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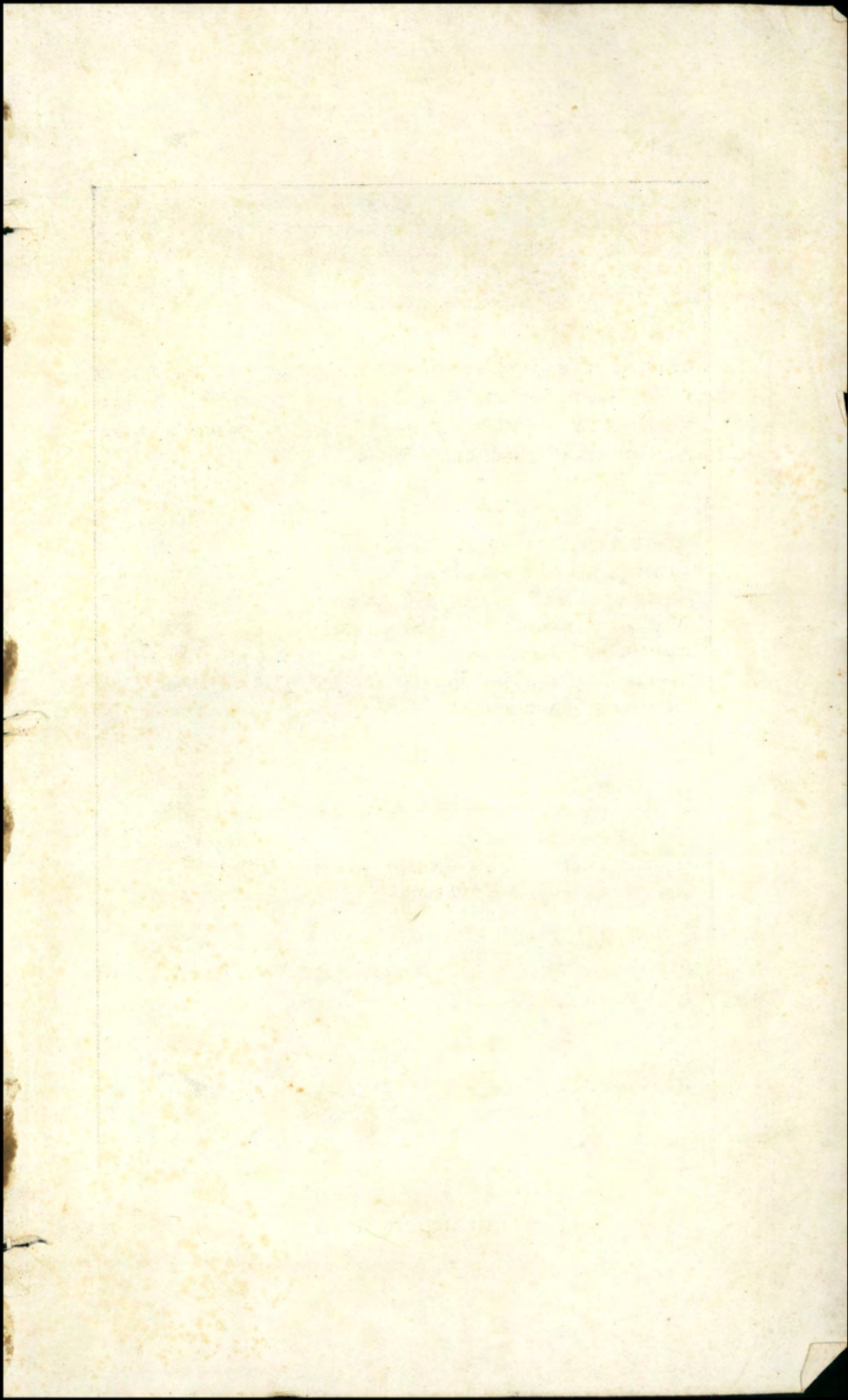
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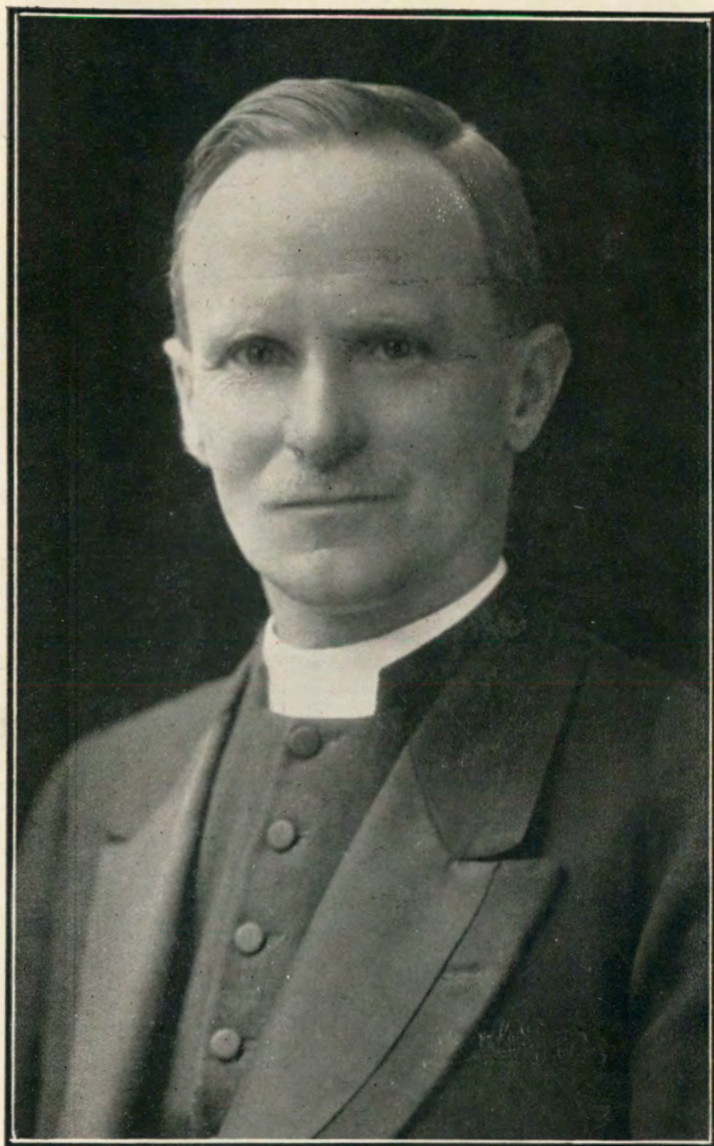
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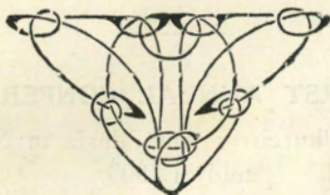




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of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, which was
also the First United Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist
Church, the United Methodist Free Churches, and the Bible
Christian Church in New Zealand, was held in 1897.

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

of the Methodist Church of New Zealand was held in 1913.
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become operative on January 1st of that year by declaration
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The Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Taranaki Street Church, Wellington, on Thursday, 20th February, 1930, and concluded on 28th February, 1930.

The Session was opened by the Rev. John F. Goldie, President, after which the President-Elect, the Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. Arch. Peak was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office.

The Secretary-Elect, the Rev. J. H. Haslam, was introduced, and took up his duties.

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Taranaki-Wanganui District.

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"	A. J. Perott
Waitara	O. Frank
Inglewood	
Stratford	G. Smith
Eltham	J. Turner
Hawera	H. E. Shaw
Manaia	...	...	...	...	H. J. Berry*
Opunake	...	...	...	...	R. F. Roebuck
Kaponga	...	...	...	...	N. C. Davies
Wanganui	...	...	...	...	C. H. Bowater
"	...	...	...	...	F. Webb-Jones
Wanganui North	...	...	...	...	P. R. Spicer
"	...	...	...	...	Mrs. P. R. Spicer
Marton	...	...	...	...	W. Winchcombe*
Maori Mission	...	...	...	...	W. Perehama
				...	W. Taituha

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	...	...	...	...	W. Rose
Hastings	...	...	...	...	L. A. Denton
Gisborne	...	...	...	...	G. S. Vincent
Wairoa	...	...	...	...	G. Malmquist
Waipawa	...	...	...	...	W. T. Hooper
Dannevirke	...	...	...	...	J. Henney
Woodville	...	...	...	...	Mrs. R. Richards
Pahiatua	...	...	...	...	E. Vile
Palmerston North, St. Paul's	...	...	...	...	G. H. Bennett
Palmerston North, Cuba Street	...	...	...	...	T. R. Hodder
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	...	...	...	...	W. N. Brewer
Feilding	...	...	...	...	F. S. Guy
Sanson-Rongotea	...	...	...	...	Mrs. M. E. Smith

Wellington District.

Wellington (Taranaki Street)	...	...	...	...	R. S. Maunder
"	...	...	...	...	J. O. Priestly
Wellington (Thorndon)	...	...	...	...	E. C. Gamble
"	...	...	...	...	Mrs. F. W. Sellens
Wellington South	...	...	...	...	H. Dixon
"	...	...	...	...	H. W. Smith
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	...	...	...	...	R. Hampton
Johnsonville-Ngaio	...	...	...	...	W. J. Carman
Hutt	...	...	...	...	W. H. Johnston
Petone	...	...	...	...	J. Jacobson
Greytown-Featherston	...	...	...	...	A. M. Hsieh
Carterton	...	...	...	...	M. Brasell
Masterton	...	...	...	...	J. A. Donald
Eketahuna	...	...	...	...	J. F. Baillie*
Levin	...	...	...	...	F. H. Hudson
Otaki	...	...	...	...	W. F. Armitage

Nelson District.

Nelson	...	...	...	...	S. Gorman
Richmond	...	...	...	...	W. G. Beardmore*
Blenheim	...	...	...	...	F. H. Southgate
"	...	...	...	...	J. S. White
Hokitika	...	...	...	...
Greymouth	...	...	...	...	C. Orams*
Motueka	...	...	...	...	W. H. Wise
Westport	...	...	...	...	Mrs. C. A. Foston

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C.
Christchurch (East)	Mrs. Hall
" "	S. Harrington
" "	F. J. Vinicombe
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	H. Holland, M.P.
Christchurch (Woolston)	W. McDowell
Christchurch (Sydenham)	W. Dobbs
Christchurch (Addington)	J. Voss
Christchurch (Riccarton)	P. G. Clements
Christchurch (St. Albans)	A. D. Hassell
Christchurch (Papanui)	A. Williams
Lyttelton	A. E. Haynes
Springston	Mrs. C. Blair
Tai Tapu	J. W. Kime*
Leeston	J. Gilmour
Kaipoi	Mrs. T. W. Brooks
Ohoka	H. A. Bennett
Rangiora	C. Rands
Woodend-Sefton	Mrs. Nelson
Greendale	
Hawarden	Mrs. Doak

South Canterbury District.

Timaru	A. Stead
" "	C. G. Vogeler
Waimate	Mrs. W. B. Scott
Temuka	R. Maxwell*
Geraldine	B. Logan
Ashburton	F. Frampton
Willowby	H. C. Bayly Withell
Oamaru	M. Knight*

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	P. Christie
Dunedin Central Mission	D. C. Cameron
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	G. Crosbie
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	J. A. Ferize*
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	Mrs. C. Summerell
Dunedin (Caversham)	
Dunedin (Mornington)	
Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill)	E. Aslin
Port Chalmers	Mrs. Barker
Balclutha	P. Bell*
Milton	C. Sheat*
Roxburgh	
Invercargill (Central)	P. A. Pearce
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	Chas. Anderson
Bluff	
Gore	J. E. Ffrost
Otautau	J. Thomas

Solomon Islands District.

W. S. MacKay.

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

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

N.B.—G. Raymond Harris passed with honours.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

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

Who shall be ordained at this Conference; and who shall take his third and final examination during 1930, the examination to be four subjects, of which Greek shall be one.

John D. Grocott
Charlie O. Hailwood
Francis J. Handy
Frank H. Hayman
Howard H. Jeffreys
Who have travelled two years.
Charles E. Dickens
Harold Fallows
Norman R. Gutry
Leonard C. Horwood
Arthur T. Kent
Walter Parker
Who have travelled one year.

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

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

Who have completed three years at the Theological College.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bernard M. Chrystall.
 J. Ainsley Daglish.
 A. Everal Orr.
 Ralph E. Patchett

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

None.

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

Naphtali Fotu.
 Paul Havea.

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

Belshazzar Gina (for the Solomon Islands).

RESOLUTION.

That a special curriculum be drawn up for Solomon Island Probationers by the ex-President, the General Secretary of the Board of Missions, and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

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. Grice, A. R. Thomas and J. L. Mitchell, who have completed their third year.

- V. R. Jamieson, who has completed his second and third years.
 E. S. Bennett, R. Coombridge and A. J. Johnstone, who have completed their second year.
 P. B. Birkett and F. Sanderson, who have completed their first year.
 O. P. Liddell, subject to his taking his first and second examinations during 1930.

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

Cornelius Griffin

Peter W. Jones

Nicholas Turner

Also William Watson, retired Home Missionary.

Cornelius Griffin was born at Oldbury, England, in 1851, and became a local preacher at the age of 18. Later he was accepted for the Ministry and sent to Headingly College. After a successful term of three years in St Mary's Circuit, Bedford, he sailed in 1879 for New Zealand, in company with Revs Edward Best and Daniel J. Murray. During a term of two years in the Waikato Circuit, under the Superintendency of Rev Henry Bull, he married Miss Brown, of Cambridge, who proved herself the loyal and active partner of his labours. For 34 years he exercised an earnest and arduous ministry, endearing himself to his people, and seeing the fruit of his labours, especially during his happy term of five years at Springston, 1892-97. Of an alert and active mind, a genial disposition, and evangelical zeal, his preaching was fresh and arresting, and his pastoral work a means of grace. Through failing health he became a Supernumerary in 1914, making his home at Mt. Eden, where he took a keen interest in local and connexional affairs. He exchanged mortality for life on June 17, in his 78th year, being survived by his widow, his daughter, Miss Elsie Griffin, M.A., and his son, Dr Cyril Griffin.

Peter Wright Jones, at the ripe age of 83 years, quietly passed to his eternal home on December 2, 1929, leaving a fragrant memory of a life lived wholly for Christ and his Church. "Father" Jones in early life dedicated himself to the service of his Master. In the Primitive Methodist Church of the Old Land he served as a local preacher and circuit missionary, and in 1876 was received into the Ministry of his Church in New Zealand. In that year he commenced pioneer work in the Manawatu District, the results of which were far-reaching and of permanent value. Mr Jones exercised a very fruitful ministry in various districts, and was twice honoured by his Church by being elected to the Presidential chair. In all things he proved himself a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. In 1901 he retired from the active work, and for his remaining years lived in Feilding, honoured and loved by all. We give thanks for his long life of devoted service.

Nicholas Turner, who was born at Tunbridge Wells, England, arrived in New Zealand with his parents when he was twelve years of age. At seventeen he became a local preacher. Crossing over to Australia, he became a major in the Salvation Army, and held important territorial commands in Australia and New Zealand. He entered the Methodist ministry of New Zealand in 1909, and was stationed in a number of circuits. He did excellent work while in charge of the Methodist Central Missions in Wellington and Auckland, where he found scope for his gifts as an evangelist, many persons being led to the Saviour. For a time he was organising secretary for the Chapman-Alexander Mission in the British Isles. From his boyhood he was an ardent Orangeman, and held many official positions in the Order. Some years ago ill health compelled him to retire from the active work of the ministry. Suddenly and peacefully, on February 19, 1930, he passed from earth to the everlasting home of those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

William Watson, Home Missionary, was born in Larton, Cumberland, on April 23, 1853. He came to Canterbury with his parents in 1859. Commencing as a local preacher in 1870, he entered the service of our Home Mission Department in 1909, labouring successfully in Cromwell, Lawrence, Riverton and Patea. He retired from active work in 1922, after a ministry of 13 years. He was devoted to his Lord, loyal to his Church, intolerant to wrong, and enthusiastic in the cause of right. He entered upon the higher service on August 19, 1929.

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
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?

Arthur Mitchell

Henry L. Blamires, for one year.

John Harris, for one year.

Rev Arthur Mitchell.—In acceding to the request of the Rev Arthur Mitchell to become a Supernumerary, the Conference places on record its grateful sense of the faithful and efficient services rendered to the Church by him during an active ministry of 40 years. Converted in early life in a mission conducted by the Rev

Thomas Cook in Cornwall, he soon commenced to exercise his gifts as a preacher. Coming to Australia in 1888, he entered the ministry of the Bible Christian Church in 1890. On being transferred to New Zealand he was appointed to the Christchurch Circuit, and in 1896, on the consummation of Methodist Union, was appointed to the Grafton Road Circuit, and since then has received appointments to Coromandel, Balclutha, Invercargill, Kaiapoi, Lyttelton, Feilding and Auckland West. Mr Mitchell served nearly four years as Chaplain with the New Zealand Forces at the Front during the Great War, being in action in several of the great battles. He holds the 1914-15 Decoration, the two War Medals, and the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Medal for long and efficient service. He has always been prominent in musical matters, and for several years was Precentor of the Conference. During his ministry he has paid marked attention to the care of Church Properties, and has been particularly successful in raising large sums for the erection and renovation of buildings and the liquidation of debts. As Chairman of a District he displayed gifts of leadership. He has been an excellent preacher, a born pastor, and a loyal friend; and he retires with the esteem and affection of all who know him.

QUESTION XV.—What Supernumeraries Return to the Regular Work?
None.

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

Arthur Liversedge, with permission to visit England.

J. Ernest Parsons, with permission to visit England.

F. Gardner Brown, with permission to visit England in 1931, for six months, provided he make arrangements satisfactory to the Quarterly Meeting, the District Chairman, and the President.

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?
None.

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 W. A. Burley, M.A.
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., T. J. Wallis, M. A. R. Pratt, W. J. Elliott, J. H. Haslam, A. J. Seamer.

(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 E. W. Hames, 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. B.D.
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 G. Frost.
Wesley's Sermons .. ..	.. Rev. G. F. Stockwell.
Church History (1st and 2nd years) ..	.. Rev W. B. Scott.
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 E. T. Cox, M.A.
Altar, Cross, and Community (Lofthouse)	..	Rev. L. B. Neale
The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience (Humphreys)	.. ..	Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.
The Doctrine of the Future (Mackintosh)	..	Rev. T. R. Richards
Religions of the World (Barton)	..	Rev. W. Wills.
The Methodist Law Book	.. ..	Rev. T. W. Vealie.

(B) Examiners for Students.

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.		C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Section A	.. ..	Rev. R. B. Tinsley
Section B	.. ..	Revs. H. L. Richards and J. D. M'Arthur.
Section C	.. ..	Rev C. H. Olds, B.A.

(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English	.. ..	Rev L. A. G. Brooks.
Theology	.. ..	Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall
Bible Knowledge	.. ..	Rev A. McBean.
Church History	Rev R. P. Keall.
Homiletics	Rev. W. Greenslade

(E) Examiners for Maoris.

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 Rev H. J. Odell
 Rev F. E. Leadley

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 22, and the second section on Tuesday, December 2. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 16, and of Home Missionary Probationers on Tuesday, December 2.

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, with Introduction, 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), Peak'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., Cambridge Greek Text, with Introduction and Moulton's Introduction to the Study of N.T. Greek, 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 1920 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.**CURRICULUM.**

Subjects.					Hours per Week.
1. Theology (Systematic)	..	..	..	..	2 hours
(Biblical)	..	..	..	..	1½ "
2. Bible Introduction and Exegesis—					
(a) Old Testament	..	..	..	..	1 "
(b) New Testament	..	..	..	..	2 "
3. Homiletics	..	..	..	..	1 "
4. Greek—New Testament	..	..	..	..	2 "
5. Hebrew (if taken)	..	..	..	..	2 "
6. Latin (if taken)	..	..	..	..	2 "
7. English Language and Literature	..	..	..	..	2 "
8. Mathematics	..	..	..	..	2 "
9. Mental and Moral Philosophy	..	..	..	..	1 "
10. Including Child Psychology and Principles of Pedagogy					
(third year)	..	..	..	..	1 "
11. Elocution and Voice Production.					1 "
12. In the Third year, a brief course of Lectures will be given in Methodist Law, Circuit and Sunday School Organisation, and Pastoral Efficiency.					

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.**SECTION A.****BIBLE KNOWLEDGE AND INTRODUCTION AND THEOLOGY.**

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

What a Christian Believes and Why (Hunter).

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

N.B.—Candidates are required by Conference to read carefully Wesley's Forty-four Sermons and Notes on the New Testament; but questions on these will not be included in the Candidates' written examination.

SECTION B.**LANGUAGES, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY AND SCIENCE.**

1. English—(a) Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar and Composition. (b) An Essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner.
2. Latin—Walters and Conway's Limen, Part I., Sections 1-138.
3. Greek—Initia Graeca, Sections I.-XIX., with Exercises VII.-XXXV. (Greek into English).

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

4. Geography—Longman's Geographical Series, Book II. The World (a) Mathematical and Physical Geography; (b) Sections on the British Empire.
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, Philipians, 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).
 Weinle, 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 on 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'Affee, C. B.—Psalms of the Social Life (Association Press
 N.Y.).
 Orchard, W. E.—The Temple Book of Prayers (Dent).
 Pascal, B.—Thoughts (Scott).
 Smellie—The Hour of Silence and In the Secret Place.
 Stoddart, Jane T.—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.—Semetic Religions (Clark).
- Menzies, A.—The History of Religions (Murray).
- Otto, R.—The Idea of the Holy (Milford).
- Oxford Press—Legacy of Greece.
- Rhys-Davids, T. W.—Buddhism (Putnams).
- Soothill, W. E.—Three Religions of China (Milford).
- Smith, Robertson—Religion of the Semites.
- Stevenson—The Heart of Jainism.
- Waterhouse, E. S.—Modern Theories of Religion (Sharp).

Section VII.—World Evangelisation:

- Carey—William Carey (Hodder).
- Dennis—Social Progress and Christian Missions.
- Edinburgh Missionary Conference Reports.
- Findlay, G. G.—Wesley's World Parish (Sharp).
- Findlay, W. H., and Holdsworth, W. W.—History of Wesleyan Methodist Mission Soc. (4 vols.) (Sharp).
- Matthews, B.—The Clash of Colour (Edin. House Press).
- Moscrop, T.—Kingdom Without Frontiers (Sharp).
- Oldham, J. H.—Christianity and the Race Problem.
- Padwick, C. E.—Henry Martin (S.C.M.).
- Robinson, C. H.—History of Christian Missions (Clark).
- Schweitzer, A.—On the Edge of the Primeval Forest.
- Shillito, E.—Francois Coillard (S.C.M.).
- Smith, E. W.—Robert Moffatt.
- Temple, W.—The Universality of Christ (S.C.M.).
- Welch, R. E.—Challenge to Christian Missions.

Section VIII.—Social Questions and Economics:

- *Clay, H.—Economics for the General Reader (Macmillan).
- "Copec" Reports Vol. 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.
 Masfield.
 Milton.
 Myer's "St Paul."
 Shakespeare.
 Shelley.
 Tennyson.
 Francis Thompson.
 Watson.
 Whittier.
 Wordsworth.
 Yeats.

X. ESSAYS AND BELLES LETTRES—

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

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 distinguished services as Secretary and Convener of the Board of Examiners for the last twelve years. The Conference deeply appreciates his ability, devotion, and the success with which Mr Haslam has discharged the important duties attaching to this office.
2. That the Rev W. A. Burley, M.A., be appointed Secretary and Convener of the Board of Examiners.
3. That on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners the Conference appoint each year an examiner for the Oral Examinations at the succeeding Conference, and that in the event of such examiner not being able to attend the Conference, a substitute be appointed by the President, and that the expenses of such examiner in travelling to Conference be a charge upon the Contingent Fund.
4. That Conference learns with pleasure that Student Raymond Dudley, B.A., has secured the Degree of Master of Arts in the University of New Zealand, and gives its sanction to this honour being printed in the Minutes of Conference.
4. That the examiner for 1931 be the Rev B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. That Par. 3, Regulations, p. 82, Methodist Law Book, be amended, to read as follows:—

"Except as hereinafter provided, Probationers shall be examined in at least six subjects, and pass in not less than five. Probationers who sit for English subjects only must take 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and one other for the first year, and 3, 4, 5, 6 and two others for each subsequent year. Probationers sitting for Hebrew and Greek must pass in those subjects, and must pass in Numbers 5, 6, and 8, in addition in the first year, and in Numbers 5 and 6 and one other in addition in subsequent years. Probationers sitting for Greek and not Hebrew must take Old Testament English in place of Hebrew. Probationers sitting for neither Greek nor Hebrew must take and pass in Old Testament English and New Testament English. In the case of Probationers who have been designated for Missions, the Board of Examiners may substitute two specific Missionary subjects for two non-compulsory subjects in each year of probation, provided that the substituted subjects shall be mutually agreed upon by the Mission Board and the Board of Examiners.

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

AUCKLAND.

Auckland East.—That the Panmure and Pakuranga Churches be transferred to Otahuhu Circuit, the eastern boundary of the Ellerslie Town District to be the boundary between the two Circuits.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Te Kuiti.—That Kio Kio be transferred from Te Awamutu Circuit, and that a single Probationer be appointed as an additional agent to work under the direction of the Chairman of the District, and to reside at Otorohanga, with a suitable grant.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Taihape.—That Taihape be constituted a Circuit with a single Probationer, and a suitable grant.

Douglas.—That the arrangements made last year be continued.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAMATU.

Waipawa.—That Waipawa be reduced to a Home Mission Station, and consider during the year the question of the division of the station, and of financial guarantees, with a view to making Waipukurau a separate circuit with a Probationer.

Feilding.—That the second agent be a Home Missionary.

WELLINGTON.

Kilbirnie.—That the name of the circuit be changed to "Wellington East.

That the circuit boundaries of the Wellington South and Wellington East Circuits be considered by the Wellington District Executive, who shall report to the Synod.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Northern Area.—That the H.M. Board report to the Synod on the prospects of work in this area.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Roslyn-Maori Hill.—That Maori Hill become a separate Home Mission Station.

Broad Bay.—That the Agent be withdrawn.

Caversham.—That the Caversham Circuit receive four ministerial appointments per quarter from the Cargill Road Circuit, and two per quarter to be arranged by the Chairman of the District.

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

Auckland Central Mission.—That this Mission become a circuit with an ordained minister, and a Home Missionary, with a suitable grant.

Pukekohe (Tuakau).—That a single Probationer be appointed as the second agent, to reside at Tuakau, with a suitable grant.

Northern Wairoa (Ruawai).—That a single Probationer be appointed instead of a Home Missionary, to reside at Ruawai.
 Mangonui.—That Mangonui become a circuit, with a single Probationer.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Whakatane.—That Whakatane become a circuit, with a single Probationer, and a suitable grant.

WELLINGTON.

Johnsonville-Ngaio.—That a single Probationer be appointed, to reside at Ngaio, with a suitable grant.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Timaru.—That a single Probationer be appointed to Timaru as third minister.

QUESTION XXV.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

None.

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

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Hamilton is due, and fulfils its obligation.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

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

Marton.—That if the exigencies of stationing require it, an ordained minister be appointed to Marton.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Wairoa.—That Wairoa be relieved for one year.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington East (Kilbirnie).—That Wellington East be relieved for a second year.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

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

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

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Dunedin (Trinity) 2nd.—That Trinity (2nd) be relieved for another year.

RESOLUTION.

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

1. Marton.
2. Durham Street, Christchurch (2nd).
3. Woolston, Christchurch (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. ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A.**

Vice-President: **MR ARCHIBALD PEAK.**

Secretary: **REV. JONATHAN H. HASLAM.**

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1930.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 125, 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, Thomas R. B. Woolloxall, William Rowe, Norman P. Larsen, 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,

2. **Auckland Central Mission.**—E. Thomas Olds, a Home Missionary.
3. **Auckland West.**—George Frost, J. Wesley Parker, Arthur Mitchell (Supernumerary).
4. **Auckland East.**—Edward Drake, Samuel J. Werren (Mount Eden), J. Henry Allen (Remuera); Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., without pastoral charge; George Bond, Thomas G. Carr, Thomas G. Brooke, Samuel Griffith, T. Francis Jones, Joseph Blight (Supernumeraries).

Epsom Orphanage Chaplain.—Edward Drake.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., Principal; Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Classical Languages.

5. **Auckland** (Avondale).—Angus McBean, Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.; a Home Missionary; James Wrigley (Supernumerary).
Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain—Angus McBean.
6. **Auckland** (Devonport).—Jonathan H. Haslam.
7. **Auckland** (Takapuna).—H. Leslie Richards.
8. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—William W. Avery; John D. Jory (Supernumerary).
9. **Onehunga**.—Frank E. Leadley.
10. **Otahuhu**.—William Gatman, A. Wharton E. Silvester.
11. **Papakura**.—J. Frederick Martin; Joseph H. Simmonds, J. Wesley Griffin (Supernumeraries).
12. **Pukekohe**.—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.; one wanted (Tuakau); a Home Missionary (Bombay).
- Wesley Training College, Paerata**.—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., Chaplain.
13. **Waiuku**.—Wallace S. Neal.
14. **Mahurangi**.—One wanted (Warkworth).
15. **Paparua**.—Herbert Ford.
16. **Northern Wairoa**.—Walter J. Enticott; W. John Court (Ruawai); a Home Missionary (Kaihu).
17. **Whangarei**.—Ernest E. Sage (who shall supervise Hikurangi Circuit).
- 17A. **Whangaroa**.—One wanted.
18. **Bay of Islands**.—George I. Laurensen (who shall supervise Mangonui, Whangaroa, Hokianga and Ohaeawai, and shall act as local adviser to the Maori Ministers and Home Missionaries working in those areas).
19. **Port Albert**.—One wanted.
20. **Hikurangi**.—Harry V. Utting.
21. **Mangonui**.—Ivo M. Raynor.
22. **Maori Missions**.—Home Mission Department: R. Tahupotiki Haddon, Senior Maori Superintendent, who has permission to work under the New Zealand Alliance.

(1) **AUCKLAND**—

Eruera Te Tuhi (Dargaville).
 Matarae Tauroa (Waima).
 Matene Keepa (Tuakau).
 Piripi Rakena (Mangamuka).
 Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirinaki).
 Davis Wilcox (Waikare).
 Hori Kirkwood (Pukekohe).
 A Home Missionary (Purerua).
 A Home Missionary (Whangaroa).
 A Home Missionary (Waiomia, Kawakawa).
 A Home Missionary (Whananaki).
 A Home Missionary (Utakura).

KAUKAPAKAPA.—A Home Missionary.

HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary.

HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary (Rawene)
A Home Missionary (Kohukohu).

OHAEAWAI.—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK.—A Home Missionary.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman of the District.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

23. **Thames.**—William A. Burley, M.A. (who shall supervise the Coromandel and Hauraki Plains Home Mission Stations). One wanted (who shall work at Otorohanga under the chairman of the District).
24. **Te Aroha.**—Henry J. Odell.
25. **Morrinsville.**—F. Gardner Brown, Arthur T. Kent (Waitoa).
26. **Paeroa.**—Frank Bateup.
27. **Cambridge.**—James W. Parker.
28. **Hamilton.**—Percy R. Paris, Frederick J. Parker.
29. **Hamilton East.**—Archer O. Harris (who shall supervise Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station).
30. **Rotorua.**—William H. Speer.
31. **Tauranga.**—Hubert G. Brown.
32. **Opotiki.**—G. Raymond Harris (who shall supervise Whakatane Circuit).
33. **Taumarunui.**—Cecil R. Taylor (who shall supervise Ohuwa H.M. Station).
34. **Te Awamutu.**—William Wills.
35. **Matamata.**—James H. Hall.
36. **Huntly.**—Charles E. Dickens.
37. **Whakatane.**—E. Clarence Leadley.

(2) WAIKATO-KING COUNTRY—

Wharehuia Rangiheuea (Kawhia).

A Home Missionary (Ohiapokoko, Raglan).

A Home Missionary (Aotearoa).

A Home Missionary (Te Kuiti).

A Home Missionary (Marokopa).

A Home Missionary (Otorohanga).

A Home Missionary (Mokau).

A Home Missionary (Cambridge).

NGARUAWAHIA.—A Home Missionary.

WAIHI.—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.

On the President's list of Reserve.—W. Gordon Parker.

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

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

38. **New Plymouth.**—Clarence Eaton, Robert B. Gosnell; one wanted; John Nixon, George S. Cook (Supernumeraries).
39. **Waitara.**—Robert McGregor; a Home Missionary.
40. **Inglewood.**—Henry Benny.
41. **Stratford.**—Thomas Skuse; a Home Missionary.
42. **Eltham.**—Thomas Coatsworth.
43. **Hawera.**—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C.
44. **Manaia.**—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
45. **Opunake.**—Charles M. Roberts; a Home Missionary.
46. **Kaponga.**—Percy J. Cossun.
47. **Wanganui.**—Edwin T. Cox, M.A.; one wanted.
48. **Wanganui North.**—John Olphert, Colin C. Harrison.
49. **Marton.**—One wanted.
50. **Taihape.**—Francis J. Handy.

(3) TARANAKI-WAIMARINO—

- Rakena P. Rakena (Okaiawa).
 E. Oliver Haddon (New Plymouth).
 A Home Missionary (Rahotu).
 A Home Missionary (Patea).
 A Home Missionary (Waitotara).
 A Home Missionary (Kai Iwi).
 A Home Missionary (Pipiriki).
 A Home Missionary (Raetihi).
 A Home Missionary (Rangitikei).

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

51. **Napier.**—William G. Slade, M.A.
52. **Hastings.**—Walter J. Oxbrow.
53. **Gisborne.**—William J. Elliott, J. Montgomery Blight.
54. **Wairoa.**—John D. Grocott.
55. **Dannevirke.**—Hedley White.

56. **Woodville**.—William B. Cuming.
 57. **Pahiatua**.—William B. Pickering.
 58. **Palmerston North** (St. Paul's).—J. Ernest Parsons (resting); Joseph C. Draper (supply).
 59. **Palmerston North** (Cuba Street).—John D. McArthur.
 60. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**.—Robert E. Fordyce.
 61. **Feilding**.—Fred Copeland; a Home Missionary.
 62. **Sanson-Rongotea**.—Charles H. Kendon.
 WAIPAWA.—A Home Missionary.
 FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.
 APITI.—A Home Missionary.
 NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

FRED COPELAND, Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

63. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—Thomas R. Richards, Robert Raine.
 64. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—Ernest D. Patchett, John Dennis; James T. Pinfold, D.D. (Supernumerary).
 65. **Wellington South**.—Thomas W. Vealie; one wanted.
 66. **Wellington East**.—Edwin S. Harkness, Matthew A. M'Dowell, A. Harding (Supernumerary).
 67. **Johnsonville-Ngaio**.—Alfred E. Jefferson, Howard H. Jeffreys (Ngaio), a Home Missionary (Porirua), Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).
 68. **Hutt**.—Harold A. Sharp, Norman R. Gutry.
 69. **Petone**.—Benjamin J. James.
 70. **Greytown-Featherston**.—R. Purcell Keall.
 71. **Carterton**.—Ralph J. Liddell.
 72. **Masterton**.—Ernest O. Blamires; one wanted; James Cocker (Supernumerary).
 73. **Eketahuna**.—John H. Bailey.
 74. **Levin**.—William Beckett.
 75. **Otaki**.—Herbert Spencer.
 PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
 UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

76. **Nelson**.—Percy N. Knight, B.A.
 77. **Richmond**.—Raymond Richards.
 78. **Blenheim**.—George F. Stockwell, Harry S. Kings (Tua Marina) who shall supervise Havelock H.M. Station; a Home Missionary.

79. **Hokitika**.—G. Knowles-Smith.
 80. **Greymouth**.—George E. Brown (who shall supervise Reefton H.M. Station); one wanted (Runanga).
 81. **Motueka**.—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
 82. **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.

83. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D., Leonard C. Horwood (Cashmere Hills); William J. Williams, William Baumber, Samuel Lawry, Henry L. Blamires (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.
 84. **Christchurch East**.—William Greenslade, Fred Greenwood, Oliver S. Pearn, James Guy (Supernumerary).
 85. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A. (President of the Conference), Charles E. Ward, John Harris (Supernumeraries).
 86. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Frederick B. Lawrence, Harold Fallows; Thomas Fee (Supernumerary).
 87. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Basil Metson.
 88. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Eric W. Hames, M.A., Arthur Liversedge (resting).
 89. **Christchurch**.—(Riccarton).—John F. Jack.
 90. **Christchurch (St Albans)**.—Leslie B. Neale, Ernest B. Chambers; T. Jackson Wallis, Frederick T. Read (Supernumeraries).
 91. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Arthur Hopper; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).
 South Island Orphanage Chaplain.—Arthur Hopper.
 92. **Lyttelton**.—Charles Blair.
 93. **Springston**.—Albert H. Fowles.
 94. **Tai Tapu**.—Francis T. Harris.
 95. **Leeston**.—George P. Hunt.
 96. **Kaiapoi**.—Oswald Burnet.
 97. **Ohoka**.—Harry Cottom.
 98. **Rangiora**.—Samuel Henderson.

99 **Woodend-Sefton**.—John R. Nelson.

100. **Greendale**.—Jacob Featherston.

101. **Hawarden**.—Walter Parker.

OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.

WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A. (President of the Conference),
Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

102. **Timaru**.—Harold T. Peat, Percy I. Cooke, Charlie O. Hailwood;
Charles H. Standage (Supernumerary).

103. **Waimate**.—W. Bramwell Scott.

104. **Temuka**.—Albert Blakemore.

105. **Geraldine**.—John Southern.

106. **Ashburton**.—Robert B. Tinsley (who shall supervise the Rakaia-
Methven H.M. Station).

107. **Willowby**.—William Grigg.

108. **Oamaru**.—Arthur Ashcroft.

RAKAIA-METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.

MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GRIGG, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

115. **Dunedin** (Morningside).—James Richards.

116. **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—Henry Ryan.

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

118. **Balclutha**.—Hector C. Orchard.

119. **Milton**.—John Reid (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M.
Station).

120. **Roxburgh**.—Gordon R. H. Peterson (who shall supervise the Crom-
well H.M. Station).

121. **Invercargill** (Central).—Charles H. Olds, B.A. (who shall supervise
the Otautau Circuit, and Riverton and Nightcaps-Tuatapere H.M.
Stations).

122. **Invercargill** (St Peters).—Samuel Bailey (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. Station).
123. **Bluff**.—Moses Ayrton.
124. **Gore**.—Alfred M. Costain.
125. **Otautau**.—One wanted.
- MAORI HILL**.—A Home Missionary.
- WAIKOUAITI**.—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-TUATAPERU**.—A Home Missionary.

HAROLD E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman of the District.

SOLOMON ISLANDS 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 (Luanua); a Catechist wanted (Pelau); Joeli Soakai (Kia, Roviana); Dr E. G. Sayers (Roviana); Belshazzar Gina (under the direction of the Chairman of the District).
- 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.
- Luanua**.—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.

Ombuombulu.—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, Chairman of the District.

NOTES.

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

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

The following, once members of the Conference, are attached to the New South Wales Conference for Foreign Mission Work:—Arthur H. Scrivin, G. H. Findlay, M.A., 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.
 Mahurangi (Warkworth).—R. Grice.
 Helensville.—W. J. Henderson.
 Kaukapakapa.—J. Common.
 Hokianga (Rawene).—D. Hickman.
 (Kohukohu).—R. T. Alexander.
 Whangarei (Portland).—R. Coombridge.
 Northern Wairoa (Kaihu).—One wanted.
 Ohaeawai.—A. J. Johnstone.
 Port Albert.—W. Trafford (Supply).
 Whangaroa (Kaeo).—E. J. Clark.
 Colporteur Work.—F. Sanderson.

Maori Mission.—

Purerua.—Hone Taotahi.
 Kawakawa.—Te Riri Kawiti.
 Whananaki.—One wanted.
 Utakura.—One wanted.
 Whangaroa.—One wanted.

South Auckland District—

Hauraki Plains (Ngatea).—A. P. Dorrian.
 Waihi.—T. W. Featherstone.
 Te Kuiti.—J. G. W. Grindlay.
 Putaruru.—G. H. Marr.
 Te Puke.—W. Sussex.
 Ngaruawahia.—G. Hall.
 Ohura.—E. R. Alexander.
 Coromandel.—O. P. Liddell.
 Maori Mission (Ohiapopoko (Raglan).—Te Aho-o-te-rangi
 Pihama.
 Aoteroa (Pukeatua).—Hautu Hapimana.
 Te Kuiti.—Hone Tamati.
 Marokopa.—Aihe Huirama.
 Hangatiki.—Witeni Hotu.
 Mokau.—One wanted.
 Cambridge.—One wanted.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

Stratford (2nd).—Vacant.
 New Plymouth (St Aubyns).—Supply.
 Waitara (Uriti).—L. C. Emsley.
 Opunake (Okato).—W. Wilson.
 Patea.—C. Aker.
 Raetihi-Ohakune.—C. S. Bennett.
 Marton.—J. L. Mitchell.
 Wanganui (Gonville).—Supply.

Maori Mission—

Rahotu.—Paahi Moke.
 Pariroa Pa.—Tupito Maruera.
 Whenuakura Pa.—Rangiira Tumahuki.
 Kai Iwi.—Hikuroa Te Maaha.
 Pipiriki.—One wanted.
 Raetihi.—One wanted.
 Rangitikei.—One wanted.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Foxton-Shannon (Foxton).—R. Tapp.
 Feilding (Halcombe).—J. H. Edmondson.
 Apiti.—A. R. Thomas.
 Norsewood.—C. Duncan.
 Waipawa.—C. W. Brown.

Wellington District—

Johnsonville (Porirua).—W. T. Hooper.
 Upper Hutt.—Supply.
 Masterton (Kuripuni).—H. Dyson.
 Paraparaumu.—W. H. Wilson.
 Island Bay.—H. Ashworth.

Nelson District—

Blenheim (Picton).—S. Keen.
 Reefton.—T. W. Parsons.
 Havelock.—B. H. N. Teague.
 Murchison.—One wanted.
 Granity.—C. Robinson.
 Wakefield-Dovedale.—J. C. R. Ashworth.
 Runanga.—One wanted.

North Canterbury District—

Waddington.—A. L. Witheford.
 Oxford.—H. J. Malcolm.

South Canterbury District—

Rakaia-Methven.—P. Birkett.
 Mayfield.—One wanted.

Otago-Southland District—

Dunedin Trinity (N.E. Valley).—One wanted.
 Otautau.—N. Challenger.
 Maori Hill.—F. E. Foot.
 Mosgiel.—J. W. Bayliss.
 Edendale.—G. F. O. Whittlestone.
 Lawrence.—P. Bridge.
 Cromwell.—A. C. Shanks.
 Riverton.—F. O. Prosser.
 Nightcaps-Tuatapere.—V. R. Jamieson.
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—J. Thomas.

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

CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

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

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Frank E. Leadley.
 South Auckland—Henry J. Odell.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Robert B. Gosnell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—John D. McArthur.
 Wellington—John Dennis.
 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—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
 Auckland—Frank E. Leadley.
 South Auckland—Henry J. Odell.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Robert B. Gosnell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—John D. McArthur.
 Wellington—John Dennis.
 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 1931?

President—William Greenslade.
 Secretary—Jonathan H. Haslam.

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

General Returns.

Increases.—Six new churches are reported, at Edendale, Auckland Central; the Paerata College Chapel; the Springdale Church, Te Aroha; the Walton Church, Matamata; and the Wairoa Church, Hawke's Bay and the Hataitai Church, Wellington. There is a pleasing increase in the total of other preaching places, though Hawke's Bay-Manawatu and Wellington have a com-

bined decrease of 9. Schoolrooms and Parsonages both show an increase of two over last year. We have three more ministers and probationers but, on the other hand, six fewer Home Missionaries are reported. Local Preachers have decreased during the year by six. One circuit is reported to have removed the names of those who are no longer active in the work. This probably means that the total active list is the same.

The following table will be of interest for comparison with the position ten years and five years ago.

	Churches.	Other Preach- ing Places.	School- rooms.	Parson- ages.	Minis- ters.	Home Mission- aries.	Deacon- esses.	Local Preach- ers.	Class Leaders.
1919	449	421	154	161	176	45	13	800	62
1924	437	443	172	179	185	57	10	776	37
1929	451	459	193	185	187	59	9	745	36

From this it will be seen that Churches and other Preaching Places are increasing very slowly; Schoolrooms and Parsonages are being added to more rapidly; the number of ministers and home missionaries is growing steadily. Local preachers and class leaders are becoming fewer. Over a period of ten years, with an increase of 40 places for preaching we have a decrease of 55 local preachers. If "the brightest star in the Methodist crown is the lay preacher" this decrease must be taken to heart. Class leaders are in danger of becoming extinct.

Membership.

A decrease of 114 Senior and of 65 Junior members is shown in the last year. Infant members have increased by the abnormal number of 793. This indicates that a greater number of circuits are giving attention to this matter, although it is a surprise to discover that 41 circuits and 17 home mission stations have no infant members. Those in charge of these circuits should note the Book of Laws, page 5 par. 16 (4). A comparative return shows the general upward trend in members and communicants:—

Year	Members	Communicants
1919	23,046	15,260
1924	24,034	16,514
1929	24,429	17,635

Attendants on Public Worship.

Various Synods express dissatisfaction with this return. It will be hard to devise a method that will give complete satisfaction. Until such a method is found it would be wise to work the present one more faithfully. The return is based upon the number of the average congregation which (unfortunately) none of us will have great difficulty in knowing. In nearly every case the congregation could be counted and not estimated. One third of that number must then be added for absentees; and then Sunday School scholars not already enumerated should be added. This last will mean that we must be careful not to enumerate the Bible Class members both in the congregation and in the Sunday School. If the return were compiled along the lines stated it is hard to understand how the advent of a new minister would cause the total to vary by as many as hundreds in one circuit. One is forced to the conclusion that the men rather than the method are at fault.

Over a period of years the human factor will vary little and so the following return will be educative:—

Place	1914	1919	1924	1929
North Island ..	46,505	45,598	44,777	44,476
South Island ..	35,208	31,003	28,737	26,550
Dominion	81,713	76,601	73,514	71,026

If the returns are taken by districts the result shows that only South Auckland has increased; the others, excepting Auckland, which shows signs now of increase, have steadily and definitely decreased. Even with a method that has its weaknesses we can see that the number actually attending our services is on the decrease. In that we are the same as other churches, though that is neither an excuse nor a consolation to us. It is a problem that must be solved. We are preaching to fewer people; the burdens of the church are being borne by a smaller number. We are bound to address ourselves to this question and to find the answer. It will be along the lines of renewed dedication, aggressive Evangelism, and the experience of "the grace of God that worketh in us." It is the spirit that needs renewing. If we have the glowing heart and the fire of our devotion burns within, people will come together as in days of long ago to hear what we have to tell them.

District Secretaries.—Once more I should pay tribute to the painstaking work of the District Secretaries who do their work so accurately and thoroughly. Their reports are both illuminating and suggestive, and, if the Synods give the same earnest attention to the matter as the secretaries do, the position would soon be altered, and the whole church roused to grapple with the conditions.

Sunday School and Bible Class Returns.

On the year there is a slight decrease of 6 schools—104 Primary scholars, 593 Junior and Intermediate, 249 Y.W.B.C., and 166 Y.M.B.C. members. It is at first sight puzzling to find that both Bible Class Movements report an increase; but, when it is remembered that the Church returns include Classes that are not affiliated to either Movement, the discrepancy is explained. The increases reported by the B.C. Movements may have resulted from an increase of affiliated Classes.

If we take a long view (the only right one in the matter of statistics) we shall discover that there has been steady progress.

Year.	No. of schools.	Scholars.	Aver. attendance.
1919	424	29,582	21,223
1924	396	31,008	21,914
1929	435	29,419	20,391

Allowance must be made for the effect of the War on the number of children in the Dominion. This is now being felt in the Intermediate Grade.

A similar look at the Bible Class Returns is full of encouragement:—

Year.	Y.W.B.C.	Y.M.B.C.
1919	2,107	1,413
1924	3,416	2,961
1929	3,728	3,209

These figures show that the B.C. Movement is full of vitality. The leaders are to be congratulated on these wonderful results.

Census Returns and S.S. Returns.

These are most encouraging, and tell a different tale from the Church Returns. The census of 1926 informs us that there are 22,673 Methodist children of ages 5 and under 14; and there are 11,701 under 5. If we allow one-fifth of those under 5 as being possible S.S. scholars,

we shall get a total of 25,000. The actual S.S. Returns for 1929 are 22,482, a percentage of 90; an excellent result. Our Church is doing her share of the Religious Education of the children.

When we return to the B.C. figures we can hardly expect a similar result. The B.C. age is roughly from 14 to 20. Within this limit the census shows us that there are 8,558 girls and young women who claim to be Methodists, and 8,265 boys and young men. Our B.C. Returns are 3,728 and 3,209 respectively, or a percentage of 44 and 39. Here is where the Church loses the young people, and where it has always done so. The B.C. Movements are addressing themselves to this problem. They will need much wisdom to solve it, and the hearty co-operation and sympathy of the whole Church.

During the last five years scholars of the ages of 13 to 15 have left the schools in the following numbers:—474, 678, 625, 555, and 574—a total of 2,906. This is the crucial age, and all Teachers' and Young People's Meetings would do well to give this matter their earnest attention.

Maori Returns.

These are again reported, and give an indication of our work and place amongst the Maoris. The figures have been carefully compiled, and are authoritative. No comparison can be made with previous years. It is good to know that the Methodist Church has fared so well during the last few years of religious unsettlement amongst the Native Race. The wise policy of our Home Mission Department, under the guidance of the General Superintendent, is responsible for this gratifying result.

MAORI MEMBERS.

Auckland and District—

Hokianga	...	...	...	696	
Whangaroa-Bay of Islands	...	...	...	207	
Kaipara and North Wairoa	...	...	...	256	
Tuakau	...	...	...	74	
				—	1233

South Auckland District—

Ngaruawahia Pastorate	...	...	...	322	
Marokopa	...	...	...	124	
Raglan	...	...	...	225	
Kawhia	...	...	...	313	
Aotearoa	...	...	...	332	
Te Kuiti	...	...	...	586	
				—	1902

Taranaki-Waimarino District—

Wanganui-Waimarino	43	
Patea	81	
Okaiawa	170	
Rahotu	94	
				—	388

South Island—

S. Island	132	
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Total	3655
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W. A. BURLEY,
General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the report be received and adopted.

That the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be heartily thanked for his past services as General Statistical Secretary, and that the Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., be appointed as his successor.

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

THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee has duly met and considered the various remits from the last Conference, together with other matters pertaining to the Spiritual Welfare of the Church.

The Committee desires to report:—

1. Needs of Methodist Sailors.

In order to meet the spiritual and social needs of Methodist Sailors visiting our Ports, we suggest that where the present facilities are not satisfactory

- (1) Two rooms, connected with our Port Churches, be set apart, one as a reading and recreation room and another for social intercourse, where evening devotions and Bible readings may be conducted.
- (2) That the local minister be considered the Chaplain.
- (3) That a committee be formed in each centre to provide voluntary workers and arrange a plan of appointments when ships are in Port.
- (4) That the cost be met by voluntary subscriptions.

2. Restatement of Doctrine.

"That having considered the question of a restatement of our Doctrine, this committee regrets that it does not feel itself competent to deal with it, and urges the Conference to appoint a special committee to carry out the work during 1930, and report through the Synods to the Conference of 1931."

3. Induction Service for Church Officers.

The committee having carefully considered this matter, begs to submit the following suggestions:—

- (1) That the service be brief, following a somewhat abbreviated evening service, and succeeded by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- (2) That the evening service include a special sermon, brief, and appropriate to the occasion.
- (3) That the Dedication Service be an annual one, participated in by all office-bearers of the Church, and that there be associated with them the office-bearers of its various organisations, such as Choir, Sunday School, Ladies' Guild, etc.
- (4) That the participants assemble in the front seats of the Church, and that they be the first partakers of the Sacrament.

A BRIEF ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE DEDICATION (OR RE-DEDICATION) OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

The Minister will briefly explain the nature of the Service which will then proceed as follows:—

(Office-bearers and congregation rise and sing first three verses of Hymn 586, the Methodist Hymn Book.)

(The office-bearers remain standing, the rest of the congregation resuming their seats.)

MINISTER to Office-Bearers—Are you, here and now, in the presence of each other of this congregation, and of Almighty God, desirous of affirming or renewing your allegiance to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ? Are you fully resolved, during this coming year of office, to discharge the duties committed to you by this Church?

OFFICE-BEARERS—We are, the Lord being our Helper.

MINISTER—Will you, in all your relations with your fellow-workers, seek to carry out those duties in the spirit of love; and will you endeavour so to live that your life shall bear witness that Christ is both your Example and your heart's abiding Guest?

OFFICE-BEARERS—We will, Christ being our Helper.

MINISTER—Hear what Saint Paul saith are the fruits of the Spirit. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, temperance."

(Office-bearers resume their seats, and congregation stands.)

MINISTER to Congregation—Do you, as members of this Church, concur in the setting apart of these your fellow-members for the special duties allotted to them?

CONGREGATION—We do.

MINISTER—Will you, in the spirit of love, in the presence of each other and of Almighty God, resolve to assist these office-bearers, by your sympathy, loyal support, and prayers, to carry out effectively the duties assigned to them?

CONGREGATION—We will, God being our Helper.

(Congregation becomes seated.)

MINISTER—Hear what Saint Paul saith of Love; and may we all—Minister, Office-bearers, and Congregation—have this grace abiding in our hearts. Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth. But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, our Eternal Father, accept, we beseech Thee, these Thy servants, for the duties to which Thou hast called them. Give them grace to discharge those duties faithfully, earnestly and effectively. Ever anoint them with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may seek to glorify Thee in all their service, and that through their endeavours Thy Kingdom may be advanced and the welfare of Thy Church promoted. Enrich us all with Thy heavenly grace, and grant that we may ever strive to do Thy holy will and serve Thee with all our ransomed powers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Office-bearers and congregation rise and sing verses 1, 2 and 6 of Hymn 597, the Methodist Hymn Book.)

MINISTER—Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will now be administered.)

4. Shortening the Opening Session of Conference.

It is highly desirable to lessen the number of people on the Conference Platform, and this can be secured by adopting the following resolutions. At the same time this will make for dignity, and decrease confusion:—

- (1) That the Sponsors who introduce the President shall only come to the steps of the Platform. That the habit which has grown up of recent years of making five to ten minute speeches in introducing him be strictly banned, and that a few sentences only, spoken by the main Sponsor at the foot of the steps, shall be our rule.

- (2) That the Vice-President be received after the same fashion and same place by the Retiring Vice-President, who shall introduce him to the President, and, as representing both the Laity and Ministry, he only shall speak words of welcome. The new Vice-President in a few sentences shall give thanks for his election, but his speech shall be given to the Conference at the opening session next morning. (There is much to be said for this. It is utterly unfair to expect from any man a speech of any real value a few minutes after his election. It is neither fair to the man nor to the Conference, and does not add to its dignity.)
- (3) Unless it be on the occasion of his first election, the Secretary shall NOT be brought forward by sponsors, but shall be welcomed by the President. In the case of a first election to Office his Sponsors shall act as in the case of the President and Vice-President.
- (4) We most respectfully recommend that the address of the President be confined to NOT more than 45 minutes, and that the whole session shall not last more than two hours and a quarter, concluding at 9.15 p.m.
- (5) That instead of the Secretary leaving the Platform to make arrangements for the Reception of the Vice-President, this shall be delegated by him to some responsible Minister, who shall immediately the election is announced make arrangements with the new Vice-President for his Sponsors and for his introduction.
- (6) That the reception of Notices of Motion be deferred till the Session next morning. (Frequently these notices of motion do not harmonise with the proceedings. Moreover, time is lost.)

5. Computation of Attendants on Public Worship.

The Committee has considered the matter of a more satisfactory method of computing the Attendants on Public Worship, but is unable at present to submit any suggestions, and recommends that the question be referred back to the Committee for further consideration with a view to careful investigation of the methods adopted by other Churches, and for report to the Conference of 1931.

6. Collegiate Sunday School.

That gratification be expressed at the larger place given in the Theological College to training for leadership in religious education.

That in view of the acknowledged importance of such training; of the still greater attention it is receiving in the Colleges of sister Churches; and of the support given by the majority of the Synods to this Committee's recommendation last year, we again submit, for the favourable consideration of the College authorities and Conference, similar proposals. It is urged that at least these recommendations be approved in principle, and be incorporated in the curriculum, by progressive stages if necessary.

- (1) That the curriculum of the Theological College be so arranged that two hours per 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 if necessary 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 used as a school of practice, enabling each student at some time during his period of training (in conjunction with the staff of voluntary workers) to gain practical experience in the methods and organisation of every department of the modern Sunday School.

The following are recommended as the Committee for 1930:—The Superintendents of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, together with Dr. C. E. Lyth, Messrs. E. A. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., A. T. McIndoe, W. J. Bryant, E. Aslin, A. H. Reed, P. Bennett, J. Davidson, W. O. Brown, E. J. King, H. H. Johnston, R. Rae and L. Wraight. Convener—Rev. G. B. Hinton.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

WILLIAM H. HOCKING, Convener.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. **Needs of Methodist Sailors.**—That the section be adopted.
2. **Restatement of Doctrine.**—That the section be not adopted.
3. **Induction Service for Church Officers.**—That Conference approves the principle of the Induction Service for Church Officers, and refers the matter to the Committee on the Book of Offices.
4. **Opening Session of Conference.**—That the section be not adopted.
5. **Computation of Attendants on Public Worship.**—That the section be adopted, with the addition of the words "through the Synods."
6. **Collegiate Sunday School.**—That this matter be referred to the Board of Studies for consideration during 1930.

That the Committee for 1930 be as given in the Report.

That the thanks of Conference be accorded the Welfare of the Church Committee for its work during the year.

That the Conference regrets to report a decrease in Church membership during the year. There are, however, other phases of our Church work which reveal gratifying evidences of reviving interest.

The Conference affectionately urges upon our people the need of seeking a deeper spiritual life that will send them out upon a campaign of personal evangelism.

The Conference directs that in all Circuits a special Leaders' Meeting be held not later than the month of May to discuss and to initiate practical steps for the ingathering of new members.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1929.

The Great Issues—Religious Education versus Secularism.

The largest issues in the world to-day are represented by Secularism on the one hand and Religious Education on the other. The Jerusalem Conference represented not Foreign Missions alone, but the whole world situation before the Church, when it declared that Secularism is the arch enemy of Christianity in this twentieth century. It was not left to the World Sunday School Conference to claim for Religious Education the first place in the work of the Church. It is significant that the Church Leaders of the world assembled at Jerusalem have come at length by sheer necessity to give the central place to Religious Education as the way of hope in every land. The power of Secularism is its early grip of the youthful mind, and for that reason Religious Education is our only effective way to overcome the enemy.

The Weight of the Dead Hand.

As Britain's Prime Minister declares that the Nations will readily pass Resolutions in favour of Internationalism, but obstruct as soon as concrete proposals are submitted which demand a change from traditional mentality, so the Church will acknowledge the paramount importance of Religious Education, but is tested when the implications are made practical. The Church in practice will pay for and train 100 men to preach, more readily than one to teach, and she will form committees and spend much time and money to organise for traditional revivalism, but gives relatively small thought to the much more promising field of Educational Evangelism. She casts much seed on the wayside, on the rocks, and among thorns, and has little left for the soil that would produce a great harvest. Until there is a new perspective, the outlook for the Church is that things are likely to get worse before they get better.

The Work is Not for a Department Only.

There is one danger in the Church setting up a Department to supervise Young People's work—that the Church should come to regard the work itself as a department somewhat aside from the main work of the Church, instead of giving it the central place in the whole task for which the Church exists. This work is vital to Circuit work, vital to Home Missions, vital to Foreign Missions, vital to Church Finance, vital to everything.

The Larger Aspects—National and Co-operative.

Working exclusively on denominational lines, we are convinced that some of our most responsible tasks cannot be fulfilled. There is a great work for which co-operation is indispensable. And if the Churches really desire closer fellowship and co-operation, it is in Youth work that it should be most practicable. Looking forward, we see a time coming when large financial resources should be available, not by the present method of strain on a limited number of faithful people in a local Church who carry more than their share, but on a broad national basis. But finance can only come in that way when Churches co-operate to produce a programme large enough and far-seeing enough to command it. We are concerned to get the attention of the Church this year to the present tendency in the direction of co-operation.

A National Conference.

The N.Z. Council of Religious Education, after three years of preparation, held in September in Canterbury College Hall, a three days' Conference on National Religious Education. It was very encouraging that 135 leaders of Religious and Educational work met together in friendly fellowship to consider how to do justice to the need of the N.Z. child in the entire educational programme. A book report has just been issued, entitled "Toward Unity in Education," and it is earnestly commended to all thoughtful people in the Church. The Conference has focussed the studious thought of several hundreds of people upon the theme that is fundamental to every movement for national progress.

The invaluable findings of the Conference and the importance of the tasks assigned by it to the Council more than justify the Board's decision to permit the Rev. E. P. Blamires to act as the Convener of the Conference and as Secretary to the Council. The high tributes bestowed upon him by his collaborator, the Rev. R. M. Ryburn, M.A., and the President, Bishop West-Watson, were fully merited, and are appreciated by the Board. Our Church is honoured in having provided a leader in a movement which is obviously fraught with immeasurable spiritual benefits to the children and youth of the Dominion.

We introduce a series of recommendations this year which call for Methodist co-operation on a broader platform, with potentiality for the future beyond anything possible to exclusively denominational work. (See Resolutions 1, 2, 7 to 11.)

The Next Step—A Central "Y.P." Office.

The opening of an office is overdue, and the need is urgent. We have reached a point where we must go backward unless we go forward. We have relations with so many workers that we must maintain our contacts. Constantly we have things of value to communicate to all our constituency, and the lines of communication are not sufficiently open. Both Bible Class Movements would be associated with the Young People's Department in this office. It means much to the Church that there is a good understanding and harmonious co-ordination in this relationship, and we must resist the near-sightedness which, because the Bible Class Movements have Travelling Secretaries of their own, would favour detachment of this work from the Y.P. Department.

After much negotiation and committee work during two years past, we submit a scheme that is practicable and reasonable. Since 1919 the Department has been well served by a strong Board in Christchurch; the appeal from Wellington demanded much earnest thought. The Board to-day is influenced by the following points in the claim of Wellington:—

- (1) The need of Wellington for a Connexional Department.
- (2) The financial proposals, including an office provided, it is anticipated, rent free, by the Trustees of Taranaki St. Church.
- (3) A strong Youth centre.
- (4) Geographically central.

Estimated Expenditure.

Salary and Assistance	...	...	...	...	...	£325
Rent (Free)	...	...	...	...	...	—
Lighting and Cleaning	...	...	...	...	...	35
Telephone	...	...	...	...	...	15
Incidentals	...	...	...	...	...	50
						£425

Estimated Income.

Literature Branch	...	...	...	...	...	£175
B.C. Movements (subject to final ratification)	...	...	...	...	...	150
Additional from Circuits (without increasing levy) or from Connexional Funds	...	...	...	...	...	100
						£425

Summary of Progressive Work.

The Board has met regularly, and has dealt with a mass of important business. We know that Synods have not time for details, so that we must pass much by and present a mere summary. We throw out the suggestion, however, that if the Synods in May would devote a whole Session to the work, we could give much more information to them. Among many marks of progress in recent years, we may gratefully note the following:—

- (1) A better type in Sunday School architecture is now in evidence.
- (2) Despite modern distractions, we have maintained our Sunday School attendance.
- (3) The reform of the Primary Department is now almost universal.

- (4) There is some definite improvement in the staffing of our schools, the quality of the teaching, the worship and the discipline.
- (5) Our Bible Class Movement is one of the healthiest youth organisations we know. Abbreviated Reports from the two sections are attached.
- (6) An increasing number of our churches are to-day successful in stemming the outward drift of senior scholars.
- (7) More children come to morning church services and to Communion.
- (8) There is more attention to children's Church Membership.
- (9) There are more Church Membership Classes and more Public Recognition Services.
- (10) There are more volunteers for Missions, and candidates for the Ministry.
- (11) The standard of Young People's Social gatherings is steadily rising.
- (12) The Young Men's and Young Women's Movements are now better related to each other by means of a Co-operative Committee and many combined activities.
- (13) There is a better understanding in the mutual relationships of Sunday School, Bible Classes and Church.

Such improvements as the above are general, and not less true because there are local exceptions to the rule. The Department does not claim all the credit—indeed little can be accomplished without local receptivity and initiative—but the Department does claim to be a strong contributing factor in every one of these tokens of manifest progress. In some of our Circuits, where the small financial allocation is regarded as a burden, the reminder is necessary that these benefits do not come to the Church as a matter of course, and the living Church of to-day might easily have been poorer by thousands but for the work of the Young People's Department. We are convinced that the financial burdens felt by all Church funds would have been felt heavier still but for the Y.P. Department and the tide of new life coming into the Church.

That more remains undone we freely admit. There is a sense in which the returns can only be commensurate with the investment, whether of cash or co-operation, sympathy or service.

Peaceful Penetration.

Compared with even five years ago, there is a very noticeable improvement in the more remote country areas. Our policy has penetrated steadily and effectively in such districts as Southland, West Coast, Taranaki, Bay of Plenty, etc. Take North Auckland, and especially the group of Home Mission stations and aided circuits in the far North. That area for years past has been riddled with undenominationalism. New Sunday Schools have been opened, Bible Classes have been formed, Camps have been held, All Day Rallies have brought together large assemblages of people engaged in Young People's work, all on a scale hitherto unthinkable. The connexional spirit is coming to life and enabling them definitely to share in the spiritual movement that formerly was only available to the larger centres of population. Our network of agencies is now spread over the Dominion. Though our fields are but partially won, we are encouraged by the fact that to-day in every part of the land ideas and principles are operating which have emanated from the Y.P. Board, though usually the churches are unconscious of the origin.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- (1) **Miss Jennie Street.** This gifted lady visitor from England addressed our Board and also met a multitude of our Young People throughout the Dominion with her inspirational messages, especially on behalf of Christian Endeavour work.

- (2) **Sunday School History.** Mr. G. Stafford, M.A., Dip. Ed., completed his history of the Sunday School Movement in N.Z. as a Thesis, and we are grateful to him for a copy of his valuable work in our Reference Library.
- (3) **Children's Communion.** We prepared during the year an Order Service for Children's Communion—the first we know of in any country to be incorporated in the new service book.
- (4) **Summer School.** The Summer School at Levin was the finest experience we have yet known in the Bible Class Movement, and is suggestive of potentiality for adult fellowship group, Sunday School teachers, ministers and others.
- (5) **Unsolicited Testimony.** We have received from the Principal of one of the largest Girls' Grammar Schools in N.Z. a testimony to the Methodist Training System, and also to Methodist Girls as being decidedly the most prominent among volunteers and workers when any social service is to be done.
- (6) **Maori Work.** We now have our own Sunday School Agent working as a Deaconess among the Maoris, also scores of our Young People are assisting in Maori Sunday Schools. Thirteen Maori girls came this year to Bible Class Camps.
- (7) **"The Lotu."** The large circulation of 7500 is maintained, and communication with the Solomon Islands has developed during the year in children's correspondence, and their gifts of scrap albums and contributions to the boxes forwarded by the Women's Missionary Auxiliary.
- (8) **College Lectures.** The Board greatly value the increased emphasis upon Religious Education in the Theological Curriculum. The General Secretary has given his course of lectures to the students as hitherto.
- (9) **The Calendar.** If Synods and Conference will pass Resolution 12 we shall be able to render more effective service from our Department to all our Sunday Schools immediately, and much more when we open the office.
- (10) **Adult Fellowship.** The Bible Class Movements are concerned with the stage of development following after their Senior Classes, and are earnestly considering the organisation of Adult Fellowship Groups. The success of this would depend upon local Church co-operation.
- (11) **Correspondence Sunday Schools.** This is now being reorganised under the superintendency of Mr. J. Voss, 124 Edinburgh Street, Spreydon, Christchurch, who will gladly supply information. Ministers and Home Missionaries who visit the outposts of settlement should connect lonely families with this good work.
- (12) **S.S. Examinations.** For the third year the Department has conducted S.S. Examinations throughout the Dominion, there being 800 competitors. The Gold Medallists were:—Junior Grade—Lloyd Jones, Morrinsville. Intermediate Grade—Clifford Hulston, Lincoln Road, Christchurch. Senior Grade—James Beaver, Paerata College.

Conclusion.

The Board takes this opportunity of again recording its appreciation of the fine work being done by Mr. Blamires in the general work of the Youth Department.

More than all external features, the Young People's Board values the spirit of devotion to the young life of the Church as manifested by Ministers, Sunday School Officers and Teachers, B.C. Leaders and a host of workers, whose co-operation is a perpetual incentive and encouragement. In the name of Christ we go forward!

A. N. SCOTTER, Chairman.

FRANK THOMPSON, Secretary.

YOUNG WOMEN'S B.C. REPORT.

(Abbreviated.)

Membership.

The total membership of the Movement is now 3330—2881 Active and 449 Auxiliary members, revealing an increase of 209 for the year. 35 new classes have been received into affiliation, making a total of 259 classes. 92 unaffiliated classes are known, and with these are shared all the privileges of Movement fellowship. There are 204 sub-leaders in classes, and 18 B.C. leaders and 168 Sunday School teachers have been supplied this year. 70 classes are building up their own Libraries, and through the agency of the Travelling Secretary 454 books—Missionary, International, Devotional and Bible Study—have been sold to B.C. members. 392 members have been promoted from Sunday School, while 280 have been gained from outside sources, making a total of 672 new members to come into Movement ranks. 135 classes provide or take part in Girls' Clubs, and 188 members are engaged in Club leadership or other Social Service. 72 per cent. of Seniors are attached to the Church, but the returns of those members under 18—only 35 per cent.—are very disappointing in view of resolutions of past years appealing for more adequate recognition of Junior membership. The holding of Junior Reception Services and a regrading of Church membership would assist towards meeting this problem.

Annual Convention.

The Annual Convention was held in Christchurch in January, and was attended by 30 delegates. At the early Communion Service Miss Elsie Sewell was inducted to the office of Travelling Secretary by Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, when representatives of the Y.M. and Y.W. Conventions were present.

Leadership Training.

A further development in the Leadership Training Course has been the co-ordination of the Y.W. Scheme with that of the Y.M. Movement. A Dominion Committee has been established in Auckland, and the revision of schemes has resulted in an acceptable and workable prospectus being evolved. In the Y.W. Movement 17 classes, with an attendance of 164 trainees, have been held in Bible Study, first, second, and third year. Missions, Methodism, Social Christianity, Church History and Theology. Great advance has been made in the Correspondence Course, which now caters for 171 trainees. The Movement is greatly indebted to the Tutors, who have given so generously to help this work of Religious Education.

Camps.

Owing to the holding of Dominion Camp at Wesley College, Paerata, and the ruling that only Junior Camps were to be arranged in Districts, this has been an unusual year in Camp history. Eleven Camps were held, with a total of 492 campers, while Dominion Camp catered for 135 Seniors. The Study Book, "Widening Horizons," prepared by the N.Z. President, Mrs. Harvey Cook, proved excellent for all Camps. Thirteen Maori School girls and 7 children from the Master-ton Orphanage were entertained at three of the Junior Camps.

Movement Day of Prayer.

Each year finds the Movements observing this Day of Prayer more appreciatively, and the leaflet prepared for our use proved extremely helpful. As this Day, coinciding with Y.P. Day, comes in the school vacation and finds classes with depleted numbers, the suggestion of an alteration in the date is worthy of consideration.

Missionary.

Sister Nicholls as our representative on the Maori field continues to do excellent work, and very practical support has been given by B.C. girls by sending gifts suitable for her work. The appointment of a Missionary Agent on Union Executives to propagate interest by the dissemination of news of Missionary work in our Church has been well justified. £150, donated by B.C. members towards the Gladys Chivers Memorial, has been handed to the Foreign Mission Board, and will be used to furnish and equip the Children's Ward in the Helena Goldie Hospital.

Travelling Secretary.

Deepest appreciation is expressed of the four years' service so magnificently rendered by Miss L. Hodder, and the best wishes of the Movement follow her in her new work in America. Miss Sewell took up office in February, and her work has been marked with great success.

Co-operation.

A most successful Combined Convention was held at Deaconess House, Christchurch, in January, when many co-operative schemes were considered. As a result, a Co-operative Committee was set up to have the oversight of all co-operative work, and to undertake such tasks as are committed to it by the Movements. The preparation of a circular re Local B.C. Executives, the Agenda for the Combined Executive meetings, and the consideration of such questions as Peace and Public Worship are amongst the tasks carried out. Twelve meetings of Combined Union Executives were held, and the formation of 37 Local B.C. Executives is reported. The first Summer School held at Levin early in the year proved a wonderful experience, and two such Schools are being planned at Timaru and Paerata in January next. The Movement was represented at the Waikanae Youth Conference, which was attended by 30 delegates, representing 11 Christian Youth Organisations some 30,000 strong. Co-operation is being furthered, wherever possible, by the establishment of United Youth Councils. The Combined Committee on Social Standards records another year of exceptional advance, 214 requests for programme material having been dealt with. The Committee is proving a real help to classes who desire the social life to be attractive and adequate.

Representation.

In addition to representation on the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Y.P. Board, and the Women's Missionary Union, the privilege of direct representation at Synods and Church Conference is greatly appreciated.

Finance.

Thanksgiving Services were held in all Unions, and in addition Group Committees arranged own services, thus ensuring that the greatest number possible share in these gatherings, which are usually held in conjunction with District Members' Week-end. Total amount received was £751 13s. 5d., of which £600 is required to meet our Movement commitments. A minimum total of £1717 16s. 9d. has been raised by affiliated classes, including £80 11s. 3d. for Home Missions, £173 11s. 3d. for Foreign Missions, £42 4s. 10d. for Orphanages, and £114 17s. 2d. for Sunday School funds, and £124 15s. for Church funds. Nine individual classes are supporting 3 Native teachers and 5 orphans, involving an amount of £51 12s. 6d. Three classes at Whitely Church, New Plymouth, support a Maori girl at the Sumner Institute for the Deaf.

D. FAIRWEATHER, Hon. Secretary

YOUNG MEN'S B.C. REPORT. (Abbreviated.)

It is with feelings of thankfulness to God that the New Zealand Executive Council again presents this Annual Report for the year ended 30th September, 1929. The past year has been one of opportunity, and we are grateful to God that we have been given a part as a Bible Class Movement to play in the extension of His Kingdom on earth.

We desire to place on record our high appreciation of the valuable service rendered to the Movement by the Rev. E. P. Blamires, General Secretary of the Y.P. Department, and to affirm our desire to continue to work in close co-operation with the Y.P. Department as expressed in the principles of co-ordination.

Travelling Secretary.

Mr. W. E. Donnelly, who during his twelve months' tenure of the office made a very valuable contribution to the work of the Movement, particularly in regard to leadership, relinquished his office in January, 1929. Mr. B. R. Hames was appointed to the position, and since that date has been carrying out his work in various Districts throughout the Dominion. In all ways he is doing most effective work.

Syllabus.

A departure from previous practice was made in the publication of the 1929 Syllabus. A forward step was made by co-operation with the Baptist Y.M. and Y.W. Movements, with the result that a Senior and Junior Syllabus was published for the four Movements under one cover. This is the first effort in co-operation with Movements of another denomination, and has, we believe, proved successful, and we trust that this is only the beginning of co-operation in a larger sphere.

Leadership Training.

We are co-operating with the Y.W. Movement in the matter of Leadership Training on broad principles, but that each section of the Combined Committee should be responsible for the developing and controlling of the scheme within its own Movement.

Camps.

The brightest spot in the year's work is our Camps. A very high standard was again maintained this year. Reports from these Camps indicate to those who are privileged to see them the "worthwhileness" of them. In Camps extending from North Auckland to the Bluff and on the East and West Coasts, over 1200 young men were in Camp this year. This is a remarkable testimony to the ever-increasing popularity of this phase of our work, and proves that our Movement in its methods and its policy has builded on sound foundations.

Missionary Policy.

The Movement's keen interest in Medical Missions continues unabated. Special Missionary Meetings were held in all Camps at Easter, and special collections taken up, and an additional sum of £46 13s. 10d. was secured. The last Convention increased the Movement's Missionary Budget from £200 to £250.

Methodist B.C. Link.

Our Bible Class Magazine, which is published in co-operation with the Y.W. Movement, has continued throughout the year to maintain a high standard under the editorship of Mr. C. R. Edmond.

B.C. Badge.

One of the things that has given general satisfaction is the general adoption of the "B.C." as the various Movements' Bible Class Badge. The latest recruit is the Church of Christ, whose Bible Class Movement is still in its infancy. Our own Badge is worn with pride by our members.

Combined Convention.

The Second Combined Convention with the Y.W. Movement was held in Christchurch on 30th and 31st December, under the Chairmanship of the Rev. E. P. Blamires. This proved a most successful gathering, the experience gained in the first Combined Convention held in Wellington being most valuable in the preparation of the programme.

Co-operative Committee.

Arising from a recommendation of the Combined Convention, a Co-operative Committee, consisting of three members of each Movement, the General Secretary of the Y.P. Department and the two Travelling Secretaries, was constituted. This Committee has been during the year considering matters on which co-operation is desirable and matters referred to it by the N.Z. Executive. It is purely a Research Committee, and has no Executive powers, but has been doing a very valuable work.

Combined "Social" Standards Committee.

One of the most effective jobs being done by the Movement is the one this Combined Committee located in Wellington is doing. They have tackled the problem of raising the social life of the Movement on the broadest basis. That this Committee is providing a much needed want is apparent from the number of applications for assistance received by them.

Summer School.

The Executive adopted a proposal by our Travelling Secretary, Mr. W. E. Donnelly, for the first Summer Retreat, which was held at Levin. The Retreat was primarily of Leaders or those who contemplated leadership. Its success is shown by the decision to hold two Retreats next January, one at Paerata and the other at Timaru.

Youth Workers' Conference.

This Conference was again held at Waikanae, when our Representatives were Messrs. R. S. Maunder and B. R. Hames. The gathering was exceedingly inspirational, and a Continuation Committee carried on the work of the Conference during the year.

Church Membership.

Classes were recommended to give special attention to the claims of Church Membership on 23rd June, and to arrange for supplementary reception services on July 28th. Class Leaders and Ministers were requested to co-operate in this matter.

Co-operation with Sunday School.

Acting on the recommendation of last Convention, a special study on this subject has been arranged as one of the early Syllabus Studies for 1930. It is hoped by this to place the responsibility of co-operation with the Sunday School before B.C. members.

Statistics.

According to our Statistics, there was a total increase of 237 members for the past year, 117 of whom were 18 or over. We have 107 Local Preachers within the ranks of our Movement, 16 of whom were newly enrolled during the past year. We have also 36 trainees under our Leadership Training scheme.

In addition to our Movement Budget, which includes salaries of £250 for our Travelling Secretary, together with travelling expenses £150, £250 for our Medical Missionary, and £100 for administration, we have raised for other purposes within the ranks of our Movement the sum of £510. Taking into consideration that 1220 out of our 2300 members are under the age of 18, this is an excellent record.

General.

Our New Zealand Executive are seeking to deepen their own spiritual life, and are meeting in Study Circle and Fellowship in an endeavour to study and apply Christian experience in their own lives.

Another important matter being considered is that of loss of Senior membership in our Movement. Our Executive is investigating this problem with a view to devising ways and means of maintaining the membership to the Movement.

Conclusion.

May we say that we look forward to a year full of activity, confident that in all we undertake we may have the Divine Guidance.

NATHAN R. SEDDON, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
2. The Conference views with concern that approximately 90,000 children in New Zealand receive no definite Christian training, and recommends that, in accordance with the desire of the Conference on National Religious Education, the Methodist Churches throughout New Zealand join in a co-operative effort with other Churches, wherever this is practicable, to recruit more children for Sunday Schools.
3. The Conference recommends the commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the work of Robert Raikes in founding the Modern Sunday School, and suggests to Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents that such be observed in September or October, 1930.
4. S.S. Examination.—Recognising the good results of the inauguration of Dominion S.S. Examinations, the Conference urges all Sunday Schools to participate therein next year in districts where there is no organised examination.
5. That a uniform observance of certain dates be recommended to our Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and Y.P. Societies, as follows:—
 - (a) That the "moving up" of classes and promotion to new departments take place at New Year. (This is chiefly to avoid a break in the continuity of the lesson course.)
 - (b) That the two principal meetings of the year of the Local Y.P. Committee (in smaller places simply the Teachers' Meeting) be held on dates soon after the last Sunday in March and the last Sunday in September. At the former, the business should include the consideration of Resolutions passed by Conference. At the latter, the Statistics, Reports and Balance-sheets of Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and Y.P. Societies should be received and reviewed.
6. That consideration be given during 1930 to a slight postponement of Young People's Day as from 1931—from the third Sunday in May to the second Sunday in June. (This is to avoid the time of Schools' vacation.)
7. The Conference appreciates the continued success of the B.C. Movement, including the recent formation of a Co-operating Committee of the two sections, in order the better to relate them to each other and to the Church.
8. The Conference places on record its deep sense of the value of the recent Conference convened by the Council of Religious Education, believing that it has inaugurated a movement for the close and sympathetic co-operation of the forces of religion and education in the interests of the young life of the nation. We commend the Council and its work to our people, and approve of Methodist Co-operation through the Y.P. Department.

9. The Conference expresses hearty approval of the purpose of the New Zealand Council of Religious Education to set forth a comprehensive scheme for Teacher Training and Leadership Training capable of co-ordinating, if possible, the various schemes at present in operation, with whatever improvements are available, for the sake of unity, economy and effectiveness, and to issue Diplomas in the name of the Council to all who qualify.
10. That a grant of £25 be made from the Contingent Fund to the New Zealand Council of R.E. for its work in 1930.
11. That the Ministerial Synods in May, 1930, be asked to give special attention to the work of the Council of Religious Education and to our Church Youth work generally.
12. The Conference rejoices that the Fellowship of Christian Youth, represented by eleven organisations and a united membership of 30,000 young men and young women, has found expression in the Waikanae Conference of 1928 and 1929, and approves of the formation of a united Committee to work as a section of the New Zealand Council of Religious Education, with the same conditions as obtain in the Council itself, namely, that the autonomy of each Church shall be fully respected.
13. The Conference approves of the establishment of a Central Youth Office in 1931, and that the Y.P. Board be then transferred to Wellington.
14. That a Committee of Management be appointed to control the Youth Office, consisting of the Chairman of the Wellington District, three representatives appointed by the Y.P. Board, and two representatives each appointed by the Executives of the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Class Movements.
15. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Taranaki Street Trustees for their generosity in offering premises, free of rent, for the Youth Office.
16. That the Law (No. 239) of the Church referring to ex officio representatives of departments in Conference shall not apply to the Y.P. Department. The following words shall be inserted:—"Except the Y.P. Department."
17. That the reply to a memorial from Dunedin (Dundas Street) Quarterly Meeting, concerning S.S. Lesson Literature, shall be:—"That inasmuch as a Committee has been working during the past year upon this question, and will soon publish a report, the Conference thinks the whole question should be considered in the light of that report."
18. That Conference again records its high appreciation of the fine work being done by the Rev. E. P. Blamires in the Y.P. Department and also in connection with the N.Z. Council of Religious Education.
19. The Conference approves the action of the Y.P. Board in agreeing to the request of the N.Z. Council of Religious Education for the part-time service of Mr. Blamires as Secretary, and appreciates the offer of the Council to contribute to the Department the sum of £75.

BOARD FOR 1930.

The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. T. Blight, B.A., E. W. Hames, M.A., L. C. Horwood, W. Greenslade, L. B. Neale, 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, A. T. Gandell, J. Voss, H. Chapman, A. E. Haynes, 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 District.—Revs. E. Drake, E. T. Olds, T. R. B. Woolloxall, J. H. Haslam, S. J. Werren, H. L. Richards, C. B. Jordan, and J. H. Allen, Messrs. A. D. Whitehead, W. D. Goddard, C. H. Virtue, J. Greenall, J. Joiner, L. R. Spencer, T. Moor, G. Riddell, R. Walker, J. Tyler, E. Warburton, R. G. Teal, L. G. Kendall, Sister Margaret, Misses M. Cowley and E. M. Booth. 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. Ewen. Convener, Rev. F. J. Parker.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—The Ministers of Hawera, Kaponga, Stratford, Manaia, and Eltham Circuits, Messrs. R. Lewis, W. H. Gaze, 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, G. Bennett, and G. Darragh. Convener, Mr. G. Bennett.

Wellington.—The Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Messrs. H. P. Maurant, J. Cable, E. C. Gamble, J. R. Burley, J. Philipps, A. E. Parker, J. W. Buchanan, W. E. Howe, and H. N. Vivian. Convener, Mr. J. Philipps.

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

North Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. A. Hopper, F. B. Lawrence, F. Greenwood, 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, Rev. W. H. Hocking.

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. Bennett; Wellington, R. S. Maunder; Nelson, Jabez Heath; North Canterbury, A. E. Lawry; South Canterbury, C. G. Vogeler; Otago-Southland, S. G. McFarlane.

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?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Peace.

The problem of peace during the past year has again been the outstanding problem in international affairs, and we desire to express our profound gratitude for the progress that has been made as shown by the signing of the Optional Clause, by which all justiciable disputes are referred to Court of International Justice, and for the development towards further disarmament as evinced by great moral leadership given to the world by the Prime Minister of Great Britain and the President of the U.S.A., who have stated that the only solution to the problem of war is the acceptance, by all nations, of the moral and political principles embodied in the Kellogg Pact. We therefore urge our Ministers and people to do their utmost to lift this problem from the level of fear, as expressed in armaments, to one of confidence and trust, based on a spiritual power which alone can save the world.

Military Training.

(1) Believing that the time has arrived when the Defence Act of this Dominion should be amended, and with a view to the cultivation of the spirit of peace, we strongly recommend Conference to urge the Government to repeal Part 6 of the Defence Act, 1909, which provided for the universal obligation to be trained for war in times of peace.

(2) That our N.Z. Church work for and urge the Government to recognise the right of the Individual Conscience to determine the person's attitude to Military Service. In this regard it is understood that the applicant will submit reasonable proofs of his bona fides.

Desecration of the Lord's Day.

As instructed by Conference, we co-operated with the other denominations in a protest to the Minister of Railways concerning the evil influences of Sunday railway excursions. The deputation set forth the case against the Department's activities in this direction in clear and forcible terms. Deputations have also waited upon the Minister in other centres, voicing a similar protest.

In spite, however, of the solid front of the Churches on this question, no satisfaction has yet been obtained, and the evil promises to be carried to greater lengths than ever during the coming months.

We recommend Conference to urge all our congregations to pass resolutions of protest, and wherever practicable to form deputations to wait on the local Members of Parliament to ask the Government to reverse its policy in this matter.

Gambling.

Realising the extent to which the gambling spirit is being indulged in by a very large section of the people of New Zealand, and believing it to be detrimental to the moral and spiritual welfare of the community, and not conducive to the general prosperity of the Dominion, we urge our people to discourage this gambling spirit in every possible way.

We sincerely regret the reappearance of Art Unions for the raising of money, and express our disappointment at permission being granted by the Government for this purpose.

In conjunction with the other Churches, we joined in the protest through the deputation to the Prime Minister against the proposed Gaming Bill providing for further facilities in connection with gambling.

We further protest most strongly against the running of Art Unions in conjunction with Public School Bazaars, believing it to be antagonistic to the best moral interests of the children.

Prohibition.

Believing that the abolition of the open bar is the only effective remedy for the destruction of the liquor evil, and being thoroughly convinced that this evil is a serious menace to society, we call upon all our people to earnestly and wholeheartedly endeavour by every legitimate means to work for its overthrow. In this connection we heartily commend the efforts of the N.Z. Alliance in seeking to have placed on the Statute Book the deciding of this great moral question by a two-issue Ballot paper, and by a bare majority; and further we heartily agree with the request of the Alliance that protection from alcoholic liquors be afforded to the natives of the King Country in accordance with the pact made on the opening of that Territory.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

T. W. VEALIE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. **Gambling.**—The Conference congratulates those Members of Parliament who, irrespective of party, have opposed Sir George Hunter's "Gaming Amendment Bill." The Conference urges our people vigorously to oppose any further efforts to place this vicious measure on the Statute Book.
3. **Arbitration.**—That Conference be recommended to approach the Sister Conferences of Great Britain and the United States of America with a view to concerted action between them, so that in the event of a threat of war the attitude of Methodism in both Nations may be determined by mutual agreement between the Conferences, the great influence of the Methodist Church thus being used to facilitate settlement by arbitration, and so assist the respective Governments in maintaining peace.
4. **Military Training.**—In place of Section 1, the following Resolution was passed:—That we rejoice in the widespread development of the ideal of international peace, and with a view to cultivating the "Peace Mind" within our own Dominion, we strongly recommend the Conference to urge the Government to repeal Part 6 of the Defence Act, 1909, which provides for the universal obligation to be trained for war in the time of peace.
5. **Individual Conscience.**—That our New Zealand Church work for and urge the Government to recognise the right of the individual conscience to determine the person's attitude to military service. In this regard it is understood that the applicant will submit proofs of his bona fides. The Temperance and Public Morals Committee be requested to arrange for co-operation with other Churches in matters relative to military training.
6. **Temperance.**—
 - (a) That Conference urges our Churches to give increased attention to temperance work by forming Bands of Hope, Women's Christian Temperance Unions, encouraging the Youth Movement against Alcohol, using educational charts and distributing suitable literature showing the evils attending the use of alcohol and the ravages caused by the liquor trade, or by using any other means which they may deem wise.
 - (b) Conference directs District Executives to appoint representatives to visit Circuits and assist in forming temperance organisations, or to give assistance to those already existing; and to report to the Synods as to the temperance work accomplished in the District.

(c) Conference observes with regret the tendency of recent interviews given to the N.Z. Press by visitors to the United States, and also by Americans visiting this Dominion to disparage Prohibition in that country as practically a total failure, an impression which is contrary to facts. The Conference trusts that the Press in all fairness will give at least equal prominence to the impressions of travellers who from their experience are convinced of the successful working of Prohibition in the States.

7. **Bible in Schools.**—That Conference, believing secularism to be the greatest menace of the age, and the Dominion having an entirely secular system of education, reaffirms the supreme importance of religious education. The Conference reaffirms its allegiance to the Bible in Schools League, and calls on our people to use every legitimate means to secure from Parliament the admission of the Bible into the national system of education.

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION.

During the past year immigration has been very restricted in relation to New Zealand. For some time a large number of immigrants came to our Dominion, but for the last two years comparatively few have come out from the Motherland.

All the English boats have been visited, either by the Navy Chaplain or an Agent of our Taranaki Street Church. Mr. Robert Denton has done excellent work in this respect. The small number of immigrants arriving from time to time have been met and welcomed, and the young men have been very happy to receive greetings from our Church. When going to any place where our Church is represented, the newcomers have been transferred to the respective Circuits.

H.M. warships visiting Wellington have called for the attention of the Chaplain. In this way I have met with many of the officers and rank of the Navy, and many have attended our Church services. We gladly express our thanks to the Brotherhood Overseas Bureau for advice forwarded, also to the Y.M.C. Association for help rendered, and to all our Chaplains and Deaconesses who throughout the year have given their timely and much appreciated services in the interests of the new arrivals.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS,
Chief Immigration Officer, Wellington.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report on Immigration be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. T. R. Richards be thanked for his services as Chief Immigration Officer, and that he be reappointed.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1929.

1. Properties Acquired.

Hataitai.—15.1 Perches. Queen's Drive. Cost £606.

Dobson (Greymouth).—1 Rood .08 perches.

Richmond (Christchurch East).—11.7 Perches.

2. Erections and Additions.

Glen Eden (Avondale).—Additions Church and Parsonage. Cost £246. No debt.
 Onehunga.—Additions to School. Cost £750. Debt £150.
 Paparoa.—Sunday School. Cost £438. Debt £163.
 Dargaville.—Removal of Mangawhare Church. Cost £166.
 Springdale (Te Aroha).—Church. Cost £727. No debt
 Rotorua.—Parsonage enlarged. Cost £59. No debt.
 Opotiki.—Sunday School. Cost £200.
 Walton (Matamata).—Church. Cost £412. Debt £64.
 Fitzroy (New Plymouth).—Bible Class Room. Cost £77. No debt.
 Wanganui.—Shops and Offices. Completed cost £701. No debt.
 Wairoa (H.B.).—Church. Cost £586. Debt £290.
 Palmerston North (Cuba St.).—New Pipe Organ. Cost £600. No debt.
 Hataitai.—Church. Cost £4850. Debt £937.
 Masterton.—S.S. Kitchen. Cost £60. No debt.
 Upper Hutt.—Classroom and Vestry. Cost £136. Debt £23.
 Springlands (Blenheim).—Sunday School. Cost £746. Debt £310.
 Mctueka.—Bible Class Hall. Cost £352. No debt.
 Shirley (Christchurch East).—S.S. Hall. Cost £241. Debt £122.
 Beckenham (Sydenham).—Sunday School. Cost £990. Debt £990.
 Frieston (Papanui).—Gift of addition to Church. Value £50.
 Waimate.—S.S. Hall. Cost £1693. No debt.
 Roxburgh.—Parsonage enlarged. Cost £50. No debt.
 Otautau.—Church Vestry. £30. No debt.
 Gore.—Sunday School. Cost £1022. Debt £420.

3. Sales and Extended Leases Reported.

Otahuhu.—Section sold for £270.
 Paerata (Pukekohe).—Section sold for £50.
 Bulls (Marton).—10.2 Perches sold.
 Dannevirke.—Two Sections. £180 each.
 Palmerston North (Broadway Avenue).—Part Parsonage Land sold for £150.
 Wellington (Sydney St.).—26.3 Perches. £5500.
 Featherston South.—Church Buildings. £27 10s.
 Shirley (Christchurch East).—Building sold.
 Halswell (Addington).—Building sold.
 Rangiora.—Quarter acre sold. £180.
 Addington.—House and Shop leased for three years. Rent £96.
 Waimate.—School and Section. £192.
 Invercargill. Section, £385. Proceeds for new Church.
 Balclutha.—Section sold. £75.
 Roxburgh.—School leased. £26 per annum.

4. Current Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balance from last year—General Account ...	6,018	14	10
„ Balance from last year held for Special Purposes ...	21,040	15	2
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ...	4,120	0	0
„ Loans from Other Sources	13,838	19	9
„ All Other Receipts	70,759	15	6
Total Receipts	£115,778	5	3
Debit Balances	16,049	6	6
Grand Total	£131,827	11	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Debit Balance from last year	18,560	6	6
„ Loan Fund Instalments	3,224	15	4
„ Other Loans Repaid	16,131	4	0
„ Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	11,168	6	6
„ Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	17,863	8	11
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	32,893	3	6
Total Expenditure	£99,841	4	9
Credit Balances	9,372	16	1
Balances held for Special Purposes	22,613	10	11
Grand Total	£131,827	11	9

5. Statement of Debts.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	184,315	16	1
Add New Loans received during year	12,709	17	0
Total	£197,025	13	1
Deduct Loans repaid during year	18,060	1	1
Amount of Mortgage Debt at 30th September, 1929	£178,965	12	0
Unpaid General Accounts	£1,377	11	9
Unpaid Interest	220	9	5

6. Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances Reported	£703,002	0	0
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7. General.

The past year has been marked by less activity than the previous one. The total receipts are £21,478 less, and the amount expended in the purchase of land and in the erection of new buildings or existing structures shows a decrease of £28,004. The total of mortgage debts as reported shows a decrease of £5,949 as compared with last year.

The returns from the South Auckland District are very incomplete for the second year in succession.

Wanganui (Trinity) is reported as having used £1,500 held for erecting a new church for the building of shops.

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.

The District Secretaries for Church Property continue to render good service. Mr. C. E. Taylor, of Feilding, has succeeded Mr. T. R. Hodder, and has most capably filled the office.

The following are recommended by the Synods for reappointment as District Secretaries for 1930:—

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, Frankley Road, New Plymouth.

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, 11th January, 1930.

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 1930.
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 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 tendered to Miss Qualtrough for the gift of £100 for investment as a maintenance fund for the Church and grounds at Pakuranga; and that a suitable letter be sent.

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND REPORT FOR 1929.

The books of the Fund for the year ending 30th September, 1929, have been duly audited and certified to as correct. The total receipts were £4807 9s. 3d. The working expenses for the year were £244 16s., and the receipts for this purpose were £300 16s. 2d. After making the journal adjustments rendered necessary through the remission of charges for working expenses because of the repayment of loans before the due dates, and after allowing for interest accrued but not received on Post Office deposits, there is a net surplus for the year of £28 19s. The assets of the Fund now stand at £22,113 17s. 3d., including £1000 that is invested on mortgage for the Church Sites Fund. Only one application has been made for a contribution towards the acquirement of a church site. In this case £75 was granted to Bryndwr. A sum of £348 3s. 6d. is available for site acquirement on the conditions set forth on page 164 of the Law Book.

New Loans have been advanced during the year to the amount of £3595 as follow:—Whangarei, £150; Vauxhall, £275; Favona, £150; Taumarunui, £470; Wairoa, H.B., £250; Liardet Street (New Plymouth) Parsonage, £300; Hataitai, £1000; Springlands (Blenheim), £250; Riccarton (Clarence Road), £400; Cashmere Hills (Christchurch), £350. The amount advanced to Taumarunui was granted on special terms to supplement previous loans with a view to converting leasehold into freehold tenures.

The Committee holds in Trust on specific conditions a sum of £1237 9s. 2d., this being the proceeds of the sale of various properties. The particulars are as follow:—

- (1) Mangaweka, £173 10s. 7d. for church erection at Mangaweka.
- (2) Feilding, £175 for new church at Feilding.
- (3) Seddon £23 7s., for future needs at Seddon.
- (4) Denniston, £47 16s. 0d., for new church at Denniston.
- (5) South Spreydon, £19 5s. 1d., for extension work in the neighbourhood.
- (6) Little River, £323 2s. 0d., for extension work on Banks Peninsula, south of Lyttelton.
- (7) West Melton, £119, for extension work in Springston Circuit.
- (8) Winton, £356 8s. 6d., for use at Winton if required.

Of this amount £1000 is invested on mortgage, and the interest thereon is devoted to the purposes of the Church Sites Fund.

It is of interest to note that since Methodist Union was completed in April, 1913, the sum of £54,281 has been lent free of interest for no fewer than 258 aggressive enterprises. The total amount of loans now current is £20,196 12s. 4d. This is assisting 130 separate church trusts to finance their undertakings.

In view of the great increase in the cost of buildings, the chief need of this Fund is an increased capital. Any sum given to it is used in perpetuity to provide sites and buildings for our Church activities. This Fund should be remembered by our people when making gifts or testamentary bequests.

A. N. SCOTTER, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT Secretary.

Chrhstchurch, 1st October, 1929.

N.B.—A Tabulated statement of current loans has been sent to each District Synod together with a special district report on all matters requiring the attention of Synods.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

Church Sites Fund.

That Regulation 16, Section B, Clause (3) of the Law Book be amended by the addition of the following words:—"Provided that in cases which the Committee declares by a two-thirds vote to be 'Special Cases' a grant may be made up to but not exceeding £100."

Sales Sanctioned.

Onehunga.—Sale of 4 Grey Street Sections. Price to be approved by Committee. Proceeds to acquire property and erect Church at One Tree Hill.

Mount Wesley (Dargaville).—Sale of Property for £1,400.

Arapohue.—Sale of 3 Acres and Cottage, £150.

Paerata.—Sale of Church Section for £50.

Midhirst (Stratford).—Sale of Section for £15.

Feildina.—Sale of Manchester Street Section, £200. Proceeds for new Church.

Mangatainoka.—Sale of Church Property for £150. Proceeds for Woodville New Church.

Maranui (Kilbirnie).—Sale of 45 feet on Onepu Road.

Riccarton.—Sale of Parsonage for £700.

Halswell (Addington).—Sale of Building for removal.

Waimate.—Sale of Shearman Street School and Site.

Mornington.—Sale of Part Parsonage Land, £275. Proceeds for new Sunday School.

Committees for 1930.

The North Canterbury District has nominated the following as the General Committee for 1930:—

The Chairman of the District (ex officio), the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, and St. Albans Circuits; Rev. S. Lawry, Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), H. Harrison, S. H. Maddren, H. J. S. Harrington, C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, R. W. Brighting, S. Roberts, and J. McIndoe.

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 Circuit, 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) A. N. SCOTTER, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 11th January, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Cash Statement and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
3. 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, 1931.)
4. 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 1930 be as named in the Report.
5. That the District Advisory Committee be appointed as named in the Report.
6. That Regulation 16, Section B, Clause (3) of the Law Book be amended by the addition of the following words:—"Provided that in cases which the Committee declares by a two-thirds vote to be 'Special Cases' a grant may be made up to but not exceeding £100."
7. That the Conference recommends the Loan Fund Committee to remit the interest due by the St. Clair Trustees, and that the Trustees be urged to take steps to meet future charges for repayment of Loan.

SPECIAL REPORT ON HOMES FOR DEPARTMENTAL MINISTERS

(See Minutes, 1929, page 74.)

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, in conjunction with Mr. D. C. Cameron and the Lay Treasurers of the several Departments affected, were directed by last Conference to consider the matter of the Connexion providing residences for Departmental ministers. The Departments in question are Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Connexional Secretaryship, and the Young People's Department. Three of these ministers now live in Auckland and one in Christchurch. As a result of the policy pursued in the past these ministers have obtained and furnished their own homes, and the Committee feels that this arrangement should not be disturbed without very good reason.

If, however, the Church desired to provide homes for such ministers, the question arises as to what would be the first cost and what the annually recurring expense? It is considered that the homes and furniture should be equal in style to the furnished Parsonage dwellings provided in good city Circuits.

The cost of homes varies in the principal towns, but on the average it would not be less than:—

Land	...	...	...	...	...	...	350
House (7 rooms)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1350
Furniture, House Linen, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	350
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	£2050

That would involve a total of, say, £8200 for the four houses.

The initial cost of providing such homes might, subject to the adoption of the necessary regulations and to the judgment of the Board in charge, be found by some Connexional Fund, which would need to treat the advance as an investment. Any Board making a loan would certainly require that a substantial sinking fund should be created with which gradually to extinguish the debt.

The Public Trust Office and the Government Insurance Department both issue Tables for Loans, and their repayment by half-yearly instalments, including interest, at 6 per cent., as follows:—

Period of Loan.		Half-yearly instalment for each £100 of Loan.		
		£	s.	d.
15 years	5	2 0
20 years	4	6 6
25 years	3	17 9

The above Departments would, of course, require that a substantial deposit on account of purchase money be first paid by the borrower.

The Advances to Settlers Department lends up to three-fourths of the value of the security, as follows:—

Period of Loan.		Half-yearly instalment for each £100 of Loan.		
		£	s.	d.
20 years	4	8 3
30 years	3	14 3
36½ years	3	9 11

Such advances are charged at 6½ per cent., but are stated to be reducible to 5½ per cent. This covers interest only. The Department states that for repayment of principal and interest on a twenty-year period the cost is less than 8½ per cent.; on a thirty-years' term, less than 7 per cent.; and on a thirty-six-and-a-half-years' term less than

6½ per cent. per annum. The rebate of interest referred to above is a rebate only for the unpaid balance of the Advance, and not on the full amount of the Loan.

If, however, some Connexional Board lent the capital sum needed, and without a deposit, for, say, a term of twenty years, and included the cost of furniture, the annual cost would be:—

		£	s.	d.
Land	£350 at £8 13s. 0d. per cent.	30	5	6
House	£1350 " "	116	15	6
Furniture	£350 " "	30	5	6
	<hr/> £2050	<hr/> £177	<hr/> 6	<hr/> 6
Rates	14	0	0	
Fire Insurance	6	0	0	
Painting and Repairs	15	0	0	
Furniture & House Linen Replacements	20	0	0	
		<hr/> 55	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0
		<hr/> £232	<hr/> 6	<hr/> 6

This annual cost would have to be found by each of the Departments concerned, the amount being considerably more than they are paying at present by way of "House allowance," but at the end of the term the property (then 20 years old) would be free of debt, and the annual expenditure thereafter would be reduced to £55

A house in brick would cost about 10 per cent. more, increasing the annual instalments by £12. Fire Insurance would be about £3 less; painting and repairs, say £10 less. The annual expenditure would thus be about the same as for a wooden house, but at the end of the mortgage term (20 years) the building (free of debt) would, of course, have a longer remaining life.

The Committee thinks that there is much to be said in favour of the Departmental minister having the choice of his own home and furniture, and that he should take the responsibility of upkeep of building, replacement of furniture, etc. None of the Departmental Committees have Ladies' Guilds associated with them which could take some of this work.

This, together with the important question of finance, causes the Committee to recommend that the present system of house allowance should continue.

The present house allowances are:—

	£
Foreign Missions	130
Home Missions	150
Connexional Office	175
Y.P. Department	150

The allowances the Committee thinks are inadequate. It recommends that the allowance should be £190 for each Department, and arrives at that sum in the following manner:—

The minister would himself have to find the initial capital expenditure, for which he would have to pay interest. If it was his own money he would still be entitled to an interest allowance for its use. At present market rates it is worth at least 6½ per cent.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest on Section	350	0	0	21	17	6
House	1350	0	0	84	7	6
Furniture	350	0	0	21	17	6

	£2050	0	0	£128	2	6
Rates	14	0	0			
Fire Insurance	6	0	0			
Painting and Repairs	15	0	0			
Furniture & House Linen Replacements	20	0	0			
				55	0	0

Notwithstanding painting and repairs as above, a house slowly deteriorates, until, say, in 50 years it would be practically valueless. This depreciation over a 50-year period, assuming that the annual payments earn compound interest, is equivalent to 9/7 per cent. This on a house originally costing £1350 is

6 0 3

£189 2 9

As a good deal of misconception exists respecting this matter, the Committee has set out the case in detail. It wishes it to be distinctly understood that such an allowance would not mean that the Departmental minister would eventually obtain a home, free of debt, the gift of the Church.

On the above allowance he would have a section, on which £350 would still be owing, as no provision is made in the above estimates for writing off the cost of land.

He would have a house, valueless as a residence because 50 years old. If, however (wrongfully), no provision is made for depreciation on the building, the allowance should be £183 2s. 6d.

No allowance has been made for depreciation on furniture other than by the annual amounts for breakages, etc.

A. N. SCOTTER, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 7th February, 1930.

TABULATED COMPARISON.

On a common basis the following would be the net amounts payable on a sum of £2050 throughout a period of twenty years. In the case of the State Advances Department, allowance is made for the rebate:—

Department.	Payments. £ s. d.	Maintenance at £55 p.a.	Total.
		£	£ s. d.
Public Trust & Govt. Insurance	3546 10 0	1100	4646 10 0
State Advances	3492 18 10	1100	4592 18 10
Departmental House Allowance at £190 per annum			3800 0 0

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the present system of House Allowances for Departmental Ministers be continued, and that the rate of allowance be recommended to the Conference by the Department concerned.
3. That while not disturbing present arrangements, this Conference requests each Department when making a new appointment to consider favourably the question of providing and furnishing a house for the Minister appointed.

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. Three new Trusts have been registered, and alterations and additions have been made in respect of 76 Trusts. These changes have involved the registration of 242 new Trustees and the removal of 240 names from the Register. An effort has been 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 £29 17s. received in fees has been paid in to the Connexional Secretaryship Fund.

Nine new Deeds have been received for safe custody. Certified Lists of Trustees have been supplied in 24 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. 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.

During the year attention has again been drawn to several cases in which there has been no revision of the List of Trustees for many years. The names of a large number of deceased persons are allowed to continue on the Register, and presumably these remain in the Circuit Schedule Books.

From time to time there are evidences of failure to observe the rule requiring all resignations of Trustees, and removals from the Trust for other causes, to be duly notified to the Authorised Representative. It must be distinctly observed that removals from the Trust do not take effect until the Superintendent of the Circuit has been notified that the names have been removed from the Register. Also, the appointment of Trustees is not complete until notification of the fact that their names have been entered on the Register has been sent by the Authorised Representative. And, of course, till then they are not entitled to act as Trustees.

The Registration of 266 ministers under the "Marriage Act" has been attended to.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch, 31st December, 1929.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1884," the Rev. Major Albert Rugby Pratt be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1930-1931.
3. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian of Deeds for the ensuing year.
4. That it be a recommendation to all Trusts and Circuits to deposit their Records wherever possible with the Custodian of Deeds.

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

PROBERT TRUST BOARD.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1929.

During the year the Board sold a section in Nixon Street with a very old cottage upon it for £900, and the mortgage upon the property was reduced by £2,000.

It is with great regret that the Board have to report the death of Mr. S. J. Ambury, Chairman of the Board since 1925, and a member of the Trust since its inception, being one of the original Trustees appointed in 1893.

To fill the vacancy the Board have appointed, subject to approval of Conference, Mr. James Tyler.

The present members of the Board are:—Mr. J. Veale (Chairman), Revs. C. H. Laws, D.D., and George Bond, Messrs. W. Ambury, A. J. Buttle, W. E. Lewisham, Albert W. Parker, Joseph Stanton, James Tyler and Frank M. Winstone.

J. VEALE, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report, Statement of Accounts and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.

That the name of Mr. J. Tyler be added to the Board.

WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

It gives the members of the Board much pleasure to be able to report another year of satisfactory progress at the Children's Home at Masterton, and to record the splendid service rendered in that work by the Matron (Miss M. I. Allan) and all the members of the Masterton Committee. Miss Douglas, who was appointed as first assistant some few months ago, in succession to Miss Webb, is resigning, and steps are being taken to fill the position.

The report to be submitted by the Committee at Masterton will give full details, and show the work which has been so successfully carried on during the year.

During the past twelve months visits of inspection were paid by some members of the Board to the farm property at Foxton, which had suffered by heavy floods in the Manawatu, and to the Home at Masterton, where evidence was seen on every hand of the grand work which is being carried on to the benefit of a large number of children.

The Board has much pleasure in asking the Conference to reappoint the Masterton Committee, as now constituted, and in nominating the Rev. T. R. Richards as Chairman of the Board in Wellington for the coming year.

Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the operations of the Board as at 31st December, 1929, are attached. Similar Accounts from the Masterton Committee are submitted with their report.

On behalf of the Board,

W. C. HEMERY, Hon. Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.

AUCKLAND.

1. General Connexional Property Trust.
2. Wesley Training College, Paerata.
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 Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEFIT FUND.**Extracts from Report of the Trust Board.**

The Board has adopted regulations for the administration of the Fund, by which each applicant is required to furnish answers to questions set out in the form of application which has been prepared. The object of the form is to furnish the Board with all needful information to enable the Board to judge of the merits of the application, the nature of the relief which is really required, and can be judiciously given in each case, having regard to the funds at its disposal and the number of applications which may be reasonably expected to be made from time to time from various parts of the Dominion.

In each case the Board also requires the applicant to name persons to whom reference may be made if required. The Boards' policy is to give help where needed in a proper case to those who are legally entitled to benefit in terms of the Trust. The Board is persuaded of the necessity of strict enquiry in each case, and is opposed to any indiscriminate distribution which will create a disposition for any person to lean unduly on the Fund, and cease to have a claim for assistance from relatives well able to help.

The distribution of the grants is sometimes left to trusted persons who can be relied on to make good use of the funds provided.

GEORGE BOND, Chairman,

Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland.

C. H. LAWS. }
ARCH. PEAK. } Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

That Conference expresses its appreciation of the valuable work done by the Board of Trustees of the Trounson Bequest during the past year.

The Conference learns with deep regret of the decease of Mr. James Trounson, the donor of the Fund now being administered by the James and Martha Trounson Benevolent Fund Trust Board. The Conference tenders its sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Trounson, and places on record its appreciation of his liberality towards our Church and its various organisations. His consistent Christian character during the whole of his long life and his deep interest in the work of our Church at all times evoked the respect and esteem of our people.

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

REPORT ON CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND, 1929.

The Connexional Fire Insurance Board again has the satisfaction of reporting a year of very successful business. The books of the Fund were closed on 31st October, 1929.

Summary of Business.

During the year 64 new risks on Church properties have been accepted, amounting to £37,392. These represent both new Insurances and additional cover for properties previously insured with the Connexional Office. The Church risks carried comprise 404 Churches, 159 Schools and Halls, 163 Parsonages and 95 other risks. On these properties we now have insurances totalling £568,190. In addition, the effects of a number of Ministers are insured through us, whilst we have also arranged insurances on properties owned by or Mortgaged to the Supernumerary Fund Board, as well as on properties Mortgaged to our own Board.

Finance.

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet disclose a satisfactory position. The income from all sources amounted to £3457 5s. 7d. After providing for all Working Expenses, Fire Loss, Re-Insurances, and Conference Grants, there is a surplus on the year's working of £2405 15s. 1d. This is the largest surplus obtained in any year in the history of the Fund. The assets of the Fund now amount to £24,507 7s. 1d. During the year the Mortgage investments of the Board have increased by £1400, and the investments in Debentures and Inscribed stock by £892. The Board has written off a sum of £113 6s. 8d., representing unpaid balances of two loans advanced to Churches from the Primitive Methodist Fire Insurance Fund prior to the days of Methodist Union. As Loans to Churches are not now permissible under our Regulations, the Board deemed it wise to cancel these liabilities, and will ask the Conference to ratify its action. The total invested Funds now amount to £23,581.

Owing to the adoption of a new method of accounting, allowance is made in the Balance-sheet this year for levies prepaid, and account is taken of levies in arrears.

Fire Claims.

The year has been marked by a continued immunity from serious fire losses. Only two claims have been made. The first was for a small fire at Warkworth Parsonage, in which the damage, amounting to £11 15s., was met by re-insurance. The other claim, amounting to £3 10s., was for a small fire at Mount Eden Parsonage. This was borne by our own Fund, and represents the net Fire Loss for the year.

Re-Insurances.

A careful policy is pursued by the Board, and re-insurances have been effected upon our Church properties to the amount of £175,203. This gives very great security to our own Accumulated Funds.

Grants Voted by Conference.

In accordance with the Conference Resolutions of 1929, the following Grants, totalling £737, have been paid to various Connexional objects:—Home Acquirement Fund, £262; Benevolent Branch of Supernumerary Fund, £75; Church Sites Fund, £50; Young People's Department, £50; Deaconess House Fund, £100; Foreign Mission Fund, £100; Home Mission Fund, £100. In recent years the Board has distributed over £5000 to assist various Connexional causes. These substantial benefits furnish a weighty reason why Trustees should place all their insurances with our Office. Our ability to maintain and increase such assistance depends upon the measure of loyal support extended to us.

Widening Interest.

It is gratifying to note that Trustees of large Connexional properties, such as business premises, are now freely placing their insurances with our Office. In cases where property is Mortgaged re-insurances can readily be effected to give fullest protection alike to the Mortgagee and the Trustees, and to satisfy the requirements of banks and other institutions.

The Board would stress the fact that the premium it charges is in every case exactly the rate charged by all Companies in the Underwriters' Association. This rate is subject to the recognised rebate, which is at present 12½ per cent., and in addition the Board allows the Trustees of Churches and Schools an extra discount of 10 per cent. because of the good "moral risk" represented by places of worship and buildings for religious instruction.

Business for Conference.

- (1) The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, duly audited, will be presented to Conference.
- (2) The Board will present to Conference its recommendations concerning grants for various Connexional purposes.
- (3) The Board of Management for 1930 will be nominated at Conference.

S. R. WEBB, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 1st November, 1929.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1929.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Allocation of Profits.

The Board proposes to add permanently to the Accumulated Fund the sum of £1,650 15s. 1d., and it recommends the following appropriations for 1930:—

	£
Home Acquirement Fund	280
Benevolent Branch Supernumerary Fund	75
Church Sites Fund	50
Foreign Mission Fund	100
Home Mission Fund	100
Deaconess House Fund	100
Young People's Department	50
Total	£755

Thanks to Auditors.

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

Board for 1930.

The following have been nominated by the North Canterbury Synod as the Board of Management for 1930:—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, 20th January, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Supplementary Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That from the year's surplus £1,650 15s. 1d. be added permanently to the Accumulated Funds, and that the balance be granted to other Funds as follow:—

	£
Home Acquirement Fund	280
Benevolent Branch Supernumerary Fund	75
Church Sites Fund	50
Foreign Mission Fund	100
Home Mission Fund	100
Deaconess House Fund	100
Young People's Department	50
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	£755

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 Supplementary Report.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Messrs. W. L. Thomas and C. F. Edgar for their services as Honorary Auditors of the Fund.
6. That the Conference hereby ratifies the action of the Board in effecting a settlement of the two outstanding loans to Churches from the former Primitive Methodist Fire Insurance Fund.

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

REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE, 1929.

The work done by the Office during the year is described in the Reports of the various Departments administered, and these Reports show a continued and general expansion of business. An indication of the volume of business done is furnished by the fact that the outward correspondence for the calendar year has totalled over 11,000 communications.

The Office staff has been reorganised, and satisfactory service is in all cases being rendered. The system of accounting in all departments has been brought into line with modern methods. The individual accounts of each Fund have had close attention. All the Auditors have favourably commented upon the standard of the Office work.

The working expenses have been provided by the appropriations made by last Conference and by fees received from the Authorised Representative. Including the debit balance of £5 2s. 10d. brought forward from last year, the expenditure has totalled £1,325 3s. 6d. This includes the sum of £65 19s. 3d. special expenditure for the purchase of Office equipment. This special expenditure has been met from economies effected in Office staffing. The year closes with a small debit balance of £3 18s. 7d.

The estimated expenditure for 1930 is £1,294 11s. 7d., which is less than last year, hence the Committee is asking for slightly reduced appropriations as follow:—

	£
Contingent Fund	200
Church Building and Loan Fund	215
Fire Insurance Fund	325
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	385
"Methodist Times"	140
Authorised Representative	25
Special	8
Total	£1,298

The Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the Connexional Secretary, the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, and his Office staff. Since Mr. Pratt's appointment he has attended to the work of the Connexional Office and the various Boards and Committees associated with it in a manner which deserves the highest praise and merits the best thanks of the Conference and the Connexion.

The following are nominated as the members of the Committee for 1930:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Woolston 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) H. HOLLAND, Chairman.

FRANK THOMPSON, Lay Treasurer.

Christchurch, 21st January, 1930.

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 1930 be as named in the Report.
4. That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for the outstanding service he has rendered to the Connexional Office and to the various Boards and Committees associated therewith.

5. That the Connexional Secretaryship Committee, together with the Rev. S. Lawry, consider and report to next Synods and Conference upon the following matters:—

- (a) The proposed representation in the Conference of the Women's Missionary Union.
- (b) The bearing upon the constitution of the Conference of the representation of the Bible Class Movements, and of the various Connexional Funds and Institutions affected by Paragraph 241 of the Law Book.
- (c) The granting of a seat in the Ladies' and Quarterly Meetings to representatives of Women's Missionary Auxiliaries and to Circuit Missionary Secretaries.

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

A.—REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

The first year's work in the new College began on the second Monday in March, when the 22 men appointed by Conference came into residence. In addition to these, two students for the ministry of the Congregational Church have attended the classes, one of them residing in the Hostel.

At the close of last year the following prizes were awarded:—The "Edson" prize (Greek) to Mr. N. R. Gutry; the "Garland" prize (Theology, Biblical Subjects and Homiletics), with the junior Greek and junior Elocution prizes to Mr. G. R. Bowden; the second prize in the "Garland" competition to Mr. D. O. Williams; the remaining Elocution prizes to Mr. A. T. Kent (Senior) and Mr. J. M. Blight (Intermediate).

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 classes in Systematic Theology, New Testament Introduction, Exegesis and Biblical Theology, Homiletics and Sermon Criticism, Pastoral Theology, Methodist Law and Circuit Administration, and also in English Literature. The Residential Professor has conducted classes in Greek, Old Testament Introduction, Exegesis and Biblical Theology, Ethics, Pedagogy and Child Psychology, and in Elementary Hebrew. English Grammar and Composition and Mathematics have been taught by Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A. The Elocution Class has this year been under the charge of Mr. J. F. Montague.

The following are the details of University work done by students during the year:—

- Mr. M. A. McDowell, who last year passed for the B.A. degree in History and Economics, has this year attended lectures in Greek and Advanced History.
- Mr. J. W. Parker, who last year passed for the B.A. degree in History and Mental and Moral Philosophy, has this year attended lectures in Greek and Advanced Philosophy.
- Mr. W. G. Parker has attended lectures in Greek and French.
- Mr. G. R. Bowden has attended lectures in Latin and Economics.
- Mr. D. O. Williams, who last year passed for the B.A. degree in Advanced English and Mental and Moral Philosophy, has this year attended lectures in Education and Advanced Philosophy.

N.B.—All these, if successful in the terms examination, will proceed to the degree examination in November.

Mr. R. Dudley, B.A., has attended the Honours classes in Economics, and will sit for the M.A. degree in November.

Mr. D. C. Alley will sit in Greek to complete the Matriculation examination in December.

Messrs. J. M. Blight and E. C. Leadley have attended the St. John Ambulance Classes, and passed creditably the required tests.

With the occupancy of the new buildings the work of the College has proceeded with increased zeal, and, we believe, with efficiency. Under the excellent supervision of the Residential Professor and Mrs. Ranston, and with the aid of a well-selected staff, whose services the Council gladly recognises, the household arrangements have been carried out with marked ability. The students, with Mr. McDowell as Senior Student, have shown a high level of devotion to their work. Regular devotional meetings and a Students' Mission conducted in the Collegiate Church have contributed to the maintenance of an earnest spiritual life. In the Collegiate Church Messrs. Moore and Payne have acted as Assistant Pastors; Mr. Greenslade has been in charge of the Wesley Guild; and the Junior C.E. Society has been conducted by Messrs. A. Carr and Alley.

The Hostel in connection with the College has made an auspicious beginning with 11 men in residence, and there are already evidences of a considerable increase next year. The Hostel can accommodate at least twice the number. The fees are most moderate and the rooms unexcelled in the city for convenience and outlook. The Council will be grateful if ministers and others will commend the Hostel to young men coming to reside in Auckland for educational purposes.

During the year the following, in addition to various Circuit ministers, have visited the College and addressed the students:—Miss Jennie Street (C.E. Movement), and the Revs. L. B. Fletcher, D. C. Herron, M.A., R. H. Hobday, J. J. North, D.D., and R. C. Roberts, B.A., B.D. The Rev. E. P. Blamires has also given an able course of three lectures on Young People's work and Sunday School organisation. During the second term the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., gave a most informative series of addresses on present-day topics of political, social and scientific interest.

The directions of last Conference as to practical work (Min. p. 83) have been carried out under the special direction of the Residential Professor, and have resulted in a most important development in the training of the men.

The Correspondence Classes, under the general oversight of the Board of Studies, have been carried on during the year under the able direction of the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., and a report will be presented to the Examination Committee.

The Residential Professor and Mrs. Ranston left in July last on their visit to England. The Rev. J. Blight and Mrs. Blight came into residence at the College, and under their experienced oversight the management has been well maintained. The Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., has conducted the Greek classes during the third term. Dr. Ranston will return early in March, in time for the opening of the College next year.

C. H. LAWS, Principal.

Auckland, October 11th, 1929.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

Organisation.

The Council has met quarterly since the opening of Trinity College, and the attendance and interest of members has been maintained. The work of the Council has been efficiently carried out by means of the following sub-committees:—"Board of Studies" (Convener, Rev. Dr.

Ranston); "College and House Committee" (Convener, Rev. A. Mitchell); "Property Committee" (Convener, Mr. J. Tyler); and "Finance Committee" (Convener, Mr. F. M. Winstone).

The Committee of Discipline has met each term, and is in every way satisfied with the character, diligence and conduct of the Students.

The greatly improved conditions under which the Students live and work in the new College are fully appreciated by them, and the relations between the Divinity and Hostel Students are most cordial—they are a happy family together.

After many years of efficient service, Dr. Leslie J. Thompson has resigned the position of Hon. Medical Adviser, on account of giving up general practice. Dr. C. J. A. Griffin has been pleased to accept the office.

An interesting brochure explaining the emblems used in the College Coat-of-Arms has been written by Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., and is being published.

An Illuminated Leaving Certificate will be presented to each Student completing his training at "Trinity" this year.

Personal.

The Council places on record its deep sense of the loss sustained through the death of Mr. S. J. Ambury, who had held a seat on the Governing Body for many years, and who had taken a most active and devoted interest in the welfare of the College. He was a member of the committee which carried through the Architectural Competition for a Design, and later gave a general supervision to the erection of the College. The Council expressed its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Ambury in her bereavement.

Conference Remits.

Trinity College Fellowship.—The Board of Studies has received information regarding the Fellowship of Queen's College, Melbourne. Rev. Dr. Ranston is investigating the conditions of College Fellowships in England.

Wesley Historical Society.—To encourage the formation of a New Zealand Branch, the Rev. Principal Laws, at the request of the Council, is issuing a circular setting forth the purpose of the Society.

Gifts.

The Council records its gratitude to the following donors of valuable gifts received for the College during the year:—

Cheque £100 from the Native Christians of Roviana; Paintings from Miss Gunson; Furnishings from Messrs. Geo. Winstone, jun., Fletcher Wallis, and Geo. Higgott; Interesting Historical Documents from Mr. Geo. Brownson, Plymouth, England, and the Family of the late Rev. Thomas Buddle; and further Gifts of Wesleyana from Mr. A. H. Reed, Dunedin.

JOHN F. GOLDIE, President of Conference,
Chairman.

A. C. A. SEXTON, Vice-Chairman.

FRANK E. LEADLEY, Secretary.

Auckland, 11th October, 1929.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

The College Council begs to submit to Conference the following supplementary recommendations:—

1. Acting-Treasurer:

That Mr A. J. Buttle be appointed Acting-Treasurer, during the absence in England of Mr F. M. Winstone.

2. Council for 1930:

That the following be the Council for 1930:—Revs Principal 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. B. Chappell, M.A., C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F. E. Leadley, W. Walker; Messrs G. Winstone, senr., J. W. Shackelford, A. Peak, J. Veale, 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, J. M. Caghey, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, and one other to be nominated at Conference.

Officers: Chairman, Mr A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M.

Vice Chairman, to be nominated at Conference.

Secretary, Rev F. E. Leadley.

Treasurer, Mr F. M. Winstone.

J. F. GOLDIE, President of Conference, Chairman.

A. C. A. SEXTON, Vice Chairman.

F. E. LEADLEY, Secretary.

17th December, 1929.

C.—BUDGET FOR 1930-31.

Estimate of Income and Expenditure for Year commencing April 1st, 1930.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Probert Trust	1550	0	0
Probert Trust—Ground Rent	300	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	160	0	0
Rent, Moehau Street	117	0	0
Collegiate Church	100	0	0
Hostel Fees	650	0	0
New College Fund (interest on up to £3000 for second Residence at 5 per cent)	150	0	0
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	£4212	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
House and Service (Divinity Side, £800; Hostel Side, £600)	1400	0	0
Stipends	1000	0	0
Principal's Residence Allowance	150	0	0
Tutors' Fees	64	0	0
Rates	475	0	0
Insurance	35	0	0
Rent	310	0	0
Telephones	47	0	0
Quarterages	160	0	0
Recreation	10	0	0
Bible Class Camp Fees	10	0	0
University Fees	75	0	0
Connexional Charges	161	0	0
Interest, Moehau Street	130	0	0
Bank Interest and Charges	10	0	0
Legal Expenses, Stationery, Postages, Printing, etc.	20	0	0
Advertising Church Services	8	0	0
Caretaker and Garden	25	0	0
Furnishing	50	0	0
Repairs	22	0	0
Sundries	50	0	0

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RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Principal and the College Council, the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and the several Prize Accounts be received and adopted.
2. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year commencing April 1st, 1930, be received and adopted.
3. That the Conference tenders its cordial thanks to the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., for his untiring and devoted services as Principal of the College.
4. That the Conference conveys its thanks and appreciation to the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Ranston for their excellent oversight of the life of the College; and to the Rev. and Mrs. J. Blight, who, during the absence of Dr. and Mrs. Ranston, undertook this responsibility.
5. That Conference accords its thanks to the Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.; Messrs. W. E. Burley, B.A.; and J. F. Montague, for their services as Tutors; to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone; the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. A. Messer and A. J. Buttle; the Conveners of Committees, Rev. A. Mitchell, Messrs. J. Tyler, F. M. Winstone; and to the Secretary, Rev. F. E. Leadley, for their valuable services.
6. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., and the Tutors co-operating with him, for their services in connection with the Correspondence Courses.
7. That the following be the Council for 1930:—Revs. Principal C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, G. T. Marshall, T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, E. Drake, A. B. Chappell, M.A., C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F. E. Leadley, W. Walker, G. Frost, J. H. Haslam, Messrs. G. Winstone, senr., J. W. Shackelford, A. Peak, J. Veale, 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, J. M. Caughey, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames.

Officers—Chairman, Mr. Arch. Peak (Vice-President of Conference).
Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M.
Secretary, Rev. F. E. Leadley.
Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone.

D.—REPORT ON NEW COLLEGE SCHEME.

The erection and furnishing of the new College having been completed, and the Building having been officially opened during the last Conference, there is little to report regarding the progress of the remainder of the scheme. It still remains to erect and furnish the second residence, to be occupied by the newly-appointed Tutor in 1931, and this matter will receive the attention of the Council in due time.

It is a matter for gratification that, through the liberal support of the Building Fund by our people, the College itself was opened free of debt. But for the erection of the Tutor's residence, and the laying out of the tennis court, etc., for recreation, the Council is dependent upon all promises to the Fund being redeemed. The amount of outstanding promises is at present £4200, and an urgent appeal is made to Ministers and Circuit Treasurers to assist the Council in collecting this amount.

To this end the Treasurers of the Building Fund are sending to District Chairmen a statement of the amount of unfulfilled promises in each Circuit for presentation to the Synod, with the earnest request that it may receive careful consideration, and that some helpful recommendation may be made as to the best way of collecting the various amounts.

The Council reminds the Synods that, by permission of the Conference, the College stands on a leasehold site, with the right to purchase, on valuation, at any time during the currency of the lease. The present rental is £300 per annum. It is the considered policy of the Council to secure the freehold at the earliest possible date, and thereby to reduce the demand made upon the Contingent Fund for College purposes. The Council holds certain moneys, contributed apart from the Building Fund, and including the Wagstaff Bequest, as a Land Purchase Fund, and desires to make it clear that any surplus in the Building Fund, beyond what may be needed to complete the Scheme, will be devoted to the purchase of the site, and the consequent relief of connexional funds. The existence of such a surplus, however, will depend entirely upon the collection of the promises still unpaid.

The Council recommends the reappointment of the officers of the New College Scheme as follows:—General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Laws; Treasurers, the Rev. T. A. Joughin and Mr. A. Peak.

J. F. GOLDIE, Chairman.

A. C. A. SEXTON, Vice-Chairman.

C. H. LAWS, General Secretary.

Auckland, October 11th, 1929.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Statement of Accounts of the New College Building Scheme be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Principal Laws for his outstanding work in connection with the New College Scheme.
3. That the Conference gratefully recognises the co-operation with which Circuit Ministers and local Treasurers have assisted the General Treasurers of the New College Building Fund in gathering in the balance of subscriptions promised; and earnestly requests them to continue this co-operation until the New College Scheme is carried to a complete success.

4. That the College Council be empowered to transfer the sum of £698 14s. 8d. from the College Trust Account to the Theological College Building Fund, being the amount, plus accumulated interest, outstanding to the credit of the College Trust Account in repayment of advance made out of the Building Fund for the purchase of the Mochau Street property.

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

REPORT OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE TRUST.

In presenting to Conference the Annual Report and Balance-Sheet of the Wesley Training College, we very deeply regret to report the death of Mr Stephen James Ambury, who had been identified with the work of this Trust for a period of over 40 years. During this long term, first at Three Kings and subsequently at Paerata, as a private member, Chairman of various Committees, and Chairman of the Board itself, he rendered exceedingly valuable service in the administration of the Board's affairs.

Memorial Chapel.

In February last the College Memorial Chapel was officially opened by Mrs Marian Caughey Smith, to whom the grateful appreciation of this Board for her gracious generosity in presenting this beautiful Chapel to Wesley College in memory of her late husband, Mr William Henry Smith, is due.

Properties.

The depression in the property market mentioned in our previous report has continued throughout the whole of the year 1929. The serious state of the market is accentuated so far as this Board is concerned by the enormous rates at present being levied on it by the Mt. Roskill Road Board, in whose district the greater portion of the Board's suburban properties are situated. During the past year the Board has had to meet £1272 11s 8d in local body rates, of which no less a sum than £1185 4s 3d has been paid to the Mt. Roskill Road Board. Two years ago the rates levied on this Board by the same local body totalled only £199.

After carefully considering the matter from all angles, the Board decided to ask the Government Department concerned to make a re-valuation of the Mt. Albert Road property. Representatives of the Board personally conducted the Government Valuer over the property, and stressed the Board's point of view in connection with improvements. The result of the valuation has been that a saving of £100 per annum has been effected in this one instance.

Sales on a freehold and leasehold basis have been slightly more satisfactory this year. Two sections on the Grafton Road property have been leased for a period of 60 years. Two Glasgow leases on the Landscape Road, Three Kings property, have been sold. Three Wai-kowhai sections have been leased on the Glasgow lease system, and four Mt. Albert sections have been sold for £1010. This is a more satisfactory sales turnover than that of last year, and it is hoped that sales of both freehold and leasehold will grow from year to year. This method, above all others, would relieve the financial position of the Trust.

The Property Committee has, throughout the past year, continued its policy 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. One of the latest developments in connection with the suburban properties has been the extension of the Dominion Road tram line to the junction of that road with the main Mt. Albert Road. The Board's Dominion Road property has a very large frontage to the new tram route, which also materially assists the prospects of subdividing the Mt. Albert Road and Three Kings properties to advantage.

The whole of the Board's Three Kings and Dominion Road properties have now been included in the Greater Auckland drainage area, and reticulation of these properties is proceeding apace. In this connection members of the Board have offered every co-operation in order to obtain increased facilities at a minimum of expense in anticipation of settlement extending over the whole of this area in the near future. The reticulation of the Dominion Road property is at the moment being undertaken by the Drainage Board at levels indicated in anticipation of early subdivision by this Board's engineer. This Board feels sure that the expenditure being incurred at the present time will, in a few years, result in profitable and numerous sales being effected, but there is no prospect of many sales in the immediate future.

Finance.

The Finance Committee of the Board has devoted much care and attention to watching the financial position of the Trust. The Board's income and expenditure are budgeted for each year in the month of March, and very special consideration is given to expenditures of all departments of the Trust's activities. In spite of the fact that rates and interest charges have materially increased during the past year, the loss has been reduced from £2209 3s 10d, the result of working operations during 1928, to £1689 12s 1d during the past year.

College and Farm.

The Principal's report for the past year is attached hereto.

(Sgd.) E. DRAKE,

Chairman.

(Sgd.) LEONARD KNIGHT,

General Secretary.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

Once more with pleasure we present the Report and Balance Sheet of the Board of the Wesley Training College.

Last year we had to express our regret at the loss of two most valued Board Members, and this year we have suffered another very serious loss in the death of Mr S. J. Ambury. It was very largely owing to the advice and assistance of Mr Ambury that the site at Paerata was acquired, and he was untiring in his advice and practical help.

The past year was a most successful one from every point of view. A full roll, and the regulation quota of Maori boys, have once more contributed towards the success of the School. The health of the boys throughout the year was exceptionally good, and presents testimony to our Paerata climate.

Three boys succeeded in passing the Matriculation examination, while six passed the Public Service Entrance examination. Considering that the School does not aim at making examinations the chief goal of school life, and places marked stress on practical work, these results are, we believe, very creditable.

The religious side of our life has received the emphasis one would expect in a Methodist School. Our Chaplain, the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, visits the College twice weekly for religious instruction, and to gain contact with the boys, whilst the School is opened with morning prayers in the School assembly room, and closed with evening prayers in the Chapel. A Bible Class has been formed during the year, and is well attended.

The Staff of the College has contributed very materially towards the successful year we have had, and has played its part not only in the class rooms, but in the other character building activities of the School.

The Farm continues to progress satisfactorily, and, while the price of wool was very disappointing, and the price of lamb was also down, the results generally have been encouraging. The very wet spring inflicted a severe check on the lambs, and the number got away prime this year was less than usual owing to the rankness of the feed.

The dairy herd, which now consists of 55 cows, last year averaged 318lb of butter-fat, and this with 30 per cent of the herd either first or second calvers.

The usual improvement work has been carried on. The estate of 680 acres is now subdivided into 80 paddocks, while the whole of the property has been broken in, and is now for the first time revenue-producing. There are also over 40 acres in plantations, and already posts are being obtained from the trees first planted by the Rev. J. H. Simmonds.

There is little doubt that the property as it stands now, apart, of course, from College buildings, and College improvements, is worth from £40 to £45 per acre. It is a fact, however, that to be fully interest-bearing at this price the property would need to be dairy farmed. This brings us to the point of again reminding Members of Conference that the purpose of the Farm is, and always has been, the instruction of boys in practical farming. The property represents the proceeds of endowments given by the Government for that purpose, and, while we believe it unwise and unnecessary to make any loss in the working of the Farm, it must not be forgotten that the making of any large profit is unwarranted, certainly until we have even further improved the standard of instruction, and completed necessary improvements.

If the Farm were a commercial concern, the basis of working and the expenditure on instructional labour and improvements would necessarily be very different, but if we for one moment neglect the instructional side we have ceased to have any reason for having a farm at all, and have violated our trust.

Wesley College stands for a practical Christian training, not neglecting the scholastic side, but certainly not making it a fetish; stressing the value, dignity, and joy of manual work, particularly in agriculture, and yet does not forget that man cannot live by bread alone.

(Sgd.) R. C. CLARK,

Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report, College and Farm Accounts and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed., for his efficient services; to Mrs. Clark, for her 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.

That Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the valuable services of the Board in administering the several properties under its control.

That Conference expresses its gratitude to Mrs. Marion Caughey Smith for her continued generous interest in the welfare of the boys of Wesley College, as manifested in her gift of the W. H. Smith Memorial Chapel.

The Conference places on record its sense of the loss our Church has sustained by the death of Mr. S. J. Ambury. As an original member and Chairman of the Probert Trust Board, a former Chairman of the Board of Wesley Training College, an active member of the Theological Council, and a promoter of the New College-Scheme, as well as in many other less important spheres. His business capacity and spiritual devotion were freely placed at the service of the Church. For many years he made an ideal Class Leader and Sunday School Teacher, and the fruit of these labours can never perish. A prominent business man in the City of Auckland, his name was held in the highest honour, and he truly adorned the doctrine of his Lord and Master. The Conference tenders its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ambury and the bereaved relatives.

That the following be the Board for 1930:—Rev. E. Drake (Chairman), Revs. G. Bond, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., A. J. Seamer, W. A. Sinclair, Dr. H. Belshaw, Messrs. J. M. Caughey, T. Clark, J. W. Shackelford, J. Stanton, W. S. Stone, J. Tyler, J. Veale, G. Winstone, G. Winstone, junr., J. W. Wiseman, R. Hames, W. H. Cocker, and W. Ambury. Secretary, Mr. L. Knight, F.P.A.N.Z., P.O. Box 313, Auckland.

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

1. SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1929.

As required by the Rules of the Fund, the Board of Management presents to the Conference the Report for the year ended 30th November, 1929.

Annuitants.

We have had reported to us and have recorded the death of two supernumerary ministers who were annuitants on the Fund, also the deaths of the widow of a minister who died in active work and of the widow of a supernumerary minister. Two ministers were transferred to Australia, and the sum of £1,419 13s. has, with the approval of our Actuary, been paid to the General Treasurers of the Australian Supernumerary Fund to discharge our liability in respect of their claims upon our Fund. There are now 30 supernumeraries and 43 widows who are annuitants on the Fund, whilst two orphan sons of deceased parents are also in receipt of benefits. The amount paid in annuities was £7,228 6s. 9d., this sum being £729 9s. 11d. less than the net earnings of the Fund. It is worthy of note that since April, 1913, the total benefits paid to annuitants amount to no less a sum than £99,338 4s. 1d., including grants from the Benevolent Fund.

Finance.

We present herewith the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet duly audited. The Statements clearly set forth the income and expenditure, and also the character of the investments. The total income for the period was £11,930 13s. 8d., and the expenditure £7,603 19s. The Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund benefited by a surplus of £84 0s. 10d. on the sale of a security, and also by the sum of £150 5s. 6d., representing commission from the Epworth Press on the sale of Hymn Books in New Zealand from the year 1924. From this Reserve Fund a sum of £50 has been drawn to adjust to par value debentures bought at a premium, and a sum of £1,258 19s. 7d. on account of a loss sustained by reducing the principal sum and writing off an amount of accrued interest in respect of a Mortgage held by the Board. This represents the first loss of capital sustained by the Fund. The Loan when advanced in 1920 was fully warranted by the report and valuation then supplied, but changed conditions led the Board to recognise that the Mortgagor was seriously overweighted, and unless relief were given could not bring his property into profitable use. The Accumulated Fund has been increased by the sum of £4,326 14s. 8d., and now amounts to £138,168 1s. 9d. This sum, added to the balance of £2,601 14s. 11d. in the Reserve Fund, makes a grand total of £140,769 16s. 8d. Represented in the assets is a sum of £27,991 13s. 3d. invested in the Board's city freehold properties; an amount of £103,375 invested on first mortgage; and a sum of £28,650 invested in Government and Local Body Securities.

Allied Funds administered by the Board now amount to £12,112 16s. 6d., whilst deposits lodged by various Connexional Funds and Institutions total, with accrued interest, £12,674 19s. 2d.

Earnings.

The net income from interest and rents has been £7,957 16s. 8d., being an average of 6 per cent. on the mean funds.

The Board is gratified that so high a rate of interest has been maintained in view of the reduction in the earning power of money and the fact that the city property purchased by it will not come into full profit until the current leases expire and the property is further developed. Arrangements are now in progress for adding to the present building.

Management and Expenses.

The administration of this Fund involves the control and prudent investment of assets totalling £165,770 17s. 4d. Close attention has been given to mortgage securities, and due care taken to guard the interests of the Fund in the few instances that have occasioned special concern.

The amount of the authorised appropriations for office charges is allocated between the various funds under the administration of the Board on a sliding scale that provides for relief for the subsidiary funds whilst they are small and require nurturing.

A gratifying feature of the administration of the Fund is the low level of the cost of management. A comparison of the cost of administering the New Zealand Fund with that of the Australian Fund for the year 1928—the last year for which the Australian figures are available—shows that, calculated on receipts from ministers' subscriptions and Circuit Levies, our cost was only 9 per cent., against 12.3 per cent. in Australia, or alternatively, calculated on the earnings of the Fund, our cost was only 4.3 per cent., against 5.1 per cent. in Australia. The Auditors have paid a high tribute to the efficiency and the economy with which the Fund is managed and to the accounting system and the business practice of the office.

Subscriptions in Arrears.

At the date of the balance the personal subscriptions in arrears, with interest thereon, amounted to £691 18s. 7d. This amount, in which only 30 ministers are concerned out of 163 active contributors to the Fund, includes sums due in lieu of Circuit Levies by ministers "resting." The following table shows the District distribution of arrears:—

District.	Arrears.			Interest.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	58	19	0	1	18	0	60	17	0
South Auckland	46	13	0	3	15	0	50	8	0
Taranaki-Wanganui	142	19	3	10	9	2	153	8	5
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	57	15	2	3	4	2	60	19	4
Wellington	67	7	5	2	15	1	70	2	6
Nelson	68	15	0	21	1	1	89	16	1
North Canterbury	85	0	0	13	17	6	98	17	6
South Canterbury	31	7	9	12	14	11	44	2	8
Otago-Southland	60	4	5	3	2	8	63	7	1
Totals	£619	1	0	£72	17	7	£691	18	7

In addition to the foregoing, the sum of £373 6s. 0d. is owing for the purchase of benefits and interest thereon. Some of these are cases dating from Methodist Union in 1913. The Board is urging that a settlement be effected or that the brethren affected should accept such proportion of benefits as have already been paid for by them. These vary from 93 per cent. to 97 per cent. of full benefits.

Valuation of the Fund.

It is the intention of the Board during the coming year to have an actuarial investigation and valuation of the Fund, and in the light of the Actuary's report to review the position of the Fund and the adequacy or otherwise of the present scale of allowances under the existing rules, whether by annuities, bonuses or furniture grants.

Deposits.

By virtue of the provisions included in our Rules and Regulations, the Board resolved to accept deposits from the general public, at times when they can be profitably employed, up to an amount not exceeding ten per cent. of the amount of the Accumulated Funds in the several accounts managed by the Board, on such terms and conditions, and at such rates of interest as may be fixed from time to time, subject to the condition that the interest shall under no circumstances be at a higher rate than 1 per cent. less than the rate of interest earned in the previous year. Any profit accruing will be equally divided between the Office Expenses and the Interest Earned Accounts.

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

The balance-sheet shows that the invested capital derived from the Plampin Bequest and a portion of the Penrose Bequest is £1,400, whilst a balance of £320 16s. 10d. on the Revenue Account is deposited with the Supernumerary Fund.

Benevolent grants amounting to £157 have been made to eleven different persons. The Board has asked the administrators of the Trounson Fund to exchange confidential information in all cases of relief given to ministers and widows of ministers so as to avoid alike any overlapping of relief or the risk of necessitous cases being overlooked. It is of interest to record that since Methodist Union in 1913 assistance has been granted to needy cases to the amount of £2,199 17s. 3d.

Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund.

As this Fund had only been in operation a few months at the date of the previous annual balance, we are this year presenting a Revenue Account and Balance-sheet from the date of the inception of the Fund. This sets forth the position more clearly than did the interim statement last year. There are now 136 ministers contributing to the Fund. Personal subscriptions paid by them amount to £1,036 10s. 0d. The Fire Insurance Board has paid subsidies amounting to £387. The interest earned, after deduction of the non-recurring inaugural expenses and office charges, has, together with the subsidy, been credited to the contributors, to whose credit the sum of £1,446 9s. 3d is now standing. Even in these early stages of the existence of the Fund the progressive benefits it will furnish are very manifest.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of this Fund fully disclose its position. A sum of £402 7s. 7d. has been paid to twelve Home Missionaries who have retired from the work, including several accepted candidates for the ministry. A profit of £44 15s. 0d. on the sale of Inscribed Stock has been added to the £100 Centenary Gift, and with it represents Accumulated Funds the interest only on which is distributable. The Reserve Fund, which according to the Rules is distributable, now stands at £266 2s. 6d., after having withdrawn from it for nineteen men who had qualified to receive bonuses a sum of £637, which was duly credited to their personal accounts. The Reserve Fund is constituted chiefly of surrendered contributions by men withdrawing after a short period of service. There were at the date of the balance fifty-eight contributors to the Fund, and their personal credit accounts aggregated £6,480 5s. 8d. The total assets of the Fund amount to £6,891 3s. 2d.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

There are twenty-seven contributors to this Fund, and the amount standing to the credit of their personal accounts is £2,886 13s. 8d. There is in the Reserve Fund a balance of £62 7s. 3d., after having withdrawn from it the sum of £96, which was credited as bonuses to thirteen contributors whose terms of service exceeded five years on 31st March, 1929. This is the first bonus distribution in the history of this Fund. The assets of the Fund now amount to £2,949 0s. 11d.

Military Camps Fund.

There have been no claims paid from this Fund during the year. The amount standing to its credit is £610 11s. 10d. The net earnings have been £29 18s. 5d. This Fund is held in the interest of ministers who have suffered or who may suffer disabilities as the result of their war service.

Board for 1930.

The Board wishes to place on record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the retiring member, the Rev. James Guy.

The following are nominated as the Board for 1930:—The Connexional Secretary; Revs. W. Baumber, S. Lawry, W. Greenslade, A. N. Scotter, W. T. Blight, and Messrs. George Bowron (Treasurer), A. Borrowes, P. W. Sharpe, H. W. Heslop, H. P. Lawry, and H. Chapman.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

W. BAUMBER, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT
G. BOWRON

Treasurers.

Christchurch,
14th January, 1930.

SPECIAL REPORT MILITARY CAMPS FUND.

The Board has given careful attention to matters affecting ministers who participated in War Service. With reference to the suggestion of the last Conference that consideration be given to a suggestion to make provision for ministers with war service purchasing additional benefits in the Supernumerary Fund, as such a proposal affects the actuarial basis on which the Fund is administered, the Board cannot endorse this proposal save on a basis similar to that adopted by life insurance companies, but in such cases purchased benefits would cover only the life of the minister and not the life of a widow as in the case of the Supernumerary Fund.

With reference to the proposal made some time ago to utilise this Fund for the purchase of benefits for eight ministers whose names were included in last year's report, we have to state that this proposal was considered last July by the National War Funds Council. The Under Secretary has conveyed the decision of the Council in the following terms:—

"In view of the fact that only eight ministers would benefit under the proposal, and that further claims might be made for the remaining fifteen, it was considered desirable that provision should be made for all the twenty-three, and therefore, if your Conference will undertake to allocate the Fund for the benefit of the twenty-three padres the matter will be submitted to the Hon. Minister in Charge of War Funds for approval."

Unless the ministers who rendered military service can themselves agree to some basis upon which the Military Camps Fund can be allocated in a way that will benefit the whole of them, the Board can only adhere to the judgment of the Conference that the Fund should still be held in their interest, and all claims be considered on their merits as they arise. But in any cases calling for consideration the Board would ask that it be empowered to get information as to any War Pension being received by the minister concerned.

In view of the communication from the Under Secretary for Internal Affairs the Board recommends:—

- (1) That the twenty-three ministers affected, together with the President of the Conference and the Treasurers of the Fund, meet at the Conference to endeavour to arrive at a fair and satisfactory agreement for the allocation of this Fund amongst the several ministers concerned.
- (2) That the individual amounts agreed upon in such a distribution of the Fund be placed as a special deposit in the credit account of the minister in the Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund, such amount, with compound interest, to be drawn upon the superannuation or retirement of each minister in accordance with the Rules of that Fund.

The Board hopes that an agreement can be reached along these lines. The Hon. Minister in Charge of War Funds would need to be asked to sanction such a disbursement of the Military Camps Fund before effect could be given to it.

WM. BAUMBER, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT
G. BOWRON

Treasurers.

Christchurch,
14th January, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Supernumerary Fund Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Supernumerary Fund, the Revenue Account 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.

3. That the Conference places on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the Board by the Rev. James Guy, and offers him its good wishes upon his retirement.
4. 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.
5. That the rules and regulations, powers and authorities relating to the Management of the Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, as per Law Book, Part VIII., Section 1. Paragraph 285, shall be deemed to be the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Supernumerary Fund Board incorporated under "The Religious, Charitable and Educational Trust Act, 1908."

MILITARY CAMPS FUND.

1. That the Supernumerary Fund Board be requested to ask the approval of the Minister in charge of War Funds for the distribution of the Military Camps Fund on a basis agreed upon by the Ministers with war service, according to the following schedule, such schedule embracing Ministers, Probationers, Students, and Home Missionaries who were at the time of the Great War connected with the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and served with the N.Z. Expeditionary Forces:—

SCHEDULE.

Class I.	Class II.
9 at £32 each.	9 at £20 each.
Rev. H. L. Blamires	Rev. H. Benny.
„ O. Burnet.	„ A. A. Bensley.
„ W. Grigg.	„ F. G. Brown.
„ F. T. Harris.	„ P. I. Cooke.
„ A. Mitchell.	Mr. A. E. Haynes.
„ L. B. Neale.	Rev. H. S. Kings.
„ F. T. Read	„ F. B. Lawrence
„ A. J. Seamer.	„ H. J. Odell.
„ W. Walker.	„ E. T. Olds.
Class III.	Class IV.
6 at £14 each.	6 at £10 each.
Mr. J. W. Bayliss.	Rev. A. Hopper.
Rev. W. T. Blight.	„ C. H. Kendon.
„ G. E. Brown.	„ C. H. Olds.
„ E. B. Chambers	„ H. T. Peat.
Mr. J. Common.	„ W. B. Scott.
Rev. H. Daniel.	„ S. J. Werren.

2. That any amount to the credit of the Fund in excess of £612 allocated under the above schedule shall, at the time of distribution, be divided amongst the beneficiaries on a pro rata basis.
3. That the individual amounts agreed upon in the distribution shall, upon notification that the scheme is approved by the Minister in charge of War Funds, be treated as follows —
 - (a) Ministers in active work shall have their quota placed as a deposit in the Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund in the credit account of the Minister concerned, the amount so deposited, with compound interest, to be drawn upon the superannuation or retirement of each Minister in accordance with the rules of the Fund.
 - (b) Ministers who are superannuated at the time of the distribution shall receive their benefits forthwith.
 - (c) Home Missionaries in active work shall have their quota placed as a deposit in the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund in the credit account of the Missionary concerned, the amount so deposited, with compound interest, to be drawn upon the retirement of each Home Missionary in accordance with the rules of the Fund.
 - (d) A former Home Missionary now engaged in Orphanage work shall receive his benefits at the time of the distribution of the Fund, unless he shall have previously been reinstated in the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, in which case he shall be treated according to paragraph (c) preceding.
4. That this Conference heartily appreciates the splendid work of the Supernumerary Fund Board, and of the Connexional Secretary, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, for their patient and courteous work in connection with this matter.

(2) METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1929.

The number of children receiving payments from the Fund for the year was as follows:—

Auckland District	...	...	...	...	46
South Auckland	...	...	...	...	29½
Taranaki-Wanganui	...	...	...	...	23½
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	...	...	...	28½
Wellington	...	...	...	...	26
Nelson	...	...	...	...	4
North Canterbury	...	...	...	...	29½
South Canterbury	...	...	...	...	12
Otago-Southland	...	...	...	...	28½
					227½

These figures show a decrease of 3½ on the previous year.

The expenditure has been £70 1s. 3d. in excess of our income, which has therefore decreased the credit balance of Fund to that amount, and the balance at credit at Bank of New South Wales, Wellington, is £354 at date of 31st December, 1929.

We have gone carefully into the position of the Fund with the Consultative Committee, and they are unanimously of opinion that it is not advisable to recommend Conference to increase the allowance to £10 per child per annum at this juncture, as the increase could only be granted by increasing the Circuit Levies.

(See Resolutions Page 97, Conference Minutes, 1929.)

For the information of Conference we would point out that for the past three years the expenditure of the Children's Fund has been greater than the income, but it has been possible to carry on with the lower levy on account of the credit balance we have.

From present indications it is only a question of time when this credit will be absorbed, and it may be necessary to raise the Circuit Levies again.

For the year 1930 we are of opinion that a Circuit Levy of $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. will be sufficient for our needs.

E. W. A. KELLOW.

E. D. PATCHETT.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.

That Conference congratulates Mr. E. W. A. Kellow on the completion of 21 years of service as Treasurer, and thanks him for his splendid service, and reappoints him and the Rev. E. D. Patchett as Treasurers.

That the Levy for 1930 be $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

That exchange be added to cheques sent to Ministers from the Children's Fund.

3.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Financial Statement and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.

That the Conference heartily thanks the Treasurers, Rev. O. Burnet and Mr. J. H. Blackwell, for their efficient services during the year, and that they be re-appointed.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. Isaac Wilson, A.P.A.N.Z., for his services as Auditor, and that he be re-appointed.

That the Levy for 1930 be $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

That the following be the Consultative Committee for 1930:—The Treasurers, the Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., and F. Thompson.

That the sum of £10 be paid from the Contingent Fund to each first year Probationer who is pursuing a University course, to assist in the payment of fees, etc., provided that his course of study has been approved by the Board of Studies, or the Board of Examiners; the Examination Committee of the Conference to assure itself as to the thoroughness with which such University studies are being pursued.

(4) REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND REPORT FOR 1929.

During the past year 31 Ministers and 11 Probationers removed to their new appointments, at a cost of £1013 0s. 9d., or an average per removal of £24. This represented the average number of removals during the past four years, but the average cost per removal was a little more than the usual. It had not been anticipated at last Conference that over £1000 would be required, and so the levy was raised from 2 per cent. to only $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., yielding £940, as against £725 in the previous year.

The average cost of removals during the past four years has been £1048. It will be seen, therefore, that the levy of even $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. (i.e., of £940) will not always be sufficient. But a careful estimate of the removals anticipated in 1930 leads the Committee to recommend that the levy be continued at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for another year.

During the past year there was a larger proportion than usual of removals over long distances between the two Islands. If it were possible for the Stationing Committee of Conference to consider this aspect when making appointments, some relief might be given to the Fund.

Mr. A. A. Sandford, who has been one of the Treasurers of the Fund since 1924, feels compelled this year to resign from the position. The Committee recommends that this resignation be accepted with regret, and that we place on record our sense of appreciation of the skill, devotion and complete satisfaction with which Mr. Sandford has served the Church in this direction. The Committee feels that it is fortunate, however, in having secured for the Church the services, as one of the Treasurers for 1930, of Mr. H. W. Armitage, a Public Accountant and Auditor in Christchurch.

The following are recommended as the Committee for 1930:—Revs. A. N. Scotter, W. Greenslade, L. B. Neale, M. A. R. Pratt, B. Metson, and W. T. Blight; Messrs. A. A. Sandford, M. Kershaw, F. Thompson, W. Dobbs, C. A. Newman, and H. W. Armitage.

Treasurers—Mr. H. W. Armitage, Rev. W. T. Blight.

Convener—Rev. W. T. Blight.

A. N. SCOTTER, Chairman.
A. A. SANDFORD, } Treasurers.
W. T. BLIGHT, }

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.

That the Levy upon each Department or Institution be £4 per annum for each Minister appointed thereto.

That the matter of the participation by Home Mission Stations in the benefits of the Removal Expenses Fund be remitted to the Home Mission Board for consideration and report.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. A. A. Sandford for services rendered to the Fund.

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

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT FOR 1929.

The outstanding event of 1929 has been the presence in the Dominion for the whole year of the Rev. J. F. Goldie, founder of the Mission in the Solomon Islands, and now the President of Conference. Mr. Goldie has devoted the greater part of the year to deputation work, and in this connection has visited most of the Circuits. The splendid Missionary advocacy of the President has created a deepened interest in the Missionary work of the Church, and this should be reflected in increased returns from the Circuits.

Special Missionary Year.

In accordance with the resolution of last Conference, a special appeal is being made this year for the sum of £20,000 with the view of placing the finances of the Missionary Society in a more satisfactory position, wiping out the present large deficiency, providing funds for

the medical work of the Mission. It is too soon to indicate what the result of the appeal will be, but unless some large gifts are received before the end of the year, we fear the objective will not be reached. Circuit Ministers and Secretaries are urged to see that every member has had an opportunity of contributing, that every possible avenue of revenue has been explored, and that all money in hand is forwarded immediately to the General Treasurers.

Deputation Arrangements.

In addition to the deputation work of the President, the General Secretary has visited seventy-one Circuits, and seventeen Home Mission Stations. The Rev. A. N. Scotter has given valuable assistance in several Southern Circuits, while Circuit Ministers and several laymen have lent their aid. The Native boys, Gina and Kera, who have accompanied the President and the General Secretary, have added considerable interest to the meetings by their speaking and singing. Sisters May Barnett and Lilian Berry have visited many of the Women's Auxiliaries.

New Appointments.

Early in the year Nurse Muriel Stewart, of Te Aroha, was accepted as a Nursing Sister and was appointed to assist Dr. Clifford James in the new Hospital at Bambatana, Choiseul. She is giving great satisfaction as a medical worker. Nurse Coralie Murray, of Auckland, who has received her training in the Hamilton Hospital, leaves Sydney by the November steamer, to take up work at the Hospital at Bambatana. We are pleased to be able to report that Nurse Murray's support is being provided by two Christchurch ladies.

Furlough.

Several Missionary workers have been on furlough during the year. The Rev. V. Le C. Binet, who was granted extended furlough for medical reasons, returned to the Mission Field early in the year. The Rev. A. H. Cropp came on furlough after seven years of uninterrupted service on Bougainville and Buka, where he has done excellent pioneer work. At his urgent request he was freed from deputation work to permit of his early return to the Mission Field. Sister May Barnett, after furlough, has returned to her old post at Bilua on Vella Lavella, and Sister Lilian Berry is now recruiting in New Zealand after strenuous work in the Mission hospital at Kokengolo.

Deputation Arrangements for 1930.

The Rev. A. H. Joyce who is now due for furlough has been requested to delay his return to New Zealand sufficiently long to permit of his acting as deputation in the North Island next year. Mr. Joyce is expected to be present at the Conference of 1930. The Rev. J. R. Metcalfe is also due for furlough next year, but is requesting permission to delay it until 1931. Dr. Sayers will be due next year, but no definite arrangements have yet been made in his case. Sister Ethel McMillan in consequence of an extended term of service at Bambatana will shortly leave on furlough for a lengthened period.

Our Medical Missions.

Dr. E. G. Sayers has continued to carry on excellent work at the Head Station at Roviana where he has been assisted by Nurses Lilian Berry, Edna White, Sister Jean Dalziel, and a Native staff of helpers. Heartly appreciation of what is being done in the hospital has been

expressed by visiting Government officials. Bamatana, on the island of Choiseul, was selected as a site for the second medical station, and there Dr. Clifford James, assisted by Nurse Muriel Stewart, has commenced operations with most marked results. A Native Hospital has been erected and the doctor's house is nearing completion. The people have come in large numbers seeking medical aid, thus revealing in marked manner the vast amount of suffering and disease among the people on the island of Choiseul.

Helena Goldie Hospital.

It is hoped that the financial position will be such as to permit of the Board proceeding next year with the erection of the new hospital at Kokengolo, which is to be known as the "Helena Goldie Hospital." During this year, the sum of £150 has been received from the Young Women's Bible Class Union towards the erection of the Children's Ward of the hospital, which is to be known as the "Gladys Chivers Children's Memorial Ward." An amount of £2616 is now in hand for the new hospital, but as a doctor's house and Nurses' quarters will be necessary, this amount will need to be considerably supplemented.

Moving Picture Films.

A new moving picture entitled "Gospel Triumphs in Fiji" has been presented to our Society by Mr. F. H. Stewart, of Sydney. This is a valuable and much appreciated gift worth about £100. The Board of Missions now possesses three moving picture films, viz., "The Transformed Isle," "Tonga To-day," and the one above mentioned. The exhibition of moving pictures in ordinary church halls is hedged around with so many restrictions that the question of the future use of these films must receive very careful consideration by the Board. The lack of much assistance from the Mission field in deputation work next year will necessitate the fuller use of the moving pictures.

Banga Plantation.

The last Conference gave permission to the Board to raise capital for the development of the coco-nut plantation on the Island of Banga, by the issue of debentures up to the sum of £6000. The debentures have been issued and up to date about £2000 worth of them have been taken up. It is quite anticipated that at least half of the amount required will be in hand before next Conference. Full particulars will be supplied to prospective investors on application to the Rev. G. T. Marshall, Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland.

Publications.

Our publications, "The Open Door," and "The Lotu," continue to find favour, the circulation of each being well maintained. The quarterly issue of "The Open Door" is 5500, and of "The Lotu" 7600. In connection with the special appeal of this year 15,000 copies of four leaflets have been published for distribution on four successive weeks. Full publicity has thus been given to the work on the Mission Field.

The Mission Field.

Reports from the Mission Field indicate that work in the various Circuits and departments has been carried on successfully during the year. There have not been any cases of serious illness among the members of the Mission Staff, and on the whole their health has been fairly good. The Rev. A. A. Bensley has filled the position of Acting-Chairman of the District, while much of the bookkeeping has been undertaken by the Rev. Tom Dent.

Finance.

The amount received by the General Treasurers to October 31st is £8679 8s. 3d. This is £932 more than was received at the same date last year. The expenditure is £14,335 17s. 10d. The following special sums have been received in addition to the amount mentioned above. An anonymous gift of £400 from Nelson Circuit for working capital fund; £25 from Addington Circuit towards the endowment of a cot in the "Helena Goldie Hospital"; £7 7s. from Mrs. Duke, Dunedin, for the "Helena Goldie Hospital"; £150 from Y.W. Bible Class Union for "Gladys Chivers Memorial"; and the following legacies:—John H. Brown, Dunedin, £50; Margaret Elliott, Dunedin (shares) £68 2s. 9d.; W. F. Cheverton, Waimate (balance) £97 12s. 5d.; Henry Ford, Manurewa, £25; Alexander McKenzie, Willowby, £100. £1,950 has been received on loan, at 5½ per cent., for Banga Plantation Debentures.

Thanks.

The thanks of the Board are tendered to District Secretaries and Treasurers, Circuit Secretaries and Committees, Collectors and Subscribers, and to all who have assisted in advocating and furthering the great cause of Foreign Missions. The prayerful support of the whole Church is 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. A. J. Buttle, have carried out their duties in a most efficient manner.

JOHN F. GOLDIE,
President of the Conference.

W. A. SINCLAIR,
General Secretary.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION—REPORT FOR 1929.

Another year of well-sustained Auxiliary work has been added to the history of our Methodist Missionary Union, and with humble and grateful thanks to Almighty God we present our Annual Report.

We desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to the President of the Conference and Mrs. Goldie for their great help in visiting and addressing many Auxiliaries and other gatherings of women. Their quiet steadfast courage in facing untold difficulties, their perseverance through many dark and anxious times, added to their great experience and broad outlook have been a wonderful revelation and great inspiration.

Our other visitors, Rev. and Mrs. Binet, Kera and Gina, Sister Jean Dalziel and Sister May Barnet, have all done much to encourage us in our work.

Membership.

This has increased by about 90, being now 600. The Auxiliary has lapsed at Tatuani, their President having passed away; Manaia, as a result of Mrs. Avery's abounding zeal, has affiliated this year; Kaponga is following its example, and Woodville, a sturdy outgrowth of Palmerston North also. An interesting development has taken place at Southbrook, where the women, finding themselves unable to attend regularly the Rangiora Auxiliary, have thrown in their lot with the boys and girls, and they have now an enthusiastic Young People's Missionary Auxiliary there.

There are 40 Auxiliaries reporting this year. We start the new year with 3 new ones. The ideal of an Auxiliary in every Circuit is

still far from being fulfilled, and in the Circuits where it seems difficult to start an Auxiliary something might be done along the lines of the Southbrook folk.

Branches.

Auckland has now 16 Branches. Wellington this year has finalised the method of working in Circuit Branches, and 5 are now established. Christchurch has also adopted the idea this year, and is working in 6 Branches, 5 of them being Circuit ones, and the smaller places uniting with Durham St. to form the sixth.

Conventions.

As so many of the Auxiliaries are not able to send delegates to the October Conference, District Conventions are being held in order to give a larger number of members the advantage of this means of education and fellowship. The honour of holding the first one fell to Mrs. Avery and the Taranaki friends. Their example was followed by Canterbury this year. In both cases they have been an unqualified success.

Sisters.

There are 10 Sisters working in the Solomons, and their number is to be augmented this year, when Nurse Coralie Murray leaves to assist Dr. James and Nurse Muriel Stewart. Nurse Edna White is assisting Dr. Sayers. Sister Lilian Berry, his other assistant, is now in N.Z. on furlough. The other Sisters are Lina Jones, Jean Dalziel, Grace McDonald, Ethel McMillan, Elizabeth Common and Vivienne Adkins, the latter two doing pioneer work on Bougainville.

In N.Z. Sister Eleanor Dobby in the Hokianga district, Sister Netta Gittos at Ratana, and Sister Iris Foster in Taranaki are each doing valuable work.

Finance.

The year's income is £2522. Special circumstances in the persence of more than usual overseas visitors, but largely because of the visits of Mr. and Mrs. Goldie, have led to this amount, an improvement on last year's money. The Sisters' Salaries Fund has first claim on the Union's finances. Next in importance are the Helena Goldie Hospital, the School for Maori Girls, and the School for Solomon Island Girls, for all of which the Union is doing its best after fulfilling its necessary obligations to the Sisters.

Conclusion.

God in His infinite mercy has blessed our work this year. There are tangible evidences of this, and there are experiences that have come to us individually, as Branches, as Auxiliaries, and as a Union, that we are deeply thankful for. We know that the evil that our Missionaries are seeking to banish will not be automatically extinguished, but we have God's promise that we can help to withstand it by an utter dependence upon our Father and by unflinching kindness and mercy towards our fellow-men.

MARY E. BOWRON, President.

LUCY THOMPSON, Secretary.

THE TREASURERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1929.

The Treasurers have to report that owing to the non-arrival of the returns from the Solomon Islands District, no Balance-sheet and only an approximate Income and Expenditure Statement can be presented to the Conference. The provisional Statement presented to the Annual Meeting of the Board contained the following particulars:—

The Income of the General Fund from New Zealand contributions amounted to £14,639 16s. 10d., as against £11,790 for the previous year, a gratifying increase. The Solomon Islands District contributed £4708 14s. 8d, a decrease of £247.

The Expenditure in the Solomon Islands is estimated at £16,000, the amount of their allocation. The Expenditure in New Zealand includes the following items:—Interest, £935 0s. 6d.; working expenses, £1190 2s. 5d.; sundry payments (including new film £200), £676 3s. 3d.; allocation to Insurance and Replacement Fund, £146; total, £2947 6s. 2d : an increase of £234 4s.

The deficit on the Income and Expenditure Account is £3107 12s. 1d. To this must be added the debt on what is called the Banga Plantation Account, amounting to £9533 4s. 10d., making a total indebtedness of our Society of £12,640 16s. 11d., as against £13,030 17s. 3d. at the end of 1928.

These figures have been examined and certified as correct by our Auditor, Mr. Leonard Knight, F.P.A.N.Z. We believe that they will not be materially altered when the returns from the Solomon Islands are received.

We have pleasure in reporting increases in most of our special funds.

An anonymous gift of £400 to the Working Capital Fund has been received, making the present total £10,952 4s. 1d.

The Insurance and Replacement Fund has been increased by various legacies and by the allocation, and now amounts to £1077 5s. 5d.

The Equipment Fund has been increased by a legacy of £100. After deducting several payments, the balance stands at £2171 18s.

The "Helena Goldie" Hospital Fund is increased by a contribution of £163 12s. 3d. from Y.W.B.C. Union for Gladys Chivers Memorial and by some other items, and now amounts to £2780 7s. 3d.

G. T. MARSHALL.

A. J. BUTTLE.

February 5th, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Treasurers' Statement be received and adopted.

2. Thanks.

The Conference places on record its thanks to God for the fine response of the Church to the special appeal of the past year. While the objective was not reached, the income shows a considerable increase on that of any previous year. The Conference tenders its warmest thanks to the subscribers, collectors, District, Circuit, and Local Secretaries, "Open Door" and "Lotu" Agents, and to all who have assisted in the year's campaign. It expresses its keen appreciation of the splendid contribution of the Church on the Mission Field, and sends to the Members of that Church its hearty thanks.

3. That the following be the estimates of income for 1930:—

New Zealand	...	...	...	...	£15,000
Solomon Islands	...	...	...	...	4,500

£19,500

4. District Treasurers.

- (1) That the special thanks of the Conference be tendered to Messrs. C. E. Taylor and D. C. Cameron, District Treasurers for the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu and Otago-Southland Districts respectively, for valuable services rendered during the past year, and that they be re-appointed.
- (2) That the Conference considers the experiment of the appointment of District Treasurers in the above Districts to have proved a thorough success, and determines on the appointment of Treasurers in the other Districts where suitable laymen can be found to undertake the duty.
- (3) That Mr. C. Rayner be appointed District Treasurer for the South Auckland District, and Mr. E. Dixon for the Taranaki-Wanganui District.

5. Division of the Roviana Circuit.

That the Conference, having again considered, in consultation with the Chairman of the District, the question of the division of the Roviana Circuit, and having in mind the fact that the immediate expansion of our work in the Northern Section of the Circuit will involve a great deal of business with the administration on land and legal matters, and at the express wish of the Chairman remits for the further consideration of the Synod the possibility of giving the Bougainville Section of the Roviana Circuit adequate supervision for the immediate present, by setting the Chairman free from certain of his duties, which will enable him to pay more frequent visits to the Bougainville Sections of the Circuit.

That the Conference and the Chairman agree that as soon as practicable the Bougainville Section of the Roviana Circuit should be made a separate Circuit.

6. Students from the Mandated Territory for Training at Roviana.

That every effort be made to obtain permission for students to leave Bougainville and Buka for training in the Training College at Roviana, and that the Chairman of the District be requested to seek an interview with the Prime Minister of Australia with this object in view, and report to the Board of Missions.

7. **Thanks.**—That the Conference express high appreciation of the valuable services rendered during the year to the Foreign Mission cause by the Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Goldie. By their unremitting toil and earnest advocacy of the Missionary claims, they have placed the Methodist Church of this Dominion under a great debt of gratitude. The Conference is convinced that renewed interest and increased support will result from their labours; and tenders them its sincere thanks.

8. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to Rev. W. A. Sinclair for his untiring and efficient services as General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Department.

9. House Allowance.

That the amount of the house allowance granted to the General Secretary of Foreign Missions be referred to the F.M. Board for consideration.

10. Literature.

- (a) 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 reappointed.
- (b) That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. A. J. Buttle for their services as Missionary Treasurers, and that they be reappointed.

- (c) That the Conference places on record its deep appreciation of the fine contribution of the N.Z.Y.M.B.C. Movement of £236 for the salary of Dr. Sayers, and tenders to the Bible Class Union its hearty thanks.
- (d) That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the N.Z.Y.W.B.C. Movement for the gift of £163 12s. 3d. for the "Gladys Chivers Ward" of the "Helena Goldie" Hospital.

11. Special Gifts.

That the thanks of the Conference be given to the anonymous donor at Nelson of £400, and to Mr Fleck, of Riverton, for the gift of £500.

12. Women's Missionary Union.

- (a) That the offer of the Women's Missionary Union to raise £500 in two years for the Girls' Training School be accepted with thanks.
- (b) That the hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Officials of the Women's Missionary Union, and to the Missionary Auxiliaries for valuable services rendered to the Missionary Society during the past year in many ways, and more particularly by the fine contribution of £1298 to its Funds.

13. Men's Missionary Movement.

Resolution of Conference, 1929. (Minutes, P. 107, Res 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."

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

It is being increasingly felt that the time has arrived when efforts should be made to secure the assistance of the men of the Church, to a much greater extent than is the case at the present, in the Missionary and other work of the Church. Some definite organisation to effect this is required.

Our women have given a fine lead in the splendidly organised work of the Auxiliaries and the Dominion Union.

Branches of the Laymen's Missionary Movement were established in New Zealand some years ago, but they have ceased to function. Past experience does not encourage any proposal to re-establish the Movement with its whole programme. A simpler and yet wider form of organisation will better meet the needs of the Church to-day.

Something has already been done by the Foreign Missionary Society in gathering the men together to discuss the Missionary work of the Church. During the past year many very successful meetings of this character have been addressed by the President.

The Conference endorses the following recommendations:—

1. That an organisation be formed among the men of our Churches to be called the

METHODIST MEN'S MOVEMENT.

2. That the objects be to promote the interests of Home and Foreign Missions and the general work of the Church.
3. That a Dominion Executive be appointed annually; to be located in a district for a term not exceeding three years.
4. That the Dominion Executive for 1930 be located in Auckland.
5. That this Executive prepare during the next year the Constitution of such an organisation, methods of work to be adopted, and all other matters pertaining to such Movement; that a complete report be presented to the Synods of 1930 and the Conference of 1931.

- 6 That steps be taken to encourage the holding of meetings of men during the year, and that suggestions for such meetings be forwarded to Circuits.

14. Dominion Executive for 1930.

The following were nominated as the Dominion Executive for 1930:—Messrs. T. E. Price, R. Hames, C. H. Virtue, A. J. Pople, E. O. Chivers, J. P. Blair, G. Higgott, H. Whitehead, J. W. Shackelford, W. S. Mackay, J. Tyler, A. Peak, A. C. A. Sexton, W. Ambury, G. Riddell, E. Burton, L. Rhodes; Revs. E. Drake, W. A. Sinclair, A. J. Seamer, W. Walker, E. T. Olds, W. Rowe, F. E. Leadley, W. W. Avery, with power to add. Convener to be appointed by the Executive.

BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1930.

The President of the Conference (Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.), 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, A. McBean, E. Drake, W. Walker, F. E. Leadley, G. Frost, A. B. Chappell, W. Rowe, W. W. Avery, E. D. Patchett, F. Copeland, G. F. Stockwell, C. Eaton; Messrs. J. Maginness, 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.

RESOLUTION.

That the number of Auckland Ministers on the Board be increased from eight to ten.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Rev. W. Rowe.
 South Auckland—Rev. A. O. Harris.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. R. B. Gosnell.
 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.

South Auckland—Mr. C. Rayner.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. E. Dixon.
 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, A. Whitehead, 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, F. B. Barber, F. Whitlock, S. Newsome, Mesdames Goodev, Gilling, Andrew, Warwick, Blight and Thayer. Convener, Rev. R. B. Gosnell. 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—Ministers of the Blenheim Circuits, with Miss G. Avery, Mrs. G. F. Stockwell, Messrs. W. D. Pike, F. H. Southgate, H. Oldham, C. W. Parker, J. S. Mite, and A. Butterworth, with the Chairman of the District as Corresponding member. 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, 1929.

With hearts full of gratitude, we acknowledge our indebtedness to the power and wisdom of God, which have been with us. We have indeed been led on by devious ways towards the accomplishment of the purposes of His Kingdom, so we thank God, and take courage.

The Board.

The meetings of the Board have been well attended, and all members have taken a keen interest in the business transacted, the one desire being to do the best possible for the Church we love and the Lord we adore.

The Standing Committees.

The Executive, the Spiritual Advance, and the Literature and Colporteur Committees have attended faithfully to the routine work, and also to other matters referred to them. They have reported regularly and fully to the Board. The work thus divided has been the more efficiently done.

The District Committees.

This year greater interest has been displayed by the District Committees. Conference decisions in general have been observed. In some Districts, however, there is still no serious attempt to arrange for the pastoral oversight of unattached areas. We lose much by failure to realise the importance of this work.

Spiritual Advance.

The Committee has endeavoured to stimulate the Circuits and Home Mission Stations to carry out the recommendations of last Conference regarding Spiritual Advance, and expresses its thanks to Al-

mighty God for the measure of loyalty shown to these ideals, and the degrees of success attained. The experience of the past year goes to prove that the most effective method of evangelism for the Church to-day is in Missions for the deepening of spiritual life, and the winning of decisions for Christ, particularly among the young people. A helpful aid to such efforts has been the use of the decision and re-dedication cards prepared two years ago by the Committee, and we desire to draw the attention of the Brethren to the fact that this card is available from the Secretary free of cost.

Leaflet.

During the year a pamphlet was prepared containing "Suggestions for the Conduct of Fellowship Groups," and 10,000 copies were printed and circulated among Circuits and Home Mission Stations of the Dominion.

Evangelistic Missions.

This year the work of the May Synods was of immense value, for it embraced definite plans for aggressive evangelism, which in a large number of cases were faithfully carried out. We rejoice to hear that without exception a gratifying measure of success attended such endeavours to intensify and extend the influence of our Church. In the North Canterbury District the Executive Committee set up a Commission to visit all Leaders' Meetings in Christchurch City and Suburban Churches. A searching series of questions was circulated, the problem being approached along the lines therein marked out. The result was a comprehensive report that will make for Spiritual effectiveness in the future. Reports go to indicate that special evangelistic effort was directed to the holding of Young People's Rallies, which were followed by inspiring and fruitful Communion Services.

District Committees.

It is most encouraging to find that definite gain has come to the Church through the decision of Conference to set up a Spiritual Advance Committee in each District. We regret, however, to report that, despite the fact that appeals have repeatedly gone forth, there has been no response whatever from several of the Districts. We therefore draw attention to Paragraph 7, Page 119, Minutes of Conference, 1929, and urge that where District Committees have not yet been set up the appointment be made at the next May Synod. It is also desired that all District Committees keep in closer touch with the Central Committee.

Programme for 1930.

Much thought has been given to the programme for 1930. Recognising that the Spiritual Advance activity of the past years has been of permanent spiritual value to the whole Church, the Board again seeks from all our ministers and people a more earnest spirit of co-operation along the lines already determined, and a whole-hearted acceptance of the General Resolutions on Pages 111-12, Minutes of Conference, 1929. We recommend further the adoption of the following Resolutions:—

- (a) The Conference urges that wherever possible after a period thorough preparation, an eight-day evangelistic Mission, for the deepening of spiritual life and the winning of decisions for Christ, be conducted in each Church and Preaching Place by the Minister, assisted by his Brethren in the locality. That the Mission cover two Sundays, and that in these Missions the decision and re-dedication card issued by the Committee be used.
- (b) That to conserve the results of these Missions, preparation classes immediately follow, and suitable instruction be given concerning the privileges and responsibility of Church membership, these classes to be followed by public reception services.

- (c) Recognising the value of Youth Rallies, which conclude with Holy Communion, we urge that more use be made of this attractive means of winning young people to decision and service.
- (d) That the "Wayside Pulpit" be more generally adopted.
- (e) That Leaders and Quarterly Meetings give earnest consideration to the appointment of suitable men and women to take a larger share of the pastoral oversight of the congregation to which they are connected.
- (f) That each District make its own financial arrangements to meet the expenses incurred.
- (g) That the Home Mission and Contingent Funds each make a grant up to £25 to the Spiritual Advance Committee.

Home Missions.

Home Mission work is being carried on faithfully in both backblock and city areas. It is difficult to say which is, at the present time, the more needy—city or backblock. Our workers are making steady progress in all Districts. Details concerning this work are published in the H.M. Columns of "The Methodist Times," and we hope in the near future to be able to give still more interesting information through that channel.

Staff.

Satisfactory supply and oversight has been found for the few vacancies left at Conference time. Our Church has reason to be proud of her Home Missionaries who, as a class, are at least equal to those of our Sister Churches, and faithfully perform the tasks allotted to them, with much self-denial and devotion.

Mr. G. R. Rotherham resigned during the year on account of ill-health. Mr. D. J. Stallard also retired.

Three additional agents have been received during the year, and we shall need several more unmarried men in April.

Church Extension.

Our extension work has gone on steadily and consistently. Certain classes of figures need so much explanation that they are misleading, if quoted in a brief report. It should, however, be noted that in active work at present there are 154 Ministers and Probationers, 62 Home Missionaries and Supplies, 11 Maori Ministers, 8 Maori Home Missionaries, and 17 Deaconesses, as against 144 Ministers and Probationers, 57 Home Missionaries and Supplies, 10 Maori Ministers, 8 Maori Home Missionaries, and 13 Deaconesses in 1914. Also, that the stipends throughout the Dominion have been raised to the present standards. These advances mean an additional expenditure from Circuit Funds of approximately £5600 per annum. Special assistance has been given from the H.M. Fund to almost all the Circuits and H.M. Stations concerned.

Literature and Colporteur Society.

The Literature and Colporteur work is progressing satisfactorily. The quality and variety of the literature handled, and also our methods of distribution, are steadily improving, and sales are increasing. During the year the Colporteurs have worked through North Auckland, Waikato, the Western part of the King Country, Taranaki, Manawatu, and Wairarapa. They are now in the central portion of the King Country.

Conference Remits.

1. H.M. Retiring Fund. (Min. of Con., Page 117, Par. 5.) The Board recommends—

- (a) "That Conference authorise the Board to make a special appeal for at least £750 to enable the Board to pay into the H.M.'s Retiring Fund to the credit of the Senior Home Missionaries, £10 for each year spent in the work prior to the establishment of the present Retiring Fund, the effort to be completed in 1931."
- (b) "That payments into the H.M.'s Retiring Fund be increased to the following amounts per quarter:—

Personal	...	...	...	...	£2	0	0
Circuit	...	...	...	...	£1	10	0
H.M. Board	...	...	...	...	£1	10	0

2. Extension of Deaconess Work. (Min. of Con., p. 129, part 3.)
That District Home Mission Committees carefully consider the feasibility of the employment of Deaconesses for Social Work by and on behalf of Groups of Circuits in and about each City.

On behalf of the Board.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

E. T. OLDS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts for 1929, as presented by the General Treasurer, be received and adopted.
2. **Financial Position.**—That Conference places on record its gratitude to Almighty God for the splendid improvement in the finances of the Department, and expresses its appreciation of the labours of the General Superintendent, General Treasurer, Maori Parties, and other Deputations, and of the wonderful generosity of our people.
3. **Method of Estimating Circuit Contributions.**—That for this year the old method of compiling the estimates be continued.
4. **Assistant Superintendent.**—That the Rev. G. I. Laurenson be designated for appointment as Assistant Superintendent in 1931.
5. **Co-operation.**—(a) That a Maori Minister be attached to the New Plymouth Circuit, to work the area from Uriti to Tataramaika.
(b) That a Maori Home Missionary be attached to the Opunake Circuit, to work the area from Tataramaika to Pihama. That in both these cases the H.M. Board pay the stipend, travelling expenses, and house rent, and that the Circuits remit to the H.M. Treasurers all collections and subscriptions received through the work of the Maori Agents towards their support.
6. **Deaconesses Acting as Home Missionaries.**—That the Home Mission Board consider the whole question of the advisability or otherwise of giving Home Missionary status to Deaconesses who have proved themselves to be capable Home Missionaries and are permanently employed as such, with power to act.
7. **Colporteur Van.**—That the H.M. Board be authorised to secure a new Colporteur Van at the end of the year, should such be necessary and finances permit.
8. That the usual grant be made to the Y.M.C.A. for work in Territorial Camps; and that in view of this grant the H.M. Board review the question of the amount made by Methodist and other Churches for this purpose.
9. The Conference affirms the principle that where a Home Missionary or Deaconess enters into Orphanage work, he or she shall retain status, and shall be a participant in their respective retiring fund, and that this be retrospective. The Conference refers this matter to the Supernumerary Fund Board for adjustment in conjunction with the H.M. Board.
10. That the H.M. Board explore the possibility of extension in the area between North Canterbury and Marlborough, and report to the North Canterbury Synod.
11. That Par. 225, etc.

Votes of Thanks.

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.

That the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. C. Strand, be heartily thanked for his faithful services during the year.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the General Treasurer, Rev. G. Bond, for his valuable services, and that he be recommended for reappointment with the usual honorarium.

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

That Rev. E. Drake be thanked for his efficient services as Chairman of the Board and of the Executive, and Editor of the H.M. Column in the "Methodist Times."

That the Secretary of the Board and of the Executive, Rev. E. T. Olds, be cordially thanked for his valued services.

That our thanks be given to Revs. W. Walker and J. H. Allen for their work as Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Spiritual Advance Committee.

That Rev. A. Liversedge be thanked for his services as Editor of the Spiritual Advance Column in the "Methodist Times," and that Rev. H. A. Sharp be recommended for appointment as Editor of the column for 1930.

That our thanks be tendered to Revs. W. Rowe and T. R. B. Woolloxall for their work as Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Literature and Colporteur Society Committee.

That Mr. G. O. Blakey be thanked for his services as Treasurer of the Literature and Colporteur Society.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

That the following be the members of the Board for 1930:—The General Superintendent (Rev. A. J. Seamer), the Acting Assistant Superintendent, 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 Tuhī, and Missioner Scrimgeour, and Messrs. A. Peak, W. S. Stone, T. Clark, J. J. Parker, W. S. Mackay, L. A. Rhodes, R. Hames, 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. Caghey, 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. W. H. Speer.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. R. B. Gosnell.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Rev. J. D. McArthur.

Wellington—Rev. J. Dennis.

Nelson—Rev. R. Richards.

North Canterbury—Rev. L. B. Neale.

South Canterbury—Rev. H. Peat.

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, 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, Hamilton East, Te Awamutu, Te Aroha, Rotorua, Morrinsville, and the Home Missionary at Ngaruawahia, Messrs. J. E. Tidd, J. T. Johnson, C. Raynor and F. West. Convener, Rev. W. H. Speer.

Taranaki-Wanganui—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth, Stratford and aitarua Circuits, the Home Missionary at Okato, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, R. Pepperell, P. J. White, C. Carter, A. G. Fischer, E. Taylor, J. T. Griffin, P. Okey, P. Wells, 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, Wai-pawa Circuits, Messrs. J. H. Oldham, L. A. Denton, H. R. French, E. E. Bott. 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. R. Richards.

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

South Canterbury—Ministers of Timaru, Oamaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits, Messrs. A. Stead, H. H. Brown, W. G. Irwin and A. W. Barnett. Convener, Rev. H. Peat.

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 a very full and comprehensive report was submitted last year, this year's report will be brief.

In the weekly written reports sent by the Maori Ministers and Home Missionaries to their Circuit Superintendents there are many evidences that the Holy Spirit is moving upon the hearts and minds of our Maori people. A steadier work is now in progress than that in recent years, when religious and political matters were causing such great excitement in many areas. Though the work is still difficult, abundant spiritual blessings are being received, and these are but as the droppings of the shower we are led to expect.

Staff.

There have been no changes in the Staff during the year, except the employment of Sister Frances Hayman, and her appointment to the vacancy at Kawhia.

Organisation.

During the year the Board authorised correspondence with the Circuits concerned, seeking ways and means of fuller official co-operation between the European and Maori work. It is felt that both branches of the work would benefit if further definite steps in co-operation could be taken in the near future. Important changes in some Districts are under discussion, but there is nothing further to report at present.

Maori Girls' School.

The Hospital Board having erected a very fine public hospital at Te Kuiti, and our own hospital having done much during the last five years to break down the antagonism of the King Country Maoris to hospital treatment, the Board decided to discontinue part of the activities of our hospital, and while still keeping it open for special cases, to use that Institution mainly as a School of Domestic Science and Hygiene and Nursing. Matron Wharehuia is still in charge and five students are already in residence. None of the capital in hand for the School is to be touched. For the present work only the interest accruing will be appropriated, present location being but temporary. The Board is now investigating suggested schemes for a larger School on a permanent site.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

E. T. OLDS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. The Conference Home Mission Committee, after a full and frank discussion, expressed its complete confidence in the work of the Maori Mission and the policy of the Board in relation thereto. This finding was endorsed by the Conference.

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

THE AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION—REPORT 1929.

With deep gratitude to God, we present this Report of the work which He has given us to do.

Evangelism.

Pre-eminent in the programme of the activities of the Mission stands evangelistic work, and the year leaves us with thankful hearts in that we have been privileged to see a very marked advance in the accomplishment of our chief purpose. Lives of men and women have been changed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and our work, though always difficult, is carried on in the certain knowledge that God is with us.

Popular Theatre Services.

Toward the end of last year our Board of Management decided that we should conduct our Sunday evening services in the Strand Theatre, in an endeavour to reach part of the city's multitude of non-churchgoers.

Through the year these services have maintained their popularity, and in spite of the fact that the theatre seats 1500 people, we are seldom able to accommodate, oftentimes by many hundreds, the vast crowds that seek admission. These have been distinctly religious services from the non-churchgoer's point of view, and have admirably served their purpose in obtaining the ear of the outsider.

Social Service.

As a Social Service Organisation we believe that the Central Mission ranks second to none in the Dominion, and enjoys the very generous support of the business men of Auckland and the public generally. The year has been a very bad one in view of the great amount of unemployment in our midst. In the relief of distress, this year we have expended over £1000, all of which was subscribed without special effort or general appeal. 5000 beds and meals were provided for workless men, and some 3000 parcels of food and clothing distributed to families in need. With the exception of a very few small donations, possibly amounting to £15, the whole of the money expended came from the business men of the community, an expression of confidence in our organisation that we greatly value.

Down and Outs.

The "New Zealand Herald" describes this work as another chapter of Harold Begbie's work, "Broken Earthenware," and reminiscent of Jerry Macauley's "Down in Water Street," while the "Sun" gives the following vivid description:—

"They are coarsely clad; unshaven and unwashed some of them. A few are drunk. Most of them have heard the sullen jangle of keys and the hollow echo of clanging doors in the Mount Eden Gaol. These men are 'members' of the 'Down and Out' Club. It is Saturday evening. They drift into the room in ones and twos—derelicts from the streets in search of a cup of tea or a bed. It is a sanctuary for them, and perhaps the beginning of a new life—a life without fear or hunger or hatred against the conventional order of things."

Hospital Visitation.

Regular visits to the Public Hospital and similar institutions are paid by the Missioner and his assistants, who find in such service a great and effectual door opened to them. There is no finer avenue of Christian service than this.

Prison Work.

In the capacity of Official Prison Chaplain of our Church, the Missioner visits the Gaol at Mount Eden. Much could be said concerning this work, but space forbids. It should be stated, however, that lives have been influenced and won for Jesus Christ; despair has given place to hope; and men have been won back to clean, honest citizenship.

Deaconess Work.

The ever-increasing demands of this work have severely taxed the strength of Sister Bessie, who has considered neither time nor energy in her contribution to the work of the Master. If more work is the reward of work well done, then Sister Bessie has been richly rewarded.

Circuit Finance.

The most difficult of all our problems is that of Circuit finance. Our work is almost entirely among those who need help and consequently cannot aid us financially. We are greatly indebted to Messrs. Smith & Caughey, who have borne the entire cost of the Assistant Missioner, to the East St. Trustees for an additional contribution of £50 (making a total of £150), and to the H.M. Department for their grant of £100.

Assistant Missioner.

With the appointment of the Rev. L. C. Horwood, every branch of the Mission's activity has been increasingly effective. Mr. Horwood has applied himself to work with a will, and has enjoyed a period of fruitful service.

In conclusion may we say that in spite of all our difficulties our hopes are high, and we believe that under the guidance and by the grace of God the Mission will eventually make a contribution, worthy of the Church to which we belong, to the individual, moral and social welfare of the city of Auckland.

C. G. SCRIMGEOUR, Missioner.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference again records its appreciation of the successful work done by the Mission during the year.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the business men of Auckland for their liberal support of the Mission Social Service organisation; also to Messrs. Smith & Caughey, Ltd., and the East Street Trustees for their gifts to the Mission Funds.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

The Superintendent desires first to pay tribute to the splendid work of his predecessor. His faithful labours have made it comparatively easy for him to take up the Superintendency of this important work, in which there are unrivalled opportunities.

A special difficulty that has confronted the Mission during the past two years still obtains, viz., Sunday evening band concerts, railway and motor bus excursions. When these were inaugurated the Mission was the first and most to suffer. The former Superintendent worked with great zeal and much anxiety to meet the difficulty. We continue to do the best possible to meet the problem. Our plans are laid for the coming winter, by means of which we hope to regain the interest of those whose loose attachment was not strong enough to hold them in the face of the strong attractions referred to.

Property Debt.

The debt this year has been reduced by £750. During the last few years large gifts enabled the Trustees to pay £1000 each year. No large gift has been forthcoming this year, but another effort has been made amongst the members and friends of the Mission, and a bazaar held with gratifying results. Extraordinary expenditure amounted to £280.

Vestry Hours.

This is a new feature this year, and has proved to serve a very useful purpose. It affords an opportunity not only for members and adherents of the Mission to interview the Superintendent, but is also taken advantage of by many who need advice and help. For these, primarily, "Vestry Hours" were instituted.

Social Service Activities.

Social work has always been one of the important features of the Mission, and in all its history a great deal has been done. The work has been growing steadily for the past few years, and is still increasing. It is encouraging to report that during the past few months our Social Service Fund has been increased by £230, made up by several gifts. A few months ago an interview with the General Manager of a leading Trustees' Estate firm resulted in the Mission being placed on the firm's list to share in allocations in the interest of the poor and needy. From

this source £200 has already been received. All such monies, however, are to be used for relief purposes. This fact and the opportunities for real service intensify the necessity for a second Deaconess, whose whole time shall be devoted to social service in the city.

Another striking feature of our social work of recent months is the securing the services of a leading firm of solicitors. Every now and then cases needing legal advice and action come under our notice. These are dealt with by the firm referred to. Already several cases have been handled entirely without fee and with eminent success.

Sister Hazel's activities amongst the women and girls both in the Mission and out of it still wins the admiration of all who know her work.

The deliberate aim of the Superintendent is to make the Mission's social welfare activities eventually to rank second to none in the city. To make this possible, assistance will be sought in many directions, and with the loyal support of Dunedin Methodism we feel sure that the desired end will be achieved.

The Preacher's Opportunity.

As a preaching centre the Mission holds an unique place in the city. It is safe to say that a large number of those attending the evening services would go to no other Church if the Mission were not in existence. To preach from its platform is a great privilege and a wonderful opportunity.

To the officials who have stood by the Mission so loyally our grateful thanks are extended.

Looking into the future we see no reason why there should not be a continuation of the prosperity that has marked all the previous years.

G. B. HINTON, Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference record its appreciation of the very fine work done by the Superintendent and Staff of the Mission during the past year.

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

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTE.

REPORT FOR 1929.

It gives the Committee great pleasure to report that Deaconess House has had another year of successful work. The Lady Superintendent, Mrs. W. J. Williams, has done her work with her usual tact and ability. The Committee also desire to commend the good influence exerted in the House by the Honorary Chaplain, Rev. W. J. Williams. Also the presence in the House of the Senior Deaconess, Sister Ruth, has been of a very helpful character.

During the year it has occurred to the Committee that the position occupied by the Lady Superintendent has been somewhat anomalous, inasmuch as she has had in some respects a lower official status than that of any Deaconess Probationer who has been under her training. The Committee has therefore unanimously decided that in view of the many years of Deaconess work rendered by Mrs. Williams, both in Australia and New Zealand, and of the position she now occupies as Lady Superintendent of Deaconess House, she be accorded the full status and privileges of a member of "The Order of Deaconesses," and that she be exempted from obligation to contribute to the Deaconess Retiring Fund.

After serving probationary periods, Sisters Olive Coleman and Iris Foster were duly accepted and dedicated as fully accredited Deaconesses at the Conference of 1929.

Sister Frances Hayman was appointed during the year to Kawhia, where she has done excellent work. She returns for a short period to St. Helen's Hospital, Christchurch, in order to take final examinations in midwifery.

Sister Lenna Button and Miss Amy Parkinson complete their training at Deaconess House this year. As Sister Lenna had four years' experience in Circuit work in Melbourne before coming to Deaconess House for training, it is recommended that she be accepted as a fully accredited Deaconess without further probation. She has been designated for work in the St. Albans Circuit as from January, 1930. Miss Parkinson is to begin a course of training in midwifery in January. Miss Jessie McKenzie came into residence last June, and is making good progress with her studies and practical work.

Miss Willcocks (Atawhai Werekake) is making good progress in every department of her training, and expects to specialise in District nursing next year. Miss Kirkwood (Puingati Kakuere) returned to the North Island for health reasons; but there is good prospect of her studies being resumed when the House reopens after the Christmas vacation.

All the students have made a good record in their studies, as well as in kindergarten work, nursing and general training.

Lectures have been given by Revs. H. A. Sharp, L. B. Neale, F. B. Lawrence, S. J. Werren, and W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. The students have also attended lectures given under the auspices of the W.E.A.. Miss W. Bowron, a Plunket Nurse, is giving practical demonstrations in the care of infants. Nurse Maude gives the students a very thorough training in District nursing; and Miss Hull gives instruction in Kindergarten work. For all these services the Committee is grateful, and tenders its sincere and hearty thanks.

Church work in general receives a large share of attention. During the year more than 60 pulpit appointments in Christchurch and surrounding districts have been taken by women resident at Deaconess House, besides over 100 addresses given at women's meetings. Each student has charge of a Bible Class or other Class in Sunday School. The District visiting brings the students into contact with children who are being won into the Sunday Schools.

Social work also receives attention. Large quantities of food and clothing have been supplied to needy cases, as well as comfort and help of a real though less tangible nature.

Perhaps the outstanding work of the year is that done by Sister Ruth at Durham Street South, in the Cambridge Terrace Circuit. The cause had become a perplexing problem, and the appointment of Sister Ruth was made as an almost desperate experiment. The results have more than justified the experiment. Attendances at the Church services and the Sunday School have greatly increased. Several Clubs and Classes have been established, and the Church has become the centre of almost daily activities. Best of all, a considerable number of people have been led to open confession of Christ as their Saviour. The question arises as to whether it would not be wise to make a similar venture of faith in the cause of some other struggling causes, and by more intensive work, and by methods adapted to local needs, the breath of a new life might replace the existing weakness, and the threat of extinction give place to a renewed vigour and a buoyant hopefulness.

Last Conference requested the H.M. Board to consider and report on the matter of making a fuller use of trained young women in the work of our Circuits and Home Mission Stations. The Committee will gladly co-operate with the H.M. Board in any effort that may be made

in this direction, and looks to the Circuits to do their part in encouraging the employment of Deaconesses in the Churches.

During the year three Conferences, connected with the Bible Class Movement and the Women's Missionary Union, have been held at Deaconess House. These were held during the usual House vacations. The Young Women's Bible Class Union and the local Women's Missionary Auxiliary make Deaconess House their headquarters for the Executive business meetings.

The Hostel department meets a very definite need. Nineteen University and Training College students have been in residence during the year. Temporary accommodation has also been provided for ladies from other districts, and the circle of interest is thus widened. Early in 1929 all available rooms were booked for 1930, and many applications have been declined for want of accommodation.

The ladies of the House Committee have been indefatigable in their interest in and work for the benefit of all in the House. Their services are gratefully acknowledged. The Conference is recommended to amend the rule which specifies the number of the Ladies' House Committee, making it to read six (6) instead of five (5).

The financial position of the Institution is very satisfactory. The financial year ends on 31st December, and the Balance-sheet will be presented to Conference. The Conference is again requested to make the usual grants towards the maintenance of the Institution, namely:—Home Mission Fund, £75; Foreign Mission Fund, £75; Contingent Fund, £75; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £100.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1930:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Rev. S. Lawry (Secretary), the Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, together with the Ministers appointed to New Brighton, Linwood, and Edgeware Road; Mesdames Bowron, Lamb, Sandford, Blight, Metson, Misses Lovell-Smith and Chaplin; Messrs. C. A. Newman (Treasurer), L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., A. Borrows, G. Bowron, H. Chapman, and C. H. E. Graham.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

A. N. SCOTTER, Chairman.
SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the rule which specifies the number of members of the Ladies' House Committee be amended to read "six" instead of "five."
3. That the usual grants be made, viz.:—Home Mission Fund, £75; Foreign Mission Fund, £75; Contingent Fund, £75; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £100.
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 valuable services; also to the Lecturers, Revs. H. Sharp, L. B. Neale, F. B. Lawrence, S. J. Werren, and W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., Misses W. Bowron and Hull, Nurse Maude and the members of the House Committee.
5. That the Secretary, Rev. S. Lawry, and the Treasurer, Mr. C. A. Newman, be cordially thanked for their services, and reappointed.
6. That the Committee for 1930 be as last year, with the addition of the names of Sister Mabel Morley and Mrs. W. H. Seed.

OFFICIAL LIST OF DEACONESSEES, PROBATIONERS, AND STUDENTS.

I.—Home Work.

- Mrs. W. J. Williams, Lady Superintendent, Deaconess House,
25 Latimer Square, Christchurch.
- *1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, Durham St. South, Christchurch.
- 1918—Sister Hazel Hamilton, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- 1920—Sister Mildred West, Ashburton.
- *1927—Sister Margaret Jeffreys, Pitt Street, Auckland.
- *1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Otorohanga.
- *1930—Sister Lenna Button, St. Albans, Christchurch.

II.—Maori Work.

- *1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
- 1921—Sister Nicholls, London Street, Hamilton.
- 1927—Sister Netta Gittos, Ratana Pa.
- *1928—Sister Iris Foster, Kawhia.
- *1929—Sister Irene Hobbs, Te Kuiti.
- *1929—Sister Frances Hayman, Okaiawa.

III.—Foreign Work.

- *1913—Sister May Barnett, Solomon Islands.
- *1914—Sister Lilian Berry, Solomon Islands.
- *1912—Sister Elizabeth Common, Solomon Islands.
- *1922—Sister Jean Dalziel, Solomon Islands.
- *1926—Sister Grace McDonald, Solomon Islands.
- *1928—Sister Vivian Adkin, Solomon Islands.

IV.—Special Service.

- *1914—Sister Annie Tocker, Wellington (in Government service).
- *1926—Sister Norah Mills (Hospital Training).

V.—Retired or Resting.

- 1907—Sister Mabel Morley, Retired.
- *1914—Sister Lily White, Retired.
- *1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, Resting.
- 1920—Sister Bessie McFarlane, Retired.
- Sister Alice Howell, Retired.
- 1921—Sister May Ralph, Retired.
- 1928—Sister Olive Coleman, Resting.

VI.—Students in Training.

- Miss Parkinson (Hospital work).
- Miss Wilcox (Maori).
- Miss McKenzie.
- *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.

In presenting our Annual Report we cannot but first note the heavy losses sustained by the Board by the death during the year of no less than five of our number, viz.—Messrs. A. C. Caughey and James Trounson, who last year were elected as life members, Revs. W. S. Potter and C. Griffin, and Miss Harvey.

In the passing of Mr. Caughey, senr., in December last, in his 80th year, a few weeks after the death of his gifted son, Mr. Hugh P. Caughey, we have lost the founder and pioneer of Methodist Orphanage work in New Zealand, who in 1913, in conjunction with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Smith, gave for Orphanage purposes the valuable property known as Wesley Home, and ever since has continued to foster the expanding work by generous gifts, wise counsel, and practical sympathy. Mr. James Trounson, too, was a loyal and generous friend, and not long before his death gave to the Board inscribed stock of the value of £1000.

In January last the Rev. W. S. Potter, and later in the year Rev. C. Griffin and Miss Harvey, who all took a keen interest in the Orphanage and in many other Christian enterprises, were taken.

To the relatives in each case we extend our sincere condolence.

But while God buries His workers, he carries on His work, and we now gratefully record a year marked by unabated activity, and many gratifying features. While many children have removed, for various valid reasons, others have been received, and in our three Homes we now number 106 children, with other admissions pending.

The Matrons, Mrs. Everiss and the Misses Johnston and Coatman, have all rendered devoted service throughout the year, supported by a loyal staff, and supply gratifying reports of the health, conduct, and progress of the children.

The Ladies' Committee, with Mrs. Arch. Peak as President, have continued their invaluable services in the clothing and other departments, and the value of their work cannot be over-estimated.

The Selection Committee, also the Grounds and Buildings Committees, have had a busy year, and we are specially indebted to the Chairmen of these Committees, Rev. George Bond and Messrs. J. E. Astley and A. Peak, for the time and energy they devote to the work.

At the rear of the Epsom Home a much-needed annexe has been erected, providing a sewing-room, staff sitting-room, and several bedrooms, and a well-equipped drying-room has been added to the laundry.

At Epworth, on the recommendation of the Child Welfare Department, a new dining-room and laundry and other conveniences are now in course of erection. Each Home has also been supplied with a Maytag washing machine, thus conserving the time and strength of the staff for other work, and saving wear and tear on the clothes.

In common with the experience of all similar Institutions, we note with deep regret the large number of applications arising from the desertion of a parent, and more drastic and effective means for compelling a deserting father to support his dependants is urgently needed.

The Board gratefully acknowledge the liberality and kindness shown in a variety of ways by many subscribers and friends; also the service of the official collectors, the Misses E. Mason, C. Alexander, and E. Goldsworthy, and the Circuit collectors.

Too many Circuits, however, still confine their effort to the Christmas retiring collections, which in some cases are inadequate.

During the year Mrs. Everiss, at the Board's request, visited some South Auckland Circuits, with good results.

Requests have been made to the Orphanage as follows:—Under the will of the late A. C. Caughey, £500; the interest only to be payable for five years. Under the will of the late Rev. W. S. Potter, one-fifth of an estate, worth approximately £8000, subject to the life interest of widow and daughter. Under the will of the late S. J. Ambury, 1-40th of the residue of the estate, subject to the widow's life interest.

Our thanks are due to Drs. Harold Pettitt and Howard Thomas, our honorary physicians, who have rendered ungrudging service.

Dr. Howard Thomas, finding it necessary to readjust his work, asked to be relieved, and Dr. Cyril Griffin, of Epsom, has kindly consented to fill the vacancy.

Mr. A. Peak, honorary solicitor, continues to place his time and skill at the service of the Board, and his professional aid is greatly appreciated.

As directed by last Conference, the Board has considered the matter of a Connexional Orphanage Committee, but resolved to make no recommendation.

Board of Management.

We recommend that the Board of Management for the ensuing year be as follows:—Rev. G. Boyd, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr. W. Astley (life members), Revs. E. Drake, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, W. Walker, G. T. Marshall, T. G. Brooke, A. Ashcroft, A. B. Chappell, M.A., J. F. Martin, J. H. Allen, J. Blight, Superintendents of Avondale and Devonport Circuits; Mesdames A. C. Caughey, A. H. White, T. A. Joughin, T. Clark, J. Blight, A. Peak, F. M. Winstone, F. Wilson, J. Armitage, the Misses Kirk, A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Ida Buttle; Messrs. J. E. Astley, A. Peak, G. M. Fowlds, T. Clark, E. O. Chivers, A. Trenwith, Walter Ambury, E. A. Pearce, D. L. Thomas, B. C. Moodie, D. H. Thomas, L. F. Rudd, and R. Gillon; Rev. S. Griffith, Secretary and Treasurer, A. Len Caughey, Lay Treasurer.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

SAMUEL GRIFFITH, Secretary.

October, 1929.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, Revenue Account, and Balance-sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Management, the Ladies' Committee and the Matrons and their Staff for their devoted services; also to Drs. Harold Pettit and W. Howard Thomas, Hon. Physicians; Mr. A. Peak, Solicitor; and Rev. S. Griffith, Manager.
3. Conference notes with deep regret and concern the large number of children for whom admission is sought owing to the divorce or separation of their parents, or the desertion by one of their parents, and recommends that united action be taken by Methodist Orphanage Boards, in conjunction with similar Boards of other Churches, with a view to the provision by Government of more effective means for compelling parents to support their children.
4. Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the work of the Official and Circuit Collectors and of the kindness and liberality manifested by many supporters in aid of this great work, and commends it to the sustained support of all our people.
5. In view of the inroads on capital revealed by the Balance-sheet, Conference again urges that in every Circuit the Christmas offerings be regarded as supplementary to the Annual Subscription, which should be the main method of support. For this purpose Conference directs that in every Circuit and H.M. Station suitable Orphanage Collectors be appointed for every Church and Congregation.
6. That Conference reaffirms the need for the setting up of a Connexional Orphanage Committee to co-ordinate Orphanage work, and refers the matter to the Auckland Board, which shall correspond with other Boards, and report to Synods and Conference.

B.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

We are thankful to report a year of fruitful work. Happily there have been no serious cases of sickness among the children or the staff. Miss Allan, our Matron, continues to efficiently manage the Home. A special feature has been the training of the boys and girls in gardening, with the result that the grounds are in beautiful order.

During the eight years the Home has been open 91 children have been admitted. Fifty of these have passed out, most of them to commence work. We believe they will be better men and women for having lived in the Home, and the community will reap the benefit of the training they have received. At the present time we have 20 boys and 21 girls in the Institution, and all of these except four have lost either one or both parents.

The children receive a grounding each year in Scripture truth, and the results of annual Home Scripture examinations show that their minds are well stored with Biblical knowledge. At the recent Wellington Sunday School Union examination Frances Hanes was at the top of her grade, and secured the prize. In a few days two boys and three girls are going out to take up work.

During the year Miss Webb, our first assistant, left, accompanied with our good wishes, and Miss Douglas was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Finance.

The amount contributed at the Christmas collections is steadily increasing. The income from this source during the last three years has been £311, £334, £383. During the year we have received a bequest of £500 from the estate of the late Mr. McKenzie, of Masterton; £129, the residue of the Jackson bequest; and £20 from the estate of Mrs. Olsson, Woodville. In addition to cash donations, we have received gifts of clothing, etc., for which we thank the friends.

Our Management Committee is not equal in size to those in the large centres, where the members are drawn from a number of Circuits, but the members have shown a deep interest in the welfare of the Home, and have regularly attended the business meetings.

Our thanks are due to the members of the Ladies' Committee for their work, also to Drs. Prior and Maunsell for the services they have freely rendered, and which have been appreciated by the Management Committee.

We nominate the following to compose the Management Committee for the coming years:—Messrs. C. E. Daniell, A. H. Daniell, A. J. Donald, J. H. Handyside, W. H. Judd, H. J. Jones, S. J. Smith, F. E. Wells, Dr. N. H. Prior, Revs. E. O. Blamires, and J. Cocker; Mesdames E. O. Blamires, J. Cocker, J. Elliott, A. Pragnell, and Miss Benton. Chairman, Mr. S. J. Smith; Secretary-Manager and Treasurer, Rev. J. Cocker.

S. J. SMITH, Chairman.

J. COCKER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Statement of Accounts, Revenue Account, and Balance-sheet be adopted.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Chairman of the Board, Mr. S. J. Smith; and to Dr. Prior and the Rev. J. Cocker for their services on behalf of the children, and that suitable letters be sent.
4. That the Management Committee be as nominated, with the omission of the name of Mr. H. J. Jones.

C.—THE SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

The Board is glad to report another year of successful work. Under Divine blessing the Home has maintained a ministry rich in fruitfulness in the interests of the Children.

The internal management and working of the Home has been under the faithful and kindly service of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes (the Master and Matron) and the other members of the Staff, to all of whom our thanks are due.

A more than ordinary number of removals and admissions has taken place, and application for the admission of children continue to increase. There are at present in the Home 26 boys, 29 girls, and we have also had five of the senior boys, who are at work, boarded out in good Christian homes.

The health of the children has been good, and no serious case of sickness has occurred. The children have been most regular in attendance at church services, and their conduct has been exemplary. They have kept up a close connection with the Sunday School and the Christian Endeavour Societies, and they again secured a highly creditable list of passes and prizes in the annual scripture examinations under the North Canterbury S.S. Union, and did their full share in enabling the Papanui Sunday School to gain the "A" Shield.

The problem of providing accommodation for the older boys is being faced by the Board, and the building of a separate house for these is now being arranged for.

Throughout the year the various committees have attended to their work in willing and effective fashion—special mention being due to the Ladies' House Committee for their attention to the needs of the Home and their help in this connection.

Various Circuits have come to our help in a generous way with cash and supplies of a most useful nature. These we wish to acknowledge with grateful appreciation.

The following legacies have been received during the year for our Endowment Account:—

			£	s.	d.
E. A. Wallace Estate	..	..	36	15	6
W. F. Cheverton Estate	..	..	51	3	5
J. Hicks Brown Estate	..	..	50	0	0
Margaret Elliott Estate	..	..	34	1	4
Alex McKenzie Estate	..	..	100	0	0
A. Cowie Estate (per Mr. J. A. Flesher)			50	0	0

and from Mrs. Campbell, of Addington, £50 for the endowment of a Cot in memory of her late husband.

The Board expresses regret at the resignation of the First Assistant, Miss Sarah Keenan, after ten years' faithful service on the Staff of the Home, and a suitable entry has been made in the minutes.

Amongst the many visits paid to the Home during the year, first place must be given to that of the Rev. J. F. Goldie, President of the Conference, with Kera, the Solomon Islands teacher. These were honoured guests at the tea table, much to the delight of the Staff and the children.

The Field Organiser, the Rev. F. T. Read, has kept the claims of the Orphanage well before the Circuits by means of visits, lectures and correspondence.

A. N. SCOTTER, Chairman.

A. HOPPER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Financial Statement, and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Dr. Orchard for his services as Honorary Physician, and to the Treasurer, Mr. Geo. Bowron, and that they be reappointed.
3. That the Conference tenders its thanks to the Board for its services during 1929. The Board for 1930 to be as last year, with the substitution of the names of Messrs. O. M. Jones and W. S. Warner for those of Messrs W. H. Marshall and the Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C.
4. That the Minister nominated by each Board as Chaplain to the Orphanage be so designated in the List of Stations printed in the Conference Minutes.

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

"METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

INTERIM REPORT FOR 1929.

Shortly after the last Conference the North Canterbury District Executive Committee appointed the "Times" and Literature Committee, consisting of fourteen persons, and affirmed the principle that the Business Manager for the time being should be Secretary and Convener. The Committee elected Mr. D. E. Parton as its Chairman.

"Methodist Times."

The Committee has pleasure in reporting that the work of the current year in connection with our Connexional organ has been marked by a large measure of success. The outstanding feature of the year's work has been the "New Subscriber Campaign," which was inaugurated immediately after the last Conference, and has since been zealously prosecuted, with the result that up to 31st October 404 new subscribers have been enrolled. We share with all newspapers the inevitable loss of subscribers due to deaths, removals, and change of circumstances, but it is gratifying to record that such losses this year have been less than a quarter of the average loss of recent years. The constant process of "attrition" emphasises the importance of agents and ministers diligently seeking to sustain and increase the enrolment of subscribers.

The Committee has given earnest consideration to a large number of suggestions for the improvement of the paper. To carry out even some of these excellent suggestions would involve an increase in the size of the paper, with the consequent heavy increase in the cost of production. This matter has been taken up with our publishers, and before Conference meets the Committee will consider the practicability of providing four extra pages. A further increase of 500 subscribers would justify this progressive move. Consideration has also been given to the advisability of amalgamating other Church publications with the "Times."

The thanks of the Committee are presented to the Editors for their faithful and efficient work, and satisfaction is expressed at the improved literary standard of the paper.

The Financial Statement for the year that will end on 31st December will be presented to the Conference.

New Hymn Book.

Consideration has been given to the probable issue of a New Edition of the Church Hymn Book, and correspondence has been entered into with the Secretary of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Australia with a view to conserving the rights of the Australian and New Zealand Churches to share in the profits of such publication. The Minutes of the General Conference (Page 131) show that a Committee has been set up to enter into any necessary negotiations with the authorities of the British Methodist Churches with regard to this matter. That Committee has been authorised to prepare suggestions to submit to the British Committee. It is also empowered to begin the preparation of an Australasian Appendix, and directed to make similar arrangements in regard to profits as now obtain. Authority is given to the Committee to invite the co-operation of our New Zealand Church in all these matters.

On behalf of the Committee,

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1929.

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet fully disclose the financial position regarding the "Methodist Times." The net amount received from subscribers is £1,141 11s. 2d., and from advertisements £255 15s. 7d. Publishing costs have amounted to £1,153 7s. 8d. On the year there has been a profit of £84 1s. 11d. There is a sum of £500 in a Contingent Reserve Account, in addition to Accumulated Funds amounting to £402 1s. 6d.

Consideration has been given to the question of increasing the size of the "Times" to afford greater scope for the Editor to develop new features. In view of the heavy cost of permanent enlargement, the Committee is recommending a modified proposal.

The Committee greatly appreciates the services of the Editor, and is unanimously recommending his reappointment. The work of the Business Manager has been done with great efficiency and success.

The Committee has considered the resolutions of the North Canterbury Synod on the proposed new Hymn Book, and recommends their adoption by the Conference.

On behalf of the Committee,

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

Christchurch, 17th January, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Supplementary Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Editor (Rev. P. R. Paris), the Associate Editor (Rev. T. J. Wallis), the Editor Emeritus (Rev. W. J. Williams), and the Editor of the "Lym" Page (Rev. J. E. Parsons) for the high standard of service they have rendered.
3. That the Rev. Percy R. Paris be reappointed Editor for 1930, and Rev. T. J. Wallis Associate Editor.

4. That satisfaction be expressed at the proposal of the Committee to publish six special four-page supplements, including the Orphanage Supplement, during the year.
5. That appreciation be expressed to the Business Manager (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt) for the outstanding service rendered in the interests of the Connexional paper, and that he be reappointed as Business Manager of the "Methodist Times" and Secretary of the Committee. That the congratulations of the Conference be tendered to Mr. Pratt on the success of the New Subscriber campaign.

PROPOSED NEW HYMN BOOK.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That a Committee be set up to enter into any negotiations with the authorities of the British Methodist Churches and to co-operate with the Australian Committee with regard to the proposed new Church Hymn Book.
2. That the Committee be authorised to prepare suggestions to submit to the British Committee concerning the main body of the Hymn Book.
3. That the Committee be empowered to begin the preparation of an Australian and New Zealand Appendix to the Hymn Book, and that such shall include hymns suitable for our own seasons and national celebrations; that additional hymns for Young People be provided; and that Scripture readings be arranged for responsive use in public worship.
4. That the Committee be instructed to make a similar arrangement to that referred to in the Law Book, p. 150, par. 62.
5. That the Committee be authorised to co-operate with the Methodist Church in Australia in the preparation of suggestions for the British Committee and for the Special Appendix.
6. That the Committee be instructed to co-operate with the Australian Church to secure for the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and for the Methodist Church of Australasia, all the rights for the Australasian Edition, similar to those obtaining in connection with the present Hymn Book.
7. That the Hymn Book Committee be as follows:—Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A. (President), Rev. J. H. Haslam (Secretary of Conference), Mr. A. Peak (Vice-President), Revs. Dr. Laws, S. Lawry, W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, W. A. Sinclair, M. A. Rugby Pratt (Convener), A. Mitchell, W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.; Messrs. K. J. Dellow, M.A., R. C. Clark, M.A., H. Temple White, W. Simpson, Melville Lawry, E. Firth, and S. Lawn.

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

REPORT OF MILITARY COMMITTEE.

Our Military and Naval Chaplains continue to render splendid service at the various Ports and Territorial Camps throughout the Dominion. The Military Chaplains report encouragingly on the facilities for effective work in Camps, and the cordial relations with the Y.M.C.A. Secretaries, Officers, and men.

The representatives of our Church on the Chaplains' Advisory Committees are giving close attention to the details of their work. Except

in the Northern Command, no difficulty has been found in supplying our quota of Chaplains for the various Camps. The appointment of two new Chaplains in the Auckland District is helping to meet the situation there.

The Revs. J. H. Bailey, F. J. Handy, F. G. Brown, and H. H. Jeffreys have been duly Gazetted as Chaplains, and all will have Camp experience this season. Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., has at last been received by the Department as on transfer from England, and he also goes into Camp this year. Revs. S. Bailey, W. B. Scott and C. H. Olds have been promoted to Third Class, Revs. Bailey and Scott also receiving the N.Z. Service Medal. Rev. H. Daniel has resigned his Chaplaincy, and his name will consequently be removed from the Official List.

During the year proposals from General Headquarters regarding a Uniform Grant for Chaplains have been before the Advisory Committees, the Department ultimately agreeing to an allowance of £10 towards the purchase of a uniform, together with an issue of greatcoat and felt hat, to a limited number of Chaplains on the Active List in each Command, on the nomination of the Advisory Committees. The selected Chaplains are required to undertake to render four years' efficient service before retiring, or to make a refund according to the term of such service rendered. There will be no annual upkeep grant, but the money thus saved to the Department will be available towards grants for Chaplains required to replace those who from time to time are retired. Already several of our Methodist Chaplains have been selected to receive these grants.

C. H. OLDS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the thanks of the Conference be extended to our Military and Naval Chaplains for their valued services during the year.

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.

That the Y.M.C.A. authorities be requested to arrange for the notices attached to their quarters in Camps to read, "Y.M.C.A. and Associated Churches."

That the Y.M.C.A. be requested to make representations to the Defence Department for the appointment of a Y.M.C.A. Field Secretary to accompany the Military Police Force shortly to proceed to Samoa in order to attend to their social, moral and spiritual needs.

That the Chaplains on the Advisory Committees arrange, wherever practicable, for Chaplains that have received uniform grants to be appointed to Camps in order that they may fulfil the obligations attaching to such grants.

That Circuit Quarterly Meetings be urged to facilitate the release of Ministers required for Chaplaincy duties in Territorial Camps.

That Chaplains be urged to take a practical interest in the training of Territorial units in their respective localities especially by arranging with the officer in charge to give occasionally an appropriate talk to trainees.

That an Official List of Chaplains be printed in this year's Minutes.

OFFICIAL LIST OF CHAPLAINS.

ACTIVE LIST.

Third Class.

E. T. Cox, M.A.
C. Eaton.
F. Copeland.
T. A. Pybus.
A. J. Seamer.
W. Walker.
L. B. Neale.
C. H. Olds, B.A.

Fourth Class.

W. A. Burley, M.A.
Ernera Te Tuhi.
E. T. Olds.
T. Skuse.
S. J. Werren.
S. Bailey.
N. Benny.
F. J. Parker.
J. H. Bailey.
F. J. Handy.
J. Dennis.
F. G. Brown.
H. H. Jeffreys.

RESERVE LIST.

Class I.

Third Class.

H. T. Peat.

Fourth Class.

H. A. Sharp.
W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
P. I. Cooke.
J. H. Allen.
J. E. Parsons.
F. T. Harris.

Class II.

Third Class.

A. Mitchell*
H. L. Blamires.
F. T. Read*
M. A. Rugby Pratt.
C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.*
W. B. Scott.

Fourth Class.

E. D. Patchett.
B. J. James.
J. H. Haslam.
G. S. Cook.*
A. Ashcroft.*
A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S.
W. H. Speer.
R. B. Tinsley.
H. Cottom.
F. E. Leadley.
E. S. Emmitt, M.C.
R. B. Gosnell.

*Due for Retirement.

The following Military Committees were appointed:—

Headquarters and Central Command—The Chairman and Chaplains of the District, Messrs. C. M. Luke, C. R. Edmond, H. P. Mourant. Convener, Rev. J. Dennis.

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

Southern Command—The Chairman and the Chaplains in the District, Col. G. J. Smith, Messrs. 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. C. H. Olds, B.A.

That the following be the Naval Chaplains appointed by the Conference:—

Wellington—Rev. T. R. Richards.
 Auckland—Rev. W. Walker.
 Devonport—Rev. J. H. Haslam.
 Lyttelton—Rev. C. Blair.
 Timaru—Rev. H. T. Peat.
 Dunedin—Rev. H. E. Bellhouse.
 Port Calmers—Rev. T. Arthur Pybus.
 Bluff—Rev. M. Ayrton.
 Nelson—Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.
 New Plymouth—Rev. C. Eaton.
 Picton—Rev. S. Keen.
 Westport—Rev. C. A. Foston.
 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?

During the year the following records have been received:—

1. Thorndon Trust Minute Book (1872-1900), per Mr. C. V. Tregurtha.
2. Small Reprint of Drawing by Mr. W. F. Gordon, representing the Landing of Rev. Charles Creed at Moturoa, from Mr. Percy White, New Plymouth.
3. Christian Miscellany and Missionary Notices (1846-1847), from Mrs. Rountree, New Brighton.
4. (a) Class Book of late Mr. Thomas Ferens, Oamaru (1864-1869).
 (b) Manuscript Sermons, by Mr. T. Ferens.
 (c) Steven's "History of Methodism" (2 Vols.).
 (d) Wakeley's "Heroes of Methodism" (1855).
 (e) Kendall's "History of Primitive Methodism," 120 pp.
 (f) Rev. Edward Best's "Book of Offices" (1867), from Mr. W. H. Ferens, Dunedin.

A commencement has been made with the work of classifying and cataloguing the various records on hand.

Historical information has been supplied to a number of applicants during the year.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
 Custodian Early Church Records.

Christchurch, 31st December, 1929.

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.
3. That thanks be tendered to those who have sent in various records during the past year.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCIDENCE OF CONNEXIONAL TAXATION.

The Committee considered several propositions, but with the data available could find no adequate solution to the problem. The number of replies from corresponding members was most disappointing.

The Committee has no recommendation to make.

FREDERICK J. PARKER, Convener.

The Report was received, and the Committee were thanked and disbanded.

NEW BOOK OF OFFICES.

That Conference authorises the Committee to print the Book of Offices, and that the following services be printed in pamphlet form for the use of congregations:—

The Sacramental Services.

The Reception of New Members.

The Dedication of Sunday School Teachers.

The Dedication of Office-bearers.

The Covenant Service.

The Committee to have 10,000 of these pamphlets printed.

The Conference strongly recommends Trustees throughout the Connexion to procure these pamphlets for the use of congregations.

That the Committee be empowered to arrange for the publication and sale of the Book of Offices in conjunction with the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund.

That Conference directs the Committee to add to the Book of Offices a short Liturgical Service for the Dedication of New Buildings.

That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Committee and the Convener (Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall), and that they be re-appointed.

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. Clark, Miss Firth, Messrs. R. S. Maunder, H. P. Mourant, L. J. Clark, T. H. Crosbie, E. B. Ash, A. Flett, H. Dixon, R. Ferguson, H. D. C. Horwood, J. R. Burley, T. S. Hinde, R. Hampton, F. J. W. Fear, F. Lockwood, W. J. Jacobson, W. H. Johnston, B. J. Lynneberg, S. T. Martin, W. J. Cody, 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, D. E. Parton, A. Head, F. Thompson, R. E. Holloway, W. C. Francis, A. G. Williams, H. Holland, M.P., E. W. Hall, W. A. Bascand, H. W. Heslop, G. Hight, A. Taylor, W. Dobbs, S. H. Maddren, J. Voss, A. C. Comber, R. W. Brighting, P. C. Clements, W. Simpson, A. Williams, A. E. Haynes, T. J. Carr, J. Pitcaithly, W. T. Foster, J. Lomas, A. Holden, C. A. Newman, G. Bowron, Miss D. Fairweather, and Mrs. G. Bowron. Convener, Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

Otago-Southland.—The Superintendent Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries of the Dunedin, Port Chalmers and Mosgiel 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.

In presenting our Tenth Annual Report, we first of all desire to express our devout gratitude to God and the Methodist section of His great Church for the call that came to us to become preachers of the Gospel of Peace. We most gladly and unreservedly acknowledge our personal indebtedness to the Ministry of our Church who have passed through our ranks and know the difficulties of the preacher's vocation. They also perceive the special difficulties that pertain to those whose opportunities for study are few, and whose time for pulpit preparation is limited. Ministerial joy, however, is never greater than when they hear of any of the brethren's success in the Master's service. We owe very much indeed to the Church which called us forth to this high calling, and which has nourished us with so much spiritual care, and on the whole we are respected and appreciated far beyond anything we dare think ourselves.

By preaching our Churches are mainly created, sustained and extended, a fact worthy of far more consideration than is often attached to it by those in the pew. Take it at its best, and there is nothing in the region of human effort comparable to it in value and importance. Let none of us ever by word or deed belittle it. Let no man suggest or listen to the suggestion that its day is past. For real preaching enlightened, and experimental, charged with a passion of love to God and man, there was never a greater day than now. The preacher is

the man for the hour. Get him as he ought to be, a living, thinking, loving, speaking man, who walks with God and loves men with a love that casteth out fear.

Such a one, sustained by the prayers and practical assistance of the whole Church, our most baffling Church problems would be solved at a stroke, and our arrested progress would quickly vanish. The world has not yet out-lived the Gospel message of salvation. God's truth is like Himself—"the same yesterday, to-day and for ever."

Our Book Scheme has not developed as we had reason to hope it would. Forty-three volumes have been sold amongst the brethren, at a cost of £5 11s. 10d., during the year. We would earnestly urge upon our young Local Preachers the importance of securing "Christian Foundations," by the Rev. Doctor H. Maldwyn Hughes, M.A. The opening section on the "Knowledge of God" gives the key to the modern method of approach to the study of theology, and would be a valuable addition to any preacher's library.

We are pleased to report that our good brother, W. S. Mackay, President of the Auckland Branch, has been instrumental and most successful in opening a new Branch in the Northern Wairoa District.

The Officials and Executive have our sincerest good wishes for spiritual growth and success.

Will other Districts arise and "Go and do likewise"?

We remain, Honoured Fathers and Brethren,

Yours in Christ's service,

J. LOMAS, President.

A. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

October, 1929.

1. (a)—SANSON TRUST REPORT.

We have the honour to report that, in accordance with the direction of the Methodist Conference, 1927, a Trust, termed The Wellington Provincial District Methodist Local Preachers' Trust, has been formed to administer the Sanson Bequest and certain other moneys of the Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association, previously in the hands of Messrs. John Jacobson and the late James Aldersley.

The objects of the Trust are:—

1. To assist Local Preachers on trial to acquire suitable books and other literature for the Local Preachers' Study Course.
2. To aid Preachers to acquire, by establishing a Local Preachers' Library, first-class knowledge for their work in the service of the Methodist Church.
3. To render aid to necessitous Local Preachers.

The accumulated funds of the Trust at date amount to £224 19s. 10d., and consist of:—Sanson Bequest, invested in Eastbourne Borough Council Debentures, £100. Post Office Savings Bank account, £124 19s. 10d.

In granting £20 under conditions set out in Clause 3 of the objects of the Trust, the Trustees have met the only claim that has been made on the Fund.

Yours faithfully,

B. J. JAMES, Chairman.

W. H. CLARK, Secretary of Trust.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Local Preachers' Association and of the Sanson Trust, together with the Balance-sheet, be received and adopted.
2. That Conference again puts on record its appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the Church by our Local Preachers.
3. With regard to the Church's need of more Local Preachers, the Conference draws the attention of Quarterly Meetings to the prolific field of supply in our Bible Classes, Christian Endeavour Societies, etc., and urges the formation of Mission Bands as a means of overcoming the present shortage.
4. That the formation of a new order, to be known as Lay Readers, be referred to the Local Preachers' Association for consideration.

II.—WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

(See Minutes, 1929, pp. 143-4.)

The Continuation Committee is carrying on the work for Christian unity begun at the Lausanne Conference in 1927. Reports of action taken by sixty nation-wide Churches in many countries in respect of the problem of disunion give cause for encouragement. There are growing indications of a strong desire in all lands for a completer unity of the forces of the Christian Church.

The expense of carrying on a world-wide propaganda is considerable, and the Continuation Committee has appealed for the renewal of support by our New Zealand Church. A vote of £10 from the Contingent Fund is recommended, as is also the reappointment of the Committee.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Convener of Committee.

Christchurch, 31st December, 1929.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

III.—VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Conference Agenda.—That the following Question be added to the Agenda of the Conference:—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church, including the Rulings of the President during the year? (See Minutes, 1929, pp. 144, 145.)

Departmental Charges.—That the remit from the Takapuna Circuit, endorsed by the Auckland Synod, re the increasing financial demands made upon the Circuits for departmental and other funds of the Church, be referred to the Removal Expenses Fund Committee for consideration and report.

Connexional Year.—That the matter of such a change in our Connexional year as will enable Ministers changing to be in their new Circuits at the beginning of February, so that the education of the children may not be unduly interfered with, be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee for consideration and report to Synods and Conference.

Ecumenical Conference of 1931.—That the President be empowered to accredit representatives to the Methodist Ecumenical Conference of 1931, but the expenses of such representatives shall not be a charge on our Church funds.

Ecumenical Conference of 1941.—That should the Annual Conferences of Australia agree this year to invite the Ecumenical Methodist Conference to meet in Australia in 1941, this Conference heartily agrees to endorse the invitation, and empowers the President to join with the President-General of the Australasian General Conference in forwarding any necessary invitation.

Invitations to Ministers.—That Circuit Stewards be directed to notify their District Chairmen of all invitations to Ministers by the September Quarterly Meetings, in order that each Chairman may notify the Secretary of Conference before the end of November.

Bible in Schools.—That a request from the Bible in Schools League Executive that five Methodist representatives be appointed to meet representatives of the other Churches to consider proposals in connection with the Bible in Schools Movement be acceded to, and the following be appointed:—The President, Rev. E. D. Patchett, Hon. L. M. Isitt, Mr. H. Holland, M.P., and Rev. E. O. Blamires.

Itineraries of Departmental Secretaries.—That a copy of their itineraries be supplied to each Chairman of District by the H.M. General Superintendent, the F.M. General Secretary, the Y.P. General Secretary, and the Travelling Secretaries of the B.C. Movements.

THE METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD.

1. That the Conference authorises the incorporation under the provisions of the Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908, of a Board to be named "The Methodist General Purposes Trust Board."
2. That the objects of the Board shall be:—To hold and administer any real or personal property transferred, devised or bequeathed to the Board or in any other manner vested in the Board for special purposes or trusts in connection with any Methodist Church in New Zealand, or any Church trust organisation or department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and whether such purposes and trusts be wholly for such purposes or partially for such purposes, and partially for other purposes not connected with the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
3. That the members of the Supernumerary Fund Board incorporated under the said Act, and duly appointed by the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall at all times hereafter be members of the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board. In case any member of the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board ceases to be a member of the Supernumerary Fund Board he shall cease to be a member of the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board.
4. That the Chairman of the Supernumerary Fund Board shall be the Chairman for the time being of the said Board. In the absence of the Chairman the members may elect one of their number to be Chairman. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
5. That, subject however in all cases to any trusts specifically declared in respect of any real or personal property vested in the Board, the Board shall have such powers of sale, exchange, lease, and mortgage as the case may be in respect of any real or personal property vested in the Board as the Board shall by resolution from time to time determine.
6. That the Board shall be empowered to make from time to time such rules and regulations for the conduct of its affairs as shall be necessary or expedient.
7. That the Board shall be empowered to make fair and reasonable charges for the expenses of management of any Trust property vested in the Board.

8. That the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall have power at any time by resolution to amend or vary the constitution of the Board, or to extend its objects.
9. That the application for incorporation shall be sufficient if signed by three members of the Supernumerary Fund Board empowered to sign the same on a resolution of the members of the Supernumerary Fund Board.

Congratulations.—The Conference very heartily congratulates the Revs. J. J. Lewis, W. J. Williams, and C. E. Ward on having attained the Diamond Jubilee of their Ministry. It thanks God for the very notable service they have rendered during the last sixty years, and prays that they may enjoy the rich and abundant blessing of God throughout their remaining years. The hearty congratulations of the Conference were also tendered to the Rev. T. G. Brooke on the attainment of 50 years of splendid service.

Australian Team of Preachers.—That the Conference welcomes this party from the Men's Methodist Federation of Australia, and heartily commends their visit to the cordial support of the Church.

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, Messrs. A. Peak (Vice-President), J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., and H. Holland, M.P.

Legal Adviser.—That Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., be cordially thanked for his generous services as Legal Adviser to the President, and that he be reappointed.

Ward Memorial Church.—That Conference congratulates the Trustees of the Northland Church, in the Thorndon Circuit, on the erection of the new Church, and expresses its appreciation that so worthy a memorial has been erected to the memory of the pioneer Minister of the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand, the Rev. Robert Ward, and of his two sons, Revs. Josiah and Charles E. Ward.

Wesley Historical Society.—The Conference learns with pleasure of the formation of a Branch of the Wesley Historical Society in New Zealand, and wishes the Society success in its valuable work.

QUESTION LV.—When and Where shall the Next Conference be Held?

On Thursday, February 19th, 1931, in the Trinity Church, Dunedin.

VOTES OF THANKS.

President.—That the best thanks of Conference be tendered to the President, the Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., for his inaugural address, and also for his efficiency and courtesy in presiding over the business sessions and social functions of the Conference.

Vice-President.—That the thanks of Conference be given to the Vice-President, Mr. A. Peak, for his expert services to the Conference.

Ex-President.—That the Ex-President be heartily thanked for his valuable services during the year, especially in the interests of Foreign Missions.

Ex-Vice-President.—That the thanks of the Conference be accorded the ex-Vice-President for his services during his year of office.

Ordination Charge. That the Ex-President, Rev. J. F. Goldie, be thanked for his helpful 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.—That the Trustees of Taranaki Street Church be heartily thanked and congratulated upon the improved appearance of the Church.

Hosts.—That the Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of the hospitality shown to the members of the Conference.

Press.—That the Press Secretary, Press Association, and Daily Papers be thanked for their admirable reports.

Choirs.—The Conference heartily congratulates Mr. H. Temple White and the Combined Methodist Choirs on the splendid rendition of the oratorio "Creation," and expresses its thanks to them for the pleasure which their magnificent effort afforded the members of the Conference.

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	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E. H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Chas. H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rothwell	H. Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas R. Richards	H. P. Maurant	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight, B.A.	D. C. Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.	J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J. W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John F. Goldie	T. P. Hughson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N. Scotter B.A.	Arch. Peak	Jonathan H. Haslam

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—Baumber, William (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 (Sup.)
 „ 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—Ashcroft, Arthur
 „ Lochore, John A.
 „ Richards, Thomas R.</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)
 „ 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 (Sup.)
 „ 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.Sc.
 „ 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—Cumming, 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
„ Peterson, Gordon R. H.
„ Reid, John
1926—Hall, James H.
„ Harris, G. Raymond
„ Voyce, A. Harry
1927—Hames, Bernard, R., M.A.
„ Larsen, Norman P.
„ Laurenson, George I.
„ Penn, Athol R.
„ Raynor, Ivo M.
„ Silvester, A. Wharton E.
„ Utting, Harry V.
1928—Grocott, John D.
„ Hailwood, Charlie O.
„ Handy, Francis J.
„ Hayman, Frank H.
„ Jeffreys, Howard H. | 1929—Dickens, Charles E.
„ Fallows, Harold
„ Gutry, Norman R.
„ Horwood, Leonard C.
„ Kent, Arthur T.
„ Parker, Walter
1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
„ Court, W. John
„ Draper, Joseph C.
„ Leadley, E. Clarence
„ McDowell, Matthew A.
„ Parker, J. Wesley
„ Parker, W. Gordon |
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NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| 1882—Rakena, Piripi
1896—Heretini, Te Tuhi
1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki
1911—Kakuere, Hori
„ Te Tuhi, Eruera
„ Wilcox, Davis | 1914—Rakena, P. Rakena
1916—Soakai, Joeli
1920—Matarae Tauroa
1922—Haddon, E. Oliver
1928—Keepa Matene
„ Rangiheuea M. R. Whareheua
1930—Belshazzar Gina |
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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	1	Allen, James H., 22 Station Tce., Remuera, Auckland	4
1895	1	Ashcroft, Arthur, Eden Street, Oamaru	108
1906	1	Avery, William W., Onewa Street, Birkenhead	8
1924	3	Ayrton, Moses, Bluff	123
1924	3	Bailey, John H., Stanley Street, Eketahuna	73
1901	4	Bailey, Samuel, Elles Road, Invercargill	122
1924	2	Baeup, Frank, Paeroa	26
1876	S	Baumber, William, 91 Hackthorne Road, Christchurch (1918)	83
1898	3	Beckett, William, Cambridge Street, Levin	74
1894	8	Bellhouse, Harold E., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin	109
1921	3	Benny, Henry A., Inglewood, Taranaki	40
1913	3	Bensley, Arthur A., Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands	[5]
1914	14	Binet, Vincent le C. Bambatana, Solomon Islands	[6]
1907	2	Blair, Charles, 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton	92
1900	9	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	Y.P.
1904	3	Blamires, Ernest O., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	72
1896	S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Road, Merivale, Christchurch (1930)	83
1923	3	Blakemore, Albert, Birkett Street, Temuka	104
1887	S	Blight, Joseph, Parsonage, Whangarei (1910)	17
1930	1	Blight, J. Montgomery, Gisborne	53
1917	3	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 54 Chester Street, Christchurch	83
1871	S	Bond, George, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1915)	4
1880	S	Brooke, Thomas G., Penryn Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1924)	4
1922	3	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Motueka	81
1925	1	Brown, F. Gardner, Thames Street, Morrinsville	25
1916	4	Brown, George E., Franklin Street, Greymouth	80

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1924	3	Brown, Hubert G., Tauranga	31
1910	5	Burley, William A., M.A., Queen Street, Thames	23
1914	2	Burnet, Oswald, Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	96
1911	S	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1915)	4
1917	1	Chambers, Ernest B., Cranford Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	90
1896	14	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland	4
1887	S	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin (1923)	109
1902	1	Coatsworth, Thomas, King Edward St., Eltham	42
1890	S	Cocker, James, 46 Albert Street, Masterton (1922)	72
1901	S	Cook, George S., St Aubyns, New Plymouth (1928)	38
1915	5	Cooke, Percy I., 142 North Street, Timaru	102
1905	3	Copeland, Fred, West Street, Feilding	61
1897	3	Cossum, Percy J., Kaponga	46
1918	2	Costain, Alfred M., Irk Street, Gore	124
1909	4	Cottom, Harry, Ohoka, Canterbury	97
1930	1	Court, W. John, Ruawai, Northern Wairoa	16
1908	7	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	47
1921	9	Cropp, Allan H., Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[4]
1919	3	Cuming, William B., 77 Grey Street, Woodville	56
1906	2	Daniel, Herbert, 95 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin	114
1917	3	Dennis, John, 235 Main Road, Karori, Wellington	64
1917	9	Dent, Tom, Patutiva, Marovo, Solomon Islands	[4]
1929	2	Dickens, Charles E., Huntly	36
1893	7	Drake, Edward, Selwyn Road, Epsom, Auckland	4
1930	1	Draper, Joseph C., c/o Post Office, Palmerston North	59
1898	2	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., Manaia, Taranaki	44
1901	2	Eaton, Clarence, Liardet Street, New Plymouth	38
1893	1	Elliott, William J., 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne	53
1903	3	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., South Road, Hawera	43
1911	1	Enticott, Walter J., Dargaville, Northern Wairoa	16
1929	2	Fallows, Harold, Sumner, Christchurch	86
1901	2	Featherston, Jacob, Greendale, Canterbury	100
1877	S	Fee, Thomas, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch (1913)	86
1924	3	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., Edinburgh Street, Pukekohe	12
1919	2	Ford, Herbert, Paparoa, North Auckland	15
1916	1	Fordyce, Robert E., Ashhurst, Manawatu	60
1914	2	Foston, Charles A., Westport	82
1911	4	Fowles, Albert H., Springston R.D., Canterbury	93
1893	1	Frost, George, 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auckland	3
1919	1	Gatman, William, Station Road, Otahuhu	10
1897	29	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	[4]
1912	3	Gosnell, Robert B., Paynter's Avenue, Fitzroy, New Plymouth	38
1900	4	Greenslade, William, 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch	84
1897	1	Greenwood, Fred, 88 Linwood Avenue, Linwood, Christchurch	84
1895	S	Griffin, John W., Great South Road, Manurewa, Auckland (1925)	11
1882	S	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1920)	4
1888	3	Grigg, William, Willowby, Canterbury	107
1928	3	Grocott, John D., Paul Street, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay	54
1929	2	Gutry, Norman R., Hutt	68

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1875	... S ...	Guy, James, 124 Bealey Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1921)	84
1928	... 1 ...	Hailwood, Charlie O., Timaru	102
1926	... 1 ...	Hall, James H., Matamata, Waikato	35
1927	... 2 ...	Hames, Bernard R., M.A., P.O. Box 1354, Wellington	YP
1923	... 1 ...	Hames, Eric W., M.A., 336 Selwyn St., Christchurch	88
1928	... 1 ...	Handy, Francis J., Taihape	50
1890	... S ...	Harding, Arthur, Raroa Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington (1923)	68
1916	... 3 ...	Harkness, Edwin S., 147 Hataitai Road, Wellington	66
1910	... 4 ...	Harris, Archer O., 32 Firth Street, Hamilton East	29
1914	... 3 ...	Harris, Francis T., Tai Tapu, Canterbury	94
1926	... 1 ...	Harris, G. Raymond, Opotiki, Bay of Plenty	32
1905	... S ...	Harris, John, Christchurch (1930)	85
1893	... 2 ...	Harrison, Colin C., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho	48
1900	... 1 ...	Haslam, Jonathan H., 17 Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	6
1928	... 3 ...	Hayman, Frank H., Roviana, Solomon Islands	[4]
1894	... 2 ...	Henderson, Samuel, King Street, Rangiora	98
1912	... 2 ...	Hinton, George B., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin	110
1916	... 4 ...	Hocking, William H., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin	111
1911	... 3 ...	Hopper, Arthur, 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch	91
1928	... 1 ...	Horwood, Leonard C., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	83
1900	... 4 ...	Hunt, George P., Leeston, Canterbury	95
1922	... 2 ...	Jack, John F., 43 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton, Christchurch	89
1903	... 2 ...	James, Benjamin J., Nelson Street, Petone	69
1919	... 3 ...	Jefferson, Alfred E., Porirua Road, Johnsonville	67
1928	... 1 ...	Jeffreys, Howard H., Ngaio, Wellington	67
1882	... S ...	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	4
1908	... 3 ...	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland	5
1874	... S ...	Jory, John D., "Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland (1912)	8
1887	... S ...	Joughin, Thomas A., Belmont Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1922)	1
1899	... 3 ...	Keall, R. Purcell, Greytown, Wairarapa	70
1916	... 3 ...	Kendon, Charles H., Sanson, Manawatu	62
1929	... 2 ...	Kent, Arthur T., Waitoa, Waikato	25
1923	... 1 ...	Kings, Harry S., Tua Marina, Blenheim	78
1889	... 5 ...	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 150 Hardy Street, Nelson	76
1927	... 1 ...	Larsen, Norman P., 29 Richmond Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland	1
1927	... 1 ...	Laurensen, Geo. I., Russell, Bay of Islands	18
1912	... 3 ...	Lawrence, Frederick B., 46 Radley Street, Woolston, Christchurch	86
1885	... 3 ...	Lawry, Albert C., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	113
1877	... S ...	Lawry, Samuel, Mt. Pleasant Road, Redcliffs, Christchurch (1927)	83
1887	... 11 ...	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., 4 Aldred Road, Remuera, Auckland	Th.C.
1930	... 1 ...	Leadley, E. Clarence, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty	37
1912	... 4 ...	Leadley, Frank E., Grey Street East, Onehunga	9
1870	... S ...	Lewis, John J., Tenterton Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1909)	1
1903	... 3 ...	Liddell, Ralph J., Carterton	71
1900	... ..	Liversedge, Arthur (Resting)	88

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1895 ...	2 ...	Lochore, John A., 49 Wesley Street, South Dunedin	112
1909 ...	3 ...	McArthur, John D., 23 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North	59
1904 ...	1 ...	McBean, Angus, 774 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland	5
1924 ...	3 ...	McGregor, Robert, Mowatt Street, Waitara	39
1883 ...	S ...	Marshall, George T., 27 Kenneth Avenue, Morning-side, Auckland (1920)	1
1908 ...	1 ...	Martin, J. Frederick, Papakura, Auckland	11
1930 ...	1 ...	McDowell, Matthew A., Seatoun, Wellington	66
1916 ...	11 ...	Metcalfe, John R., Buka Passage, Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[6]
1905 ...	2 ...	Metson, Basil, 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch	87
1890 ...	S ...	Mitchell, Arthur, Ponsonby, Auckland (1930)	3
1918 ...	3 ...	Neal, Wallace S., Waiuku, Auckland	13
1911 ...	7 ...	Neale, Leslie B., 3 Repton Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	90
1917 ...	3 ...	Nelson, John R., Woodend, Canterbury	99
1890 ...	S ...	Newbold, Thomas W., 91 Queen's Drive, St. Kilda, Dunedin (1912)	113
1875 ...	S ...	Nixon, John, Eliot Street, New Plymouth (1907)	38
1915 ...	2 ...	Odell, Henry J., Church Street, Te Aroha	24
1910 ...	1 ...	Olds, Charles H., B.A., Spey Street, Invercargill	121
1915 ...	1 ...	Olds, E. Thomas, Mt. Eden, Auckland	2
1888 ...	3 ...	Olphert, John, Dublin Street, Wanganui	48
1923 ...	2 ...	Orchard, Hector C., Balclutha, Otago	118
1902 ...	3 ...	Oxbrow, Walter J., Queen Street, Hastings	52
1906 ...	5 ...	Paris, Percy R., London Street, Hamilton	28
1917 ...	1 ...	Parker, Frederick J., 73 Massey Street, Frankton Junction	28
1918 ...	4 ...	Parker, James W., Queen Street, Cambridge	27
1930 ...	1 ...	Parker, J. Wesley, Ponsonby, Auckland	3
1929 ...	2 ...	Parker, Walter, Hawarden, Canterbury	101
1930 ...	1 ...	Parker, W. Gordon, Cambridge	27
1912 ...	4 ...	Parsons, J. Ernest, c/o 114 Great Stone Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, England	58
1902 ...	4 ...	Patchett, Ernest D., 93 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington	64
1924 ...	3 ...	Pearn, Oliver S., 22 Union Street, New Brighton	84
1913 ...	3 ...	Peat, Harold T., 21 Butler Street, Timaru	102
1927 ...	2 ...	Penn, Athol R., 120 Forbury Road, St. Clair, Dunedin	112
1892 ...	S ...	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Johnsonville (1928)	67
1877 ...	S ...	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch (1920)	91
1925 ...	2 ...	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Roxburgh, Otago	120
1920 ...	2 ...	Pickering, William B., Pahiatua	57
1881 ...	S ...	Pinfold, James T., D.D., "The Nook," Karori Park, Wellington (1921)	64
1902 ...	4 ...	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, 118 Knowles Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	C.S.
1897 ...	5 ...	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	117
1892 ...	3 ...	Raine, Robert, 39 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington	63
1901 ...	8 ...	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Richmond House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland	Th.C.
1927 ...	1 ...	Raynor, Ivo M., Mangonui, North Auckland	21
1889 ...	S ...	Read, Frederick T., 64 Lindsay Street, St. Albans	90
1924 ...	1 ...	Reid, John, Johnson Street, Milton, Otago	119
1911 ...	2 ...	Richards, H. Leslie, Takapuna, Auckland	7

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1910	5	Richards, James, 60 Lawrence Street, Mornington, Dunedin	115
1905	1	Richards, Raymond, Wesley Street, Richmond, Nelson	77
1895	2	Richards, Thomas R., 38 Macfarlane Street, Wellington	63
1906	1	Roberts, Charles M., Opunake, Taranaki	45
1911	4	Rowe, William, 11 Sherwood Street, Dominion Road, Auckland	1
1906	1	Ryan, Henry, 36 Brighton Road, Roslyn, Dunedin	116
1916	1	Sage, Ernest E., Banks Street, Whangarei	17
1907	2	Scott, W. Bramwell, Coronation Street, Waimate	103
1900	3	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 305 Manchester Street, Christchurch	85
1903	7	Seamer, Arthur J., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland	H.M.
1910	1	Sharp, Harold A., 1 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt	68
1927	3	Silvester, A. Wharton, P.O. Box 4, Papatoetoe	10
1869	S	Simmonds, Joseph H., Princess Street, Takanini, Auckland (1923)	11
1891	12	Sinclair, William A., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland. Private address—16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland	F.M.
1918	1	Skuse, Thomas, East Street, Stratford	41
1915	2	Slade, William G., M.A., Madeira Steps, Napier	51
1892	5	Smith, G. Knowles, Hokitika	79
1899	3	Southern, John, Geraldine	105
1908	2	Speer, William H., Rotorua	30
1923	3	Spencer, Herbert, Kirk Street, Otaki	75
1875	S	Standage, Charles H., 18 Craigie St., Timaru (1905)	102
1904	3	Stockwell, George F., High Street, Blenheim	78
1924	3	Taylor, Cecil R., Taumarunui	33
1908	5	Tinsley, Robert B., Havelock Street, Ashburton	106
1927	2	Utting, Harry V., Hikurangi, North Auckland	20
1894	3	Vealie, Thomas W., 24 Colombo Street, Wellington	65
1926	5	Voyce, A. Harry, Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[4]
1912	2	Walker, William, 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland	1
1885	S	Wallis, T. Jackson, 26 Hendon Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1928)	90
1870	S	Ward, Charles E., Canon Street, St. Albans, Christ- church (1910)	85
1914	1	Werren, Samuel J., 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auck- land	4
1906	2	White, Hedley, Dannevirke	55
1870	S	Williams, William J., 23 Latimer Square, Christ- church (1914)	83
1899	2	Wills, William, Te Awamutu	34
1901	4	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland	1
1887	S	Wrigley, James, West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auck- land (1924)	5

MAORI MINISTERS.

1900	22	Haddon, Robt., Tahupotiki, Ngaruawahia	[2]
1922	1	Haddon, E. Oliver, New Plymouth	[3]
1896	34	Heretini, Te Tuhi, Whirinaki, Hokianga	[1]
1911	1	Kirkwood, Hori, Pukekohe	[1]
1928	3	Keapa, Matene, Tuakau, Auckland	[1]
1882	1	Rakena, Piripi, Okaiawa, Taranaki	[3]
1914	3	Rakena, Rakena P., Okaiawa, Taranaki	[3]
1928	1	Rangiheuea M.R., Wharehuia, Kawhia, King Country	[2]

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1920 ... 3 ...	Tauroa, Matarae, Waima, Hokianga ...	[1]	
1911 ... 3 ...	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Aratapu, North Auckland ...	[1]	
1911 ... 1 ...	Wilcox, Davis, Haikare, Bay of Islands ...	[1]	

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); 14.
 1904—C. Aker, Patea, Taranaki; 3.
 1904—W. T. Hooper, Porirua, Wellington; 1.
 1907—S. Keen, Picton; 2.
 1908—G. H. Bridgman, Rother Street, Oamaru (retired); 4.
 1908—C. W. Brown, Waipawa, Hawke's Bay; 1.
 1909—T. W. Featherstone, Waihi; 4.
 1909—F. P. Kellow, Gonville, Wanganui (retired); 9.
 1910—C. Duncan, Norsewood, Hawke's Bay; 2.
 1911—C. Strand, Home Mission Office, Probert Chambers, Auckland; 2.
 1913—J. Common, Kaukapakapa; 2.
 1914—F. E. Foote, 108 Falkland Street, Maori Hill, Dunedin; 6.
 1915—J. H. Edmondson, Halcombe, Feilding; 1.
 1917—A. L. Witheford, Waddington, Canterbury; 4.
 1919—J. W. Bayliss, Mosgiel, Otago; 2.
 1919—J. Belshaw, Bombay, Auckland; 2.
 1919—P. Bridge, Lawrence, Otago; 4.
 1921—J. Thomas, Waikouaiti, Otago; 1.
 1922—H. Ashworth, Island Bay, Wellington; 1.
 1922—G. H. Marr, Putaruru, Waikato; 1.
 1922—C. Robinson, Granity; 3.
 1923—E. R. Alexander, Ohura, King Country; 1.
 1923—C. G. Scrimgeour, 2 McDonald Street, Morningside, Auckland; 4.
 1924—R. T. Alexander, Kohukohu, Hokianga; 2.
 1924—J. G. W. Grindlay, Te Kuiti; 2.
 1924—G. Hall, Ngaruawahia, Waikato; 2.
 1924—B. H. N. Teague, Havelock, Nelson; 1.
 1924—G. F. O. Whittlestone.
 1924—W. H. Wilson, Paraparaumu, Wellington; 2.
 1924—H. Dyson, Kuripuni, Masterton; 2.
 1925—W. J. Henderson, Helensville; 2.
 1925—D. Hickman, Rawene, Hokianga; 3.
 1925—H. J. Malcolm, Oxford, Canterbury; 1.
 1925—T. W. Parsons, Reefton, West Coast; 3.
 1925—A. R. Thomas, Apiti, Feilding; 1.
 1925—W. Wilson, Okato, Taranaki; 1.
 1926—R. Grice, Warkworth; 1.
 1926—F. O. Prosser, Riverton, Southland; 5.
 1926—W. Sussex, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty; 3.
 1926—R. Tapp, Foxton; 1.
 1927—V. R. Jamieson, Nightcaps, Southland; 3.
 1927—J. L. Mitchell, Marton; 1.
 1929—N. Challenger, Otautau, Southland; 1.

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

A Exempted from Examination Work.
None.

B Due to take Examination Work.

- 1928—C. S. Bennett, Raetihi, King Country; 1.
- 1928—P. Birkett, Rakaia, Canterbury; 2.
- 1928—R. Coombridge, Portland, North Auckland; 2.
- 1928—A. J. Johnstone, Ohaeawai, Bay of Islands; 1.
- 1928—O. P. Liddell, Coromandel; 2.
- 1929—L. C. Emsley, Uruti, Waitara; 1.
- 1929—F. Sanderson, c/o Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland; 1.
- 1929—A. C. Shanks, Cromwell, Otago; 1.
- 1930—G. C. R. Ashworth, Wakefield, Nelson; 1.
- 1930—E. J. Clark, Kaeo, Whangaroa; 1.
- 1930—A. P. Dorrian, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains; 1.
- 1930—G. S. White, c/o Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland; 1.

HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLY.

- 1928—Sister Rita, Otorohanga, King Country; 1.
- 1929—W. Trafford, Port Albert, Auckland; 1.
- 1930—B. M. Kirkland, Gonville, Wanganui; 1.

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

- 1918—Hone Tamati, Te Kuiti; 1.
- 1920—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Raglan; 1.
- 1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country; 10.
- 1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland; 3.
- 1924—Hone Taotahi, Pureroa, Bay of Islands; 1.
- 1927—Hautu Hapimana, Aotearoa, King Country; 4.
- 1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands; 4.
- 1930—Witeni Hotu, Hangatiki; 1.
- 1930—Paahi Moke, Rahotu, Taranaki; 1.
- 1930—Tupito Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki; 1.
- 1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki; 1.
- 1930—Hikuroa Te Mauhu, Kai Iwi, Taranaki; 1.

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

- Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
- Sister Netta Gittos, Ratana Pa.
- Sister Iris Foster, Kawhia.
- Sister Ivy, Auckland.
- Sister Nicholls, Hamilton.
- Sister Hobbs, Te Kuiti.
- Sister Frances, 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.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY
GENERAL SIR CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Bart., L.L.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O.,
Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief
in and over

His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

May it Please Your Excellency,—

It is the desire of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, on the occasion of your return to the Homeland, to express to yourself and to Lady Alice Fergusson our very sincere appreciation of your work and influence in this Dominion.

We would wish you God-speed, and pray that good health and much joy may be yours in the future.

We trust that you may retain many happy memories of your varied experiences in these Southern Lands, experiences which may enable you still to serve the interests of the Dominion in the coming years.

We greatly appreciate and value the splendid example of Christian Citizenship that you have set for New Zealand, and the leadership that both of you have given in all worthy causes.

The memory of the service of Lady Alice Fergusson in promoting the establishment of the League of Mothers will prove a source of inspiration to all interested in social betterment.

We have especially valued the close association of Your Excellency with the official life of the Christian Church, and, as you leave our shores, we can assure you that we shall cherish the memory of your many distinguished services, and pray that the Divine blessing may ever attend you.

For and on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand,

JOHN F. GOLDIE, President of Conference.

T. P. HUGHSON, Vice-President.

A. N. SCOTTER, Secretary.

REPLY OF HIS EXCELLENCY.

Mr. President,—

Her Excellency and I appreciate very much the compliment and the honour which you have paid to us in presenting their Address on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

We greatly prize the assurance you give us that the interest which we have genuinely felt in the work of the Christian Church in this country has enabled us to be of some little use to you and others who are engaged in that work, even though we feel that the part which we have played is hardly deserving of the generous words which you have used.

It is a great pleasure to us to have been privileged on more than one occasion to be specially associated with the Church which you represent, notably in connection with the establishment of your Theological College in Auckland.

We thank you warmly for your good wishes for us on our departure from New Zealand. The past five years have been a time of great opportunity and interest for us, and your kind farewell to us on this occasion will be one of the many happy memories which we will take away with us, and treasure in the years to come.

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

1st Feb., 1930.

APPENDIX

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1929.
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants	
Auckland Central	6	..	4	3	9	..	1	12	..	688	..	194	203	530	2100
Auckland West	5	..	6	2	2	..	..	3	..	300	..	100	90	209	900
Auckland East	8	1	6	3	13	..	..	21	6	788	11	309	88	645	2196
Auckland (Avondale)	7	4	3	3	3	..	..	11	..	417	..	115	25	350	1440
Auckland (Devonport)	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	197	..	60	20	110	550
Auckland (Takapuna)	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	156	..	38	25	125	300
Auckland (Birkenhead)	4	2	4	1	2	..	..	10	..	253	..	62	15	225	662
Onehunga	3	1	3	1	1	..	..	8	2	261	..	157	103	265	650
Otahuhu	3	1	1	1	2	..	..	5	..	194	..	43	46	125	560
Papakura	2	3	3	1	3	..	..	5	..	134	..	50	23	106	470
Pukekohe	8	8	2	2	1	1	..	7	..	197	..	42	29	228	760
Waiuku	1	8	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	81	..	39	31	72	370
Mahurangi (Warkworth)	3	7	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	84	..	27	25	40	450
Paparoa	5	7	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	69	..	45	25	46	250
Northern Wairoa	6	29	..	2	1	2	..	13	..	193	..	31	40	145	750
Whangarei	2	9	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	150	..	38	26	120	500
Whangaroa	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	31	..	21	18	22	170
Bay of Islands	2	5	..	..	1	..	..	6	1	27	..	..	..	24	225
Port Albert	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	61	..	14	36	70	260
Hikurangi	1	6	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	48	3	25	12	40	160
Auckland Met. Mission	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	5	..	75	..	7	20	60	1600
Kaukapakapa	3	6	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	43	2	13	12	45	190
Helensville	1	6	..	..	..	1	..	5	2	37	..	13	..	25	140
Hokianga (Rawene)	1	12	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	48	1	14	18	60	250
" (Kohukohu)	1	12	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	49	..	24	77	42	240
Mangonui	3	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	54	..	11	5	18	200
Ohaeawai	1	14	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	35	..	14	15	10	280
Colporteur Work	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
General Totals	86	156	44	31	47	14	2	146	11	4670	17	1506	1027	3757	16623

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	136	..	25	18	110	332
Te Aroha	4	4	1	1	1	..	..	6	3	182	9	46	16	100	696
Morrinsville	3	5	1	1	2	..	..	4	7	208	4	22	65	147	585
Paeroa	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	49	..	2	16	45	200
Cambridge	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	136	..	..	..	110	450
Hamilton	4	5	3	1	2	..	..	15	..	453	..	77	70	300	1000
Hamilton East	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	130	..	40	48	125	500
Rotorua	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	60	..	19	18	45	200
Tauranga	1	8	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	105	2	20	41	26	110
Opotiki	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	60	3	14	..	40	300
Taumarunui	1	8	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	78	..	30	12	70	275
Te Awamutu	2	10	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	139	..	72	7	75	696
Matamata	3	4	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	102	..	43	30	66	358
Huntly	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	85	..	14	21	..	205
Ngaruawahia	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	63	..	13	46	53	207
Waihi	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	75	..	13	..	55	225
Whakatane	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	59	..	34	8	33	120
Te Puke	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	60	..	..	..	48	220
Te Kuiti	2	6	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	98	2	30	72	75	240
Ohura	2	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	40	..	12	..	22	60
Putaruru	1	8	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	72	..	10	28	65	298
Coromandel	1	7	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	28	..	..	..	16	65
Hauraki Plains	2	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	38	..	10	..	30	90
General Totals	47	105	15	20	15	10	..	82	12	2456	20	546	516	1656	7432

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1929.
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.		Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
											Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants	
New Plymouth	..	9	6	4	3	4	..	..	12	..	505	..	126	75	350	1500
Waitara	..	3	13	1	1	1	1	..	5	..	140	..	40	76	68	360
Inglewood	..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	78	..	17	..	60	150
Stratford	..	5	..	1	1	1	1	..	7	..	160	..	65	29	130	450
Eltham	..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	90	..	36	33	70	450
Hawera	..	3	1	1	1	1	..	1	9	..	229	..	75	..	175	480
Manaia	..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	86	18	26	..	62	250
Opunake	..	6	10	2	3	1	1	..	6	..	128	..	24	..	100	550
Kaponga	..	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	48	..	15	25	35	250
Wanganui	..	4	1	2	2	2	1	1	12	..	462	..	127	83	350	1010
Wanganui North	..	3	..	3	2	2	..	..	4	5	147	..	87	46	110	430
Marton	..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	94	..	45	44	50	210
Taihape H.M. Station	..	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	33	..	7	..	20	50
Raetihi-Ohakune	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	36	..	2	9	21	60
Patea	..	2	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	30	..	3	..	30	160
Douglas	..	2	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	60
General Totals		55	52	21	22	17	6	3	73	5	2276	18	695	420	1631	6420

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	..	6	..	2	1	1	..	..	13	..	325	3	171	101	225	750
Hastings	..	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	335	..	50	40	250	725
Gisborne	..	4	8	1	1	2	..	..	8	..	256	..	85	40	200	760
Wairoa	..	1	4	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	37	..	9	18	18	126
Waipawa	..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	51	..	21	11	30	130
Dannevirke	..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	130	..	45	36	58	266
Woodville	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	74	..	6	..	45	250
Pahiatua	..	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	8	..	74	..	54	20	50	200
Palmerston N.(St. Paul's)	..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	286	..	100	46	270	660
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	260	..	84	128	300	730
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	124	..	31	32	84	230
Feilding	..	6	1	2	2	2	1	..	13	..	259	..	80	..	180	800
Sanson-Rongotea	..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	118	..	19	35	75	285
Foxton-Shannon	..	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	2	..	62	..	29	18	60	165
Norsewood	..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	51	..	10	20	20	180
Apiti	..	4	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	64	..	23	13	48	161
General Totals		43	29	14	16	14	5	..	81	..	2506	3	817	558	1913	6412

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

WELLINGTON—																
Taranaki Street	..	4	1	4	2	2	..	1	13	..	633	4	166	134	225	960
Thorndon	..	4	..	4	4	3	..	..	10	..	245	..	125	59	187	845
Wellington South	..	2	..	2	2	2	..	..	10	..	296	..	85	..	180	750
Kilbirnie	..	4	..	1	1	3	..	..	9	..	257	..	46	22	195	756
Johnsonville-Ngaio	..	5	1	2	2	2	1	..	6	..	218	5	79	49	180	500
Hutt	..	4	..	1	1	2	..	..	8	..	345	..	70	79	190	726
Petone	..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	2	203	..	30	36	170	600
Greytown-Featherston	..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	59	..	31	..	67	182
Carterton	..	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	141	..	40	..	105	375
Masterton	..	3	2	2	2	2	1	..	11	..	274	..	133	123	200	815
Eketahuna	..	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	89	2	21	40	35	280
Levin	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	138	2	50	..	100	350
Otaki	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	66	..	6	..	50	200
H. M. Stations—																
Paraparaumu	..	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	63	..	21	5	50	170
Upper Hutt	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	59	..	8	..	20	80
General Totals		44	15	22	21	22	4	1	88	2	3086	13	911	547	1954	7589

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1929.

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.									Church Membership					Attendants on Pub- lic Worship, includ- ing S.S. scholars	
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Members on Roll	On Proba- tion	Junior Members	Infant Members		Communi- cants
Nelson	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	264	26	60	..	180	750
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	5	..	123	..	40	..	100	300
Blenheim	6	6	4	3	2	1	..	10	..	400	..	97	127	320	1250
Hokitika	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	70	..	13	22	40	240
Greymouth	3	7	1	2	2	..	..	5	..	170	..	39	..	90	530
Motueka	1	5	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	112	3	16	17	94	312
Westport	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	86	..	54	19	40	200
Home Mission Stations—															
Reefton	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	67	..	16	6	41	200
Havelock	4	6	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	44	..	18	3	20	170
Murchison	1	6	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	19	..	20	4	20	150
Granity	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	29	..	15	23	32	197
Wakefield-Dovedale	5	2	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	86	..	9	..	70	149
General Totals	33	39	17	13	9	6	..	45	..	1470	29	397	221	1047	4448

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CHRISTCHURCH—															
Durham Street ..	2	..	2	1	8	..	..	11	..	356	..	55	30	225	600
East	6	1	5	4	3	..	..	20	..	692	..	382	..	480	1980
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	..	2	2	..	1	6	..	181	..	35	..	110	460
Woolston	5	..	4	1	3	..	..	7	..	268	..	90	..	210	662
Sydenham	2	1	3	2	1	..	..	2	..	196	..	50	..	90	650
Addington	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	8	..	219	31	107	..	133	555
Riccarton	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	130	..	..	..	115	300
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	4	..	..	3	1	377	..	90	..	350	1246
Papanui	3	..	1	2	2	..	..	4	..	187	..	129	..	180	500
Lyttelton	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	80	..	20	..	70	350
Springston	5	3	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	141	..	..	..	138	430
Tai Tapu	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	101	..	12	..	85	183
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	160	..	55	..	139	430
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	134	..	40	..	65	260
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	2	82	3	45	..	70	250
Rangiora	4	1	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	160	..	25	..	70	350
Woodend-Sefton	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	97	..	12	..	58	302
Greendale	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	80	..	7	..	70	200
Hawarden	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	25	..	40	..	25	90
Oxford	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	87	..	34	33	63	138
Waddington	5	..	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	48	1	5	7	40	143
General Totals	69	15	28	28	35	2	1	113	4	3801	35	1233	70	2786	10079

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1929.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.		Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
											Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants	
Timaru	..	6	4	3	2	3	..	..	16	..	482	..	190	64	380	1560
Waimate	..	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	166	..	80	30	140	600
Temuka	..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	98	..	32	23	50	180
Geraldine	..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	98	..	12	11	70	240
Ashburton	..	3	4	1	1	1	..	1	14	..	307	..	124	43	190	755
Willowby	..	5	2	3	1	1	..	..	6	..	126	..	51	26	50	325
Oamaru	..	4	..	1	1	1	1	..	10	..	174	..	45	..	165	510
Methven-Rakaia	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	39	..	1	..	25	82
Mayfield	..	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	37	..	..	..	20	134
General Totals	..	25	26	11	9	9	2	1	55	..	1527	..	535	197	1092	4386

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN—Trinity	3	..	3	1	2	..	..	7	..	260	..	80	60	166	540
Central Mission	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	3	..	174	..	11	10	110	1000
Dundas Street	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	154	..	44	21	130	390
Cargill Road	2	1	3	1	2	..	..	7	..	164	4	36	30	130	600
St. Kilda	2	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	162	..	29	..	130	440
Caversham	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	184	..	79	..	100	480
Mornington	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	152	..	68	12	140	370
Roslyn-Maori Hill	2	1	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	118	..	45	..	60	290
Port Chalmers	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	61	..	18	8	30	156
Balclutha	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	103	..	44	31	40	320
Milton	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	65	..	15	..	25	150
Roxburgh	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	67	..	27	17	68	220
Invercargill—Central	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	270	..	62	..	150	600
St. Peters	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	154	..	65	29	160	500
Bluff	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	70	..	25	..	40	360
Gore	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	105	..	25	20	60	200
Otautau	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	50	..	14	18	25	80
Waikouaiti	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	38	1	8	7	25	75
Broad Bay	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	13	..	1	..	25	90
Mosgiel	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	40	..	15	10	25	75
Edendale	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	3	1	34	..	4	..	36	200
Lawrence	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	26	..	15	..	18	70
Cromwell	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	47	..	21	11	20	170
Riverton	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	69	..	28	15	60	130
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	57	..	23	49	26	131
General Totals ..	49	22	21	25	19	10	1	62	2	2637	5	802	348	1799	7637

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1929

DISTRICTS.											Church Membership.					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.		
Auckland ...	86	156	44	31	47	14	2	146	11	4670	17	1506	1027	3757	16623	
South Auckland ...	47	105	15	20	15	10	...	82	12	2456	20	546	516	1656	7432	
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	55	52	21	22	17	6	3	73	5	2276	18	695	420	1631	6420	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	43	29	14	16	14	5	...	81	...	2506	3	817	558	1913	6412	
Wellington ...	44	15	22	21	22	4	1	88	2	3086	13	911	547	1954	7589	
Nelson ...	33	39	17	13	9	6	...	45	...	1470	29	397	221	1047	4448	
North Canterbury ...	69	15	28	28	35	2	1	113	4	3801	35	1233	70	2786	10079	
South Canterbury ...	25	26	11	9	9	2	1	55	...	1527	..	535	197	1092	4386	
Otago-Southland ..	49	22	21	25	19	10	1	62	2	2637	5	802	348	1799	7637	
Totals 1929 ...	451	459	193	185	187	59	9	745	36	24429	140	7442	3904	17635	71026	
Totals 1928 ...	447	453	191	183	184	65	8	751	48	24543	212	7507	3111	17810	70985	
Increases ..	4	6	2	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	793	...	41
Decreases ..	..	...	...	..	...	6	...	6	12	114	72	65	...	175	...

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches ...	17	Deaconesses ...	7
Other Preaching Places ...	119	Local Preachers ...	114
Ministers ...	11	Members ...	3655
Home Missionaries ...	9	Attendants at Public Worship	7200

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 ...	82	2069	2644	877	734	6467	4320	168	735	628	43	774	1159	1028	924	558	23	456	127	1506	207	1027	159
South Auckland ...	63	1108	1373	387	306	3162	1804	36	306	279	15	358	320	192	184	256	13	230	43	546	19	516	49
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	54	777	1327	315	222	2641	1939	42	276	246	25	206	598	150	366	244	7	242	12	624	52	392	59
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ...	36	726	1165	319	276	2481	1727	44	264	234	..	285	753	316	340	219	7	208	50	672	99	444	87
Wellington ...	39	1208	1776	488	452	3924	2610	36	401	341	20	599	981	624	688	..	27	317	68	913	121	519	125
Nelson ...	29	576	714	260	243	1783	1283	37	181	150	..	317	487	126	230	160	3	165	14	384	37	249	44
North Canterbury ...	62	1472	2139	489	474	4633	3355	118	515	470	30	425	1366	796	908	448	16	314	31	1111	108	290	47
South Canterbury ...	24	397	666	162	144	1369	1036	13	166	146	6	220	470	283	230	143	4	171	7	481	14	103	9
Otago-Southland ...	46	921	1424	431	358	3134	2314	80	324	286	36	345	756	524	378	394	36	236	34	724	66	356	57
Totals	435	9254	13228	3728	3209	29419	20391	574	3168	2780	175	3529	6890	4039	4248	2422	136	2339	386	6961	723	3896	636
Increases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	21	...	...	...	566	...	...	214	...	356	...	597	1
Decreases ...	6	104	593	249	166	1112	1316	...	145	148	..	31	830	726	..	359	22	...	64	...	118	..	...

**GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1929.
SOLOMON ISLANDS MISSION DISTRICT.**

	Roviana.	Vella Lavella.	Choiseul.	Total.
Churches	55	19	32	106
Other Preaching Places	13	3	2	18
Missionaries	6	1	1	8
Medical Missionaries	1	0	1	2
Missionary Sisters	6	1	3	10
Native Ministers	1	0	0	1
Native Ministers on Trial	2	0	0	2
Catechists	14	4	3	21
Native Teachers	70	16	17	103
Assistant Native Teachers	8	8	16	32
Local Preachers	68	—	30	98
Class Leaders	54	24	38	116
European Members	21	3	7	31
Native Members	2,781	1,467	1,178	5,426
Native Members on Trial	148	0	181	329
Deaths during the year	28	27	50	105
Removals	—	—	8	8
Sunday Schools	8	1	0	9
Sunday School Scholars	330	100	0	430
Day Schools	55	17	33	105
Day School Teachers	80	19	40	139
Day School Scholars	1,592	350	700	2,642
Attendants on Public Worship	6,510	1,517	2,500	10,527

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year 1929.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Circuit Contributions	...	511	13 6	By General Secretary—			
„ A. G. Literature Partnership	...	150	0 0	Stipend	...	300	0 0
„ Conference Collection	...	14	9 4	House Allowance	...	150	0 0
„ Commission on Sale of S.S. Hymnals	...	14	12 4	Travelling Expenses	...	109	6 2
„ Grant from Connexional Fire Insurance Board	...	50	0 0	Postages, etc.	...	11	17 10
„ Grant from N.C.S.S. Union Examination,	...			Telephone	...	4	5 0
Prizes 1928/9	...	28	7 4				
		£769	2 6	„ Accident Insurance Policy	...		575 9 0
Debit Balance, 1929	...	161	1 4	„ Connexional Levies	...		3 9 5
				„ Clerical Assistance	...		58 10 0
				„ Postages, Typing, Exchange, etc.—	...		25 0 0
				Board Secretary	...	7	5 0
				Board Treasurer	...	5	6 10
				District Secretaries	...	0	7 6
				„ Collection Envelopes, Coin	...		12 19 4
				Cards, etc.	...		23 5 6
				„ Scripture Examinations	...		71 14 8
				„ Literature and Magazines	...		2 12 1
				„ Grant to Miss Jones, Organiser	...		
				Conference Y.P.M.	...		10 0 0
				„ Palms, Auckland Conference	...		
				Y.P. Demonstration	...		1 10 0
				„ Printing and Stationery	...		12 16 6
				„ Bank Charges and Cheque Books	...		0 18 0
				„ Interest Bank Overdraft	...		11 3 0
				Debit Balance, 1928	...		120 16 4
		£930	3 10			£930	3 10

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31/12/29.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft	...	...	161 1 4	Office Furniture	...	...	15 0 0
				Debit Balance	...	...	146 1 4
			<u>£161 1 4</u>				<u>£161 1 4</u>

Audited and found correct.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.
J. H. JONES

Note.—The Board resolved at its meeting on 15/1/30 when this Balance-sheet was submitted to transfer a sum of £50 from the Reserve Fund of the Literature Branch to the General Account of the Department for the reduction of the debit balance for 1929.

Owing to the absence of the Manager of the Literature Branch from Christchurch it has not been possible to effect the transfer in time to appear in the Balance-sheet.

M. KERSHAW, Treasurer.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Cash Statement for the Year Ended 30th September, 1929.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance forward—				By Loans Advanced			3,595 0 0
General Fund	843	18	3	Rates on Trust Properties...			5 18 3
Church Sites Fund	242	6	6	Church Sites Fund—			
				Grant—Bryndwr			75 0 0
Loans Repaid			1,086 4 9	Deposits—			
Denniston Trust			3,207 12 4	P.O. Savings Bank	408	18	1
Church Sites Fund—			47 16 0	Bank of New Zealand	129	13	5
Fire Insurance Fund	50	0	0	Church Sites Fund (P.O.			
Home Mission Fund	50	0	0	Savings Bank)	348	3	6
Interest on Mortgages	65	0	0				886 15 0
			165 0 0	Office Expenses—			
Office Expenses—				Authorised Appropriation	221	5	0
Working Expenses Repaid	138	0	8	Stationery & General Expenses	23	11	0
Trust Contributions	60	4	0				244 16 0
Interest on Arrears	24	10	4				
Interest on Deposits	37	0	8				
Hymn Book Commission...	41	0	6				
			300 16 2				
			<u>£4,807 9 3</u>				<u>£4,807 9 3</u>

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M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
J. A. FLESHER } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 11th October, 1929.

Audited and found correct.

ARTHUR C. REED }
A. K. ENGLAND } Auditors.

Balance-sheet as at 30th September, 1929.

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Christchurch, 11th October, 1929.

ARTHUR C. REED }
A. K. ENGLAND } Auditors.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended October 31st, 1929.
Treasurers—Rev. GEO. BOND and Mr. J. VEALE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1928	12	11	3	By Payments to H.M. Dept.	850	0	0
„ Rents—				„ Office Rent	10	10	0
Kaeo	60	0	0	„ Newark Water Rent	12	0	0
Mt. Wesley	62	10	0	„ Management	20	0	0
Newark	20	0	0	„ Rates and Insurance	0	6	11
			142	„ Bank Commission and Cheque			
„ Interest—				Books	0	14	0
From Loan on Mortgage...	747	10	0	„ Postage and Telegrams	0	10	0
From Deposit W.T.C. Board	11	10	3				894 0 11
From Auckland Savings Bank	7	19	11	Cr. Balance			28 0 6
			767 0 2				
			£922 1 5				£922 1 5

Balance-sheet for the Year Ended October 31st, 1929.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Nil.	
	By Mortgage 11,500 0 0
	„ Properties 4,500 0 0
	„ Fixed Deposits with W.T.C. Board ... 300 0 0
	„ Credit in Auckland Savings Bank ... 10 0 0
	„ Credit in Bank of N.Z. 28 0 6
	<u>£16,338 0 6</u>

7/11/1929.

Audited and found correct.
ARCH. PEAK.
J. G. HENDERSON.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st October, 1929.

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Audited and found correct.

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.
" LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A. (N.Z.) }

(Signed) GEO. BOND } Hon. Treasurers.
 „ J. VEALE }
 Auckland, 8th November, 1929.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance-sheet, 31st October, 1929.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
CAPITAL A/C.—				FREEHOLD PROPERTIES—			
Balance as at 31st October, 1929 ...	36,565	4	6	Great North Road ...	55,220	7	3
INCOME A/C.—				Queen Street ...	24,312	5	0
Balance as at 31st October, 1929 ...	7,069	15	9			79,532	12 3
AUCKLAND SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS—				BALANCE PURCHASE—			
Balance of Loan ...	33,000	0	0	Avondale Property ...		200	0 0
EMSLEY TRUST—							
Deposit at Call ...	1,300	0	0				
BANK OF NEW ZEALAND—							
Balance Due ...	1,797	12	0				
	£79,732	12	3			£79,732	12 3

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We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the Year ended 31st October, 1929, and Certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on 31st October, 1929, as shown by the Books.

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.)
 „ LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A. (N.Z.) }

Auditors. (Signed) GEO. BOND
 „ J. VEALE } Hon. Treasurers.
 Auckland, 8th November, 1929.

THE PROBET TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st October, 1929.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Oct. 31st, 1928—				By Rents Received	6,656	17	6	
To Balance	229	12	0	„ Interest Received		13	2	6
Oct. 31st, 1929—				„ Balance Rents	260	1	6	
To Rents Accrued	6,687	7	0	Interest	3	0	0	
„ Interest Accrued	16	2	6			263	1	6
	<u>£6,933</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>			<u>£6,933</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

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Examined and found correct.

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A. (N.Z.) }
 „ LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.

(Signed) GEO. BOND }
 „ J. VEALE } Hon. Treasurers.
 Auckland, 8th November, 1929.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

College Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1929.

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BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1929.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Wages and Salaries	911	4	1	By Gross Profits on—			
„ Seeds and Manure	572	14	3	Dairy	1200	10	8
„ Stock Expenses	318	8	4	Flock Sheep	1005	10	11
„ Depreciation Written Off	270	7	6	Stud Sheep	362	0	4
„ Repairs and Maintenance	256	19	9	Cattle	169	10	11
„ Sundry Expenses	197	14	5	Pigs	129	5	10
„ Loss on Sale of Motor Vehicle	170	8	3	Garden and Orchard	108	12	6
„ Power	96	6	2	Poultry	80	18	1
„ Rates	35	1	9	Bees	54	3	5
„ Insurance	18	0	5				
„ Net Profit Transferred to Income and Expen- diture Account	263	7	9				
	<u>£3110</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£3110</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

General Expenses Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1929.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Audit Fees	21	0	0	By Reduction of Bad Debts Reserve	100	0	0
„ Grants to Roskill South Ratepayers' Assn.	120	19	3	„ Balance Transferred to Income and Expen- diture Account	2234	6	2
„ Insurance	19	18	9				
„ Legal Expenses	56	4	3				
„ Office Expenses	20	18	0				
„ Printing, Stationery and Advertising	25	12	0				
„ Rates	1272	11	8				
„ Rent—Board Room	26	10	0				
„ Repairs and Maintenance	43	1	3				
„ Salary—Secretary	350	0	0				
„ Sundry Expenses	19	14	6				
„ Survey Fees	33	18	6				
„ Valuation Fee	10	10	0				
„ Wages Maintaining Properties	313	8	0				
	<u>£2334</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>£2334</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Rent Received Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1929.

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Land Agents' Commission and Charges ...	83	8	5	By Rents received from—				
„ Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ...	3906	16	3	Grafton Road Property ...	1259	4	6	
				Three Kings Property ...	1189	7	8	
				Mt. Albert Road Property ...	768	7	6	
				Dominion Road Property ...	183	0	0	
				Waikowhai Property ...	590	5	0	
	<u>£3990</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>			<u>£3990</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>

Interest Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1929.

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Interest on Overdraft ...	799	14	9	By Interest from—				
„ Interest on Loans at Call and Fixed Deposits ...	1118	17	8	Mt. Albert Estate ...	124	5	3	
„ Interest on Long Term Mortgage ...	1162	11	2	Three Kings Estate ...	57	12	0	
				Sundry Mortgagors ...	39	11	7	
				„ Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ...	2859	14	9	
	<u>£3081</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>			<u>£3081</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1929.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest ...	2859	14	9	By Rents ...	3906	16	3
„ Loss on College ...	765	15	2	„ Profit on Farm ...	263	7	9
„ General Expenses ...	2234	6	2	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income Transferred to Capital Account ...	1689	12	1
	<u>£5859</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£5859</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>

Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1929.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Stock on Hand—Paerata—						
Live Stock at Valuation ...	5,547	17	0			
Produce and Sundry Stocks	844	5	0			
				6,392	2	0
Loan on Mortgage ...	300	0	0			
Plus Accrued Interest ...	7	10	0			
				307	10	0
Mt. Albert Estate and Three Kings Purchasers—						
Principal Outstanding ...	3,610	18	1			
Plus Accrued Interest ...	74	1	10			
				3,684	19	11
Sundry Debtors—						
For Rent ...	488	4	6			
For Fees ...	546	6	4			
For Sundries ...	478	6	4			
	1,512	17	2			
Less Reserve for Bad Debts	175	0	0			
				1,337	17	2
Payments in Advance ...				405	5	4
Cash in Hand—						
Paerata and Office ...				53	0	2
				£210,053	1	1

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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, 1929, 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 the certified valuations of the Stock on hand at Paerata, which we have accepted as correct.

Auckland, 24/1/1930.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1929.

Chairman—REV. C. EATON.

Secretary and Treasurer—R. PEPPERELL, F.P.A. (N.Z.).

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance, 30th September, 1928	...	9	5 3	By Salary	...	50	0 0
„ Rents	...	932	13 9	„ Remitted to Home Mission Fund	...	650	0 0
„ Interest on Mortgages	...	60	2 0	„ Repairs to Mission Property	...	5	4 0
„ Consent Fees and Sundries	...	5	7 3	„ Printing, Stationery, Bank Charges, Stamps and Exchanges	...	6	10 0
				„ Rates and Taxes	...	92	13 4
				„ Insurances	...	4	2 3
				„ Audit Fee (Two Years)	...	4	4 0
				„ Legal Expenses	...	3	0 6
				„ Balance, Bank of New South Wales, N.Z....	...	191	14 2
		£1,007	8 3			£1,007	8 3

I hereby Certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th September, 1929. All Cash as shown by the Secretary's Books to have been received, has duly been Banked, and Vouchers have been produced for all Payments. I have also checked the Credits to the respective Tenants' Accounts, and found these in order.

(Sgd.) VAL. DUFF, Public Accountant, Auditor.
New Plymouth, 13th November, 1929.

Cash Statement, September, 1929.

Audited and found correct.

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R. B. GOSNELL, Dist. Sec.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1929.

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THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1929.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance of Funds, as per Revenue Account ...	20,022	14	3	Loans on Mortgage	5,050	0	0
				Freehold Property at Masterton, Foxton, and Wellington, with Home	14,428	16	9
				Interest Accrued to 31st December	53	7	6
				Rent Accrued to 31st December	75	6	0
				Balance at P.O. Savings Bank	413	16	5
				Balance at Current A/c. Bank of Australasia...	1	7	7
	<u>£20,022</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£20,022</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>

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Audited and found correct.

C. McDONALD

F. TURNER

Auditors.

Wellington, 17th January, 1930.

Wellington, 10th January, 1930.

F. R. RICHARDS, Chairman of Board.

W. C. HEMERY, Honorary Treasurer.

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A. A. SANDFORD, Auditor.

EMSLEY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st October, 1929.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Oct. 31st, 1929—				Oct., 1928—			
To Interest from Mortgages	52	7	2	By Balance Bank of New Zealand	1	16	4
„ Interest from Deposit	72	7	2	Oct., 1929—			
„ Loan Repaid	700	0	0	By Theological Trustees	115	0	0
				„ Deposit Probert Trust Board	700	0	0
				„ Bank Charge	0	10	0
				„ Management	6	4	9
				„ Balance Bank of New Zealand	1	3	3
	<u>£824</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£824</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>

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Investment Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Oct. 31st, 1929—				Oct. 31st, 1929—			
To Capital	1,900	0	0	By Freehold Mortgages	600	0	0
				„ Deposit at Call with Probert Trust Board...	1,300	0	0
	<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Audited and found correct.
A. J. BUTTLE.

(Signed) J. VEALE }
 „ GEO. BOND } Treasurers.
Auckland, N.Z., 13th December, 1929.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST FUND BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December, 1929.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Interest on Inscribed Stock	495	0 0	Cheque Book, Printing, Stamps, Stationery,		
Interest on Savings Bank Deposits to 31/3/29...	2	18 8	Books, etc.	8	5 0
			Secretary's Salary	25	0 0
			Name Plate	1	0 0
			Bank Commission	0	5 0
			Legal Expenses and Disbursements	9	12 6
			Grants	268	8 0
			Balance on Hand and in Savings Bank	185	8 2
	<u>£497</u>	<u>18 8</u>		<u>£497</u>	<u>18 8</u>

Capital Account.

To Cash	<u>£11,000</u>	<u>0 0</u>	By Inscribed Stock	<u>£11,000</u>	<u>0 0</u>
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Auckland, January 31st, 1930.

Audited and found correct.

F. E. SUTHERLAND

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st October, 1929.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Re-Insurance—				By Levies—Church Risks ...	1,704	19	5
Church Risks	596	8	1	Premiums—Ministers' Risks	83	18	9
Ministers' Risks	88	2	5	Mortgage Risks	3	0	8
Mortgage Risks	3	0	8				
							1,791 18 10
			687 11 2	Mortgage Interest	369	6	5
Office Expenses—				Mortgage Interest Accrued	137	2	3
Authorised Appropriation	325	0	0				506 8 8
Stationery & General Expenses	33	1	0				1 0 6
			358 1 0	Church Loan Interest ...			
Fire Losses	15	5	0	Debenture Interest	625	10	1
Less Re-Insurance Cover ...	11	15	0	Debenture Interest Accrued	215	4	6
			3 10 0	Adjustment to Par Value ...	100	12	8
Interest on Deposit (Normanby Trust Ac.)			2 8 4				941 7 3
Balance to Accumulated Funds	2,405	15	1	Interest—			
				P.O. Savings Bank Deposit	4	16	2
				Supernumerary Fund Deposit	46	7	5
							51 3 7
				Sundries			165 6 9
							£3,457 5 7
			£3,457 5 7				

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance-sheet as at 31st October, 1929.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at 31/10/28	22,711	4	9	Mortgage Investments ...	9,200	0	0
Less Church Loans written off	113	6	8	Interest Due and Accrued ...	151	14	9
	22,597	18	1				9,351 14 9
Less Appropriations Voted—				Debenture Investments ...	14,381	0	0
Deaconess House ...	£100			Interest Accrued ...	215	4	6
Foreign Mission Fund ...	100						14,596 4 6
Home Acquirement Fund	262			Deposits—			
Home Mission Fund ...	100			Bank of New Zealand ...	165	6	11
Benevolent Branch Super.				P.O. Savings Bank ...	6	10	11
Fund ...	75			Supernumerary Fund ...	350	0	0
Church Sites Fund ...	50						521 17 10
Young People's Dept. ...	50			Levies in Arrears ...			37 10 0
	737	0	0				
	21,860	18	1				
Add Balance from Revenue A/c.	2,405	15	1				
			24,266 13 2				
Fire Claims Trust A/c. ...			62 19 6				
Levies Prepaid ...			177 14 5				
			£24,507 7 1				£24,507 7 1

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We have examined the above Balance-sheet and attached Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and have found them correct. We have had all Securities reduced to us, and in our opinion the Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st October, 1929.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
GEORGE J. SMITH } Treasurers.

C. F. EDGAR, F.R.A.N.Z. }
W. L. THOMAS } Auditors.

Christchurch, 27th November, 1929.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE AND HOSTEL.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended October 31st, 1929.
Treasurer—Mr. F. M. WINSTONE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance, 1/11/28	...	81	15 1	House	...	1107	12 4
Probert Trust Board	...	1600	0 0	Furnishing	...	30	2 5
Probert Trust—Rent of Site	...	200	0 0	Repairs	...	1	13 6
Contingent Fund	...	890	0 0	Telephones	...	43	10 0
Home Mission Fund	...	168	15 0	Rates	...	116	2 5
Foreign Mission Fund	...	100	0 0	Insurance	...	42	17 8
Elmsley Trust	...	115	0 0	Stipends	...	1105	3 4
Prince Albert College	...	50	0 0	Tutors' Fees	...	75	7 8
Congregational Church—Fees for Students	...	100	0 0	Travelling Expenses	...	4	15 11
Trinity Collegiate Church	...	177	1 8	Quarterages	...	170	0 0
Students' Contributions	...	205	0 0	University Fees	...	76	8 0
Hostel Fees	...	358	4 11	Recreation	...	5	0 0
Rent:—				Bible Class Camp Fees	...	7	0 0
Moehau Street	...	134	5 0	Connexional Charges	...	109	13 9
Section	...	6	10 0	Rent:—			
Amounts received from:—				Wesley Training College	...	153	0 0
H. W. Hitchcock	...	160	0 0	Methodist Board Room	...	10	10 0
E. H. Brooker	...	21	3 3	"Dunholme"	...	34	13 4
				Removal Expenses	...	12	1 0
				Less Refund	...	5	0 0
							7 1 0
				Printing, Stationery, and Adver-			
				tising	...	68	14 6
				Postage and Sundries	...	46	15 7
				Bank Interest and Charges	...	7	13 3
				Advertising Church Services	...	8	0 0
				Moehau Street:—			
				Interest	...	130	0 0
				Insurance	...	1	14 9
				Painting and Repairs	...	21	15 0

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE AND HOSTEL.

	Transfer to Trust Account	692 19 4
	(Including Surplus 31/3/29, amount received from Probert Trust for estimated deficiency Sale Moe Hau St. Property, £240; H. W. Hitchcock, £160; and E. H. Brooker, £21 3s. 3d.).	
	Credit Balance, 31/10/29	289 11 2
<u>£4367 14 11</u>		<u>£4367 14 11</u>

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COLLEGE TRUST ACCOUNT.

For Liquidation of Amount Owning New College Fund.

Amount Transferred from General Account	£692 19 4
Add—Interest	5 15 4
Credit in Bank, 31st October, 1929	£698 14 8

COLLEGE ORGAN FUND.

Cash in Auckland Savings Bank, 31st Oct., 1929 £24 8 5

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Theological College Council, and compared same with Bank Books, and are of opinion they are a true and correct statement as at 31/10/29.

FRANK M. WINSTONE. Hon. Treasurer.

(Signed) A. MESSER }
A. J. BUTTLE } Auditors.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditure to 31st January, 1930.

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Cash Account for Year ended 31st January, 1930.

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METHODIST CHURCH THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—NEW BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Balance-sheet as at 31st January, 1930.

LIABILITIES.					
		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Wagstaff Bequest		2,000	0	0	
Less Paid Prize Fund		100	0	0	
					1,900 0 0
Accumulated Funds—					
As at 31st January, 1929 ...	43,559	18	3		
Add Revenue Receipts £224 2 10					
Less Revenue Payments ... 85 9 10					
		138	13	0	
Add Donations Collected ...	2,195	7	5		
					45,893 18 8
					<u>£47,793-18 8</u>

ASSETS.					
		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Property Account—					
As at 31st January, 1929 ...	35,554	0	5		
Add Payments made as per Cash Statement		515	10	3	
					36,069 10 8
Church Renovation Account ...					3,232 1 3
Organ Account					620 0 0
Church Furniture					61 17 3
College Furniture—					
As at 31st January, 1929 ...	986	8	3		
Add Payments made as per Cash Statement		1,341	15	11	
					2,328 4 2
Deposits—					
Deposits at Call	2,416	16	3		
Wesley Training College ...	2,100	0	0		
Methodist Theological College re Moehau Street Property		675	0	0	
					5,191 16 3
War Bonds					242 17 6
Cash in Hand					0 3 3
Cash in Bank					47 8 4
					<u>£47,793 18 8</u>

I have examined the above Balance-sheet and Cash Account, compared the same with the Vouchers and Records relating to the New Building Fund of the Methodist Church Theological College, and have verified the various Assets shown therein, and hereby certify the same to be correct in accordance therewith.

10/2/1930. EGERTON GILL, F.P.A.N.Z.

EGERTON GILL, F.P.A.N.Z.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 30th November, 1929.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Annuities	7,228	6	9	By Amount of Funds, 30/11/28...	135,340	10	11
Office Expenses—				Less Transfer In-			
Authorised Ap-				vestment Fluc-			
propriation ... £400	0	0		tuation Reserve			
Less Received				Account ... £84	0	10	
from Allied				Plus Wellington			
Funds ... 81	0	0		Debenture Profit	4	10	0
	£319	0	0			79	10 10
Less Charges on						135,261	0 1
Creditor Deposits 26	16	6		Less Transfer to Australian			
		292	3 6	Fund	1,419	13	0
Stationery & General Expenses		58	4 9			133,841	7 1
Auditors' Fees		25	4 0	Personal Subscriptions ...		1,553	6 0
			375 12 3	Circuit Levies		2,411	18 0
Amount of Funds as at				Interest—			
30/11/28, Less Adjustments	133,841	7	1	Investments	8,389	16	5
Increase of Funds as at				Deposits		2	4 10
30/11/29	4,326	14	8	Arrears Personal Subscriptions	34	14	6
	138,168	1	9	Arrears Purchase of Benefits	17	10	2
						8,444	5 11
				Less Overdraft			
				Interest ... £62	8	0	
				Interest — Allied			
				Funds ... 564	8	2	
				Sundry Depositors	587	15	1
						£1,214	11 3
				Plus Office Charges	26	16	6
						1,241	7 9
							7,202 18 2

				Freehold Revenue—			
				Gravenor Build-			
				ings—Rents			
				£1,869	1	1	
				Less Interest &			
				Expenses	...	1,101	10 6
				767			
				10 7			
				Less Worcester			
				St.—Expenses			
				64	12	1	
				Less Rents			
				Received	...	52	0 0
				12			
				12 1			
				754			
				18 6			
				Fire Insurance Premiums			
				...	...	...	7 13 0
				£145,772			
				0 9			
				£145,772			
				0 9			

Balance-sheet as at 30th November, 1929.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds, as per Re-				Investments—			
venue Account				Mortgages	...	...	103,375 0 0
Benevolent Branch—Capital A/c.	400	0	0	Inscribed Stock & Debentures	28,650	0	0
Benevolent Branch—Revenue A/c.	320	16	10				132,025 0 0
Deaconess' Retiring Fund	2,949	0	11	Freehold Properties—			
Home Acquisition Fund	1,447	3	7	Gravenor Build-			
Home Missionaries' Retiring				ings	£30,385	14	0
Fund	6,385	3	4	Less Unpaid Pur-			
Military Camps Fund	610	11	10	chase Money	6,500	0	0
			12,112 16 6				23,885 14 0
Belfast Church Trust	82	11	2	Less Interest Ac-			
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	355	18	0	rued	...	...	12 16 5
Deaconess Institution	205	14	10				23,872 17 7

"Methodist Times"	1,022	13	11	
Orphanage & Children's Home ...	9,849	14	4	
Removal Expenses Fund	451	4	4	
Women's Missionary Union	505	2	2	
Personal Deposit Accounts (2)...	202	0	5	
				12,674 19 2
Investment Fluctuation Reserve				
Fund, 1928	3,676	8	2	
Add Transfer—				
Profit Property				
Sale	£84	0	10	
Profit Hymn Books	150	5	6	
				234 6 4
				3,910 14 6
Less Debentures ad-				
justed to Par				
Value	50	0	0	
Mortgage Investment				
written down... ..	1,258	19	7	
				1,308 19 7
				2,601 14 11
Gravenor Building—Rates Accrued				213 5 0
				£165,770 17 4

Worcester Street	4,118	15	8	
				27,991 13 3
Deposits—				
Bank of New Zealand	957	18	0	
P.O. Savings Bank	8	11	11	
				966 9 11
Interest—				
Mortgages—Accrued	1,688	14	0	
Due	929	12	7	
Debentures—Accrued	484	0	3	
Purchase of Benefits—Balance				
Due	324	14	1	
Purchase of Benefits—Interest				
Due	48	11	11	
Circuit Levies Accrued	414	13	0	
Personal Subscriptions—Arrears	618	5	0	
Interest Due	73	13	7	
				4,582 4 5
Gravenor Building—Rents Accrued				205 9 9
				£165,770 17 4

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and attached Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and Certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all Securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund, or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose Certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1929.

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

Christchurch, 17th December, 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.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1929.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Grants	157	0	0	By Balance 30/11/28—			
Exchanges	0	10	0	P.O.S. Bank	27	3	1
				Super. Fund Depcsit	685	4	8
Audit Fee	1	11	6				712 7 9
Authorised Appropriation	3	0	0	Donations—			
				Fire Insurance Fund	75	0	0
			4 11 6	Special	5	0	0
Balance—							80 0 0
Deposit: Super. Fund Capital				Interest—			
Account	400	0	0	Debenture Investments	53	15	0
Revenue Account	320	16	10	P.O. Savings Bank Deposits	2	2	6
			720 16 10	Supernumerary Fund Deposits	34	13	1
							90 10 7
			£882 18 4				£882 18 4

SUPERNUMERARY FUND (BENEVOLENT BRANCH).

Balance-sheet as at 30th November, 1929.

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We have examined the above Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and we Certify to their correctness. We have had 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, 1929.

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 December, 1929.

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1929.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Retiring Allowances	402	7	7	Contributions—			
Interest Credited Personal Accounts	287	1	1	Personal	306	5	0
Office Expenses—				Circuit	287	10	0
Authorised Appropriation ...	40	0	0	Home Mission Board ...	280	10	0
Stationery & General Expenses	10	16	5	Foreign Mission Board ...	30	0	0
			50 16 5				904 5 0
Balance—To Personal Accounts ...	546	12	5	Profit on Sale of Inscribed Stock	44	15	0
To Reserve Fund ...	10	13	4				44 15 0
			557 5 9	Interest—			
				Debentures	36	6	10
				Debentures Accrued ...	5	19	10
				Supernumerary Fund Deposit	306	4	2
							348 10 10
							£1,297 10 10
			£1,297 10 10				

Balance-sheet as at 30th November, 1929.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	6,480	5	8	Debentures	500	0	0
Reserve Fund	892	9	2	Debentures Interest Accrued ...	5	19	10
Less Bonus Distribution ...	637	0	0				
	255	9	2	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund ...		505	19 10
Plus Surplus for 1929	10	13	4			6,385	3 4
	266	2	6				
Accumulated Funds—							
Centenary Gift	100	0	0				
Inscribed Stock Profit ...	44	15	0				
	144	15	0				
	£6,891	3	2			£6,891	3 2

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, 1929.

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 December, 1929.

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 30th November, 1929.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Interest Credited Personal Accounts			120 15 2	Contributions—			
Office Expenses—				Personal ...	243	0	0
Authorised Appropriation ...	11	0	0	Circuit ...	29	0	0
Stationery & General Expenses	2	7	6	Home Mission Board ...	75	0	0
			13 7 6	Foreign Mission Board	217	10	0
Balance—To Personal Accounts ...	564	10	0				564 10 0
To Reserve Fund ...	4	4	1	Interest—Supernumerary Fund Deposit		138	6 9
			568 14 1				
			<u>£702 16 9</u>				<u>£702 16 9</u>

Balance-sheet as at 30th November, 1929.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts ...			2,886 13 8	Deposit Supernumerary Fund ...	2,949	0	11
Reserve Fund ...	154	3	2				
Less Bonus Distribution ...	96	0	0				
			58 3 2				
Plus Surplus for 1929 ...	4	4	1				
			62 7 3				
			<u>£2,949 0 11</u>				<u>£2,949 0 11</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 November 30th, 1929.

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 December, 1929.

"METHODIST TIMES."
Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1929.

EXPENDITURE.				RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing ...			1,153 7 8	Subscriptions ...	1,226	12	6
Editors' Honoraria ...			32 10 0	Less Agents' Commission ...	85	1	4
Office Expenses—							
Authorised Appropriation ...	125	0	0	Advertisements ...			1,141 11 2
Stationery & General Expenses	31	17	8	Interest ...			255 15 7
			156 17 8				29 10 6
Balance to Accumulated Funds...			84 1 11				
			<u>£1,426 17 3</u>				<u>£1,426 17 3</u>

Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1929.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Unexpired Values—				Subscriptions Outstanding ...	253	7	6
Subscriptions ...	425	17	6	Less Prepaid ...	12	11	6
Advertisements ...	86	13	5		240	16	0
			512 10 11	Less Provision for Agents' Commission ...	16	16	6
Contingent Reserve A/c. ...	500	0	0				223 19 6
Accumulated Funds, 31/12/1928 ...	£317	19	7	Advertisement A/c's Outstanding			128 9 2
Surplus, 1929 ...	84	1	11	Deposits:—			
	402	1	6	Bank of New Zealand ...	14	2	2
			902 1 6	P.O. Savings Bank ...	48	1	7
				Supernumerary Fund ...	1,000	0	0
			<u>£1,414 12 5</u>				1,062 3 9
							<u>£1,414 12 5</u>

M. A. RUGBY PRATT
H. HOLLAND
Christchurch, 13th February, 1930.

Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.

C. F. EDGAR, F.R.A.N.Z.
A. A. SANDFORD

Auditors.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Revenue Account from 1st April, 1928, to 30th November, 1929.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Net Interest Credited Personal Accounts			22 19 3	Personal Subscriptions	1,036	10	0
Office Expenses—				Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy	387	0	0
Authorised Appropriation ...	19	0	0	Interest—Supernumerary Fund Deposit ...	59	12	5
Initial and General Expenses...	16	18	10				
			35 18 10				
Balance—To Personal Accounts ...	1,423	10	0				
To Reserve Fund ...	0	14	4				
			1,424 4 4				
			<u>£1,483 2 5</u>				<u>£1,483 2 5</u>

Balance-sheet as at 30th November, 1929.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	1,446	9	3	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	1,447	3	7
Reserve Fund	0	14	4				
			<u>£1,447 3 7</u>				<u>£1,447 3 7</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 November 30th, 1929.

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 December, 1929.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th November, 1929.

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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 December, 1929.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance-sheet for Year ended 31st December, 1929.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1st—			
To Balance	1502 12 4	By Cost of Auckland Conference—	
„ Circuit Levies—		(a) Travelling, etc., Equalisa-	
District—Auckland	617 18 0	tion Fund	379 0 0
South Auckland	299 17 6	Official Representatives...	233 5 7
Taranaki-Wanganui	312 12 6		612 5 7
Hawke's Bay-Mana-			
watu	280 0 0	(b) Printing, etc.—	
Wellington	353 10 0	Agenda	£112 18 0
Nelson	188 15 0	Less Sales	23 6 0
Canterbury	494 15 0		89 12 0
South Canterbury	172 2 6	Minutes	131 12 0
Otago-Southland	381 5 0	Stationery, Bibles, etc.	19 18 0
	3100 15 6	Secretary's Postage (2 yrs)	25 0 0
„ Sale of Minutes—			266 2 0
District—Auckland	1 13 0	„ District Expenses—Chairmen's	
South Auckland	0 17 0	Travelling and other Ex-	
Taranaki-Wanganui	0 15 0	penses—	
Hawke's Bay-Mana-		District—Auckland	39 2 10
watu	0 17 0	South Auckland	44 17 6
Wellington	1 4 0	Taranaki-Wanganui	48 14 4
Nelson	0 16 0	Hawke's Bay-Mana-	
Canterbury	2 16 9	watu	29 17 7
South Canterbury	0 16 0	Wellington	24 0 3
Otago-Southland	0 14 6	Nelson	25 14 9
	10 9 3	Canterbury	17 1 1
„ Synod Collections—		South Canterbury	34 13 11
District—Auckland	—	Otago-Southland	15 14 6
South Auckland	—		279 16 9
Taranaki-Wanganui	—		

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	7	17	0			
Wellington	4	10	4			
Nelson	4	13	1			
Canterbury	1	11	6			
South Canterbury	0	7	6			
Otago-Southland	—					
				18	19	5
„ Sale of Literature				9	10	2
„ Interest on Deposit Bank N.Z.				4	13	9

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
„ Synod Expenses—						
Ministers' Probationers' H.M. Travelling, Stationery, etc.—						
District—Auckland	76	6	3			
South Auckland	40	6	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui	38	13	10			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	36	11	1			
Wellington	24	1	3			
Nelson	55	0	3			
Canterbury	14	4	5			
South Canterbury	7	18	11			
Otago-Southland	47	11	6			
				340	16	6
„ Ministerial Supply—						
District—Auckland	56	7	6			
South Auckland	17	17	3			
Taranaki-Wanganui	17	17	8			
Nelson	6	15	0			
Canterbury	5	10	0			
South Canterbury	18	0	0			
Otago-Southland	4	11	9			
				126	18	5
„ Connexional Payments—						
President's Travelling—1928, £18/18/6; 1929, £50	68	18	6			
President's House Allowance	100	0	0			
Travelling of Supervising Superintendents (Auckland District)	32	4	6			
Board of Examiners' Expenses	17	10	0			
“Methodist Times” Honoraria	37	10	0			

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND—Balance-sheet (Continued).

Printing	142	3	2	
Medical Examinations ...	2	3	4	
Whangaroa Deficit Remitted	18	14	6	
				419 4 0
„ Grants—				
Theological College ...	740	0	0	
Connexional Secretary's Committee ...	210	0	0	
Deaconess Fund ...	75	0	9	
For Affiliation ...	50	0	0	
Y.M.C.A. Military Fund ...	50	0	0	
Religious Education Conference	25	0	0	
				1150 0 0
„ Hon. Treasurers—				
Postages	2	10	0	
Bank Exchanges	5	2	6	
				7 12 6
„ Balances held by Chairmen—				
District—Auckland	45	12	3	
South Auckland	6	13	9	
Taranaki-Wanganui	20	0	0	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ...	35	0	0	
Wellington	38	13	9	
Nelson	20	0	0	
North Canterbury ...	—	—	—	
South Canterbury ...	9	13	2	
Otago-Southland ...	19	13	8	
„ Total Balances held by Chairmen	195	6	7	
Balance Bank N.Z., Kaiapoi	748	18	1	
Deposit Bank N.Z., Kaiapoi	500	0	0	
				1444 4 8
				£4647 0 5

£4647 0 5

I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and compared same with the Books and Vouchers of the Fund, and I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the Statement gives a true and correct view of the position of the Fund.

O. BURNET

and Payments of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund, and I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the Statement gives a true and correct view of the position of the Contingent Fund as at 31st December, 1929, as disclosed by

ISAAC J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,

Hon. Auditor

31st December, 1929.

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Auditors.
23/1/1930.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.
Year Ended December 31st, 1929.
Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Removal Expenses	1,014	6	4	By Circuit Levies	933	15	5
„ Exchange, Stamps, Stationery and Sundries	4	7	6	„ Interest Account	19	0	3
				„ Capital Account	65	18	2
	<u>£1,018</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£1,018</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>

Balance-sheet.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund, Dec. 31st, 1928	900	17	9	Levies Outstanding	269	2	10
Less Balance as per Revenue Account	65	18	2	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	453	13	2
			834 19 7	Balance, P.O. Savings Bank	104	5	8
				Balance, Bank N.Z.	7	17	11
						112	3 7
			<u>£834 19 7</u>			<u>£834 19 7</u>	

I hereby Certify to having examined the Books and Vouchers of the above Fund, and find them correct.

WM. T. BLIGHT }
A. A. SANDFORD } Treasurers.
January 27th, 1930.

W. L. THOMAS, Auditor.

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N.Z.
CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS, 1929.**

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

							£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	...	...	...	...	...	...	414	13	4
Auckland West	...	...	...	...	...	...	126	9	5
Auckland East	...	...	...	...	...	From 1928	8	2	0
Auckland East	...	...	...	...	...	...	750	0	0
Avondale	...	...	...	...	...	...	261	15	0
Auckland (Devonport)	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	11	5
Auckland (Takapuna)	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	1	0
Auckland (Birkenhead)	...	...	...	...	...	From 1928	1	2	0
Auckland (Birkenhead)	...	...	...	...	...	...	184	0	11
Onehunga	...	...	...	...	...	...	135	5	9
Otahuhu	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	11	8
Papakura	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	11	2
Pukekohe	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	3	6
Waiuku	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	3	8
Mahurangi	...	...	...	...	...	From 1928	8	2	7
Mahurangi	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	16	0
Paparoa	...	...	...	...	...	From 1928	7	11	0
Paparoa	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	1	3
Northern Wairoa	...	...	...	...	...	...	84	18	8
Whangarei	...	...	...	...	...	From 1928	13	6	2
Whangarei	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	0	6
Port Albert	...	...	...	...	...	...	94	19	1
Helensville	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	4	5
Kaukapakapa	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	1	7
Bay of Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	7	9
Hokianga	...	...	...	...	...	From 1928	6	0	9
Hokianga	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	3	3
Whangaroa	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	6	2
Mangonui	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	3
Hikurangi	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	0	0
Oheawai	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	3	3

£2745 13 6

Women's Auxiliaries:—Auckland, £357 6s. 6d.;
Whangarei, £12 10s.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames	104	5	0
Te Aroha	0	10	0
Te Aroha	152	9	2
Morrinsville	111	12	1
Waihi	42	13	10
Paeroa	20	11	10
Hauraki Plains	0	10	4
Cambridge	140	4	3
Hamilton	130	19	9
Hamilton East	77	4	11
Rotorua	64	12	2
Tauranga	64	5	8
Opotiki	10	15	1
Taumarunui	5	6	4
Te Awamutu	70	0	0
Whakatane	1	10	3
Matamata	31	9	1
Te Puke	23	15	11
Ngaruawahia	26	5	3
Huntly	5	13	7
Te Kuiti	40	0	0
Ohura	2	5	6
Putaruru	24	13	0
Coromandel	13	18	6
			£1165 11 6

Women's Auxiliaries: Thames, £20 5s.; Te Aroha, £5 18s.; Hamilton, £18; Hamilton East, £3 19s.; Te Awamutu, £4 19s. 6d.; Matamata, £4 15s. 6d.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	181	13	6
Waitara	32	16	4
Inglewood	31	8	7
Stratford	50	15	1
Eltham	209	5	4
Hawera	2	15	0
Hawera	154	11	2
Manaia	44	3	2
Opunake	124	11	3
Kaponga	20	10	0
Wanganui	159	18	4
Wanganui North	80	10	3
Marton	41	13	3
Taihape	—	—	—
Raetihi-Ohakune	6	4	8
Patea	10	1	0
			£1149 16 11

Women's Auxiliaries: New Plymouth, £26; Waitara, £6; Lepperton, £1 5s.; Stratford, £5 10s.; Eltham, £20; Hawera, £30; Wanganui, £31 5s.; Wanganui North, £17 2s. 6d.; Marton, £8 5s. 6d.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	156	0	0
Hastings	212	6	6
Gisborne	130	0	0
Waipawa	30	4	6
Dannevirke	39	4	11
Woodville	52	3	6
Pahiatua	61	5	8
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	208	5	11
Palmerston North (Cuba St.)	170	10	5
Feilding	308	15	6
Sanson-Rongotea	53	8	8
Foxton-Shannon	30	13	0
Apiti	29	7	9
Norsewood	3	18	1
Wairoa	1	2	0
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	70	16	1
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	£1558	2	6

Women's Auxiliaries: Napier, £24; Hastings, £48; Gisborne, £9 16s. 3d.; Dannevirke, £1 5s.; Palmerston North (St. Paul's), £27 11s. 3d.; (Cuba St.), £27 11s. 3d.; Feilding, £28 16s. 6d.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki St.)	290	16	6
Wellington (Thorndon)	161	18	4
Wellington South	116	5	4
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	142	17	8
Johnsonville-Ngaio	168	1	8
Hutt	194	16	8
Petone	39	0	4
Greytown-Featherston	30	10	8
Carterton	66	17	7
Masterton	101	0	0
Eketahuna	29	3	8
Levin	136	9	2
Otaki	18	5	6
Paroparamu	5	17	0
Upper Hutt	3	1	0
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	£1505	1	1

Women's Auxiliaries: Wellington, £174; Hutt, £13 14s. 6d.; Petone, £4; Masterton, £22.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

								£	s.	d.
Nelson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	162	7	0
Richmond	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	0	8
Blenheim	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	182	1	3
Hokitika	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	0
Greymouth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	10	4
Motueka	38	18	1
Reefton	14	18	1
Westport	9	2	1
Havelock	—		
Murchison	7	0	0
Granity	6	0	0
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								£494	12	6

Women's Auxiliaries: Nelson, £30; Blenheim, £22; Greymouth, £7.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

								£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham St.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	197	16	9
Christchurch East	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	267	17	4
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	7	9
Christchurch (Woolston)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	19	2
Christchurch (Sydenham)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	10	3
Christchurch (Addington)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	17	7
Christchurch (Riccarton)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	17	6
Christchurch (St. Albans)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	18	6
Christchurch (Papanui)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91	14	7
Lyttelton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	3	6
Springston	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	3	0
Tai Tapu	...	...	...	...	...	From 1928	...	18	2	2
Tai Tapu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	5	4
Leeston	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	5	3
Kaiapoi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	9	11
Ohoka	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	8	2
Rangiora	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	6	4
Woodend-Sefton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	19	3
Greendale	...	...	...	...	...	From 1928	...	9	12	0
Greendale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Hawarden	...	...	...	...	...	From 1928	...	2	13	0
Oxford	From 1928	...	1	10	6
Oxford	15	2	1
Waddington	From 1928	...	2	8	5
Waddington	11	10	0
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								£1513	18	4

Women's Auxiliaries: Christchurch, £175; Leeston, £2 5s.; Rangiora, £24 11s. 6d.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Timaru	162	17	4
Waimate	—	—	—
Temuka	51	4	5
Geraldine	36	1	10
Ashburton From 1928	2	8	11
Ashburton	161	1	10
Willowby From 1928	8	17	0
Willowby	39	17	3
Oamaru	76	10	0
Methven	6	2	4
Mayfield	—	—	—
	£545	0	11

Women's Auxiliaries: Timaru, £24; Ashburton, £20; Oamaru, £7 16s.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity) From 1928	9	18	2
Dunedin (Trinity)	147	7	9
Dunedin Central Mission	71	17	7
Dunedin (Dundas St.)	62	12	6
Dunedin (Cargill Road) From 1928	5	0	0
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	63	3	11
Dunedin (St Kilda)	88	9	10
Dunedin (Caversham)	56	8	0
Dunedin (Mornington)	68	10	8
Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill)	57	8	11
Mosgiel From 1928	3	10	3
Mosgiel	4	3	0
Port Chalmers	17	0	0
Balclutha	13	0	0
Milton From 1928	22	9	10
Milton	38	4	8
Roxburgh	15	11	0
Invercargill Central	135	0	0
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	84	6	3
Bluff	16	12	6
Gore	41	2	8
Otautau From 1928	12	10	6
Otautau	20	10	0
Waikouaiti	17	8	8
Broad Bay	5	5	2
Edendale South	27	6	2
Lawrence From 1928	4	12	0
Lawrence	7	17	4
Cromwell	9	0	2
Riverton	11	10	8
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	13	11	0
	£1151	9	2

Women's Auxiliaries: Dunedin, £137 10s.;
Otago Y.W.M.M., £60; Roxburgh, £3 10s.;
Invercargill, £30.

SUMMARY.

Districts—	£	s.	d.
Auckland	2745	13	6
South Auckland ..	1165	11	6
Taranaki-Wanganui	1149	16	11
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	1558	2	6
Wellington	1505	1	1
Nelson	494	12	6
North Canterbury	1513	18	4
South Canterbury	545	0	11
Otago-Southland	1151	9	2
Women's Auxiliaries	1446	7	10
Interest—General	626	17	1
Memorial Gifts—			
Mrs. D. McCallum, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mrs. Ann Carvill, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina	6	10	0
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere	6	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parker, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mr. E. H. Penney, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mr. Frank V. White, Tua Marina	6	10	0
Treasurers' List	624	11	2
Publications	34	14	4

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HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1930—Continued.

INCOME.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Paraparaumu ..	10	0	0			
Upper Hutt ..	5	0	0			
				£940	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson ..	120	0	0			
Richmond ..	30	0	0			
Blenheim ..	150	0	0			
Hokitika ..	30	0	0			
Greymouth ..	45	0	0			
Motueka ..	30	0	0			
Westport ..	25	0	0			
Reefton ..	15	0	0			
Havelock ..	10	0	0			
Murchison ..	6	0	0			
Granity ..	10	0	0			
Wakefield ..	10	0	0			
				£481	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Durham Street ..	150	0	0			
Christchurch E.	180	0	0			
Cambridge Ter.	45	0	0			
Woolston ..	85	0	0			
Sydenham ..	50	0	0			
Addington ..	60	0	0			
Riccarton ..	30	0	0			
St Albans ..	100	0	0			
Papanui ..	55	0	0			
Lytelton ..	15	0	0			
Springston ..	60	0	0			
Tai Tapu ..	30	0	0			
Leeston ..	60	0	0			
Kaiapoi ..	45	0	0			
Ohoka ..	45	0	0			
Rangiora ..	55	0	0			
Woodend-Sefton	40	0	0			
Greendale ..	35	0	0			
Hawarden ..	10	0	0			
Oxford ..	15	0	0			
Waddington ..	15	0	0			
				£1180	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru ..	120	0	0			
Waimate ..	50	0	0			
Temuka ..	25	0	0			
Geraldine ..	20	0	0			
Ashburton ..	125	0	0			
Willowby ..	40	0	0			
Oamaru ..	70	0	0			
Rakaia-Methven	10	0	0			
Mayfield ..	5	0	0			
				£465	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

Aided Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Paeroa ..	35	0	0			
Rotorua ..	35	0	0			
Tauranga ..	40	0	0			
Opotiki ..	65	0	0			
Taumarunui ..	85	0	0			
Otorohanga ..	40	0	0			
Huntly ..	15	0	0			
				£593	0	0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Taranaki-Waimarino Maori Circuit.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Senior Superin-						
tendent—						
Stipend ..	200	0	0			
Travelling ..	40	0	0			
Rent ..	40	0	0			
Minister—						
Stipend ..	200	0	0			
Travelling ..	30	0	0			
Rent ..	52	0	0			
Minister—						
Stipend ..	0	0	0			
H.M. ..	160	0	0			
Travelling ..	20	0	0			
Rent ..	40	0	0			
Minister—						
Stipend ..	0	0	0			
Travelling ..	0	0	0			
Rent ..	60	0	0			
H. Missionary						
Grant ..	10	0	0			
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Grant ..	10	0	0			
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H. Missionary—						
Stipend ..	0	0	0			
Travelling ..	0	0	0			
Rent ..	0	0	0			
Deaconess—						
Stipend ..	125	0	0			
Travelling ..	20	0	0			
Deaconess—						
Stipend ..	125	0	0			
Travelling ..	40	0	0			
Deaconess—						
Stipend ..	125	0	0			
Travelling ..	30	0	0			
				£1307	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Taihape ..	30	0	0
Patea ..	55	0	0
Raetahi ..	10	0	0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1930—Continued.

INCOME.

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			
Milton ..	25	0	0			
Balclutha ..	35	0	0			
Roxburgh ..	20	0	0			
Invercargill—						
Central ..	90	0	0			
St Peter's ..	50	0	0			
Eluff ..	15	0	0			
Gore ..	25	0	0			
Otautau ..	15	0	0			
Waikouaiti ..	15	0	0			
Broad Bay ..	0	0	0			
Mosgiel ..	10	0	0			
Cromwell ..	10	0	0			
Lawrence ..	10	0	0			
Edendale ..	15	0	0			
Riverton ..	10	0	0			
Nightcaps - Tuatapere ..	15	0	0			
				£780	0	0

Total Estimated
Income from
Circuits and
H.M. Stations £8,103,0 0

GENERAL.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	8103	0	0			

Connexional Properties.

Auckland ..	700	0	0			
Grey Institute, New Plymouth ..	600	0	0			
Kai Iwi ..	225	0	0			
				£1525	0	0

Interest on Investments.

Auckland ..	600	0	0			
Canterbury ..	60	0	0			
Dunedin ..	5	10	0			
				£665	10	0

EXPENDITURE.

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Waitara ..	100	0	0			
Inglewood ..	45	0	0			
Manaia ..	25	0	0			
Kaponga ..	75	0	0			
Wanganui North ..	80	0	0			
Marton ..	20	0	0			
				£440	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Paraparaumu ..	60	0	0			
Upper Hutt ..	50	0	0			

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Johnsonville—						
Ngalo (for						
Porirua) ..	10	0	0			
Johnsonville—						
Ngalo (for						
Probationer at						
Ngalo) ..	90	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Greytown—						
Featherston ..	60	0	0			
Eketahuna ..	40	0	0			
Otaki ..	50	0	0			
Wellington—						
South ..	50	0	0			
Carterton (one						
year only) ..	10	0	0			
				£420	0	0

HAKWE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Apiti ..	15	0	0			
Norsewood ..	35	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Gisborne (2nd						
Agent), if						
Probationer ..	60	0	0			
Wairoa ..	80	0	0			
Waipawa (if						
standard sti-						
pend) ..	30	0	0			
Pahiatua ..	20	0	0			
Ashhurst—						
Bunnythorpe ..	10	0	0			

Special.

Dannevirke (if						
£100 raised						
locally) ..	25	0	0			
				£275	0	0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1930—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
Memorial.				NELSON DISTRICT.			
	£	s.	d.	Home Mission Stations.	£	s.	d.
Mrs Ann Carvell, Blenheim	6	10	0	Reefton ..	10	0	0
Mr Francis Terrill, Blenheim	6	10	0	Murchison ..	35	0	0
Mrs E. A. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0	Granity ..	50	0	0
Mr Richard W. Parker, Blenheim ..	6	10	0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Mr and Mrs John Spencer, Nelson	6	10	0	Blenheim (Picton)	20	0	0
Mr and Mrs J. C. Botham, Tua Marina ..	6	10	0	Aided Circuits.			
Mr C. B. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0	Hokitika ..	50	0	0
Mr and Mrs Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere	6	10	0	Greymouth ..	45	0	0
Mr and Mrs W. R. Parker, Blenheim ..	6	10	0	Motueka ..	20	0	0
Mr Frank O. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0	Westport ..	20	0	0
Mr E. H. Penny, Blenheim ..	6	10	0				£250 0 0
			£71 10 0	NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Miscellaneous.				Home Mission Stations.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
N.Z.Y.W.B.C. Union	185	0	0	Waddington ..	15	0	0
N.Z.M.W.M. Union	645	0	0	Aided Circuits.			
The Wake Estate ..	300	0	0	Riccarton ..	20	0	0
Connexional Fire Insurance ..	100	0	0	St Albans (If supply receive £75) ..	40	0	0
Rents—				Tai Tapu ..	30	0	0
Spring Creek, Blenheim ..	3	0	0	Hawarden ..	90	0	0
			£1233 0 0	Special.			
			£11,598 0 0	Deaconess' Institution	75	0	0
							£270 0 0
				SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Maori Missions.			
					£	s.	d.
				Temuka ..	10	0	0
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Mayfield—			
				If Married			
				If Agent ..	60	0	0
				If Single			
				If Agent ..	10	0	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Temuka ..	10	0	0
				Geraldine ..	20	0	0
							£100 0 0
				OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
					£	s.	d.
				Waikouaiti ..	15	0	0
				Mosgiel ..	35	0	0
				Edendale (if Stipend £200) ..	30	0	0
				Cromwell ..	20	0	0
				Cromwell Special	10	0	0
				Riverton—	20	0	0
				Nightcaps - Tuatapere ..	25	0	0
				Broad Bay			
				Special ..	35	0	0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1930—Continued.

INCOME.

£ s. d. £ s. d.

EXPENDITURE.

Aided Circuits.

	£	s.	d.
Cargill Road (Conditional)	40	0	0
Port Chalmers	65	0	0
Balclutha	30	0	0
Roxburgh	15	0	0
Bluff	55	0	0
Otautau	10	0	0
Caversham (Con- ditional)	25	0	0
Roslyn	40	0	0
Roslyn— Special	40	0	0
	£510 0 0		

Maori Work.

Special— Rent, Maori Girls' School	80	0	0
Matron's Hon- orarium	100	0	0
Sunday School Material	40	0	0
Printing Leaf- lets	50	0	0
Evangelistic Missions and Conference	100	0	0
Special Tra- velling (Maori Minis- ters, chiefly South Isld.)	50	0	0
Compassionate Methodist Times	5	0	0
Contingencies	50	0	0
	£495 0 0		

Total Estimated Expenditure—

Maori work	£5,148	0	0
European Work	3,443	0	0
Carried Forward	£8,591	0	0

GENERAL.

Brought forward	£8591	0	0
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Departmental.

General Super- intendent of H.M.'s— Stipend	325	0	0
House Allow- ance	150	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Connexional Charges	55	0	0
	£630 0 0		

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1930—Continued.

INCOME.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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EXPENDITURE.

Assistant Superintendent (Supply)—					
Stipend ..	225	0	0		
House Allowance ..	100	0	0		
Travelling ..	100	0	0		
				£425	0 0

General Treasurer—					
Honorarium ..	50	0	0		
Secretarial Work	150	0	0		
Clerical Assistance	100	0	0		
				£300	0 0

Office Expenses—					
Rents ..	100	0	0		
Telephones ..	28	0	0		
Lighting, etc.	10	0	0		
				£138	0 0

Postage, Telegrams, etc. ..	15	0	0		
Bank Commission, Cheque Book, Exchange	10	0	0		
				£25	0 0

Printing.

Reports, Balance Sheets, Circulars ..	250	0	0		
				£250	0 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 & Space in "N.Z. Methodist Times" ..	12	10	0		
				£189	18 0

General.

H.M. Retiring Allowance ..	175	0	0		
H.M. Retiring Fund	280	0	0		
Deaconess' Retiring Fund ..	100	0	0		
H.M. Deputation Expenses ..	100	0	0		
Removal Expenses	150	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. Military Camp ..	50	0	0		
				£1540	0 0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1930—Continued.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.			
Brought Forward	£11,598	0 0	Lit. and Col. Society.		
			Married Agent.		
			Stipend ..	200	0 0
			House Allowance	100	0 0
			Single Agent—		
			Stipend ..	140	0 0
				£440	0 0
				12,528	18 0
Total Income			Dr. Balance, 1929		
Estimated deficiency, 1930				121	10 4
£11,598 0 0				£12,650	8 4
1,052 8 4					
£12,650 8 4					

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HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1929.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. BOND and MR. J. VEALE.

INCOME.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	145	4	4			
Ditto, 1928 ..	32	5	0			
Auckland West	46	2	6			
Ditto, 1928 ..	4	1	6			
Auckland East	276	14	11			
Ditto, 1928 ..	43	14	0			
Auck., Avondale	108	17	0			
Auck., Devonport	33	3	4			
Auck., Takapuna	32	12	1			
Ditto, 1928 ..	4	19	0			
Auck., Birkenhead	119	3	0			
Onehunga	76	16	3			
Otahuhu	46	6	11			
Papakura	27	0	11			
Pukekohe	87	1	8			
Ditto, 1928 ..	78	17	10			
Waiuku	24	15	2			
Mahurangi						
Paparoa	15	0	0			
Ditto, 1928 ..	15	0	0			
Northern Wairoa	101	3	10			
Whangarei	76	19	8			
Whangaroa	29	14	1			
Bay of Islands	19	17	3			
Port Albert	55	1	7			
Hikurangi	9	10	0			
Maori Missions	100	0	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Kaukapakapa	15	16	5
Helensville	16	15	7
Hokianga South	48	9	0
Hokianga North	14	12	0
Mangonui	44	8	6
Ohaeawai	29	7	6
	1,779	10	10

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Thames	80	0	0
Te Aroha	47	5	0
Morrinsville	73	5	0
Ditto, 1928 ..	4	4	0
Paeroa	20	2	0
Cambridge	86	16	10
Ditto, 1928 ..	63	14	3
Hamilton	127	14	7
Hamilton East	0	5	0
Rotorua	7	2	7
Tauranga	23	14	9
Opotiki	20	16	0
Taumarunui			
Ditto, 1928 ..	0	5	0
Te Awamutu	61	0	5
Matamata	40	8	1
Ditto, 1928 ..	3	15	0
Huntly	2	19	9
Maori Missions	90	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

MAORI MISSIONS.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	1,584	2	0			
Waikato	1,458	15	0			
Taranaki	1,469	10	0			
South Island	54	1	0			
	4,566	8	0			

Special.

Deaconess Re-tiring Fund	27	0	0
Removal Exes.	25	16	0
Hospital, Te Kuiti	100	0	0
Ditto, Interest as Rent	80	0	0
Ditto, Blinds	8	5	4
Ditto, Repairs	4	15	5
Special Traveling Deaconesses	18	0	0
W.T.C. Board, 2 Pupils	23	18	8
Compassionate	25	0	0
S.S. Materials	40	0	0
Printing Leaflets	50	0	0
Evangelistic Missions and Conference of Workers	100	0	0
Horse and Saddle	22	0	0
Furniture	39	10	6
Special Travelling	50	0	0
Methodist Times	5	0	0
	619	5	11

Total Maori Expenditure 5,185 13 11

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Kaukapakapa	40	0	0
Hokianga North, 1 quarter	10	0	0
Hokianga South	14	5	0
Mangonui	37	10	0
Ohaeawai, 1 qr.	2	5	0
	104	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Central Mission	62	10	0
Northern Wairoa	31	5	0
Whangarei	53	15	0
Ditto, Special	15	0	0
	162	10	0

Aided Circuits.

Otahuhu	32	10	0
Whangaroa	92	10	0
Port Albert	37	10	0
Paparoa	30	0	0
Hikurangi	11	5	0
Bay of Islands	7	10	0
	211	5	0
	477	15	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1929.—Continued.

INCOME.				
Home Mission Stations.				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Ngaruawahia ..	13	6	4	
Waihi ..	17	15	9	
Ditto, 1928 ..	0	17	0	
Whakatane ..	3	0	0	
Ditto, 1928 ..	2	7	6	
Te Puke ..	13	0	0	
Te Kuiti ..	—	—	—	
Ohura ..	—	—	—	
Ngatea, H.P. ..	8	16	6	
Putaruru ..	23	6	10	
Ditto, 1928 ..	2	1	4	
Coromandel ..	23	11	5	
				861 10 11

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Circuits.				
New Plymouth ..	85	0	0	
Waitara ..	12	11	0	
Ditto, 1928 ..	39	3	4	
Inglewood ..	10	0	0	
Stratford ..	30	2	7	
Ditto, 1928 ..	1	3	0	
Eltham ..	12	0	0	
Hawera ..	30	14	3	
Ditto, 1928 ..	34	8	6	
Manala ..	19	11	8	
Ditto, 1928 ..	0	15	6	
Opunake ..	0	5	0	
Kaponga ..	12	2	0	
Ditto, 1928 ..	4	18	0	
Wanganui ..	50	0	0	
Wanganui North ..	—	—	—	
Ditto, 1928 ..	32	17	9	
Marton ..	13	10	0	
Maori Missions ..	67	0	0	
Home Mission Stations.				
Taihape ..	13	9	4	
Ditto, 1928 ..	1	0	0	
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	6	18	0	
Patea ..	5	5	6	
				482 15 5

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Circuits.				
Napier ..	70	0	0	
Ditto, 1928 ..	12	10	6	
Hastings ..	135	7	10	
Gisborne ..	42	0	0	
Wairoa ..	1	8	6	
Ditto, 1928 ..	11	2	7	
Waipawa ..	43	0	6	
Dannevirke ..	6	0	0	
Ditto, 1928 ..	12	0	0	
Woodville ..	18	14	10	
Ditto, 1928 ..	6	0	0	
Pahiatua ..	40	0	10	
Palmerston North, St. Paul's ..	109	16	1	
Palmerston North, Cuba Street ..	49	12	6	
Ditto, 1928 ..	1	7	0	

EXPENDITURE.				
SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.				
Home Mission Stations.				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Whakatane ..	120	0	0	
Te Puke ..	23	15	0	
Te Kuiti ..	62	10	0	
Putaruru ..	32	10	0	
Coromandel ..	22	10	0	
Hauraki Plains ..	41	5	0	
Ohura, Special ..	15	0	0	
				317 10 0
Aided Circuits.				
Paeroa ..	45	0	0	
Rotorua ..	40	0	0	
Tauranga ..	48	15	0	
Opoitiki ..	83	15	0	
Taumarunui ..	85	0	0	
Ditto, Special ..	50	0	0	
Matamata ..	15	0	0	
Huntly, 1 qr. ..	5	0	0	
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0	
				392 10 0
				710 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.				
Patea ..	57	10	0	
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	15	0	0	
Taihape ..	47	10	0	
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0	
				140 0 0
Circuits with Home Missionaries.				
Waitara ..	68	15	0	
Opunake, 1 qr. ..	5	0	0	
				73 15 0
Aided Circuits.				
Inglewood ..	52	10	0	
Manala ..	31	5	0	
Kaponga ..	60	0	0	
Wanganui North ..	75	0	0	
Wanganui, Gonville ..	22	10	0	
				241 5 0
				455 0 0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.				
Apiti ..	16	5	0	
Norsewood ..	30	0	0	
				46 5 0
Aided Circuits.				
Gisborne ..	52	10	0	
Wairoa ..	80	0	0	
Waipawa ..	46	5	0	
Pahiatua ..	20	0	0	
Ashhurst--Bunnythorpe ..	11	5	0	
				210 0 0
				256 5 0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1929.—Continued.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ashurst - Bunny-						
thorpe ..	27	19	4			
Felding ..	137	7	8			
Sanson-Rongotea	22	16	4			
Ditto, 1928 ..	6	7	6			

Home Mission Stations.

Foxton-Shannon	32	5	0			
Apiti ..	33	18	6			
Norsewood ..	12	7	3			
Ditto, 1928 ..	5	8	0			
				837	10	9

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.**Circuits.**

Wellington—						
Taranaki St.	168	16	3			
Thorndon ..	107	14	9			
Ditto, 1928	4	2	10			
South ..	77	11	3			
Ditto, 1928	32	8	6			
Kilbirnie ..	78	2	2			
Ditto, 1928	25	11	6			
Johnsonville-Ngaio	90	7	1			
Ditto, 1928 ..	12	13	0			
Hutt ..	113	18	2			
Ditto, Refund						
1 Qr. Grant	18	15	0			
Petone ..	32	4	7			
Ditto, 1928 ..	21	0	0			
Greytown-Feather-						
ston ..	28	16	4			
Ditto, 1928 ..	7	8	6			
Carterton ..	46	6	4			
Masterton ..	119	7	7			
Eketahuna ..	27	5	7			
Levin ..	58	8	1			
Ditto, 1928 ..	7	12	0			
Otaki ..	15	0	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	8	8	5			
Upper Hutt ..	17	0	0			
				1,118	17	8

NELSON DISTRICT.**Circuits.**

Nelson ..	145	15	4			
Richmond ..	45	0	7			
Blenheim ..	194	13	6			
Hokitika ..	53	19	6			
Greymouth ..	107	18	0			
Motueka ..	66	6	7			
Westport ..	35	10	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Reefton ..	31	13	9			
Havelock ..	10	10	0			
Murchison ..	10	12	9			
Granity ..	40	1	3			
Wakefield-Dove-						
dale ..	14	9	6			
				756	10	9

EXPENDITURE.**WELLINGTON DISTRICT.****Home Mission Stations.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Paraparaumu ..	57	10	0			
Upper Hutt ..	65	0	0			
				122	10	0

Aided Circuits.

Kilbirnie ..	35	0	0			
Hutt ..	48	15	0			
Johnsonville-Ngaio,						
1 quarter ..	3	15	0			
Carterton, 1 qr.	2	10	0			
Greytown-Feather-						
ston ..	36	5	0			
Eketahuna ..	46	5	0			
Otaki ..	30	0	0			
Wellington South	75	0	0			
				277	10	0
				400	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT.**Home Mission Stations.**

Wakefield-Dove-						
dale ..	30	0	0			
Reefton ..	16	5	0			
Granity ..	53	15	0			
Murchison ..	21	5	0			
				121	5	0

Aided Circuits.

Blenheim ..	20	0	0			
Motueka ..	22	10	0			
Westport ..	10	0	0			
Hokitika ..	62	10	0			
Greymouth ..	33	15	0			
				148	15	0
				270	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**Home Mission Stations.**

Waddington,						
1 quarter ..	2	5	0			
Riccarton ..	32	10	0			
St. Albans ..	29	3	4			
Lytelton ..	22	10	0			
Tai Tapu ..	35	0	0			
Hawarden ..	75	0	0			
Deaconess						
Institute ..	75	0	0			
				271	8	4

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**Home Mission Stations.**

Methven-						
Rakaia ..	9	0	0			
Temuka ..	22	10	0			
Geraldine ..	20	0	0			
				51	10	0

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1929.—Continued.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Milton ..	46	13	5			
Roxburgh ..	51	2	0			
Invercargill—						
Central ..	119	1	10			
St. Peter's ..	71	8	5			
Bluff ..	18	4	2			
Gore ..	54	16	1			
Otautau ..	31	9	6			

Home Mission Stations.

Waikouaiti ..	42	9	0			
Edendale ..	49	8	5			
Broad Bay ..	8	3	0			
Mosgiel ..	24	11	9			
Lawrence ..	6	4	0			
Cromwell ..	35	6	6			
Riverton ..	23	8	3			
Nightcaps- Tuatapere ..	21	14	1			
				1,112	10	4
Total from Circuits				£9,079	14	9

GENERAL.

Connexional Properties.

Auckland ..	875	0	0			
Grey Institute						
Institute, New						
Plymouth ..	850	0	0			
Kai Iwi, Wanganui ..	215	0	0			
				1,940	0	0

Interest from Investments.

Auckland ..	822	12	7			
Canterbury ..	58	10	0			
				881	2	7
Estate of late Geo. P. Wake	359	4	7			
Capital Money Awaiting In- vestment ..	180	0	0			
Native Hospital (as rent) ..	80	0	0			
				619	4	7

Memorial.

Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mr. Francis Terri, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blen- heim ..	6	10	0			
Mr. & Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6	10	0			
Mrs. & Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina ..	6	10	0			
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0			
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere ..	6	10	0			

EXPENDITURE.

Office Staff.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Treasurer, Honorarium ..	75	0	0			
Assistant Treasurer ..	100	0	0			
H.M. Office ..	180	0	0			
				355	0	0

Office.

Office Rent ..	68	10	0			
Telephones ..	26	10	0			
Postage and Telegrams (General Super- intendent's Office) ..	46	12	2			
Postage and Exchange (Gen- eral Treasurer's Office) ..	25	7	6			
Electric Power Board ..	17	3	2			
Bank Commission	0	10	0			
				184	12	10

C.B. and L. Fund in respect of

Opotiki ..	9	0	6			
Whakatane ..	12	11	6			
				21	14	0

Rates and Insurance.

Rates and In- surance ..	9	12	7			
				9	12	7

Interest.

Capital Money Awaiting In- vestment ..	180	0	0			
Bank Interest	0	7	6			
				180	7	6

Miscellaneous.

Theological College ..	135	0	0			
Ministerial Supplies ..	130	4	2			
H.M. Advisory Committee Exes.	9	16	6			
H.M. Deputa- tions ..	114	7	6			
Removal Exes.	109	8	7			
Methodist Times ..	12	10	0			
Church Sites Fund ..	50	0	0			
Motor Exes. ..	353	2	6			
H.M. Retiring and Compassionate Allowances ..	135	0	0			
Y.M.C.A. Military Branch ..	50	0	0			
				1,099	9	3

We have audited the accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department. All our requirements as auditors have been complied with. We have examined cash and bank books, and all vouchers, and in our opinion the true position as on the 16th of January, 1930, is shown in these accounts.

Dated at Auckland this 28th of January, 1930.

J. G. HENDERSON.
ARCH. PEAK.

SUMMARY HOME MISSION CAPITAL FUND, 1929.

CAPITAL.				INVESTMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
To Legacies to end 1928 ..				12,793	7	4	
„ New Legacies, 1929—							
Mr. J. W. Brown ..	50	0	0				
Mr. W. E. Cheverton, Final							
Instalment, £1,000 ..	97	12	4				
Mr. H. Ford ..	25	0	0				
Mr. A. McKenzie ..	100	0	0				
Mrs. A. Rennie ..	30	0	0				
				302	12	4	
„ Memorial Gifts ..				1,100	0	0	
„ Other Gifts—							
Mr. H. Brittain, Wellington	200	0	0				
Mr. G. Buttler, Pleasant							
Point ..	50	0	0				
				250	0	0	
„ Government Inscribed Stock ..				1,000	0	0	
„ Dunedin Debenture ..				100	0	0	
„ Proceeds Properties Sales ..				2,396	4	6	
				£17,942	4	2	
							£17,942 4 2

CANTERBURY INVESTMENT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Deeds, 1929 ..	1,100	0	0	Investment ..	1,100	0	0

THE METHODIST MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL. TO DECEMBER 31st, 1929.

Treasurers: REV. G. BOND and Mr. J. VEALE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought Forward ..				3,814	8	9	
By Y.W.B.C., Wellington ..	1	5	0				
„ Y.W.B.C., Hawke's Bay ..	2	0	0				
				3	5	0	
By Interest—							
W.T.C. Board ..	163	11	6				
Auckland Savings Bank ..	4	8	4				
				167	19	10	
				£3,985	13	7	
							£3,985 13 7

To Payment to Te Kuiti School ..	54	10	6
„ Credit Balance in Capital Fund ..	3,931	3	1

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1929.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s. d.
By Fixed Deposits with W.T.C. Board	..	3,635	0 0	Nil		
„ Credit in Auckland Savings Bank	..	296	3 1			
		<u>£3,931</u>	<u>3 1</u>			

Statements of Accounts, 1929/30.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Grant from H.M. Fund and Other Trusts for Secretarial Work	..	..	..	207	10	0			
H.M. Treasurer's Assistant	..	..	..	100	0	0			
Typing, etc	..	..	..	39	3	9			
				<hr/>			346	13	9
Book Room Sales	..	..	..	1309	5	7			
Van Sales	..	..	..	312	9	11			
				<hr/>			1621	15	6
Donations	..	..	..				158	10	6
Dr. Balance	..	..	..				247	1	2
							<hr/>		
							£2374	0	11

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1929 Balance	..	..		103	7	0			
Purchases	..	..		1346	16	9			
Wages (nett cost to B/R									
£247 11s. 3d.)	..	..		584	5	0			
Van Charges, Trav.	..	..		69	0	1			
Van, Ins., Repairs and Regis-									
tration	..	..		34	7	0			
Rent	..	..		62	1	8			
Interest and Bank Charges	..			12	0	1			
Freight, Ctge., Ins., etc.	..			52	1	8			
Office Outfit, Printing, Adver-									
tising	..	..		36	4	11			
Petty Cash	..	..		17	16	0			
Post, Tel., Stamps, etc.	4..			56	0	9			
				<hr/>			2374	0	11
							<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
							£2374	0	11

LIABILITIES.					£	s.	d.
Accounts owing for Goods	..	..	..	..	307	9	6
Dr. Balance	..	..	..	..	247	1	2
Balance of Assets	..	..	..	..	969	2	4
					<hr/>		
					£1523	13	0

ASSETS.					£	s.	d.
Stock, 31/1/30	..	..	..	..	947	6	0
Van in good repair	..	..	..	..	250	0	0
Office and B/R Outfit	..	..	..	..	110	0	0
Lantern and Slides	..	..	..	..	22	6	6
A/c due Society	..	..	..	..	194	0	6
					<hr/>		
					£1523	13	0

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) W. LEATHER
JOHN W. SHACKLEFORD

February, 1930.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTE.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st December, 1929.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1st January, 1929...			239 11 6	House Accounts ...	693	1	7
Conference Grants—				Salaries ...	315	11	8
Home Mission Board ...	75	0	0	Students' Uniforms ...	12	9	11
Foreign Mission Board ...	75	0	0	Drapery ...	12	14	1
Contingent Fund ...	75	0	0	Furnishings ...	21	12	9
Connex. Fire Insurance Fund	100	0	0	Goods, Household ...	16	4	4
			325 0 0	Electric Radiators ...	7	6	0
Donations ...	30	10	0	Papering ...	11	3	6
Associate Subscriptions ...	48	2	6	Periodicals, etc. ...	3	4	8
			78 12 6				1,093 8 6
Students' Contributions to Cost of Training ...	60	0	0	Interest, S.I. Orphanage ...	110	0	0
			60 0 0	Rates ...	53	13	7
Interest ...	31	13	8	Insurances ...	29	19	3
			31 13 8	Telephone Account ...	10	8	6
Rents—Workshop and Outhouses...	66	0	0	Bank Charges, Stamps, etc. ...	3	0	0
			66 0 0				207 1 4
Deaconess Dedication Collection ...	2	9	3	Maintenance (Repairs, etc.) ...	8	13	11
Refund Deaconess Travelling Expenses, Contingent Fund ...	6	12	5	Miscellaneous ...	6	8	11
			9 1 8				15 2 10
Discounts and Refunds ...	13	7	3	Deaconess Probationers' Travelling Expenses ...	9	2	2
			13 7 3				9 2 2
Hostel Receipts ...	1,035	16	0	Balance Forward:—			
			1,035 16 0	On Deposit with Super-numerary Fund ...	£200	0	0
				Accrued Interest to 31/12/29 ...	6	13	8
							206 13 8
				Balance at Bank N.Z., 11d., less £17 3s. 10d. Unpresented Cheques ...	£344	17s.	
					327	14	1
							534 7 9
							£1,859 2 7
			£1,859 2 7				£1,859 2 7

Audited and found correct.
H. W. HESLOP
15th January, 1930.

C. A. NEWMAN, Treasurer,
Methodist Deaconess Institute.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTE.
Statement of Liabilities and Assets.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.				
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Due South Island Orphanage	...	2,000	0 0	Deaconess House Property	...		6,400	0 0
Depreciation Account	...	400	0 0	Furnishings	...	725 0 0		
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	...	5,184	7 9	Less Depreciation	...	75 0 0		
							650	0 0
				At Credit with Supernumerary Fund			206	13 8
				Balance at Bank of N.Z.	...		327	14 1
		<u>£7,584</u>	<u>7 9</u>				<u>£7,584</u>	<u>7 9</u>

15th January, 1930.

C. A. NEWMAN, Treasurer.

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Treasurers—Rev. S. GRIFFITH and Mr. A. L. CAUGHEY.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ended 30th September, 1929.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
October 1st, 1928—						
To Balance Cash in Hand ...				68	16	0

RECEIPTS.

Sept. 30th, 1929—

Revenue—

Donations—			
Circuit Contributions ...	772	3	3
Received by City Collectors ...	93	11	6
General Donations ...	76	11	6
Sunday School Contributions ...	36	12	6
Maintenance Fees ...	2,043	12	6
Discounts & Exchange ...	55	5	3
Interest ...	59	4	5
Sunshine Fund ...	2	0	0
Sale of Stock ...	0	10	0
Refunds ...	0	7	7
Winstone Estate ...	1,047	3	2
Mrs. Serre Estate ...	135	14	4

4,322 16 0

Hughes on Account of Loan ...	10	10	0
Mortgages Repaid ...	745	10	0
H. F. Winstone Loan Account...	1,417	9	6
Inscribed Stock Matured ...	100	0	0
Deposits withdrawn—			
Winstone, Ltd. ...	1,150	0	0
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft carried forward ...	0	3	8

Oct. 1st, 1928—

By Balance Bank of New Zealand

£ s. d.
76 5 11

EXPENDITURE.

Sept. 30th, 1929—

Revenue—

Salaries, Wages & Commission	1,527	5	0
Provisions ...	1,159	1	9
Drapery & Boot Repairs ...	113	14	5
Fuel and Light ...	213	12	7
Printing, Stationery & Advertising ...	116	0	3
Medicines & Dental ...	68	16	6
Stamps, Telegrams & Telephone	29	7	4
Travelling Expenses ...	8	0	3
Interest ...	335	7	8
Furnishings ...	129	1	2
Repairs & Alterations ...	624	1	4
Insurance ...	52	15	7
Exchange ...	1	2	6
Matrons' Petty Expenses ...	71	0	0
Sundry Expenses ...	30	3	3
Audit Fee ...	8	8	0
Office Rent ...	10	10	0
Rates ...	45	17	6
Fees & Costs ...	6	17	10
Cow Purchased ...	12	12	6
College Fees & Board ...	13	17	9
Serre Estate Expenses and Interest ...	78	11	5

4,656 4 7

Reduction of Mortgage—		
Bank of New Zealand	100	0 10
Reduction of Loan—		
Smith & Caughey, Ltd. ...	1,310	16 9
Deposits—Winstone, Ltd. ...	1,600	0 0
Balance carried forward—		
Cash in Hand	71	17 1
	<u>£7,815</u>	<u>5 2</u>
		<u>£7,815 5 2</u>

Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Expenditure as per Cash Statement ...	4,656	4	7	By Receipts as per Cash Statement ...	4,322	16	0
„ Depreciation Plant	147	12	0	„ Interest Accrued—Education Board and			
				Winstone Estate	126	19	9
				„ Live Stock Increase	5	0	0
				„ Capital Account Deficiency	349	0	10
	<u>£4,803</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£4,803</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Balance-sheet as at 30th September, 1929.

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I have examined the Books and Vouchers relating to the above Accounts and Balance-sheet, which I consider are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true position of the Trust at 30th September, 1929, as shown by the Books of the Trust.

31/10/29.

EGERTON GILL, F.N.Z.A.A.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st December, 1929.

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Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1929.

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J. COCKER, Treasurer.
Masterton, 31st December, 1929.

A. H. DANIELL	}	Auditors.
F. E. WELLS		

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1929.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance, 1st January, 1929—		By Maintenance Account—	
Post Office Savings Bank ...	2 7 10	Salaries & Wages—Home Staff	522 2 6
Bank of New Zealand ...	31 11 1	Do. Garden	112 9 4
		General House Supplies ...	529 9 4
„ Maintenance Account—		Lighting and Heating ...	102 3 11
Subscriptions and Donations	603 10 4	Draperies, Cloth-	
Collections ...	129 6 11	ing, Boots, etc £229 6 5	
Maintenance Fees ...	792 5 5	Less Refunds 73 5 11	
Interest on Deposits, etc. ...	194 11 10		156 0 6
	1,719 14 6	Printing, Stationery, Adver-	
(Interest on other Deposits,		tising, Stamps, Telephone,	
amounting to £551 4s. 5d., has		Exchange, etc. ...	58 8 8
been added to the Deposit		Fire and Accident Insurance	13 3 10
Account.)		Renewals and Repairs ...	172 17 11
„ Endowment Account—		Sundries ...	24 5 0
Endowment of Cot, Mrs. J.			1,691 1 0
Campbell ...	50 0 0	„ Organising Secretary, Rev. F.	
Alex. McKenzie's Estate ...	100 0 0	T. Read ...	24 5 0
J. H. Brown „	50 0 0	„ Maintenance of Senior Boys	
Margaret Elliot „	34 1 4	Outside Home ...	276 5 0
W. F. Cheverton „	51 3 5	„ Rates and Taxes ...	42 5 10
E. A. Wallace „	35 6 1	„ Deposited with Supernumerary	
Alice Broomfield „	300 0 0	Board ...	1,650 0 0
M. A. Gunnell „	500 0 0	„ Papanui Sunday School ...	20 0 0
T. W. Crone „	50 0 0	„ Legal Charges ...	16 5 3
A. Cowie Estate, per J. A.		„ Presentation—H. J. Odell ...	10 8 6
Flesher ...	50 0 0	„ Balance Due to Treasurer,	
	1,220 10 10	31/12/1928 ...	3 4 5
„ Rent ...	67 0 0	„ Bank of New Zealand ...	351 2 1
„ Sale of £1,100 Govt. Bonds ...	1,092 5 7	„ Cash in Hand ...	48 12 9
			399 14 10
	£4,133 9 10		£4,133 9 10

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December, 1929.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Endowment Account	18,502	2	3	Freehold Property—			
Maintenance Reserve Account	150	0	0	Present Home and Land (5			
Property Reserve Account	1,250	9	0	Acres)	5,572	17	5
Late G. H. Jones' Children's Trust Account...	114	17	6	12 Acres for New Home	2,905	1	7
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	3,129	1	7				8,477 19 0
				Furnishings	400	0	0
				Less Depreciation	40	0	0
							360 0 0
				Live Stock—Cows and Poultry...			16 0 0
				Investments—			
				Waimairi County Council			
				Debenture	100	0	0
				Loan—Deaconess House Com-			
				mittee	2,000	0	0
				Loan—Edgeware Road Church	400	0	0
				Deposits	11,042	7	6
				Deposit Stock—N.Z. Farmers'			
				Association	350	0	0
							13,892 7 6
				Cash Balance—			
				Bank of New Zealand	351	2	1
				Cash in Hand	48	12	9
							399 14 10
							£23,146 1 4
							£23,146 1 4

We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home for the Year ended 31st December, 1929.

We have vouched all Receipts and Payments, with the exception of those made by Petty Cash, and we have verified the existence of all the Assets, excepting Furnishings, which have been valued as at 31st December, 1928, 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.

G. BOWRON, Treasurer. p.p. HICKS, AINGER & TWYFORD.

Christchurch, 4th February, 1930.

F. E. TWYFORD, F.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended December 31st, 1928.

MEMO.: Interest on Trust Investment over three quarters
in arrears.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Trust Account—Mutual Aid Association Funds.

1928.		1928.	
January 1st—		December 31st—	
To Balance at Post Office, included in General		By Disbursements	Nil
Account	55 16 7	„ Balance in Post Office	55 16 7
	<u>£55 16 7</u>		<u>£55 16 7</u>

A. G. WILLIAMS, Hon. Secretary.
JOHN H. PUGH, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.
H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A.(N.Z.), A.I.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND CHILDREN'S FUND, 1930.

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 7½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ...	1240	0	0	93	0	0	880	0	0	66	0	0
Conf. F.M. Secretary	350	0	0	26	5	0	250	0	0	18	15	0
Conf. H.M. Dept ...	325	0	0	24	7	6	225	0	0	16	17	6
H.M. 3	...	...	...	12	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Auckland West ...	480	0	0	36	0	0	320	0	0	24	0	0
Auckland East ...	820	0	0	61	10	0	520	0	0	39	0	0
Theo. Col.	875	0	0	65	12	6	675	0	0	50	12	6
Avondale	550	0	0	41	5	0	350	0	0	26	5	0
H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Devonport	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	13	2	6
Takapuna	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Birkenhead	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Onehunga ...	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	13	2	6
Otahuhu ...	410	0	0	30	15	0	250	0	0	18	15	0
Papakura ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Pukekohe ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Pukekohe H.M. 2	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waiuku ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Mahurangi ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	7	10	0
Paparoa ...	215	0	0	16	2	6	115	0	0	8	12	6
Northern Wairoa ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
H.M. 2	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangarei ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
H.M. i	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangaroa ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Bay of Islands ...	160	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	10	0
Port Albert ...	125	0	0	9	7	6	75	0	0	5	12	6
Hikurangi ...	90	0	0	6	15	0	60	0	0	4	10	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	...	...	...	...	...	...
	8390	0	0	693	5	0	5470	0	0	410	5	0

N.B.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for H.M. Retiring Fund is £6 for each Home Missionary employed after April 1. 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 7½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Te Aroha	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Morrinsville	330	0	0	24	15	0	170	0	0	12	15	0
Paeroa	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Cambridge	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Hamilton	485	0	0	36	7	6	325	0	0	24	7	6
Hamilton East	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Rotorua	237	10	0	17	16	3	137	10	0	10	6	3
Tauranga	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Opotiki	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Taumarunui	237	10	0	17	16	3	137	10	0	10	6	3
Te Awamutu	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Matamata	215	0	0	16	2	6	115	0	0	8	12	6
Huntly	90	0	0	6	15	0	60	0	0	4	10	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	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3695	0	0	313	2	6	2245	0	0	168	7	6

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 7½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	725	0	0	54	7	6	525	0	0	39	7	6
Waitara	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
... .. H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inglewood	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Stratford	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Eltham	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Hawera	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Manaia	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Opunake	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
... .. H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaponga	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Wanganui	550	0	0	41	5	0	350	0	0	26	5	0
Wanganui North	500	0	0	37	10	0	300	0	0	22	10	0
Marton	180	0	0	13	10	0	120	0	0	9	0	0
Taihape H.M. Station	4	0	0
Raetihi-Ohakune	4	0	0
Patea	4	0	0
	4005	0	0	320	7	6	2545	0	0	190	17	6

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HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 7½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Hastings	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Gisborne	460	0	0	34	10	0	300	0	0	22	10	0
Wairoa	180	0	0	13	10	0	120	0	0	9	0	0
Waipawa	225	0	0	16	17	6	125	0	0	9	7	6
Dannevirke	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Woodville	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Pahiatua	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Palmerston N (S Pauls)	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Palmerston N (Cuba St)	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Feilding	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
„ H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanson-Rongotea „	260	0	0	19	10	0	160	0	0	12	0	0
Foxton-Shannon „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apiti „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Norsewood „	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3625	0	0	287	17	6	2305	0	0	170	17	6

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 7½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington Taranaki St.	645	0	0	48	7	6	445	0	0	33	7	6
„ Thorndon	550	0	0	41	5	0	350	0	0	26	5	0
„ South	500	0	0	37	10	0	300	0	0	22	10	0
„ Kilbirnie	435	0	0	32	12	6	275	0	0	20	12	6
Johnsonville-Ngaio	280	0	0	21	0	0	180	0	0	13	10	0
„ H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hutt	463	15	0	34	15	8	303	15	0	22	15	6
Petone	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	13	2	6
Greytown-Featherston	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Carterton	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Masterton	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
„ H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eketahuna	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Levin	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	13	2	6
Otaki	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Upper Hutt—H.M. Stn	4	0	0
Paraparaumu „	4	0	0
	4723	15	0	370	5	8	3003	15	0	225	5	6

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NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.	Contingent Fund Levy 7½%	After Exemption.	Children's Fund Levy 7½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nelson	337 10 0	25 6 3	237 10 0	17 16 3
Richmond	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Blenheim	550 0 0	41 5 0	350 0 0	26 5 0
„ H.M. 1 ... ..	...	4 0 0	...	...
Hokitika	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Greymouth	340 0 0	25 10 0	210 0 0	15 15 0
Motueka	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Westport	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Reefton ... ..	...	4 0 0	...	...
Havelock—H.M. Stn.	...	4 0 0	...	...
Murchison ... ..	...	4 0 0	...	...
Granity ... ..	...	4 0 0	...	...
Wakefield-Dovedale ...	...	4 0 0	...	...
	2227 10 0	191 1 3	1397 10 0	104 16 3

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.	Contingent Fund Levy 7½%	After Exemption.	Children's Fund Levy 7½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch—				
Durham Street ...	530 0 0	39 15 0	370 0 0	27 15 0
Connexional Secretary	368 15 0	27 13 2	268 15 0	20 3 6
S.S. and Y.P. Dept.	390 0 0	29 5 0	260 0 0	19 10 0
East	800 0 0	60 0 0	500 0 0	37 10 0
Cambridge Terrace ...	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Woolston	425 0 0	31 17 6	265 0 0	19 17 6
Sydenham	260 0 0	19 10 0	160 0 0	12 0 0
Addington	275 0 0	20 12 6	175 0 0	13 2 6
Riccarton	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
St. Albans	550 0 0	41 5 0	350 0 0	26 5 0
Papanui	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Lytelton	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Springston	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Tai Tapu	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Leeston	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Kaipoi	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Ohoka	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Rangiora	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Woodend-Sefton	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Greendale	250 0 0	18 15 0	150 0 0	11 5 0
Hawarden	90 0 0	6 15 0	60 0 0	4 10 0
Waddington H.M. Stn.	...	4 0 0
Oxford	4 0 0
	6688 15 0	509 12 8	4208 15 0	315 13 6

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SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 7½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru	575	0	0	43	2	6	375	0	0	28	2	6
Waimate	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Temuka, King Street	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Geraldine	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Ashburton	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Willowby	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Oamaru	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Rakaia-Methven H.M.S.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mayfield ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2175	0	0	171	2	6	1375	0	0	103	2	6

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 7½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—	450	0	0	33	10	0	290	0	0	21	15	0
Trinity	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Central Mission	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Dundas Street	410	0	0	30	15	0	250	0	0	18	15	0
Cargill Road	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
St. Kilda	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Caversham	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Mornington	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Roslyn-Maori Hill	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
„ H.M.S. 1 ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Chalmers	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Balclutha	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Milton	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Roxburgh	225	0	0	16	17	6	125	0	0	9	7	6
Invercargill Central	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Invercargill, St. Peter's	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	13	2	6
Bluff	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Gore	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Otautau	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	7	10	0
Waikouaiti H.M. Stn. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Broad Bay ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mosgiel ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Edendale	4	0	0
Lawrence	4	0	0
Cromwell	4	0	0
Riverton	4	0	0
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	4	0	0
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