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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
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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 the Town Hall Concert Chamber, Dunedin, on Thursday, 19th February, 1931, and concluded on 28th February, 1931.

The Session was opened by the Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., Retiring President, who made a statement that in view of the inability through illness of the President Elect to assume office, a ballot must be taken for the purpose of electing a President for the year 1931. This resulted in the election of the Rev. Ernest D. Patchett, who was then inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. W. S. Mackay was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by the retiring Vice-President.

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

On the motion of the Secretary it was resolved:—That the holding of the Opening Session of Conference in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall, Dunedin, be validated by the Conference.

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Christchurch (East)	H. Chapman
"	S. Harrington
"	W. C. Francis
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	H. Holland, M.P., C.B.E.
Christchurch (Woolston)	..	..	..	..	..	W. McDowell
Christchurch (Sydenham)	..	..	..	..	..	W. Dobbs
Christchurch (Addington)	..	..	..	..	..	J. Voss
Christchurch (Riccarton)	..	..	..	..	..	C. L. Duder
Christchurch (St. Albans)	..	..	..	..	..	A. D. Hassall
"	..	..	..	..	..	A. Williams
Christchurch (Papanui)	..	..	..	..	..	A. E. Haynes
Lyttelton	..	..	..	..	..
Springston	..	..	..	..	..	H. W. Peryman*
Tai Tapu	..	..	..	..	..	J. Gilmour
Leeston	..	..	..	..	..	Miss L. M. Parkin
Kaiapoi	..	..	..	..	..	Miss S. E. Evans
Ohoka	..	..	..	..	..	H. A. Bennett
Rangiora	..	..	..	..	..	S. Ayers
Woodend-Sefton	..	..	..	..	..	J. Tull
Greendale	..	..	..	..	..	J. W. Warren*
Hawarden	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. W. Parker*

South Canterbury District.

Timaru	..	..	..	..	..	H. H. Brown
"	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. H. H. Brown
Waimate	..	..	..	..	..	J. I. Hayman
Temuka	..	..	..	..	..	R. Maxwell*
Geraldine	..	..	..	..	..
Ashburton	..	..	..	..	..	F. Frampton
Willowby	..	..	..	..	..	W. T. Lill
Oamaru	..	..	..	..	..	F. G. Marshall

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	..	..	..	..	..	P. Christie
Dunedin Central Mission	..	..	..	..	..	D. C. Cameron
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	..	..	..	..	..	S. G. Macfarlane, M.A.
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	..	..	..	..	..	C. Strong
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	..	..	..	..	..	I. Winton
Dunedin (Caversham)	..	..	..	..	..	L. Mercier
Dunedin (Mornington)	..	..	..	..	..	A. H. Reed
Dunedin (Roslyn)	..	..	..	..	..	L. R. Wraight
Port Chalmers	..	..	..	..	..	Miss Allan

Balclutha	.. .. .	Prince Bell
Milton	.. .. .	C. Sheat
Roxburgh	.. .. .	Miss Houghton
Invercargill (Central)	.. .. .	G. E. Turney
Invercargill (St. Peters)	.. .. .	G. R. Brown
Bluff	.. .. .	G. R. George
Gore	.. .. .	Mrs. A. M. Costain
Otautau	.. .. .	Mrs. Brooker

Solomon Islands District.

Mr. D. C. Cameron.

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

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

Who have travelled four years.

Honours: Norman P. Larsen.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Ivo M. Raynor

Who has travelled four years.

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

Who have travelled three years.

Leonard C. Horwood
 Arthur T. Kent
 Walter Parker

Who have travelled two years.

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

Who have travelled one year.

W. Gordon Parker

Who remains on the President's List of Reserve.

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

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

Who have completed three years at the Theological College.

William W. H. Greenslade

Who has completed two years at the Theological College.

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

Donald C. Alley
 Reginald Day
 Raymond Dudley, M.A., (who has travelled one year.)
 Sydney Hindmarsh
 William C. Jenkin
 Kenneth A. Robinson
 Ivan S. Williamson

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

Bernard M. Chrystall
 J. Ainsley Daghish
 A. Everil Orr
 Ralph E. Patchett

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

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

A. Peter Dorrian
 George H. Goodman
 John John
 Andrew J. Johnston
 Howard C. Matthews
 Henry J. Tozer

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

None.

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

Naphtali Fotu
 Paul Havea
 Belshazzar Gina

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

None.

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

None.

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

E. S. Bennett

R. Coombridge

Who have completed their third year.

F. Sanderson

Who has completed his second year.

G. C. R. Ashworth

E. J. Clarke

L. C. Elmsley

O. P. Liddell

Who have completed their first year.

Honours: L. C. Elmsley.

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

Thomas W. Newbold.

Joeli Soakai.

Also, F. P. Kellow and John Oliver,

Retired Home Missionaries.

Thomas Walter Newbold arrived with his parents from the Homeland at the early age of four. He was educated at the public school near Kingsland and at the Auckland College and Grammar School. Converted in his fifteenth year, he quickly became a worker for his Lord. His first sermon was preached when he was sixteen, and he immediately became a most acceptable Local Preacher with a remarkable gift of apt illustration, and a flow of beautiful language. For a few years he was engaged in commercial life, and was received as a candidate for the Wesleyan Ministry at the Auckland Conference of 1883. After three years at Wesley College, Three Kings, Mr. Newbold was received on probation. With occasional breaks in his ministry for health reasons, or for travel, he rendered excellent service to our Church for twenty-six years. His preaching was evangelical, earnest and winsome, lit up with great charm of poetic imagination and expressed with rare beauty of diction. Always our Brother aimed at "winning souls," and he was privileged to share in not a few revivals. He was greatly beloved for his sympathetic and brotherly spirit manifested as a pastor and as a loyal colleague. In 1912, medical advice compelled the Conference to consent to Mr. Newbold's superannuation. For eighteen years he resided in Dunedin, as a Supernumerary. By incessant toil, and wise investments, he was able to provide for his dependents, support generously the funds of Methodism, and finally to bequeath valuable property for the benefit of our Orphanage work. During his years of retirement, Mr. Newbold preached as opportunity offered. His ministrations were highly appreciated and his services were in constant demand. To the last, he had the joy of witnessing conversions under his preaching. After many months of a painful and incurable com-

plaint, borne with unflinching fortitude and great cheerfulness, our Brother "gently fell asleep in Jesus." Early on Sunday morning, October 19, 1930, in the sixty-ninth year of his life, and thirty-six years after his ordination, this brave soldier of Jesus Christ went Home to rest. The memory of our dear Brother's exceptional abilities linked with deep humility, of his simple faith, and of his friendship, staunch and unselfish, will remain fragrant for all who knew him.

Joeli Soakai was a native minister who was born in Tonga and who heard the call to service in the Solomon Islands in 1908, in what was in those days a difficult and dangerous field. Here he rendered valuable service, particularly in connection with the educational work of the Mission. In 1910 he was received as a probationer for the native ministry, and served the full term of six years in the Solomons. In 1916, for family reasons, he returned to Tonga and in that district was appointed to several Circuits. In 1921 he volunteered once more for service in the Solomons, and for more than eight years served the Mission with much devotion and success. On November 17, 1930, he was called to higher service and was laid to rest in the little cemetery at the head-station.

Francis P. Kellow spent the earlier part of his life in farming and newspaper pursuits. During this period he served the Church with faithfulness and zeal as a layman. When over 50 years of age he entered the Home Mission work, being employed in the New Plymouth, Wanganui and Mayfield Circuits. He was a man of deep personal piety and had a very real sense of his Saviour's presence. His was a ministry of helpfulness to men, many of whom he led into personal touch with Christ. During the six years of his retirement, spent in Wanganui, he loved the House of God and the communion of his fellow Christians. After months of suffering he passed peacefully into the eternal rest.

John Oliver came to New Zealand when twelve years of age, and entered our Home Mission work in 1899, labouring with much acceptance in many parts of the Dominion, retiring from the work at the end of his second term at Norsewood. Our brother was a man of unassuming disposition, never seeking publicity, content faithfully to do what he could, so that in many homes his quiet, sincere ministry proved a very benediction. He excelled as a Pastor, and the sick, the bereaved, the troubled, and the aged were always his especial care. For some months his health steadily declined and he passed to his rest on Sunday, August 17, 1930. Mrs. Oliver and six daughters survive him, and to them our sincerest sympathy is extended. We pray that God, in Whose service our brother spent so many happy years, will greatly comfort them.

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
 Samuel H. D. Peryman
 John W. Griffin
 Arthur Mitchell

2. John Harris, for another year.

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

Albert C. Lawry
 Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.
 Henry L. Blamires
 George S. Cook
 Jacob Featherston

2. William Greenslade, for one year.

Albert C. Lawry.—It is with a sense of gratitude that the Church places on record its appreciation of the long and distinguished ministry of the Rev. A. C. Lawry, and yet with a twinge of regret that the time for retirement has arrived. Coming from a long line of Methodist ancestry, and of notable Missionary stock, he has fulfilled a many-sided ministry covering forty-six years in the active work. He has served in almost every type of Circuit, and no other minister has spent such a long period in Circuit work. In all his Circuits he has left a gracious memory, having exercised a fruitful, inspiring and comforting ministry. He has been outstanding as a Pastor and Preacher and equally so as Chairman of various districts, and as President of the Conference. When the centenary year approached, the Church felt that the position of Organising Secretary for the centenary celebrations and fund might rightly claim him, he being in the lineal succession of our South Sea Island Missionaries. In this capacity, by his varied gifts, and by calling others to his aid, he rendered conspicuous service, celebrations and fund being crowned with complete success. At the close of his active ministry his brethren are persuaded that Mr. Lawry was never more effective as Circuit administrator, pastor and preacher; he is highly acceptable in all the Churches of the city in which he now labours, and he is everywhere in demand as "the children's preacher." Happily his natural strength seems unabated, and the geniality and bonhomie which have always characterised his sunny personality,

are as much in evidence as ever. He retires with the love of our Church people and the goodwill of his brethren. In all his Church life and service he has been ably sponsored by Mrs. Lawry, who, by winsomeness and beauty of character and disposition, as well as by service, has won a place for herself in every sphere that Mr. Lawry has occupied. A wide circle of friends throughout the Dominion join in wishing them a very long and happy eventide.

Dr. Charles H. Laws.—Having completed the full term of service of forty-four years, Charles Henry Laws retires from the active work after one of the most distinguished ministries in the history of our New Zealand Church. Received as a candidate for the Ministry from the Napier Circuit, he entered the Theological College at Three Kings in 1885. His first appointments were in Dunedin and Christchurch, where he acted as assistant to the late Dr. Morley. His later appointments have been to the principal Circuits of the Church. In all places he has exercised a most influential and powerful ministry. Almost every position of trust and responsibility in our Church has been filled by him. He has occupied the Chair of the District in Otago, Canterbury and Auckland. For seven years he was the very efficient Secretary of the Conference, setting a high standard for all his successors in that office. He has twice filled the Chair of the Conference, in 1910 and 1922, on each occasion with great distinction. During the year of his first Presidency an independent Conference was secured for New Zealand. His second election to the Presidency was a tribute to the outstanding service rendered by him in connection with the celebration of the centenary of the Church in the Dominion. In 1922, the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Victoria University, Toronto. In 1920 Dr. Laws was appointed to the important position of Principal of the Theological College, a position which he has filled with marked distinction. His name will always be associated with the present Trinity Theological College as that of the one chiefly responsible for raising the large sum of money required for the erection of the magnificent College buildings which will ever stand as a monument of this, the crowning visible service rendered by him to the Church. Dr. Laws has always been a conscientious, strenuous worker, and a great spiritual force. Intelligently loyal to his Church, yet catholic in his sympathies, a wide reader, a fine scholar, an eloquent preacher, in touch with modern thought yet alive to what is of value in the old theological positions, he retires from active work amidst the love and respect of the whole Church. The hope is cherished that he may long live to serve the Church through the many avenues of Christian service still remaining open to him.

Henry L. Blamires entered the Ministry in 1896, and continued in the active service of the Church until 1930, when, on account of seriously impaired health, he became a temporary Supernumerary. In the year 1906 he was appointed Secretary of the Bible Class and Sunday School work of the Church, and continued in this work for two years. During this period his evangelistic work among the young people was conspicuously successful, and in the subsequent years of his ministry he fully retained his interest in the young people in his various circuits, and was the means of leading very many into vital relationship with Christ and the Church. At the outbreak of the war in 1914, Mr. Blamires was one of the first to volunteer for service overseas. He was accepted and appointed to a chaplaincy in the New Zealand Forces. In this capacity he

served with distinction for about three and a half years, and endured considerable hardship and suffering. This left a permanent mark on his physical constitution and health. It was hoped that a year's rest and freedom from Circuit responsibilities would re-establish his strength sufficiently to enable him to resume Circuit work. This hope has not been fulfilled, and he now becomes a Supernumerary, and carries with him into his retirement the prayers and best wishes of the Conference and the entire Church.

George Samuel Cook was born in New South Wales on June 4, 1863. Of his early religious history we have no knowledge, but he came to New Zealand in 1899, bringing with him first-class credentials as a preacher, together with a fine record in Sunday School and Temperance work. Mr Cook first took up Home Mission work at Huntly in 1900; a year later he entered the ranks of the Ministry. He has achieved an excellent record of work in many important Circuits. Of an artistic and poetic temperament and possessing gifts which made him an acceptable advocate of the Gospel, he did much pioneering work, built Churches and parsonages and laid foundations which endure to this day. Strangely familiar with chastening personal sickness, he has shown a patience and a sweetness which evidence a strength and tenderness of nature far beyond the average. Splendidly helped by Mrs. Cook, a lady of gifts and culture, Mr. Cook has served his Church with fine fidelity and retires with the love and esteem of all his brethren.

Jacob Featherston retires on superannuation after a ministry of thirty years, during which he served his Church with untiring zeal, marked fidelity, and proved efficiency. After serving the Wesleyan Church for some years as a Home Missionary he was received by the Primitive Methodist Church in 1901. He gave of his many gifts freely and fully to the Church. A faithful pastor and organiser, he was an acceptable preacher and also rendered great service to Synods and other Church courts by his secretarial gifts. Leaving the full work, he carries with him into retirement the affection of his brethren who wish him many years of health in which he may still render good service to his Church.

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

None.

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

Colin C. Harrison

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?

A. Wharton E. Silvester, W. John Court, E. Clarence Leadley and J. Montgomery Blight.

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

William Beckett is transferred to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference.

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

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

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

John Reid.
E. Oliver Haddon,
Who have resigned.
McDavis Wharehuia Rangiheuia.

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. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.

Honorary Members .. Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, G. T. Marshall, T. G. Brooke, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., W. A. Sinclair, H. E. Bellhouse, A. C. Lawry, J. Cocker, P. N. Knight, B.A., T. J. Wallis, M. A. R. Pratt, W. J. Elliott, A. J. Seamer, E. D. Patchett, J. A. Lochore, W. Greenslade.

(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., B.D., 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. N. Scotter, B.A.
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. T. W. Veale.
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 Theology of the Gospels (Moffatt)	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. E. P. Blamires.
Psychology of Religion (Selbie)	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
The Church and the Ministry (Lindsay)	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. P. R. Paris.
Christianity and Ethics (Alexander)	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
Altar, Cross, and Community (Lofthouse)	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. A. Ashcroft.
The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience (Humphries)	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.
The World to Come and Final Destiny (Leckie)	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. T. R. Richards.
Religions of the World (Barton)	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. W. Wills.
The Methodist Law Book	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. A. McBean.
Anthropology (Marett), and Comparative Religion (Carpenter)	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. L. B. Neale, F.R.G.S.
Ethnology (Haberlandt)	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. F. Copeland.

(B) Examiners for Students.

Systematic Theology	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. G. Frost.
Biblical Theology—			
Old Testament	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. E. Drake.
New Testament	.. ..	.. ..	Rev. R. B. Tinsley.

Old Test. Intro. and Exegesis	..	..	Rev. A. Ashcroft.
New Test. Intro. and Exegesis	..	..	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
Pastoral Theology and Homiletics	..	..	Rev. J. Wrigley.
Greek	..	..	Rev. J. H. Haslam.
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. G. F. Stockwell.
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. J. Richards.
Church History	..	..	..	..	Rev. R. P. Keall.
Homiletics	..	..	..	..	Rev. C. Blair.

(E) Examiners for Maoris.

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

M.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 21, and the second section on Tuesday, December 1. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 15, and of Home Missionary Probationers on Tuesday, December 1.

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 to page 155.
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: Moffatt's Theology of the Gospels.

7. Church History: Walker, pages 1—194.
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, pages 157-244.
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 (1932, Walker, pp. 195-334).
8. Selbie's Psychology of Religion.
9. Humphries' The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience.
10. Anthropology (Marett), and Comparative Religion (Carpenter); Home University Library. (For Probationers designated for Foreign Missions only.)

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. (1933.—Walker, pp. 335-590).
8. Barton's Religions of the World, Chapters I.-IX.
9. Alexander's Christianity and Ethics.
10. Ethnology (Haberlandt), Dent's Temple Series. (For Probationers designated for Foreign Missions only.)

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), Leckie's The World to Come and Final Destiny.
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 1930 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. Systematic Theology	2
2. Old and New Testament Teaching	2
3. Old Testament Introduction and Exegesis	1
4. New Testament Introduction and Exegesis	2
5. Pastoral Theology and Homiletics	1
6. New Testament Greek	2
7. Hebrew	2
8. English Language and Literature	2
9. Mental and Moral Philosophy	1
10. Principles of Pedagogy and Child Psychology	1
11. Mathematics	2
12. Elocution and Voice Production	1
13. Classical Greek	2

Matriculated Students will often take University classes in addition. All Students to take numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12. A few selected men will take Hebrew and Classical Greek in preparation for University work. Most men will take English Literature; English Grammar and Mathematics will be taken only by selected students. Test papers are to be set each term on General Bible Knowledge. The classes in Pastoral Theology and Homiletics will include instruction in Sunday School Methods and Organisation and preparation for work among adolescents; practical work to be done in conjunction with the lecturer on Pedagogy.

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE AND INTRODUCTION AND THEOLOGY.

- General Bible Knowledge, Old and New Testaments. Text Books: Maclear's Primers.
- Biblical Introduction—Text Books:
The Old Testament, Its Writers and Their Messages (Healing).
The New Testament, Its Writers and Their Messages (Hunter).
- Theology—Text Books:
What a Christian Believes and Why? (Hunter).
The New Catechism of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, with Hunter's Lesson Helps on the New Catechism.

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

SECTION B.

LANGUAGES, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY AND SCIENCE.

- English—(a) F. Jones' A First Course in English. (b) An Essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner. (For 1931, the text-book is Nosfield's).

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 (C. Pendlebury, or Workman).
2. Geometry—Lines, Angles, Rectilinear Figures and Area of Rectilinear Figures. (Geometry, Parts I. and II. Baker and Bourne).
3. Algebra—Easy Examples and Problems to Simple Equations (Hall and Knight, Chapters I. to XXII.).

V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR MAORI CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

1. General Bible Knowledge (Maori).
2. Second Catechism (English).

SECTION B.

1. English Language—(a) Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar"; (b) Correction of Common Errors; (c) Essay on some easy subject of importance to the Young Maori Movement (subject to be chosen by the Examiner).
2. Geography—"Southern Cross Imperial Geography," for Standards V. and VI., Parts I. and II. only.
3. History—Warner and Martin's "Groundwork of English History," Part III.
4. Arithmetic—"New Southern Cross," for Standard V.

VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

FIRST YEAR.

- English—Nesfield's *Outlines of English Grammar* (pp. 1 to 80).
- Theology—New Catechism of Wesleyan-Methodist Church, with Hunter's *Lesson Helps on the New Catechism*.
- Bible Knowledge—Dods' *Genesis* (Bible Class Handbooks), Chapter 12 to end.

SECOND YEAR.

- English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar (pp. 81 to end).
 Church History—Cowan's Landmarks of Church History.
 Theology—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why?" (first half).
 Bible Knowledge—Anderson's Gospel according to St. Matthew.
 (Clark's Bible Class Handbooks).

THIRD YEAR.

- English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar (whole book).
 Theology—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why?" (second half).
 Homiletics—Clapperton's Manual for Local Preachers.
 Bible Knowledge—Robertson's Our Lord's Teaching (Guild Text Book).

VII.—CURRICULUM OF STUDIES—DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

- Theology—The Second Catechism.
 Church History—History of Methodism. Telford's Annotated Edition.
 Old Testament—Maclear's Primer.
 New Testament—Maclear's Primer.
 English—Standard VI., Essay on Selected Subject.

STUDENTS.

FIRST YEAR.

- Theology—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why?" Lectures.
 Church History—"What Methodism Stands For" (Fitchett). Lectures.
 Old Testament—"Genesis" (Dod's B.C. Handbooks). Lectures.
 New Testament—"St Paul" (Stalker; B.C. Handbooks). Lectures.
 English—"Manual of English Grammar" (Nesfield). Lectures.
 Elocution—Lectures.

SECOND YEAR.

- Theology—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why" Lectures.
 Church History—"Landmarks of Church History." Lectures.
 Old Testament—"Job." Century Bible. Lectures.
 New Testament—"The Teaching of Jesus." B.C. Handbooks. Lectures
 English Literature—
 "Simple History of English Literature" (A. L. Stronach). Lectures.
 "Readings in Literature" (R. F. Savage).
 Elocution—Lectures.

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS.

A list of books is subjoined, with a view to guiding the reading of Probationers during their four years' course of study. Probationers are especially urged to read the works marked with an asterisk in the various sections.

Section I.—The Bible:

- (a) Dictionaries Edited by J. Hastings—
 (1) Dictionary of the Bible (5 vols. or 1 vol.).
 (2) Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels (2 vols.).
 (3) Dictionary of the Apostolic Church (2 vols.).

Commentaries—

Peake's Commentary on the Bible.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clarke's Handbooks in Timothy-Titus—

Judges—Burney's Notes on Hebrew Text.

Samuel—Driver's Notes on Hebrew Text.

Kings—Burney

Job—Strahan.

Daniel—Bevan.

Matthew—Plummer and M'Neile.

Mark—Swete.

Luke—Knapp.

John—Westcott.

Romans—Gifford.

Galatians—Lightfoot.

Ephesians—Robinson.

Colossians—Lightfoot.

Thessalonians—Milligan.

Hebrews—A. B. Davidson: Westcott.

Nairne—"The Epistle of Priesthood."

Scott-Lidgett "Sonship and Salvation."

James—Mayor.

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

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

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

Jude—Mayor.

Revelation—Swete: Peake.

(b) General—

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

(c) Old Testament—

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

(d) New Testament—

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

- Glover, T. R.—The Jesus of History (S.C.M.): Jesus in the Experience of Men.
- Halliday—Pagan Background of Early Christianity (Univ. Press).
- Headlam, A. C.—The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ (Murray).
- Hogg, A. G.—Christ's Message of the Kingdom (Clark).
- James, M. R.—The Apocryphal N.T.
- Kennedy, H. A. A.—Vital Forces of the Early Church (S.C.M.): The Theology of the Epistles (Duckworth).
- Moffatt, J.—Theology of the Gospels (Duckworth): Introduction to the Literature of the N.T.
- Morgan, J.—Religion and Theology of St Paul (Clark).
- Nairne, A.—The Faith of the N.T. (Longman^s).
- 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).
 Weinl, W.—Jesus in the 19th Century and After.

(b) Apologetics—

- *Ballard, F.—Miracles of Unbelief (Sharp).
 Butler, J.—Analogy of Religion (R.T.S.).
 Caldecott, A.—Selections from the Literature of Theism (Clark).
 Forrest, D. W.—The Christ of History and of Experience (Clark): The Authority of Christ.
 Forsyth, P. T.—The Principle of Authority (Hodder and Stoughton).
 *Garvie, A. E.—Christian Apologetics (Duckworth).
 Gwatkin, H. M.—The Knowledge of God (Clark).
 Illingworth, J. R.—Reason and Revelation (Macmillan).
 Orr, J.—The Christian View of God and the World.
 Peake, A. S.—Christianity, Its Nature and Truth (Duckworth)
 Quick, O. C.—Liberalism, Modernism and Tradition.
 Taylor, V.—The Historical Evidence for the Virgin Birth.
 Ward, J.—Naturalism and Agnosticism (Black).

Section III.—Science and Philosophy:

- Adams, Mrs—Plato.
 Bergson—Creative Evolution.
 Baudoin—Studies in Psycho-Analysis.
 Caird—Hegel.
 Dix—Child Study.
 Drever—Psychology of Everyday Life.
 Eucken—Truth of Religion.
 Findlay—The School.
 Hutton—The Lesson of Evolution.
 *Inge, W. R.—Christian Mysticism.
 Jones, Henry—Rudolf Eucken.
 Jones, Rufus—Studies in Mystical Religion.
 Jowett—Introductions to Plato.
 Kirkpatrick—Fundamentals of Child Study.
 Lodge, O.—Man and the Universe.
 Lay—The Child's Unconscious Mind.
 MacKenzie—Outline of Metaphysics.
 Maeterlinck—Life of the Bee.
 Martineau—Types of Ethical Theory.
 *M'Dougall—Social Psychology.
 *Muirhead—Elements of Ethics.

- Romanes—Darwin and After Darwin.
 Soddy—Matter and Energy.
 Thomson and Geddes—Evolution.
 Wallace—Darwinism: Kant.
 *Wardell—Contemporary Philosophy: First Lessons in Philosophy.
 Welton—The Psychology of Education.

Section IV.—The Church:

(a) History—

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

(b) Doctrine of Church and Ministry—

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

(c) Methodist History and Polity—

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

(d) Pastoral Theology—

- Arthur, W.—The Tongue of Fire (Sharp).
 *Brooks, Phillips—Lectures of Preaching (Allenson).
 Bruce, A. B.—The Training of the Twelve (Clark).
 Cadman—Ambassadors of God (Macmillan).

- *Dale, H. W.—Lectures on Preaching (Hodder).
 Dargan—History of Preaching.
- *Garvie, A. E.—The Christian Preacher (Clark).
 Gillie, R. C.—The Minister in the Modern World (Black).
 Gladden, W.—The Christian Pastor (Clark).
 Haslett—Pedagogical Bible School.
- Jackson, G.—The Fact of Conversion. The Preacher and the Modern Mind.
- James, W.—Varieties of Religious Experience.
 Jowett, J. H.—The Preacher: His Life and Work (Hodder).
 Lamoreaux—The Unfolding Life.
 Lawrence—How to Conduct a Sunday School.
 Potter (Ed.)—Principles of Religion Education.
 Stalker, J.—The Preacher and His Models (Hodder).
 Wesley, J.—Address to the Clergy.
- (e) Devotional Works—
 Bodington's Books of Devotion.
 A'Kempis, T.—The Imitation of Christ (Sharp).
 Andrewes Launcelot—Devotions (Allenson).
 Augustine Confessions (S.S.U.).
 Barnes, E. W.—Early Christians at Prayer (Methuen).
 Bosworth—Christ in Everyday Life.
 Davis—Meeting the Master.
 Edwards, Jonathan—Religious Affections.
 Fleming—Marks of a World Christian.
 Fosdick, H. E.—The Manhood of the Master (S.C.M.). The Meaning of Prayer (S.C.M.). The Meaning of Faith (S.C.M.). The Meaning of Service (S.C.M.).
 Horton, R. F.—The Open Secret.
 Inge, W. R.—Speculum Animae (Longmans).
 Law, W.—Serious Call (Library of Ancient and Modern Theology).
 Matheson, G.—Devotional Volumes.
 M'Afee, C. B.—Psalms of the Social Life (Association Press N.Y.).
 Orchard, W. E.—The Temple Book of Prayers (Dent).
 Pascal, B.—Thoughts (Scott).
 Smellie—The Hour of Silence and In the Secret Place.
 Stoddart, Jane T.—Private Prayer in Christian Story.
 Taylor, J.—Holy Living and Holy Dying (Longmans).
 *Welsh, R. E.—Classics of the Soul's Quest.

Section V.—Biography:

- Brooke, Stopford, Life and Letters of.
 Brown, Dr Geo., Autobiography.
 Bunyan, John, by J. A. Froude.
 Collins, Thomas, Life of, by S. Coley.
 Cromwell, Oliver, Letters and Speeches, T. Carlyle.
 Dale, R. W.—Life of, by his Son.
 Darwin, C.—Life of, by his Son.
 *Drummond, H., Life of, by G. A. Smith (Hodder).
 Early Methodist Preachers. Library of Methodist Biographies.
 Hughes, Hugh Price, Life of, by his Daughter.
 Huxley, T., Life and Letters of, by his Son.
 Johnson, Samuel, Life of, by Boswell.
 *Kingsley, Chas., Life and Letters of, by his Son.
 Luther, Martin, by T. Lindsay.

- Martyn, Henry, by Constance Padwick (S.C.M.).
 Matheson, George, Life of, by Macmillan.
 Maurice, F. D., Life of, by his Son.
 Mazzini, J., Autobiography.
 Pitt, Life of, by Lord Rosebery.
 Plutarch, Lives.
 Robertson, Stopford Brooke.
 Ruskin, Life of, by Cook.
 St Francis of Assisi, by Sabatier.
 *Savonarola, by Villari.
 Stevenson, Robert Louis, Faith of, by J. Kelman.
 Tennyson, A., A Memoir by his Son.
 Whyte, Alex., by G. F. Barbour.
 William the Silent, by Harrison.

Section VI.—Comparative Religion:

- Carpenter, J. E.—Comparative Religion (Williams and Norgate). Buddhism and Christianity (Hodder).
 Cave, S.—An Introduction to the Study of Some Living Religions of the East.
 Farquhar, J. N.—The Crown of Hinduism (Milford). Modern Religious Movements in India.
 Farnell, L. R.—Higher Aspects of Greek Religion.
 Gairdner, W. H. T.—The Rebuke of Islam (S.C.M.).
 Geden, A. S.—Studies in the Religions of the East.
 Glover, T. R.—Progress in Religion.
 Haigh, H.—Some Leading Ideas of Hinduism.
 Hume, R. E.—The World's Living Religions.
 James, E. O.—Introduction to Anthropology.
 Jevons, F. B.—Introduction to the Study of Religion.
 Kay, D. M.—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.
 "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 Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be re-appointed Secretary and Convener of the Board of Examiners.
2. That on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners the Conference appoint each year an examiner for the Oral Examinations at the succeeding Conference, and that in the event of such examiner not being able to attend the Conference, a substitute be appointed by the President, and that the expenses of such examiner in travelling to Conference be a charge upon the Contingent Fund.
3. That the Oral Examiner for 1932 be the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.
4. That the Conference learns with pleasure that the Rev. L. B. Neale has gained a Fellowship in the Royal Geographical Society, and grants permission to this honour being printed in the Minutes of Conference.
5. That the third term Examination of Students be regarded as an internal test, and, with the exception of those subjects not taken by University men, be not reckoned in the year's averages.
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 Regulation No. 6, Law Book, p. 83, be amended to read: "Section A to deal with Greek Text, Grammar and Composition (maximum marks 65); Section B to deal with Exegesis and General Knowledge of the book (maximum marks 35)."

9. That Probationers be required to make a reasonable analysis of eight of the best books on their Book List; these analyses to be presented to the Ministerial Committee, and the oral examination be confined to one of these books.
10. That candidates for the Ministry who are accepted for training be required to give the Examination Committee a pledge that they will loyally observe the Rules and Regulations of the Theological College.
11. That the Board of Studies, together with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, act as an Executive Committee of the Board between Conferences, and that the following matters be referred for consideration to the Executive this year:—
 - (a) The Course of Study for Native (Solomon Islands) Probationers.
 - (b) The list of books recommended for Home Missionary Probationers.

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

AUCKLAND.

Central Mission.—That the appointment for the ensuing year be a married Home Missionary and a Deaconess, with a suitable grant.
 Pukekohe.—That the resolution of last Conference re a third agent be rescinded, and that the Circuit be worked by two agents.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Te Kuiti.—That the Te Kuiti Home Mission Station be divided, and that Otorohanga, with out Stations—Maihihi, Otewa, Hangatiki, Whawharua, and Kio Kio—be constituted a Circuit.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Caversham.—That the boundaries of the Caversham Circuit be extended to include Mosgiel; the second agent to reside at Abbotsford.
 Port Chalmers.—That the Dundas Street Circuit be divided and that Ravensbourne and Broad Bay be attached to the Port Chalmers Circuit, with a Probationer as second agent, who shall reside at Ravensbourne, and with a suitable grant.
 Otautau.—That the Otautau Circuit be reduced to a Home Mission Station.

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

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Wanganui.—That an Ordained Minister be stationed at Gonville as second agent, and with a suitable grant.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Napier.—That, owing to special circumstances, the appointment of a second agent be deferred.

WELLINGTON.

Masterton.—That in the event of a change of appointment being made at Kuripuni, a Probationer be appointed.

NELSON.

Greymouth.—That no second agent be appointed for 1931, and that the words "One Wanted" be deleted.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

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

QUESTION XXV.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Otorohanga.—With Mashihi, Otewa, Hangatiki, Whawharua, and Kio Kio.

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

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

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

Marton.—That Marton be relieved for another year.

Taihape.—That Taihape be relieved for another year.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Wairoa.—That Wairoa be relieved for another year.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington East.—That Wellington East be relieved for a third year.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

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

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

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

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

RESOLUTION.

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

1. Wanganui (Trinity), 2nd.
2. Wellington South, 2nd.
3. Durham Street, 2nd.
4. Woolston, 2nd.

QUESTION XXVII.—How are the Ministers and Probationers of the Conference Stationed for the Ensuing Year?

LIST OF STATIONS

OF THE

Methodist Church of New Zealand.

President: **REV. ERNEST D. PATCHETT.**

Vice-President: **MR. WM. S. MACKAY.**

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1931.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 125, and [1] to [7] 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, Robert B. Tinsley, Herbert W. Payne; 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.—George I. Laurenson.

2. **Auckland West.**—George Frost, J. Wesley Parker.

3. **Auckland East.**—Ernest D. Patchett, Samuel J. Warren (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, Arthur Mitchell, Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., (Supernumeraries).

Epsom Orphanage Chaplain.—Ernest D. Patchett.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Principal; William T. Blight, M.A., B.D., Residential Tutor.

4. **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.
5. **Auckland** (Devonport).—Jonathan H. Haslam.
6. **Auckland** (Takapuna).—H. Leslie Richards.
7. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—William W. Avery; John D. Jory (Supernumerary).
8. **Onehunga**.—Frank E. Leadley.
9. **Otahuhu**.—William Gatman, W. E. Allon Carr.
10. **Papakura**.—J. Frederick Martin; Joseph H. Simmonds, J. Wesley Griffin (Supernumeraries).
11. **Pukekohe**.—John H. Bailey; a Home Missionary (Bombay).
WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE, PAERATA. — John H. Bailey, Chaplain.
12. **Waiuku**.—Wallace S. Neal.
13. **Mahurangi**.—One Wanted (Warkworth).
14. **Paparua**.—Hubert G. Brown.
15. **Northern Wairoa**.—Walter J. Enticott; W. John Court (Ruawai); a Home Missionary (Kaihu).
16. **Whangarei**.—Ernest E. Sage.
17. **Whangaroa**.—One wanted.
18. **Bay of Islands**.—Joseph C. Draper (who shall supervise 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**.—James H. Hall.
21. **Mangonui**.—Ivo M. Raynor.
22. **Maori Missions**.—Home Mission Department: R. Tahupotiki Haddon, Senior Maori Superintendent.

(1) AUCKLAND—

- Eruera Te Tuhi (Tuakau).
- Matarae Tauroa (Waima).
- Supply (Dargaville).
- 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).

AUCKLAND SOCIAL SERVICE MISSION—A Home Missionary.

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.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT (President of the Conference),
Chairman of the District.
ANGUS McBEAN, Financial Secretary.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

23. **Thames.**—Arthur Liversedge (who shall supervise the Coromandel and Hauraki Plains Home Mission Stations).
24. **Te Aroha.**—Albert H. Fowles.
25. **Morrinsville.**—F. Gardner Brown, G. Richard Bowden.
26. **Paeroa.**—Frank Bateup.
27. **Cambridge.**—James W. Parker.
28. **Hamilton.**—William H. Hocking, 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.**—Cecil R. Taylor.
32. **Opotiki.**—G. Raymond Harris (who shall supervise Whakatane Circuit).
33. **Taumarunui.**—Bernard R. Hames, M.A. (who shall supervise Ohura (H.M. Station)).
34. **Te Awamutu.**—William Wills.
35. **Matamata.**—Albert Blakemore.
36. **Huntly.**—Charles E. Dickens.
37. **Whakatane.**—E. Clarence Leadley.
38. **Otorohanga.**—A Wharton E. Silvester.

(2) WAIKATO-KING COUNTRY—

Matene Keepa (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 WILLS.—Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

39. **New Plymouth.**—Clarence Eaton, Robert B. Gosnell; one wanted; John Nixon (Supernumerary).
40. **Waitara.**—Robert McGregor; a Home Missionary.
41. **Inglewood.**—Harry V. Utting.
42. **Stratford.**—Thomas Skuse; a Home Missionary.
43. **Eltham.**—Thomas Coatsworth.
44. **Hawera.**—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C.
45. **Manaia.**—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
46. **Opunake.**—Charles M. Roberts; a Home Missionary.
47. **Kaponga.**—John R. Nelson.
48. **Wanganui.**—Edwin T. Cox, M.A.; Herbert Spencer.
49. **Wanganui North.**—John Olphert; one wanted.
50. **Marton.**—One wanted.
51. **Taihape.**—Francis J. Handy.

(3) TARANAKI-WAIMARINO—

Rakena P. Rakena (Okaiawa).

Supply (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.

52. **Napier.**—E. Thomas Olds.
53. **Hastings.**—Walter J. Oxbrow.
54. **Gisborne.**—William J. Elliott, Thomas H. Carr.
55. **Wairoa.**—J. Montgomery Blight.
56. **Dannevirke.**—Hedley White.
57. **Woodville.**—William B. Cuming.
58. **Pahiatua.**—William B. Pickering.
59. **Palmerston North (St. Paul's).**—J. Ernest Parsons.

60. **Palmerston North** (Cuba Street).—John D. McArthur.

61. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**.—Robert E. Fordyce.

62. **Feilding**.—Fred Copeland; a Home Missionary.

63. **Sanson-Rongotea**.—Percy J. Cossum.

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.

64. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—Thomas R. Richards, Robert Raine.
Young People's Department.—E. Percy Blamires, General Secretary;
John D. Grocott, Travelling Secretary, Y.M.B.C. Movement.

65. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—Henry J. Odell, John Dennis; James T. Pinfold, D.D. (Supernumerary).

66. **Wellington South**.—Thomas W. Vealie; one wanted.

67. **Wellington East**.—Edwin S. Harkness, Matthew A. McDowell; Colin C. Harrison (resting).

68. **Johnsonville-Ngaio**.—Alfred E. Jefferson, Howard H. Jeffreys (Ngaio),
a Home Missionary (Porirua); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Super-
numerary.)

69. **Hutt**.—Harold A. Sharp, David O. Williams; Arthur Harding
(Supernumerary).

70. **Petone**.—Benjamin J. James.

71. **Greytown-Featherston**.—R. Purcell Keall.

72. **Carterton**.—Ralph J. Liddell.

73. **Masterton**.—Ernest O. Blamires, Walter Parker; James Cocker
(Supernumerary).

Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, Ernest O. Blamires.

74. **Eketahuna**.—Henry Benny.

75. **Levin**.—William G. Slade, M.A.

76. **Otaki**.—Moses Ayrton; George S. Cook (Supernumerary).

PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.

UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS, Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

77. **Nelson**.—William A. Burley, M.A.

78. **Richmond**.—Raymond Richards.

79. **Blenheim**.—George F. Stockwell, Harry S. Kings (Tua Marina) who
shall supervise Havelock H.M. Station); a Home Missionary.

80. **Hokitika**.—G. Knowles Smith.

81. **Greymouth.**—George E. Brown (who shall supervise Reefton H.M. Station).
82. **Motueka.**—Francis T. Harris.
83. **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.

GEORGE F. STOCKWELL, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

84. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Percy N. Knight, B.A., 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.
85. **Christchurch East.**—Edward Drake, Fred Greenwood, Samuel Bailey; James Guy, William Greenslade, Jacob Featherston (Supernumeraries).
86. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.; Charles E. Ward, John Harris (Supernumeraries).
87. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Frederick B. Lawrence, Arthur T. Kent; Thomas Fee (Supernumerary).
88. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Basil Metson.
89. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Eric W. Hames, M.A.
90. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—J. Francis Jack.
91. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—William Rowe, Ernest B. Chambers; T. Jackson Wallis, Frederick T. Read (Supernumeraries).
92. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Arthur Hopper; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).

South Island Orphanage Chaplain.—Arthur Hopper.

93. **Lyttelton.**—Charles Blair.
94. **Springston.**—John Southern.
95. **Tai Tapu.**—Norman P. Larsen.
96. **Leeston.**—George P. Hunt.
97. **Kaiapoi.**—Oswald Burnet.
98. **Ohoka.**—Harry Cottom.
99. **Rangiora.**—Samuel Henderson.
100. **Woodend-Sefton.**—Herbert Ford.
101. **Greendale.**—One wanted.
102. **Hawarden.**—One wanted.

OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.

WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

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

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

103. **Timaru.**—Harold T. Peat, Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., Charlie O. Hailwood; Charles H. Standage (Supernumerary).
 104. **Waimate.**—W. Bramwell Scott.
 105. **Temuka.**—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
 106. **Geraldine.**—One wanted; Albert C. Lawry (Supernumerary).
 107. **Ashburton.**—George B. Hinton (who shall supervise the Rakaia-Methven H.M. Station).
 108. **Willowby.**—William Grigg.
 109. **Oamaru.**—Arthur Ashcroft.

RAKAIKA-METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.

MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GRIGG, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

110. **Dunedin (Trinity).**—Harold E. Bellhouse; one wanted; George Clement (Supernumerary).
 111. **Dunedin (Central Mission).**—Leslie B. Neale.
 112. **Dunedin (Dundas Street).**—Percy I. Cooke.
 113. **Dunedin (Cargill Road).**—John A. Lochore, William W. H. Greenslade (St. Clair).
 114. **Dunedin (St. Kilda).**—Percy R. Paris.
 115. **Dunedin (Caversham).**—Herbert Daniel.
 116. **Dunedin (Morningside).**—James Richards.
 117. **Dunedin (Roslyn).**—Henry Ryan.
 118. **Port Chalmers.**—T. Arthur Pybus, William E. Moore (Ravensbourne).
 119. **Balclutha.**—Hector C. Orchard.
 120. **Milton.**—Charles H. Kendon (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
 121. **Roxburgh.**—Gordon R. H. Peterson (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
 122. **Invercargill (Central).**—Charles H. Olds, B.A. (who shall supervise the Otautau, Riverton and Nightcaps-Tuatapere H.M. Stations).
 123. **Invercargill (St. Peter's).**—Oliver S. Pearn (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. Station).
 124. **Bluff.**—Athol R. Penn.
 125. **Gore.**—Alfred M. Costain.

OTAUTAU.—A Home Missionary

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-TUATAPERE.—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); one wanted (Kia, Roviana); Belshazzar Gina (under the direction of the Chairman of the District).

Sisters' Home.—Two Missionary 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.—One wanted.

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.

Luaniu.—One wanted.

Pelau.—A Catechist wanted.

Kela.—A Catechist wanted.

Tasman Group.—A Catechist wanted.

Ugili.—A Catechist.

Simbo.—Naphtali Potu; Samuel Alevia.

- (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.

Sirilando.—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.—A Missionary Sister (Bambatana).
 Circuit Training Institution.—Vincent Le C. Binet.
 Medical Mission.—Dr. C. James; two Nursing Sisters.
 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.

(7) **Bougainville and Buka.**—John R. Metcalfe (Tiop); Allan H. Cropp (Buka); A. Harry Voyce (Siwai); one wanted; two Catechists and 15 Native Teachers.

Narovo.—A Catechist.
 Siwai.—Native Teacher.
 Tiop.—John Maka.
 Buka.—Native Teacher.

District Base Hospital (Helena Goldie).—Dr. E. T. Sayers, Medical Superintendent.

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.

Thomas A. Brady is a superannuated Minister of the English Primitive Methodist Church, residing in New Zealand.

QUESTION XXVIII.—How are the Home Missionaries employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1931.

Auckland District.—

Auckland Social Service Mission.—C. G. Scrimgeour.
 " " " " Sister Rita.
 Avondale (Henderson).—Supply.
 Pukekohe (Bombay).—J. Belshaw.
 Mahurangi (Warkworth).—R. Grice.
 Helensville.—R. T. Alexander.
 Kaukapakapa.—J. Common.
 Hokianga (Rawene).—D. Hickman.
 (Kohukohu).—H. Whitfield.
 Whangarei (Portland).—R. Coombridge.
 Northern Wairoa (Kaihu).—Vernon Thomas.
 Ohaeawai.—T. Bailey.
 Port Albert.—Supply (W. Trafford).
 Whangaroa (Kaeo).—E. J. Clarke.
 Colporteur Work.—R. Tapp.
 " " Supply.

Maori Mission.—

Dargaville.—Supply.
 Purerua.—Hone Taotahi.
 Kawakawa.—Te Riri Kawiti.
 Punakitere.—Te Hira Ratete.
 Whananaki.—Tame Tuari.
 Utakura.—Supply.
 Whangaroa.—Supply.
 Kaikohe.—Wiremu Wi Hongi.

South Auckland District.—

Hauraki Plains (Ngatea).—J. M. Daley.
 Waihi.—T. W. Featherstone.
 Te Kuiti.—W. Sussex.
 Putaruru.—G. H. Marr.
 Te Puke.—A. L. Witheford.
 Ngaruawahia.—G. Hall.
 Ohura.—J. L. Woodhouse.
 Coromandel.—F. Sanderson.

Maori Mission.—

Ohiapokoko (Raglan).—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama.
 Pukeatua.—Hauotu Hapimana.
 Te Kuiti.—Hone Tamati.
 Marokopa.—Aihe Huirama.
 Hangatiki.—Wetini Hotu.
 Kawhia (Waiharakeke).—Henere Iti Rangitawa.
 Mokau.—Supply.
 Cambridge.—Supply.

Taranaki-Wanganui District.—

Stratford (2nd).—Vacant.
 New Plymouth (St. Aubyn's).—W. J. Henderson.
 Waitara (Uruti).—L. C. Elmsley.
 Opunake (Okato).—W. Wilson.
 Patea.—C. Aker.

Raetihi-Ohakune.—C. S. Bennett.
 Marton.—J. L. Mitchell.
 Wanganui North.—C. W. Brown.

Maori Mission.—

New Plymouth.—Paahi Moke.
 Rahotu.—Supply.
 Pairoa Pa.—Tupito Maruera.
 Whenuakura Pa.—Rangiira Tumahuki.
 Kai Iwi.—Hikuroa Te Maaha.
 Pipiriki.—Supply.
 Raetihi.—Supply.
 Rangitikei.—Supply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.—

Foxton-Shannon (Foxton).—O. P. Liddell.
 Feilding (Halcombe).—J. H. Edmondson.
 Apiti.—A. R. Thomas.
 Norsewood.—C. Duncan.
 Waipawa.—H. Dyson.

Wellington District.—

Johnsonville (Porirua).—W. T. Hooper.
 Upper Hutt.—G. S. White.
 Paraparaumu.—W. H. Wilson.
 Island Bay.—H. Ashworth.

Nelson District.—

Blenheim (Picton).—S. Keen.
 Reefton.—T. W. Parsons.
 Havelock.—Supply (G. H. Cule).
 Murchison.—B. H. N. Teague.
 Granity.—C. Robinson.
 Wakefield-Dovedale.—C. L. Duder.

North Canterbury District.—

Waddington.—J. W. Bayliss.
 Oxford.—H. J. Malcolm.
 Hawarden.—J. G. W. Grindlay.
 Greendale.—V. R. Jamieson.

South Canterbury District.—

Rakaia-Methven.—W. A. Mills.
 Mayfield.—W. Long.
 Geraldine.—Supply (Rev. A. C. Lawry).

Otago Southland District.—

Dunedin Trinity (North East Valley).—F. E. Foote.
 Otautau.—N. Challenger.
 Maori Hill.—P. Bridge.
 Caversham (Abbotsford).—A. E. Waite.
 Edendale.—G. F. O. Whittlestone.
 Lawrence.—O. B. Fawcett.
 Cromwell.—R. Middleton-Taylor.
 Riverton.—F. O. Prosser.
 Nightcaps-Tuatapere.—J. C. R. Ashworth.
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—J. Thomas.

E. D. PATCHETT, President.

W. S. MACKAY, Vice-President.

J. H. HASLAM, Secretary.

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

1 CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Auckland—Ernest D. Patchett (President of the Conference).
 South Auckland—William Wills.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Clarence Eaton.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Fred Copeland.
 Wellington—Thomas R. Richards.
 Nelson—George F. Stockwell.
 North Canterbury—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
 South Canterbury—William Grigg.
 Otago-Southland—Harold E. Bellhouse.
 Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Frank E. Leadley.
 South Auckland—Frederick J. Parker.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Robert B. Gosnell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—John D. McArthur.
 Wellington—John Dennis.
 Nelson—Harry S. Kings.
 North Canterbury—Eric W. Hames, M.A.
 South Canterbury—Harold T. Peat.
 Otago-Southland—Alfred M. Costain.

3. STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary for the Dominion.—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
 Auckland—Frank E. Leadley.
 South Auckland—Frederick J. Parker.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Robert B. Gosnell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—John D. McArthur.
 Wellington—John Dennis.
 Nelson—Harry S. Kings.
 North Canterbury—Eric W. Hames, M.A.
 South Canterbury—Harold T. Peat.
 Otago-Southland—Alfred M. Costain.

QUESTION XXX.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1932?

President—Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.
 Secretary—Rev. Jonathan H. Haslam.

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

REPORT FOR 1930

General Returns.

The General Returns for the past year are, on the whole, encouraging. Senior and Junior membership show further net increases of 200 and 282 respectively, making the increases for the past ten years 2017 Seniors and 1490 Juniors, and for the past five years 612 Seniors and 125 Juniors. We have thus retrieved the losses in Juniors reported in 1927 and 1928. Infant membership shows an increase of 635. It is gratifying to see that wider and more thorough attention is being given to this department. There are still, however, no less than forty stations, including a number of City and Suburban Circuits,, returning no infant members. We suggest to the superintendents concerned that as a beginning a roll be compiled from the Baptismal Register comprising the names of all children under 8 years of age still resident in the Circuit. It should be recognised that Infant Membership has more than a statistical value.

Another pleasing feature is a further increase of 336 communicants—an advance of 3062 on the figures of ten years ago, and 893 in the last five years. All Synods except two share in this increase. Other increases are 2 Deaconesses and 5 Class Leaders. Concerning the latter, the Auckland Synod recommends that Leaders of C.E. Societies be returned as Class Leaders. There is one more in the list of Ministers and Probationers but one less Home Missionary.

We report an increase of two in the number of Local Preachers. In some centres increased attention is being given to this important branch of our church work. In Auckland, for example, the Local Preachers' Association is endeavouring to stimulate it in the far north. A net increase of six schoolrooms is reported as follows: Hawera Circuit, one; Wellington District, two; Addington Circuit, two; and Hawarden, three. Lyttelton reports a decrease of one. There are decreases of 3 churches and 2 other preaching places, and of 2 parsonages. In the absence of details it is impossible to explain all of these decreases, and information from District Secretaries would be appreciated. In two instances in Taranaki-Wanganui, Churches previously reported as Methodist have been found to be Union Churches. South Auckland and Nelson show without comment each a decrease of 2 churches; Taranaki-Wanganui and South Canterbury, each a decrease of 2 other preaching places. In Nelson District 4 additional preaching places have been opened, but two others must have been closed, for the net increase is only 2. Similarly Taranaki-Wanganui reports 4 new places opened in one Circuit, yet there is a net decrease in the District of 2. Two Synods draw attention to the closing of preaching places without the provisions of the Book of Laws (p. 126) having been observed. Methodism rightly regards seriously the closing of any preaching place.

We have 7 more churches and 70 more other preaching places than 10 years ago, and 9 more churches but 16 fewer preaching places than 5 years ago. An increase of one Church in the Auckland District (Mangere East in the Otahuhu Circuit) should not go without appreciative reference.

There is a further decrease of 2456 in the number of attendants on Public Worship reported. The inadequacy under modern conditions of

the existing method of computing this return is recognised generally. Of course, only an estimate can be arrived at by any such method, and in some cases, e.g. Central Missions and some country congregations the best method for ordinary congregations would give a very inaccurate estimate. In the majority of cases, however, the suggestion to add one half instead of one third for absentees would probably give a truer representation of the position. It has the advantage of simplicity over the proposal to take as a basis both the morning and evening congregations. Moreover, in most congregations, thank God, there are still some who account it a privilege to attend the House of God regularly twice a Sunday.

The real seriousness of the situation lies in the increasing number of our people who no longer attend Church with regularity even once a Sunday. That other Churches find the same thing does not make it a matter for less concern. In all our Churches there is sorely needed a revival of a sense of the sacred privilege and duty of public worship, a deeper appreciation both of the soul's constant need of God and of the great things God hath done for us. Here is the only corrective. These statistics are valuable as indicating the spiritual temperature of the Church. An increase in spiritual fervour would surely be registered in this column.

Sunday School Returns.

The returns for several districts have not come to hand, probably because they are dealt with by the Y.P. Board. In their absence a comparison with previous years is impossible.

Maori Returns.

These are again reported, though the District returns are not available. Compared with last year there are increases of 1 Church, 5 Home Missionaries, 1 Deaconess, and 6 members; a decrease of 2 other Preaching Places, 5 Local Preachers (equalling the number of additional Home Missionaries), and 60 attendants on public worship.

C. H. OLDS,

General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2.—That, where striking differences in returns occur from those reported the previous year, District Statistical Secretaries shall confer with Circuit Superintendents concerned.
- 3.—That District Secretaries of the Y.P. Department shall furnish their returns to the District Statistical Secretaries, who shall forward them to the General Statistical Secretary.
- 4.—That the following be referred to the Y.P. Board for consideration and report through the Synods to next Conference:—"That in cases where children on the Cradle Roll of the Methodist Church are not baptised because of the convictions of their parents, such children may be received as Infant Members should their parents desire it."
- 5.—That the Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., be thanked for his services as General Statistical Secretary, and that he be reappointed.

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

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee has 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) Computation of Attendants on Public Worship.

Having looked more closely into this matter, certain conclusions have been reached as the result of an added experience and gathered knowledge.

During the months of June and July a house to house visitation was conducted throughout the city and suburbs of Dunedin by the Council of Christian Congregations. The work was undertaken by all the Protestant denominations. With the exception of a few parts of the city the whole area was covered. In some sections the work was excellently done, in others indifferently. From all the facts which have been gleaned we are able to make certain deductions.

First, we have arrived at certain conclusions as regards the supposed 2000 odd non-Church-going Methodists of Dunedin, when our returns are compared with the Government census. The ascertained facts have been closely looked into by some of our brethren, and we are quite convinced that there is no such body of non-Church-going Methodists in the city. The discrepancy is to be accounted for in quite another way. It is easily provable that in almost all our Churches throughout the Dominion—with the exception of some of the very small—not half of our members are ever present at any ordinary service. If this be the case with our members, a much smaller percentage of our adherents are present. It therefore follows that our present system of computation does not make anything like sufficient allowance for the increased irregularity of those who may be called attendants on public worship. Many only attend once a fortnight, or once a month, or on even fewer occasions, and yet would resent being classified as non-Church-goers. What has been clearly proved as obtaining in Dunedin we are convinced obtains elsewhere in the Dominion. Some members of the Committee who have taken a lead in bringing it to these conclusions have had large experience in our work, both in city and provincial town Circuits elsewhere in the Dominion. Moreover, we are convinced from a careful study of the facts that the actual number of non-Church-going Methodists is small. But unfortunately an increasing number are intermittent and most irregular in their attendance. This tendency, along with the number of the aged, infirm and sick, of infants, and others of tender years, who are under our pastoral care, and the scattered nature of a considerable part of the population, accounts for the discrepancy between our figures and those of the Government census returns.

Secondly.—We therefore recommend that instead of allowing one-third for absentees, we allow one-half. Otherwise the computation should be on the old basis. We are convinced that, even with this allowance, we will be well within the limits of those who are attendants.

Thirdly.—We recognise that this will not alter any of the facts, and at the most will only make our figures look a little better, and that from all the vital and practical standpoints of the work it is unimportant. If, on the other hand, we are anxious to be correct, this will bring

us nearer to that ideal. In future years, when the Church is again getting a more consistent attendance of its members and adherents at its services Sunday by Sunday, it will be easy to modify the method of computation to suit the changing period of time.

(2) Church Finance.

The Committee finds that means adopted by Methodist Churches for raising necessary finance vary widely; in some cases a very small, in others a very large, proportion is raised by "special efforts"; while few Churches and Circuits have freedom from financial anxiety.

The Committee believes that the only method of raising finance that is at once honouring to God and salutary for Church members is some form of regular systematic giving, "as God hath blessed us," in that this form alone recognises and honours the vital principle of Christian stewardship.

The Committee therefore recommends:—

- 1.—That Conference should initiate propaganda in the matter of Christian stewardship. That in each Circuit an official be asked to undertake the making of the campaign effective.
- 2.—That we urge that wherever possible the Duplex Envelope System should be adopted.
- 3.—That wherever this proves impracticable the single envelope system should be used.
- 4.—That where no envelope system is adopted, we advise the institution of a sustentation or quarterly contribution fund.

(3) Restatement of Methodist Doctrine.

The Committee refers the question of the restatement of Methodist Doctrine back to Conference with the object of Conference dealing with the same by means of the Special Committee promised by last Conference.

(4) Leadership Training.

This Committee draws the attention of Synods and Conference to the fact that our Church membership is, proportionately to the population of the Dominion, losing ground. Over a period of years since the union of the Methodist Churches, the membership has remained almost stationary. The membership reported to the 1913 Conference was 23,044, and to the 1930 Conference 24,429. Yet, with a Sunday School membership of nearly 30,000, at least 2,500 new scholars should come under our care every year. During late years the number received into Church membership appears to be less than 500 per year, or less than 20 per cent. of the children coming under our care—just about sufficient to fill the gaps from death and other causes.

In view of this appalling failure of the Church to retain even one out of five of her children, we earnestly request that the most serious consideration be given to finding a remedy. That, in particular,—

- (1) It be a recommendation that ministers be relieved, as far as possible, of less important work, enabling them to devote greater attention to the all-important work of the religious nurture of the young, and the training of teachers.

- (2) In view of the vital necessity of retaining the young if our Church is to prosper, and considering our failure to do so in the past, we again bring forward, and urge the adoption of, the recommendations submitted in 1928 and 1929, and already approved by the majority of the Synods. These recommendations are as follows:—

That in view of the acknowledged importance of ministerial training for leadership in religious education; of the greater attention it is receiving in the colleges of sister Churches, and of the support given by the majority of the Synods for two years in succession, 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 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 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.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman,

H. DANIEL, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report be received.

Attendants on Public Worship.

That the method of computing attendance on Public Worship be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report through the Synods to next Conference.

Church Finance.

- 1.—That the Welfare of the Church Committee be instructed to initiate propaganda in the matter of Christian stewardship, and that in each Circuit an official be asked to undertake the making of the campaign effective.
- 2.—That wherever practicable the envelope system be adopted.
- 3.—That where no envelope system is adopted, Conference advises the institution of a sustentation or quarterly contribution fund.
- 4.—That par. 2 of the Welfare of the Church Committee's Report under "Church Finance" be amended as follows:—
Substitute the words "best way" for "only method" and eliminate the words "that is at once." Then the paragraph would read: "The Committee believes that the best way of raising finance, honouring to God," etc.

- 5.—International Association of Church Finance.—That the President appoint any member of the Church who may be visiting Edinburgh at the time to represent the Conference at the meeting of the Association.

Leadership Training.

- 1.—That it be a recommendation to Quarterly Meetings that ministers be relieved as far as possible of less important work, enabling them to devote greater attention to the all-important work of the religious Nurture of the young and the training of teachers.
- 2.—That this Conference appreciates the fact that the Theological College is giving increased recognition to subjects which equip ministers for leadership in Religious Education, and in view of the urgent need for such leadership trusts that it will continue until it is practicable to use the Collegiate Sunday School 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.
- 3.—That, in pursuance of the policy declared in the foregoing resolutions, Conference strongly urges the College Council to consider at an early date the appointment of a Lecturer in religious pedagogy.
- 4.—That with a view to releasing all our resources for the fulfilment of the Church's task and keeping pace with the growing population, a special Leaders' or Quarterly Meeting be held annually in April or May to consider earnestly what can be done to win our adherents for active membership and aggressive effort; and how best to ensure that every member shall engage in some definite form of Christian work, and give the central place in life to the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

Church Union.

That this Conference regards with hope and sympathy the movements throughout the world towards an organic union of the Churches. It expresses its readiness to enter into consultation with sister Churches in the Dominion with a view to finding a way for immediate co-operation in matters of common interest, and also to explore the possibilities of ultimate union.

That the following be the Committee to act for the Methodist Church on Church Union:—The President and Vice-President of Conference, Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, W. A. Sinclair, A. J. Seamer, E. P. Blamires, W. Walker, G. Frost, J. H. Haslam, F. E. Leadley, A. McBean, Messrs A. Peak, A. J. Buttle, J. E. Astley, J. P. Blair, C. H. Virtue, J. W. Shackelford, J. Tyler, S. Elcoat, G. C. Riddell, with power to add. Convener: The Secretary of Conference.

That the proposals of the Wellington District (Agenda 1931, p. 58) be referred to the earnest consideration of the Committee.

Restatement of Doctrine.

That Conference directs that a brief statement of the vital truths accepted by the Church be prepared for the instruction of our Young People by the Committee on Church Membership, such statement not to exceed eight pages, and to be submitted for consideration to the Synods for report to Conference.

Thanks.

That the thanks of the Conference be accorded the Welfare of the Church Committee and Rev. H. Daniel, convener, and that he be reappointed.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1930.

STATISTICS.

The latest returns for the world's Sunday Schools are as follows:—

Scholars	33,757,623
Officers and Teachers	3,323,030
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Total	37,080,653

An increase of 4,403,042 between Glasgow Convention, 1924, and Los Angeles, 1928.

In many countries, including our own, it is difficult to maintain statistical records under complex conditions, yet we are sure that the Church that will invest in work for children and youth will get a great response.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRESS.

Sunday School Anniversaries.

A pleasing sign of the times is the effort in many places to make the anniversary less an entertainment dominated by the monetary motive, and more a service of worship and a representation of the ordinary work of the school.

Children's Communion Services.

These are extending steadily, and the special service is in type for the new order book.

Morning sessions have come into vogue in a few places. We are not prepared to recommend alteration from the afternoon without adequate consideration of the problem in all its aspects.

Motor-cars, which are regarded as a hindrance, are, in some places, requisitioned in favour of Sunday School. In Takapuna, Te Awamutu, Hastings, Masterton and Levin, this has helped registration and average attendance.

Teachers' Unions and Fellowship.

Our North Canterbury Methodist Sunday School Union maintains its strong position. In Dunedin the Union continues to fill a real need. Taranaki's gathering, on June 3rd, is now an annual fixture. This year, 59 teachers, from 19 schools, assembled in Stratford. Country schools greatly benefit by this conference. The Auckland Methodist Teachers' Fellowship has been inaugurated this year. A memorable meeting of 120 teachers was held on September 15, at the Collegiate Church, and it is felt that a new epoch has begun in the northern city.

Correspondence Sunday Schools.

Mr. Voss, the Superintendent, reports 32 pupils, and 17 active teachers. All have enjoyed their work, and many testimonies to its value come in letters from parents. At present we have some teachers in reserve for senior scholars but there is a shortage of teachers for primary children. The work is capable of considerable extension.

Dominion Examinations.

Six hundred and five candidates presented themselves for examination in July. Of these, forty-nine failed to gain a pass. The gold medals were won as follows: Senior Grade, Joyce Kid, Cashmere; Intermediate, Helen Jackson, Opawa; Junior, Betty Luxton, Waitoa.

Curriculum and literature problems have been studied, committee work has been undertaken, and a report typed and sent to all our schools. Copies are still available on application.

Religious Education.

The General Secretary has given part time service to the N.Z. Council of Religious Education for National work. The National Conference of a year ago has set in motion far-reaching influences. There are indications of a better relation of Church and State in education, and the chief courts of all the Churches are devoting increasing attention to Religious Education.

May 21st was an epoch-making day, when the Youth Committee of the Council was inaugurated. Twelve Christian Youth Movements are represented in this Fellowship, and as a Committee of the Religious Education Council, its right relationship to the Churches concerned is assured. The autonomy of each Church and movement is respected. The story of the Annual Retreat at Waikanae has been told to united youth gatherings in twenty cities and towns.

Inter-Bible Class Councils are functioning in many centres. The recent mass meeting of Wellington Youth in the Town Hall addressed by His Excellency is an instance of the growth of this co-operation of Christian Youth Movements in the Dominion.

Robert Raikes.

The Council of Religious Education has organised publicity over the Dominion for the commemoration of the third jubilee of Robert Raikes. Most of the daily papers have published our series of articles, to which about twenty authors have contributed, and which have given to the people a more intelligent appreciation of the Sunday School Movement and its great influence in the development of popular education.

In addition to large united meetings and pageants in many centres, we believe almost every local Church in the Dominion has marked in some way the 150th anniversary of the founding of Sunday Schools. Recruiting of new scholars has also been carried out in many places, and many thousands of homes have been visited for the purpose.

PROBLEMS.

The Intermediate Scholar.

Changes are taking place in all progressive countries in regard to education in the earliest years of adolescence. The Hadow report—the Junior High School Experiment—and the radical changes proposed by the recent education commission in N.Z. indicate a new recognition of the nature and need of the boy and girl round about twelve years of age, who have been hitherto in Standards V. and VI. of the primary school system, but now begin a new period as Form I. and II. The situation is paralleled in the Sunday School, which must meet the particular need of this age group, or lose ground seriously. The unprepared schools will lose scholars now as easily at twelve years of

age as they did a few years ago at fourteen. We have been engaged in committee work with this problem, and it is still proceeding. In the meantime, one of our recommendations to Synods is in relation to the literature which we believe is the best available for intermediate scholars with high school experience.

Church Membership.

Another vital matter to which much thought has been devoted in the Committee work of the year, is that of the place of children in the membership of the Church. We have stressed this for many years, and some progress can be noted, but frankly, we are distressed that the leadership of the Church is unawakened to its importance. The best Christian discipleship is secured by Christian nurture; the corollary of discipleship is membership. Human life is marked by a succession of stages in development, and the passage from one stage to another can be most profitably signified by rights of initiation. Until we apply this more generally and intelligently and with the vigilance of the shepherd instinct to the Church membership of young life, we are destined to suffer tragic losses quite unnecessarily.

We bring recommendations to Synods on the question, but the chief one is the appointment of a commission on the whole subject of Church membership, not for childhood only.

LESS PUSH, MORE PULL.

The department has been conscious, as never before, of a definite disposition within the Church to pull with this department in its general aims and ideals. The 1929 Conference on Religious Education has probably reacted beneficially upon our own Church along with others. The Methodist Conference of 1930 gave us great encouragement. All the May Synods gave special attention to youth work, and the problem of religious education. In South Auckland, the Synod went into retreat for three days and gave daily study to these questions with text book and questionnaire provided. The study circle method was used with great profit.

The services of the department have been solicited more than ever, and the opening of our Youth Office comes none too soon to cope with an ever-expanding task.

The General Secretary has visited every district during the year, and finds that increasing local initiative is in many places manifesting itself.

FINANCE.

A special typed report dealing with the finance of the department and embodying recommendations of the Y.P. Board is being sent to secretaries of Synods.

RESIDENCE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

This has been considered, but no change is contemplated immediately for good reasons. The matter will be reviewed in two years' time.

We wish again to express our appreciation of the very able and devoted service of the General Secretary, the Rev. E. P. Blamires, and also to recognise the fine service of the large number of voluntary helpers who maintain our Y.P. work throughout the Dominion.

(Signed)

A. N. SCOTTER, President,
Chairman of Board.

E. W. HAMES,
Board Secretary.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT.

(Abridged.)

Membership.

The total membership of the Movement is 3615—3011 Class and 604 Auxiliary members—the increase for the year being 285, including a promising percentage of juniors. Forty-one new classes have been received into affiliation, making a total of 280 classes. Ninety-one un-affiliated Classes are known, and to these are extended all the privileges of Movement fellowship—the formation of new Classes being particularly noticeable in the North Island. There are 201 sub-leaders; and 15 B.C. leaders and 178 Sunday School teachers have been supplied this year; in the last three years 501 Sunday School teachers have been recruited from B.C. ranks.

Four hundred and three members have been promoted from Sunday Schools, and 238 have joined from outside sources, but the fact that 533 have left classes during the year is being investigated.

Church Membership returns are disappointing—69 per cent. of senior members are attached to the Church, while of those under 18 years only 39 per cent. are members; until the importance and value of junior membership to the adolescent and to the Church are generally recognised, the position promises no improvement.

Annual Convention.

The 8th Annual Convention, held at Deaconess House, Christchurch, was attended by 37 delegates representative of all Unions, Executive Council and Y.P. Board. Much important business was transacted and a splendid spirit was evidenced throughout all sessions.

District Camps.

Seventeen Camps were held during Easter, 1930, with a record attendance of 913 campers, and the advisability of the decentralisation of district camps is very evident—the numerical strength of the camps ranging from 24 to 138. The study specially prepared for camp was, "One Increasing Purpose"—a practical theme, challenging the seeking of a dominant purpose in life. An interesting experiment in Taranaki-Wanganui Union was the holding of a winter camp at Ohawe Beach, and though numerically small, the value was such as to warrant a similar camp next year.

Movement Day of Prayer.

The Day of Prayer was observed on May 18th in both class and Church. The leaflet prepared was identified with the syllabus study for that date, and the influence of this special day is incalculable.

Prayer Fellowship.

An intercession booklet concentrating on such headings as "Prayer and Power—Dedication—Advance—Kindred Movements—My Class—Comradeship," has been prepared for leaders this year, and some 400 leaders and girls have voluntarily participated in the prayer fellowship. Such emphasis cannot but have resulted in a deeper reality and more vital experience.

Leadership Training.

This department shows consistent consolidation and it is encouraging to find so many younger leaders are taking up the course. Correspondence students number 148, and in the cities twelve classes were arranged. Eight of the nine schemes-of-work have been prepared, leaving "Old Testament" only to be completed. To those Ministers responsible, we are deeply indebted. Examination passes number 74 for the year, and in December last three Auckland students who have completed the course were granted their diplomas.

Club-Work and Social Service.

Club-work, as a necessary supplement to class activities, shows steady advance, 159 classes now participating, while 379 members are engaged in club leadership, or social service. Many Unions have organised concert parties, visiting benevolent homes, and are also endeavouring to help the girls from the receiving homes and orphanages, both by gifts and friendly contacts.

Literature.

Classes are recognising the value of libraries and 84 are now established. Through the agency of the Travelling Secretary, 1341 books have been purchased by members (Missionary and International 226, Bible Study and Christian Living 600, Devotional 202, Social Problems 173, Psychology 43, General 97).

Co-operation.

Two Summer Schools for leaders and prospective leaders, were held at Timaru and Paerata in January, 146 members attending. These proved a valuable means of fellowship and help to those who carry the central responsibility of B.C. work—that of winning youth for the Kingdom.

The Combined Union Executive Groups discussed co-operative measures; 46 local B.C. Executives are established.

The Co-operative Committee is making a big contribution towards co-ordinating the activities of the two B.C. Movements.

The Combined Committee on Social Standards is meeting the recreational needs of our members, and 294 requests for programme material have been dealt with.

The third Youth Conference, at Waikanae, was important in that it considered the merging of this Group into the Dominion Youth Committee of the N.Z. Council of Religious Education; the inaugural meeting was held on May 22nd. An important development is the formation of many inter-Bible Class Councils fostering inter-movement fellowship.

Syllabus.

Much appreciation of the 1930 Combined Baptist and Methodist Syllabus is expressed, and 228 classes are now using it. All anticipate with much interest the proposed interdenominational syllabus in 1932.

Missionary.

The Missionary interest centres very largely round the work of our representative, Sister Nicholls, to whom practical support has been extended by our girls. Close contact has been maintained through direct representation on the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the M.W.M.U.

Travelling Secretary.

Deepest appreciation is recorded of the outstanding work of Miss Sewell, during the second year of office. During the year all Unions (except Otago and Southland) have been visited, and specially have the outlying districts—North Auckland, Bay of Plenty, and West Coast—been concentrated upon.

Semi-Jubilee Year.

Easter, 1931, marks the inception of the 25th year of the Movement, and a special programme is being observed.

N.Z. Executive Council, 1931.

After a five years' term of office in Christchurch, the Executive Council transfers to Wellington as from January, 1931. The Movement is fortunate in having Misses A. Tocker and A. E. Firth to undertake the offices of President and Secretary, respectively.

Finance.

All Unions and Group Committees held Thanksgiving Services, at which classes presented their thank-offerings, the total received being £757 12s 4d. Auckland Union's contributions were voluntary in that no allocation was made to classes, and the total of £145 16s 6d so received is commendable, well justifying the faith reposed in classes.

A minimum total of £1632 2s 4d has been raised by affiliated classes, including Home Missions £63 0s 5d, Foreign Missions £232 11s, Y.P. department £8 14s 3d, Orphanages £37 1s 6d, Sunday Schools £137 7s 4d, Church Trust Funds £108 2s 6d. In addition 17 classes are supporting eight native teachers and seven orphans, involving an amount of £93.

The Movement Balance-sheet discloses a credit balance of £138 3s 11d, in addition to a general reserve of £150, and a special Youth Office reserve of £75.

D. FAIRWEATHER,
Hon. Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST Y.M.B.C. MOVEMENT.**(ABBREVIATED REPORT.)**

In presenting this report of the work of the Movement up to 30th September, 1930, the Executive has cause to express its profound gratitude to Almighty God for the continued activity and development of the Movement throughout the Dominion. It is to be remembered, of course, that this present report can in no way deal in detail with the various spheres of activity undertaken by the Movement, and also it is to be taken into account that as the Movement's year does not end until November 30th, this report is compiled at a stage in the year when a good many of the new year's activities have not yet been finalised nor records compiled concerning our affairs. This is instanced in the enclosed statistical report which shows the figures only as at September 30th, 1929, the present year's statistics being still in course of compilation.

The Movement this year has been fortunate in the guidance and assistance of the President, Mr. R. N. Seddon, who last year was Chairman of the Executive, and all officers have worked enthusiastically

under his leadership. Our past President, Mr. W. L. Thomas, of Christchurch, still maintains an intimate contact with the Executive per medium of correspondence.

Camps.

Easter, 1930, was a record one as regards total number attending camp, namely, 1237, and the number of camps held, namely, 14.

Summer Schools.

These functions were held in the North Island at Paerata College and the South Island at Waitaki, and they were attended by an excellent representation of both the Y.M. and Y.W. Movements. These schools are playing an important part in our Movement, and doubtless they will take a permanent place in our programme.

Travelling Secretary.

We have again been fortunate in securing the continued services of Mr. B. R. Hames, M.A., as our Travelling Secretary, and his work has been productive of excellent results wherever he has gone. More and more it is endeavoured to make the work of the Travelling Secretary fruitful by concentrated efforts in districts where it is deemed that his presence can do most good.

Co-operation.

In this connection, our Co-operative Committees and particularly our association with the Y.P. Board, are invaluable and at this juncture we would express our deep appreciation of all the help and assistance received from the Board and from the Y.P. Secretary, Rev. E. P. Blamires, whose assistance and co-operation is valued by our whole membership, and particularly by the Executive Council of the Movement and of the Unions.

Waikanae Conference.

This Conference is held annually and this year we were represented by Messrs. Maunder and Hames. The Conference was originally a meeting of the travelling agents of the various Movements, but its scope has been widened now and its aim is to further the ideal of co-operation between all youth bodies and to endeavour to map out a definite line of policy and study for the future.

Youth Office.

Our B.C. Convention gave unanimous approval to the setting up of the Youth Office in Wellington in 1931, and we look forward eagerly to that time next year when the office with its full-time secretary will be an accomplished fact.

Finance.

The Movement continues to raise the sum of £750 annually direct from classes, in addition to all other sums of money which come into the Church funds generally through our individual Bible Classes. Most of our Unions are in a good financial position and we endeavour constantly to stress the idea of stewardship in connection with money. The budget which we raise enables us to provide the salary of Dr. T. Sayers in the Solomons, and we have completed the voluntary contribution whereby we were able to make a present to him of an operating table for his work.

Church Membership.

An increasing number of our B.C. members are enrolled annually as Church members, and we would wish that even greater attention

could be given to this important step. Unfortunately, there is no sufficiently concerted effort made throughout the whole Dominion, and it needs the active co-operation of every Minister of the Church, with his local B.C. officers, to ensure that a proper system of preparation is provided, and that thereafter a formal reception service should be held, in order that no possible chance of gathering our B.C. men to Church membership is overlooked.

Day of Prayer.

The Movement Day of Prayer was held on Young People's Sunday, and for the purpose of unifying the activities of our Classes throughout the Dominion, a special prayer leaflet was prepared and circulated to all Ministers.

Devotional Meetings.

The N.Z. Executive Council has again this year devoted special meetings during the winter months to the study of a series of topics, as follows.

- (1) The Power of the Indwelling Christ.
- (2) Why the Cross?
- (3) The Reality of the Resurrection.
- (4) The Preparation for, and Experience of, Pentecost.
- (5) The Result of Pentecost in the World To-day.

These studies have proved most inspiring and instructive to the Executive and Unions will be recommended in their own Executive Councils to study these topics.

Leadership Training.

We still continue our efforts to provide adequate leadership for our Classes. It is not an exaggeration to say that we could commence 100 new classes in the Dominion if we had 100 leaders available, and we are grateful to our Auckland Leadership Training Committee for its efforts.

Retreats.

Our Travelling Secretary in his visits endeavours to meet the leaders and officials of the various Unions and Classes, and most convenient means of effecting this is to hold what we know as a "Retreat" where, say, over a week-end, the Travelling Secretary is able to live with a group of fellows and besides the devotional and inspirational periods spent there, to tackle with them the peculiar problems of their own Union and Classes.

Y.M.A.A.

Our Movement officials recognise the fine work of the Youth Movement Against Alcoholism, and its Travelling Secretary, Mr. Lex Miller, and the organisation which has been projected into various parts of the Dominion. Our Movement is solidly behind the objects of this body and we commend it not only to our own fellows but to the Church as a whole.

We are grateful to our representatives on the Y.P. Board, Messrs. A. Holden and H. W. Armitage, for their representation of our Movement and also to Mr. C. Boyer, who represents the Young People's Board upon our B.C. Executive Council.

Conclusion.

There are a host of other aspects of our work which could be dealt with, but this brief summary must suffice for the present purposes.

We look forward to the future with every confidence, certain that rich blessings will follow the labours of our leaders and all officers of the movement, and that we can rely at all times upon the aid and co-operation of the Young People's Board and on the Church as a whole.

R. HARDIE BOYS,
Secretary.

NOTES RE. STATISTICS.

In supplying you with a few notes on our statistics, I would draw your attention to the fact that as mentioned in the opening paragraph, the figures given refer to the period ended September 30th, 1929.

The figures show a total of 202 classes affiliated, which is an increase of eight on the previous year; a Junior Membership of 655, which is a decrease of nine on the previous period; an Intermediate Membership of 516, a decrease of 40; a Senior Membership of 1021, a decrease of 60; the total membership showing as 2192, a decrease of 109.

The average attendance was 1598, as against 1721 of the previous year.

Although one might think from these figures that the Movement was declining, such is not the case, but the statistics are rather an indication that the class rolls have been purged owing to the financial demands through the classes being made on a membership basis.

During the year we secured 219 new Junior members, 99 Intermediate, and 165 Senior from the Sunday Schools and existing classes, and 81 Junior, 37 Intermediate and 74 Seniors from outside sources.

The problem which we have to meet is the leakage of senior members, and steps have been taken to go into this matter seriously.

Our statistics also show that the Bible Classes are supplying the leaders for many of our newly formed Junior and Intermediate Classes, and also teachers in our Sunday Schools.

Apart from the amount subscribed as shown in our budget, namely £750, members also subscribed individually to Home Missions, Foreign Missions, new building schemes, and other causes.

YOUTH OFFICE COMMITTEE REPORT.

This Committee was set up by Conference to arrange and complete all necessary details for the setting up of the Youth Office in 1931; the personnel of the Committee is the Chairman of the Wellington District, Rev. E. D. Patchett, Messrs. Cable, Phillipps and Buchanan, representing the Y.P. Board, Mrs. Steptoe and Miss Firth, representing the Y.W.B.C. Movement, and Messrs. Seddon and Boys, representing the Y.M.B.C. Movement. At the first meeting of the Committee, Rev. E. P. Blamires and Mr. R. S. Maunder were invited to associate themselves with the Committee in its work, and have co-operated with the Committee throughout.

Arrangements have now been completed with Miss L. Hodder, who has accepted the position of Youth Office Secretary for three years at £250 per annum, the appointment to be terminable by six months' notice on either side. The Committee feels that all sections of Methodist opinion will approve that appointment.

Final arrangements have been completed with the Trustees of the Taranaki Street Methodist Church for substantial alterations and improvements to be carried out in order to accommodate the Youth Office in the Institute Building at Taranaki Street, and the space is being divided into a Board room, secretary's office and general office, with excellent storage space and fixtures.

Arrangements are in train for the equipment of the office with furniture and necessary office appliances, and though the Committee was unsuccessful in securing support from a local Trust, it is hoped that the office will be fully equipped when it opens.

The Committee set up a sub-Committee to bring down a report on office regulations, and the report has been received and adopted; much of this report is merely machinery for the smooth working of the office, the material portion being that which dealt with the constitution of the Committee. Conference will be asked to approve the following constitution:—

"The Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Wellington Methodist Church District, who shall be Chairman of the Committee, the General Secretary of the Y.P. Department, three representatives of the Y.P. Board, and two representatives each of the Young Women's and Young Men's Bible Class Movements, who shall be nominated through the Wellington Synod to Conference annually.

"The Committee shall at its first meeting each year elect one of its members as secretary-treasurer to act as executive officer to the Committee.

"The Committee's year shall end on September 30th in each year.

"The Committee shall have full control of the Youth Office and staff and shall submit an annual report and balance-sheet to the Y.P. Board and the Y.W. and Y.M.B.C. Movements.

"The Committee shall report annually to Synods and Conference through the Y.P. Board."

The Committee has every reason to be satisfied with the progress made towards finally setting up the office, and feels sure that the new arrangements will be given effect to and the change-over completed with the utmost smoothness.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

R. HARDIE BOYS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Reports and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the Conference conveys to the outgoing Board in Christchurch its grateful recognition of the services rendered during the past 13 years on behalf of the young life of the Church. With vision and fidelity the officers and members of the Board have applied themselves to large and important tasks, which, under the blessing of God, have made the period one of marked development in the life of the Church.
- 3.—That Conference authorises the incoming Board in Wellington to take such action before April, 1931, as may be necessary in consultation with the outgoing Board.
- 4.—The Conference draws attention to the fact that an appropriate order for Children's Communion Service is now available in the New Book of Offices and it is recommended for wider use, but only with due preparation and careful nurture following. The attendance of children with their parents at regular communion is also strongly recommended.

- 5.—That in view of educational changes affecting the age of beginning secondary school life and the effect on the Intermediate Department of the school, we recommend that senior classes in that Department having scholars with secondary school experience, use the Y.P. Text-book of the Australasian Graded Lessons, or similar literature of other systems, as the most suitable material for their needs.
- 6.—That Conference appoint a special commission on the subject of Church Membership from all periods from infancy to adult life, with a view to improvement upon present theory and practice in each grade and especially to emphasise the value of Church Membership in childhood, both to the child and the Church, such Commission to report through the Y.P. Committees to Synods this year and Conference 1932.

The following to be members of the Commission:—Revs. A. N. Scotter, E. Drake, E. P. Blamires, M. A. Rugby Pratt, C. Blair, O. Burnet, E. W. Hames, Sister Lenna, Misses D. Fairweather, E. Sewell, E. Hall; Messrs W. C. Francis, W. Dobbs, W. L. Thomas, C. K. Wigglesworth, W. A. Bascand, A. E. Lawry and A. Dingwall. Convener, Rev. E. W. Hames.

The following to be corresponding members:—The President of the Conference, the Vice-President, the Secretary of the Conference, Revs. Dr C. H. Laws, W. A. Sinclair, W. Walker, G. Frost, B. R. Hames, G. I. Laurensen, Miss E. Hetherington, Messrs S. G. Macfarlane, D. C. Cameron and G. C. Burton.

The Committee shall have power to add.

Order of Reference.

- 1.—What grading is recommended?
- 2.—What is the significance and value of Church Membership in each grade?
- 3.—What can be done to improve conditions affecting Discipline, Pastoral oversight, Roll revision, and Leaders' meetings?
- 4.—What are the best methods of effective preparation, reception, and nurture of young members? (Here shall be included attention to the publication of a Manual, vide Resolution on that subject).
- 5.—What practical steps can be taken for securing the Church membership relation of approximately 20,000 children and young people in our Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, at present unattached?
- 6.—Any other relative matters.
- 7.—That a manual of preparation for Church Membership and a brief statement of the Christian Faith, be prepared, but that its publication be delayed until the above Commission has reported.
- 8.—Conference recommends the May Synods to feature prominently the subject of Church Membership as outlined in the above resolution.
- 9.—That Young People's Day be observed on June 14th, the observance to include the B.C. Movements' Annual Day of Prayer, Declaration Day in the Sunday School, Special Services in the Church, the annual offering for the Y.P. Department and, (in many instances) services of recognition of new Church Members.
- 10.—That District Y.P. Committees be requested to explore the possibilities within their Districts of extending Teacher-training classes, either under the auspices of the Methodist Church, or in co-operation with other denominations.
- 11.—That the preparation of a pamphlet to assist young teachers in lesson-preparation, be referred to the favourable consideration of the Y.P. Board.

- 12.—The following is referred to the Y.P. Board for favourable consideration:—That Sunday School superintendents forward to Bible Class secretaries the names of scholars leaving school, thus enabling leaders of Bible Classes to come into contact with those who might otherwise drift.
- 13.—That £25 from the Contingent Fund be forwarded to the treasurer of the N.Z. Council of Religious Education.
- 14.—That no change be made at present in the method of finance. But in reaffirming the vital importance of the work of the department, the Conference urges all circuits to be loyal to the department and the Conference by accepting their share of responsibility as allocated.
- 15.—Office—The Conference approves the constitution of the Youth Office Committee as submitted in the Report with the following emendations:—In clause 3 insert the word "financial," to read, "The Committee's financial year shall end," etc. In clause 4, insert after the word "staff" the words, "— subject to Conference," to read, "The Committee shall have full control of the Youth Office and staff—subject to Conference, and shall submit," etc.
- 16.—Conference expresses its appreciation of the generosity of the Trustees of the Taranaki Street Church in renovating the Youth Office free of charge to the Committee.
- 17.—That the following be the Youth Office Committee for 1931:—The Chairman of the Wellington District, the General Secretary, Messrs T. Pacey, S. Roberts, E. Angus Jones, G. C. Burton, R. S. Maunder, Miss Tocker and Mrs Steptoe.
- 18.—That Circuit Y.P. Secretaries, being members of the Church for twelve months, and otherwise qualified shall be, by virtue of their office, members of Leaders and Quarterly Meetings.
- 19.—The Conference conveys greetings to Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, now visiting this Dominion, and expresses appreciation of the Boy Scouts' and Girl Guides' organisations.
- 20.—That no change be made at present in the place of residence of the General Secretary but that the matter be reviewed in two years.
- 21.—The Conference records its continued confidence in the Rev. E. P. Blamires as General Secretary of the Y.P. Department and expresses its appreciation of his distinguished leadership in this Department during the past year.

Bible Classes.

- 22.—The Conference is deeply moved by the record of development in the work of the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Class Movements. Beyond statistical progress, the growth of group fellowship and prayer, and the work of leadership training through Summer Schools and courses of study is most gratifying. We rejoice in the attention the Y.W.B.C. Movement is giving to social service.
- 23.—Conference recognises the valuable work of the Rev. B. R. Hames, M.A., during the past two years as Travelling Secretary of the Y.M.B.C. Movement, and particularly in developing leadership training through literature and Summer Schools.
- 24.—That the Rev. J. D. Grocott be set apart to serve as Travelling Secretary in the Y.M.B.C. Movement.
- 25.—The Y.M.B.C. Movement, having represented to Conference its desire to be registered as an Incorporated Society, the matter is referred to the President to consult with his Committee of Advice and the Connexional Secretary and to have power to act.

26.—That a Commission be set up to go into the whole matter of the S.S. Curriculum, and that this Commission report on its investigations and findings to the Y.P. Board and through Synods to Conference.

That the members of the Commission be:—Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, W. T. Blight, Messrs. W. E. Burley, K. Dellow, W. Donnelly and J. E. Purchase, Misses Chaplin and F. Waddingham, with power to add. Convener Rev. W. T. Blight.

Order of Reference.

- 1.—Are the Australian and New Zealand Lesson Courses now in use the best available for our schools?
- 2.—If so, what can be done for further improvement from the New Zealand point of view? If not, what system does the Commission recommend?

COMMITTEES FOR 1931.

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. T. R. B. Woolloxall, J. H. Haslam, S. J. Werren, H. L. Richards, C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., J. H. Allen; Messrs. A. D. Whitehead, W. D. Goddard, C. H. Virtue, J. Greenall, J. Joiner, M. Moses, 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 and S.S. Superintendents of Te Aroha, Morrinsville and Waitoa, Misses E. Hetherington and L. Ewan, Messrs M. Gilling and F. Reekie. Convener, Rev. F. G. Brown.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Ministers of the Hawera, Kaponga, Stratford, Eltham and Manaia Circuits; Messrs. R. Lewis, A. H. Gaze, E. Dixon, N. C. Davies, E. G. Foster, Mrs. Williams, and Miss D. Sheat. Convener, Rev. T. Coatsworth.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Palmerston North, Sanson-Rongotea, Feilding, and Ashhurst-Bunbury Circuits, with the Superintendents of the Palmerston North and Feilding Sunday Schools, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Misses Ellett and Hansen, Messrs. W. H. J. Watson and E. Gordon Bennett. Convener, Mr E. Gordon Bennett.

WELLINGTON.—The Ministers and Probationers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits; with Messrs. J. Cable, J. R. Burley, J. H. Phillipps, A. Parker, J. W. Buchanan, W. E. Howe, W. F. Stock, J. Kellow, K. N. Clark. Convener, Mr. J. H. Phillipps.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Revs. A. N. Scotter, B.A., B. Metson, E. B. Chambers, J. F. Jack, H. Cottom, E. W. Hames, M.A., the Executive of the North Canterbury Sunday School Union, and one representative each from the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Class Movements. Convener, Mr. W. A. Bascand.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of Timaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits, and Mr. L. Shortus. Convener, Mr. C. G. Vogeler.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Executive of the Sunday School Union. Convener, Rev. P. R. Paris.

BOARD FOR 1931.

The Ministers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Rev. E. P. Blamires, Messrs. B. J. Lynneberg, W. H. Clark, R. Hampton, W. H. Johnston, Binet Brown, J. Cable, J. Raine, N. R. Seddon, T. Pacey, W. E. Howe, H. Moston, O. Silbery, R. S. Maunder, S. Roberts, E. Angus Jones, Misses Rayme Ward, G. Balding, K. Boxall, the Travelling Secretaries of the Y.W. and Y.M.B.C. Movements, and two elected representatives from the Y.W. and Y.M.B.C. Movements. Convener, Mr. N. R. Seddon.

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.
4. 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. Macfarlane.
5. That in the event of the Synod Representative for the Young People's Department 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 THE COMMITTEE FOR 1930.**The Gaming Bill.**

Your Committee, in co-operation with the other Churches, together with some of the leading citizens of Wellington, interviewed the Acting-Prime Minister regarding the clauses of the Bill, seeking to give greater facilities for gambling through legalising the publication of betting odds and betting by telegraph from any part of the Dominion to any race meeting, pointing out the evils arising therefrom, and stressing the necessity of curtailing, rather than encouraging, the gambling spirit, in the best interests of the moral, as well as economic interests of the people of this Dominion. We rejoice to know that the Bill was "talked out" and consequently failed to reach the Statute Book. We sincerely hope that no further attempt will be made to re-introduce it, but should this occur, we earnestly hope that all our people will strenuously oppose any attempt in that direction.

Art Unions.

Your Committee, in conjunction with the Church Welfare Committee of the Presbyterian Church, have taken united action in seeking to curtail this growing evil in our midst, and which is so glaringly advertised in so many public places in the cities and towns of this Dominion.

We have joined in a public protest to the Acting-Prime Minister regarding this menace to the community, and desire to express the confident hope that our Methodist people throughout New Zealand will uphold the action of the Committee by consistently refraining from participating in any of these lotteries.

Pictures and Posters.

A representative deputation, including members of your Committee, waited on the Minister of Internal Affairs to protest against the loose and immoral type of many of the pictures being shown throughout the Dominion, and asking that the censorship should be made more strict. The deputation further asked that the posters on hoardings, advertising the pictures, also be placed under censorship. The Minister expressed his sympathy with the views of the deputation, and promised that in future the posters should be placed under the censor.

Temperance.

The Committee notes with satisfaction the steady growth of Temperance sentiment in our Churches, as shown by increased activity in Band of Hope work among the children, the spread of the Youth Movement against Alcohol, together with the use of educational charts and the distributing of Temperance literature exposing the evils of the use of intoxicants and thus seeking to fortify the young mind against the ravages of strong drink, and thereby help forward the ushering in of National Prohibition. We also note with great appreciation the splendid work being done by the W.C.T.U. As an organisation it is making its influence felt in the strengthening of Temperance sentiment and is doing most effective work in seeking to secure Prohibition in New Zealand. Further, we urge all our people loyally to support the N.Z. Alliance in its demands for a strict enforcement of the licensing laws, and earnestly express the hope that its untiring efforts in seeking to procure the abolition of the open bar in this Dominion will speedily be crowned with victory. We heartily commend its work and service to the sympathy and support of all our people.

Bible in Schools.

The Bible in Schools League Executive Committee reports interesting developments in its work. Last March a conference of Church representatives met to consider fresh proposals. These are embodied in a new Bill, copies of which will be supplied to members of the Synods. The alterations from the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill are in the direction of securing permissive legislation whereby Education Boards may authorise religious instruction in their own areas, of using for this purpose teachers who are prepared to undertake the work, and volunteer teachers from outside the school staff, where exemptions render this necessary, and of granting Roman Catholic teachers and pupils freedom from participation without the necessity of applying for exemption. The withdrawal of the opposition of the Roman Catholics is assured, on the understanding that they do not participate, nor bear any part of the additional expense. Expense incurred in initiating the scheme would be confined to the provision of the manuals, the cost of which will need to be borne by those using them, or by voluntary organisations. The conference of Church representatives mentioned above, together with the League's Executive, commend the proposals to the consideration of the governing bodies of the various Churches seeking the approval of the Church courts for the alterations made in the League's platform. Your Committee is strongly represented on the League's Executive, and recommends the adoption of the

new Bill as preferable to the one previously adopted. Reasons advanced for the change have been embodied in a short pamphlet issued by the League's Executive, copies of which are being forwarded to the Chairmen of Districts.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
T. W. VEALIE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—“That the Report of the Temperance and Public Morals Committee be received.”
- 2.—“That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the work done by the Temperance and Public Morals Committee as shown in the Report, and re-appoints Rev T. W. Vealie as convener.”

Temperance.

- (a) “That the matter of the Supreme Court ruling which compelled the Minister of Internal Affairs to grant a permit for a brewery license be referred to the Temperance and Public Morals Committee for immediate consideration.”
- (b) “That Conference recognises the degrading effect of the Liquor Traffic upon the character of the people and its hindrance to the spread of the Kingdom of Christ. The fact that 700 deaths from alcohol occur every three years speaks of its power as the cause of disease; it is also the cause of many motor and other accidents and an alarming number of convictions in the Magistrate's Court. The Conference deplores the fact that £8,000,000 was spent last year on alcoholic drink, being an increase of over half a million pounds. Conference deplores this waste, particularly in these days of economic depression. In view of the approach of another Election we urge our people to do all in their power to bring about the overthrow of the Liquor Traffic.”
- (c) “That a Committee consisting of the following be set up to report on the methods to be adopted by our Church to assist most efficiently in the No-license Poil to be taken this year, such report to be published in the May issue of the ‘Methodist Times.’ Committee: Revs J. Cocker, T. R. Richards, T. W. Vealie, H. J. Odell, B. J. James and E. P. Blamires, with the Hon L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., H. Holland, M.P., Messrs R. Denton, E. A. Hurley, H. P. Mourant, S. T. S. Martin and J. Malton Murray. Convener: Rev T. W. Vealie.”

Gambling.

“That Conference expresses its gratification that the Gaming Bill, which proposed to increase the facilities for gambling by making it possible to use the Public Services of the Telegraphic Department for wiring money to the totalisator, and also legalising the publication of totalisator dividends in the daily Press, was not proceeded with. It tenders its thanks to those Members of Parliament who opposed the Bill, thereby preventing its becoming law. Conference considers gambling to be a grave menace to the moral, economic and social well-being of the State, and calls upon all our members to do everything in their power to resist the encroachments of this great evil.”

Bible in Schools.

"That this Conference, in harmony with the decision of other Churches, heartily approves of 'The Religious Instruction in Schools Enabling Bill' in place of 'The Religious Exercises in Schools Bill,' as being a more adequate embodiment of the platform of the Bible in Schools League, and commends the activities of the League to the people of New Zealand."

Sunday Observance.

"Believing that one day's rest in seven is a gift of God to the race and necessary for the physical and Spiritual well-being of men and women, the Conference views with alarm the increase in Sunday desecration, and respectfully urges the Government to bring pressure on the Railway Department to discontinue the running of excursion trains on Sundays. We urge our people to abstain from all work except what pertains to 'Necessity and Mercy,' on Sundays, and, by example, no less than by precept, to strengthen the quiet and helpful observance of the Lord's Day; and since the Lord's Day is the first day of the week and should give tone to the days that follow, we should remember to keep it 'Holy.'"

"Conference regards the growing practice of Sunday aviation at selected places for demonstration and purposes of hire with the utmost disfavour, and respectfully draws the attention of the responsible authorities to this illegal practice and demands its immediate discontinuance."

League of Nations.

"That this Conference desires to express its gratitude to God—the God of peace and goodwill among men—for the measure of success which has attended the work of the League of Nations, and of the Naval Conference; and commends to our people the support of the League of Nations Union in its efforts to promote informed goodwill among the different nations and races of mankind."

Social Service Association.

"Believing that the social programme of Christianity requires greater emphasis in the sympathy and policy of the Church, and in order to ensure centralisation of effort, we recommend the establishment of a Methodist Social Service Association in the main cities of New Zealand, to be under the direction of the accredited representatives of the Church. That the matter of setting up a Social Service Association be referred to the Temperance and Public Morals Committee to formulate a policy and organisation, and report to Conference, with the Rev L. B. Neale, F.R.G.S., as corresponding member."

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION.

The past year has shown an increased activity in connection with immigration to New Zealand. More have come to our Dominion this year than during 1929; this applies more particularly to boys and young people of various denominations.

The English boats have been visited by the Navy Chaplain and also by Missioner Kirkland, of Taranaki Street Circuit, and Mr. R. Denton. The immigrants arriving at various times have been met and welcomed and they have greatly appreciated the welcome extended to

them by our Church. The newcomers connected with our Church have been transferred to their respective Circuits.

H.M. warships visiting Wellington have received the attention of the chaplain. I have met many of the officers and men of the Navy, and some have attended the service of our Church. We gladly express our thanks to the Brotherhood Overseas Bureau for badges forwarded and also for letters of advice and instruction anent those coming to our shores. To all who have assisted in this work, including the Y.M.C.A., we express our best thanks.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS,
Chief Immigration Officer, Wellington.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr R. Denton, and Rev T. R. Richards, Chief Immigration Officer, and that he be re-appointed.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, 1930.

1. Properties Acquired.

Auckland East Remuera.—£1100.
Mangonui.—£54 12s.
Broadwood.—£60.
Waimamaku.—(Gift) value £10.
Huntly (Pukemiro).—Section. £40. 1 rood 3.3 perches.
Whakatane.—1 rood 34 perches. £15.
Napier.—Section. Bequest from late Mr Rymer.
Paraparaumu.—Gift $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Value £75.
Woolston.—1 rood 3 perches. £110.
St Albans (Somme Street).—Tennis Courts, etc., £1455. Debt £1062.
Riverton.—Section and Cottage. Gift of Mr and Mrs Fleck.

2. Erections and Additions.

Auckland Central (Roskill).—Enlargement £550.
Port Albert (Wharehine).—Additions £200.
Hikurangi.—Additions £10.
Opotiki (School Hall).—£233.
Putaruru.—Additions to School £150.
Inglewood.—Additions to School £173. Debt £54.
Hawera.—School Hall at Normanby £133. No debt.
Hawera.—Enlarged Vestry at Meremere £32.
Masterton (Kuripuni).—Class Rooms £120. No debt.
Wellington East (Hataitai).—Additions £237.
Wellington East (Miramar).—Enlarged Church £720. Debt £600.
Wellington (Taranaki Street).—Renovations, etc., £2844.
Blenheim (Picton).—School Hall £482.

Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace).—Brick Parsonage, Schoolroom, and Residential Flats £5083. Debt £5000.

Waddington.—Bible Class Room £30. No debt.

Timaru (Banks Street).—Additions £2170. Debt £870.

Dunedin (Trinity).—Alterations to School £2303. No debt.

Dunedin (St Kilda).—Vestries and Porch £423. No debt.

Dunedin (Morningside).—School. £3500 (in progress).

Port Chalmers.—Church £2300. No debt.

Invercargill (St Peters).—Vestibule and Gallery £274. No debt.

3. Sales and Extended Leases Reported.

Takapuna.—Section near Church £1150.

Hamilton.—1 rood 6.39 perches, Victoria Street £3500.

Te Puke.—Sale of Share in Interdenominational Property £100.

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

Woodville (Mangatainoka).—One acre £145. (Proceeds for Woodville New Church Fund.)

Dannevirke.—1 rood £180. Debt reduction.

Christchurch East (Shirley).— $\frac{1}{4}$ acre £200.

St Albans (Somme Street).—Land £15.

Dunedin (Trinity).—Stuart School property £1343.

4. Current Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balance from last year—General Account ..	9,736	12	7
„ Balance from last year held for Special purposes ..	24,296	10	0
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ..	3,553	0	0
„ Loans from other sources	11,275	15	2
„ All other Receipts	68,296	2	11
Total Receipts	£117,158	0	8
Debit Balances	15,962	10	11
Grand Total	£133,120	11	7

EXPENDITURE.

By Debit Balances from last year	16,047	3	2
„ Loan Fund Instalments	4,032	14	2
„ Other Loans repaid	14,381	6	7
„ Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	9,938	14	9
„ Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	22,123	7	8
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc. ..	36,179	4	8
Total Expenditure	£102,702	11	0
Credit Balances	6,968	12	6
Balances held for Special Purposes	23,449	8	1
Grand Total	£133,120	11	7

5. Statement of Debts

Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	£177,491	10	10
Add New Loans received during year	15,323	10	7
Total	£192,815	1	5
Deduct Loans repaid during year	18,138	10	7
Amount of Mortgage Debt at 30th September, 1930 ..	£174,676	10	10
Unpaid General Accounts	814	19	3
Unpaid Interest	221	5	10

6. Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances reported	£748,526	12	9
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7. General.

The returns for the past year show a gratifying position in view of the economic state of the country. The total receipts, amounting to £133,120 11s 7d show an increase over the previous year of £1292 19s 10d. The amount expended in the purchase of land and in the erection of new buildings, or in additions to existing buildings, shows an increase of £4259 18s 9d. The mortgage debts also show a pleasing decrease of £4289 1s 2d.

The schedule forms supplied to District Secretaries have been prepared with a greater degree of care than usual, although there is still room for improvement. Much 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.

The District Secretary for Taranaki-Wanganui writes as follows:—

“Wanganui still shows £1598 as owing to the Trust for special purposes. None of this has been repaid, and invested for the purpose for which it was collected; however, Wanganui has spent £458 on the renovation of the Church and Parsonage; this has hampered their finances for this year. I had an opportunity of seeing the books of the New Plymouth (Fitzroy) Trust. I found that of the moneys paid off the old parsonage and banked in the New Plymouth Savings Bank, towards a fund for the repayment of the mortgage on the New Parsonage, £75 has been withdrawn, and used for another purpose. One of the conditions of the sale was that the proceeds were to be set aside for the above purpose. I trust, therefore, that an effort will be made to repay this £75.”

These matters should receive the attention of the Trusts concerned.

8. District Secretaries for Church Property.

The District Secretaries for Church Property continue to render good service and all are recommended for reappointment for 1931 as follows:—

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 Street West, Ashburton.

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

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary.

Christchurch, 11th January, 1931.

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 1931.
- 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.Z.—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 attention of the Wanganui and Fitzroy Trusts be called to their infringement of the Property Regulations.

**B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.
REPORT FOR 1930.**

It is with extreme regret that we place on record the death on 18th August of Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., the Lay Treasurer of the Church Building and Loan Fund. It is impossible to estimate the value of his services as a member of the Committee over a long period of years. For seventeen years Mr. Flesher held the office of Lay Treasurer. His time, his financial experience, his wide legal knowledge and his outstanding gifts were given without stint or measure to the Committee. He did his work with a thoroughness that is beyond praise. With the approval of the President, the Committee unanimously elected his son, Mr. Hubert de Rie Flesher, M.A., LL.B., to a vacancy on the Committee, and then very heartily appointed him as Acting Lay Treasurer. Mr. Hubert Flesher has for a very long period been a member of Durham Street Church, and has recently been associated in professional partnership with his father. He takes a keen interest in the work of the Church and will strive to uphold his father's tradition of service.

During the year Mr. S. Roberts has retired from the Committee on account of his removal to Wellington. To him thanks are due for capable service rendered.

The financial year closed on 30th September, 1930, and the books of the Fund have been duly audited and certified to as correct. The Loans Account shows that a sum of £4405 18s 9d has been received in repayment of loans, whilst new loans have been advanced to a total of £3678. The amount of loans current at the end of the year was £19,472 15s 6d, this being £723 16s 10d less than the previous year.

The Revenue Account shows that a sum of £263 0s 5d has been received for office expenses. The office expenditure has been £246 0s 1d, leaving a net surplus of £17 0s 4d on the year.

The income for the Church Sites Fund has been £184 0s 1d, and grants of £25 have been made to Waimamaku and Miramar.

The Balance-Sheet shows that the assets of the Fund now amount to £22,249 16s 11d, including £1000 that is invested on mortgage for the Church Sites Fund. A sum of £512 7s 7d is available for the acquirement of Church sites on the conditions set forth on page 164 of the Law Book.

New loans have been advanced during the year to the amount of £3678, as follows:—Mangere East S.S. Hall, £100; Cambridge Church, £200; Waiwhetu Church, £275; Picton Parsonage, £100; Linwood Avenue Parsonage, £350; Riccarton Parsonage, £78; Edgeware Road S.S., £400; Bryndwr Church, £125; Timaru Church and School, £1250; Port Chalmers Church, £450; Gore S.S. Hall, £350.

During the year the following loans have been fully repaid:—New Lynn Church, Rototuna Church, Matamata Church, Rotorua Parsonage (two loans), Norsewood Parsonage, Foxton Church, Lower Hutt Church (one loan), Ngaio School, Worser Bay Church, Plimmerton Church, Brightwater Church, Linwood Church, Rangiora Parsonage, St. Kilda Church and Parsonage, and Port Chalmers Church.

A tabulated statement of current loans has been sent to each District Synod. The number of loans current in each district at 30th September was as follows:—

Auckland, 20; South Auckland, 25; Taranaki-Wanganui, 10; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, 11; Wellington, 10; Nelson, 10; North Canterbury, 21; South Canterbury, 4; Otago-Southland, 12.

Attention is called to the Church Property Regulations on pages 187-189 of the Law Book, especially to Regulation 6, which requires that the sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee must be obtained before any property is purchased and also for all erections, enlargements and structural alterations of buildings. Plans and specifications for all buildings and alterations must be furnished to the Committee before the work is begun.

No doubt there are cases that never come under the notice of the Committee, but it has been learned that the regulations referred to have not been observed by the Trustees at Hikurangi, Normanby, Kuripuni, Motueka, Dovedale, Woolston, Dunedin (Trinity) and Invercargill (St. Peter's). The regulations should be observed by all boards of Trustees.

A. N. SCOTTER, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 20th October, 1930.

SALES SANCTIONED.

- Trinity College.**—Surrender of part of lower area to Wesley Training College Trust.
- Auckland West** (Arch Hill).—Sale of Section at about £20 per foot. Proceeds to be equally distributed for reduction of Trust debts at Great North Road and St John's, Ponsonby.
- Takapuna.**—Lake Road property £1150 for Ministers' Rest Home. Proceeds for reduction of Church Trust debt.
- Leigh.**—Sale of Section, £10.
- Hamilton.**—Sale of Tennis Court sections for £3500. Proceeds for erecting new parsonages for first and second ministers. £500 in cash, £3000 to be paid in two years.
- Pukemiro.**—Sale of Section for best price obtainable. Proceeds to be held in trust towards cost of new church at Huntly.
- Ohura.**—Parsonage site. Sale to mortgagee for £300.
- Grey Institute.**—Renewal of Lease and grant of boring rights to His Majesty the King for five years from 1st December, 1929. Allotments 51, 52, 53 Whitely Township.
- Manaia** (Inaha).—Sale of section, £43 7s. Proceeds to pay debt to Loan Fund.
- Wellington East** (Hataitai).—Sale of share in right-of-way, £25.
- Richmond.** (1)—Corner for street-widening. Council to pay £10 and bear all expenses. (2) Strip of land for street widening. Council to erect satisfactory fence and form good footpath on church side of property.
- Blenheim** (Renwicktown).—Sale of Section, £30. Proceeds to Springlands Trust.
- Christchurch** (Addington).—12 feet radius corner of Selwyn Street and South Crescent Road. City Council to erect fence as required.
- Christchurch East** (North Brighton).—Section at Osborne Terrace, £150. Proceeds to pay debt to Loan Fund; any surplus to reduce mortgage debt on New Brighton property.
- Springfield.**—Sale of Section, £15.

Dunedin (Trinity).—Sale of Stuart Street School property, minimum price, £1600. Proceeds for alterations and improvements to church and school.

Dunedin (Dundas Street).—(1) Dundas Street Parsonage, £850. (2) Leith Street Parsonage, £1100. Surplus proceeds for new parsonage property on a site to be approved by the C.B. and L. Fund Committee.

Invercargill.—Sections at West Plains and Waikiwi at about £15 each.

COMMITTEES FOR 1931.

The North Canterbury District has nominated the following as the General Committee for 1931:—

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 H. de R. Flesher (Treasurer), H. Harrison, S. H. Maddren, H. J. S. Harrington, C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, R. W. Brighting, J. McIndoe, John MacDougall.

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

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

South Auckland.—The Superintendent of Hamilton Circuit and A. O. Harris, Messrs E. J. Davey W. B. Williams, F. Penn, E. N. Miller and J. C. Tietjens.

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, senr.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Ministers of St Paul's and Cuba Street Circuits, with Messrs G. H. Styles 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. J. A. Lochore, Messrs J. B. Shacklock, E. Rosevear and D. C. Cameron. Sub-Committee for Southland—Superintendent of Invercargill Central Circuit, the District Secretary and Mr Mitchell.

(Signed) A. N. SCOTTER, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 11th January, 1931.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the Revenue Account 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, 1932.)
- 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 1931 be as named in the Report.

- 5.—That the District Advisory Committees be appointed as named in the Report.
- 6.—That Conference expresses its displeasure at the reported infringements of the Church Property Regulations as printed in the Law Book, pages 187-189, and directs that they be carefully observed by all Superintendent Ministers.
- 7.—That the Conference expresses its profound sorrow at the death of Mr J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., and tenders to his widow and family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement. It places on record its high appreciation of the character and capacity of the late Mr Flesher, who, for a long period of years, unsparingly devoted his gifts to the service of the Church and also of the city of Christchurch in which he occupied the highest public offices. For seventeen years Mr Flesher served as Lay Treasurer of the Church Building and Loan Fund, and for a long period was Legal Adviser to the President. His business ability and his legal knowledge were freely placed at the disposal of the Connexion and are reflected in the constitution of important church boards and committees as well as in the Parliamentary Acts relating to the Methodist Church of New Zealand. In the year 1927 Mr Flesher filled the office of Vice-President of the Conference. His record of service has been outstanding and his death deprives the Church of one of its most notable and devoted members.
- 8.—That the Church Building and Loan Fund be authorised to write off the liability of the Runanga Trustees to the Loan Fund.
- 9.—That repayments of instalments in reduction of principal due to the Loan Fund from the St Clair Trust be held in abeyance and reviewed two years hence.
- 10.—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev M. A. Rugby Pratt for his efficient services as Secretary of the Committee.

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

Detailed reports of the registration and removal of Trustees were, as usual, furnished to the various District Synods. Five new Trusts have been registered, and alterations and additions have been made in respect of 96 Trusts. These charges have involved the registration of 254 new trustees, and the removal of 348 names from the Register. It is gratifying to find a readier response to the appeal to keep the Register of Trustees up to date.

Twenty-five new deeds have been received for safe custody. Many of these are new titles under the Land Transfer Act replacing the old Conveyances.

Certificated Lists of Trustees have been supplied in fifteen cases, in addition to many furnished free of charge to District Land Registrars. Fees amounting to £30 15s. have been paid in to the Connexional Secretaryship Fund.

The Registration of 272 ministers under the "Marriage Act" has been attended to.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch, 31st December, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2.—That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Act, 1887," the Rev Major Albert Rugby Pratt be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1931-1932.
- 3.—That the Rev M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian of Deeds for the ensuing year.
- 4.—That it be a direction 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 ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1930.**

Owing to the continued depression the Board have had to reduce rentals very considerably during the year and several of the shops have been vacant for some period.

Consequent upon this the Board's contribution to the College will have to be reduced for the coming year, but every effort will be made to make the allocation as liberal as possible.

Change of tenants involve considerable expense in the way of renovations which it is difficult to avoid, but every care is taken to keep expenses as low as possible.

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.

- 1.—That the Report, Financial Statement, Revenue Account and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the name of Dr H. Ranston be added to the Board.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.**REPORT FOR CONFERENCE, 1931.**

The Board is pleased to report another year of useful activity at the Children's Home at Masterton. Splendid work has been accomplished by the Committee, the Matron, Miss Allan, and her first assistant, Miss Mead. The report submitted to the Conference by the Committee will give full details.

The Board appreciates the whole-hearted service rendered in carrying out the work at the Home, and takes this opportunity of placing on record the fine effort expended in such work, especially that of the secretary, Rev. J. Cocker. We ask the Conference to re-appoint the Committee as now constituted.

The Board unanimously recommend the Conference to re-appoint Rev. T. R. Richards as Chairman of the Trust Board.

During the year the President was pleased to accept the nomination of the Board, and appointed Messrs. L. J. Clark and E. Hurley to the Board.

Much time and thought has been given during the year to the question of the leases of the land in Wellington City belonging to the Board, such leases expiring on the 1st January, 1932. Negotiations are now in progress in connection with new leases, likewise with the Hospital Board Trustees, our Board and the City Council with respect to the private ways which now exist on the property, which both bodies desire the City Council to take over as public streets. Reports on and valuations of the properties have been made and legal steps taken as far as are at present practicable towards granting new leases to the existing tenants, many of whom have been in occupation for a number of years and are anxious to remain in possession.

The Board has also had under serious consideration the question of assuming the responsibility for the establishment of a Maori Girls' College, preferably in the New Plymouth area, when a suitable site and the necessary finance is available. Visits of inspection of properties in and around New Plymouth have been made by members of the Board, and we have been in close touch with Rev. A. J. Seamer in the whole matter.

Members of the Board attending the Conference in their official capacity, viz., Rev. T. R. Richards, Messrs. E. W. A. Kellow and E. Hurley, have been given authority to act in the matter on any Committee that may be set up by the Conference to discuss the position, and will submit our report and plans of the proposed building for information and inspection.

Revenue Account and Balance-Sheet of the Board's operations for the past year are attached to this report.

On behalf of the Board.

W. C. HEMERY,

Honorary Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

That the Reports, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheets of the following Trusts be received and adopted.

Emsley Theological Endowment Trust.

Theological Students' Library Fund.

Methodist Mission Property Trust.

Prince Albert College Trust.

Grey Institute.

Kai Iwi Mission Estate.

Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.

For the Balance Sheets (see Appendix)

REPORT OF THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

The Board has met regularly during the year and dealt with fifteen (15) new applications for financial grants besides reviewing grants made during the previous year. The statement of receipts and expenditure shows that £476 7s 9d has been disbursed in grants, and at the end of the year there was a balance in hand of £176 3s 9d. In view of the fact that the Inscribed Stock matured on the 1st January, 1931, the Board

considered the reinvestment of the capital fund and decided to reinvest the amount, £11,000, in Government Inscribed Stock having a currency of 7 years and returning interest at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The Board's income will, during this coming year, be increased by £110.

GEORGE BOND, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report, Cash Statement, Balance Sheet, and Mortgage Account be received and adopted.

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

REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND, 1930.

The Connexional Fire Insurance Board is pleased to report another year of very successful business.

Summary of Business.

Special efforts have been continued to secure new business and it is gratifying to state that during the year ended 31st October, additional risks on church properties placed with the Department have totalled £102,296. The previous record was last year when we reported new risks aggregating £37,392. In the nature of the case it is not to be expected that future years will show such a great volume of new business.

The trustees of large Connexional properties are now freely placing their insurances with our office. It is gratifying to state that the Public Trustee and the Superintendent of the State Advances Department have both approved of insurances on large properties over which they hold mortgages being placed with our office, our arrangements for re-insurance being entirely satisfactory to them.

The total number of church properties insured with us is 856, and the amount of cover given on them is £663,046. We have also arranged for the insurance of properties and personal effects of 112 ministers for a total of £29,527 as well as for insurances aggregating £33,945 on properties mortgaged to our Board and to the Supernumerary Fund Board.

Finance.

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet clearly set forth the financial position of the Department. The income from all sources has amounted to £3721 19s 1d. After meeting all working expenses, fire losses, and re-insurance charges there is a surplus on the year's working of £1878 9s 9d. The assets of the Fund now amount to £26,338 7s 7d. During the year mortgage investments have increased by £350, and now stand at £9550. Debenture and Inscribed Stock investments have increased by £1000 and now amount to £15,381. The total invested funds aggregate £24,931.

In view of the fact that an Accumulated Fund of £25,000 will provide an income adequate to meet expenses and grants on the present scale and recognising the desirability of increasing such grants, when in the judgment of the Board this can be wisely done, it is intended when the Accumulated Fund reaches the amount named above to open a Fire Loss Reserve Account, such account to be built

up from profits until it shall reach a sum of £5000, at which figure it is the present purpose of the Board that it shall be maintained. This is simply a book-keeping arrangement and the funds of such Reserve Account will, of course, be regarded as part of the Accumulated Fund of the Board and thereout shall be paid, so far as possible and necessary, the claims upon the Board for fire loss and other charges. When this Reserve Account reaches the amount aimed at, the Board will be in a position sufficiently strong to consider making grants on a larger scale than at present and also the desirability of the Fund itself carrying a larger proportion of the risks, thus reducing the expenditure for re-insurance.

Fire Claims.

Claims on account of fire loss have been heavier than in recent years. The losses were £4 10s 0d on Mornington School, £10 on Opotiki Church, and £800 on Rototuna Church. Re-insurances reduced our net loss to £560. The amount formerly held in trust for the Normanby trustees has been paid out during the year.

Re-insurances.

The Board has made satisfactory arrangements for re-insurance for a term of three years from 30th June 1930. A conservative policy is followed by the Board which has the risks on our church properties well re-insured, to give greater security to our own Accumulated Funds.

Grants Voted By Conference.

In accordance with the resolution of the Conference of 1930 the following grants totalling £750 10s 0d have been paid to various Connexional objects—

Home Acquirement Fund £275 10s 0d; 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.

Appropriations for 1931.

The Board recommends that from the year's surplus the sum of £1073 9s 9d 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
Furnishing Account Connexional Offices ..	50

Total £805

Board for 1931.

The following are nominated as the Board of Management for 1931—
The Connexional Secretary (ex-officio), Rev T. Fee, Rev S. Lawry, Rev. F. T. Read, Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E., M.L.C. (Lay Treasurer); Messrs S. R. Webb, F. H. Christian, A. A. Sandford, W. A. Bascand and J. W. Manchester.

Thanks.

Thanks are tendered to the honorary auditors, Messrs. C. F. Edgar, F.R.A.N.Z., and W. L. Thomas, and also to the Lay Treasurer, the Hon. G. J. Smith for their valuable services to the Board.

S. R. WEBB, Chairman.
M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,
29/12/1930.

ADDENDUM.

The Board has directed that there be placed on record its high appreciation of the services rendered by the secretary, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt. His outstanding business capacities and his devoted zeal are manifest in all the work of the Insurance Department and the record year of new business is in itself a tribute to his ability and success.

S. R. WEBB,
Chairman.

Christchurch,
29/12/1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That from the year's surplus the sum of £1073 9s 9d be added permanently to the Accumulated Funds, and that the balance of £805 be granted to other Funds as recommended in the Report.
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 members for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Messrs W. L. Thomas and C. F. Edgar for their services as Honorary Auditors of the Fund.
6. That authority be given to the Fire Insurance Board to set aside a sum not exceeding £500 to assist in the restoration of Church properties in the Hawke's Bay earthquake area, such sum to be administered by the Board in consultation with the President of the Conference.
7. That, provided a scheme satisfactory to the Conference be evolved for the establishment of a Home Missionaries' Children's Fund, the Fire Insurance Board be authorised to make a contribution to this Fund not exceeding £50 per annum.

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

**REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP
COMMITTEE, 1930.**

The year 1930 has been one of exceptional activity in the Connexional Office alike for the Secretary and the office staff. The reports of the various Departments centred in the office show the constant growth of business, while the development of new branches of work increases the administrative responsibility and adds to duties devolving

upon the staff. The outward correspondence for the calendar year, comprising 11,553 communications, throws a sidelight upon the volume of business passing through the office.

The building operations of the Supernumerary Fund Board at Epworth Chambers and the development of this property have involved much work for a great part of the year.

The Committee records its satisfaction at the work done by the office staff. All the auditors have again paid a high tribute to the excellence of the system of accounting and of the general office organisation.

The publication of a special issue of the "Methodist Times" describing the work of the Connexional Office, afforded our people a good idea of the extent and importance of the activities that are centred there.

The working expenses have been provided by the appropriations made by last Conference and by fees received from the Authorised Representative. The expenditure showed a substantial reduction upon that for the previous year. The financial statement shows a credit balance carried forward of £12 17s 3d.

The estimated expenditure for 1931 is £1326. It is anticipated that £39 will be available from fees collected through the Authorised Representative and from other sources. The Committee asks for appropriations as follow:—

Church Building and Loan Fund	£210
Fire Insurance Fund	£320
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	£380
Contingent Fund	£195
"Methodist Times" Fund	£170

This again shows a small reduction upon last year's appropriation in every case but that of the "Methodist Times." It is hoped that the "Times" will be able year by year to contribute a larger proportion of the cost it involves to the office, so as to reduce the claims upon the other Funds.

At the end of the year the Connexional Offices were transferred to new quarters on the top floor of Epworth Chambers, where increased facilities are provided for carrying on the work. In addition to the public office, and rooms for the Connexional Secretary and the Accountant, there is a spacious Board-room and also a room for the convenience of visiting Connexional officers and others. This is meeting a real need and is proving a boon to many.

The treasurers and Committees of the various Connexional Funds agreed to contribute up to the amount stated towards the cost of furnishing the new offices, and Conference is asked to ratify their action:—Fire Insurance Fund, £50; Supernumerary Fund, £30; Loan Fund, £30; Contingent Fund, £25; "Methodist Times" Fund, £15; total, £150.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1931: The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Woolston and St. Albans Circuits with Mr. Frank Thompson (Treasurer), the Lay Treasurer of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Contingent Fund, "Methodist Times" Committee, and Messrs. M. Kershaw, J. Lomas, H. W. Armitage.

The experience of each succeeding year confirms the Committee's opinion that the Conference made a wise selection when it appointed Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt to the office of Connexional Secretary. Zealous,

efficient and courteous is he in all the work attached to his varied responsibilities. The Committee gladly records this testimony to his work.

Christchurch, 27th January, 1931.

(Signed) H. HOLLAND, Chairman.

FRANK THOMPSON, Lay Treasurer.

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 1931 be as named in the Report.
4. That the Conference ratifies the action of the various Boards and Committees in contributing to the furnishing of the new Connexional Office on the basis named in the Report.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev M. A. Rugby Pratt for his courteous and efficient services rendered to the Connexional Office and to the various Boards and Committees associated therewith.

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

A.—REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

The College opened on March 17th, when the students appointed by Conference came into residence, with the exception of Mr. E. C. Grey, who had completed one year's training. Immediately prior to the opening of the Session, Mr. Grey tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the President. In addition to the students of our own Church, two students for the ministry of the Congregational Church, both of whom are resident in the College, have attended classes. Miss Iris Arthur, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a student of the Auckland University College, has also taken the lectures in New Testament Introduction and Exegesis.

At the close of last year the following prizes were awarded: The "Edson" prize (Greek), to Mr. G. R. Bowden; the "Garland" prize (Theological subjects), and the "Wagstaff" prize (Biblical subjects), to Mr. E. C. Leadley; the "Kent Memorial" prize (English literature), to Mr. E. O. Miles; and the "Alexander Reid" prize (Elocution), to Mr. J. W. Parker. Other junior prizes were gained by various students.

The course of study as laid down by Conference has been adhered to, and a detailed report thereon will be forwarded to the secretary of the Examination Committee. The Principal has conducted the classes in Systematic and New Testament Biblical Theology, New Testament Introduction and Exegesis, Homiletics, Pastoral Theology, Sermon Criticism, Methodist Law and Circuit Administration, and also in English Literature. The Residential Professor has conducted the classes in Classical and New Testament Greek, Elementary Hebrew, Old Testament Biblical Theology, Old Testament Introduction and Exegesis, Psychology, and in Pedagogy and Child Psychology. English grammar and composition have been taught by Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A., and the elocution class has been in charge of Mr. J. F. Montague.

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

Mr. G. R. Bowden, who last year passed for the B.A. degree in Latin and Economics, has this year attended lectures in Greek and Advanced Latin.

Mr. D. O. Williams, who last year passed for the B.A. degree in Education and Advanced Philosophy, has this year attended lectures in Greek and Advanced Philosophy (III.).

Mr. R. Dudley, having taken the M.A. degree last year, has this year attended lectures in Ethics and Latin, and has also pursued special studies in Hebrew and New Testament Greek under the direction of Dr. Ranston, with a view to sitting for the Intermediate B.D. examination of the London University next year.

Mr. W. E. A. Carr and Mr. I. S. Williamson have attended lectures in Education and Philosophy.

Mr. B. M. Chrystall has attended lectures in History and Education.

All these, except Mr. Dudley, if successful in their terms' examinations, will proceed to the degree examinations in November. Mr. Dudley will then sit for the Diploma of Social Science.

The only candidate for Matriculation this year is Mr. D. C. Alley, who will sit to complete in Greek in December.

Attention has been given to providing for the students' experience in practical Church work. They have, under proper supervision, taken a full share in Sunday School and Young People's work at the Collegiate Church, and the third year's men have visited various well-graded schools in the city and reported their observations thereon to the Residential Professor. All the students have in turn attended the quarterly meeting of the Auckland East Circuit. Fourteen of them attended the Bible Class camps in the Auckland and South Auckland Districts. A number have assisted in various Circuits during the vacations. At the Collegiate Church Messrs. Payne and Day have acted as Assistant Pastors; Mr. Dudley has been in charge of the Wesley Guild; and Messrs. A. Carr and Alley have conducted the Junior C.E. Society. The work of these students, and others who have assisted them, is most highly appreciated by the Board of Management of the Church.

The Hostel in connection with the College has been maintained with success during the year. There are sixteen men in residence, and these bear willing testimony to the ample provision made for their comfort and welfare. The number of residents might be largely increased, and the Council seeks the co-operation of ministers and laymen in recommending suitable applicants.

During the year various ministers of our own and other Churches have visited the College and addressed the students, and the Rev. E. P. Blamires has again given an able course of three lectures on Young People's work.

The correspondence classes, under the general oversight of the Board of Studies, have been carried on under the direction of the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., and a report will be presented to the Examination Committee. At Mr. Slade's suggestion arrangements have been made for the work to be placed in charge of the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., next year.

The Residential Professor and Mrs. Ranston returned from their visit to England in March last, and under their experienced oversight, assisted by an able and devoted staff, the household management of the College has been maintained at a high level of efficiency.

It is with strangely mingled feelings that I conclude this, my last report as Principal of the College. It is not for me to recite the de-

velopments that have taken place during the past eleven years, nor to pass judgment upon their value. Perhaps, however, I may be permitted to say that I have continually striven to be faithful to the charge committed to me, and, that, as I myself have profited by the labours of my honoured predecessors, so have I used my best endeavour to lay foundations and provide facilities of which others may take advantage. And it is now with confidence that I see the work committed to one who has for many years been a faithful member of the staff, to whose loyal assistance I myself have been continually indebted, and who is not less zealous for the future of Trinity College than I have sought to be.

C. H. LAWS, Principal.

Auckland, 9th October, 1930.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

The work of the Council has proceeded smoothly during the year, the meetings being held quarterly, and the business prepared by the Board of Studies, the College and House, Property, and Finance Committees. The members of the Council have maintained a keen interest, and the attendances have been very satisfactory. In July last, Mr. J. Marsden Caghey, on account of ill-health, was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the year. During the visit of Mr. F. M. Winstone to England, Mr. A. J. Buttle has filled the position of acting-treasurer and convener of the Finance Committee.

Hostel.

The Council is gratified with the progress made by the College Hostel. It has established itself as one of the leading homes in the city for University and other students. There is a considerable increase in the income from Hostel fees, and the relations between the divinity and other residents are of the most cordial nature.

College Fellowship.

The arrangements for the founding of the Trinity College Fellowship are being finalised, and will be reported direct to Conference.

Co-operation.

An important communication from the Presbyterian Church re co-operation in Ministerial training is receiving the serious consideration of a special committee, whose findings will be available for Conference.

Candidates for the Ministry.

The Council is recommending to the Board of Examiners that they give greater attention to Bible knowledge in the examination of candidates for the Ministry.

Bonds.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in collecting from some ex-students who have left our work the amount owing under the bond they signed when entering College. The Council is giving its best attention to this matter.

Gifts.

The College library is being constantly enriched by the valuable gifts of many donors. The hearty thanks of the Council are accorded to the undermentioned for gifts during the year:—

Revs. M. A. R. Pratt, A. Mitchell, J. F. Martin and E. T. Olds; Mesdames Small (Wanganui East), G. A. Buttle and R. Arthur; Misses Kirk, Jakins and Edger; Messrs. A. H. Reed (Dunedin), G. Newsome, J. W. Shackelford, J. Hodgkinson, and W. E. Allon Carr.

Principal.

The Rev. Dr. Laws will complete his term as Principal of the College in March next. The Council gratefully acknowledges his devoted and efficient services in this capacity. A fitting resolution will be presented to Conference. The Council rejoices that Dr. Laws will remain on the College staff, and give tuition in Homiletics, Sermon Criticism, and English Literature.

1931.

The personnel of the Council, and the Budget for 1931, will be submitted in a supplementary report.

ARCH. PEAK, (Vice-President of Conference) Chairman.

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

FRANK E. LEADLEY, Secretary.

Auckland, 9th October, 1930.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

After reviewing the recommendations of Connexional Committees and Synods, and finalising other matters, the Council submits to Conference the following Supplementary Report:—

A.—Leadership in Religious Education.

The Auckland District Synod considered at length the recommendations of the Welfare of the Church Committee on this subject, and requested the College Council through the Board of Studies to furnish to Conference the following detailed statement covering the position:—

- (1) The College Council is fully alive to the importance of training the students for leadership in Religious Education. The new proposals for 1931 are:—
 - (a) The classes in Homiletics will include instruction in the types of work suitable for adolescents as well as in the preparation and delivery of sermons for adults.
 - (b) The class in Pastoral Theology will give special attention to Sunday School methods and organisation as well as to pastoral work among older people.
- (2) Since there seems some lack of knowledge as to what actually has been done in such training, the Council would point out:—
 - (a) All men who attend University classes (a growing number) are required to take Education as one of their subjects.
 - (b) All students take, within the College, a course in Child Study and preparation for teacher training.
 - (c) The Psychology teaching is so given as to bear directly on Sunday School work.
 - (d) All the men are required to visit various Sunday Schools of approved standing to gain experience and insight into the practical side of Religious Paedagogy.
 - (e) At the Grafton Sunday School, Students are in charge of the Wesley Guild, and the Christian Endeavour Society, and have assisted in the Sunday School.

- (f) The Rev. E. P. Blamires gives each year a short series of lectures on Young People's Work.
- (3) In the training our courses are so constructed as to keep in mind the needs of the whole work of the Ministry, which must be among both adults and young people.
- (4) The men are taught not only how to teach, but what to teach. Even the finest methods fail without sound knowledge of the subjects. No non-essential subjects are taught. Such work as Classical Greek and Hebrew is taken only by a few men in preparation for degrees.

B.—College Rules.

The Council strongly urges that candidates for the Ministry recommended by the Synods, shall, prior to their attendance before the Examination Committee at Conference, be furnished with a copy of the College Rules and the Students' Bond, and when appearing before the Examination Committee they be required to state their willingness loyally to obey such regulations, should they be accepted for training.

C.—Additional Gifts.

The Council gratefully acknowledges further gifts to the valuable collection in the College Library, from Mrs. S. M. Knight (Lower Hutt), Mrs. Worker (daughter of Rev. W. Gittos), Miss Gimblett (Heathcote Valley), the Rev. Geo. Frost (Auckland), and Mr. A. H. Reed (Dunedin).

D.—Council for 1931.

Revs. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., (Principal Elect), W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., (Residential Tutor), C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, G. T. Marshall, T. A. Joughin, Superintendent of Auckland East Circuit, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, A. B. Chappell, M.A., J. H. Haslam, C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., W. Walker, F. E. Leadley; Messrs. A. Peak, J. W. Shackelford, J. Veale, J. M. Caughey, J. Stanton, LL.B., F. M. Winstone, A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., A. J. Buttle, J. Tyler, A. Messer, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, and L. G. Simpson, LL.M.

Officers: Chairman, and Vice-Chairman. (To be nominated at Conference.)

Secretary, Rev. F. E. Leadley.

Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone.

ARCH. PEAK, Vice-President of Conference, Chairman.

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

F. E. LEADLEY, Secretary.

Auckland,

16th December, 1930.

TRINITY COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP.

Resolved.

- 1.—That a Fellowship of Trinity College be founded.
- 2.—That the following Regulations regarding elections be adopted:—
 - (a) The qualification upon which a Fellow shall be elected shall be his having rendered long and distinguished academic service to Trinity College.
 - (b) The Roll of Living Fellows shall not exceed ten.
 - (c) Elections shall be made by the College Council on the recommendation of a joint meeting of the Board of Studies and the existing Fellows. The name of any person proposed for a Fellowship shall be brought forward at any Quarterly Meeting of the College Council, but the Election shall take place at a special meeting of the Council called for the purpose, to be held not sooner than three months after the nomination.
 - (d) The election shall be by ballot, and no Fellowship shall be granted except by a majority of not less than four-fifths of those present and voting at a meeting at which not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council shall be present.
 - (e) Not more than one Fellow shall be elected in any one year.
 - (f) Fellows shall be regarded as specially eligible for membership in the College Council, but any Fellow not so appointed shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Council and to take part in the discussions without right of voting.
 - (g) Each Fellow shall receive a fitting Scroll signed by the Chairman of the Council certifying to his election.
 - (h) All appointments of Fellows shall be reported to the following Conference and the Roll of Fellows shall be printed in the Minutes from year to year under the question dealing with College business.
- 3.—That the Council may, if it so desire, remove any name from the list of Fellows. The decision shall be by ballot, but no name shall be removed except by a majority of not less than four-fifths of those present and voting at a meeting at which not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council shall be present. No name shall be voted upon until at least three months have elapsed since the name has been brought forward at a Council meeting. The name of any Fellow absent from the Dominion longer than twelve months shall be brought before the Council for decision as to retention on the Roll.
- 4.—That in recognition of his specially distinguished academic and administrative services, the first Principal of Trinity College, the REVEREND CHARLES HENRY LAWS, B.A., D.D., become the FOUNDATION FELLOW.
- 5.—That, except under extraordinary circumstances, no additional Fellow be elected until three or more years have elapsed since the foundation of the Fellowship.

C.—BUDGET FOR 1931-32.

**Estimate of Income and Expenditure for the year commencing
April 1st, 1931.**

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Probert Trust Board	1000	0	0
Probert Trust Board, Ground Rent	300	0	0
Elmsley Trust Board	110	0	0
Prince Albert College Trust Board	50	0	0
Prince Albert College Trust Board Special, 1931	200	0	0
Contingent Fund	740	0	0
Home Mission Fund	135	0	0
Foreign Mission Fund	50	0	0
Divinity Students' Contributions	250	0	0
Congregational Church—Fees for Students	150	0	0
Hostel Fees	760	0	0
Trinity Collegiate Church	110	0	0
Rent—Mochau Street	117	0	0
	<u>£3972</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
House and Service—Divinity and Hostel	1375	0	0
Stipends	850	0	0
Tutors' Fees	110	0	0
Connexional Charges	173	0	0
Quarterages	160	0	0
Rent	315	0	0
Rates	475	0	0
Insurance	25	0	0
Telephones	55	0	0
University Fees	80	0	0
Bible Class Camp Fees	10	0	0
Recreation	15	0	0
Furnishing	30	0	0
Repairs	50	0	0
Garden	10	0	0
Advertising Church Services	8	0	0
Printing, Stationery, Postages and Legal Expenses	30	0	0
Interest—Mochau Street	130	0	0
Bank Interest and Charges	6	0	0
Sundries	65	0	0
	<u>£3072</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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, 1931, be received and adopted.

- 3.—That while appreciating the overtures of the Presbyterian Church in re co-operation in ministerial training, this Conference judges it not to be advisable, until a policy of Union has been decided upon, and at least a preparatory scheme has been adopted, to proceed to co-operation in this matter.
- 4.—That Conference expresses its appreciation of the many valuable gifts made by friends in various parts of the Dominion to the Library and the Museum of Trinity College, and sincerely thanks these donors.
- 5.—That Conference desires to place on record its gratitude to Mr and Mrs A. H. Reed for the series of most generous gifts to the Library of the College by which they have enriched the collection there preserved, and especially mention the MS. copy of portions of the Holy Scriptures dating from the 14th Century, and the Incunabula Bible from the library of Cardinal Francis Xavier Zelada. The Conference also rejoices to hear of the progress being made with the extra-illustrated and annotated Hymn Book which it is Mr Reed's purpose to present to the College when completed. The Conference requests the President to convey its grateful appreciation to Mr and Mrs Reed in a suitable letter.
- 6.—That in future the Treasurers of the various Library and Prize Funds be Rev. Dr. Ranston and Mr. A. Peak.
- 7.—That the Conference tenders its sincere thanks to the Residential Professor and Mrs Ranston for their excellent oversight of the domestic arrangements at the College; also to the staff, who have so ably assisted in maintaining the management at a high level of efficiency.
- 8.—That the thanks of the Conference be conveyed by letter to the tutors, Messrs W. E. Burley, B.A., and F. J. Montague, for their services to the College; also to the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., for his efficient direction of the correspondence classes.
- 9.—That the Conference expresses its thanks to the Acting-Treasurer, Mr A. J. Buttle; the Legal Adviser, Mr A. Peak; the Conveners of Committees; and the Secretary, Rev F. E. Leadley, for efficient services rendered during the year.
- 10.—That the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., designated by the Conference of 1929, be hereby appointed as Principal of Trinity Theological College.
- 11.—That the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., designated by the Conference of 1930, be hereby appointed as Residential Tutor of Trinity Theological College.
- 12.—That the Conference approves the Rules for Divinity students adopted by the Theological College Council.
- 13.—That the Conference endorses the attitude of the College Council in its endeavours to secure the just observance of the Rules.
- 14.—That the Rules be printed, and the signing of them be obligatory upon each student entering the Institution.
- 15.—That a letter conveying these resolutions be sent to each Student by the President.

16.—That the Council for 1931 be as follows:—The President of the Conference (Rev. E. D. Patchett), Revs. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (Principal), W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Residential Tutor), C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, G. T. Marshall, T. A. Joughi, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, A. B. Chappell, M.A., J. H. Haslam, C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., W. Walker, F. E. Leadley, Messrs A. Peak, J. W. Shackelford, J. Veale, J. M. Caughey, J. Stanton, LL.B., F. M. Winstone, A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., A. J. Buttle, J. Tyler, A. Messer, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland T. L. Haines, and L. G. Simpson, B.A., LL.M.

Officers:—

Chairman: Rev. E. D. Patchett.

Vice-Chairman: Mr A. Peak.

Secretary: Rev. F. E. Leadley.

Treasurer: Mr F. M. Winstone.

RETIREMENT OF PRINCIPAL LAWS.

The Conference resolution of thanks to the retiring Principal took the form of the presentation of an Illuminated Address, the text of which is as follows:—

To the Reverend CHARLES HENRY LAWS, B.A., D.D.

Dear Brother,

On your retirement from the Office of Principal of the Trinity Methodist Theological College and at the close of an active Ministry in the Methodist Church of New Zealand of forty-four years, it is desired that we should in this manner record our high appreciation of the distinguished service which your rich spiritual gifts, combined with scholarly attainments, have enabled you to render to the Connexion. In Circuit work and the work of your Principalship of eleven years, and in connection with the wider interests of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, your service has been one of leadership marked by outstanding ability, vision, and unabated zeal.

The Trinity Theological College will ever remain a monument to your association with the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and to your interest and devotion in the movement for the establishment of the College. Your consecration to the highest ideals will have left indelible impressions upon Students for the Ministry of our Church who have been privileged to receive their training during your Principalship.

We commend you to the Grace of God, and trust that you will be long spared to give the Connexion the benefit of your experience in the many problems that may arise.

With fraternal greetings.

We are,

Yours sincerely,

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, President of Conference.

WILLIAM S. MACKAY, Vice-President of Conference.

JONATHAN H. HASLAM, Secretary of Conference.

ARCH. PEAK, Chairman of College Council.

FRANK E. LEADLEY, Secretary of College Council.

The Methodist Conference,

DUNEDIN,

24th February, 1931.

D.—REPORT ON THE NEW COLLEGE SCHEME.

The concluding steps are now being taken towards the completion of the New College Scheme. The Council has decided to proceed with the erection of the second residence and tenders are being called for at once. It is hoped to have the house ready for occupancy at the beginning of the College year.

The Council has further secured a right-of-way, adjacent to the College, into the upper portion of the inner area at Grafton Road, leased from the Board of Wesley Training College, for recreation purposes, and it is proposed to put down two tennis courts at an early date.

When these demands upon the Building Fund, with other smaller claims, have been met, it will be possible to determine the balance available towards the purchase of the freehold of the College site. An effort will then be made to secure the payment, as soon as possible, of all unredeemed promises, so that the purchase may be carried into effect, and the present payment for rent cease.

The Treasurers will, as usual, present their Statement for the year ending January 31st next direct to Conference.

The Council recommends the reappointment of the General Secretary and the Treasurers for another year.

ARCH. PEAK, Chairman.

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

C. H. LAWS, Gen. Secretary.

Auckland, 9th October, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report and Statement of Accounts be received and adopted.
- 2.—That Conference recognises the valuable services of the General Secretary (Rev Dr. Laws) and the Treasurers (Rev. T. A. Joughin and Mr A. Peak) and re-appoints them.

QUESTION XL.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Wesley Training College?**REPORT OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE TRUST.****Properties.**

We regret to report that the slump in property values has continued throughout the whole of the year 1930. No sections were sold during the year, but in four cases Sale and Purchase Agreements had to be rescinded because of the impossibility of collecting either interest or principal from purchasers of sections. In all cases the Finance Committee of the Board investigated the financial standing of the purchasers before deciding to rescind the Agreements and take back the sections.

The Auckland and Suburban Drainage Board has carried out very considerable drainage work in the Mt. Roskill area during 1930. Included in the special drainage area known as the Western Drainage Area, are the Three Kings and Dominion Road properties. Sewerage and storm-water drainage of these properties has now been connected up with the Greater Auckland drainage outlets. The preliminary reticulation of these properties has been practically completed.

During the past year the Auckland Transport Board has extended the tram lines on the Three Kings, Dominion Road and Edendale routes, all of which lines serve the Board's suburban properties. It therefore seems certain that when the present depression has passed and suburban land sales are able to be effected, the Board's suburban properties will offer special inducements to purchasers of sections, in the fact that adequate transport and drainage systems serve the properties.

Rateable Valuations of Properties.

During 1930 the Mt. Roskill area was revalued by the Government Valuation Department. The Board objected to the valuations of its Mt. Roskill properties at the Assessment Court held in Auckland, and as a result obtained very considerable reductions in the valuations of its properties. Not content with these reductions, it successfully appealed to the Government for further reductions in the valuations. As a result of this action, the valuations of the various suburban properties were reduced over £24,000, and this has resulted in a very substantial reduction in the rates levied on the Board by the Mt. Roskill Road Board. This reduction has been very considerably offset by the increased rates levied by the Road Board in connection with the special drainage loan in respect of the Western Drainage Area.

Finance.

The financial result of the year is a loss of some £2298. The members of the Board are taking a very serious view of the position which has arisen as a result of this loss, and at the present time have under consideration various methods of reducing the Board's expenditures so that the losses in future will be considerably reduced.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, Secretary.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

We have pleasure in reporting to Conference a very successful year's work. Although we have not been quite full, the school roll has been well maintained, the average attendance being 97, consisting of 70 European boys, and 27 Maori and Island boys.

Of boys presented for examination, three succeeded in passing the University Entrance Examination, and six passed the Public Service Entrance Examination, while one boy, Leslie Scott, gained a Senior National Scholarship. We presented 24 boys for Proficiency, and 20 passed that examination, while one other boy gained his Competency Certificate.

In sport it has been the most successful year the school has yet experienced. We won both Junior and Senior Cricket Competitions, and after a difficult struggle won both the Senior and Junior Rugby Competitions. In both swimming and tennis we have also been successful.

The health of the boys has been very good, and there has been an entire absence of any epidemic. We owe our good fortune in this respect in no small degree to our position, and to the facilities provided for the care of sickness in an up-to-date school hospital.

The spiritual welfare of the boys has been well cared for by our Chaplain, the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, who has conducted weekly services in the College Chapel, and has also taken classes in religious instruction during the school periods. Mr. Fiebig will be missed by

both the boys and the staff. At the end of the year eleven boys were admitted to Church membership, while about sixty boys partook of Communion.

No small part of the successful working during the year is due to the efforts of the masters, and it is with pleasure that we enter on another year without any staff changes. An addition to our buildings which will aid very much in maintaining an efficient staff is the provision of a master's residence, which is to be completed early in the year.

During the past year the dairy has been increased from sixty to eighty cows, with a view to meeting the falling prices by increased production, and a milking machine has also been installed. There has been a keen demand for pigs during the past season, and we have disposed of over 130 stud pigs, and have found difficulty in meeting the demand. One thousand flock ewes and 150 stud ewes have been carried on the sheep side, with a lambing of 93 per cent. We have exhibited in several shows throughout the year, and have met with marked success, particularly with pigs. The various other branches of the farm, such as the garden, poultry, and apiculture have all been improved, and the apiary increased to 100 hives.

Despite the very definite increase in production on the farm, the very low prices prevailing for produce have made it a difficult year, and we eagerly await the return to conditions which will give an adequate reward to the various branches of farming.

In the school, too, the present depression will have its effect. A large proportion of our boys come from the farming community, and the cutting out of a boarding school education is, unfortunately, one of the first and easiest methods of retrenching. We are encouraged, however, by the very favourable name which the school is winning for itself, and I am convinced that we have few difficulties that time, and a quiet confidence in God, will not smooth away.

I believe, however, that the ministers of our Church could help the College a great deal by keeping before parents the advantages offered by the College both to boys wishing to work for any of the usual school examinations, and also for those interested in any of the various branches of agriculture. We are still drawing far too small a percentage of our boys from Methodist homes, and I believe that it would be to the mutual advantage of the College and the Connexion if ministers would feel that they have a responsibility for this very important branch of our Church's activity.

R. C. CLARK, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report of the Training College Trust, and of Principal Clark, together with the Farm Accounts and Balance-sheet, be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the Conference expresses its confidence in Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., Principal of Wesley College, and tenders its thanks to Mrs. Clark and himself for their efficient services to the College; also to the members of the staff; and to Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., for his valuable work as Chaplain.
- 3.—That the Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the valuable services of the Board in administering the several properties under its control.

4.—That the Board for 1931 be Revs. G. Bond, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., A. J. Seamer, W. A. Sinclair, H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.; Dr. H. Belshaw; Messrs. J. M. Caughey, T. Clark, J. W. Shackelford, J. Stanton, LL.B. (Chairman), W. S. Stone, J. Tyler, J. Veale, G. Winstone, G. Winstone, junior, J. W. Wiseman, R. Hames, W. H. Cocker, W. Ambury, and J. J. Boyce. Secretary, Mr. L. Knight, F.P.A.N.Z.

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

1. SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1930.

In accordance with the Rules of the Fund the Board of Management presents to the Conference the Report for the year ended 30th November, 1930.

Personal.

It is with regret that we record the death of Councillor Percy W. Sharpe, a member of the Board in the early days of the Connexional year. Mr Sharpe was assiduous in his attention to the interests of the Fund and his early death is greatly deplored. The vacancy thus caused has been filled by the appointment of Mr C. F. Edgar, F.R.A.N.Z., whose gifts are being freely exercised to promote the welfare of the Fund.

The Board has suffered a severe loss in the death of its legal adviser, Mr J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., who had, for long years, exercised his keen business acumen and his legal knowledge on its behalf. Mention should also be made of the death of Mr J. C. Prudhoe, J.P., a former Lay Treasurer of the Fund, whose specialised knowledge was invaluable at the period when the New Zealand Fund was separated from that of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

Annuitants.

We have had reported to us and have recorded the death of one supernumerary minister and of the wife of one supernumerary minister. There are now 31 supernumeraries and 44 widows who are annuitants on the Fund and one orphan child of deceased parents is also in receipt of benefits. The amount paid in annuities and furniture grants was £7,579 11s 0d, the sum being £389 18s 4d less than the net earnings of the Fund. That is a position that must be gratifying to all concerned.

Finance.

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, duly audited, are presented herewith. The statements clearly set forth the income and expenditure and indicate also the nature of the investments. The total income for the year was £12,001 8s 4d, and the expenditure £8,101 2s 5d. The Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund now stands at £2,601 14s 11d. The Accumulated Fund has been increased by the sum of £3,900 5s 11d and now amounts to £142,048 2s 9d. This sum added to the balance in the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund makes a total of £144,649 17s 8d. Represented in the assets is a sum of £39,072 19s 8d invested in the Board's city freehold properties, an amount of £102,950 invested on first mortgage and a sum of £28,600 invested in Local Body Securities.

Allied Funds administered by the Board now amount to £14,802 11s 8d, whilst deposits lodged by various Connexional Funds, Institutions and Boards of Trustees and by personal depositors total, with accrued interest, £16,494 18s 7d. The Board is open to receive deposits at call to a limited amount.

Close attention has been given to investments more especially to mortgage securities on freehold property. In these days of economic depression and of low prices for primary produce land values have inevitably declined and it has become exceedingly difficult for some mortgagors to finance their undertakings. The Board shares in the anxiety experienced by all lending institutions and is watching closely such cases as call for careful consideration.

Legacy.

Notice has been received from the District Public Trustee at Timaru to the effect that, subject to certain life interests, a legacy of £50 has been left to the Supernumerary Fund by the late William Evans, of Timaru. We commend this example to others of our people when making their wills.

Earnings.

The net income from interest and rents has been £7958 4s 7d. Calculated on the actuarial formula hitherto employed this represents an average interest of £5 17s 1d per cent, which is a most gratifying result, in view of the fact that a large sum has not been productive while the building operations of the Board have been in progress.

If the amount of interest earned be calculated on the average net capital taken month by month, and the office expenses of the Fund be deducted therefrom—a common method in commercial circles—the interest earned works out at £5 9s 7d per cent. That seems a more exact method to employ in view of the fact that interest is allowed to subsidiary funds at the average rate earned.

The very small amount of office expenses incurred in managing this large Fund will be noted, namely £461 11s 5d including the fee of £60 for the Actuarial examination and valuation of the Fund.

Actuarial Valuation and Report.

A valuation report of the Fund has been prepared by Mr Percy Muter, F.I.A., and is attached hereto. It should prove very gratifying to the Conference. A good deal of consideration has been given by the Board to the Scale of Annuities and to certain anomalies that need adjustment in the existing gradient of benefits and these matters have been the subject of correspondence with the Actuary. Whilst satisfied that the state of the Fund at present would warrant an increase of benefits, yet, owing to the present world-wide economic depression and the uncertainty caused thereby, the Board deems it wise at this juncture to defer proposals for such an increase in annuity rates.

It should be noted that, taking the valuation of the Fund upon an interest-earning basis of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, there was, in 1920, an estimated deficiency of £10,838, and in 1923 an estimated deficiency of £8,800, but there is to-day, on the same basis, an estimated surplus of £1,333. That is a truly gratifying result.

On 1st April, 1920, a sum of £8,000 was paid into the Capital of the Fund and an increase was made in the contributions of ministers and the levies upon the Circuits. The result has been wholly to the good.

Since the separation of the Fund from that of the General Conference on 1st January, 1912, increased benefits have been provided as set forth below:—

- 1/4/1913 Annuities increased 15 per cent.
Second wives admitted without extra payment.
- 1/4/1920 Further increase of 15 per cent or 17½ on original scale.
Bonus added to 1913 scale of 10 per cent.
Total increase of Annuities over 1913 scale of 43½ per cent.
Furniture grants increased from £30 to £50 and from £50 to £75 according to the period of service.

It is now proposed to make a uniform increase of the furniture allowance to £75 irrespective of the term of service in excess of five years.

In paragraph 4 of Mr Muter's Report referring to the rate of interest earned the Actuary has deducted from the earnings the amounts placed to the credit of the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund. The amounts so credited to the Reserve Fund are not "earnings" of the Fund but a legacy of £1,200 and hymn book profits amounting to £328 3s 5d. Crediting to the Reserve Fund is, in this case, simply a transfer and not an item of expenditure affecting the earnings.

In paragraph 9 of Mr Muter's Report it is to be noted that the expenses of management show the percentage only of ministers' personal contributions and circuit levies, not the percentage of the income from all sources. In a covering letter Mr Muter says that provision is made in his valuation for future expenses to be provided out of the interest earned in excess of 4½ per cent which leaves a very substantial margin.

Mr Muter has called attention to Rule 60 relating to ministers who had made thirty payments prior to the establishment of a separate Fund for New Zealand. He states that in his judgement this rule should be so interpreted that payments in the aggregate, whilst complying with the highest scale, should not exceed it. With this judgment the Board is in full agreement.

Epworth Chambers.

On 18th March the Board accepted the tender of D. Scott and Son for the sum of £13,877 for alterations and addition of two storeys to the central city property acquired by it as an investment. The plans were prepared by the Board's Architect, Mr G. T. Lucas. A silent electric lift is provided for at a cost of £1,006. The buildings are nearing completion and most of the space is leased to high class tenants for extended periods. When current leases for the older part of the building mature and all available space is let the property will come into full profit. The building which is on a corner site in the heart of the city is an imposing structure of which the Church may well be proud. On the motion of the Connexional Secretary it was decided that henceforth the building be known as Epworth Chambers. On the night of 31st December a fire took place in the basement and ground floor of the building. Damage, covered by insurance, was done to the amount of £150 7s 0d. It may be mentioned that the land in Worcester Street owned by the Board has not yet been sold. It is hoped to find a purchaser at a satisfactory figure when the present period of depression passes.

Subscriptions in Arrears.

At the date of the balance the personal subscriptions in arrears with interest thereon amounted to £593 19s 11d, a reduction of £97 18s 8d on the sum outstanding last year. This amount in which only 31 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.
Aucklandi	39	7	7	2	15	5	42	3	0
South Auckland	42	18	0	3	6	4	46	4	4
Taranaki-Wanganui	82	4	10	7	5	8	89	10	6
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	51	0	11	3	18	10	54	19	9
Wellington	131	8	9	9	3	10	140	12	7
Nelson	78	15	0	28	1	10	106	16	10
North Canterbury	46	4	6	1	6	6	47	11	0
South Canterbury	10	0	0	6	2		10	6	2
Otago-Southland	51	12	1	4	3	8	55	15	9
	£533	11	8	£60	8	3	£593	19	11

In addition to the foregoing the sum of £264 17s 5d is still owing for the purchase of benefits and interest thereon. This is £108 8s 7d less than last year. The reduction is due to the fact that several brethren have now completed the payment for purchased benefits.

Unemployment Act, 1930.

The attention of the Unemployment Commissioner (Mr. Malcolm Fraser) was called to the fact that 31 supernumerary ministers who are never likely to become claimants on the Fund administered in the interests of the Unemployed are compelled to pay the Unemployment levy. Exemption has been asked for in these cases. The Commissioner states that the general question of exemptions is under consideration and when a decision is reached publicity will be given to it through the Press.

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

The balance-sheet of this branch of the Fund shows that the invested capital derived from the Plampin Bequest and a portion of the Penrose Bequest is £1,400, whilst a balance of £356 3s 1d on the Revenue Account is deposited with the Supernumerary Fund.

Benevolent Grants amounting to £133 1s 6d have been made to ten different persons. Confidential information has been exchanged with the administrators of the Trounson Fund in the case of relief given to ministers and widows, so as to prevent overlapping and to avoid the risk of necessitous cases being overlooked.

Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund.

The financial statements of this Fund show an income for the year of £1,615 12s 11d. The net interest credited to the personal accounts of 145 ministers contributing to the fund is £97 6s 10d. Subsidies from the Fire Insurance Fund amount to £275 10s 0d. A sum of £505 2s 1d paid over from the Military Camps Fund has been credited to those entitled to this benefit. The amount held in the personal accounts of contributors is now £2,985 15s 11d. The cumulative benefits will be greater as this fund grows, and the ratio of expense will necessarily be reduced in proportion.

It is of interest to note that the New South Wales Conference has adopted the scheme and the rules and regulations substantially as drafted by our Treasurers when this Fund was initiated.

Military Camps Fund.

The Military Camps Fund has now been finally distributed in accordance with the provisions approved by the last Conference. The Minister in Charge of War Funds gave his sanction to the proposed allocation between twenty-three ministers with War service, and the final balance-sheet has been accepted by the Auditor-General. The total amount disbursed was £618 5s 0d.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Fund fully disclose its position. A sum of £187 3s 7d has been paid to eight missionaries who have retired from the work, including those accepted as candidates for the ministry. The Reserve Fund, which is constituted chiefly of contributions surrendered by men withdrawing after a short period of service is distributable. This fund amounts to £347 15s 4d and it is the intention of the Board to allocate from this sum a total of £76 in the form of a bonus of £4 for each of the 19 Home Missionaries whose period of service entitles them to this benefit. There were, at the date of the balance 55 contributors to the Fund and their personal credit accounts aggregated £7,563 0s 4d, an increase of £1,082 14s 8d for the year. The total assets of the Fund amount to £8,055 10s 8d.

There is on temporary deposit with the Supernumerary Fund a sum of £63 9s 5d in response to the appeal of the Home Mission Board on behalf of Senior Home Missionaries who joined the service before the Retiring Fund was established. When the appeal is complete this amount with accrued interest will be placed in the Fund and apportioned as determined by the Conference.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

There are twenty-seven contributors to this Fund and the amount standing to the credit of their personal accounts is £3,417 11s 9d. There is in the Reserve Fund a balance of £92 7s 0d. The assets of the Fund now amount to £3,509 18s 9d; a net increase of £560 17s 10d over the previous year.

Board for 1931.

The Board wishes to place on record its thanks to the retiring members, the Rev. Wm. Greenslade whose illness was deeply deplored, and the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., who is leaving to take up work at Trinity College, Auckland.

The following are nominated as the Board for 1931: The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. W. Baumber, S. Lawry, A. N. Scotter, E. W. Hames, and the Superintendent of Christchurch East Circuit; and Messrs George Bowron (Lay Treasurer), A. Borrows, H. W. Heslop, H. P. Lawry, H. Chapman, and C. F. Edgar.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

WM. BAUMBER, Chairman	}	Treasurers.
GEORGE BOWRON,		
M. A. RUGBY PRATT,		

Christchurch,

19th January, 1931.

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 thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Management for its services during the past year, and that the members for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
- 4.—That Rule 52 be amended so as to provide for a uniform furniture grant of £75 as from the Conference of 1931.
- 5.—That Rule 60 be so interpreted that payments in the aggregate, whilst complying with the highest scale need not exceed it.
- 6.—That Conference records its high appreciation of the able management of the Supernumerary Fund by the Board and its Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt). It congratulates the Board upon the acquisition of the fine business premises known as "Epworth Chambers."

ACTUARY'S REPORT.

- (1) As requested, I have made an investigation into the position of the Fund, and have the honour to submit the following report:—
- (2) The independence of the New Zealand scheme, as you know, dates officially from the 1st January, 1912, the valuation at 31st December, 1911 dividing the Australian Fund into Australian and New Zealand Sections. Actual control of the management however, was not obtained until at least a year later, and of the number of low interest-bearing securities it was necessary to take over to facilitate the division, some have endured until the last year of the period under review.
- (3) Since its separate existence the Fund has made steady progress. The amount to its credit has increased from £60,413 16s 0d at 1st January, 1912, to £138,168 1s 9d at 30th November, 1929, while, not to mention minor concessions, the pensions have been increased by additions amounting in all to 43 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent viz., a 15 per cent increase on the scale in force at the date of the separation, followed by a 25 per cent advance (viz., 15 per cent with a further 10 per cent bonus) on the augmented scale.

In other words, a minister of forty-four years' standing who would have been entitled to a pension of £144 10s 0d per annum, now receives £207 14s 4d and others in proportion.

These advances have been maintained throughout and probably exceed the results anticipated. They are, of course, primarily due to the careful management and the high rate of interest earned on the investments.

- (4) The average effective rate of interest earned during the period (five years and eleven months) has been £5 15s 11d per cent after deducting the amounts placed to the credit of the Investment Fluctuation Reserve and certain expenses relating to property, or deducting all expenses whether relating to management or otherwise £5 10s 8d per cent.
- (5) In valuing a pension scheme a rather long view has to be taken as to the future rate of interest, and theoretically it should be a compound rate that can be earned, free of all losses of capital and expenses or delays in making re-investments, until the death of the last surviving member or of his widow. If this is not possible at least a substantial margin between the high rates now obtaining and that adopted should be allowed, and I have taken $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. This, I think, could be earned for a long period and for the present will give some surplus to meet adverse contingencies not otherwise provided for.
- (6) On a $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent valuation basis the liabilities, assuming that the increases and bonuses are permanent amount to £136,835, vide Table 111, compared with funds of £138,168 as shown in the Consolidated Revenue Account, Table 1, leaving a surplus of £1,333.
- (7) In making the valuation I have used the British Offices Life Annuity Tables, 1920, for valuing the Annuities to Ministers and Widows and the reversionary annuities to prospective widows.
- (8) The progress of the Fund. Table II. shows that at 30th November, 1929, there were 161 contributors compared with 145 at 31st December, 1923, while the number of ministers in receipt of pensions decreased from 38 to 30, the deaths for the period (18) being unusually high.

The number of widows increased from 32 to 43 and an allowance of £10 per annum is also being paid, under rule 56, for one child.

- (9) The expenses of management during the period averaged £8 6s 7d per cent of the contributions and circuit levies.
- (10) The results of the investigation show that the present scale of annuities can be continued, and for all practical purposes the bonus can be regarded as a permanent addition to the scale. In view of the general financial depression, however, I do not think any further addition should be made at present.
- (11) Furniture grants. Under rule 52 this grant is made on the death of a minister to his widow or children, or on his retirement, and ranges from £50 to £75 according to his length of service. To give a uniform allowance of £75 for this purpose, the rule being otherwise unaltered would add about £470 to the liability for future deaths and retirements.

The cost is small and, if desired, it is a concession that could easily be made.

Congratulating the Board on the strong position of the Fund,

I remain, Yours respectfully,

(Signed) PERCY MUTER.

Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries (London)

TABLE I.

Consolidated Revenue Account of the Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the period 1st January, 1924, to 30th November, 1929.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s	d
Accumulated Funds at 1st January, 1924	118,343	1	1
Ministers' Subscriptions	9,069	0	0
Circuit Levies	13,734	14	0
Purchase of Benefits	1,096	17	9
Interest	44,336	5	11
Rents	1,187	3	4
Profit on Realisation of Inscribed Stock, etc.	1,073	4	7
Penrose Bequest	1,200	0	0
Profit on Sale of Hymn Books	328	3	5
Insurance Premiums	74	16	11
Donations, etc.	40	16	11
	<u>£190,484</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s	d
Annuities	43,870	8	8
Furniture Grants	920	0	0
Subscriptions Refunded	830	12	10
Transfers to Australia on account of Members	1,419	13	0
Expenses of Management	1,898	18	7
Property and other Expenses	229	9	10
Insurance Premiums	27	19	2
Carried to Investment Fluctuation Reserve	3,119	0	1
Funds at 30th November, 1929	138,168	1	9
	<u>£190,484</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>

TABLE II.

Progress of the Fund during the period 1st January, 1924, to 30th November, 1929.

Contributors at 31st December, 1923	145
New Entrants	39
Temporary Supernumerary returned to work	1
	<u>185</u>
Pensioned	12
Deaths	2
Withdrawals	6
Transfers to Australia	2
Transfers to England	2
	<u>24</u>
Contributors at 30th November, 1929	161

SUPERNUMERARIES.

Existing at 31st December, 1923	38
New Pensions	12
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	50
Died	18
Returned to Work	1
Withdrawn	1
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Supernumeraries at 30th November, 1929	30

WIDOWS.

Number at 31st December, 1923	32
Granted on death of contributor	1
Granted on death of pensioners	15
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	48
Died	5
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Number at 30th November, 1929	43

ORPHAN CHILDREN.

Death of Contributor (1)	2
Expired	1
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TABLE III.

Valuation at 30th November, 1929.

	4½ per cent Interest. Value of Benefits, at present scale, with Bonuses.		
	£	s	d
(1) Value of Annuities to 30 Supernumeraries for £4,216/6/4 per annum	26,663	0	0
(2) Value of Annuities to 43 Widows for £2,891 1/4 per annum	25,657	0	0
(3) Value of reversionary Annuities to wives of Super- numeraries	8,731	0	0
(4) Prospective Annuities to 161 Ministers	74,612	0	0
(5) Prospective annuities to wives of Ministers	38,669	0	0
(6) Furniture Grants	5,236	0	0
(7) Temporary Superannuation allowances	2,800	0	0
(8) Allowances for Orphans present and prospective	200	0	0
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	182,568	0	0
Value of future subscriptions and levies	45,733	0	0
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Surplus	136,835	0	0
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Amount of Funds at 30th November, 1929.	138,168	0	0

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report and Tabulations of the Actuary (Mr. Percy Muter) be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
- 2.—That the Conference expresses its gratification at the very satisfactory result of the Actuarial Examination of the Fund. It is pleased to know that the Board has in contemplation the revision of the Scale of Benefits, and endorses its conservative attitude in view of the existing world-wide economic unsettlement.

(2) METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD, INC.

Acting upon the authority given by the Conference of 1930, "The Methodist General Purposes Trust Board" was incorporated under the provisions of "The Religious, Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908," on 20th March, 1930. The objects of the Board are set forth in the Minutes of Conference, 1930, page 139, and its personnel is identical with that of the Supernumerary Fund Board.

Already it is evident that this new Board is going to prove increasingly useful in giving effect to the desires of those having property to bequeath to any of the objects served by the Church.

Arrangements have been made for the Board to hold a section of land at Avondale in trust for the Methodist Women's Missionary Union; also property at Onehunga for the use and purposes of a Maori Girls' School or Institution; and trusteeship in regard to a superannuation benefit. Other matters are pending.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

WM. BAUMBER, Chairman.

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

Christchurch, 19th January, 1931.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

(3) METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND.**Report for Year ending 31st December, 1930.**

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

Auckland	.. .. .	46
South Auckland	.. .. .	27½
Taranaki-Wanganui	.. .. .	21½
Hawke's Bay, Manawatu	.. .. .	26½
Wellington	.. .. .	19½
Nelson	.. .. .	4
North Canterbury	.. .. .	27½
South Canterbury	.. .. .	12
Otago-Southland	.. .. .	25½

209½

These figures show a decrease of 18 on the previous year.

The expenditure has been £75 13s 1d more of our income, which has further lessened the Credit Balance of the Fund.

The credit at the Bank of New South Wales, Wellington, is £278 6s 11d, as shown on attached statement.

We are of opinion that a levy of 7½ per cent. will be sufficient for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to Mr. E. W. A. Kellow and Rev. E. D. Patchett for their services as Treasurers.
- 3.—That Mr. E. W. A. Kellow and Rev. Edwin S. Harkness be appointed Treasurers for the ensuing year.
- 4.—That the levy for 1931-32 be 7½ per cent.
- 5.—That exchange be added to cheques sent to ministers from the Treasurers of the Children's Fund.

4.—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 1931 be 7½ per cent.

That the following be the Consultative Committee for 1931:—The Treasurers, the Chairman of the North Canterbury District (Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.), the Connexional Secretary, Messrs. H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., and C. K. Wigglesworth.

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.

That the Consultative Committee be instructed to report through the Synods to next Conference on the whole question of payments from the Contingent Fund.

Addition to Rule 3, Law Book, p. 154, par. 287.

That the following words be added:—"This regulation shall also apply to a Circuit to which a Home Missionary or a Supernumerary Minister shall be appointed as 'supply.'"

Votes of Thanks in Conference.

That the following matter be referred to the Contingent Fund Committee for consideration and report:—

“That with the object of conserving the time of the Conference, and of lessening the cost of printing the Minutes, all votes of thanks be passed in Synods only, and that no such votes shall be taken in Conference, unless in exceptional circumstances.”

(5) REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

REPORT FOR 1930.

During the past year twenty-nine Ministers and fourteen Probationers removed to their new appointments, and their removal charges amounted to £990 2s 8d. This represents an average of £23 per removal. It is interesting to note this average over the years that the Fund has been in operation. In 1925 it was £15 (23 Ministers and four Probationers removing): 1926, £25 (40 and four); 1927, £22 (30 and nine); 1928, £20 (49 and 11); 1929, £24 (31 and 11); 1930, £23 (29 and 14). From these figures it will be seen that there is a gradually rising average, when allowance is made for the proportion of Ministers to Probationers. The levy of 2½ per cent. authorised by the last Conference has not brought in enough to meet the year's expenses, and so there has been a further diminution of our working capital. From over £1400 in 1926 it has steadily dropped to about £800.

The Committee has had to deal with one or two cases that have been the first of their kind, and the Rules and Regulations of the Fund did not cover them. It became necessary to review some of these Rules, and the opportunity was taken thoroughly to revise them all. We recommend that the Rules and Regulations as appended hereto be now the Rules and Regulations of the Fund. We also recommend that, in any cases of hardship arising through a Minister being compelled to become a Temporary Supernumerary, a compassionate grant be made from the Contingent Fund.

The Committee is compelled to recommend to Conference that the levy for 1931 be 3 per cent. This should bring in an amount that will only just meet the anticipated cost of the next removal. The average cost of removals during the last five years has been £1036, and 3 per cent. should yield about £1081.

The Committee greatly regrets that Mr. H. W. Armitage, who has been Lay Treasurer during the past year, is compelled for business reasons to resign his position. The Committee can only recommend that this resignation be accepted with regret. Mr. Armitage has carried through his duties with skill and devotion.

The Committee for 1931 will be recommended to Conference through the North Canterbury Synod.

The Rules and Regulations of the Fund (see Law Book, pages 158-159) will be amended as follows:—

A. N. SCOTTER,	Chairman.
H. W. ARMITAGE,	} Treasurers.
W. T. BLIGHT,	

The Rules and Regulations of the Fund (see Law Book, pages 158-159) were amended as follows:—

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

1.—The name of this Fund shall be "The Removal Expenses Fund."

2.—The sources of the Fund shall be:—

(A) The amounts received from the Circuits by a levy that shall each year be determined by the Conference and shall be based upon the estimated expenditure.

(B) A contribution of £4 per annum from each Connexional Department or Institution for every Minister appointed to such Department or Institution.

The levies and contributions shall be paid in equal quarterly instalments through the Chairman of the District concerned.

3.—The object of the Fund shall be to defray the cost of removal of Ministers as provided in the Rules and Regulations.

4.—The Fund shall be managed and controlled by a Committee of five Ministers and five laymen, to be appointed annually by the Conference upon the nomination of the Synod in which the previous year's Committee was located. Five shall form a quorum. A ministerial and a lay treasurer shall be appointed by the Conference from among the members of the Committee. The Committee shall elect one of its members as Chairman. The ministerial treasurer shall be convener of the Committee.

5.—One member of the Committee shall retire therefrom annually and shall not be eligible for re-election for twelve months. As far as practicable a Minister and a layman shall retire alternately, and such retirement shall be in the order in which the names appear in the resolution appointing the Committee, save that this rule shall not apply to the treasurers.

6.—When any vacancy occurs in the membership of the Committee during the interval between two Conferences, the Committee shall have power, with the approval of the President of the Conference, to fill such vacancy, provided that the person so appointed shall hold office only until next Conference, unless reappointed by such Conference.

7.—Removal expenses shall be paid only on account of the Minister or Probationer, his wife, children, and adopted children, and (in the case only of a Minister who is a widower or bachelor), a housekeeper.

8.—Removals within the bounds of a Circuit by appointment of Conference, but not otherwise, shall be a charge upon this Fund.

9.—All Ministers applying to be removed from their Circuits before the expiration of three years, shall pay a proportion of their removal expenses; two-thirds if they remove after one year; one-third if they remove after two years—otherwise than in cases where Conference, through the Stationing Committee, specially directs that the full amount of the expenses be paid by the Fund.

10.—All Circuits seeking a change of Ministers before the expiration of three years, shall pay towards the cost of such removals; two-thirds if a change takes place after one year; one-third if the change takes place after two years—otherwise than in cases where Conference, through the Stationing Committee, specially directs that the full amount of the expenses be paid by the Fund.

11.—Removals shall be effected by the least expensive route, ^{road} first-class fares being allowed by rail or steamer, also meals during actual journey.

12.—The wife and children under twelve years of age of a Minister shall be granted the expense of a sleeping berth on the train when the removal necessitates a night journey.

13.—Where a Minister proposes to remove goods other than by rail or steamer services, he shall obtain a tender for removal from a reliable carrier or carrying company, and submit the same to the treasurers for sanction or otherwise. Where the Minister fails to observe this procedure, any payment made shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

14.—No provision shall be made for the removal of motor-cars.

15.—When a Minister removes to his new Circuit in his own motor-car, first class fares shall be allowed as above detailed; but no allowance shall be made for any goods carried by the car.

16.—When a Minister becomes a Supernumerary, his travelling expenses from the Circuit in which he terminates his active work to the place in which he intends to reside in New Zealand shall be paid up to £25 by this Fund. If a Supernumerary Minister wishes to reside outside the Dominion, his expenses shall be paid to the port of departure, to an amount not exceeding £25.

N.B.—The question whether this provision shall cover one or two years was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

17.—A Minister who is made a temporary Supernumerary shall have no claim on the Fund for removal to his temporary place of residence, but when he returns to the regular work he shall have his removal expenses paid from the Circuit to which he was last appointed to the Circuit in which he resumes his active work. Should a temporary Supernumerary be made a permanent Supernumerary, his expenses shall be paid in accordance with the previous rule. Should a temporary Supernumerary die, the expenses of his widow and family from the Circuit to which he was last appointed to their first place of residence in New Zealand shall be paid by this Fund—up to £25—provided that such removal takes place not later than the Connexional year following the Conference at which the death was reported.

18.—When a Minister receives permission to rest for a year, his removal expenses shall be paid from the Circuit to which he was last appointed to the Circuit in which he resumes his active work.

19.—The removal expenses to their first place of residence in New Zealand of the widows and families of Ministers who die in active work, shall be paid by this Fund—up to £25—provided such removal takes place during the Connexional year following the Conference at which the death was reported.

20.—Where, on account of a shortage of Ministers, a Circuit receives a Supply, such Circuit shall continue to pay the Circuit levies and shall receive the full benefits of the Fund.

21.—Any Circuit that is reduced to a Home Mission Station shall be entitled to a refund of all levies paid by it into this Fund since the last removal.

22.—Any Home Mission Station that is constituted a Circuit shall immediately participate in the full benefits of this Fund.

X 23.—All accounts for removal expenses shall be submitted to the treasurers, with vouchers (except railway, coaching and steamer fares) not later than April 30th.

24.—Not more than £2 2s shall be allowed for packing and unpacking.

25.—The treasurers of the Fund are empowered to advance a reasonable portion of the removal expenses of any Minister who is moving, in harmony with the Rules and Regulations of the Fund.

26.—Insurance on goods in transit shall be paid by the treasurers of the Fund.

27.—The Committee shall be empowered at its discretion, to make special arrangements with any carrying firm or firms to undertake the whole of the removals at a reduced cost.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the levy for 1931 be 3 per cent.
- 3.—That the levy upon each Department or Institution be £4 per annum for each Minister appointed thereto.
- 4.—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 further consideration and report.
- 5.—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to Mr. H. W. Armitage, A.I.A.N.Z., for services rendered to the Fund as Lay Treasurer, and to the Committee for services during the year.
- 6.—Committee for 1931:—Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of Durham Street, Christchurch East, and St. Albans Circuits, Messrs. A. A. Sandford, M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, C. A. Newman, and H. Chapman. Treasurers: Revs. A. N. Scotter, B.A., and Mr. H. Chapman. Convener: Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.

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

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT FOR 1930.

There have not been any special developments in connection with the work on the Mission Field during the year. Work has gone on steadily on the various stations. Bougainville affords the finest field for extension of our Missionary operations, and advantage is being taken of the opportunities which present themselves there for the occupation of previously untouched villages. Large numbers of Natives still flock to our medical Missionaries for treatment, and doctors and nurses have been kept busy. Faithful service has been rendered by our fine staff of Missionary Sisters. A band of Native workers, 150 strong, carries on the work in the villages of preaching the Gospel and conducting school. The Church at the Home base must ever keep in mind its representatives overseas, Missionaries, Missionary Sisters, Doctors and Nurses, Wives of Missionaries, and all the Native Teachers, constantly bearing them up in prayer and remembering the difficulties and problems of the work.

Chairman's Return.

The Rev. J. F. Goldie, Chairman of the Mission District, returned to the Field early in the year, after having spent the previous year in the Dominion as President of the Conference. He has paid a visit to the Bougainville section of the Roviana Circuit, conferring with the Missionaries and also with the Government officials at Rabaul in the Mandated Territory. He also discussed with the Chairman of the Mission District in New Britain arrangements for the transfer of Native Teachers from that District to Bougainville and Buka, in accordance with the request of the Board of Missions.

Staff.

There have not been any additions to the European staff during the year. Most of our workers have enjoyed a fair measure of health and have been able to continue at their posts without special sick leave.

Sister Vivian Adkin, after a short term of Missionary service, resigned and retired from the work.

Furlough.

Several of the Missionaries and Missionary Sisters have been on furlough in New Zealand during 1930. The Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Voyce, and Sister Lillian Berry returned to the Mission Field during the early part of the year, and also Sister Ethel McMillan, who had been on furlough in Australia. Dr. and Mrs. Sayers, and Sisters Edna White and Grace McDonald are now in the Dominion on furlough.

The Revs. J. R. Metcalfe, A. A. Bensley, T. Dent and F. H. Hayman, and Sister Lina Jones, are due for furlough next year. The Rev. T. Dent has received permission to visit England during his furlough, but without salary and allowances after three months, the usual resting time of the furlough period. The Board now requires that Missionaries shall take furlough at a time which will be suitable for deputation work in New Zealand.

Deputation Arrangements.

The Rev. A. H. Voyce rendered valuable assistance in deputation work in the North Island. Among the many Ministers and others who have assisted in deputation work, special mention must be made of the President (Rev. A. N. Scotter), Revs. W. W. Avery and A. H. Fowles. The President made a thorough visitation of the Nelson district and the Southland portion of the Otago-Southland district. The experience gained during his visit to the Mission Field has provided him with material which makes him a most effective deputation. The Revs. W. W. Avery and A. H. Fowles have been most acceptable deputations in many Circuits. The General Secretary has been almost continuously engaged in presenting the claims of the Mission, having visited sixty-four Circuits and ten Home Mission Stations in the North and South Islands.

Publications.

The circulation of our Missionary periodicals has been well maintained. The quarterly issue of "The Open Door" is 5,650, and of "The Lotu" 7,600. "The Open Door" shows an increased circulation of 150 on that of the previous year. An eight page leaflet entitled "Our Far Field," has been published and distributed in connection with the annual appeal for funds. A special Missionary number of "The Methodist Times" was also published.

Finance.

The amount received by the General Treasurers to October 28th is £7,165 18s 9d. This is £1309 less than was received at the same date last year. The following special sums have been received in addition to the above:—

£500 from Mr. Fleck, Riverton (Fuller and Sons debenture) for Working Capital Fund, and £25 second instalment from Addington Circuit for endowment of cot in "Helena Goldie" Hospital. Also £200 from Miss Parsons, Wanganui, and £50 legacy from the late Mrs. Janet Cameron, Cargill Road, Dunedin. Both these amounts have been allocated towards the cost of a new house for Chairman. £100 from Trustees of Pitt Street Auckland, and £25 from Miss Kent, Newmarket, have been donated to the "Helena Goldie" Hospital Fund. £800 has been received on loan at 5½ per cent. for Banga Plantation Debentures.

The Board of Missions is severely hampered in its work through the large deficiency which exists and which is causing much anxious concern. An important Committee is now investigating the financial position and is considering where reduction of expenditure is possible and where retrenchment can be made. It may even be necessary if improvement cannot be effected in the Missionary income to withdraw workers already on the Field. It is therefore urged that every Circuit shall make an earnest effort to maintain the income of last year.

The very depressed state of the copra market makes it certain that the income on the Mission Field cannot be maintained at the standard of previous years.

Thanks.

The best thanks of the Board are tendered to District Committees, Secretaries and Treasurers, Circuit Secretaries and Committees, Collectors and Subscribers, and to all who have assisted at the home base in furthering the work on the Mission Field. The continued support of the whole Church is sought for the work for which we are responsible in the Solomon Islands.

The General Treasurers, the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. A. J. Buttle, have discharged their duties in a most efficient manner.

E. DRAKE, Chairman of the Board.
W. A. SINCLAIR, General Secretary.

**THE TREASURERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31st, 1930.**

We beg to submit the following report.

The income in New Zealand for the General Fund is £12,207 18s 2d, which is £127 more than the average for the past nine years. The income in the Solomon Islands is £3041 10s 10d, a decrease on 1929 of £1602, due to the decline in the price of copra.

The expenditure in the Solomon Islands is £15,814 16s 2d, being £814 more than the allocation. In New Zealand, the expenditure, including interest on overdraft and loans, is £2,677 11s 9d. This shows a deficiency on the year's work of £3,242 18s 11d, which, added to previous deficit, makes our present indebtedness £15,833 1s 11d. Part of this indebtedness is shown in the Banga Plantation account. It must be understood, however, that the balance shown there is not a debt owing to the Society, but is money which, along with the deficiency on the general fund, the Society owes to sundry creditors, the largest sum being the bank overdraft.

We consider that during the current year determined efforts should be made, not only to balance income and expenditure, but also to reduce the debt which involves the paying of large sums in interest, the amount so paid in 1930 being £1104 0s 2d. This will be increased for 1931 for, whereas we began 1930 with an overdraft of £5210 5s, we begin this year with an overdraft of £9582 4s 7d.

Our Capital Funds amount to £12,002 4s 1d. These are used, as far as they will go, as security for overdraft.

We have pleasure in reporting the following gifts for special purposes:—

- £500 from Mr. Fleck, of Riverton, for Working Capital Fund.
- £100 from Trustees of Pitt Street Church, Auckland.
- £25 from Miss Kent, Remuera, for "Helena Goldie" Hospital.
- £25 from Addington Circuit for endowment of a cot.
- £200 from Miss Parsons, Wanganui, allocated to Equipment Fund.

We have received the following legacies:—

- Miss Janet Cameron, Dunedin, £50.
- Mr. George J. Bridge, Feilding, £100.
- Miss Anne T. Cumming (first instalment), £5.

We thank all who have contributed to our funds. That in this year of financial depression our income reached the sum reported is cause for thankfulness. It was assisted, towards the end of the year, by special donations given to meet our urgent need. For these we tender our special thanks.

GEO. T. MARSHALL.

A. J. BUTTLE.

REPORT OF METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

1929—1930.

The work has steadily progressed during what has been, in many ways, a difficult year. Overseas visitors have increased the interest, and the Union are deeply indebted to Rev. J. F. Goldie and Mrs. Goldie, Gina and Kera, Sister Lilian Berry, and Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Voyce.

Membership.

Membership is 2940, an increase of more than 100 members. Increases have taken place in many small Auxiliaries. The year started with forty-three Auxiliaries, and closed with forty-eight, the new ones being Cambridge, Waimate, Morrinsville, Pahiatua, and Ruawai, in North Auckland.

Conventions.

Four District Conventions have been held—at Christchurch, for the second time, and at Auckland, Wellington, and Palmerston North, for the first time. Many Auxiliaries which are not able to send representatives to Conference, do so to these Conventions, which they find educational and inspirational.

Sisters.

The Union has been responsible for the salaries of ten sisters in the Solomons—Sisters Lina Jones (kindergarten and college), Lilian Berry, Edna White, Muriel Stewart, and Coralie Murray (nursing), Ethel McMillan, May Barnett, Grace McDonald, Elizabeth Common, and Jean Dalziel (each doing some nursing, teaching, training of girls, and village work).

The Union has also been responsible for the salaries of four sisters in the Maori work. Sister Eleanor Dobby is extending her work in the Hokianga district; Sister Netta Gittos, at Ratana Pa, and Sister Iris Foster, in Taranaki, are kept very busy; and Sister Ivy Jones is doing outstanding work among the Maori girls in Auckland city and surrounding districts.

Finance.

The income for the year is £2590, an increase of £70 over last year. The credit of this increase is in large part due to the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Goldie, and to the loyal devotion and, in many cases, self-sacrifice of members.

District Synods.

The reports of Union work, given at all but one of the District Synods by Auxiliary members, were warmly received. Auckland members represent the Union on both Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

Box Department.

A depot manager in each centre, working under the supervision of Mrs. Smethurst, of Auckland, the Box Organiser, have been responsible for sending to the Islands a number of boxes, valued at £310, and a great many parcels to the sisters in the Maori work.

Literature.

By means of a quarterly letter sent out by the President, and by typed copies of sisters' letters and reports, all Auxiliaries are supplied with some material for their meetings, and are kept in touch with the work.

B.C. Union.

There is a growing feeling of co-operation between the M.W.M.U. and the Y.W.B.C.U. The young people have the privilege of being represented on the local Auxiliary Committee, and of sending a representative to the Auxiliary Conference. Every attempt is made to strengthen the friendship between the older and younger women.

Maori Girls' Training Home.

During the last few years, the Union has, in addition to their other obligations, always had some special object for which to work. First, there was the Helena Goldie Hospital, for which they have raised over £500; second, the Solomon Islands Girls' School, for which they have promised £500, £416 of which is already in hand.

And now the Union feel they must turn their thoughts and efforts to what has been, up till now, a very much neglected duty, that of supplying for our Maori girls a training in some way commensurate with what has been done for Maori boys.

When the Centenary fund was collected, £3000 came in definitely ear-marked for the education of Maori girls, and the Home Mission Board is asking Conference this year to give a part of that sum to the M.W.M.U., to help them establish a training home in Auckland, on a small scale. (This will not interfere with the large scheme which is being considered.)

The Auckland Auxiliary have collected a considerable sum of money, which includes amounts already in the Union funds, and totals over £1000.

The members of the M.W.M.U. feel confident that the whole membership of the Church will recognise the pressing need of such a scheme, and they appeal to Synod to support any request for help which may be placed before Conference.

In Conclusion.

The Union are thankful for the work of the last year, their only regret being that their ideal of an Auxiliary in every Circuit is still far from being realised.

MARY E. BOWRON, President.
LUCY A. THOMPSON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2.—Thanks.

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to all Subscribers, Collectors, District, Circuit and Local Secretaries; "Open Door" and "Lotu" Agents, and to all workers in the great cause of Foreign Missions. Although the objective of £15,000 has not been attained, the splendid contribution of £12,939 in a very difficult year, indicates a growing sense of responsibility for the maintenance of the work on the Mission Field. The Conference again commends the Mission to the sympathetic and prayerful support of all our people.

The Conference acknowledges the sacrifice involved in the contribution of £3042 from the Mission Field in a year when the price of the staple product has been at a very low figure. It sends its best thanks to all the members of the Native Church for their generous gifts and trusts that the present year may be one of greater material prosperity and of much spiritual blessing.

3.—Estimates for 1931.

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| (1) Estimated Income: | £ |
| New Zealand | 12,000 |
| Solomon Islands | 2,500 |
| (2) Estimated Expenditure: | |
| New Zealand | 2,500 |
| Solomon Islands | 14,000 |
- (3) That £14,000 be regarded as the extreme limit of expenditure on the Mission Field. That the Chairman be asked if he can bring expenditure within that amount, and if this is not possible he be requested to indicate what steps must be taken to reduce expenditure to the amount of £14,000.
- (4) That an S.O.S. appeal be sent out to provide a special HELP FUND of £5000, to prevent the withdrawal of workers from the Field and also to assist in placing the Mission in a more satisfactory financial position.
- (5) That the financial position be reviewed at the end of July and if the result of the S.O.S. appeal be not then regarded as sufficiently satisfactory, certain workers be withdrawn from the Mission Field.
- (6) That a retiring offering be taken in all our Churches for the S.O.S. Fund if the Board of Missions deems it advisable.
- (7) Expenditure for following year.—
- (a) That a pre-allocation be made to the Mission Field based on a conservative estimate of the income for that year, and that information of the amount allocated be sent to the Chairman of the District before the meeting of the Mission Synod.

- (b) That Synod estimates must be brought within the amount so allocated.
 - (c) That if there are other items of expenditure which the Synod desires to include, they must be stated separately.
- (8) That the whole Church be summoned to earnest prayer for our Missionary work and that Whitsunday be appointed the day for prayer in all our Churches for our work, and special meetings be held for prayer on that day and during that week wherever possible.

4.—Division of Roviana Circuit.

- (1) That the Roviana Circuit be divided. That the portion of the present Circuit situated in the British Solomons be constituted a Circuit, to be named the Roviana Circuit. That the portion of the present Circuit situated in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea be constituted a Circuit and named the Bougainville and Buka Circuit.
- (2) That the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe be appointed Superintendent of the Bougainville and Buka Circuit.

5.—Banga Plantation.

That the Board of Missions take into full consideration at the earliest possible date the future of the Banga Plantation and that the Chairman of the Mission District be communicated with concerning the possibility of reducing considerably the working expenses of the Plantation until the price of copra increases, and that the working expenses on the other Plantations be reduced to a minimum.

6.—Medical Policy.

- (1) That Dr. Sayers return to the Mission Field for a further term of service.
- (2) That the future medical policy of the Mission be not definitely determined until the result of the S.O.S. appeal be known.
- (3) That the Conference is of the opinion that there should be only one base Hospital in the Mission District, located at Bilua or some other suitable place, but this resolution shall not prejudice the present policy of there being two doctors on the field.

7.—Mission Policy.

That the Conference expresses its gratification that the Mission Synod has considered fully the matters of policy remitted for its consideration, but as many matters require fuller investigation, the Board of Missions be instructed to consider the whole question of the objective of the Mission as submitted by the Synod and report to the next Conference. A copy of the findings to be submitted to the Chairman of the Mission District.

8.—Women's Missionary Union.

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Women's Missionary Union for the generous support given to the Missionary work of the Church in providing the salaries of all Missionary Sisters and in making several special gifts during the past year. The Conference expresses its keen appreciation of the educational work which is being carried on through the Women's Auxiliaries. It heartily commends the work of the Union to the women of the Church throughout the Dominion.

9.—Circuit Lists.

That the publication of detailed lists of subscriptions be continued.

- 10.—**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 re-appointed.

11.—Literature.

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

12.—Y.M.B.C. and Y.W.B.C. Unions.

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the members of the Y.M.B.C. and Y.W.B.C. Unions for their generous support of the work of the Mission during the past year, and that pleasure be expressed at the educational work which is being done by the Unions; Conference trusts that it may result in deepened interest in the Missionary work of the Church.

13.—Status of Medical Missionaries.

That any Medical Missionary from the Solomon Islands who may be able to attend the Conference, having permission to do so, and being appointed by the Mission District Synod, shall have the status of a Lay Representative to Conference. His position in the list of Lay Representatives shall take precedence in any appointment under the provisions for additional Representatives in the third clause of par. 239, p. 74, Book of Laws.

14.—Native Probationers.

That, in harmony with Rule 5, p. 118, of the Law Book, Native Probationers have no seat in the Mission District Synod.

BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1931.

The President of the Conference (Rev. E. D. Patchett), the General Secretary (Rev. W. A. Sinclair), the Treasurers (Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. A. J. Buttle), Mesdames the President of the Women's Missionary Union (Mrs. G. Bowron), J. Hill, W. H. Duke, Misses Carr, Somerville, Rishworth, Griffith; Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, A. McBean, W. Walker, F. E. Leadley, G. Frost, J. H. Haslam, W. W. Avery, F. Copeland, G. F. Stockwell, C. Eaton, A. N. Scotter, B.A., and R. B. Tinsley; Messrs. J. Maginness, G. Winstone, W. S. Mackay, F. W. Stone, A. Peak, J. P. Blair, J. E. Astley, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, B. J. Lynneberg, D. C. Cameron, C. Rayner and C. E. Taylor. Convener, the General Secretary.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Rev. W. W. Avery.
 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. W. A. Burley, M.A.
 North Canterbury—Rev. S. Lawry.
 South Canterbury—Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.
 Otago-Southland—Rev. J. Richards.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY 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 Somercille, Revs. R. B. Tinsley, T. R. B. Woolloxall, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, A. Whitehead, F. G. Steinert, J. P. Blair, A. G. Harris. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery.

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 Goodey, 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.—The Ministers of the Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Circuits, with Messrs. S. Gorman, A. A. Lucas, S. Collier, C. S. Cresswell, and E. S. I. Wratt, with the Chairman of the District as Corresponding Member. Convener, Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.

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. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.

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, 1930.

In submitting this report to the Synods and Conference, we desire to express our gratitude to Almighty God for the measure of success that has again attended our department during another strenuous year.

The Board, immediately after Conference, appointed five standing committees: (1) Executive, (2) Spiritual Advance, (3) Literature and Colporteur, (4) Te Kuiti Maori Girls' School, (5) General Scheme for future Maori Girls' School. These committees have met as occasion demanded.

The Board has met quarterly to receive and consider the reports of these committees. The reports have always been reasonably full and complete.

District H.M. Committees.

The Board appreciates the increasing interest shown by the majority of the District H.M. Committees, and urges all such committees to give even closer attention than hitherto to district Church extension, Home Mission and Evangelistic work, also to all matters affecting economy and efficiency in aided Circuits and Home Mission Stations, as well as to matters concerning H.M. deputations and the raising and distribution of funds.

Staff.

The department has a full and comparatively efficient staff. But we shall need six or eight unmarried men in March. There were very few changes during the year. The new men are acquitting themselves satisfactorily.

Stations.

All Circuits and stations are reasonably staffed. We have no vacant charges. The reports to hand justify the view that very definite advances are being made in a number of stations. Other stations are suffering through the changing character of the population.

Spiritual Advance.

In the forefront of our review of the year's work we record our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His unfailing goodness by which alone any advance is possible.

Pentecost.

One event of considerable importance has undoubtedly been the 1900th anniversary of Pentecost, which paved the way for a degree of co-operation never before seen among the branches of the Christian Church in our Dominion. We express our deep sense of joy at this manifestation of the spirit of unity and brotherliness, at the inspiration imparted to our people and at the abiding impression for good made upon the life of the community. We trust that greater things than we have yet seen will spring out of such fine commemorative effort.

May Synods.

The endeavours of the Committee to stimulate the whole Church to more definite evangelistic effort which have been made over several years are gradually bearing fruit. This is evident in the consideration given to each year's programme at the May Synods, and the closer

contact maintained through the co-operation of the district secretaries, whose reports bring to hand much that encourages. We have reason to believe that much more than what is definitely reported is attempted and attained.

Missions.

The work undertaken by Rev. Raymond Preston in some of the main centres in four of the North Island districts has brought a blessing to many. Behind his earnest presentation of the Gospel lie a wide experience and a consecrated personality, and these have made for distinct spiritual quickening wherever he has laboured. His inability to work in the south has been due to lack of time. It is gratifying to notice that in several instances our own ministers have conducted special efforts of the type suggested—always with gain to the cause of our Master. Youth rallies of a truly successful nature have also been held in many parts of the Dominion.

Programme for 1931.

Careful consideration has been given to the conditions of Church life, and the needs of those at present untouched by our activities. Believing, with Canon Raven, one of England's foremost thinkers, that "the revolt against the intellectual element in religion is one of the most serious obstacles in the way of revival," we appeal to the whole Church to strive more earnestly to master the vital truths of the Christian faith, to gain a worthier working conception of God, and to apply this larger and more adequate knowledge to life as a whole.

We therefore recommend:

- (a) That in view of 1932 being the 110th anniversary of the commencement of our work in New Zealand, each Minister and Home Missionary engage in special preparation by holding a teaching Mission in each Church and preaching place in his Circuit with the object of emphasising essential doctrines and Christian ethics.
- (b) That in suitable areas certain ministers specialise in chosen subjects and move from Circuit to Circuit so that one of the suggested themes shall be dealt with from each pulpit once a month.
- (c) As an alternative we urge that each Minister and Home Missionary prepare and deliver at suitable intervals during the year from each of his pulpits addresses upon such vital aspects of our faith as suggested under (g).
- (d) That all local preachers in active service be asked through the Local Preachers' Association to co-operate heartily in such teaching and evangelistic effort.
- (e) That the members of the Bible Class Movements be approached and their cordial support along the same lines be solicited.
- (f) That the various districts be recommended to arrange a refresher course in conjunction with the May Synod, where practicable, for the study of these essential doctrines.
- (g) That the following be suggested as suitable and necessary subjects for presentation, and that suitable leaflets be prepared and circulated throughout our Churches:—

The Bible in Modern Life.
 What do we know of God?
 Who is Christ?
 The Holy Spirit.
 Sin.
 Do I Need Forgiveness?
 Conversion.
 The Church—Why Methodism?
 The Problem of Suffering.
 The Life Beyond.
 Christianity and Modern Cults.

Finance.

For some years now, during all the period of the financial depression, the calls upon the H.M. Fund have been exceptionally heavy, but the department has successfully met the situation by diligently carrying out its policy of "efficiency with economy." But the department has increased its activities and expenditure in many directions, even during the "slump" period, for withholding essential expenditure in matters that are vital to the best interests of the Church is not economy.

But non-essential expenditure has been carefully cut out, and grants to Circuits and stations that were leaning too heavily upon the fund have been reduced. It is imperative that this policy should be continued, and District Committees and Synods are respectfully urged to encourage aided Circuits, Home Mission Stations and Maori Circuits to make still greater attempts to organise local financial support through the Sustentation Fund or Envelope System, and by special efforts, so as to carry more of their own burdens rather than to continue the habit of dependence.

There is a great difference in the attitude of different Circuits and stations in this respect. Some put up heroic struggles to retain their financial independence, while others, little or no weaker, appeal for heavy grants. We suggest that with "sweet reasonableness" kindly pressure should be brought to bear upon the latter to organise their local resources more fully in their own interests as well as for the sake of the whole Church.

Deputation Work.

Some very fine deputation work has been done this year by other volunteer workers as well as by the Maori party, and the thanks of the Conference are due to all these helpers.

Circuit Secretaries and Collectors.

In earlier days, we frequently found our organisation breaking down in the Circuits through lack of efficient Circuit and local secretaries and collectors. While this still occurs at times, and is a cause of anxiety, yet the position has very greatly improved, and most Circuit quarterly meetings now endeavour to appoint annually suitable organisers as H.M. Circuit and local secretaries. We trust all Circuits will fall into line this year.

Maori Work.

A separate report will be submitted on the Maori work and Maori Girls' School activities and proposals.

Literature and Colporteur Society.

In this branch of our work our activities have steadily increased during the year, and increasing service is being rendered to religious education and propaganda. There has been, however, chiefly through

misunderstandings, some adverse criticism of this sub-department. We do not claim that our methods of work have been perfect. We are still feeling our way. We do claim, however, that in this work we are not only carrying out the mandate given to us by Conference, when the "lines of action" for the department were laid down, but we are also following general Methodist principles and usage. We welcome constructive criticism through connexional channels. This sub-department is already a most valuable asset to our Church, and is capable of very great development.

At the urgent request of the Marlborough and North Canterbury Committees, the Colporteur Van was sent to the South Island in June, and our Colporteurs have done some very fine work at the Public Works camps on the Main Trunk line. They are now working Banks Peninsula. Colporteur work is exceedingly difficult, and we bespeak the prayers of the Church on their behalf.

Our business year ends on January 31st. The balance-sheet will be submitted direct to Conference.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund—Appeal.

The appeal has been launched, and we are looking with confidence for generous support throughout the whole Dominion. Our Senior Home Missionaries deserve every consideration.

Home Missionaries Engaged in Orphanage Work.

The resolution of last Conference on this matter raises practical, as well as technical difficulties. (See Resolution 9, page 115, Minutes of 1930 Conference.) The Board respectfully suggests that that resolution be rescinded, and recommends that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of drawing up a scheme for the establishment of a Retiring Fund for all Connexional Committee employees who are not members of any of the other Supernumerary or Retiring Funds.

Signed on behalf of the Board:—

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman

E. T. OLDS, Secretary.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Annual Report be received.
- 2.—That the Statement of Accounts and the Balance-sheet, also the Financial Statement and Balance-sheet of the Literature and Colporteur Society be received and adopted.
- 3.—**Spiritual Advance. Programme for 1931.**
 - (a) That where possible a teaching Mission be held in each Church and preaching place in the Circuit with the object of emphasising essential doctrines and Christian ethics.
 - (b) That in suitable areas certain ministers specialise in chosen subjects and move from Circuit to Circuit so that one of the suggested themes shall be dealt with from each pulpit once a month.
 - (c) As an alternative we urge that each Minister and Home Missionary prepare and deliver at suitable intervals during the year from each of his pulpits addresses upon such vital aspects of our faith as suggested under (g).
 - (d) That all local preachers in active service be asked through the Local Preachers' Association to co-operate heartily in such teaching and evangelistic effort.

- (e) That the members of the Bible Class Movements be approached and their cordial support along the same lines be solicited.
- (f) That the various districts be recommended to arrange a refresher course in conjunction with the May Synod, where practicable, for the study of these essential doctrines, and that Local Preachers be invited to be present.
- (g) That the following be suggested as suitable and necessary subjects for presentation:

The Bible in Modern Life.
 What do we know of God?
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 Do I Need Forgiveness?
 Conversion.
 The Church—Why Methodism?
 The Problem of Suffering.
 The Life Beyond.
 Christianity and Modern Cults.

4.—Home Missionaries engaged in Orphanage Work.

That the resolution of last Conference (Minutes of Conference, 1930, page 115) be rescinded.

5.—Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund Appeal.

That in view of the exceptional position created by the recent earthquake disaster, the date for the completion of this appeal be extended for twelve months.

6.—Home Missionaries' Children's Fund.

That the question of the establishment of a Home Missionaries' Children's Fund be referred to the Home Mission Board for consideration and report through the Synods and the Circuits and Stations concerned to the Conference.

7.—District Church Extension Funds.

That the recommendation of the North Canterbury District Executive concerning the establishment of District Church Extension Funds be referred to the Home Mission Board for consideration and report through the Synods to Conference.

8.—Grants.

That the Home Mission Board give special attention to places where large grants have been received over a period of years with a view to considering the status of these places.

9.—Home Mission Appeal.

- (a) That in view of the present financial depression and the corresponding increasing demands upon the Home Mission Fund, Conference commends this year's Home Mission appeal as having a special claim on the generosity of our people, and urges Circuit Quarterly Meetings and Committees to give close attention to the organisation of Home Missionary anniversaries and meetings and the collecting of subscriptions.
- (b) That the whole of the offerings received at the services on the annual Home Mission Sunday be devoted to the H.M. Funds.

10.—Status.

That when Synod and Conference Committees are considering the status and obligation of a Circuit or Home Mission Station that has had the services of a Married Home Missionary for a term of years, those services be recognised as equivalent to the services of a Probationer, and that, except in exceptional cases, the next step in status be the appointment of a married Minister, not a Probationer.

11.—Pastoral Oversight of Neglected Areas.

That each District and Sub-District H.M. Committee carefully investigate the whole question of the pastoral oversight of our members and adherents who are resident in areas not at present included in any Circuit or Home Mission Station, and bring before the May Ministerial Committees and the District Synods comprehensive proposals placing all unattached areas under the pastoral care of some adjacent Minister or Home Missionary.

12.—Probationers' Appointments.

That in no case shall an unmarried Probationer be stationed at an appointment where there is a furnished parsonage until the financial aspect of the matter has been reported upon by the Home Mission Board, or the Conference Home Mission Committee.

13.—Resolution Interpreting Deaconess Regulations.

That where the words the "Superintendent of Maori Work in the District," or similar terms, occur in the Laws and Regulations, they be understood to mean the General Superintendent of Home Missions.

14.—Assistant Superintendent.

That the Assistant Superintendent reside at Te Kuiti, but that he be attached to the Auckland Synod.

Votes of Thanks.

That Conference places on record its high appreciation of the efficient work of the General Superintendent, and that he be heartily thanked for his services.

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

That the cordial thanks of the Synod be presented to the General Treasurer, Rev. G. Bond, for his valuable services, and that he be re-appointed with the usual honorarium.

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

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 the thanks of Conference 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. H. Sharp be thanked for his services as Editor of the Spiritual Advance Column in the "Methodist Times."

That the thanks of Conference 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, 1931.

The General Superintendent (Rev. A. J. Seamer), the Assistant Superintendent (Rev. G. I. Laurenson), the General Treasurer (Rev. G. Bond), the 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. E. Te Tuhi, 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, E. O. Chivers, W. Ambury, J. Reed, T. W. Hemer, D. L. Thomas, T. L. Hames, G. Wilson, Mrs. Smethurst, Misses Mather and I. Jones.

Convener: The General Superintendent. Secretary: Rev. J. H. Allen.

DISTRICT HOME MISSION SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Rev. J. H. Allen.
 South Auckland—Rev. W. H. Speer.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. R. B. Gosnell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Rev. J. D. McArthur.
 Wellington—Rev. H. Ashworth.
 Nelson—Rev. R. Richards.
 North Canterbury—Rev. W. Rowe.
 South Canterbury.—Rev. H. T. Peat.
 Otago-Southland—Rev. H. Daniel.

Sub-Districts Home Mission Secretaries.

Hawke's Bay—Rev. E. T. Olds.
 Southland—Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.

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, W. S. Stone and R. Hames. Convener: Rev. J. H. Allen.

South Auckland—The Superintendents of Te Aroha, Rotorua and Morrinsville Circuits, Messrs. F. West, P. Rushton, H. H. Wagstaff and P. C. Trebilco. Convener: Rev. W. H. Speer.

Taranaki-Wanganui—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth, Stratford and Waitara Circuits, the Home Missionary at Okato, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, R. Pepperell, P. J. White, A. G. Carey, A. G. Fischer, 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, E. C. Print, J. Harding, J. H. Fowler, C. E. Taylor, W. Kilvington and J. Chrystall. Convener: Rev. J. D. McArthur.

Sub-committee (Hawke's Bay)—Ministers of Napier, Hastings, Waipawa Circuits, Messrs. J. H. Oldham, L. A. Denton, H. R. French, E. E. Bott. Convener: Rev. E. T. Olds.

Wellington—Included in District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. Ashworth.

Nelson—Ministers of Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Circuits, Messrs. S. Gorman, A. A. Lucas, J. Jordan and G. W. Nuttall. Convener: Rev. R. Richards.

North Canterbury—Included in District Executive. Convener: Rev. W. Rowe.

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. T. Peat.

Otago-Southland—Included in District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. Daniel.

Sub-committee (Southland)—Ministers of the Invercargill, Bluff and Gore Circuits, the Home Missionary at Riverton, Messrs. P. A. Pearce, A. S. Froggatt, G. R. Brown, W. Mitchell and G. A. Turney. Convener: Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.

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.

Amid conditions that often baffle the ablest and most devoted of our workers, the work of our Mission is being carried on throughout all of our traditional Maori districts, and we return thanks to the Heavenly Father for guidance and blessing during the year.

AUCKLAND CIRCUIT.

The Auckland Maori Circuit, under the superintendency of Rev. Eruera Te Tuhi, has had a comparatively good year. The changes made by Conference had the result of considerably strengthening our staff of workers in the needy North Auckland District. In February, the new Church at Te Patunga, Whangaroa, was completed and opened by the Senior Maori Superintendent, Rev. R. Tahupotiki Haddon. At Easter, Mr. Haddon had the joy of officially opening the new Church at Taheke. At Lower Waima a fine Church site has been donated and the foundations are now being laid.

Our agents are doing steady work, and despite great difficulties, are making progress.

The membership returns will show a slight increase.

The health of the people is improving and the re-adjustments of land boundaries by the Consolidation Commission will give greater incentive to industry.

Sister Eleanor (Hokianga) continues to do invaluable work, and we cannot speak too highly of her devoted and self-sacrificing labours.

Sister Ivy Jones (Auckland city and environs) is doing excellent work amongst the women and children, particularly amongst the girls.

WAIKATO—KING COUNTRY CIRCUIT.

The fact of the Senior Maori Superintendent taking up his residence at Ngaruawahia has greatly strengthened our influence in this district, but the removal of Rev. Pou Wilcox from Raglan temporarily upset the people in that area, for he was very popular amongst them. The new agents transferred to this Circuit are now finding their feet.

Hone Tamati, after several years in the north, was very warmly welcomed back to his old appointment at Te Kuiti.

Sister Nicholls, who has the oversight also of the children's and women's work in the Paipara, Bay of Islands and Whangaroa, as well as in the Waikato and Southern King Country, has a very fine influence throughout the whole district, and has gathered to her assistance a large number of voluntary workers.

TARANAKI—RANGITIKEI CIRCUIT.

Under the superintendency of Rev. Rakena P. Rakena the work is being maintained, although we have felt the loss in this Circuit of such experienced workers as Revs. R. T. Haddon and Piripi Rakena, who were transferred by Conference.

The new method of co-operation by the Pakeha Circuits at New Plymouth and Opunake is working well so far, but it is too early yet to pronounce judgment upon it other than to say that it is in this direction only will our work find permanence and support.

The decision to establish a School for Maori Girls in Northern Taranaki is already having a helpful influence upon our people in that area, for they consider that they have been comparatively neglected in educational matters.

Sister Foster (Taranaki) finds her district all too large, but her influence is being felt very distinctly amongst the rising generation and the women in all Taranaki.

Sister Gittos (Wanganui) still has charge of the school at the Ratana Pa. During the year she had the misfortune to break an ankle, but she has made a good recovery, and is back again at the pa.

SOUTH ISLAND.

The standard of living differs greatly in various parts of the South Island, but everywhere Pakeha methods are being adopted with more or less success. The wage-earners move about a great deal, and sometimes take their families with them to camp near the spot where work is to be found. In no part, unless it were in the Marlborough Sounds, does the population warrant the appointment of a full time resident agent, and the expenses of a travelling agent would be so heavy that we cannot afford to meet the wishes of South Island brethren who urge the appointment of resident or travelling South Island agents. It may be possible at a later date to appoint part-time residential agents, with a nominal honorarium, to assist the local circuits if the brethren still desire that method. During February and March, the Rev. E. Oliver Haddon visited all Circuits with Maori interests throughout Canterbury and Otago, holding services and strengthening our people. In the late autumn and winter, the H.M. General Superintendent and party also visited these and all other South Island areas in detail. We are grateful for the interest the Pakeha Circuits are taking in our Maori people. The Blenheim Circuit is deserving of special mention.

KING COUNTRY GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Girls' School at Te Kuiti has rendered very useful service during the year. It was, of course, established simply to meet an immediate need while other plans of a more permanent character are being formulated. Through the transference of her husband to Kawhia, Mrs. Wharehuia was unable to continue as matron. Mrs. Strand was therefore appointed to that position in March, and has done excellent work. Sister Hobbs, who is in charge of the women's and children's work in the Te Kuiti area has also assisted in the school. Her work is of a very methodical and painstaking character and is bearing good fruit.

New Schemes for Permanent Institutions.

The whole Church will rejoice to know that the Women's Missionary Union is establishing a small Training Home for Maori Maidens near Auckland City; also that the Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust Board has unanimously decided to establish, as soon as funds permit, preferably in the New Plymouth area, a school of Domestic Science and Hygiene for Maori maidens.

OUR MAORI PAPER.

Our monthly paper, "He Kotuku Kai-whakaata," published in the Maori language, is now in its second year of publication and is gradually winning its way into favour. The name, "The White Heron," was chosen because, according to the Maoris, the white heron is most particular in its choice of what it picks up to eat or carries from place to place.

Signed on behalf of the Board:—

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

R. T. HADDON, Senior Maori Superintendent.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—That the Report on Maori Work be received and adopted.

2.—**Maori Girls' School and College.**

- (a) That the Conference rejoices to learn that not only has effective work been done during the year by the King Country Maori Girls' School of Domestic Science and Home Nursing, but that a new school of similar type has been established at Onehunga by the New Zealand Methodist Women's Missionary Union; and that the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Trust Board has decided to erect, in Taranaki, a College of Domestic Science and Hygiene.
- (b) That £1000 be granted from the Maori Girls' School Fund to the Women's Missionary Union toward the purchase of the Onehunga property.
- (c) That £3000 be granted to the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Trust Board toward the erection of the College in Taranaki; the money to be paid over to the Trust when the building contract is let.

- (d) That the Home Mission Board be authorised to pay to the Women's Missionary Union Maori Girls' School Committee, towards purchase of furniture and general expenses, any surplus interest accruing prior to the £3000 being required for the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Trust Board's scheme.
- (e) That a special appeal to our Church and the public on behalf of the Taranaki College Building be authorised, and that the appeal be launched at a suitable date under Conference direction.

Interpretation of Office.

That where "Superintendent of Maori Work in the District" appears in the Law Book or elsewhere, it be interpreted to mean "the General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions."

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

THE AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION—REPORT 1930

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to Him Whom we serve that we present our annual report.

The appointment last Conference of an ordained Minister to the Auckland Methodist Central Mission marked a definite stage in its history, and expressed in no uncertain way our Church's confidence both in what had already been achieved, and in the prospects for further development. After so short a time, it is difficult to give a full report of what has been done, but it can be definitely stated that the work has in no way looked back. As a centre of Evangelism and Social Service, the Mission's activity is unabated, and the Missioners have a high appreciation of the privilege that is theirs in being entrusted with this magnificent task.

At the outset it should be stressed that the great purpose of a City Mission is to reach the non-Church going public. Actual experience in the work demands a certain elasticity of method. We touch a constituency which is frankly indifferent, often hostile, to the Church. Dealing as we are with hundreds who have no Church connection, we have not the same atmosphere as is found in ordinary Circuit work. This being so, it means that progress is often painfully slow, but, though slow, it is nevertheless sure.

Theatre Services.

In spite of unprecedented difficulties this winter, our Sunday night services, held in the Strand Theatre, drew large crowds, especially of young men and women. During the winter months as many as seven and eight theatres, several of them within a stone's throw of the Strand, and representing a seating capacity of from 13,000 to 15,000, have been open in Auckland on a Sunday night, in only one, besides our own, religious Service being held. Never in the history of the Mission have we had such a condition to contend with. We earnestly hope that before long steps will be taken to prohibit Sunday night entertainments. In the meantime, we steadily carry on.

Social Service.

The present acute depression has caused heavy demands to be made upon this branch of our work; but we are glad to report that the support of the business community and the general public has

been well maintained. The formation of a Social Workers' Association in Auckland has done much to place the relief of distress on a business-like footing, and to prevent one of the Social Workers' greatest problems—overlapping. Every day sees a steady stream of callers at the Mission Headquarters; the investigating of these cases and the giving of immediate help being an exacting task. At the present time over 500 needy families are on our books; these, under the new system, becoming our responsibility. Hundreds of parcels of clothing for poor families, thousands of meals and beds for unemployed men, have again been provided this year.

Deaconess Work.

Early in the year we lost, on account of ill-health, the services of Sister Bessie. The departure of so experienced a Deaconess was a great loss, but her place has been taken by Mrs. Scrimgeour, who is rendering splendid service as acting-Deaconess. Under her guidance, the work amongst the women and girls is being well maintained.

Hospital and Prison Work, etc.

Regular hospital and prison visitation is an important phase of our work. In this connection we find many fruitful avenues of service for the Master, and, though the work has many disappointments, it is well worth while. Twice a week the meeting of the "Down-and-Outs" draws together many who are in desperate need, and in these informal Gospel meetings, the message of Him Who is able to save to the uttermost is faithfully proclaimed.

In conclusion may I point out that the Mission is the responsibility of the whole Church. If the work is to be carried on we must have more help from our Methodist people. It is a very significant fact that the outside public seems more impressed by the work than do our own people. While our benevolent finance is in a healthy state, our Circuit fund is badly in arrears, and, unless the position quickly improves, we are faced by inevitable curtailment of the work. It should be remembered that our membership, both numerically and financially, is weak. Many of our people, instead of being in a position to give, need financial help themselves. The work presents magnificent opportunities; it is being steadily consolidated, but the whole Church should know that we are crippled through lack of finance. If 500 Methodists throughout the connexion would contribute £1 per annum to our Circuit fund, the position would be vastly improved. Surely such a thing presents no difficulty to a Church which, just a few months ago, so enthusiastically committed itself—and the Missioner—to this task.

E. T. OLDS

AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION.—

The Annual Report was adopted, with the following alterations:—
In par. 1, after the words "that the work," read, "is still going on."
In the last paragraph, after the words, "may I point out that," read, "a Central Mission requires the assistance of the whole Church."

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Since the Synod report was written, much that may affect the decisions of Conference in re the staffing and status of the Mission has taken place.

After careful thought and much prayer, it was decided in October to discontinue the use of pictures in connection with our Sunday night services. It was recognised that while pictures draw in the outsider, our use of such means emboldened other organisations, not religious in aim, to hold Sunday night picture shows, with the result that Auckland's Sunday night was rapidly becoming a night of entertainments.

Rightly or wrongly, the Central Mission was largely blamed for the position which had arisen. It was stated by many in sympathy with our work, but unable conscientiously to support us, that our Sunday night service was tying the hands of our civic authorities, hindering their attempts to prohibit Sunday entertainments.

This, together with certain unsatisfactory features connected with the use of pictures in themselves, was the chief factor in the decision to discontinue their use. Immediately the cut was made our attendances dropped, and though the City Council a few weeks afterwards prohibited Sunday entertainments, our numbers have never recovered. No doubt this is partly due to the fact that with summer-time the city crowds are at the beaches during the week-ends, but with the ceasing of the picture, our chief attraction to the outsider was gone.

During November, December and most of January, we met in a smaller hall, with a seating capacity of approximately 400. Throughout that period, our congregations would probably average 100. As the Mission Church in Airedale Street will hold over 200, and as the collections were not paying hall rent, it was decided that from January 25 all our services should be held in the Mission buildings.

While still convinced that the Evangelistic and Social work of the Mission should be carried on, I feel that our present financial position (our Circuit debit stands at £670), together with the general depression, which shews no immediate signs of lifting, calls for immediate reduction of expenses. Synod recommends that the appointment for next year be one Agent and a Deaconess. A Committee was set up by Synod to confer with the Central Mission Board of Management. The recommendation resulting, carried by a small majority, is the re-appointment of the present Superintendent, with a Deaconess. With an intimate knowledge of the work in its present state, I am of opinion that for a time the Mission should again come under the supervision of the Home Mission Department, the appointment being a married Home Missionary and a Deaconess. Such an appointment would not only be more readily financed, but would make possible the more speedy wiping off of the accumulated debt which is crippling our work.

While willing loyally to abide by the decision of Conference, I feel that an immediate curtailment of expenditure is imperative, and also that I can render wider and more effective service to the Church and the Kingdom of God in an ordinary Circuit than at the Central Mission as it is at present or is likely to be for some time to come.

E. T. OLDS.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report and Supplementary Report be received.
- 2.—That the name of the Mission be changed to "The Auckland Methodist Social Service Mission."
- 3.—That the General Superintendent of Home Missions be appointed Chairman of the Board of Management of the Mission.
- 4.—That in the opinion of this Conference it is imperative that the Auckland Methodist Social Service Mission should be continued as an evangelistic and social agency, and commends the work to the sympathetic support of the members of the Church in the District.

- 5.—That the thanks of the Conference be given to Rev E. T. Olds and the Members of the Mission Staff for effective service during a year of exceptional difficulty.
- 6.—Board of Management for 1931: General Superintendent of Home Missions, the Chairman of the District, the Missioner, Revs G. Frost, W. A. Sinclair, Dr H. Ranston, and Messrs W. S. Mackay, W. Ambury, C. H. Virtue, A. Peak, with the Mission Representatives and the Trustees of the Mission Properties.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

REPORT, 1930.

The past year has been a difficult one for the Mission; nevertheless, judged by highest standards it has been fruitful in service and encouraging in results. Social service activities, personal dealings, and many helped through our preaching services—such remain to the credit of the Mission.

The problem of smaller congregations which faces the Church to-day is also the problem of the Mission. The large congregations which existed some years ago no longer obtain; this is our chief disappointment. The special difficulty which the Mission had to face a little over four years ago—that of the introduction of strong outside attractions (to which reference was made in last year's report) are still features telling against us. Before the inauguration of these special attractions, the Mission was a centre to which many were drawn, but with no desire for any particular attachment. These formed a large body on the outer fringe of the congregation, and to them the special attractions made a great appeal. During the last two years these attractions have grown in popularity, and consequently the Mission still suffers.

This problem has given us much anxiety. To meet it, "Specials" were introduced into the evening services. In these the Mission has been successful in drawing larger congregations, but even these have not been satisfactory, for many were drawn from their own Churches. A careful study of and experience in this type of service is sufficiently convincing that "Specials" are not the solution of the problem. In an age which is looking for excitement, pleasure, entertainment, and excursions, even Central Missions with their bright services do not find it easy to compete against the popular attractions of the modern Sunday. To make our services more of the entertainment character in the endeavour to win the outsider and also the sustained interest of the "outer fringe" of the congregation, is open to question. Such a step we do not contemplate, though the future may see the adoption of methods which at present do not commend themselves. We intend making our services much more evangelistic, believing that this method alone will be productive of the most permanent good and more honour to our Lord.

Trust Matters.

Trust Funds still remain in a buoyant condition. During the year the debt upon the Hall has been reduced by £650. Repairs and renovations have cost £222, and a credit balance of £200 has been carried forward. For a second year in succession we have received no large gift for debt reduction; but again our people applied themselves with zeal, and despite the great depression and distress, rose magnificently to the occasion in the yearly effort for debt reduction, the results far surpassing our most sanguine expectations. The Hall debt now stands at

£4600. The entire property has been thoroughly overhauled, and is in perfect order. The painters and decorators also have been at work, leaving a most pleasing result.

Social Service.

Our policy re the development of this branch of our activities has been steadily pursued throughout the year. The past year holds the record by far re the income and expenditure for this work. To secure the interest of those who could assist financially has been our definite objective, and in no small degree we have succeeded. With set purpose the Superintendent has given a great deal of his time to this particular work—not only to that with which the Mission itself has direct dealing, but also in the larger spheres of community organisations. Our relief work has been selective in character, and as the result of careful investigation. Even this has been heavy and but for the community organisations referred to we should have been taxed far beyond our resources. Nearly £300 has been expended in relief, and we have a credit of £140 with which to carry on. Sister Hazel has worked hard and most successfully with her characteristic zeal. Her time is divided between general Mission activities and social service. No Deaconess could have done more or worked more faithfully. It is perfectly obvious, however, that another Deaconess is necessary, if as a Central Mission we are to fulfil our social service responsibilities, and at the same time do justice to our general work in the Mission. With the end in view of securing a second Deaconess we are endeavouring to awaken interest.

To bring relief to scores of needy families, and many aged people, has been a work of great joy. But our Social Service is much more comprehensive than this. Many have come to us to unburden the heart, revealing distress of mind and agony of soul. We thank God that many entrusting us with their confidence have found us helpful.

Our assistance has been sought in all sorts of problems, and we rejoice that we have been of real service. For very obvious reasons all our social work is done quietly and with the least possible publicity. For this reason we have won the confidence of not a few, and this we appreciate. This brief report on our social welfare activities indicates that we are not unmindful of the promise as contained in last year's report.

The Future.

In common with most Churches we cannot look into the immediate future with any complacency, but rather with some apprehension. However, we can be trusted to do our utmost to meet the challenge of this present age.

G. B. HINTON, Superintendent.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted, and gratification expressed at the work accomplished.

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

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

REPORT FOR 1930.

The Committee has pleasure in reporting that under the able and wise direction of the Lady Superintendent, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Deaconess House has had another year of successful work. The number of deaconess students has not been so large as could be desired, but there are good prospects of this being remedied in the near future.

The number of residents in the Hostel department has been less than usual, as the result of rooms having been reserved for students who failed to come, when it was too late to secure others in their places. Visitors to Christchurch have availed themselves of the vacancies, and have stayed in the house as paying guests. We have also been able to provide hospitality for women workers in connection with Home and Foreign Mission deputation work. The regular residents at present, including staff, number 28.

Miss Wilcocks (Atawhai Werakake) will this year complete her third year of training, and will proceed to work among the Maoris at an early date. During the past year she has given full time to district nursing, and during her hours off duty has carried on with lectures, studies and examinations. On Sundays she has had full charge of the primary department in the Durham Street South Sunday School; and she also conducts Church services in both town and country. Miss McKenzie, who came into residence in June, 1929, is making good progress in all departments of her training.

Sisters Ruth and Lenna make their headquarters at Deaconess House. Both these Deaconesses are doing excellent work, and are a constant inspiration and object lesson to all onlookers. Through Bible Classes, women's meetings and social work, they make contact with a large number of women and young people, who would otherwise be untouched by the Church.

Sister Ruth's work at Durham Street South began as an experiment. It is now justifying itself in increased attendance at the public services, and additions to the membership of the Church. There are thirty women attending a weekly meeting, twenty girls enrolled as club members, and there are thirty-two Girl Guides.

All the deaconesses in the Circuits and Stations where they are appointed are doing excellent work. The last Conference directed the Home Mission Board to consider the question of giving the status of Home Missionaries to Deaconesses qualified for Home Mission work. Their report to Conference is anticipated with interest. With this the right of women to officiate as Ministers under the Marriage Act is closely connected. This matter has received some attention by the Committee during the year.

At the dedication service held in Wellington, on the Sunday after last Conference, the following were dedicated:—Sisters Irene Hobbs, Rita Snowden and Lenna Button. The service was conducted by the President of the Conference, and a very helpful address was given by Rev. C. Eaton.

During the preceding week two days were spent in Convocation, when thirteen Deaconesses and students met to consider matters of vital importance to the work. Convocation has become an annual feature of the Deaconess Movement. The next one will be held at Deaconess House in February, 1931.

An impressive service was held at Deaconess House to mark the completion of the training of Sister Lenna Button and Miss Parkinson. As Sister Kathleen, the latter is now pursuing a course of training in midwifery.

Nurse Maude and Miss Hull have prepared our students to enter doors of usefulness by training them in nursing and kindergarten work.

Lectures have been given to the students by the following:—English Literature, Miss Chaplin, M.A.; Old Testament, Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.; New Testament, Rev. F. Greenwood; Church History, Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.; Theology, Rev. E. B. Chambers; Psychology, Mr. C. Graham, M.A.

A badge for the use of Deaconesses has been adopted by the Committee, and will be presented to each Deaconess at the Dedication service. The badge takes the form of a double triangle, representing the consecration of body, mind and spirit to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The house continues to function as a meeting place for many departments of women's work. Sometimes three separate meetings are held at the same time, in different rooms. The N.Z. Executives of both the Women's Missionary Union and the Y.W.B.C. Movement hold their meetings here. The Annual Conventions of the Young Women's B.C. Movement and of the Canterbury Women's Missionary Auxiliary were both held in the house during the year.

Hundreds of people cross our threshold each year—some to give of their ability and energy to the Master's work, and others to receive mental, spiritual and, often, physical food. The house stands committed to the King's business.

It may be a matter of interest that we have had among the Hostel residents a Maori girl who is taking the Teachers' Training and University courses, with a view to teaching work amongst her own people.

The financial statement will be presented to Conference. The Committee again makes request for the usual grants towards the maintenance of the institution, namely:—Foreign Mission Fund, £75; Home Mission Fund, £75; Contingent Fund, £75; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £100.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1931:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Rev. S. Lawry (Secretary), Superintendent Ministers of Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, together with the Ministers appointed to Linwood, New Brighton and Edgeware Road; Mesdames G. Bowron, Lamb, Sandford, Metson, Sister Mabel Morley, 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.

RECOMMENDATION.

The Synod is requested to recommend the Conference to take steps to induce the New Zealand Parliament to make the necessary alterations in the Marriage Act, so that it may be possible for Women Home Missionaries to be recognised as officiating Ministers.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL LAWRY,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
- 2.—That Conference take the necessary steps to induce the New Zealand Parliament to make the necessary alterations in the Marriage Act, so that it may be possible for Women Home Missionaries to be recognised as officiating ministers. The Committee of Privileges to take steps to give effect to this resolution.
- 3.—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Lady Superintendent (Mrs W. J. Williams), and the Residential Chaplain (Rev. W. J. Williams), for their valuable services; also to the lecturers, Revs. L. B. Neale, F.R.G.S., F. Greenwood, F. B. Lawrence, E. B. Chambers, W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., Mr C. H. E. Graham, and Miss E. Chaplin, B.A.
- 4.—That the Secretary, Rev S. Lawry, and the Treasurer, Mr C. A. Newman, be cordially thanked for their services, and that they be reappointed.
- 5.—That the usual grants be made, viz.:—Home Mission Fund, £75; Foreign Mission Fund, £75; Contingent Fund, £75; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £100.
- 6.—That the Committee for 1931 be as printed in the Report, with the addition of the name of Mrs P. N. Knight.
- 7.—That in view of the present financial stringency the proposed appeal on behalf of the Deaconess' Retiring Fund be deferred.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1931.**I.—Home Work.**

- Mrs. W. J. Williams, Lady Superintendent, Deaconess House, 25 Latimer Square, Christchurch.
- *1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, Durham Street 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, Social Service Mission, Auckland.
 - *1930—Sister Lenna Button, St. Albans, Christchurch.
 - *1931—Sister Kathleen Parkinson, South Island Orphanage, Papanui.

II.—Maori Work.

- *1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
- 1921—Sister Nicholls, Selkirk Street, Hamilton.
- 1927—Sister Netta Gittos, Ratana Pa.
- *1928—Sister Iris Foster, Kawhia.
- *1929—Sister Irene Hobbs, Te Kuiti.
- *1929—Sister Frances Hayman, Okaiawa.
- *1931—Sister Arawhai Werakaka, Selkirk Street, Hamilton.

III.—Foreign Work.

- *1913—Sister May Barnett, Solomon Islands.
- *1912—Sister Elizabeth Common, Solomon Islands.
- *1914—Sister Lilian Berry, Solomon Islands.
- *1926—Sister Grace McDonald, Solomon Islands.

IV.—Special Service.

- *1914—Sister Annie Tocker, Wellington (in Government Service).

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.
 1918—Sister May Ralph, Retired.
 *1922—Sister Jean Dalziell, Resting.
 1928—Sister Olive Coleman, Resting.

VI.—Students in Training.

- Miss McKenzie.
 Miss Bott.
 Miss Holland.
 Miss Ngati Mete.
 Miss Josephine Muriwai.
 Miss Ruth Grant.

*Trained at Deaconess House.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference regarding Connexional Orphanages.**A.—AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE—
MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM.**

REPORT, 1930.

The character of our work does not greatly vary from year to year, and the past year has not been marked by any exceptional features. Removals and admissions have numbered 29, leaving our present roll the same as last year, viz.—110, divided as follows:—Wesley Home, 40; Epworth, 26; Epsom, 44. As our total capacity is 127, there are at present 17 vacancies, viz., for 16 girls and one boy.

The Matrons, Mrs. Everiss, of Epsom Home, and the Misses Johnston and Coatman, of Wesley and Epworth Homes, Mt. Albert, have continued to render devoted service. Though their work is arduous and weighty, with responsibility, they count it a privilege to labour for the little ones, and have been loyally supported by the members of their staff, and encouraged by countless acts of kindness by a host of helpers, and by frequent expressions of gratitude from parents and relatives of the children. The improvements at Epworth Home have proved a great boon and have been warmly commended by the Government Inspectors.

In May last a most successful entertainment, consisting of spectacular marches, tableaux, action songs, etc., was given in Scots Hall, Symonds Street, before a crowded and delighted audience, and reflected great credit on the young performers and those who had trained them.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous interest shown in our work. The system of Annual Subscriptions is being gradually adopted, and our thanks are due to Circuit Secretaries, collectors and donors. We hope that eventually all our Circuits and H.M. Stations will fall into line in this regard.

We have been fortunate in securing a zealous and capable city collector in Mr. J. H. Whitburn, of Epsom, whose success in a time of commercial depression is very gratifying. Miss Ethel Mason continues her valuable work as Hon. Official Collector by Correspondence, and usefully supplements the work of local collectors. The General

Secretary has visited several Circuits in South Auckland, and gratefully acknowledges the kind co-operation of ministers and office-bearers; and an encouraging response to his appeal for subscribers.

Bequests.—In addition to £52/11/10, final payment on account of the Ann Cook legacy, word has been received of the following:—£150 in the estate of the late Evan Bond; and £500 in the estate of the late Mrs. James Trounson.

Our urgent need, however, of all possible support is seen by the fact that the audited accounts show that in view of special expenditure on buildings; and after making full allowance for what may be legitimately classed as Capital Expenditure, our current revenue has fallen short of current expenditure by £615/17/6.

The Ladies' Committee, with Mrs. Peak as President, and Miss Ida Buttle as Secretary, have had a busy year, undertaking, as usual, the clothing of our large family and their Christmas treat and presents, and in addition, attending to the new furnishings made necessary by the enlargement of Epworth.

Drs. Harold Pettit, and Cyril Griffin, Hon. Physicians, also Mr. Arch. Peak (Vice-President of Conference), our Solicitor, have continued to render their invaluable assistance, and merit our warmest thanks.

We recommend the following Board of Management for the ensuing year:—

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Rev. G. Bond, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr. W. Astley (Life Members), Revs. E. D. Patchett (President of Conference), C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, W. Walker, G. T. Marshall, T. G. Brook, A. McBean, J. H. Haslam, A. B. Chappell, M.A., J. F. Martin, and J. H. Allen; Mesdames R. Emerson, A. H. White, T. A. Joughin, T. Clark, 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, 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.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman,

SAMUEL GRIFFITH, Secretary.

October, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report, Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Balance-Sheet be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Management, the Ladies' Committee, the Matrons and their staff; to Drs. Harold Pettitt and Cyril Griffin, Hon. Physicians; to Mr. A. Peak, Solicitor, for valuable services rendered; and to Rev. S. Griffith (Secretary and Treasurer), and Mr. A. L. Caughey (Lay Treasurer).
- 3.—That a letter of appreciation and thanks be sent by Conference to the Trustees under the will of the late Mrs. James Trounson, acknowledging a legacy of £500 bequeathed to the Mount Albert Orphanage.
- 4.—That the Board of Management for 1931 be as stated in the Report.

B.—CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

We are able to report another year of character building work for the Master. We are pleased to find a home for 42 boys and girls, but beyond their physical development is their moral and spiritual welfare. To develop the spiritual part of their nature the children sit annually for an examination based upon the scriptures read and explained at the daily devotions. The results show that the children are being well grounded in those truths which are the foundation of the noblest characters. During the year a number of the boys have become Boy Scouts and we believe the training they will receive will be helpful in their physical and moral development.

Some of the children when received into the Home are very backward in their education, hence our satisfaction when of 33 who sat at the recent school examinations 29 passed, several securing their "proficiencies," and Edeth Myginel topped her class.

Out and in.

During the year seven boys and girls have left the home, and seven have been admitted. Those leaving have gone to fill useful occupations. Special reference may be made to Ron Thompson who matriculated and was appointed to the Government Agricultural Laboratory. Louie Churchill, the first girl admitted to the Home, left a few years ago and during the past year has been married and is living in the Masterton district.

The Staff.

We have been fortunate in having capable women as matrons. Sister May was exceptionally qualified for the position which she occupied for six years and then returned to her home in Melbourne. Miss Allan, our present matron, has with every satisfaction filled the position for four years. Miss Mead has during the year become first assistant. Her previous experiences in Methodist orphanages have qualified her for the position. During the coming year it is intended to employ two of our senior girls as helpers on the staff and thus further qualify them for work in the outside world. The supplying of a Maytag washing machine has been helpful on washing days.

The health of the staff and children has, on the whole, been good. No serious sicknesses have been experienced. Again we express our thanks to Dr. Prior who has continued his work as honorary physician, a position he has occupied since the home was opened in 1921. We also thank members of the Ladies Committee, the Guidance Committee and Admission Committee for their services.

Finance.

We thank the Circuits and individuals for their help. The Christmas collections for 1929 were the highest recorded, being £411 17s 4d. From the residue of the Jackson estate we have received £87 17s 3d. By the will of the late Mr Alexander Mutrie, of Masterton, a bequest of £500 was left for the purposes of the Home and also one fifth of the residue of the estate; the legacies are not payable until after the death of Mrs Mutrie. Under the will of the late Joseph Peter Cooper, of Taihape, one ninth of the income from his estate is to be paid to our Children's Home Fund. We thank the friends for the gifts of cash, clothing, produce, fruit, etc.

Management Committee.

We nominate the following persons as members of the Board of Management for the ensuing year: Messrs. S. J. Smith (chairman), A. H. Daniell (vice-chairman), C. E. Daniell, A. J. Donald, J. H. Handyside, W. H. Judd, F. E. Wells, Dr. H. Prior (Honorary Physician), Rev. E. O. Blamires (chaplain), Rev. J. Cocker, Mesdames J. Elliott, A. Pragnell, J. Cocker, E. O. Blamires, and Miss Burton. Secretary, manager and treasurer, Rev. J. Cocker.

S. J. SMITH, Chairman.
J. COCKER, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report and Balance-Sheet be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Chairman of the Board, Mr. S. J. Smith; to Dr. Prior, Hon. Physician; to Rev. E. O. Blamires, Hon. Chaplain; and Rev. J. Cocker, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 3.—That the Management Committee be as recommended in the Report.

SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.**REPORT, 1930.**

In presenting their annual report the Board are pleased to be able to record another year of progress and encouragement due to Divine Providence inspiring and energising the workers and supporters, and guiding our efforts to good success. The internal administration of the affairs of the Home has been in the capable hands of Mr and Mrs Haynes and the staff, to the satisfaction of the Board in all respects. The health of the children has been uniformly good; their progress at Day School and Sunday School most commendable.

The attendance at Church, Sunday School and Christian Endeavour has been excellent, and a record number of passes were gained at the recent examinations held by the Canterbury Sunday School Union.

The various committees have given close attention to their duties. The Ladies' House Committee deserve special mention for their kindly activities and useful work. The Admission Committee has had to deal with a record number of applications, and a more than usual number of sad and distressing cases have been investigated, the manager (Mr Haynes) being associated with the Committee and rendering valued assistance in this connection.

The Board is pleased to report the erection of the New Bungalow for the bigger boys, as outlined in last report. This was completed in July last, and opened with befitting ceremony by Mrs Scotter and the President of the Conference, the members of the Board and their wives being present at the function.

The President, on behalf of the Board, complimented the architect (Mr Melville Lawry) and the builder (Mr V. A. Sharp) on their excellent work.

This extra accommodation will serve the Home well, pending the erection of the new buildings that are proposed for the permanent housing of our large family. The plans for these new buildings have been revised and modified to provide for eighty, in place of those for the larger premises formerly designed for one hundred inmates.

The Board's recently-adopted policy of boarding out the older lads in private homes lessens the need of the more extensive provision originally proposed. These plans, with plaster models of the proposed structures, which have been prepared by the Board's architects, Messrs G. T. Lucas and Melville Lawry, were, subject to a few minor adjustments, adopted at a special meeting of the Board held on October 29. Permission was given for their reproduction in the Special Orphanage Issue of the "Methodist Times".

The commencement of this scheme for the new Home only awaits the completion of the necessary financial provision, now considered to be within sight, and for which the treasurer (Mr George Bowron) has been assiduously and successfully working for some years past.

The following bequests have been received for the Orphanage Endowment Account.—

	£	s.	d.
Miss Alice Bloomfield Estate	568	16	11
Mrs. M. A. Gunnell Estate	500	0	0
Mrs. Martha White Estate	100	0	0
Miss E. A. Chase Estate	250	0	0
Miss Janet Cameron Estate	50	0	0
T. W. Crone Estate	50	0	0
Richard Meredith Estate	500	0	0
J. Livingstone Estate	113	3	7
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The Board has placed on record in the minutes of its transactions a suitable reference to the regret felt at the loss of the late Mr J. A. Flesher, who, from the beginning of its existence, had been a valued member of the Board, and whose services had been so generously placed at its disposal.

It was resolved that the present personnel of the Board, with the addition of the name of Mr Hubert De R. Flesher, be recommended to Conference as the Board for 1931. Also that Mr G. Bowron be thanked for his services as Treasurer, and recommended for re-appointment.

(Signed.) A. N. SCOTTER, Chairman.

ARTHUR HOPPER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report, Financial Statement and Balance-Sheet be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the Conference grant permission to the South Island Methodist Orphanage Board to become incorporated under the Religious, Charitable and Educational Trust Act, 1908; subject to the proviso that the Orphanage Board first confer with the Connexional Secretary and Mr A. Peak on matters of detail, the exact form of incorporation, and its relation to Connexional interests.
- 3.—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Dr. Orchard (Hon. Physician); to Rev. A. Hopper (Secretary); and to Mr. George Bowron (Treasurer), and that they be re-appointed.
- 4.—That Conference expresses its thanks to Circuits and Collectors for their generous interest and support.

- 5.—That the following be the Board for 1931:—The Ministers and Probationers in active work in Christchurch, Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, C. E. Ward, F. T. Read, A. Peters; Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron, and Sister Mabel Morley; Messrs. E. W. Hall, F. Thompson, G. Bowron, Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., J. Lomas, W. T. Burley, M. Kershaw, J. Gilmour, F. A. Sheat, W. Dobbs, F. J. Carr, O. M. Jones, W. S. Warner and H. De R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B. Field Organiser: Rev. F. T. Read.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That as the three Orphanage Boards, after careful consideration, find that for geographical, financial, and other reasons, a Connexional Orphanage Committee is impracticable, the Conference recommends secretaries and members of Orphanage Boards present at Annual Conferences to confer on matters of common interest.
- 2.—That Conference expresses its warm appreciation of the important and necessary social work being carried on in our Children's Homes and Orphanages, and is grateful for the practical and generous interest in it manifested by so many. It is commended to the sustained support of all our people, especially by means of annual subscriptions.

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

"METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1930.

The Revenue Account and Balance-Sheet clearly exhibit the financial position of the "Methodist Times." The net amount received from subscribers is £1199 1s 5d, and from advertisements £259 7s 0d. Publishing costs have amounted to £1146 12s 1d. There is a sum of £500 in the Contingent Reserve Account and the Accumulated Funds amount to £559 8s 8d. The profit shown on the year's transactions is £157 7s 2d. It should be noted that the amount contributed towards the expenses of the Connexional office is £140. An analysis of the work done by the office staff and of the costs of attending to this work shows that the contribution made is not at all commensurate with the service rendered. The deficiency is borne by the other contributing funds. The services of the Business Manager are, of course, quite honorary.

With reference to the honoraria paid to the Editor and Associate Editor, half the cost is borne by the Contingent Fund and half by the "Times" Fund. The Committee proposes that the amount for the new Connexional year shall be £60 for the Editor and £30 for the Associate Editor.

The Committee has unanimously nominated the Rev. Percy R. Paris for re-appointment as Editor. This nomination has been sustained by the Synods and is recommended to the Conference. To the Editor, Associate Editor, Editor Emeritus, L.Y.M. Editor and others who contribute the regular features of the paper, the Committee tenders its hearty thanks. The findings of the Synods indicate that their literary services meet with wide appreciation.

Criticisms and recommendations are received from various sources and these are welcomed by the Committee. They embody the expression of a desire to co-ordinate the editorial and managerial administration at the same geographical centre; the appointment of a full-time Editor; and the general scope and policy of the paper. The Committee and the Editor are hampered in adopting many good suggestions by limitations of space and by a virtually stationary circulation. The Committee has recommended to the Editor the suggestion to lay stress upon questions of temperance and public morals during the year and has forwarded other suggestions that it may be practicable to adopt for the welfare of the paper.

The publication of special issues at regular intervals has evoked widespread approval, but so far has resulted in no appreciable increase of subscribers. In times of economic depression there is a tendency towards a shrinkage in the numbers of those who take the paper. It is hoped that all our ministers and agents and the Circuit Quarterly meetings will do their utmost to increase the circulation and thus make possible the still further improvement of our journal. We propose to continue the special numbers so far as possible.

The Committee expresses its appreciation of the work of the printers and also of the agents for their consistent and valuable assistance.

On behalf of the Committee,

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

ADDENDUM.

The Committee desires to record its keen appreciation of the work of the Business Manager (the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), of his cordial relationship with the Editorial staff and of the success of his efforts to promote the welfare of the "Methodist Times."

D. E. PARTON (Chairman).

Christchurch, 21st January, 1931.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the 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 and Acting Editor of the "Lym." Page (Revs. J. E. Parsons and J. C. Draper) for the high standard of service they have rendered.
- 3.—That the Rev. Percy R. Paris be re-appointed Editor for 1931, with the Rev. T. J. Wallis as Associate Editor.
- 4.—That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be re-appointed Business Manager.
- 5.—That the "Methodist Times" and Literature Committee be appointed annually by the Conference and that the following be the Committee for 1931:—Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt (ex officio), Convener; Revs. S. Lawry, A. N. Scotter, B.A., A. Hopper, T. J. Wallis; Messrs. H. Holland, M.P., G. Bowron, W. A. Bascand, W. Dobbs and D. E. Parton.

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

No Report.

For official list of Chaplains see Minutes of Conference, 1930, pages 133-34.

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

The following records have been received during the year:

1. From Mr. G. Brownson, Plymouth, England:
 - (a) Historical Clippings, etc.
 - (b) Pictures of Revs. J. H. Bumby, James Watkin, W. Schofield and others.
 - (c) Early Missionary Map of Polynesia.
 - (d) Orders on Mission House, London, 1844, 1845, in favour of Rev. J. Whitely and on account of schooner "Triton" (Rev. Walter Lawry).
2. From Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.:
 - (a) Cloudy Bay Baptismal and Marriage Register, 1840-1843.
 - (b) Durham Street Collection Book, 1860-1873.
 - (c) Dunedin Schedule Book, 1861-1873.
 - (d) Canterbury Schedule Book, 1861-1872.
 - (e) Canterbury Baptismal Register, 1854-1865.
 - (f) Canterbury Marriage Register, 1854-1871.
3. From Mr. Henry Buttle:

Conference Minutes, 1855.
4. From Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.:

Conference Minutes, 1857-1860, 1914.
5. From Rev. W. A. Sinclair:

Copies of Foreign Mission Financial Statements (seven years).
6. From Miss Rudd:
 - (a) New Zealand Wesleyan, 1875-1878.
 - (b) New Zealand Wesleyan, 1882-1884.
 - (c) Wesleyan Chronicle (Melbourne), 1861-1866.
7. From New Zealand Newspapers Ltd.:

Two volumes "Methodist Times," 13th April, 1918, to 29th January, 1921.
8. From Mrs S. Oldfield, New Plymouth:

Volumes 1 and 2, "Methodist Times," 7th May, 1910, to 20th April, 1912.
9. From Mr. Hubert de R. Fiesher, M.A., L.L.B.:
 - (a) Minutes Wesleyan Association, 1836-1840, 1850-1857.
 - (b) Rules of Wesleyan Association, 1841.
 - (c) Rules of Methodist New Connexion, 1854.
 - (d) Minutes United Methodist Free Church Assembly, 1874.
10. From Addington Trustees per Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.:

Two China Love Feast Cups.
11. From Rev. H. S. Kings, Tua Marina.
 - (a) Piece of wood from ship "Boyd."
 - (b) Minutes of Proceedings of Delegates of Trust Boards and their address to the Manchester Conference of 1795.
12. From Rev. Hedley White:
 - (a) Dannevirke Trust Minute Book, 1896-1901.
 - (b) Dannevirke Account Book.
13. From Mr. C. C. Sandford:

Minute Book St. Albans Leaders' Meeting October 1880 to December, 1926.
14. From Rev. R. E. Fordyce:

Bunnythorpe Trust Minute Book, July 1887, to September, 1905.

During the year many inquiries for historical information have been responded to. We have been able to assist two Connexional

Offices in Australia to complete their files of New Zealand Conference Minutes. The file in the Mitchell Library, Sydney, has also been completed excepting for the Minutes for the year 1910. Assistance in this matter has been given by Revs. S. Lawry, Dr. Laws, A. N. Scotter and J. H. Haslam.

Now that the Connexional Office has more roomy quarters, antiques and souvenirs of historical interest to Methodists will be welcomed as well as records relating to our New Zealand work.

Signed:

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Custodian Early Church Records.

Christchurch,
31st December, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian for the ensuing year, with the Principal of the College as a Joint Custodian, and that they confer during the year.
- 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?

1.—PROPOSED NEW HYMN BOOK.

INTERIM REPORT.

(See Minutes, 1930, page 131.)

A communication has been sent to every member of the Provisional Committee, set up by last Conference in connection with the proposed new Church Hymn Book. Assurances of cordial co-operation have been received from Messrs. H. Temple White, S. Lawn and K. J. Dellow, and also from the Rev. Arthur Mitchell.

Communications have been sent to the Rev. A. T. Holden, B.A., the Convener of the Committee set up by the Australasian General Conference, and to the Rev. J. Alfred Sharp, D.D., the Convener of the Committee set up by the British Conference, but no replies are yet to hand.

The Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., has written stating that the Auckland members of the Committee will probably meet to discuss the matter. Upon receipt of any reports or of replies to correspondence further action will be taken.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Convener.

Christchurch, 21st October, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the resolutions of Minutes, 1930, page 131, be re-affirmed.

- 3.—That the Hymn Book Committee be:—Rev. E. D. Patchett (President of Conference), Rev. J. H. Haslam (Secretary of Conference), Mr. W. S. Mackay (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. A. Peak, K. J. Dellow, M.A., R. C. Clark, M.A., H. Temple White, W. Simpson, Melville Lawry, S. Lawn, and Dr. Jarman.

2.—REPRESENTATION IN CONFERENCE, ETC.

(See Minutes, 1930, page 86.)

Question XXXVIII., Resolution 5.

The Connexional Secretaryship Committee, together with the Rev. S. Lawry, has considered the various matters remitted to it by the Conference and submits the following report and recommendations:—

The Conference of 1929 (as per Minutes, 1929, page 62, Resolution 12) resolved, "That paragraph 239, page 74 of the Law Book, concerning representation in Conference, be amended so that after the reference to District Secretaries for Church Property the words be added:—'The President of the Y.M.B.C. Movement and the President of the Y.W.B.C. Movement or an elected representative in each case.'"

A.—We recommend that paragraph 239, page 74 of the Law Book, be still further amended by the addition of the words, "and the President of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union or an elected representative of such Union."

N.B.—The Conference of 1930 (as per Minutes, 1930, page 65, Resolution 16) resolved, "That paragraph 239 of the Law Book, referring to ex officio representatives of Departments to Conference shall not apply to the Y.P. Department, and that the following words shall be inserted:—'Except the Y.P. Department.'"

B.—We recommend that paragraph 241, page 75 of the Law Book, relating to the order of precedence be amended as follows:—

The Lay Treasurers of the Connexional Funds or Institutions, District Secretaries for Church Property and the representatives of other organisations shall be notified of their having seats in Conference (ex officio) in the following order:—

1. The Supernumerary Fund.
2. Contingent Fund.
3. Church Building and Loan Fund.
4. Fire Insurance Fund.
5. Children's Fund.
6. Wesley Training College.
7. Removal Expenses Fund.
8. Deaconess Institution.
9. District Secretaries for Church Properties.
10. Y.M. Bible Class Movement.
11. Y.W. Bible Class Movement.
12. Methodist Women's Missionary Union.

(See Minutes, 1929, page 15, in re Lay Representation in Conference.)

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

3.—REPRESENTATION IN LEADERS' MEETINGS AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The Conference of 1927 (as per Minutes, 1927, page 63, Resolution 1) determined, "That Leaders of Senior Bible Classes, provided they are otherwise eligible, shall have a seat on Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings."

The Conference of 1928 (as per Minutes, 1928, page 52, Resolution 4) empowered each Ladies' Guild to elect one member to the Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, such representative to have been in continuous membership with the Church for twelve months."

(See also Conference Agenda, 1930, page 102.)

- A. We recommend that Circuit Home and Foreign Mission Secretaries being members of the Church, shall, by virtue of their office, be members of the Leaders' Meeting and Circuit Quarterly Meeting.
- B. We recommend that each Women's Missionary Auxiliary in a Circuit be empowered to elect one member to the Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, such representative to have been in continuous membership with the Church for twelve months, and that in cases where two or more Circuits are united in one branch of the Women's Auxiliary, the Auxiliary may elect one member possessing the necessary qualifications for each of the said Circuits, provided that such elected representative shall hold Church membership in the Circuit to the Quarterly Meeting of which she is elected.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Convener.

Christchurch, 23rd October, 1930.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2.—That Circuit Y.P. Secretaries being in continuous membership with the Church for twelve months and otherwise qualified, shall be, by virtue of their office, members of the Leaders' Meeting and Circuit Quarterly Meeting.

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. S. Martin, H. P. Mourant, W. E. Redstone, Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., H. Holland, M.P., E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock, D. C. Cameron, and H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., Secretary of Conference, Secretary and Convener.

Committee of Exigency to be the Wellington District Executive, with the Wellington members of the Committee of Privileges.

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

Wellington.—The Ministers and Probationers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits; Mrs. Hill, Miss E. Smith; Messrs. R. S. Maunder, H.P. Mourant, L. J. Clark, T. H. Crosbie, H. Dixon, R. Ferguson, H. D. C. Horwood, T. S. Hinde, R. Hampton, F. J. W. Fear, F. Lockwood, W. J. Jacobson, W. H. Johnston, B. J. Lynneberg, S. T. S. Martin, P. G. de Ridder, A. E. Parker, A. H. Brooks, J. S. Reid, LL.B., E. Howe, and J. H. Phillipps. Convener: Rev. A. E. Jefferson.

North Canterbury.—The Ministers and Probationers in active work in the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, the Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. F. T. Read, S. Lawry, and A. Peters; Messrs. D. E. Parton, 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, A. Holden, C. A. Newman, G. Bowron, J. MacDougall, C. C. Sandford, J. T. Norton, W. Blazey, G. W. Rickard; Miss I. Robinson, 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, the Superintendents of the two Invercargill Circuits, Rev. G. Clement; Messrs. E. Aslin, E. A. Rosevear, A. T. McIndoe, J. B. Shacklock, E. W. Isbister, E. Dowland, W. O. Brown, L. Wraight, R. Rae, T. Clyde, H. H. Johnston, P. Nixon, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., T. Jory, J. Davidson, J. Trerise, and E. Bush, together with two representatives each from the Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Movements, and from the Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Associate member, Mr. A. H. Reed. Convener: Rev. H. Daniel.

QUESTION LIV.—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).

Rulings on minor matters given by the President were laid on the table of the Conference.

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of Conference on Other Questions?**1.—NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**

In presenting a report of the activities of the Association, we are conscious of the privilege that is ours to be the representatives and mouthpiece of the Lay Ministry of the Church. "A great door and effectual" is opened unto us.

Executive—Personnel and Location.

Our first reference may fittingly be to the change in the "locale" of the Executive. In the ten years of the existence of the Association, the Executive has been stationed as follows:—

Christchurch	.. .. .	1920-1
Auckland	.. .. .	1921-26
Christchurch	.. .. .	1926-30

At the last annual meeting the Christchurch brethren relinquished office, and a Wellington Executive was elected, comprising, in addition to the signatories to this Report, Bros. Ralph, Burley, Vivian, Hart, Wainsborough, Shand and Waite. Brother Waite since resigned and Brother Priestly was appointed.

We honour the work of our predecessors and trust that the term of the present Executive will be marked by real progress and development, and blessing both for our brotherhood and the Church in general.

Regular meetings of the Executive are being held and are being well attended. In a change-over it takes time to develop definite lines of action, but certain matters have had earnest consideration, and we propose to deal with some of these.

Local Preachers' Pulpit.

As a means of contact between the Executive and the brethren, it was decided early in the year to enter into arrangements with the "Methodist Times" for a column to be headed as above. Brother H. N. Vivian was appointed to edit this column and has been faithfully carrying out this work.

Book Scheme.

This scheme of assistance to the Brethren in the purchase of suitable books has been in force for some years. Recognising the need for revision of the book list, a sub-committee of the Executive dealt with the matter. The advice of Dr Laws was sought and graciously given. The list has been revised, many new and valuable books being added.

Circular Letter to Lay Preachers.

In order to commend the revised Book Scheme and bring other matters of importance before the brethren, a circular letter was prepared, referring to the proposed column in the "Methodist Times," and urging L.P.'s to take the paper if not already doing so. It included a message of greeting and invited responses, returning greetings and welcoming suggestions, etc.

The letter went to many brethren in out-of-the-way places and evoked some cordial responses, many of them very appreciative both of the "Times" column and the Book Scheme.

Long Service Certificates.

A number of applications have already been made, and the first presentation was made publicly by the President of Conference during his visit to Hamilton with the Vice-President, to Brother Wm. Harris.

A handsome certificate has been prepared, and arrangements made for its issue. Certificates are to be signed by the President and Secretary of our Association, and the President and Secretary of Conference. Applications may be made through any of the branches of the Association, or through Superintendent Ministers where branches do not exist.

Visit of Australian Laymen.

The visit of our friends was, we believe, a means of blessing to very many preachers and members of the Church. Many expressions of gratitude and desire for greater realisation of the vital experience of

their message have reached the Executive. In at least two centres a "Lunch-hour" fellowship has been formed as an outcome of the visit.

In Wellington a Laymen's team have conducted Missions of Cheer and Testimony in two of our Churches.

Branches.

The Association can only function effectively if the brotherhood is completely organised in branches.

At present branches are organised as follows:—Auckland, South Auckland, North Taranaki, Wellington, North Canterbury, Otago, and Wairoa (Auckland).

At the annual meeting the following brethren were appointed corresponding members:—Messrs. Mackay, Tietjens, Voss and M'Indoe. The Secretaries of Branches and the corresponding members have all been regularly communicated with, and in most cases have encouraged the Executive by consultation and co-operation.

General.

Various suggestions have been made for the improvement of our standing, and the help and inspiration of our membership. These are having the attention of the Executive and will be ventilated from time to time through the column in the "Methodist Times."

Conclusion.

We close with a plea for the establishment of branches where such do not exist in order that the scheme of organisation may be complete.

We extend our thanks to Branch Officials and all who are co-operating in the effort to make the Executive a real power in advancing the great cause of our Lord and Master.

Yours in Christ's Service,

H. P. MOURANT, President.

W. F. STOCK, Secretary.

Wellington, N.Z.

14th November, 1930.

LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Supplementary Report.

The full list of honours accorded for the year is as follows:—

	Years.
Wm. Harris, Hamilton	54
Wm. Stephenson, Kaitangata	40
Chas. Woodley, Palmerston North	54
J. F. Roberts, Remuera,	28
Wm. Thom, Mt. Albert	29
H. M. Jones, Ashburton	63
G. W. Leadley, Ashburton	55
D. McCallum, Blenheim	27
M. Dodds, Paraparaumu	53
J. Watkinson, Auckland	56
J. T. Griffin, New Plymouth	52
C. E. Bellringer, New Plymouth	51
J. Jemison, New Plymouth	44
G. H. White, New Plymouth	42
E. Chatterton, New Plymouth	40
H. L. Cooper, New Plymouth	32
E. Dixon, Hawera	40
J. Poy, Hawera	25
H. J. Berry, Manaia	34

E. Willis, Manaia	30
G. Smith, Stratford	33
T. Bell, Stratford	25
E. G. Foster, Stratford	25
J. Weston, Stratford	25
T. P. Hughson, Opunake	30
C. W. Field, Opunake	25
R. Coe, Waitara	28
A. E. Stevens, Dunedin	35
John King, Dunedin	50
Cornelius White, Dunedin	50
Charles Strong, Dunedin	50
Wm. King, Dunedin	46
E. W. Dowland, Dunedin	46
Paul Williams, Dunedin	45
E. W. Isbister, Dunedin	38
W. J. Thomas, Dunedin	32
A. T. McIndoe, Dunedin	32
Ed. Aslin, Dunedin	30
James Lawrence Bonnin, Dunedin	30
E. J. King, Dunedin.. .. .	28

Finance.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure is attached to this Report.

The brethren will be aware that apart from the small balance of Old Mutual Aid money held on behalf of Districts where no branch of our Association exists, the whole of our funds arise in the first instance out of the £1,000 grant from the Centenary Fund.

At the annual meeting of 1923 the then President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Association were appointed Trustees for the investment of the funds of the Association not required for immediate use.

In all an amount of £860 approximately of the Centenary Grant has been received through the Association and of this amount an investment of £700 on first mortgage was made in the names of Messrs Holdsworth, Field and Shackelford in 1925. The balance has been held in Post Office Savings Bank Account.

In 1928 difficulty began to be experienced with the mortgagor and eventually the Trustees took over control of the security. They have experienced considerable difficulty in keeping the property tenanted and the rent paid up. Certain renovations have, however, been made by the Trustees and we are advised by them that the property is at present in good order and occupied by a good tenant.

The last payment of interest made by the mortgagor was for interest to 11-8-27 shown in the accounts for year ending 31-12-27. Since then two amounts have been received from the Trustees. £20 5s 2d per Messrs Tuck and Wood in 1928, and the £45 shown in the current year's accounts.

In addition to the £860 previously referred to as received by the Association the Trustees advise that an amount of £140 16s 0d was received by them direct and was placed on Deposit Account with Messrs W. J. Holdsworth and Sons. Interest on this amount at 6 per cent up to 19-3-1930, amounting to £35 13s 0d, has been credited in this firm's books, and the amount held by Messrs Holdsworth and Sons at 9-2-1931 on Deposit account is £169 6s 2d.

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The Executive considers that this amount of £140 16s 0d should be invested in a Government Security, and have advised the Trustees that they desire that this sum, plus £160, to be provided from the Post Office Savings Bank Account should be placed in New Zealand Government Inscribed Stock.

The Future.

The Executive is impressed with the need for a greater supply of younger men in the preachers on trial lists and in the fellowship of the Branches.

We plead for the establishment of Branches where such do not exist in order that the scheme of our organisation may be complete.

We extend our thanks to Branch Officials and to all who are co-operating in the effort to make the Association a real power in advancing the great cause of our Lord and Master.

The good work of Brother Mackay and the Auckland Branch in keeping contact with the brethren in the far north is recognised. We pray for the vitalizing power in all the machinery of our Association.

The special testimony of our Church is to the transcendent power of a vital spiritual experience.

The evidences that reach the Executive are that the Local Preachers of the Connexion are still dominated by this greatest of all impulses.

May our Association be used in the greater development of a Lay Ministry, consecrated and cultured with spiritual passion, and with the widest human sympathies.

Yours in Christ's service,

H. P. MOURANT, President.

W. F. STOCK, Secretary.

Wellington,

February 3rd, 1931.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2.—That Conference expresses its continued appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the Church by our Local Preachers.

II.—WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

(See Minutes, 1930, page 138.)

Since the World Conference on Faith and Order met in Lausanne in 1927 the Continuation Committee has been taking such steps as it deemed wise and necessary to advance the cause of Christian unity. It is intended to arrange for another World Conference not later than the year 1937 at a place yet to be determined. A programme is being drafted under the general heading, "The Church in the Purpose of God." The purpose of this organisation is to promote closer unity amongst all Christian people. It is frankly recognised that the ultimate union of the Christian Churches requires the statement and full consideration of those things in which the Churches differ as well as of the things in which they are at one. It is conceded that particular schemes of re-union must be left to the Churches themselves acting on their own initiative, yet the World Conference can foster the spirit of union and encourage the organic growth of Church unity. Adhesion to this movement does not involve the acceptance or negation of any special view concerning the nature of unity or the mode of its attain-

ment. Divergent views are the subject matter for comparison and study. Only as the autonomous communions co-operate in conference and in study can there be attained by the Churches a mutual understanding of one another's positions. Before any corporate union of Christian Churches can be attempted, agreement must be reached on certain cardinal points. The re-union of Christendom is not on the threshold, but the work of the World Conference encourages the hope that the day of the Church's redemption from her divisions is drawing nearer.

In promoting the cause of union our own Church has its share, and a grant of £10 from the Contingent Fund towards the necessary expenses is recommended.

The appointment of the Committee is recommended as follows:—
Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., A. N. Scotter, B.A., M. A. Rugby Pratt, H. E. Bellhouse, J. H. Haslam, Messrs. A. Peak, H. E. Pacey, H. P. Mourant, F. Thompson and E. A. Rosevear.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT.

Christchurch, 30th January, 1931.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

III.—METHODIST MEN'S MOVEMENT.

The following was the finding of the Conference of 1930 with reference to the Methodist Men's Movement:—

1. That the 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.

The Dominion Executive has held several meetings for consideration of the Constitution, and now submits the following:—

CONSTITUTION.

Name: METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Objects: To enlist the co-operation of Christian men in actively promoting the work of the Church both at home and abroad.

Membership: To consist of all men of the Methodist Church from 18 years of age.

Officers: Hon. President: Vice-President of the Conference. President: ——. Two Vice-Presidents: One in the North Island and one in the South Island. Secretary and Treasurer: ——. Executive Committee of five; exclusive of other officers.

Where the Vice-President is resident in the District in which the Executive is located, he would be President Ex-officio.

In each District there shall be a small Committee. The first of such Committees for each District shall be nominated at the Annual Synod. District Committees shall be charged with the responsibility of organising the Fellowship in its District and arranging for it being in touch with the Dominion Executive.

The Annual Meeting of the Fellowship shall be held during the sessions of Conference. This meeting to elect President, Vice-Presidents and Executive Committee. The Executive Committee to elect its own Secretary and Treasurer.

Branches: District Committees are recommended to form branches in Churches or Circuits in their districts or in groups of Churches or Circuits if deemed advisable, with a district secretary and treasurer in addition to a local secretary.

Reports: The District Committee shall send an annual report of the Fellowship in its district to the Dominion Executive.

Financial: For the purpose of inaugurating the Fellowship, a membership fee of 2/6 shall be collected for the first year, one-half of which shall be remitted to the Dominion Executive and one-half retained by the District Committee. A ticket of membership shall be issued on payment of the subscription.

Meetings: Meetings to be held at regular intervals.

Suggestions for Character of Meetings: The following paragraphs embody suggestions as to the character of the meetings:—

1. Each meeting to be regarded as having a Spiritual basis, and therefore some portion should be devoted to devotional exercises at an appropriate time during the meeting. Meetings for prayer and fellowship under suitable leadership are recommended.
2. Prepared papers should be read or arrangements made to have talks on the various departments of Methodist Church work in New Zealand or its funds or their respective purposes, and the history and development of these.

N.B.—The Executive would endeavour to arrange for information to be prepared by those with special knowledge and be made available.

3. Social meetings at some suitable tea or dining-rooms at which members should be invited to take tea or dinner together, to be followed by community singing or brief musical programme and special lecture or talk, covering matters referred to in the last paragraph or any special subject of interest to Methodists: e.g.—The History of Methodism, its policy, or any other subjects calculated to foster interest in Church work, and suggest avenues for service in the work of the Church in any of its departments. Discussions by members of matters of interest affecting Church activities might be encouraged.
4. Circuit group rallies which would discuss subjects such as are indicated and bring findings to the meeting, from which recommendations would go to leaders' meetings, teachers' meetings, and Home and F.M. Committees.

District meetings might also be held either with groups as above or as otherwise deemed advisable.

ARCH. PEAK,

Acting Convener.

N.B.—A revised constitution, embodying the amendments suggested by the North Canterbury District Committee, was presented to the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the principle of the Movement be re-affirmed and that the matter of the Constitution be referred back to the Auckland Committee for further consideration and report to Conference through the Synods.
- 2.—That the Conference records its appreciation of the efforts of the Ex-Vice-President (Mr. A. Peak) in endeavouring to establish the Men's Fellowship.

IV.—EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.

To meet the special needs that have arisen through the disastrous earthquake in Hawke's Bay, Conference resolves:—

- 1.—That there be established a Methodist Earthquake Relief Fund, the object of which shall be to sustain the work of God in the stricken area.
- 2.—That an immediate appeal be made to our Methodist people for liberal assistance to our impoverished Circuits in their great need.
- 3.—That earthquake relief moneys now held by Circuits and Chairmen be paid into this Fund.
- 4.—That Conference further commends this appeal to the favourable consideration of Trust Boards throughout the Dominion.
- 5.—That Conference expresses its appreciation of the promptitude and liberality of our Churches and people throughout the Dominion in contributing to the General Earthquake Fund.
- 6.—That the following Committee be appointed to further the appeal and administer the funds:—The President of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the General Superintendent of Home Missions, the Lay Treasurer of the Fire Insurance Fund, Revs. F. Copeland and J. D. McArthur; Messrs. C. E. Taylor, T. R. Hodder, and G. H. Stiles. Treasurers: Rev. F. Copeland and Mr. C. E. Taylor.

V.—BOOK OF OFFICES.

The newly published Book of Offices was received by the Conference, which directed the Committee to print 2000 copies of the "Order for the Induction of a Minister" for inclusion in the publication.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Book of Offices be sold for 3/6 per copy, and the pamphlet of selected services at 6d per copy, or 4/9 per dozen.
- 2.—That the price to booksellers be 3/- per copy for the book, and 4/- per dozen, or 5d each, for the pamphlet.
- 3.—That stocks be held by the Connexional Secretary, and the net proceeds of sales be paid to the Contingent Fund.
- 4.—That Boards of Trustees and Circuit Quarterly Meetings be strongly recommended to procure the pamphlet for general use by the congregations.
- 5.—Interpretation.—That the phrase in the Model Deed referred to in the Ordination Service, "the first four volumes of Wesley's Sermons," as published in eight volumes in 1787-88, be interpreted as referring to the forty-four standard sermons.

VI.—VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS.

President's Legal Adviser.—That Mr. Archibald Peak be appointed Legal Adviser to the President of Conference, in succession to the late Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.

President's Committee of Advice.—That the following be the President's Advisory Committee:—Revs. Dr. Laws, G. Frost, W. A. Sinclair, A. J. Seamer, A. N. Scotter, B.A., E. Drake, the Connexional Secretary, the Secretary of Conference, the Vice-President, and Messrs. A. Peak and H. Holland, M.P.

Order of Reference.—That the Secretary of Conference consult with the Connexional Secretary and Connexional Secretaryship Committee to consider the amending of the Order of Reference for the business of the Conference Committee on Connexional Funds and Balance-Sheets and other relevant matter, with the view to submitting all financial statements and balance-sheets to the Balance-Sheet Committee, leaving the questions of reports and resolutions thereon to be introduced by the Departmental officers present at Conference.

Size of Conference.—That for reasons of economy, hospitality and efficiency, the time has now arrived to consider the practicability of reducing the size of the Conference; that a special committee be set up for this purpose and to devise means how it may be done, to report to the next Conference through the Synods.

The Committee to be:—The President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference; Revs. Dr. Laws, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, E. P. Blamires, Dr. Ranston, W. Walker and F. E. Leadley; Messrs. A. Peak, A. C. A. Sexton, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, A. J. Buttle, J. Veale and T. L. Hames. Corresponding members, Revs. S. Lawry, M. A. R. Pratt, A. N. Scotter, B.A., H. E. Bellhouse, and W. A. Burley, M.A.; Messrs. D. C. Cameron, J. H. Blackwell, H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., and S. Maunder. Convener: Rev. F. E. Leadley.

Ecumenical Conference of 1931.—That the resolution of last year (Minutes P. 138) be re-affirmed.

QUESTION LVI.—When and Where shall the next Conference be held?

February 18th, 1932, at 7 p.m., in the Durham Street Church, Christchurch.

VOTES OF THANKS.

President.—That the best thanks of Conference be tendered to the President, the Rev. E. D. Patchett, 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. W. S. Mackay, for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.—That the Ex-President, Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., be heartily thanked for his valuable services during the year.

Ex-Vice-President.—That the thanks of the Conference be accorded the ex-Vice-President, Mr. A. Peak, for his expert services during his year of office.

Ordination Charge. That the Ex-President, Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., 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 Trinity Church be heartily thanked for the use of the premises.

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. J. Davidson and the Combined Methodist Choirs on the splendid concert programme rendered, and expresses its thanks to them for the pleasure which their magnificent effort afforded the members of the Conference.

Civic Authorities.—That the Civic Authorities be thanked for their courtesies, and also Dr. Galway, the City Organist.

Conference Arrangements.—That the thanks of Conference be given to the Rev. J. A. Lochore and the members of the Conference Arrangements Committee for their efficient services, also to Mr. W. H. Ferens, the Conference Steward.

Loyal Address.—That the action of the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Conference in presenting a Loyal Address to His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Bledisloe, in the name of the Methodist Conference and Methodist people of the Dominion, be sustained. That a copy of the Address lie on the table, and be subsequently printed in the Minutes of the Conference.

LOYAL ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Charles Bathurst, P.C., K.B.E., M.A., Hon. D.Sc., First Baron Bledisloe, of Lydney.
May it please your Excellency,

As the official representatives of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, which includes Maoris and Solomon Islanders as well as Europeans, we humbly present to you, the representative of His Majesty, King George V., our renewed assurance of the loyalty of our Methodist people of this Dominion. With gratitude we acknowledge the great moral influence exerted by our beloved Sovereign by reason of his high example of character in the eyes of his subjects.

Permit us to tender to Your Excellency our respectful felicitations upon your appointment as Governor-General of this Dominion, and to offer to you personally, and to Her Excellency, a most cordial welcome to New Zealand. We are confident that the mark of your wise influence will be stamped upon the public affairs of this Dominion, and we feel sure that, like your predecessors, you will experience to the full the affection and goodwill of the people as a whole.

We pray that the blessing of God may rest upon Your Excellency and Lady Bledisloe during your residence here, and that under your wise direction the Dominion may advance in material, moral, and spiritual strength.

We have the honour to be,

Your obedient servants,

ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, President.

ARCH. PEAK, Vice-President.

JONATHAN H. HASLAM, Secretary.

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. Mourant	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight B.A.	D. C. Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.	J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J. W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
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
Dunedin	1931	E. D. Patchett	Wm. S. Mackay	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. (Sup.)
 „ Wallis, T. Jackson (Sup.)</p> <p>1887—Blight, Joseph (Sup.)
 „ Clement, George (Sup.)
 „ Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)
 „ Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D. (Sup.)
 „ 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.)</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—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S.</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P.
 „ Southern, John
 „ Wills, William</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy
 „ Greenslade, William (Sup.)
 „ Haslam, Jonathan H.
 „ Hunt, George P.
 „ Leadley, Frank E.
 „ Liversedge, Arthur
 „ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel
 „ Cook, George S. (Sup.)
 „ Eaton, Clarence
 „ Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)
 „ 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—Cotton, Harry
 .. McArthur, John D.
- 1910—Burley, William A., M.A.
 .. Harris, Archer O.
 .. Olds, Charles H., B.A.
 .. Richards, James
 .. Sharp, Harold A.
- 1911—Enticott, Walter J.
 .. Fowles, Albert H.
 .. Hopper, Arthur
 .. Neale, Leslie B., F.R.G.S.
 .. Richards, H. Leslie
 .. Rowe, William
- 1912—Gosnell, Robert B.
 .. Hinton, George B.
 .. Lawrence, Frederick B.
 .. 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.D.
 .. Chambers, Ernest B.
 .. Dennis, John
 .. Dent, Tom
 .. Nelson, John R.
 .. Parker, Fredk. J.
- 1918—Costain, Alfred M.
 .. Neal, Wallace S.
 .. Parker, James W.
 .. Skuse, Thomas
- 1919—Cuming, William B.
 .. Ford, Herbert
 .. Gatman, William
 .. Jefferson, Alfred E.
- 1920—Pickering, William B.
- 1921—Benny, Henry
 .. Cropp, Allan H.
- 1922—Allen, J. Henry
 .. Brooks, Leslie A. G.
 .. Jack, J. Francis
- 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.

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| 1925—Brown, F. Gardner | 1929—Dickens, Charles E. |
| .. Peterson, Gordon R. H. | .. Horwood, Leonard C. |
| 1926—Hall, James H. | .. Kent, Arthur T. |
| .. Harris, G. Raymond | .. Parker, Walter |
| .. Voyce, A. Harry | 1930—Blight, J. Montgomery |
| 1927—Hames, Bernard R., M.A. | .. Court, W. John |
| .. Larsen, Norman P. | .. Draper, Joseph C. |
| .. Laurenson, George I. | .. Leadley, E. Clarence |
| .. Penn, Athol R. | .. McDowell, Matthew A. |
| .. Raynor, Ivo M. | .. Parker, J. Wesley |
| .. Silvester, A. Wharton E. | .. Parker, W. Gordon |
| .. Utting, Harry V. | 1931—Bowden, G. Richard |
| 1928—Grocott, John D. | .. Carr, Thomas H. |
| .. Hailwood, Charlie O. | .. Carr, W. E. Allon |
| .. Handy, Francis J. | .. Greenslade, William W. H. |
| .. Hayman, Frank H. | .. Moore, William E. |
| .. Jeffreys, Howard H. | .. Payne Herbert W. |
| | .. Williams, David O. |

NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| 1882—Rakena, Piripi | 1914—Rakena, P. Rakena |
| 1896—Heretini, Te Tuhi | 1920—Tauroa, Matarae |
| 1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki | 1928—Keepa Matene |
| 1911—Kakuere, Hori | 1930—Gina, Belshazzar |
| .. Te Tuhi. Eruera | |
| .. Wilcox, Davis | |

An Alphabetical List

OF THE

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in parentheses immediately after his address. The number of the Circuit in the Station 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	.. 2	.. Allen, J. Henry, 22 Station Tce., Remuera, Auckland	3
1895	.. 2	.. Ashcroft, Arthur, Eden Street, Oamaru	109
1906	.. 2	.. Avery, William W., Onewa Street, Birkenhead	7
1924	.. 1	.. Ayrton, Moses, Kirk Street, Otaki	76
1924	.. 1	.. Bailey, John H., Edinburgh St., Pukekohe	11
1901	.. 1	.. Bailey, Samuel, 22 Union St., New Brighton	85
1924	.. 3	.. Bateup, Frank, Paeroa	26
1876	.. S	.. Bamber, William, 91 Hackthorne Road, Christchurch (1918)	84
1894	.. 9	.. Bellhouse, Harold E., 149 Tennyson St., Dunedin	110
1921	.. 1	.. Benny, Henry A., Stanley St., Eketahuna	74
1913	.. 4	.. Bensley, Arthur A., Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands	[5]
1914	.. 15	.. Binet, Vincent le C., Bambatana, Solomon Islands	[6]
1907	.. 3	.. Blair, Charles, 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton	93
1900	.. 10	.. Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St., Devonport, Auckland	Y.P.
1904	.. 4	.. Blamires, Ernest O., 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton	73
1896	.. S	.. Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., Merivale, Christchurch (1930)	84
1923	.. 1	.. Blakemore, Albert, Matamata, Waikato	35
1887	.. S	.. Blight, Joseph, Parsonage, Whangarei (1910)	3
1930	.. 1	.. Blight, J. Montgomery, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay	55
1917	.. 1	.. Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., Leigh House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland	Th. C.
1871	.. S	.. Bond, George, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1915)	3
1931	.. 1	.. Bowden, G. Richard, Waitoa, Waikato	25
1880	.. S	.. Brooke, Thomas G., Penryn Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1924)	3
1922	.. 1	.. Brooks, Leslie A. G., Birkett St., Temuka	105

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1925	.. 2	Brown, F. Gardner, Thames St., Morrinsville	.. 25
1916	.. 5	Brown, George E., Franklin St., Greymouth	.. 81
1924	.. 1	Brown, Hubert G., Paparoa, North Auckland	.. 14
1910	.. 1	Burley, William A., M.A., 150 Hardy St., Nelson	.. 77
1914	.. 3	Burnet, Oswald, Fuller St., Kaiapoi	.. 97
1871	.. S	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1915)	.. 3
1931	.. 1	Carr, Thomas H., Gisborne	.. 54
1931	.. 1	Carr, W. E. Allon, Papatoetoe, Auckland	.. 9
1917	.. 2	Chambers, Ernest B., Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch	.. 91
1896	.. 15	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Rd., Auckland	.. 3
1887	.. S	Clement, George, Sandringham St., St. Clair, Dunedin (1923)	.. 110
1902	.. 2	Coatsworth, Thomas, King Edward St., Eltham	.. 43
1890	.. S	Cocker, James, 46 Albert St., Masterton (1922)	.. 73
1901	.. S	Cook, George S., Otaki (1928)	.. 76
1915	.. 1	Cooke, Percy I., 467 Leith St., Dunedin	.. 112
1905	.. 4	Copeland, Fred, West St., Feilding	.. 62
1897	.. 1	Cossum, Percy J., Sanson, Manawatu	.. 63
1918	.. 3	Costain, Alfred M., Irk St., Gore	.. 125
1909	.. 5	Cottom, Harry, Ohoka, Canterbury	.. 98
1930	.. 2	Court, W. John, Ruawai, Northern Wairoa	.. 15
1908	.. 8	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., Wicksteed St., Wanganui	.. 48
1921	.. 10	Cropp, Allan H., Buka, Solomon Islands	.. [7]
1919	.. 4	Cuming, William B., 77 Grey St., Woodville	.. 57
1906	.. 3	Daniel, Herbert, 95 Fitzroy St., Kew, Dunedin	.. 115
1917	.. 4	Dennis, John, 235 Main Rd., Karori, Wellington	.. 65
1917	.. 10	Dent, Tom, Patutiva, Marovo, Solomon Islands	.. [4]
1929	.. 3	Dickens, Charles E., Huntly	.. 36
1893	.. 1	Drake, Edward, 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch	.. 85
1930	.. 1	Draper, Joseph C., Russell, Bay of Islands	.. 18
1898	.. 3	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., Manata, Taranaki	.. 45
1901	.. 3	Eaton, Clarence, Liardet St., New Plymouth	.. 39
1893	.. 2	Elliott, William J., 351 Palmerston Rd., Gisborne	.. 54
1903	.. 4	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., South Rd., Hawera	.. 44
1911	.. 2	Enticott, Walter J., Dargaville, Northern Wairoa	.. 15
1901	.. S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel St., Christchurch (1931)	.. 85
1877	.. S	Fee, Thomas, Aynsley Ter., Opawa, Christchurch (1913)	.. 87
1924	.. 1	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., 142 North St., Timaru	.. 103
1919	.. 1	Ford, Herbert, Woodend, Canterbury	.. 100
1916	.. 2	Fordyce, Robert E., Ashhurst, Manawatu	.. 61
1914	.. 3	Foston, Charles A., Westport	.. 83
1911	.. 1	Fowles, Albert H., Church St., Te Aroha	.. 24
1893	.. 2	Frost, George, 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland	.. 2
1919	.. 2	Gatman, William, Station Rd., Otahuhu	.. 9
1897	.. 30	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. [4]
1912	.. 4	Gosnell, Robert B., Paynter's Ave., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	.. 39
1900	.. S	Greenslade, William, 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch (1931)	.. 85
1931	.. 1	Greenslade, William W. H., St. Clair, Dunedin	.. 113
1897	.. 2	Greenwood, Fred, 88 Linwood Ave., Linwood, Christ- church	.. 85

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1895	.. S ..	Griffin, John W., Great South Rd., Manurewa, Auckland (1925)	.. .. .. 10
1882	.. S ..	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1920)	.. .. .. 3
1888	.. 4 ..	Grigg, William, Willowby, Canterbury	.. .. 108
1928	.. 1 ..	Grocott, John D., P.O. Box 1354, Wellington	.. Y.P.
1875	.. S ..	Guy, James, 124 Bealey St., St. Albans, Christchurch (1921)	.. .. .. 85
1928	.. 2 ..	Hailwood, Charlie O., Timaru	.. .. .. 103
1926	.. 1 ..	Hall, James H., Hikurangi, North Auckland	.. .. 20
1927	.. 1 ..	Hames, Bernard R., M.A., Taumarunui	.. .. 33
1923	.. 2 ..	Hames, Eric W., M.A., 336 Selwyn St., Christchurch	.. .. 89
1928	.. 2 ..	Handy, Francis J., Taihape	.. .. 51
1890	.. S ..	Harding, Arthur, Raroa Rd., Lower Hutt, Wellington (1923)	.. .. .. 69
1916	.. 4 ..	Harkness, Edwin S., 147 Hataitai Rd., Wellington	.. .. 67
1910	.. 5 ..	Harris, Archer O., 32 Firth St., Hamilton East	.. .. 29
1914	.. 1 ..	Harris Francis T., Motueka	.. .. 82
1926	.. 2 ..	Harris, G. Raymond, Opotiki, Bay of Plenty	.. .. 32
1905	.. S ..	Harris, John, Christchurch (1930)	.. .. 86
1893	.. S ..	Harrison, Colin C., Hataitai, Wellington (resting)	.. .. 67
1900	.. 2 ..	Haslam, Jonathan H., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland	.. .. .. 5
1928	.. 4 ..	Hayman, Frank H., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. [4]
1894	.. 3 ..	Henderson, Samuel, King Street, Rangiora	.. .. 99
1912	.. 1 ..	Hinton, George B., Havelock St., Ashburton	.. .. 107
1916	.. 1 ..	Hocking, William H., London St., Hamilton	.. .. 28
1911	.. 4 ..	Hopper, Arthur, 156 Matson's Rd., Papanui, Christchurch	.. .. .. 92
1928	.. 2 ..	Horwood, Leonard C., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	.. .. 84
1900	.. 5 ..	Hunt, George P., Leeston, Canterbury	.. .. 96
1922	.. 3 ..	Jack, J. Francis, 43 Elizabeth St., Riccarton, Christchurch	.. .. .. 90
1903	.. 3 ..	James, Benjamin J., Nelson St., Petone	.. .. 70
1919	.. 4 ..	Jefferson, Alfred E., Porirua Rd., Johnsonville	.. .. 68
1928	.. 2 ..	Jeffreys, Howard H., Ngaio, Wellington	.. .. 68
1882	.. S ..	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	.. .. .. 3
1908	.. 4 ..	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Seabrook Ave., New Lynn, Auckland	.. .. .. 4
1874	.. S ..	Jory, John D., "Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland (1912)	.. .. .. 7
1887	.. S ..	Joughin, Thomas A., Belmont Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland (1922)	.. .. .. 1
1599	.. 4 ..	Keall, R. Purcell, Greytown, Wairarapa	.. .. 71
1916	.. 1 ..	Kendon, Charles H., Johnson St., Milton, Otago	.. .. 120
1929	.. 1 ..	Kent, Arthur T., Sumner, Christchurch	.. .. 87
1923	.. 2 ..	Kings, Harry S., Tua Marina, Blenheim	.. .. 79
1889	.. 1 ..	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 54 Chester St., Christchurch	.. .. 84
1927	.. 1 ..	Larsen, Norman P., Tai Tapu, Canterbury	.. .. 95
1927	.. 1 ..	Laurenson, Geo. I., Te Kuiti, King Country	.. H.M.
1912	.. 4 ..	Lawrence, Frederick B., 46 Radley St., Woolston, Christchurch	.. .. .. 87
1885	.. S ..	Lawry, Albert C., Geraldine, South Canterbury (1931)	.. .. 106
1877	.. S ..	Lawry, Samuel, Mt. Pleasant Rd., Sumner, Christchurch (1927)	.. .. .. 84

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1887	.. S ..	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., 4 Aldred Rd., Remuera, Auckland (1931)	.. 3
1930	.. 2 ..	Leadley, E. Clarence, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty	.. 37
1900	.. 5 ..	Leadley, Frank E., Grey St. East, Onehunga	.. 8
1870	.. S ..	Lewis, John J., Tenterton Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1909)	.. 1
1903	.. 4 ..	Liddell, Ralph J., Carterton	.. 72
1900	.. 1 ..	Liversedge, Arthur, Queen St., Thames	.. 23
1895	.. 3 ..	Lochore, John A., 308 Macandrew Rd., South Dunedin	113
1883	.. S ..	Marshall, George T., 27 Kenneth Ave., Morningside, Auckland (1920)	.. 1
1908	.. 2 ..	Martin, J. Frederick, Papakura, Auckland	.. 10
1909	.. 4 ..	McArthur, John D., 23 Waldegrave St., Palmerston North	.. 60
1904	.. 2 ..	McBean, Angus, 774 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland	.. 4
1930	.. 2 ..	McDowell, Matthew A., 67a Bridge St., Rongotai, Wellington	.. 67
1924	.. 4 ..	McGregor, Robert, Mowatt St., Waitara	.. 40
1916	.. 12 ..	Metcalfe, John R., Tiop, Solomon Islands	.. [7]
1905	.. 3 ..	Metson, Basil, 67 Brougham St., Sydenham, Christchurch	.. 88
1890	.. S ..	Mitchell, Arthur, Orakau Ave., Greenwood's Cr., Epsom, Auckland (1930)	.. 3
1931	.. 1 ..	Moore, William E., Ravensbourne, Dunedin	.. 118
1918	.. 4 ..	Neal, Wallace S., Waiuku, Auckland	.. 12
1911	.. 1 ..	Neale, Leslie B., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Ter., Dunedin	.. 111
1917	.. 1 ..	Nelson, John R., Kaponga	.. 47
1875	.. S ..	Nixon, John, Eliot St., New Plymouth (1907)	.. 39
1915	.. 1 ..	Odell, Henry J., 93 Tinakori Rd., Thorndon, Wellington	.. 65
1910	.. 2 ..	Olds, Charles H., B.A., Spey St., Invercargill	.. 122
1915	.. 1 ..	Olds, E. Thomas, Madeira Steps, Napier	.. 52
1888	.. 4 ..	Olphert, John, Dublin St., Wanganui	.. 49
1923	.. 3 ..	Orchard, Hector C., Balclutha, Otago	.. 119
1902	.. 4 ..	Oxbrow, Walter J., Queen St., Hastings	.. 53
1906	.. 1 ..	Paris, Percy R., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	.. 114
1917	.. 2 ..	Parker, Frederick J., 73 Massey St., Frankton Junction	28
1918	.. 5 ..	Parker, James W., Queen St., Cambridge	.. 27
1930	.. 2 ..	Parker, J. Wesley, Ponsonby, Auckland	.. 2
1929	.. 1 ..	Parker, Walter, Kuripuni, Masterton	.. 73
1930	.. ..	Parker, W. Gordon, Cambridge	.. 27
1912	.. 1 ..	Parsons, J. Ernest, Broad St., Palmerston North	.. 59
1902	.. 1 ..	Patchett, Ernest D., Selwyn Rd., Epsom, Auckland	.. 3
1931	.. 1 ..	Payne, Herbert W., 29 Richmond Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland	.. 1
1924	.. 1 ..	Pearn, Oliver S., Elles Rd., Invercargill	.. 123
1913	.. 4 ..	Peat, Harold T., 21 Butler St., Timaru	.. 103
1927	.. 1 ..	Penn, Athol R., Bluff	.. 124
1892	.. S ..	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Johnsonville (1928)	.. 68
1877	.. S ..	Peters, Alfred, St. John's St., Papanui, Christchurch (1920)	.. 92
1925	.. 3 ..	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Roxburgh, Otago	.. 121
1920	.. 3 ..	Pickering, William B., Pahiatua	.. 58
1881	.. S ..	Pinfold, James T., D.D., "The Nook," Karori Park, Wellington (1921)	.. 65

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1902	.. 5 ..	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, 118 Knowles St., St. Albans, Christchurch	..C.S.
1897	.. 6 ..	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Rd., Port Chalmers	.. 118
1892	.. 4 ..	Raine, Robert, 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington	.. 64
1901	.. 9 ..	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Richmond House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland	Th.C.
1927	.. 2 ..	Raynor, Ivo M., Mangonui, North Auckland	.. 21
1889	.. S ..	Read, Frederick T., 64 Lindsay St., St. Albans	.. 91
1911	.. 3 ..	Richards, H. Leslie, Takapuna, Auckland	.. 6
1910	.. 6 ..	Richards, James, 60 Lawrence St., Mornington, Dunedin	.. 116
1905	.. 2 ..	Richards, Raymond, Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	.. 78
1895	.. 3 ..	Richards, Thomas R., 38 Macfarlane St., Wellington	.. 64
1906	.. 2 ..	Roberts, Charles M., Opunake, Taranaki	.. 46
1911	.. 1 ..	Rowe, William, 3 Repton St., St. Albans, Christchurch	.. 91
1906	.. 2 ..	Ryan, Henry, 46 Brighton Rd., Roslyn, Dunedin	.. 117
1916	.. 2 ..	Sage, Ernest E., Banks St., Whangarei	.. 16
1907	.. 3 ..	Scott, W. Bramwell, 18 Coronation St., Waimate	.. 104
1900	.. 4 ..	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 305 Manchester St., Christchurch	.. 86
1903	.. 8 ..	Seamer, Arthur J., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland	H.M.
1910	.. 2 ..	Sharp, Harold A., 1 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt	.. 69
1927	.. 1 ..	Silvester, A. Wharton, Otorohanga, King Country	.. 38
1869	.. S ..	Simmonds, Joseph H., Princess St., Takanini, Auckland (1923)	.. 10
1891	.. 13 ..	Sinclair, William A., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland. Private address—16 Empire Rd., Epsom, Auckland	F.M.
1918	.. 2 ..	Skuse, Thomas, East St., Stratford	.. 42
1915	.. 1 ..	Slade, William G., M.A., Cambridge St., Levin	.. 75
1892	.. 6 ..	Smith, G. Knowles, Hokitika	.. 80
1899	.. 1 ..	Southern, John, Springston R.D., Canterbury	.. 94
1908	.. 3 ..	Speer, William H., Rotorua	.. 30
1923	.. 1 ..	Spencer, Herbert, Gonville, Wanganui	.. 48
1875	.. S ..	Standage, Charles H., 18 Craigie St., Timaru (1905)	103
1904	.. 4 ..	Stockwell, George F., High St., Blenheim	.. 79
1924	.. 1 ..	Taylor, Cecil R., Tauranga	.. 31
1908	.. 1 ..	Tinsley, Robert B., 11 Sherwood St., Dominion Rd., Auckland	.. 1
1927	.. 1 ..	Utting, Harry V., Inglewood, Taranaki	.. 41
1894	.. 4 ..	Vealie, Thomas W., 24 Colombo St., Wellington	.. 66
1926	.. 6 ..	Voyce, A. Harry, Siwai, Solomon Islands	.. [7]
1912	.. 3 ..	Walker, William, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland	.. 1
1885	.. S ..	Wallis, T. Jackson, 26 Hendon St., St. Albans, Christchurch (1928)	.. 91
1870	.. S ..	Ward, Charles E., Canon St., St. Albans, Christchurch (1910)	.. 86
1914	.. 2 ..	Werren, Samuel J., 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland	.. 3
1906	.. 3 ..	White, Hedley, Dannevirke	.. 56
1931	.. 1 ..	Williams, David O., Hutt	.. 69
1870	.. S ..	Williams, William J., 23 Latimer Square, Christchurch (1914)	.. 84

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1899	.. 3	Wills, William, Te Awamutu .. .. .	.. 34
1901	.. 5	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., 10 New Bond St., Kings- land, Auckland .. .. .	.. 1
1887	.. S	Wrigley, James, West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland (1924) .. .. .	.. 4

MAORI MINISTERS.

1900	.. 23	Haddon, Robt. Tahupotiki, Ngaruawahia	[2]
1896	.. 35	Heretini, Te Tuhi, Whirinaki, Hokianga	[1]
1911	.. 2	Kirkwood, Hori, Pukekohe	[1]
1928	.. 1	Keepa, Matene, Kawhia, Waikato	[2]
1882	.. 1	Rakena, Piripi, Mangamuka, Auckland	[1]
1914	.. 4	Rakena, Rakena P., Okaiawa, Taranaki	[3]
1920	.. 4	Tauroa, Matarae, Waima, Hokianga	[1]
1911	.. 1	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Tuakau, Auckland	[1]
1911	.. 2	Wilcox, Davis, Waikare, Bay of Islands	[1]

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

Dr. E. G. Sayers, Roviana, Solomon Islands, via Tulagi.
Dr. Clifford James, Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

1904	—C. Aker, Patea, Taranaki; 4.
1904	—W. T. Hooper, Porirua, Wellington; 2.
1907	—S. Keen, Picton; 3.
1908	—G. H. Bridgman, Rother Street, Oamaru (retired); 5.
1908	—G. W. Brown, 138 Somme Parade, Wanganui; 1.
1909	—T. W. Featherstone, Waihi; 5.
1910	—C. Duncan, Norsewood, Hawke's Bay; 3.
1911	—C. Strand (retired); 1.
1913	—J. Common, Kaukapakapa; 3.
1914	—F. E. Foote, North East Valley, Dunedin; 1.
1915	—J. H. Edmondson, Halcombe, Feilding; 2.
1917	—A. L. Witheford, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty; 1.
1919	—J. W. Bayliss, Waddington, Canterbury; 1.
1919	—J. Belshaw, Bombay, Auckland; 3.
1919	—P. Bridge, Maori Hill, Dunedin; 1.
1921	—J. Thomas, Waikouaiti, Otago; 2.
1922	—H. Ashworth, Island Bay, Wellington; 2.
1922	—G. H. Marr, Putaruru, Waikato; 2.
1922	—C. Robinson, Granity; 4.
1923	—C. G. Scrimgeour, 2 McDonald Street, Morningside, Auckland; 5.
1924	—R. T. Alexander, Helensville, Auckland; 1.
1924	—J. G. W. Grindlay, Hawarden, Canterbury; 1.
1924	—G. Hall, Ngaruawahia, Waikato; 3.
1924	—B. H. N. Teague, Murchison, Nelson; 3.
1924	—G. F. O. Whittlestone, Edendale, Southland; 2.
1924	—W. H. Wilson, Paraparaumu, Wellington; 3.
1924	—H. Dyson, Waipawa; 1.
1925	—W. J. Henderson, St. Aubyns, New Plymouth; 1.
1925	—D. Hickman, Rawene, Hokianga; 4.
1925	—H. J. Malcolm, Oxford, Canterbury; 2.
1925	—T. W. Parsons, Reefton, West Coast; 4.
1925	—A. R. Thomas, Apiti, Feilding; 2.

- 1925—W. Wilson, Okato, Taranaki; 2.
 1926—R. Grice, Warkworth; 2.
 1926—F. O. Prosser, Riverton, Southland; 6.
 1926—W. Sussex, Te Kuiti; 1.
 1926—R. Tapp, C/o. Probert Chambers, Auckland; 1.
 1927—V. R. Jamieson, Greendale, Canterbury; 1.
 1927—J. L. Mitchell, Marton; 2.
 1928—E. S. Bennett, Raetihi, King Country; 2.
 1928—R. Coombridge, Portland, North Auckland; 3.
 1929—N. Challenger, Otautau, Southland; 2.

HON. HOME MISSIONARY.

Sister Rita, Methodist Mission, Airedale Street, Auckland.

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

A.—Exempted from Examination Work.

None.

B.—Due to take Examination Work.

- 1928—O. P. Liddell, Foxton; 1.
 1929—L. C. Emsley, Uruti, Waitara; 2.
 1929—F. Sanderson, Coromandel; 1.
 1930—G. C. R. Ashworth, Nightcaps, Southland; 1.
 1930—T. Bailey, Ohaeawai, North Auckland; 1.
 1930—E. J. Clarke, Kaeo, Whangaroa; 2.
 1930—G. S. B. White, Upper Hutt, Wellington; 1.
 1931—J. L. Woodhouse, Ohura; 1.
 1931—J. M. Daley, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains; 1.
 1931—C. L. Duder, Wakefield, Nelson; 1.
 1931—O. B. Fawcett, Lawrence, Otago; 1.
 1931—W. Long, Mayfield, South Canterbury; 1.
 1931—R. Middleton-Taylor, Cromwell; 1.
 1931—W. A. Mills, Rakaia, South Canterbury; 1.
 1931—Vernon Thomas, Kaihu, Northern Wairoa; 1.
 1931—A. E. Waite, Abbotsford, Otago; 1.
 1931—H. Whitfield, Kohukohu, Hokianga; 1.

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

- 1918—Hone Tamati, Te Kuiti; 2.
 1920—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Raglan; 2.
 1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country; 11.
 1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland; 4.
 1924—Hone Taotahi, Purerua, Bay of Islands; 2.
 1927—Hauotu Hapimana, Aotearoa, King Country; 5.
 1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands; 5.
 1930—Witeni Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country; 2.
 1930—Paahi Moke, New Plymouth; 1.
 1930—Tupito Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki; 2.
 1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki; 2.
 1930—Hikuroa Te Maaha, Kai Iwi, Taranaki; 2.
 1931—Tame Tuari, Whananaki, North Auckland; 1.
 1931—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe, North Auckland; 1.
 1931—Henare Iti Rangitawa, Waiharakeke, Kawhia; 1.

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

- Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
Sister Nicholls, Hamilton.
Sister Hobbs, Te Kuiti.
Sister Iris Foster, Kawhia.
Sister Frances Hayman, Hawera.
Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
Sister Netta Gittos, Ratana Pa.
Sister Atawhai, Hamilton.
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 May Barnett, care of Rev. A. Bensley, Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands.
Sister Muriel Stewart, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.

MISSIONARY REPORT

1871

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GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1930.
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars	
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members		Communi-cants
Auckland Central ..	6	..	4	3	9	..	1	15	..	708	..	184	176	540	2100
Auckland Cent. Mission	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	5	1	63	..	7	..	60	750
Auckland West ..	5	..	6	2	3	..	..	3	..	304	..	101	92	200	900
Auckland East ..	6	1	6	3	12	..	..	25	6	797	2	266	89	647	2197
Auckland (Avondale) ..	7	3	3	3	3	..	..	11	..	425	..	116	25	350	1440
Auckland (Devonport)	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	194	..	60	21	115	550
Auckland (Takapuna) ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	181	..	60	25	125	300
Auckland (Birkenhead)	4	2	4	1	2	..	..	9	..	281	..	43	20	220	675
Onehunga ..	3	1	3	1	1	..	..	9	4	243	..	150	124	225	600
Otahuhu ..	6	..	1	1	2	..	..	8	..	224	..	150	96	150	560
Papakura ..	2	3	3	1	3	..	..	6	..	141	..	50	40	110	505
Pukekohe ..	8	8	2	2	1	1	..	7	..	206	..	45	46	248	746
Waiuku ..	1	8	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	73	..	44	31	60	340
Mahurangi (Warkworth)	3	7	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	70	..	10	6	35	300
Paparoa ..	5	8	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	68	..	43	23	45	250
Northern Wairoa ..	6	30	..	2	2	1	..	11	..	237	..	59	35	247	971
Whangarei ..	2	9	1	1	1	1	..	2	2	130	6	21	20	100	450
Whangaroa ..	1	5	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	31	..	19	..	30	140
Bay of Islands ..	2	5	..	..	1	..	..	6	1	35	..	..	..	36	250
Port Albert ..	3	3	2	1	..	1	..	3	..	57	..	39	57	25	131
Hikurangi ..	1	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	49	1	15	30	40	160
Mangonui ..	3	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	59	..	12	5	26	200
Kaukapapa ..	3	5	1	2	..	1	..	2	..	48	3	9	16	45	225
Helensville ..	1	6	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	34	..	9	..	24	130
Hokianga (Rawene) ..	1	12	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	52	1	12	21	100	240
" (Kohukohu)	1	13	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	47	2	26	61	50	274
Ohaeawai ..	1	14	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	40	..	12	12	10	280
Colporteur Work ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
General Totals	87	154	44	31	47	13	2	148	14	4797	15	1562	1071	3863	15664

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	133	..	29	30	105	330
Te Aroha ..	4	4	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	199	..	55	16	114	715
Morrinsville ..	3	5	1	1	2	..	..	6	8	201	..	37	84	159	488
Paeroa ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	50	..	3	25	65	200
Cambridge ..	3	1	1	1	2	..	..	5	..	133	..	57	42	113	400
Hamilton ..	4	4	2	1	2	..	..	14	..	445	..	80	60	300	1000
Hamilton East ..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	124	..	44	50	125	495
Rotorua ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	68	..	12	19	45	200
Tauranga ..	1	8	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	110	1	22	38	33	230
Opotiki ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	68	..	16	..	30	153
Taumarunui ..	1	7	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	68	..	27	19	70	250
Te Awamutu ..	2	9	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	121	..	58	..	74	570
Matamata ..	3	4	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	106	..	52	29	80	325
Huntly ..	1	7	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	83	..	11	46	38	217
Whakatane ..	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	66	..	42	18	52	165
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	68	..	29	47	72	170
Waihi ..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	84	..	10	..	55	225
Te Puke ..	1	6	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	62	..	..	..	40	210
Te Kuiti ..	2	12	..	1	..	1	2	3	..	83	..	33	80	80	255
Ohura ..	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	43	..	17	15	25	140
Putaruru ..	1	5	1	1	..	1	..	6	..	86	..	11	31	58	122
Coromandel ..	1	7	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	24	..	3	2	15	56
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	45	..	15	29	34	95
General Totals ..	46	107	15	20	18	8	2	82	9	2470	1	663	680	1782	7011

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1930.
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars	
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members		Communi-cants
New Plymouth ..	9	6	4	2	3	..	..	12	..	499	6	88	..	345	1500
Waitara ..	3	12	1	1	1	1	..	4	..	130	3	39	71	77	352
Inglewood ..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	80	..	18	..	60	150
Stratford ..	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	205	..	30	..	100	500
Eltham ..	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	115	..	25	36	70	450
Hawera ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	1	7	..	217	..	40	..	175	486
Manaia ..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	93	12	43	54	100	280
Opunake ..	6	8	2	3	1	1	..	6	..	124	..	49	10	94	520
Kaponga ..	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	50	..	14	20	40	250
Wanganui ..	4	..	2	2	..	..	1	9	..	441	..	135	85	350	1015
Wanganui North ..	3	..	3	2	2	..	..	3	..	140	..	80	40	115	450
Marton ..	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	91	..	46	45	40	200
Taihape ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	31	..	..	7	20	89
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	31	..	6	18	20	55
Patea (including Douglas)	4	8	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	44	..	..	..	35	230
General Totals	53	50	22	21	15	5	2	71	3	2:91	21	615	386	1641	6527

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	6	..	2	1	1	..	..	16	..	314	..	171	101	230	746
Hastings ..	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	335	12	100	6	250	725
Gisborne ..	4	8	1	1	2	..	..	8	..	260	..	82	45	200	612
Waioa ..	1	5	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	34	..	9	20	20	130
Dannevirke ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	120	..	47	48	50	200
Woodville ..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	79	..	9	..	50	250
Pahiatua ..	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	75	..	50	20	55	200
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	1	2	1	1	2	..	..	6	..	278	..	100	46	270	660
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	256	..	98	136	280	700
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	115	..	..	24	65	230
Feilding ..	6	1	2	2	1	1	..	12	..	263	..	101	27	174	750
Sanson-Rongotea ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	117	..	10	36	80	285
Waipawa ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	59	..	24	13	34	130
Foxton-Shannon ..	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	3	..	72	..	23	..	49	135
Apti ..	4	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	64	..	24	15	48	165
Norsewood ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	47	..	20	9	20	150
General Totals	42	29	14	16	14	5	..	83	..	2488	12	868	600	1875	6068

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

WELLINGTON—															
Taranaki Street ..	4	1	4	2	2	1	..	14	..	640	12	220	144	290	1020
Thorndon ..	4	..	4	4	3	..	..	9	..	253	..	139	61	189	847
Wellington South ..	2	1	2	2	1	1	..	10	..	291	12	59	..	220	780
Wellington East ..	4	..	1	1	2	..	..	7	..	236	..	50	20	186	806
Johnsonville-Ngaio ..	5	1	2	2	3	1	..	8	..	212	..	76	44	180	521
Hutt ..	4	..	2	1	2	..	..	8	2	263	..	74	48	100	450
Petone ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	222	..	30	36	170	600
Greytown-Featherston	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	62	..	27	..	68	166
Carterton ..	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	142	..	30	..	105	375
Masterton ..	3	2	2	2	2	1	..	10	..	283	..	133	123	200	815
Eketahuna ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	87	..	30	45	45	200
Levin ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	136	2	65	45	100	350
Otaki ..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	71	..	6	..	65	180
H M. Stations—															
Paraparaumu ..	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	65	..	41	12	50	170
Upper Hutt ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	48	2	6	12	..	70
General Totals	44	15	24	21	21	6	0	85	2	3011	28	986	590	1968	7350

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1930.
NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants	
Nelson	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	245	14	35	42	170	700
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	5	..	140	6	45	..	115	350
Blenheim	6	6	4	3	2	1	..	10	..	409	..	100	100	350	1250
Hokitika	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	72	..	14	15	50	250
Grey mouth	3	5	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	169	..	26	..	95	520
Motueka	1	5	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	113	..	20	19	90	316
Westport	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	84	..	41	22	50	200
Home Mission Stns.															
Reefton	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	72	..	18	6	42	200
Havelock	4	7	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	46	..	20	3	25	180
Murchison	1	9	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	15	..	17	8	25	130
Granity	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	29	..	38	..	20	166
Wakefield-Dovedale	5	2	1	..	..	1	..	7	4	91	..	9	..	60	149
General Totals	33	41	17	13	8	6	..	50	4	1485	20	383	215	1092	4411

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CHRISTCHURCH—															
Durham Street ..	2	..	2	1	9	..	..	11	..	331	..	58	36	225	600
East	6	1	5	4	3	..	..	20	..	693	..	356	..	480	1980
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	..	2	3	..	1	6	..	189	..	52	..	120	460
Woolston	5	..	4	1	3	..	..	7	..	264	..	92	..	210	660
Sydenham	2	1	3	1	1	..	..	2	..	208	..	90	70	110	650
Addington	2	..	2	1	1	..	1	8	..	233	20	99	44	200	555
Riccarton	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	3	137	..	50	..	120	317
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	4	..	1	5	1	370	..	106	40	310	1090
Papanui	3	..	1	2	2	..	..	4	..	194	..	120	..	180	510
Lytelton	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	84	..	20	..	70	300
Springston	5	3	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	121	..	..	..	138	420
Tai Tapu	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	104	..	7	13	85	190
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	160	..	59	20	126	415
Kaipoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	126	..	40	..	60	240
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	2	83	..	40	29	70	230
Rangiora	4	1	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	167	..	25	..	70	350
Woodend-Sefton	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	92	..	16	22	70	285
Greendale	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	76	..	7	14	60	200
Hawarden	1	3	3	1	1	..	..	2	..	65	..	13	17	30	90
Oxford	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	88	..	34	30	40	105
Waddington	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	47	..	8	9	40	160
General Totals	68	15	32	27	37	2	3	115	6	3832	20	1292	344	2814	9807

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1930.
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches		Other Preaching Places		Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
	Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members								Communi-cants					
Timaru	6	4	3	2		4	..	..	16	..	480	..	190	66	382	1560
Waimate	2	3	1	1		1	..	..	3	..	155	..	80	30	140	600
Temuka	1	3	1	1		1	..	..	1	..	102	..	27	21	60	180
Geraldine	1	2	1	1		1	..	..	2	..	85	..	15	15	60	180
Ashburton	3	4	1	1		1	..	1	12	..	300	..	128	44	188	755	
Willowby	5	2	3	1		1	..	..	7	..	125	..	43	16	62	340
Oamaru	4	..	1	1		1	1	..	11	..	190	..	45	..	165	510	
Rakaia-Methven	2	2	..	..		..	1	..	2	..	39	..	..	..	25	82
Mayfield	1	4	..	1		..	1	..	2	..	39	..	..	..	..	90
General Totals	25	24	11	9		10	3	1	56	..	1515	..	528	192	1082	4297	

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN—Trinity	3	..	3	1		2	..	..	7	..	247	..	76	57	172	511
Central Mission	1	..	1	1		1	..	1	3	..	181	..	8	11	105	900
Dundas Street	2	..	1	2		1	..	..	4	..	162	..	31	28	130	375
Cargill Road	2	1	3	1		2	..	..	7	..	177	4	34	32	130	600
St. Kilda	2	..	1	1		1	..	..	..	..	165	..	39	12	140	460
Caversham	3	..	1	1		1	..	..	5	..	187	..	73	..	115	500
Mornington	2	..	1	1		1	..	..	..	..	154	..	80	30	140	360
Roslyn	1	1	1	1		1	..	..	..	..	112	..	13	..	40	190
Port Chalmers	3	1	1	1		1	..	..	2	..	62	..	18	4	30	156
Milton	1	3	1	1		..	1	..	1	..	99	..	24	11	32	160
Balclutha	2	2	..	1		1	..	..	2	..	101	..	53	34	40	320
Roxburgh	3	..	2	1		1	..	..	1	..	67	..	28	17	62	212
Invercargill—Central	2	1	1	1		1	..	..	2	..	263	..	89	50	150	600
St. Peters	2	..	1	1		1	..	..	7	..	154	..	65	29	165	500
Bluff	2	1	..	1		1	..	..	2	..	103	..	36	..	60	360
Gore	1	1	1	1		1	..	..	3	..	102	..	25	24	60	200
Otautau	3	..	..	1		..	1	..	..	..	59	..	10	9	..	100
Maori Hill	1	..	..	..		..	1	..	1	..	41	..	17	..	22	70
Palmerston-Waikouaiti	2	2	..	1		..	1	..	2	..	40	..	..	8	4	98
Mosgiel	1	..	..	1		..	1	..	..	..	33	..	11	10	22	65
Lawrence	2	1	..	1		..	1	..	..	..	26	..	9	..	18	68
Cromwell	2	3	1	1		..	1	..	1	..	49	..	26	15	20	170
Edendale	2	3	..	1		..	1	..	3	..	35	..	5	12	40	080
Riverton	1	2	..	1		..	1	..	3	..	64	..	28	15	60	100
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	3	..	..	1		..	1	..	4	..	57	..	23	53	9	150
Broad Bay (unattached)	1	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
General Totals	50	22	20	25		18	10	1	57	3	2740	4	827	461	1836	7435

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1930.

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.		Communi-cants.
Auckland	87	154	44	31	47	13	2	148	14	4797	15	1562	1071	3863	15664
South Auckland	46	107	15	20	18	8	2	82	9	2470	1	663	680	1782	7011
Taranaki-Wanganui	53	50	22	21	15	5	2	71	3	2291	21	615	386	1641	6527
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	42	29	14	16	14	5		83		2488	12	868	600	1875	6068
Wellington	44	15	24	21	21	6		85	2	3011	28	986	590	1968	7350
Nelson	33	41	17	13	8	6	...	50	4	1485	20	383	215	1092	4411
North Canterbury	68	15	32	27	37	2	3	115	6	3832	20	1292	344	2814	9807
South Canterbury	25	24	11	9	10	3	1	56	...	1515	..	528	192	1082	4297
Otago-Southland	50	22	20	25	18	10	1	57	3	2740	4	827	461	1836	7435
Totals 1930	448	457	199	183	188	58	11	747	41	24629	121	7724	4539	17971	68570
Totals 1929	451	459	193	185	187	59	9	745	36	24429	140	7442	3904	17635	71026
Increases .. ..	..	..	6	..	1	2	2	5	200	..	282	635	336	..	..
Decreases	3	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	2456

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches .. ..	..	18	Deaconesses .. ..	..	8
Other Preaching Places .. ..	..	117	Local Preachers .. ..	..	109
Ministers .. ..	..	11	Members .. ..	..	3661
Home Missionaries .. ..	..	14	Attendants at Public Worship	..	7140

SUMMARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, September 30, 1930.

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	92	1933	3176	925	833	6867	4910	116	756	656	75	845	1081	1246	1720	615	38	625	129	1291	164	832	201
South Auckland ..	39	799	1173	438	324	2734	1950	46	280	252	...	321	409	229	275	228	12	187	13	491	56	451	94
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	53	772	1336	312	204	2624	1965	61	271	241	10	217	544	107	381	218	5	179	33	500	71	368	67
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	38	722	1139	366	298	2525	1894	80	263	242	12	350	513	305	316	239	3	245	66	674	96	463	76
Wellington	41	1265	1773	503	479	4020	2880	60	412	353	12	629	954	712	645	334	16	324	38	785	92	428	119
Nelson	32	554	805	270	262	1891	1283	32	195	171	1	311	340	136	381	170	9	211	66	293	54	301	46
North Canterbury ..	62	1445	2090	534	498	4567	3306	95	526	472	32	548	1189	849	824	457	29	391	96	1233	248	290	171
South Canterbury ..	19	324	555	193	161	1233	954	29	158	141	..	150	363	159	280	131	2	116	24	396	11	139	19
Otago-Southland ..	43	918	1278	418	348	2962	2188	78	337	302	54	430	725	354	385	298	16	282	40	805	103	464	93
Totals	419	8732	13325	3959	3407	29423	21330	597	3198	2830	196	3801	6118	4097	5207	2690	130	2560	505	6468	895	3736	886
Increases .. .. .	...	..	97	231	198	4	939	23	30	50	21	272	...	58	957	268	...	221	119	...	172	...	250
Decreases	16	522	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	772	...	..	..	6	..	...	495	...	160	...

N.B.—South Canterbury Returns completed from 1929 figures.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1930.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Circuit contributions	520	1	1
„ A. G. Literature Partnership	200	0	0
„ Conference Collection	8	1	4
„ Commission Sale of S.S. Hymnals	1	15	6
„ Grant from Connexional Fire Insurance Board	50	0	0
„ Discoun'			3
	£779	18	2
Debit Balance 1930	174	2	7
	£954	0	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By General Secretary—						
Stipend	300	0	0			
House allowance	150	0	0			
Travelling expenses	133	3	0			
Postage, Telegrams	11	17	3			
Telephone	4	5	0			
				599	5	3
„ Accident Insurance Policy				3	9	5
„ Connexional Levies				56	10	0
„ Clerical Assistance				37	10	0
„ Postage, typing, etc—						
Board Secretary	1	12	6			
Board Treasurer	3	11	5			
District Secretaries	1	4	6			
				6	8	5
„ Magazines				1	3	1
„ Refund Conference Arrangements Committee				12	0	0
„ Annual Examinations				20	0	11
„ Printing and Typing				21	8	0
„ Collection Envelopes				25	0	0
„ Purchase Books for Reference Library				4	2	7
„ Grant Correspondence School				1	0	0
„ Medical Examination Fees				1	11	6
„ Refund Bank of New Zealand				1	9	0
„ Bank Interest on Overdraft				13	18	6
„ Bank Charges and Cheque Books				18	0	0
Debit balance 1929	161	1	4			
	£954	0	9			

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31/12/30.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Bank of New Zealand overdraft	174	2	7
Credit Balance	53	16	0
	£227 18 7		

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Office furniture	14	0	0
Library	3	0	0
Literature Department	160	18	7
Council Religious Education for services General Secretary ..	50	0	0
	£227 18 7		

Audited and found correct.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A. (N.Z.) }
J. H. JONES } Auditors.

January 10th, 1931.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.
Revenue Account for the Year ended 30th September, 1930.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.						
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Transfer to Trust Accounts	..			17	0	0				
Church Sites Fund—										
Grants:—										
Miramar	.. .. .	25		0		0			
Waimamaku	.. .. .	25		0		0			
				50	0	0				
Balance to Sites Fund	.. .. .			134	0	1			
Office Expenses—										
Authorised Appropriation	.. .. .	217	10	0					
Stationery and General Expenses	.. .. .	28	10	1					
				246	0	1				
Reserve Appropriation A/c Surplus for 1930			17	0	4				
				£464	0	6				
							184	0	1	
							148	14	3	
							62	2	0	
							2	19	4	
							21	16	1	
							27	8	9	
								263	0	5
							£464	0	6	

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Loans Account as at 30/9/1930.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Amount of Loans at 30/9/29	20,196		12	4				
To New Loans Advanced	3,678		0	0				
Rates on Trust Properties	.. .. .			4	1	11			
				£23,878	14	3			
To Balance	£19,472 15 6						£23,878	14	3
							4,405	18	9
							19,472	15	6

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 9th October, 1930.

Audited and found correct,
ARTHUR C. REED }
A. K. ENGLAND } Auditors.

**THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Balance-Sheet, 31st October, 1930.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s	d
Capital Account			
Balance as at 31st October, 1930	36,565	4	6
Income Account			
Balance as at 31st October, 1930	7,205	2	0
Auckland Sinking Fund Commrs.			
Balance of Loan	33,000	0	0
Emsly Trust Deposit Account			
At Call	1,400	0	0
Emsly Trust			
Balance at 31st October, 1930	9	1	4
Bank of New Zealand			
Balance at 31st October, 1930	1,553	4	5
	<u>£79,732</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>

ASSETS.

Freehold Properties

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Great North Road	55,220	7	3			
Queen Street	24,312	5	0	79,532	12	3

Balance Purchase

Avondale Property	200	0	0
	<u>£79,732</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>

We have examined the books and accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1930, 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 the 31st October, 1930, as shown by the books.

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
 (Signed) LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

J. VEALE, }
 GEO. BOND, } Hon. Treasurers.
 Auckland, 12th November, 1930.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st October, 1930.

RECEIPTS. £ s. d.

1930—October 31.			
To Revenue Account			
Rents and Interest Received	6,255	16	0
„ Emsly Trust Deposit Account			
At Call	100	0	0
„ Emsly Trust			
„ Bank of New Zealand			
Balance Due	1,553	4	5
	<u>£7,918</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>

**THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending
31st October, 1930.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1929—October 31							
By Balance Due Bank of New Zealand	.. ..				1,797	12	0
1930—October 31							
By Theological College							
Paid to Trustees	.. ..				1,627	0	0
General Expenses							
Repairs and Maintenance	.. ..	779	16	5			
Insurance Premiums	.. ..	188	1	6			
Rates	.. ..	976	4	8			
Interest	.. ..	2,174	3	10			
Land Tax	.. ..	108	17	6			
Secretary's Salary	.. ..	100	0	0			
Commission on Rents and Interest	.. ..	156	7	10			
Audit Fee	.. ..	8	8	0			
Sundries	.. ..	1	10	0			
					4,493	9	9
					<u>£7,918</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>

Examined and found correct

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.,

(Signed) LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.,

} Auditors.

J. VEALE,

GEO. BOND,

} Hon. Treasurers.

Auckland, 12th November, 1930.

Revenue Account for the year ending 31st October, 1930.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1929—October 31									
To Balance	.. ..				263	1	6		
1930—October 31									
To Rents accrued	.. ..	6,260	1	0					
Interest accrued	.. ..	12	0	0					
By Rents received	.. ..				6,243	16	0		
Interest received	.. ..				12	0	0		
Balance									
Rents	.. ..	276	6	6					
Interest	.. ..	3	0	0			279	6	6
					<u>£6,535</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>£6,535</u>	<u>2</u>

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.

(Signed) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.

} Auditors.

J. VEALE,

GEO. BOND,

} Hon. Treasurers.

Auckland, 12th November, 1930.

**THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE
AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.**

Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1930.

1930—January-December 31.	£	s.	d.
To Balance carried forward	20,022	14	3
Interest Account	314	7	11
Rent Account	332	0	6

£20,669 2 8

1930—December 31.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By General Expenses				292	3	0
Rates on Masterton and Foxton Lands ..	53	7	10			
Fire Premium, Connexional Office	4	19	5			
Land Tax	92	0	2			
Gratuity to Staff at Home	26	5	0			
Fees for Valuation Reports and Inspection of Wellington Lands	53	5	0			
Law Costs, Legal Reports on Wellington Lands, Leases, etc.	27	6	0			
Rent of Post Office Box	1	10	0			
Printing, Stationery	3	9	6			
Travelling Expenses to New Plymouth and Masterton	27	11	1			
Postages, Exchange, Bank Fee, etc.	2	9	0			

Balance Carried Forward

£20,669 2 8

Balance-Sheet as at 31st December, 1930.

LIABILITIES.

Balance of Funds as per Revenue Account	£	s.	d.
	20,376	19	8
	<u>£20,376</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>8</u>

ASSETS.

Loans on Mortgage	£	s.	d.
Freehold Properties at Masterton, with Home, Wellington and Foxton (2)	4,150	0	0
Interest Accrued and Due at 31st December	14,740	4	10
Rent Accrued to 31st December	27	12	6
Fixed Deposit at Bank of Australasia	75	6	0
Post Office Savings Bank Account	900	0	0
Bank of Australasia, Balance C/a	430	12	2
	53	4	2
	<u>£20,376</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>8</u>

E. & O.E.

Wellington, 19th January, 1931.

T. R. RICHARDS, Chairman of Board.

W. C. HEMERY, Honorary Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

S. McDONALD

F. TURNER

Wellington, 24th January, 1931.

EMSLEY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st October, 1930.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
1929—October 31				
To Balance Bank of New Zealand		1	3	3
1930—October 31				
To Interest from Mortgages		40	17	6
„ Interest from Deposit		85	14	7
„ Loan Repayment		100	0	0
		<u>£227</u>		<u>15</u>
			<u>4</u>	

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
1930—October 31				
By Theological College		85	0	0
„ Deposit Probert Trust Board		100	0	0
„ Bank Charge			10	0
„ Legal Costs		33	4	0
„ Balance		9	1	4
		<u>£227</u>		<u>15</u>
			<u>4</u>	

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.
1930—October 31				
To Capital		1,900	0	0
		<u>£1,900</u>		<u>0</u>
			<u>0</u>	
1930—October 31				
By Freehold Mortgages		500	0	0
„ Deposit at Call		1,400	0	0
		<u>£1,900</u>		<u>0</u>
			<u>0</u>	

Audited and found correct,

A. J. BUTTLE,
Auditor.

J. VEALE, }
GEO. BOND, } Treasurers.
Auckland, N.Z.
19/12/30.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending
October 31, 1930.**

Treasurers: REV. GEO. BOND and MR. J. VEALE.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1929				28	0	6
Rents—						
Kaeo	65	0	0			
Mt. Wesley	37	10	0			
Newark	40	0	0			
Mangungu	10	0				
Kawhia	2	0				
				143	2	0
Interest—						
From Loan on Mortgage	704	7	6			
" Fixed Deposit with W.T.C. Board	18	0	0			
Auckland Savings Bank	13	6				
				723	1	0
				<u>£894</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Payments to H.M. Department	795	0	0			
Office Rent	10	10	0			
Newark Water Rent	12	0	0			
Management	20	0	0			
Legal Expenses	9	9	3			
Inspection Mt. Wesley Property	4	11	8			
Advt. Lease Mt. Wesley	1	6	3			
Rates and Insurance	9	8				
Clearing Mangungu from Noxious Weeds	6	0	0			
Stationery, Stamps and Telegrams	1	0	0			
Bank Commission and Cheque Books	14	0				
				861	0	10
Credit Balance, Bank New Zealand				33	2	8
				<u>£894</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

Balance-Sheet for the Year ended October 31, 1930.

LIABILITIES.

Nil.

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Mortgage	11,500	0	0			
Properties	4,500	0	0			
Fixed Deposit with W.T.C. Board	300	0	0			
Credit in Auckland Savings Bank	10	0	0			
Credit in Bank of New Zealand	33	2	8			
				<u>£16,343</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>

Audited and found Correct.

ARCH. PEAK.

J. G. HENDERSON.

11th November, 1930.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended
30th September, 1930.**

Chairman: REV. C. EATON.

Secretary and Treasurer: R. PEPPERELL, F.P.A. (N.Z.)

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance 30th September, 1929	191	14	2
„ Rents	652	1	1
„ Interest on Mortgages	39	8	0
„ Consent Fees and Sundries	4	4	0
	£887	7	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Salary	50	0	0
„ Remitted to Home Mission Fund	650	0	0
„ Repairs to Mission Property	43	2	9
„ Printing, Stationery, Bank Charges, Stamps & Exchanges	7	0	2
„ Rates and Taxes	95	3	4
„ Insurances	1	18	6
„ Balance Bank of New South Wales	40	2	6
	£887	7	3

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments, for the year ended 30th September, 1930. All cash as shown by the Secretary's books to have been received, has been duly banked, and vouchers have been produced for all payments. I have also checked the credits to the respective Tenants' Accounts and found these in order.

(Signed) VAL DUFF,

New Plymouth,
10th November, 1930.

Public Accountant.
Auditor.

KAI IWI MISSION ACCOUNT.
Statement to 30th September, 1930.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance	.. .. .			8 7
October—Rent	.. .. .	113	2	0
April—Rent	.. .. .	113	2	0
Balance	.. .. .			5 6
		<u>£226</u>		<u>18 1</u>

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.
November—Remit Treasurer	.. .. .	105	0	0
May—Remit Treasurer	.. .. .	110	0	0
Bank Charges	.. .. .		10	0
Land Tax	.. .. .		6	19 7
Disbursements	.. .. .		3	3 0
Fees for New Title under Lands Transfer Act	.. .. .		1	5 6
		<u>£226</u>		<u>18 1</u>

Audited and found Correct.

LEN H. BASSETT.
C. J. SHARPE.

November 5th, 1930.

**JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST
BOARD.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

Treasurers: C. H. LAWS, D.D., and ARCH. PEAK.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance	185	8	2
Interest Savings Bank	6	16	10
Inscribed Stock Dividend	495	0	0
	<u>£687</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Cheque Book	1	0	0
Stamps	1	0	0
Rent	5	0	0
Bank Commission	10	0	0
Interest	1	0	0
Salary Secretary	25	0	0
Box—Safe Custody and Name	2	2	6
Grants	476	7	9
Balance in B.N.Z. and Auckland Savings Bank	176	3	9
	<u>£687</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
To Cash	11,000	0	0
	<u>£11,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	£	s.	d.
By Inscribed Stock	11,000	0	0
	<u>£11,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Audited and found correct.

F. E. SUTHERLAND.

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METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments, 1930.

RECEIPTS.

To Appropriations—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Church Building and Loan Fund	215	0	0			
Fire Insurance Fund	325	0	0			
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	385	0	0			
Contingent Fund	200	0	0			
"Methodist Times" Fund	140	0	0	1265	0	0
.. Registration Fees (per Authorised Representative)					30	15 0
						<u>£1295 15 0</u>

PAYMENTS.

By	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Debit Balance Brought Forward					3	18 7
.. Stipend					375	0 0
.. House Allowance	175	0	0			
.. Less Charges	8	2	6	166	17	6
.. Connexional Charges					66	16 4
.. Clerks' Salaries					444	0 0
.. Office Rent					130	0 0
.. Office Cleaning					14	8 0
.. Telephone and P.O. Box					18	15 0
.. Bank Charges, Cheque Books, etc.					3	6 1
.. Stationery, etc.					8	3 3
.. Petty Cash and Sundries					28	19 3
.. Office Equipment, etc.					22	13 9
.. Total Expenditure					1282	17 9
.. Balance at Bank of New Zealand	4	17	3			
.. Cash on Hand (Imprest Accounts)	8	0	0	12	17	3
						<u>£1295 15 0</u>

Audited and found correct,

A. A. SANDFORD, Auditor.

Christchurch, 4th February, 1931.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE AND HOSTEL.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended
 October 31st, 1930.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance 1st November, 1929	289	11	2
Probert Trust Board	1477	0	0
Probert Trust—Rent of Site	150	0	0
Contingent Fund	489	14	0
Home Mission Fund	135	0	0
Elmsley Trust	85	0	0
Prince Albert College	50	0	0
Trinity Collegiate Church	111	6.	0
Congregational Church—Fees for Students	100	0	0
New College Fund 1½ years (Principal's House Allowance)	225	0	0
Trinity Hostel Fees	775	15	0
Students' Contributions	135	0	0
Tuition Fees	10	10	0
Rent—Moehau Street	117	0	0
Auckland West Circuit—Students' Board	13	10	6
Amounts received under Students' Bonds	56	5	3
	<u>£4220</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By House and Service	1275	6	4
Stipends	1090	13	4
Tutors' Fees	58	18	0
Rates	475	5	11
Insurance	23	13	6
Rent	313	10	0
Telephones	57	15	9
Quarterages	152	0	0
Recreation	5	0	0
Bible Class Camp Fees	6	15	0
University Fees	87	7	6
Connexional Charges	143	1	0
Interest Moehau Street	130	0	0
Bank Interest and Charges	3	6	6
Printing, Stationery and Postages	61	16	5
Advertising Church Services	8	0	0
Caretaker and Garden	8	3	0
Furnishing	45	14	9
Repairs	42	7	0
Sundries	42	6	0
Collegiate Church—Supply	30	0	0
College Badges	£25	0	0
Less Sold	6	0	0
	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Trustees' Commission re Edson Trust	29	15	0
Transfer to Reserve Fund	56	5	3
Balance in Bank, 31st October, 1930	54	11	8
	<u>£4220</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE AND HOSTEL.

COLLEGE RESERVE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Credit in Bank 1st November, 1929	698	14	8
Add Amounts received under Students' Bonds	56	5	3
Add Bank Interest	24	0	1
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	£779	0	0
Less Amount paid New College Building Fund in Settlement Loan re Moehau Street property	680	15	4
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Credit in Bank 31st October, 1930	£98	4	8
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COLLEGE ORGAN FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Credit in Bank 1st November, 1929	24	8	5
Add Interest	1	1	7
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	£25	10	0
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We have examined the Books and the Vouchers of the Theological College Council and compared same with Bank Books, and are of the opinion they are a true and correct Statement at 31st October, 1930.

A. J. BUTTLE, Acting Treasurer.

(Signed) ANDREW MESSER }
F. E. SUTHERLAND } Auditors.
17/11/30.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.

Treasurers: REV. C. H. LAWS, D.D., and ARCH. PEAK.

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending
30th September, 1930.**

	£	s.	d.
By Balance	74	19	3
„ Savings Bank Interest	2	14	8
„ Debenture Interest	42	0	0
„ Collection	14	9	0
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	£120	8	8
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To Books, Stationery, Postage, etc.	36	5	10
„ Prize Fund	5	5	0
„ Balance	78	17	10
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	£120	8	8
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BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance-sheet as at the 31st December, 1930.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Loans at Call	1,000	0	0			
Plus Accrued Interest	15	0	0	1,015	0	0
Loans on Fixed Deposit	7,935	0	0			
Plus Accrued Interest	117	6	9	8,052	6	9
Sundry Creditors				552	6	7
Bank of New Zealand Long Term Mortgage Loan	18,591	13	4			
Plus Accrued Interest (secured over Grafton Road and Paerata Properties)	372	16	11	18,964	10	3
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft	27,509	16	0			
Plus Accrued Interest (secured over Three Kings and Mt. Albert Properties)	474	13	0	27,984	9	0
War Memorial Fund (Maori)	153	5	9			
Plus Accrued Interest	9	3	11	162	9	8
Capital Account—						
Balance at 1st January, 1930	156,771	5	0			
Plus House sold for removal	142	10	0			
	156,913	15	0			
Less Decrease in Government Valuation—Suburban Properties	£16,058	0	0			
„ Improvement to Suburban Properties Written Off	8,008	17	2			
„ Loss on Recision of Sale and Purchase Agreements over Mt. Albert Estate Sections	390	0	0			
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income for Year	2,298	0	7	26,754	17	9
				130,158	17	3
				<u>£186,889</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Paerata Land at Cost	15,832	12	0			
College Buildings at Cost	43,171	14	11			
Improvements to Paerata Property	7,655	19	2	66,660	6	1
City and Suburban Property at Government Valuation—						
Grafton Road	27,259	0	0			
Three Kings	26,465	0	0			
Mount Albert	30,195	0	0			
Dominion Road	5,785	0	0			
Waikowhai	13,972	0	0	103,676	0	0
Carried forward				170,336	6	1

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance-sheet as at the 31st December, 1930.

		ASSETS.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Brought forward	.. .. .						170,336	6	1
Improvements to Properties—										
Three Kings	.. .. .			58	5	0			
Mount Albert	.. .. .			6	10	8			
Dominion Road	.. .. .			28	0	0	92	15	8
Plant and Machinery—										
Paerata	.. .. .	£1,476	8	1					
Less Depreciation	.. .. .	184	4	1	1,292	4	0		
Motor Vehicles—										
Paerata	.. .. .	848	19	6					
Less Depreciation	145	14	6	703	5	0	1,995	9	0
Furniture and Fittings—College	.. .. .				688	2	1		
Equipment—College	.. .. .				2,088	6	2		
					2,776	8	3			
Less Depreciation				255	4	10	2,521	3	5
Stock on Hand—Paerata										
Live Stock at Valuation	.. .. .				6,870	4	0		
Produce and Sundry Stocks				1,182	8	8	8,052	12	8
Loan on Mortgage	.. .. .				270	0	0		
Plus Accrued Interest				3	7	6	273	7	6
Mt. Albert Estate and Three Kings Purchasers—										
Principal Outstanding	.. .. .				1,489	11	5		
Plus Accrued Interest				18	2	4	1,507	13	9
Sundry Debtors—										
For Rent	.. .. .				731	17	9		
„ Fees	.. .. .				691	7	0		
„ Sundries	.. .. .				370	0	4		
					1,793	5	1			
Less Reserve for Bad Debts				275	0	0	1,518	5	1
Payments in Advance	.. .. .								
Cash in Hand—Paerata and Office							54	3	0
								<u>£186,889</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., etc.

General Secretary.

We certify that we have audited the above Balance-sheet, together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust at the 31st December, 1930, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak, Kirker and Newcomb, a certificate that all Title Deeds and Securities are in order, and have been furnished with certified valuations of the Stock on hand at Paerata, which we have accepted as correct.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON,

Auditors.

Auckland, 21st January, 1931.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

College Account for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Advertising				108	6	6
„ Beneficiary Work—European	137	0	0			
„ „ —Island	45	0	0			
„ „ —Maori	830	12	10	1012	12	10
„ Bad Debts Written Off				35	15	3
„ Reserve for Bad Debts				35	0	0
„ Depreciation				316	7	7
„ Fuel and Light				362	0	1
„ Insurance				70	12	7
„ Provisions—Bread	380	5	9			
„ „ Dairy Produce	508	1	10			
„ „ Groceries	436	4	5			
„ „ Meat	438	11	7			
„ „ Sundries	222	10	8	1985	14	3
„ Rates				64	6	11
„ Repairs and Maintenance				320	17	0
„ Salaries				1795	1	3
„ Sports				36	18	6
„ Stationery and Books				22	5	3
„ Sundry Expenses				169	13	10
„ Wages				1063	8	9
				<u>£7399</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By School Fees				5981	8	2
„ Laboratory Expenses—Income	45	15	0			
„ Less Expenditure	19	11	7	26	3	5
„ Boys' Stationery—Income	74	8	1			
„ Less Expenditure	53	3	7	21	4	6
„ Net Loss transferred to Income and Expenditure Account				1370	4	6
				<u>£7399</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Departmental Losses as under:—						
Garden and Orchard	28	8	2			
Flock Sheep	93	14	7	122	2	9
„ Net Profit transferred to Income and Ex- penditure Account					505	13 6
						<u>£627 16 3</u>
By Departmental Profits as under:—						
Bees	73	16	11			
Beef Cattle	60	0	10			
Cattle and Dairy	143	6	8			
Pigs	228	1	0			
Poultry	61	5	5			
Stud Sheep	61	5	5	627	16	3
						<u>£627 16 3</u>

General Expenses Account for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

	£	s.	d.
To Audit Fees	26	5	0
„ Reserve for Bad Debts	65	0	0
„ Insurance	17	16	9
„ Legal Expenses	68	10	4
„ Office Expenses	29	10	5
„ Printing, Stationery and Advertising	29	8	4
„ Rates	1194	19	1
„ Rent—Board Room	26	10	0
„ Repairs and Maintenance	18	11	4
„ Salary—Secretary	350	0	0
„ Sundry Expenses	5	16	6
„ Survey Fees	50	16	6
„ Wages Maintaining Properties	275	1	0
			<u>£2158 5 3</u>
By Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	2158	5	3
			<u>£2158 5 3</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Rent Received Account for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

	£	s.	d.
To Land Agents' Commission	55	0	0
„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	3985	3	4
	<u>£4040</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Rents received from:—			
Grafton Road Property	1300	14	4
Three Kings Property	1142	7	6
Mt. Albert Property	763	0	0
Dominion Road Property	244	16	6
Waikowhai Property	589	5	0
	<u>£4040</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Interest Account for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest on Overdraft	1570	4	3
„ Interest on Loans at Call and Fixed Deposits	687	12	9
„ Interest on Long Term Mortgage	1131	3	7
	<u>£3389</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Interest from:—			
Mt. Albert Estate	82	0	4
Three Kings Estate	32	19	8
Sundry Mortgagors	13	12	11
„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	3260	7	8
	<u>£3389</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1930

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest	3260	7	8
„ Loss on College	1370	4	6
„ General Expenses	2158	5	3
	<u>£6788</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5</u>

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
By Rents	3985	3	4
„ Profit on Farm	505	13	6
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Capital Account	2298	0	7
	<u>£6788</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5</u>

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1930.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Annuities			7384 11 0	By Amount of Funds, 30/11/29	138,168		1 9
Furniture Grants			195 0 0	Less Written Off (Resig- nations)	20		4 11
Subscriptions Refunded			60 0 0		138147 16 10		
Office Expenses—				Personal Subscriptions ..			1595 12 0
Authorised Appropriation ..	385	0	0	Circuit Levies			2436 7 0
Less Received from Allied Funds	80	0	0	Interest—			
			305 0 0	Investments	8093		6 11
Less Charges on Creditor Deposits		1	12 7	Deposits		32	14 11
			303 7 5	Arrears Personal Subscrip- tions			39 13 8
Stationery & General Expenses			73 0 0	Arrears Purchase of Bene- fits			13 3 4
Actuary's Fees			60 0 0		8178 18 10		
Auditors' Fees			25 4 0	Less Overdraft			
			461 11 5	Interest	£1		6 0
Amount of Funds as at 30/11/29				Interest Allied			
less adjustments	138,147		16 10	Funds	712		9 6
Increase of Funds as at				Sundry			
30/11/30	3900		5 11	Depositors	769		6 11
			142,048 2 9		1483 2 5		
				Plus Office			
				Charges			1 12 7
					1484 15 0		
							6694 3 10

£150,149 5 2

Freehold Revenue—

Epworth Chambers: Rents 1801 8 1
 Less Exps. & Interest .. 432 6 1
 1369 2 0

Less Worcester
 St. Exps. 152 13 9
 Less Rents
 Received 47 12 6

105 1 3

Fire Insurance Premiums

1264 0 9
 11 4 9

£150,149 5 2

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

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }
 HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 12th December, 1930.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Balance-sheet as at 30th November, 1930.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as per Revenue Account				142,048	2	9
Benevolent Branch—Capital A/c.	400	0	0			
Benevolent Branch—Revenue A/c.	356	3	1			
				756	3	1
Deaconess' Retiring Fund ..	3,509	18	9			
Home Acquisition Fund ..	2,986	19	0			
Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund	7,549	10	10			
				14,802	11	8

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Investments—						
Mortgages	102,950	0	0			
Debentures	28,600	0	0			
				131,550	0	0
Freehold Properties—						
Epworth Chambers	£39,454	4	0			
Less Unpaid Purchase Money ..	4,500	0	0			
				34,954	4	0
Worcester Street	4,118	15	8			
				39,072	19	8

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—Balance-Sheet (Continued).

Belfast Church Trust	187 11 8		Deposits—		
Church Building and Loan Fund	578 2 8		Bank of N.Z.	16 2 1	
Church Sites Fund	462 7 6		P.O. Savings Bank	691 6 10	
H.M.R.F. Appeal Fund	63 9 5				707 8 11
Horrelville Church Trust	37 5 7		Interest—		
Methodist Deaconess Institution	423 3 9		Mortgages—Accrued	1,682 9 11	
Orphanage & Children's Home	9,994 1 7		Mortgages—Due	1,044 15 8	
"Methodist Times"	1,154 2 9		Debentures—Accrued	483 9 2	
Methodist Women's Missionary Union	655 4 7		Purchase of Benefits— Balance Due	263 12 10	
Oxford Church Trustees	563 11 11		Purchase of Benefits— Interest Due	1 4 7	
Removal Expenses Fund	416 9 8		Circuit Levies Accrued	409 13 0	
Sefton Methodist Church Trust	459 2 1		Personal Subscriptions— Arrears	533 11 8	
Sydenham Church Choir	132 15 1		Interest Due	60 8 3	
	15,127 8 3				4,479 5 1
Personal Deposit Accounts (7)	1,367 10 4		Freehold Properties— Rents Due	199 18 10	
		16,494 18 7	Accrued	143 9 2	
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund	2,601 14 11				343 8 0
Freehold Properties — Rates Accrued	205 13 9				
		<u>£176,153 1 8</u>			<u>£176,153 1 8</u>

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We have examined the above Balance-sheet and attached Revenue Account, and have compared them with the books of the Fund, and Certify to 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, 1930.

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

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.
HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 12th December, 1930.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Financial Statement for Year ending 31st December, 1930.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1st Jan.—						
To Balance				1444	4	8
„ Circuit Levies—						
District.—Auckland	679	5	0			
South Auckland	313	2	6			
Taranaki-Wanganui	315	19	3			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	278	4	6			
Wellington	363	19	1			
Nelson	182	0	0			
North Canterbury	509	12	8			
South Canterbury	171	2	6			
Otago-Southland	389	0	0	3202	5	6
„ Sale of Minutes—						
District.—Auckland		12	0			
South Auckland	1	5	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui		8	0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu		14	0			
Wellington	1	1	0			
Nelson		12	0			
North Canterbury	1	5	0			
South Canterbury		14	0			
Otago-Southland		12	0	7	3	0
„ Synod Collections—						
District.—Auckland						
South Auckland	6	9	1			
Taranaki-Wanganui						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	2	15	9			
Wellington	10	18	10			
Nelson	3	0	0			
North Canterbury	5	18	10			
South Canterbury	1	11	2			
Otago-Southland	10	6		31	4	2
„ Sale of Literature					6	1
„ Refund Equalisation Fund					2	8
„ Interest on Deposit Bank New Zealand					4	13
				£4698	0	6

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Financial Statement for Year ending 31st December, 1930.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cost of Wellington Conference—						
(a) Travelling Equalisation Fund	361	16	4			
Official Representatives	145	4	0	507	0	4
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(b) Printing, etc.—						
Agenda	124	3	0			
Less Sales	22	10	0			
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	101	13	0			
Minutes	133	12	0			
Bibles, Stationery, etc.	20	0	0	255	5	9
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„ District Expenses.—Chairmen's Travelling and other Expenses.—						
District.—Auckland	72	5	11			
South Auckland	35	1	1			
Taranaki-Wanganui	40	8	9			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	29	12	6			
Wellington	24	14	3			
Nelson	25	19	0			
North Canterbury	14	11	5			
South Canterbury	37	5	8			
Otago-Southland	20	5	3	300	3	10
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„ Synod Expenses.—						
Ministers', Probationers', H.M., Travelling, Stationery, etc.—						
District.—Auckland	102	16	6			
South Auckland	53	6	2			
Taranaki-Wanganui	29	4	0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	27	9	11			
Wellington	28	6	11			
Nelson	43	7	2			
North Canterbury	14	10	3			
South Canterbury	11	2	11			
Otago-Southland	27	12	1	337	15	11
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By Ministerial Supply—						
District.—Auckland	10	10	0			
South Auckland	11	5	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui	9	2	6			
North Canterbury	18	18	4			
South Canterbury	12	0	0			
Otago-Southland	7	15	9	69	11	7
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Carried forward				1469	17	5

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Financial Statement for Year ending 31st December, 1930.

PAYMENTS—Continued.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				1469	17	5
Connexional Payments—						
President's Travelling	42	1	3			
President's Postages, etc.	12	10	0			
President's Supply	15	0	0			
Secretary, Conference Postages, etc.	12	10	0			
Board of Examiners' Expenses	22	8	0			
"Methodist Times" Honoraria	32	10	0			
"Methodist Times" Sundry Expenses	4	16	7			
Medical Examinations	4	4	0			
Printing	130	3	11			
Book of Services, progress payment	100	0	0	376	3	9
Grants—						
Theological College	740	0	0			
Connexional Secretary's Department	200	0	0			
For Affliction	95	0	0			
Deaconess Fund	75	0	0			
Y.M.C.A. Military Camp	50	0	0			
University Fees	30	0	0			
Council Religious Education	25	0	0			
Epworth Buildings Furnishings	25	0	0			
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0	1265	0	0
Hon. Treasurers—						
Postages, Stationery, etc.	3	0	0			
Bank Exchange, Charges, etc.	5	0	9	8	0	9
By Balances Held by Chairmen—						
District.—Auckland	65	12	10			
South Auckland	7	0	1			
Taranaki-Wanganui	43	7	6			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	35	0	0			
Wellington	20	0	0			
Nelson	20	0	0			
North Canterbury	24	2	6			
South Canterbury	9	0	0			
Otago-Southland	34	3	1			
.. Total Balances held by Chairmen	258	6	0			
.. Balances Bank N.Z., Kaiapoi	720	12	7			
.. Deposited Bank N.Z., Kaiapoi	600	0	0	1578	18	7
				£4698	0	6

J. H. BLACKWELL. }
O. BURNET. } Hon. Treasurers.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.**Revenue Account, Year Ending 31st December, 1930.**

	£	s.	d.
To Removal Expenses	980	16	7
„ Exchange, Stamps, Stationery and Sundries		4	3
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	£984	19	8
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	£	s.	d.
By Circuit Levies	953	9	10
„ Interest		19	1
„ Capital Account Transfer		12	8
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	£984	19	8
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Balance-Sheet, as at 31st December, 1930.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund, December 31st, 1929	834	19	7			
Less Balance as per Revenue Account		12	8	822	11	5
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Sundry Creditors Outstanding					4	7
	<hr/>			£822	16	0
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ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Outstanding Levies				333	11	1
Supernumerary Fund Deposit				418	7	10
Balance P.O. Savings Bank	5	17	6			
Balance Bank of New Zealand	64	19	7	70	17	1
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	<hr/>			£822	16	0
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Audited and found correct.

W. L. THOMAS.

H. W. ARMITAGE, }
 Wm. T. BLIGHT, } Hon. Treasurers.
 Christchurch, January 29, 1931

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N.Z.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ending December
31st, 1929.

Treasurers: Rev. G. T. MARSHALL and Mr. A. J. BUTTLE.

(Omitted from Conference Minutes of 1930.)

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward from 1928 ..				3,962	5	8
„ Solomon Islands District:						
Stipends and Allowances .. (6233)	6157	5	7			
Boats and Travel (3121)	4171	6	5			
Freights, Customs and General Charges (1596)	1860	18	2			
Schools and Colleges .. (1066)	1226	13	6			
Properties Current Expenses (1202)	1133	3	2			
General Expenses—Hospital, Printing, etc. (713)	2527	4	3			
Industrial Undertakings .. (1014)	1300	12	8			
Wireless Account	63	12	0			
Special Equipment	654	8	4			
	(14948)			19,095	4	1
N.B.—This total includes sums chargeable to Special Equipment and Medical Funds. See Income.						
To N.Z. Office:—						
Interest on Overdraft and Loans (849)				935	0	6
Working Expenses:—						
Salaries	600	0	0			
Connexional Charges	66	10	0			
Deputations, Travelling, etc.	112	0	10			
Exchanges, Postages, etc.	64	12	5			
Printing, Typing, etc.	207	13	3			
Office Rent, Telephone, etc	87	5	3			
Films and Lantern	29	18	6			
Sundries	22	2	2			
	(1367)			1,190	2	5
By Sundry Payments:						
Theological College	75	0	0			
Deaconess Institute	75	0	0			
Film, "Tonga"	200	0	0			
Refund, Hawera Circuit	73	11	6			
Rent, Rev. J. F. Goldie	93	4	0			
Sundries	148	2	9			
	(379)			664	18	3
„ Insurance and Replacement Fund ..				146	0	0
				<u>£25,993</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

**Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ending December
31st, 1929.**

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
By N.Z. Contributions:							
General Fund, 1928 a/c.	151	2	3				
1929 a/c.	11,668	13	4				
				11,819	15	7	
Women's Auxiliaries				1,298	8	4	
Y.M.B.C. Movement				236	0	0	
Native Teachers and Students				189	2	6	
Orphans				49	10	0	
Interest				704	17	1	
Medical Mission Work				307	9	0	
Publications Account: net				34	14	4	
			(11790)	14,639	16	10	
" Banga Plantation Account: interest charged but not collected				453	8	0	
" Solomon Islands contributions:							
Roviana Circuit	985	0	1				
Vella Lavella Circuit	796	6	8				
Choiseul Circuit	630	0	0				
Sales of Produce	1,903	16	4				
Sales of Books	13	1	0				
Medical Fees	315	3	11				
			(4955)	4,643	8	0	
" Transfers:							
From Equipment Fund:							
For Buildings, Bougainville and Bamatana	654	8	4				
" Doctor's House, Choiseul	1,338	1	4				
" Launch for Rev. T. Dent	600	0	0				
" Bilua Vessel (part payment)	256	19	2				
					2,849	8	10
From Medical and Hospital Fund: for Medical Supplies				485	13	10	
Balance: Deficit				2,921	15	2	
				£25,993	10	8	

Audited and found correct:

(Signed) LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc

**THE METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1929 (exclusive of Solomon
Islands Properties).

Omitted from Conference Minutes of 1930.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—Solomon Islands:									
Circuit Balances	913	4	11						
Wages Outstanding	643	9	0						
Sundry Trade Creditors	581	3	2						
				2137	17	1			
Drafts in Transit				43	9	9			
Overdraft at Bank of New Zealand, Auck.				5210	5	0			
(Plus Accrued Interest and secured over Working Capital and Medical Mission Fund Assets).									
Loans:									
Waikawau Trust	100	0	0						
Tunncliffe H.A.	500	0	0						
Hemer, T. W.	1000	0	0						
Smith, J. C.	200	0	0						
Parsons, Miss	100	0	0						
				1900	0	0			
Proceeds of Debentures issued on security of Solomon Islands Properties by Meth- odist F. M. Society Trust Association				2600	0	0			
							11,891	11	10
Special Funds:									
Medical Mission Fund	2294	13	5						
Medical Mission Reserve Fund	525	0	0						
Insurance and Replacement Fund	1077	5	5						
							3,896	18	10
Capital Account:									
Balance brought forward 1/1/29	292	9	7						
Plus Gift received	400	0	0						
Plus excess of Income over Expenditure for year	1040	10	3						
				1440	10	3			
							1732	19	10
							<u>£17,521</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>

**THE METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Balance-Sheet as at the 31st December, 1929 (exclusive of Solomon
Island Properties.

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand, Solomon Islands				19	2	7
Sundry Debtors:						
Personal Accounts—Solomon Islands ..	71	8	2			
Methodist F. M. Society of Australasia	97	13	6			
				169	1	8
Banga Plantation Deficit:						
Balance 1/1/1929	2906	5	9			
Plus Interest charged at 5%	453	8	0			
Plus Expenses charged	11	5	0			
				3,370	18	9
Stock on Hand—Solomon Islands				2,542	9	2
Advance Payments (1930)				271	8	4
Medical Mission Fund Assets:						
10 Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Shares, valued at £50 each				500	0	0
Working Capital Assets:						
£200 Mt. Eden Borough 5% Debentures	200	0	0			
£1500 A.C. Council 5½% Debentures ..	1467	10	0			
£600 Soldiers' Loan 5½% Ins. Stock ..	531	0	0			
£100 N.Z. Govt. 4½% War Bonds	100	0	0			
£1000 N.Z. Govt. 4½% Ins. Stock	1000	0	0			
Fixed Deposit Bank of N.Z.	4000	0	0			
Loans on Mortgage	3350	0	0			
				10,648	10	0
				<u>£17,521</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>

I certify that having examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, and all my requirements having been complied with, the above Balance Sheet is, in my opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Society's affairs as at 31st December, 1929, as shown by the books of the Society. The Solomon Islands figures are certified to by the Chairman of the District, the Rev. J. F. Goldie, but exclude the value of Island Properties. Members of the Society are referred to my Report of even date, addressed to the Board.

(Signed) LEONARD KNIGHT,
F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc.,
Auditor.

Auckland,
23rd August, 1930.

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

**Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ending
December 31, 1930.**

Treasurers: REV. G. T. MARSHALL and MR. A. J. BUTTLE.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward from 1929					2921	15	2
„ Solomon Islands Districts—							
Stipends and Allowances	(6157)	7113	11	3			
Boats and Travel	(4171)	2862	8	0			
Freights, Customs & General Charges	(1860)	1749	2	4			
Schools and Colleges	(1226)	1388	2	2			
Properties—Current Expenses	(1133)	928	7	11			
General Expenses, Hospital, Print- ing, etc.	(2529)	470	13	9			
Industrial Undertakings	(1300)	970	7	11			
Wages Account		310	0	0			
Miscellaneous	(15,760)	22	2	10	15,814	16	2
„ Interest on Overdraft and Loans ..	(935)				1104	0	2
„ New Zealand Office—							
Working Expenses:							
Salaries	(600)	630	0	0			
Connexional Charges		64	0	0			
Deputations, Travelling, etc. .. .	(112)	217	11	5			
Exchanges, Postages, etc.	(64)	68	3	7			
Printing, Typing, etc.	(207)	147	8	11			
Office Rent, Telephone, etc.	(87)	98	3	5			
Lantern Expenses	(29)	20	11	2			
Auditor's Fees	(15)	16	16	0			
Sundries	(22)	19	17	11	1282	12	5
	(1190)						
„ Sundry Payments—							
Deaconess Institute		75	0	0			
Children's Allowances		31	10	0			
Refund, St. Kilda Circuit		14	18	8			
Sundries		47	10	6	168	19	2
	(664)						
„ Insurance and Replacement Fund	(146)				122	0	0
					£21,414	3	1

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending December 31, 1930.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By New Zealand Contributions—						
General Fund, 1929 account				284	9	1
General Fund, 1930 account				9370	14	8
	(11,819)					
Women's Auxiliaries	(1298)			1338	6	8
Young Men's B.C. Movement	(236)			250	0	0
Native Teachers and Students	(189)			133	6	7
Orphans	(49)			63	0	9
Interest	(704)			560	1	7
Medical Mission Work	(307)			163	17	6
Publications Account, net	(34)			44	1	4
	(14,639)					
Solomon Islands Contributions—						
Roviana Circuit				486	1	7
Vella Lavella Circuit				400	0	0
Choiseul Circuit				441	1	9
Sales of Produce				1408	12	9
Sale of Books				14	1	0
Medical Dept. Fees				91	13	9
Government Subsidy Half Year ..				200	0	0
	(4643)					
				3041	10	10
Balance Deficit				15,249	9	0
				6164	14	1
				£21,414	3	1

Audited and found correct.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc.

Banga Plantation Account.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Sales of Produce				936	10	6
Balance Deficit:—						
In New Zealand	9668	7	10			
In Solomon Islands	342	12	9	10,011	0	7
				£10,947	11	1

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance Brought Forward				9872	2	5
Working Expenses—						
Recruiting Fees	107	15	0			
Fares, Returning Boys	17	10	0			
Wages, Native Labour	265	3	0			
Food, Clothing, Lighting, etc. ..	341	10	10			
Tools, etc.	17	3	10			
Bags, Twine, etc.	43	17	0			
Boats	26	9	0			
Wages, Manager, one year	276	0	0			
				1095	8	8
Less Stock	20	0	0	1075	8	8
				£10,947	11	1

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Income on Capital Account for 1930.

ALLOCATION.

	£	s.	d.
To Working Capital Fund	500	0	0
„ Hospital Fund	171	1	6
„ Equipment Fund	369	0	0
„ Insurance and Replacement Fund	192	0	0
	<u>£1232</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
By Gifts	885	1	6
„ Legacies	155	0	0
„ Grant from General Fund	122	0	0
„ Interest	70	0	0
	<u>£1232</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

Balance-Sheet as at 31st December, 1930 (exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties.)

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—Solomon Islands						
Circuit Balances	957	8	3			
Wages Outstanding	87	17	3			
Sundry Trade Creditors	140	7	7	1185	13	1
Overdraft at Bank of New Zealand—						
Plus accrued interest and secured over Working Capital and Medical Mission Fund Assets				9582	4	7
Loans—						
Tunncliffe, H. A.	500	0	0			
Hemer, T. W.	1000	0	0			
Smith, J. C.	200	0	0	1700	0	0
Proceeds of Debentures issued on Security of Solomon Islands Properties by Methodist F.M. Society Trust Association				3400	0	0
Special Funds—						
Medical Mission (“Helena Goldie” Hospital) Fund	2440	14	11			
Medical Mission Investment Fund	550	0	0			
Insurance and Replacement Fund	164	5	5			
Equipment Fund	30	17	2	3185	17	6
				<u>£19,053</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Balance-Sheet as at 31st December, 1930 (exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties.)

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand —Solomon Islands				29	12	8
Sundry Debtors —						
Personal Accounts—Solomon Islands ..				16	17	8
Banga Plantation Deficit —						
Balance, 1st January, 1930				3370	18	9
Stock on Hand —Solomon Islands				2696	12	2
Advance Payments (1931)				431	4	10
Medical Mission Fund Assets —						
Ten Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Shares valued at £50 each				500	0	0
Working Capital Assets —						
£200 Mount Eden Borough 5 per cent. Debentures	200	0	0			
£1500 Auckland County Council 5½ per cent. Debentures	1467	10	0			
£600 Soldiers' Loan 5½ per cent. Insc. Stock	531	0	0			
£100 N.Z. Government Debentures, 5½ per cent.	100	0	0			
£1000 N.Z. Government 5½ per cent. Insc. Stock	1000	0	0			
Fixed Deposit Bank of N.Z., 4½ per cent. ..	4000	0	0			
Fuller and Sons Debenture, 6½ per cent. ..	500	0	0			
Loans on Mortgage	3200	0	0	10,998	10	0
Capital Account —						
Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	3242	18	11			
Less Balance brought forward						
1st January, 1930	£1732	19	10			
Less Gift received 500 0 0	2232	19	10	1009	18	1
				£19,053	15	2

I certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, and that subject to the matters referred to in my report of even date addressed to the Board, the above Balance-sheet is, in my opinion, properly drawn up to exhibit a true and correct view of the Society's affairs as at the 31st of December, 1930, as shown by the books. The Solomon Islands figures are certified to by the Chairman of the District, the Rev. J. F. Goldie, but exclude the value of Island Properties.

LEONARD, KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc.,
Auditor.

Auckland, 23rd January, 1931.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N.Z.
CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS, 1930.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central			
	From 1929	5	17 6
Auckland Central		254	13 6
Auckland East			
	From 1929	3	7 0
Auckland East		550	10 10
Auckland West			
	From 1929	13	6
Auckland West		113	17 9
Avondale		278	6 3
Devonport		33	16 11
Takapuna		36	18 9
Birkenhead		141	12 2
Onehunga		81	1 4
Otahuhu		63	19 9
Papakura		38	13 8
Pukekohe		79	3 0
Waiuku		28	1 5
Mahurangi		9	11 0
Paparoa			
	From 1929	8	4 6
Paparoa		10	19 7
Northern Wairoa		20	13 8
Whangarei			
	From 1929	2	13 7
Whangarei		25	0 1
Port Albert		95	0 0
Helensville		7	14 9
Kaukapakapa		18	7 1
Bay of Islands		12	5 1
Hokianga		16	16 9
Whangaroa			
	From 1929	6	4 6
Whangaroa		2	10 0
Mangonui		8	2 0
Hikurangi		4	5 9
Ohaeawai		2	19 3
		<u>£1962</u>	<u>0 11</u>

Women's Auxiliaries:—Auckland, £234 10s 9d;
Whangarei, £11.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames	77	1	11
Te Aroha	131	10	7
Morrinsville	68	9	11
Waihi	37	6	0
Paeroa	14	14	0
Cambridge	140	4	3
Hamilton	2	0	0
Hamilton	127	4	5
Hamilton East	66	11	2
Rotorua	60	0	0
Tauranga	44	8	9
Opotiki	14	0	0
Taumarunui	5	10	6
Te Awamutu	48	0	2
Whakatane	14	7	9
Matamata	20	10	6
Matamata	35	10	0
Te Puke	17	12	0
Ngaruawahia	23	7	9
Huntly	11	8	8
Te Kuiti	22	9	4
Ohura	9	13	0
Putaruru	7	4	7
Coromandel	15	0	0
Hauraki Plains	5	7	8
	<u>£1019</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>

Women's Auxiliaries:—Thames, £15; Te Aroha, £5 14s; Cambridge, 12s 9d; Hamilton, £18; Hamilton East, £2 15s; Te Awamutu, £5 1s; Matamata, £7 10s 6d.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	3	14	0
New Plymouth	143	14	0
Waitara	25	1	4
Inglewood	31	5	8
Stratford	41	16	3
Eltham	34	1	11
Hawera	112	6	7
Manaia	41	18	1
Opunake	103	16	8
Kaponga	17	6	0
Wanganui	114	5	11
Wanganui North	60	13	8
Marton	27	0	0
Taihape	2	9	0
Raetihi-Ohakune	6	10	10
Patea	19	18	2
	<u>£785</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>

Women's Auxiliaries:—New Plymouth, £25; Waitara, £5 11s 1d; Lepperton, £1 7s; Stratford, £4 16s; Eltham, £7 7s 6d; Hawera, £30; Manaia, £3; Kaponga, £3 14s 6d; Wanganui, £18 19s; Wanganui North, £11 5s; Marton, £3 6s 6d.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	111	2	6
Hastings	5	15	0
Hastings	165	4	7
Gisborne	60	13	8
Waipawa	11	8	10
Dannevirke	15	17	5
Woodville	15	15	6
Woodville	35	5	7
Pahiatua	33	0	10
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	132	15	10
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	127	4	2
Feilding	320	0	3
Sanson-Rongotea	45	13	5
Foxton-Shannon	13	11	1
Apiti	13	8	9
Norsewood	5	1	11
Wairoa	5	6	6
Ashhurst-Bunythorpe	46	17	5
	<u>£1164</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

Women's Auxiliaries:—Napier, £23; Hastings, £38; Gisborne, £12 7s 6d; Dannevirke, £2; Woodville, £5; Palmerston North (St. Paul's), £21; (Cuba Street), £21; Feilding, £21 0s 4d.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	191	19	5
Wellington (Thorndon)	7	5	6
Wellington (Thorndon)	153	16	8
Wellington South	160	7	0
Wellington East	112	13	7
Johnsonville-Ngaio	154	7	4
Hutt	118	14	1
Petone	30	2	3
Greytown-Featherston	15	2	5
Carterton	43	6	0
Masterton	41	3	6
Masterton	122	19	10
Eketahuna	23	7	11
Levin	107	2	0
Otaki	13	14	7
Paraparaumu	—	—	—
Upper Hutt	2	15	6
	<u>£1298</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>

Women's Auxiliaries:—Wellington, £111 5s; Hutt, £11 18s 6d; Petone, £7 10s; Masterton, £22.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson	136	10	10
Richmond	4	16	0
Richmond	15	4	7
Blenheim	133	1	9
Hokitika	13	7	0
Greymouth	30	2	3
Motueka	31	8	7
Reefton	15	15	3
Westport	17	16	1
Havelock	1	13	5
Murchison	7	13	0
Granity	14	10	6
Wakefield-Dovedale	6	6	8
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	£428	5	11

Women's Auxiliaries:—Nelson, £30; Blenheim, £22 10s; Greymouth, £3.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham Street)	138	11	1
Christchurch East	2	10	0
Christchurch East	312	7	4
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	41	10	0
Christchurch (Woolston)	63	15	0
Christchurch (Woolston)	86	6	7
Christchurch (Sydenham)	29	0	0
Christchurch (Sydenham)	58	5	8
Christchurch (Addington)	66	4	4
Christchurch (Riccarton)	32	8	8
Christchurch (St. Albans)	102	7	10
Christchurch (Papanui)	86	18	8
Lyttelton	24	5	9
Springston	40	9	0
Tai Tapu	1	0	0
Tai Tapu	40	0	0
Leeston	1	12	6
Leeston	42	16	0
Kaiapoi	43	4	11
Ohoka	51	10	0
Rangiora	48	16	7
Woodend-Sefton	37	8	3
Greendale	37	2	0
Hawarden	6	1	6
Oxford	13	10	6
Waddington	8	3	0
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	£1416	5	2

Women's Auxiliaries:—Christchurch, £207 15s; Rangiora, £28.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Timaru	57	17	3
Waimate	50	0	0
Waimate	44	17	5
Temuka	35	2	5
Geraldine	24	10	9
Ashburton	117	2	0
Willowby	30	4	10
Oamaru	19	8	0
Rakaia-Methven	6	14	0
Mayfield	—	—	—
	<u>£385</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>

Women's Auxiliaries:—Timaru, £27; Ashburton, £16; Willowby, £10; Oamaru, £9 7s 6d.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity)	105	5	7
Dunedin (Central Mission)	32	4	10
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	1	16	0
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	40	0	0
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	1	2	6
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	60	9	5
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	32	6	3
Dunedin (Caversham)	48	13	6
Dunedin (Mornington)	57	4	3
Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill)	2	12	6
Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill)	47	10	3
Mosgiel	7	11	6
Port Chalmers	18	0	9
Balclutha	3	0	0
Balclutha	13	16	4
Milton	14	5	0
Roxburgh	10	12	6
Invercargill Central	81	3	7
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	50	7	6
Bluff	18	3	7
Gore	24	19	1
Otautau	10	16	3
Waikouaiti	13	11	3
Edendale South	13	16	1
Lawrence	6	1	6
Cromwell	5	5	1
Riverton	6	15	2
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	—	—	—
	<u>£727</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>

Women's Auxiliaries:—Dunedin, £136 10s;
Otago M.Y.W.M.M., £60; Roxburgh, £6;
Invercargill, £30 10s.

SUMMARY.

Districts—	£	s.	d.
Auckland	1962	0	11
South Auckland	1019	12	5
Taranaki-Wanganui	785	18	1
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	1164	3	3
Wellington	1298	17	7
Nelson	428	5	11
North Canterbury	1416	5	2
South Canterbury	385	16	8
Otago-Southland	727	10	3
Women's Auxiliaries	1340	11	8
Interest, General	482	1	7

INTEREST ON MEMORIAL GIFTS.

	£	s.	d.
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
Treasurer's List	1074	13	4
Publications	44	1	4
	<u>£12,207</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1930.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. BOND and MR. J. VEALE.

RECEIPTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	189	0	5			
Ditto, 1929 ..	28	14	4			
Auckland West	56	7	8			
Auckland East	309	3	7			
Ditto, 1929 ..	72	12	9			
Auck., Avondale	152	6	10			
Ditto, 1929 ..	5	19	0			
Auck., Devonport	47	6	10			
Ditto, 1929 ..	7	8	0			
Auck., Takapuna	30	2	7			
Ditto, 1929 ..	0	7	6			
Auck., Birkenhead	71	10	6			
Ditto, 1929 ..	61	5	6			
Onehunga	64	9	7			
Ditto, 1929 ..	41	1	10			
Papakura	32	0	8			
Ditto, 1929 ..	16	16	4			
Pukekohe	78	4	2			
Waiuku	18	11	11			
Mahurangi	3	9	6			
Ditto, 1929 ..	10	6	6			
Paparoa	10	0	6			
Ditto, 1929 ..	5	0	0			
Northern Wairoa	39	10	6			
Whangarei	60	1	9			
Whangaroa	17	13	8			
Bay of Islands	25	17	3			
Port Albert	43	0	0			
Hikurangi	15	0	6			
Mangonui	28	11	0			
Maori Missions	100	0	3			

Home Mission Stations.

Kaukapakapa	9	0	4			
Helensville	3	15	0			
Hokianga South	19	10	2			
Hokianga North	13	10	10			
Ohaeawai	16	7	4			

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SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Thames	59	16	11			
Te Aroha	74	2	3			
Ditto, 1929 ..	23	14	9			
Morrinsville	39	11	6			
Ditto, 1929 ..	5	2	0			
Paeroa	5	0	0			
Cambridge	66	4	9			
Ditto, 1929 ..	13	5	0			
Hamilton	104	12	9			
Hamilton East	22	18	2			
Ditto, 1929 ..	34	6	9			
Rotorua	38	11	2			
Ditto, 1929 ..	25	2	3			
Tauranga	13	13	8			
Opotiki	12	10	0			
Taumarunui	4	11	3			
Ditto, 1929 ..	33	0	2			
Te Awamutu	50	14	4			
Matamata	21	13	4			

EXPENDITURE.

MAORI MISSIONS.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	1,737	15	0			
Waikato	1,385	10	0			
Taranaki	1,244	18	4			
South Island	50	0	0			
				4,418	3	4

Special.

Deaconess' Re-tiring Fund	29	0	0			
Removal Expenses	164	13	6			
Car, R. T. Haddon	116	8	7			
Paerata Pupils	19	3	6			
Compassionate	30	0	0			
S.S. Materials	40	0	0			
Printing Leaflets	50	0	0			
Evangelistic	100	0	0			
Furniture	52	8	6			
Horse and Bridle	12	10	0			
Postage, Roll Books	1	1	9			
Methodist Times	5	0	0			
Maori Party Exes.	103	17	0			
Matron, Maori Girls' School	100	0	0			
Maori Girls' School, Interest as Rent	80	0	0			
Ngaruawahia						
Native Parsonage	40	0	0			
				944	2	10

Total Maori Expenditure

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Kaukapakapa	36	5	0			
Hokianga South, 1 quarter	2	5	0			
Ohaeawai	9	0	0			
Ditto, Arrears	16	4	7			
				63	14	7

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Northern Wairoa	25	0	0			
Whangarei (Port-land)	50	0	0			
				75	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Otahuhu	37	10	0			
Paparoa	36	5	0			
Hikurangi	18	15	0			
Ditto, Special	25	0	0			
Mangonui, 1 quarter	12	10	0			
Port Albert, 1 quarter	12	10	0			
Mahurangi, Special	20	0	0			
Bay of Islands, 1 quarter	2	10	0			
Central Mission	106	5	0			
Ditto, Special	70	0	0			
Whangaroa, 1 quarter	22	10	0			
Ditto, Special	25	0	0			
				388	15	0

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1930.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Palmerston North,						
Broad Street	90	6	4			
Ditto, 1929 ..	5	0	0			
Palmerston North						
Cuba Street	64	2	1			
Ditto, 1929 ..	18	0	0			
Ashhurst - Bunny-						
thorpe ..	29	19	2			
Feilding ..	115	10	11			
Ditto, 1929 ..	46	9	0			
Sanson-Rongotea	19	7	8			

Home Mission Stations.

Foxton ..	8	2	9			
Apiti ..	11	10	1			
Ditto, 1929 ..	1	5	0			
Norsewood ..	4	1	2			
Ditto, 1929 ..	4	13	8			
				740	19	5

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Taranaki Street	156	2	3			
Ditto, 1929 ..	6	10	0			
Thorndon ..	106	19	1			
Ditto, 1929 ..	1	0	0			
Wellington South	51	8	10			
Kilbirnie ..	85	13	3			
Johnsonville-Ngalo	81	19	0			
Ditto, 1929 ..	1	17	6			
Hutt ..	90	15	10			
Ditto, 1929 ..	4	11	3			
Petone ..	41	13	0			
Greytown-Feather-						
ston ..	22	15	10			
Carterton ..	30	16	10			
Masterton ..	120	16	2			
Ditto, 1929 ..	6	16	6			
Eketahuna ..	15	18	0			
Levin ..	43	11	7			
Otaki ..	0	0	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	3	8	9			
Upper Hutt ..	17	4	6			
				889	18	2

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Nelson ..	142	0	0			
Richmond ..	47	5	0			
Blenheim ..	184	14	5			
Hokitika ..	44	19	6			
Greymouth ..	70	1	1			
Motueka ..	45	15	4			
Westport ..	26	6	4			

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock ..	1	0	0			
Murchison ..	12	8	0			
Granity ..	66	2	9			
Reefton ..	30	9	6			
Wakefield-Dovedale	9	6	4			
				680	8	3

EXPENDITURE.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Paraparaumu ..	58	15	0			
Upper Hutt ..	52	10	0			
				111	5	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Johnsonville						
(Porirua) ..	7	10	0			
Ditto (Ngalo)	67	10	0			
				75	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Kilbirnie, 1 quar-						
ter ..	5	0	0			
Greytown-Feather-						
ston ..	53	15	0			
Eketahuna ..	41	5	0			
Otaki ..	47	10	0			
Wellington South	50	16	8			
Carterton ..	7	10	0			
Lower Hutt,						
1 quarter ..	10	0	0			
				215	16	8
				402	1	8

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Reefton ..	11	5	0			
Murchison ..	31	5	0			
Granity ..	50	0	0			
Wakefield-Dove-						
dale, 1 quarter	6	5	0			
Havelock ..	12	10	0			
				111	5	0

Circuit with Home Missionary.

Blenheim ..	20	0	0			
				20	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Hokitika ..	52	10	0			
Greymouth ..	45	0	0			
Motueka ..	20	0	0			
Westport ..	17	10	0			
				135	0	0
				266	5	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Station.

Waddington ..	11	5	0			
				11	5	0

Aided Circuits.

Riccarton ..	22	10	0			
St. Albans ..	42	10	0			
Tai Tapu ..	31	5	0			
Hawarden ..	92	10	0			
Lyttelton, 1 quarter	5	0	0			
				193	15	0
Deaconess' Institute	75	0	0			
				75	0	0
				280	0	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
 Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1930.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				
	Circuits.		£	s. d.
Christchurch—	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Durham Street	120	18 6		
East	194	15 1		
Cambridge Ter.	44	1 1		
Woolston	84	11 1		
Sydenham	62	18 7		
Addington	65	19 10		
Riccarton	39	18 1		
St. Albans	80	3 7		
Papanui	61	16 7		
Lyttelton	35	14 11		
Springston	34	2 4		
Tai Tapu	25	10 3		
Leeston	83	12 6		
Kafapoi	57	7 4		
Ohoka	51	2 0		
Rangiora	67	17 1		
Woodend-Sefton	35	16 11		
Greendale	25	4 0		
Hawarden	21	4 6		
Home Mission Stations.				
Oxford	13	10 4		
Waddington	8	10 0		
			1,214	14 7

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				
	Circuits.		£	s. d.
Timaru	137	9 0		
Waimate	102	8 0		
Temuka	32	12 9		
Geraldine	29	15 0		
Ashburton	147	6 10		
Willowby	59	11 1		
Oamaru	66	0 8		
Home Mission Stations.				
Methven-Rakaia	21	6 1		
Mayfield	0	0 0		
			596	9 5

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.				
	Circuits.		£	s. d.
Dunedin—				
Trinity	101	1 6		
Central Mission	25	17 10		
Dundas Street	46	15 1		
Cargill Road	43	8 6		
Ditto, 1929	10	8 6		
St. Kilda	33	13 9		
Caversham	41	12 0		
Mornington	39	2 9		
Roslyn	39	18 10		
Port Chalmers	24	5 0		
Balclutha	83	15 11		
Milton	41	5 10		
Roxburgh	33	6 2		
Invercargill—				
Central	119	4 1		
St. Peter's	80	14 2		
Bluff	24	6 0		
Gore	78	14 0		
Otautau	21	0 0		

EXPENDITURE.				
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				
	Maori Missions.		£	s. d.
Temuka	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	10	0 0	10	0 0
Home Mission Stations.				
Rakaia-Methven,				
1 quarter	2	5 0		
Mayfield, 2 quarters	12	10 0		
			14	15 0
Aided Circuits.				
Temuka	10	0 0		
Geraldine	20	0 0		
			30	0 0
			54	15 0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.				
	Home Mission Stations.		£	s. d.
Waikouaiti	15	0 0		
Wosgiel	36	5 0		
Ditto, Special	20	0 0		
Edendale	25	0 0		
Cromwell	15	0 0		
Ditto, Special	10	0 0		
Riverton	20	0 0		
Broad Bay,				
1 quarter	7	10 0		
Ditto, Special	35	0 0		
Nightcaps-				
Tuatapere	26	5 0		
			210	0 0
Aided Circuits.				
Cargill Road	40	0 0		
Port Chalmers	62	10 0		
Balclutha	30	0 0		
Roxburgh	15	0 0		
Bluff	55	0 0		
Otautau	7	10 0		
Caversham	22	10 0		
Milton, 1 quarter	5	0 0		
Roslyn	30	0 0		
Ditto, Special	90	0 0		
			357	10 0
			567	10 0
Total for Aided Circuits and H.M. Stations				
			£3,494	1 3

DEPARTMENTAL.				
General Superintendent.				
Stipend	325	0 0		
House Allowance	150	0 0		
Travelling	172	10 0		
Postage, Tele-grams, Typing, etc.	30	16 6		
Connexional Charges, including Removal Expenses Fund	60	5 0		
			738	11 6

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1930.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Fixed Deposit, with W.T.C. Board ..	..	3,635	0 0	Nil			
„ Balance, Auckland Savings Bank ..	..	316	3 1				
Total Assets .. ..	..	£3,951	3 1				

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, TE KUITI MAORI GIRLS' SCHCOL, FROM OCTOBER 1st, 1929, TO JANUARY 31st, 1931.

Treasurers: REV. G. BOND and MR. J. VEALE.

INCOME.				Household Expenses—					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest from Capital—									
1929 .. ..	..	109	1 0	Unspecified .. ..	..	58	10 0		
1930 .. ..	..	227	2 0	Baker .. ..	..	13	17 2		
School Fees and Board .. ..	..	69	2 6	Butcher .. ..	..	22	5 4		
Sales .. ..	..	3	4 7	Firing .. ..	..	17	2 11		
Contributions .. ..	..	12	1 6	Greengrocer .. ..	..	5	11 4		
				Grocer .. ..	..	81	15 0		
				Electric Light .. ..	..	11	7 0		
				Milk .. ..	..	12	2 6		
								222	11 3
				Miscellaneous—					
				Petty Cash .. ..	..	16	5 0		
				Telephone .. ..	..	7	18 11		
				Bank Com. and Cheque Book .. ..	..	0	14 0		
				Winstone's Ltd. .. ..	..	9	10 3		
				Cato & Ironmonger .. ..	..	41	13 10		
				Material, Poultry House .. ..	..	11	8 6		
				Timber .. ..	..	9	17 6		
				Furniture .. ..	..	20	18 0		
				Miscellaneous .. ..	..	44	17 9		
								163	3 9
								385	15 0
				Credit Balance .. ..	..			34	16 7
								£420	11 7
								£420	11 7

Supplementary Accounts, audited and found correct.
February 4, 1931.

Wilson & Horton Ltd., Printers, Auckland—678

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J. G. HENDERSON.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

ESTIMATES OF INCOME FOR 1931.

TREASURERS: REV. G. BOND AND MR. J. VEALE.

INCOME.

Circuits, H.M. Stations and Maori Circuits.		£		s. d.		£		s. d.	
Auckland District	1570	0	0						
South Auckland District	605	0	0						
Taranaki-Wanganui District	470	0	0						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	690	0	0						
Wellington District	765	0	0						
Nelson District	460	0	0						
North Canterbury District	1125	0	0						
South Canterbury District	435	0	0						
Otago-Southland District	680	0	0	6800	0	0			
Additional 20 per cent. on above							1360	0	0
Special Contribution (Geraldine)							60	0	0
Total from Circuits and Home Mission Stations							£8220	0	0
General.									
Brought forward				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
							8220	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						
Rent Home Missionary's and Maori Parsonages	160	0	0	825	10	0			
Memorial—									
Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim	6	10	0						
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim	6	10	0						
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim	6	10	0						
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	6	10	0						
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6	10	0						
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina	6	10	0						
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim	6	10	0						
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere	6	10	0						
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Blenheim	6	10	0						
Mr. Frank O. White, Blenheim	6	10	0						
Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim	6	10	0	71	10	0			
Miscellaneous—									
N.Z. Y.W.B.C. Union	185	0	0						
N.Z. M.W.M. Union	645	0	0						
The Wake Estate	300	0	0						
Connexional Fire Insurance	100	0	0						
Rents—Spring Creek, Blenheim	3	0	0	1233	0	0			
To Balance							891	5	7
							£12,766	5	7

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1931.

EXPENDITURE.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Minister—						
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			
Home Missionary—						
Stipend	180	0	0			
Travelling	20	0	0			
Rent	40	0	0			
8 H.M. Agents	80	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	40	0	0			
				1357	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Raetihi-Ohakune	30	0	0
Patea	50	0	0
Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Waitara	100	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Wanganui (fourth)	20	0	0
Inglewood	40	0	0
Kaponga	70	0	0
Wanganui North	25	0	0
Marton (O.M.)	40	0	0
Taihape	30	0	0
			405 0 0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa	35	0	0
Apiti	15	0	0
Norsewood	30	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Ashhurst- Bunnythorpe	10	0	0
Dannevirke	25	0	0
Pahiatua	20	0	0
Gisborne	55	0	0
Wairoa	80	0	0
			270 0 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu	55	0	0
Upper Hutt	50	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Johnsonville- Ngaio	70	0	0
Thorndon (third Agent)	50	0	0
Eketahuna	35	0	0
Otaki	50	0	0
Greytown-Feather- ston, M.H.M.	55	0	0
			365 0 0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Havelock	30	0	0			
Murchison	25	0	0			
Granity	50	0	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Motueka	15	0	0			
Hokitika	50	0	0			
Westport	25	0	0			
				195	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waddington	20	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Cambridge Terrace (Dur. St. Sth)	40	0	0
Riccarton	10	0	0
St. Albans	50	0	0
Sydenham (for 2 years only)	35	0	0
Hawarden	80	0	0
Tai Tapu	35	0	0
Deaconess' Institution	75	0	0
			345 0 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Rakaia-Methven	10	0	0
Mayfield			
If M.H.M.	85	0	0
Five Home Missionaries	10	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Temuka (Maori)	10	0	0
Temuka	15	0	0
			130 0 0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waikouaiti	10	0	0
Edendale	20	0	0
Riverton	20	0	0
Nightcaps- Tuatapere	25	0	0
Nightcaps-Tuatapere Special	20	0	0
Lawrence	10	0	0
Mosgiel and Cromwell Special	50	0	0
Caversham	75	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
St. Clair	50	0	0
Cargill Road	10	0	0
Port Chalmers	50	0	0
Ravensbourne	75	0	0
Balclutha	30	0	0
Roxburgh (if Stp. £250, otherwise £15)	30	0	0
Bluff	55	0	0
Otautau	15	0	0
Roslyn	30	0	0
			575 0 0
Total for Circuits and Home Mis- sion Stations			£8376 0 0

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Balance-Sheet as at 30th November, 1930.

LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.									
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.					
Personal Accounts				7563	0	4	Debentures	.. .. .	500	0	0	
Reserve Fund				347	15	4	Interest Accrued	.. .. .	5	19	10	
Accumulated Funds—														
Centenary Gift	100	0	0							505	19	10	
Inscribed Stock Profit	44	15	0				Deposit Supernumerary Fund			7549	10	10
					144	15	0							
					£8055	10	8					£8055	10	8

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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, 1930.

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G. BOWRON } Treasurers.

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HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 12th December, 1930.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1930.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Withdrawals		47	15 3	Personal Subscriptions	713	3 3	
Net Interest Credited Personal Accounts		97	6 10	Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy	275	10 0	
Office Expenses—				Military Camps Fund	505	2 1	
Authorised Appropriation ..	20 0 0			Interest—Supernumerary Fund Deposit	121	17 7	
Stationery & General Expenses	8 2 3						
		28	2 3				
Balance—To Personal Account		1442	8 7				
		£1615	12 11				
					£1615	12 11	

Balance-Sheet as at 30th November, 1930.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Personal Accounts		2985	15 11	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund		2986	19 0
Reserve Fund		1	3 1				
		£2986	19 0			£2986	19 0

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Christchurch, 12th December, 1930.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st December, 1930.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance forward 1st January, 1930				534	7	9
Conference Grants:						
Home Mission Board	75	0	0			
Foreign Mission Board	75	0	0			
Contingent Fund	75	0	0			
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	100	0	0	325	0	0
Donations	26	9	0			
Associate Subscriptions	36	14	6	53	3	6
Rents	74	11	4			
Interest	25	0	0	99	11	4
Deaconess Ded. Collection	3	19	6			
Refund Deaconess Trav. Expenses Cont. Fund	3	19	7	7	19	1
Insurance Claim Connex. Fund					6	0
Discounts and Refunds					5	12
Miscellaneous					1	8
Hostel Receipts				1002	17	3
				<u>£2045</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.**PAYMENTS.**

	£	s	d	£	s	d
House Accounts	613	17	6			
Salaries and Bonuses	339	8	8			
Students' Uniforms and Drapery	19	0	1			
Furnishings	13	0	0			
Household Goods	7	2	4			
Periodicals, etc.	5	4	1	997	12	8
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Interest S.I. Orphanage	110	0	0			
Rates	52	13	11			
Insurances	30	12	4			
Bank Charges, Stamps, etc.	3	6	6			
Telephone	10	10	0	207	2	9
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Maintenance:						
Repairs, etc.	43	13	2			
New Work Laundry	18	18	6	62	11	8
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Miscellaneous				5	9	0
Deaconess Probationers' Travelling Expenses ..				7	19	1
At Credit of Super Fund, 31/12/30				406	13	8
Balance at B.N.Z.						
Less Unpresented Cheques				358	10	4
				<u>£2045</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>

Audited and found correct,

H. W. HESLOP,

15th January, 1931.

C. A. NEWMAN, Treasurer,

Methodist Deaconess Institution, 5th January, 1931.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets, 31st December, 1930.**LIABILITIES.**

	£	s	d
Due South Island Orphanage	2000	0	0
Depreciation Account	500	0	0
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	5240	4	0
	<u>£7740</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

ASSETS.

	£	s	d
Deaconess House Property	6400	0	0
Furnishings	575	0	0
At Cr. with Supernumerary Fund	406	13	8
Balance at B.N.Z.,	358	10	4
	<u>£7740</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

15th January, 1931.

C. A. NEWMAN,

Methodist Deaconess Institution.

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for the Year ended 30th November, 1930.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Retiring Allowances				170	15	9			
Interest Credited Personal Accounts				168	16	3			
Office Expenses—									
Authorised Appropriation ..	11	0	0						
Stationery & General Expenses	4	10	9						
				15	10	9			
Balance—To Personal Accounts ..	404	4	3						
Less Charges	12	2	8						
				392	1	7			
				£747	4	4			
							575	0	0
							172	4	4
							£747	4	4

Balance-Sheet as at 30th November, 1930.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	3417	11	9	Deposit Supernumerary Fund	3509	18	9
Reserve Fund		92	7				
					£3509	18	9
					£3509	18	9

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Christchurch, 12th December, 1930.

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Treasurers: REV. S. GRIFFITH and MR. A. LEN CAUGHEY.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year ended 15th October, 1930.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1929—October 1st.						
To Balance Cash in Hand ..				71	17	1
RECEIPTS.						
1930—October 15th.						
Revenue—						
Circuit Collections	364	8	10			
Circuit Subs. and Donations ..	392	5	0			
Sunday Schools & Y.P. Societies	54	3	1			
General Donations	89	13	9			
Collected by Mr. J. H. Whitburn	107	5	6			
Collected by Mr. J. H. Whitburn (Goods)	7	15	6			
				£1015	11	8
Maintenance Fees	2046	15	9			
Discounts and Exchange	37	19	4			
Interest	111	18	6			
May Concert Takings	72	19	9			
Sale of Stock	4	19	0			
Rebates and Refunds	20	3	1			
Winstone Bequest Income	698	8	7			
Serre Bequest Income	125	10	10			
				4134	6	6
Hughes on Account Loan				4	0	0
Winstone Estate Mortgages, etc., Repaid				4210	19	9
Deposits withdrawn, Winstone, Ltd				1300	0	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1929—October 1st.						
By Balance Overdraft Bank of New Zealand						3 8
DISBURSEMENTS.						
1930—October 15th.						
Revenue—						
Salaries and Wages	1614	5	6			
Provisions	1147	5	6			
Drapery and Boot Repairs	110	16	4			
Fuel and Light	214	18	11			
Garden Seeds and Manure	11	3	5			
Printing, Stationery and Adver- tising	103	9	8			
Medical and Dental	54	11	7			
Stamps, Telegrams and Tele- phone	35	2	2			
Travelling Expenses	15	5	5			
Interest	199	0	1			
Furnishings	181	2	9			
Repairs to Property	489	9	4			
Insurance	68	17	8			
Matron's Petty Expenses	81	0	11			
Sundry Expenses	51	14	2			
Audit Fee	8	8	0			
Office Rent	10	10	0			
Rates	41	7	10			
Fees and Costs	21	11	4			

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year ended 15th October, 1930.

Ann Cook Bequest	52 11 10
Bank of N.Z. Overdraft	67 12 8

Cattle Purchased	8 15 0
Bicycle Purchased	5 0 0
College Fees	11 5 7
Hall Hire	8 0 0
Pensions	21 13 4
Serre Bequest	74 17 0
Bank Charges	2 0 0

4591 11 6

Reduction of Mortgage—Bank of New Zealand	106 0 5
Loan Repaid—Smith and Caughey	2013 9 10
Deposit—Winstone Ltd.	1350 0 0
Deposit—Bank of New Zealand	434 0 0
New Furniture Bought	254 12 6
Addition to Property	1091 9 11

244

£9841 7 10

£9841 7 10

Revenue Account.

	£ s. d.
To Expenditure as per Cash Statement	4591 11 6
„ Depreciation of Furniture	158 12 6
	<u>£4750 4 0</u>

	£ s. d.
By Receipts as per Cash Statement	4134 6 6
„ Capital Account Deficiency	615 17 6
	<u>£4750 4 0</u>

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st December, 1930.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To Balance Forward:						
P.O. Savings Bank	250	0	0			
Bank of New Zealand	90	12	11	340	12	11
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Endowments and Legacies:						
Miss Jackson's Estate	89	6	1			
Income late J. P. Cooper's Estate	39	1	7	128	7	8
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Maintenance:						
Donations and Subscriptions	53	4	9			
Collections	483	1	10			
Maintenance Fees	357	17	2			
Interest P.O. Savings Bank	17	8	6			
Interest Inscribed Debentures	55	0	0			
Interest Newcombe Trust	1	2	6	967	14	9
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				£1,436	15	4
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PAYMENTS.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
By Staff Salaries and Wages	428	17	8			
Grounds and Garden	2	3	6	431	1	2
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General House Supplies	502	3	4			
Lighting and Heating	105	1	6			
Drapery, Clothing and Boots	149	11	7			
Hospital Fees, Medicine, etc.	32	6	7			
Printing, Advertising and Telephones	36	4	9			
Stamps, Stationery, etc.	14	19	8			
Repairs and Renewals	25	4	2			
Accident Insurance	1	6	9			
Travelling Expenses and Sundries	31	18	2	898	16	6
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				£1,329	17	8
Prizes Newcombe Trust				2	5	0
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Investments and Deposits:						
P.O. Savings Bank Certificate at cost				10	1	6
Cash P.O. Savings Bank	60	0	0			
Cash Bank of New Zealand	34	11	2	94	11	2
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				£1,436	15	4
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METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1930.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To Sundry Creditors				64	3	7
Newcombe Trust Endowment, 31/12/29 ..	55	6	10			
Add Additional Funds Invested	10	1	6			
Add Interest Collected	1	2	6			
			66 10 10			
Less Prizes Awarded		2	5 0	64	5	10
Accumulated Funds:						
Wm. McKenzie Trust Fund	500	0	0			
General Funds—being excess of Assets over Liabilities	1,545	3	3	2,045	3	3
				<u>£2,173</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

ASSETS.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Cash P.O. Savings Bank		60	0 0			
Cash Bank of New Zealand		34	11 2	94	11	2
			475 1 6			
P.O. Savings Bank, Certificates at cost	550	0	0			
N.Z. Govt., 5½ per cent Debentures						
N.Z. Govt., 5½ per cent Debentures, Wm. McKenzie Estate	500	0	0	1,525	1	6
Furnishings, etc., 31/12/29	616	0	0			
Less Depreciation		62	0 0	554	0	0
				<u>£2,173</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

We certify that we have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account and Balance Sheet of the Methodist Children's Home, Masterton, with the books and vouchers, and are of the opinion that same are drawn up as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton, 31st December, 1930.

J. COCKER, Treasurer.

ARCH. H. DANIELL,
F. E. WELLS, }

Auditors

Masterton, 9th January, 1931.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	Balance 1st January, 1930—								
	Bank of New Zealand	351	2	1					
	Cash in Hand	48	12	9	399	14	10		
To Maintenance Account—									
	Subscriptions and Donations ..	635	17	5					
	Collections	200	15	2					
	Maintenance Fees	673	11	0					
	Interest	159	1	0	1669	4	7		
	(Interest on Deposits amounting to £647 3s 10d has been added to the Deposit Accounts.)								
To Endowment Account—									
	Richard Meredith Estate	500	0	0					
	Martha White Estate	100	0	0					
	Miss E. A. Chase Estate	250	0	0					
	Janet Cameron Estate	50	0	0					
	Alice Bloomfield Estate	268	16	11					
	Jas. Livingstone Estate	113	3	7					
	A. Cowie Estate	50	0	0	1332	0	6		
	.. Rent				81	5	0		
	.. Waimairi County Council Bonds Matured				100	0	0		
	.. Sundries				5	1	1		
By Maintenance Account—									
	Salaries and Wages—Home A/c ..	536	4	6					
	Salaries and Wages—Garden ..	110	3	0					
	General House Supplies	486	18	8					
	Lighting and Heating	105	11	2					
	Drapery, Clothing, and Boots ..	£184	13	10					
	Less Refunds	41	16	7	142	17	3		
	Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Stamps, Telephone, Bank Exchange, Technical College, etc.				65	7	11		
	Fire and Accident Insurance ..				12	17	5		
	Renewals and Repairs				73	11	9		
	Sundries				25	16	4	1559	8
	.. Maintenance of Senior Boys in Private Homes							116	16
	.. Rates and Taxes							42	13
	.. Organising Secretary, Rev. F. T. Read Expenses ..				£15	18	2		
	Honorarium				15	0	0	30	18
	.. Deposits made during the year				1700	0	0		
	Less Withdrawals				1300	0	0	400	0

Trust Account Mutual Aid Association Funds.

(Held for Districts where no Branch of Local Preachers' Association Exists.)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance , 1st January, 1930	50	16	7	Balance , 31st December, 1930 (in P.O. Savings Bank	60	5	2
Interest transferred from General Account, 31st October, 1926, to 31st December, 1930 ..	9	8	7				
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	£60	5	2		£60	5	2
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Investment Account.

Trust Funds are held on behalf of the Association in the names of Messrs W. J. Holdsworth, Henry Field, and J. W. Shackelford, of Auckland, as under:—

	£	s.	d.
On First Mortgage Miss Doris Shaw, house property, Auckland, now overdue	700	0	0
With Messrs. W. J. Holdsworth and Sons Ltd., Auckland, on deposit (NOTE: Interest is being credited at 6 per cent. on this deposit)	140	16	0
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	£840	16	0

Audited and found correct.
(Signed) J. RAINE, Auditor.

Signed on behalf of the Association,
(Signed) W. F. STOCK, Secretary.
(Signed) HENRY S. HART, Treasurer.
Wellington, 17th February, 1931.

**RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1931.**

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 ..	1140	0	0	85	10	0	780	0	0	58	10	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. 2 ..	..	..	..	8	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Auckland West ..	480	0	0	36	0	0	320	0	0	24	0	0
" East ..	820	0	0	61	10	0	520	0	0	39	0	0
" Theo. Col. ..	1000	0	0	75	0	0	800	0	0	60	0	0
" Avondale ..	550	0	0	41	5	0	350	0	0	26	5	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
" 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 ..	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Northern Wairoa ..	310	0	0	23	5	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
" H.M. 1 ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whangarei ..	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Whangaroa ..	215	0	0	16	2	6	115	0	0	8	12	6
Bay of Islands ..	160	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	10	0
Port Albert ..	240	0	0	18	0	0	140	0	0	10	10	0
Hikurangi ..	160	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	10	0
Mangonui ..	90	0	0	6	15	0	60	0	0	4	10	0
H.M. Stations:—												
Auck. Central Mission ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kaukapakapa ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Helensville ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hokianga (2) ..	..	..	..	8	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ohaeawai ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
	8750	0	0	700	5	0	5660	0	0	424	10	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. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 3 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 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	410	0	0	30	15	0	250	0	0	18	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	450	0	0	33	15	0	250	0	0	18	15	0
Hamilton East	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Rotorua	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
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	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Te Awamutu	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Matamata	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Huntly	156	0	0	11	15	0	96	0	0	7	4	0
Whakatane	90	0	0	6	15	0	60	0	0	4	10	0
Otorohanga .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
H.M. Stations:—												
Ngaruawahia .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waihi .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Te Puke .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Te Kuiti .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ohura .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Putaruru .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coromandel .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hauraki Plains .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3956	0	0	332	15	0	2406	0	0	180	9	0

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
" H.M. .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	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
" North	500	0	0	37	10	0	300	0	0	22	10	0
Marton	190	0	0	14	5	0	90	0	0	6	15	0
Taihape	90	0	0	6	15	0	60	0	0	4	10	0
H.M. Stations:—												
Raetihi-Ohakune	4	0	0
Patea	4	0	0
	4105	0	0	327	17	6	2575	0	0	193	2	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
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. Paul's	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-Bunthythorpe	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
H.M. Stations:—												
Waipawa .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Foxton-Shannon .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Apiti .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norsewood .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3400	0	0	275	0	0	2180	0	0	163	10	0

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 Street ..	645	0	0	48	7	6	445	0	0	33	7	6
S.S. & Y.P. Dept ..	390	0	0	29	5	0	260	0	0	19	10	0
Wellington Thorndon	550	0	0	41	5	0	350	0	0	26	5	0
" South	525	0	0	39	7	6	325	0	0	24	7	6
" East	435	0	0	32	12	6	275	0	0	20	12	6
Johnsonville-Ngaio	370	0	0	27	15	0	210	0	0	15	15	0
" H.M. .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hutt	480	0	0	36	0	0	320	0	0	24	0	0
Petone	275	0	0	20	12	6	175	0	0	13	2	5
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	500	0	0	37	10	0	300	0	0	22	10	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
H.M. Stations:—												
Paraparaumu	4	0	0
Upper Hutt	4	0	0
	5445	0	0	420	7	6	3435	0	0	257	12	6

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NORTH NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 7½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson	350	0	0	26	5	0	250	0	0	18	15	0
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. .. .. .	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hokitika	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Greymouth	325	0	0	24	7	6	165	0	0	12	7	6
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
H.M. Stations:—												
Reefton .. .. .	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Havelock .. .. .	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Murchison .. .. .	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Granity .. .. .	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wakefield-Dovedale .. .. .	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2225	0	0	190	17	6	1365	0	0	102	7	6

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 Sec.	375	0	0	28	2	6	275	0	0	20	12	6
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
Lyttelton	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
Kaiapoi	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	180	0	0	13	10	0	80	0	0	5	0	0
H.M. Stations:—												
Oxford	4	0	0
Waddington	4	0	0
	6395	0	0	487	12	6	3975	0	0	297	2	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	665	0 0	49	17 6	405	0 0	30	7 6
Waimate	250	0 0	18	15 0	150	0 0	11	5 0
Temuka	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
H.M. Stations:—								
Methven-Rakaia .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Mayfield .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
	2265	0 0	177	17 6	1405	0 0	105	7 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—								
Trinity	450	0 0	33	10 0	250	0 0	18	15 0
Central Mission	300	0 0	22	10 0	200	0 0	15	0 0
Dundas Street	300	0 0	22	10 0	200	0 0	15	0 0
Cargill Road	410	0 0	30	15 0	250	0 0	18	15 0
St. Kilda	256	0 0	19	4 0	156	0 0	11	14 0
Caversham	250	0 0	18	15 0	150	0 0	11	5 0
" H.M. .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Mornington	250	0 0	18	15 0	150	0 0	11	5 0
Roslyn	250	0 0	18	15 0	150	0 0	11	5 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
St. Peter's	270	0 0	20	5 0	170	0 0	12	15 0
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
H.M. Stations:—								
Otautau .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Maori Hill .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Waikouaiti .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Edendale .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Kaitangata .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Lawrence .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Cromwell .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Riverton .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
	4511	0 0	378	2 0	2751	0 0	206	6 6

N.B.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for H.M. Retiring Fund is £6 for each Home Missionary employed. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 3 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

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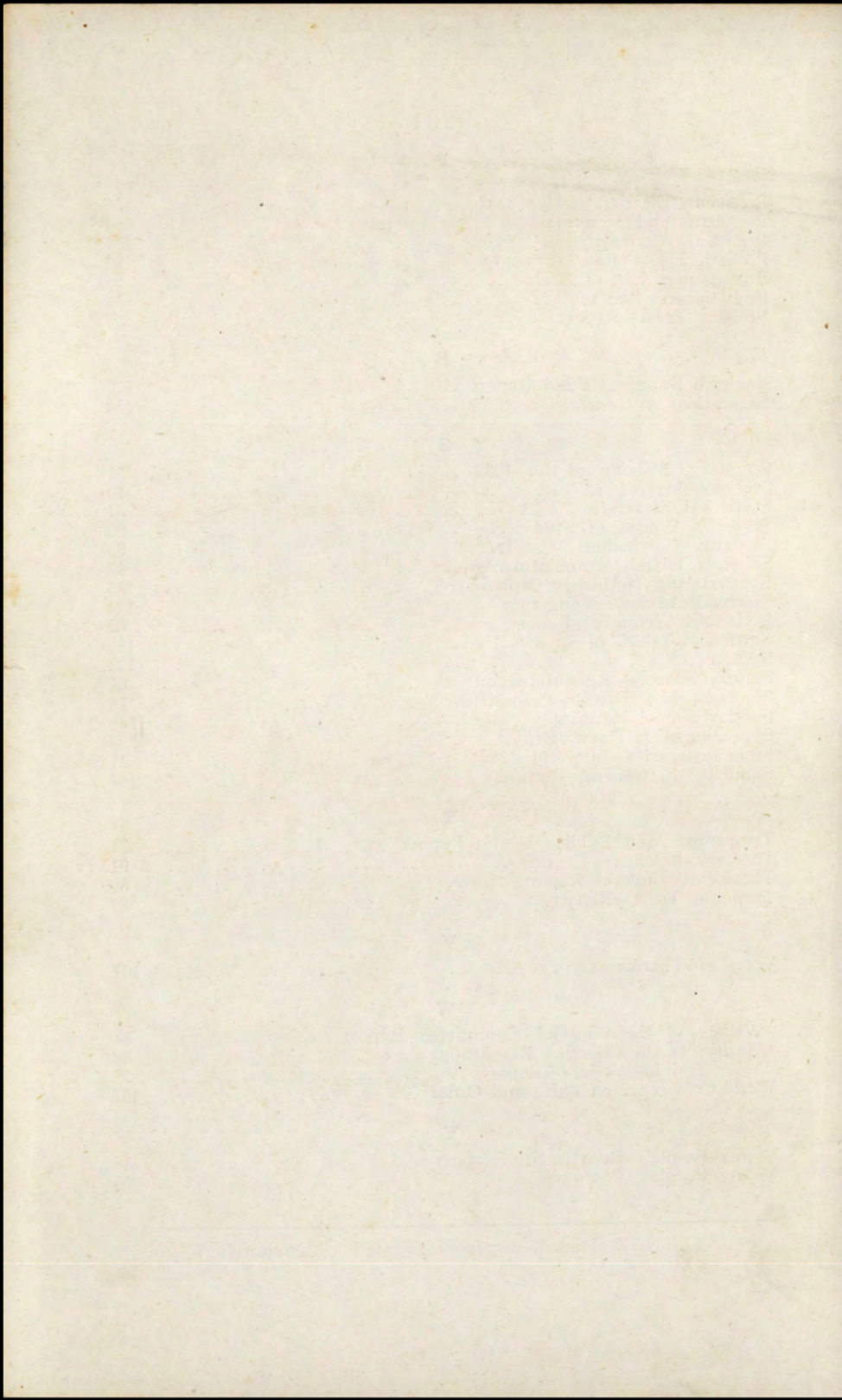
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