cambridge	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Hamilton	485	0	0	36	7	6	325	0	0	27	12	6
Hamilton East	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Rotorua	225	0	0	16	17	6	125	0	0	10	12	6
Tauranga	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Opotiki	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Taumarunui	225	0	0	16	17	6	125	0	0	10	12	6
Te Awamutu	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Matamata	180	0	0	13	10	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Huntly ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ngaruawahia H.M. Stn	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whakatane „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waihi „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Kuiti „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Putaruru „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Puke „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohura „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hauraki Plains „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coromandel „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3465	0	0	299	17	6	2145	0	0	182	6	6

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	725	0	0	54	7	6	385	0	0	32	14	6
Waitara	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
„ H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inglewood	225	0	0	16	17	6	125	0	0	10	12	6
Stratford	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Eltham	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Hawera	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Manaia	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Opunake	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
„ „ H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaponga	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Wanganui	525	0	0	39	7	6	365	0	0	31	0	6
„ H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wanganui North	375	0	0	28	2	6	225	0	0	19	2	6
„ „ H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marton	215	0	0	16	2	6	135	0	0	11	9	6
Taihape H.M. Station	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Raetihi-Ohakune „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mokau „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patea „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Douglas „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3865	0	0	321	17	6	2335	0	0	198	9	6

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 2½ per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier	380	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Hastings	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Gisborne	380	0	0	28	10	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wairoa	180	0	0	13	10	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Waipawa	200	0	0	15	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dannevirke	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Woodville	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Pahiatua	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Palmerston N (S Pauls)	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Palmerston N (Cuba St)	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Feilding	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanson and Rongotea	260	0	0	19	10	0	160	0	0	13	12	0
Foxton-Shannon ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apiti .. ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Norsewood .. ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3600	0	0	290	0	0	2130	0	0	181	1	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington Taranaki St.	580	0	0	43	10	0	420	0	0	35	14	0
Thorndon	550	0	0	41	5	0	350	0	0	29	15	0
South	480	0	0	36	0	0	320	0	0	27	4	0
Kilbirnie	425	0	0	31	17	6	265	0	0	22	10	6
Johnsonville-Ngaio	280	0	0	21	0	0	180	0	0	15	6	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hutt	385	0	0	28	17	6	255	0	0	21	13	6
Petone	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	14	17	6
Greytown	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Carterton	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Masterton	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eketahuna	225	0	0	16	17	6	125	0	0	10	12	6
Levin	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	14	17	6
Otaki	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Upper Hutt—H.M. Stn	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paraparaumu .. ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4525	0	0	355	7	6	2915	0	0	247	15	6

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 2½ per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson	325	0	0	24	7	6	225	0	0	19	2	6
Richmond	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Blenheim	730	0	0	54	15	0	470	0	0	39	19	0
Hokitika	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Greymouth	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Motueka	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Westport	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Reefton ... ..	...	...	...	6	12	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Havelock—H.M. Stn.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Murchison ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Granity ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wakefield-Dovedale ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2305	0	0	199	9	6	1445	0	0	122	16	6

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch—												
Durham Street	530	0	0	39	15	0	370	0	0	31	9	0
Connexional Secretary	350	0	0	26	5	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
S.S. and Y.P. Dept.	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
East	800	0	0	60	0	0	500	0	0	42	10	0
Cambridge Terrace ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Woolston	425	0	0	31	17	6	265	0	0	22	10	6
Sydenham	260	0	0	19	10	0	160	0	0	13	12	0
Addington	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	14	17	6
Riccarton	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
St. Albans	550	0	0	41	5	0	350	0	0	29	15	0
Papanui	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Lyttelton	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Springston	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Tai Tapu	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Leeston	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Kaiapoi	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Ohoka	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Rangiora	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Woodend-Sefton	240	0	0	18	0	0	140	0	0	11	18	0
Greendale	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Hawarden	4	0	0
Waddington H.M. Stn.	4	0	0
Oxford	4	0	0
	6480	0	0	498	15	0	4060	0	0	345	2	0

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SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru	575	0	0	43	2	6	375	0	0	31	17	6
H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waimate	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Temuka, King Street	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Ashburton	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Willowby	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Oamaru	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Rakaia-Methven H.M.S	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mayfield	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2175	0	0	176	2	6	1375	0	0	116	17	6

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—	460	0	0	34	10	0	300	0	0	25	10	0
Trinity	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Central Mission	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Dundas Street	410	0	0	30	15	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
Cargill Road	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
St. Kilda	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Caversham	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Morningside	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Roslyn-Maori Hill	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Chalmers	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Balclutha	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Milton	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Roxburgh	225	0	0	16	17	6	125	0	0	10	12	6
Invercargill Central	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Invercargill, St. Peter's	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	14	17	6
Bluff	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Gore	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Otautau	190	0	0	14	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waikouaiti H.M. Stn.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Broad Bay	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mosgiel	...	...	...	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
	4710	0	0	393	5	0	2800	0	0	238	0	0

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