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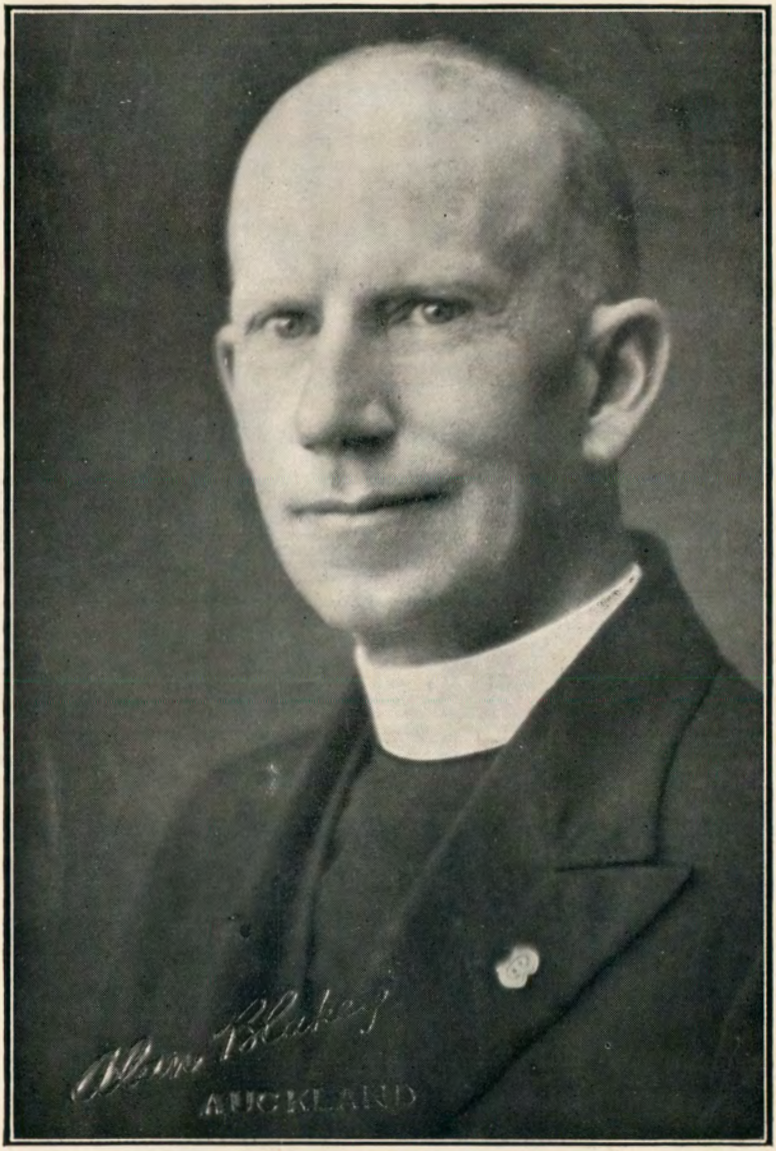

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First Australasian Conference was held in Sydney in the year 1855.

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THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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The Session was opened by the Rev. Jonathan H. Haslam, Retiring President, after which the Rev. E. Percy Blamires was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. Richard Hampton was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by Mr. W. Chas. Francis, retiring Vice-President.

The Secretary-Elect, the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., was introduced, and took up his duties.

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Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	Mrs. S. B. Clifford
Mangonui	—

South Auckland District.

Thames	E. Hardman*
Hauraki Plains	
Paeroa	—
Te Aroha	M. Edgar*
Morrinsville	G. D. Sealey
Cambridge	E. J. Easter
Hamilton	J. C. Tietjens
,,	J. E. Tidd*
Hamilton East	J. T. Bryant
Huntly	Mrs. Ferguson
Matamata	A. E. Diprose
Rotorua	
Tauranga	F. N. Christian*
Whakatane	
Opotiki	Mrs. G. R. H. Peterson
Te Awamutu	J. T. Johnson, J.P.
Otorohanga	E. W. Tozer
Te Kuiti	
Taumarunui	—

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	
,,	
Waitara	F. R. Silby
Inglewood	
Stratford	—
Eltham-Kaponga	
Hawera	S. J. Bennett
Manaia	S. A. Tippett*
Opunake	J. A. Pettigrew
Wanganui	F. Webb Jones
Wanganui North	
Marton	—
Taihape	

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	H. Powell
,,	J. Wray
Hastings	W. Harris
,,	H. R. French
Gisborne	F. H. Forge
Wairoa	Mrs. J. F. Haughton
Dannevirke	—
Woodville	
Pahiatua	A. P. Ralph
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	E. Lock
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	T. R. Hodder*
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	Mrs. C. A. Foston
Feilding	J. Nairn
Sanson-Rongotea	A. Smith

Wellington District.

Wellington (Taranaki Street)	W. A. G. Skinner
,,	Miss L. Hodder
Wellington (Thorndon)	—
,,	—
Wellington South	H. W. Smith
Wellington East	R. Hampton
Johnsonville-Ngaio	E. B. Parsons
Hutt	J. M. Thompson
Petone	F. Lockwood
Greytown-Featherston	J. Burt
Carterton	M. Brasell
Masterton	W. McDonald
Eketahuna	J. F. Baillie
Levin	—
Otaki	J. H. Irving

Nelson District.

Nelson	S. Gorman
Richmond	Mrs. Stratford
Wakefield-Dovedale	G. W. Nuttall*
Motueka	H. A. Holdaway
Blenheim	Mrs. W. Wills
,,	Miss Hance
Reefton	J. S. McElwee
Westport	
Greymouth	H. Spargo
Hokitika	T. W. Duff

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	D. E. Parton
Christchurch East	H. J. S. Harrington
,,	J. Buxton
,,	J. D. Gray
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	H. Holland, C.B.E.
Christchurch (Woolston)	A. Holden
Christchurch (Sydenham)	W. G. Wright
Christchurch (Addington)	J. H. Jones
Christchurch (Riccarton)	R. W. Brighting
Christchurch (St. Albans)	A. Williams
,	V. Bedwell
Christchurch (Papanui)	F. J. Carr

North Canterbury District—*Continued.*

Lyttelton	W. T. Foster
Springston	H. B. Moore
Tai Tapu	W. Barnett
Leeston	R. Barnett
Kaiapoi	Mrs. A. Blakeley
Ohoka	F. A. Sheat
Rangiora	M. H. Hamilton
Woodend-Sefton	R. P. Robinson
Greendale	F. G. Early
Oxford	L. Watson

South Canterbury District.

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Timaru (Woodlands Street)	E. Laverty
Timaru South	T. Simmons
Waimate	J. I. Hayman
Temuka	Miss G. A. Brown
Geraldine	E. Undrill
Ashburton	F. Frampton
Willowby	G. H. B. Lill
Oamaru	W. Panckhurst
Rakaia-Methven	H. Hopwood

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	G. S. Gapper
Dunedin Central Mission	D. C. Cameron
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	R. Bruce
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	J. T. Barclay
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	—
Dunedin (Caversham)	
Dunedin (Mornington)	Mrs. D. O. Williams
Dunedin (Roslyn)	—
Port Chalmers	G. Crosbie
Balclutha	
Milton	Mrs. Cockerill
Roxburgh	T. P. Michelle
Invercargill (Central)	A. S. Froggatt*
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	J. Colin Craig
Bluff	A. K. Thompson
Gore	A. Martin
Riverton	Mrs. W. Parker

Solomon Islands District.

Mrs. T. R. Hodder*

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Local Preachers' Association	W. S. Mackay

QUESTION II.—Who are now admitted as Ministers in full Connexion with the Conference?

Donald C. Alley
Reginald Day
D. J. Donald Hickman
Sydney Hindmarsh
V. Roy Jamieson
William C. Jenkin
Ivan S. Williamson
Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Bernard M. Chrystall
J. Ainsley Daglish
John L. Mitchell
A. Everil Orr
Ralph E. Patchett
Alfred E. Waite
Who have travelled three years.

George H. Goodman
John John
Andrew J. Johnston
Howard C. Matthews
Henry J. Tozer, M.A.
Who have travelled two years.

Ormond E. Burton, M.A.
Clifford L. Duder
J. L. Gordon Hanna
Clarence T. J. Luxton
William A. Mills
Robert Thornley, B.A., Dip.So.Sc.
Arthur R. Witheford
Who have travelled one year.

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

George E. Beckingsale
H. Ian K. Hopper
Bert M. Tasker, B.A.
James S. Willoughby

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

John Churchill
William R. Francis
Robert W. Mayson
Leslie T. Norwell
Alfred Sanft

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

Leslie C. Clements.
Howard E. Harkness, M.A.
Ernest S. Hoddinott
William R. Laws
Ashleigh K. Petch
John Silvester
J. C. Aldwyn Williams

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

Maharaia Winiata (who shall continue on the President's List of Reserve and who shall remain at Trinity College with a view to pursuing his course at Auckland University College.)

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

John D. Collister, M.Sc.
Campbell P. Lucas
Charles B. Oldfield
James Stanley Waite
John K. Watson

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

Naphthali Fotu is recommended to Tongan Conference for Ordination.

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

Belshazzar Gina
who has travelled five years.

Nathan Kera
Aaron Kotosoma
who have travelled three years.

Usaia Sotutu
Who has travelled two years.

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?

C. H. Bell, E. H. Dalley and R. S. Johnson have passed in their third year.

H. R. Wright has passed in his third year, subject to a repeat paper in theology.

A. P. Dorrian has passed in his first year.

Passed with Honours—A. P. Dorrian.

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

Charles E. Ward
Thomas G. Carr
John D. Jory
James Cocker
W. Bramwell Scott

Charles E. Ward was the son of the Rev. Robert Ward, the pioneer missionary of the Primitive Methodist Church, who arrived in New Zealand in 1844. Charles was born in New Plymouth, where his father was stationed in 1846, and was educated at Wesley College, Auckland, under the Rev. John Fletcher. In due course he returned to New Plymouth, and entered the Primitive Methodist Ministry in 1870, serving the Church for six years in New South Wales. The Ward family gave three sons to the Ministry, Frederick, Josiah, and Charles. Eventually Frederick entered journalism, and later became Editor of the Sydney Daily Telegraph. Returning to New Zealand Charles, with his brothers, John and Frederick, was engaged in the Maori War, serving with the Taranaki Bush Rangers under Major (later Sir Harry) Atkinson, who offered him a commission. Taking up the work of the Ministry again, the brothers, Charles and Josiah put in a hard day's work until "the Stars appeared," and their works do follow them.

On three occasions he was President of the Primitive Methodist Conference, and was a member of the Union Committee, but it was in his Circuits that his best work was done. He was a diligent and painstaking pastor, watching over his people with a godly jealousy, and offering much shrewd advice concerning life's duties and responsibilities. He had a Statesman's grasp of church and national problems, and was keenly interested in all that made for the development of the best life in the Dominion. He was a notable and original preacher, evincing a depth and accuracy of knowledge which was amazing when we consider his public activities. He was an ardent Temperance Reformer and never wearied of the battle for sobriety and purity. For some years he was the Editor of the N.Z. Primitive Methodist, and wielded a facile pen, informed by a wide acquaintance with English literature and directed by his knowledge of men.

Though Mr. Ward superannuated in 1910 he continued in active service until 1930, and was able in "age and feebleness extreme" to attend worship every Sunday until a fortnight before the end. He was exalted to the higher service on August 24th, last. He was a chivalrous friend with a great passion for righteousness, and a great love for his Church. The Dominion is richer for his life and work, and his example and influence will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Thomas G. Carr.—In the passing of the Rev. T. G. Carr on August 2nd last, at 89 years of age, New Zealand Methodism has parted with one of her most venerated ministers. Born in Nottinghamshire in 1846 and converted early in life he was accepted for the Wesleyan Methodist ministry in England in 1869. After three years at Richmond College, where among his fellow students were Revs. W. J. Williams, F. W. Isitt and J. J. Lewis who came to New Zealand a year or two before him, he arrived in New Zealand in 1873 together with the Rev. George Bond, and was appointed to Whangaroa. Here he commenced that fruitful ministry which he exercised in almost every District in New Zealand, covering a period of 44 years.

Of deep spirituality and fervent zeal, he was greatly used of God in conversions and the edification of his people. With unflagging zeal, he built or renovated churches, improved parsonages, opened preaching places, and in every place deepened spiritual life. In all his circuits he had the loyal co-operation of his devoted wife, who pre-deceased him by ten years. His home life was beautiful and his children rise up and call him blessed. As Supernumerary he gave valuable service for nine years as Hospital Chaplain in Auckland, besides maintaining the cause at Parnell for seven years. Unobtrusive and gracious, possessing a cheerful spirit and a rich vein of humour, Bro. Carr held a high place in the love and esteem of his brethren and of all who knew him.

John D. Jory.—At the advanced age of 89, John D. Jory passed peacefully home to God on 18th June, 1935. Born in Cornwall in 1846, Mr. Jory emigrated in early manhood to Australia where he was accepted for the ministry, receiving his training at Newington College. After eleven years effective missionary service in Fiji, he spent a year in England, and was then transferred to New Zealand in 1885. In this country he was a faithful and devoted minister for 27 years. Of a gentle and gracious disposition and a man of deep sympathy his ministry was deeply spiritual and earnest and to many he was a Son of Consolation. In all his work at home and abroad he had the co-operation of his gifted wife, and to their New Zealand ministry they brought an unfailing zeal for the work overseas. They also gave inspiring leadership to the cause of Temperance and Prohibition. Through all his ministry and in the years of his retirement, Brother Jory lived in the love and esteem of his people and his brethren in the ministry, endearing himself to all by his high Christian character, gentleness and brotherly love.

James Cocker.—James Cocker was born at Calver, near Sheffield, England, on June 14, 1862. Accepted as a Candidate for the Primitive Methodist Ministry after a year spent as a Probationer he entered Hartley College for training. Through the influence of his life-long friend John Dawson, he came to New Zealand in 1890, and ministered with great acceptance in a number of outstanding Circuits. Shortly after the opening of the Masterton Children's Home, he became Secretary-Manager, a post which he held with increasing efficiency until his death in March of last year. Few ministers have been better known or more highly esteemed for his own or his work's sake. He was a remarkable man in every way. As a preacher, he was warm-hearted and evangelical and had a wonderful gift for word-painting. His children's addresses were models of their kind, and many of them appeared in book form. As a pastor he excelled, and as a social reformer he had much to do with creating No-License sentiment in New Zealand. Mr. Cocker's literary gifts were early recognised by his Church, and for 8 years he was Editor of the "Primitive Methodist," and after Union co-editor of the "N.Z. Methodist Times," and for a short period also of the "Vanguard." He

collaborated with Mr. J. Malton Murray in issuing "Prohibition in New Zealand," and his latest book "Stephen Arkwright's Adventures" appeared in print just after his death. He was President of the Primitive Methodist Conference in 1900. In his passing, the Methodist Church loses one of its most faithful and efficient ministers, and the cause of moral reform one of its ablest champions. A capable leader, a loyal friend, a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, he rests from his labours and his works do follow him.

William Bramwell Scott.—William Bramwell Scott was born at Thames, New Zealand on October 21, 1873. After a period of effective Home Mission service he entered the full ministry in 1907. His career in Circuit work has been marked by energy, ability, devotion and success. He passed away in the full activity of a successful ministry, after a few days illness. He was a lover of clean sport, a keen student of Biblical history and the history of New Zealand. He kept closely in touch with public affairs. With a good journalistic capacity, he was an excellent Conference Reporter, and convener of important Committees. He used his ability effectively against the Liquor Traffic. He was respected for the honesty and fearlessness of his convictions and his genuine friendliness. He was a faithful preacher and Gospel witness, and the Radio public liked him for the freshness of his message. He loved Nature, was an authority on Horticulture, and beautified every Parsonage he occupied. As a Chaplain to the Forces during two years of the war he was much esteemed by officers and men. He had the welfare of Returned Soldiers at heart, both as an earnest personal champion and as Chairman of the Assistance Board of the R.S.A. The President of the R.S.A. said of him "He carried out his duties with a rare understanding of the soldier and his problems." "Padre" Scott loved peace and hated war, but his eyes were not closed to the dangers that beset our Empire, and he championed the necessity for military training. His colleagues will miss his vigour, his wise guidance, and his very charming personality. He was a good servant of the Church of Jesus Christ and his works do follow him.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

Joseph H. Simmonds
William J. Williams
John Nixon
Charles H. Standage
Thomas Fee
Alfred Peters
Samuel Griffith
T. Francis Jones
George T. Marshall
T. Jackson Wallis
George Clement
Thomas A. Joughin
James Wrigley
Frederick T. Read
Arthur Harding
Samuel H. D. Peryman
Arthur Mitchell
Albert C. Lawry
Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.
Henry L. Blamires
George S. Cook
Jacob Featherston
William Grigg
John Olphert
Robert Raine
William A. Sinclair
William J. Elliott
George Frost
Colin C. Harrison
Samuel Henderson
Thomas W. Vealie
Fred. Greenwood
Percy N. Knight, B.A.
Arthur Ashcroft
Thomas R. Richards
John Harris
Arthur Hopper

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers Now become Supernumeraries?

Edward Drake
Harold E. Bellhouse
Albert H. Fowles (for one year).

Edward Drake.—The retirement of the Rev. Edward Drake will remove from the active ranks of the Methodist ministry one of its outstanding figures who live in the love and esteem of the whole Church. Mr. Drake was born at Newcastle-under-Lyme in Staffordshire and early yielded to the call of Jesus Christ at the Higherland Primitive Methodist Church with which his parents and family were closely associated. At the age of sixteen he left home for the city of Lincoln where he was authorised to accompany a local preacher and to assist in the services. On becoming an accredited local preacher he moved to Southampton and later to Horncastle in Lincolnshire where his preaching gifts found full exercise. At the age of twenty he entered the Evangelist's Home at Birmingham conducted by the Rev. J. Odell. Here training and evangelistic work were united. Later at Ramsgate he did purely ministerial work. Here he was recommended for the full ministry and being accepted by his Conference was sent out to New Zealand. Arriving in September, 1893, he served for several months in Auckland and early in the following year he became the first minister in the Cheviot District which had just been opened for settlement. Here he taught school, did ministerial work and pursued probationary studies. In 1895 he became the colleague of the Rev. James Guy in Wellington. Two years later he was ordained and appointed to Dunedin. Later he spent five years at Thames. In 1904 he was elected President of the Primitive Methodist Conference and was stationed at Wanganui where he spent six fruitful years. Mr. Drake was a member of the Methodist Union Committee and the impress of his influence is stamped upon the Basis of Union. Upon the consummation of Methodist Union, Mr. Drake at once took high rank in the United Church where his abilities found wide scope for their exercise first as assistant secretary and in 1916 as secretary of the Conference, an office he continued to fill until his elevation to the Presidency in 1920. He has been Chairman of the Otago, Wellington and Auckland Districts, in all of which his administration has been marked by insight and wisdom. Of broad social sympathies, he has been President of the Social Service Union, a member of the Christchurch Social Council of Churches, a leader in the cause of Prohibition and a worker in every cause of moral and social reform. He represents his Church on the Broadcasting Committee and is President of the Christchurch Ministers' Association. Few men have served on more Connexional Committees than he. He has been Chairman of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, of the Wesley Training College Board and of the South Island Orphanage Board, and at present is Chairman of the Supernumerary Fund Board and of the Connexional Fire Insurance Board. He is Treasurer of the Removal Expenses Fund and of Deaconess Institution and a valued member of the Committees of the Loan Fund and "Methodist Times." Connexional work has never been done at the expense of his Circuits. His Circuit work has ever been marked by zealous industry, judgment and courtesy. Loyal to ideals and clear in his convictions his preaching has been fruitful in conversions, in building up the Church and in inspiring others to take up manifold Christian ministries. He has a genius for holding the loyalty of his people and in thirty-seven years has served in only six circuits. Rich in experience and wise in counsel Mr. Drake relinquishes his relationship to the active ranks of the ministry well equipped to continue those connexional activities in which he has

served the Church with rare distinction and unsparing devotion. We pray that his future years may be rich in splendour and fruitful in satisfactions.

Harold E. Bellhouse.—With the retirement of the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse as permanent Supernumerary a distinguished ministry in our New Zealand Church concludes its active service. Mr. Bellhouse was born near Leeds, England, in 1869 and came to New Zealand with his parents twelve years later. His youth was spent in the Auckland Province and city. He began to preach in 1886 and in 1891 was nominated as a Candidate for the Ministry by the Rev. E. Best, then Superintendent of the Pitt Street Circuit. He spent two and a half years at Wesley College Three Kings, and was called out in September, 1893 to establish the new Circuit at Stratford. In 1896 he acted as supply for the Rev. J. J. Lewis during his visit to England. He received ordination in 1898 and was appointed as the first married minister to the Levin-Otaki Circuit. In many important Circuits he served a lengthened term, his concluding ministry at Dunedin extending over eleven years. He was elected to the Presidency of the Conference in 1918 taking office in the following year. He rendered conspicuous service as secretary of the Board of Examiners for thirteen years and his gifts of administration found a sphere of exercise as Chairman of the Otago District for eleven years. Mr. Bellhouse has excelled throughout his long ministry in every department of Circuit work. He has stood in the front rank of the preachers, not only of his own Church, but of the Dominion, he has shown himself a diligent and sympathetic pastor, and in every circuit the details of administration have been faithfully attended to. A man of studious habits, of wide reading, of independent thought, his ministry has been educational and inspiring to young and old alike and will long be remembered in our New Zealand Church. The Conference rejoices to hear of the work Mr. Bellhouse is still doing as supply in the Christchurch (Woolston) Circuit and trusts that he may long be spared to serve the Church in such ways as opportunity and health may permit.

QUESTION XV.—What Supernumeraries return to the regular work?

None.

QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

W. T. Hooper
G. H. Bridgman
C. Strand
J. H. Edmondson
J. Belshaw
F. E. Foot

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

A. L. Witheford
J. Common

John Common.—John Common was born at Enfield near Oamaru in 1880, in a christian atmosphere which gave more than one member of the family to the Church, for while his sister gave years of valiant service to the pioneer work of Christ in the Solomon Islands, her brother gave his life to the work of winning New Zealand for the Gospel. After several years as a Local Preacher he was appointed to the Murchison H.M. Station in August, 1912. After a term here and at Havelock, he volunteered for service in the Medical Corps at the Great War. Returning to H.M. work in 1921 he has laboured in several Home Mission Stations with great acceptance.

His kindly and sympathetic disposition has made him an acceptable pastor, especially when sorrow has overtaken the people, while as a preacher he was faithful to the Gospel, his message always tending to the instruction and edification of the hearers. Recently his health has been indifferent, and he feels that he must relinquish the work which he loves. He retires with the good will of his brethren, the affection of his people, and the united prayers of the church for a useful and happy future.

A. L. Witheford.—In acceding to the request for retirement of Mr. A. L. Witheford, we desire to place on record our appreciation of his faithful service to the Church over a period of 18 years. Entering the active work as a Home Missionary in 1917, he was appointed to Cromwell, and served subsequently in a number of Home Mission Stations. As a builder he has been pleased to turn his technical knowledge to practical account in the interests of the various Stations where he has laboured, and many alterations and additions to Churches and other buildings pay silent tribute to his work. As a spiritual builder he has left enduring monuments to his Master in changed lives and strengthened characters. He retires from the work with the love and esteem of his brethren following him into his new sphere.

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

Ernest O. Blamires who is permitted to act as General Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools' League.

QUESTION XVIII.—What Ministers are left without Pastoral Charge?

Albert B. Chappell, M.A., Dip. Jour., F.R.E.S.
Edwin T. Cox, M.A.

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

Donald C. Alley.

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

None.

QUESTION XXI.—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 XXII.—What persons who were in Full Connexion now cease to be recognised as Ministers of this Conference?

Oliver S. Pearn, who has resigned.

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

I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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(A) Examiners for Probationers.

Hebrew (1st and 2nd years) and Elementary Hebrew	Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.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. B. R. Hames, M.A.
English Bible (Old Testament) 1st and 2nd years	Rev. W. Walker.
English Bible (Old Testament) 3rd and 4th years	Rev. W. Rowe
English Bible (New Testament) 1st and 2nd years	Rev. B. Metson
English Bible (New Testament) 3rd and 4th years	Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.
The Christian Doctrine of the Godhead (Garvie)	Rev. G. Frost
Wesley's Sermons	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
Church History (1st and 2nd years) ..	Rev. A. H. Fowles.
Church History (3rd year)	Rev. E. E. Sage
The Person of Christ (Cave)	Rev. T. A. Pybus
The Theology of the Epistles (Kennedy) ..	Rev. G. F. Stockwell
Psychology of Religion (Selbie)	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
Christianity and Ethics (Alexander) ..	Rev. O. Burnet
Christ and Modern Education (Raven) ..	Rev. E. Drake
Altar, Cross and Community (Lofthouse) ..	Rev. E. T. Cox., M.A.
The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience (Humphries)	Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.
The World to Come and Final Destiny (Leckie)	Rev. P. R. Paris
Religions of the World (Barton) ..	Rev. H. L. Richards
The Methodist Law Book	Rev. A. McBean
Anthropology (Marett), and Comparative Religion (Carpenter)	Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A.,F.R.G.S.
Ethnology (Haberlandt)	Rev. F Copeland

(B) Examiners for Students.

Systematic Theology	Rev. C. Blair
Biblical Theology—	
Old Testament	Rev. H. Ryan
New Testament	Rev. F. E. Leadley
Old Test. Intro. and Exegesis	Rev. H. A. Sharp
New Test. Intro.	Rev. B. R. Hames, M.A.
N. T. Exegesis	Rev. W. Wills
Pastoral Theology and Homiletics ..	Rev. J. Wrigley
Greek	Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.
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Mathematics	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
English	Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., & Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A.
Child Psychology, Pedagogy, Leadership etc.	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A.,B.D.
Elocution and Public Speaking	Revs. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., E. T. Olds and Mr. K. N. Griffin, M.Sc.

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge	Rev. J. Richards
Theology	Rev. E. T. Olds
English and Greek	Rev. B. R. Hames, M.A.
Geography and History	Rev. J. D. McArthur
Arithmetic	Rev. J. H. Bailey

(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English	Rev. L. A. G. Brooks
Theology	Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall
Bible Knowledge	Rev. H. T. Peat
Church History and Homiletics	Rev. R. P. Keall

(E) Examiners for Native Probationers.

Rev. H. J. Odell.
Rev. A. O. Harris.

N.B.—For Rules and Regulations relating to Examinations, Trial Sermons and Books Lists, see new edition Methodist Laws, pp. 78 to 92 and amendments and additions to Laws, pages 1-6.

The first section of the Probationers' Examination shall, this year, commence on Tuesday, July 28, and the second section on Tuesday, December 1st. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 15, and of Home Missionary Probationers on Tuesday, December 1st.

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.—XI, 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 : Kennedy's Theology of the Epistles.
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)—Cave's The Doctrine of the person of Christ.
7. Church History : 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 : 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. Raven's "Christ and Modern Education."
8. Barton's Religions of the World, Chapters X-XVI.

II.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR NATIVE 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).

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 Forty-four Sermons, 1 to 12 (inclusive).
3. Lilly's "The Principles of Protestantism."
4. Trumbull's "Individual Work for Individuals."

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Bible: St. Paul's Teaching (Guild T. Books).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 13-20, 40, 43 and 44. (Forty-four Sermons).
3. Fitchett's "What Methodism Stands For."
4. 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 class 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 THEOLOGY.

1. General Bible Knowledge, Old and New Testaments. Text Books: Maclear's Primers.
2. A detailed Knowledge of the following books of the Bible :—I and II Kings, Hosea, Malachi, Luke, Acts of the Apostles, Galatians. (No questions on Introduction to be set).
3. Theology.—Text Book : Christian Foundations, Maldwyn Hughes (English Edition).

   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.

1. English—(a) Grammar and Composition, Olifant's "Matriculation and General English Course," (Gregg Publishing Company). (b) An essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner. (A guide to the principles of Essay writing will be found in "English for Pleasure and Profit," Clark's College).
2. Greek.—Initia Graeca, Sections I-XIV, with exercises I-XXVIII (Greek into English).

   N.B.—The Conference urges all Candidates to take Greek.
3. Geography.—Whitcombe's Intermediate Geography.
4. History and Current Events.—History of England, 1714-1921. (Warner and Martin, Part III); and a knowledge of current events, questions on which to comprise one-fourth of the paper.
5. Arithmetic.—Whitcombe's Intermediate Arithmetic.

All the above subjects are compulsory to non-matriculated Candidates, except Greek : Matriculated Candidates are to present themselves for examination in Section A only. All Candidates are strongly urged to take Greek.

V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR NATIVE CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

1. General Bible Knowledge (Native).
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., Part 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.

1. English—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar" (pp. 1 to 80).
2. Theology.—New Catechism of Wesleyan-Methodist Church with Hunter's "Lesson Helps on the New Catechism."
3. Bible Knowledge.—Adam Welch's "The Preparation for Christ in the Old Testament."

SECOND YEAR.

1. English.—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar." (pp. 81 to end).
2. Church History.—Cowan's "Landmarks of Church History." (Guild Text Books).
3. Theology.—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (First half to p. 152).
4. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (First half to p. 105).

THIRD YEAR.

1. English.—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar." (whole book).
2. Theology.—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (Second half (p. 153 to end).
3. Homiletics.—Edwards' "Primer of Homiletics."
4. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (second half, p. 106 to end).

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Church History.—Workman's "Methodism" (Cambridge Manuals).
2. Theology.—Maldwyn Hughes' "Christian Foundations." (Revised Edition), omitting small print on pages 38-45, 95-99, 119-122, 139-140, 165-167, 180-186.
3. Homiletics.—Whittome's "Local Preachers' Efficiency Course."
4. Bible Knowledge.—Paterson's "St. Paul's Teaching." (Guild Text Books.).
5. English.—An essay of not less than 1000 words and not more than 1500 words shall be forwarded not later than September 30th, to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners. The essay shall deal with some subject of current social and religious interest. A choice of three subjects shall be given. The subjects shall be selected by the Secretary of the board of Examiners in consultation with the General Superintendent of Home Missions, and shall be notified to each Home Missionary concerned during the month of May.

VII.—CURRICULUM OF STUDIES—DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

Theology—The New Catechism with Lesson Helps (Hunter).

Church History—Workman's "Methodism."

Old Testament—McLear's Primer.

New Testament—McLear's Primer.

English—Essay on selected subject, with Caddick's English Course for Junior and Middle Forms.

STUDENTS.

FIRST YEAR.

Theology—"What a Christian Believes, and Why." (Hunter) p.p. 1-152.

Church History—"The Story of Christianity." (Kinloch)., pp. 1-78, and Lectures.

Old Testament—"The Old Testament Writers and Their Messages" (Healing). First Half.

New Testament—"The New Testament Writers and Their Messages (Hunter), pp. 1-110.

English—A year's work in English (Marriott). Classical and Modern Literature.

Elocution and Voice Production—"Speak Out" (Watson), and Lectures.

Psychology—"The Control of the Mind" (Thouless), and Lectures.

Nursing—St. John Ambulance Course ; First Aid for the Injured, and Lectures.

SECOND YEAR.

Theology—"What a Christian Believes and Why." (Hunter) pp. 153-309.

Church History—"The Story of Christianity." (Kinloch). pp. 79-110, and Lectures.

Old Testament—"The Old Testament Writers and Their Messages" (Healing) Second half.

New Testament—"The New Testament Writers and Their Messages" (Hunter), pp. 111-303.

English—A Year's Work in English (Marriott), Classical and Modern Literature.

Homiletics—Lectures.

Psychology—"The Control of the Mind" (Thouless), and Lectures.

Nursing—Home Nursing and Hygiene, Lectures.

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS, HOME MISSIONARIES AND MAORI PROBATIONERS.

(See Minutes 1934, pp. 27-35).

Advice respecting Dictionaries of the Bible, and Commentaries should be sought from the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Oral Examiner for 1937 be Rev. E. S. Emmitt.
2. That the Secretary, Rev. W. G. Slade, be thanked for his services, and that he be reappointed.
3. That the Tutors in N. T. Greek be thanked for their services, and that the following be the Tutors for the ensuing year :—

   First year : Rev. G. R. Harris ; Second year : Rev. B. R. Hames ; Third year : Rev. H. L. Fiebig ; Fourth year : Rev. E. W. Hames.
4. That the following be a Committee to revise the List of Books recommended to Probationers, Home Missionaries, and Maori Probationers :— President of Conference, Revs. W. A. Burley, Dr. Ranston, W. T. Blight, J. H. Haslam, A. J. Seamer and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners to which the recommendation of the South Canterbury Synod shall be referred.

5. That Conference approves and recommends the principle of the recommendations of the Board of Studies regarding the method of voting for the reception of Candidates for the Ministry.

6. That Conference endorses the recommendation from the Solomon Islands District that the General Secretary and the Revs. W. G. Slade, W. T. Blight and V. Le C. Binet and a representative to be appointed by the H.M. Department, with the Rev. T. Dent as a corresponding member, be a committee to prepare a list of books for a six years course of study for the Solomon Islands Native Probationers, and submit the same for the consideration of the District Synod and that Synod's recommendation be then forwarded to the Board of Examiners for approval, and also to give consideration to the curriculum for Maoris.

7. That the Board of Studies together with Revs. G. Frost, E. W. Hames, E. S. Emmitt and Revs. J. H. Haslam, W. A. Burley and W. G. Slade (corresponding members), be a Committee to consider the advisibility of revising the course of Study for Probationers. That this Committee also consider the question of Lay Representation on the Examination Committee.

8. That we congratulate Rev. A. M. Costain upon securing the Dip. Soc. Sc. and to Rev. R. Thornley upon securing B.A. and Dip. Soc. Sc. and that permission be given to print the degrees in the Minutes of Conference.

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

AUCKLAND.

CENTRAL MISSION.—That the name of the Auckland Social Service Mission be changed to Auckland Methodist Central Mission.

PUKEKOHE-PAPAKURA-OTAHUHU. —That the Pukekohe, Papakura, Otahuhu Circuits should, in the near future, review their boundaries and staffing with a view to securing a better ministerial oversight in their area.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

OHURA.—That the Question of transferring Ohura H.M. Station to the Taranaki-Wanganui District be deferred for a year when it will again be considered.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

PATEA.—That a single Home Missionary be appointed.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON (Taranaki Street).—That the name of Wellington (Taranaki Street) Circuit be changed to "Wellington Central Circuit."

WELLINGTON EAST AND ISLAND BAY.—That the Island Bay Home Mission Station be incorporated in the Wellington East Circuit.

PORIRUA.—That the Home Mission portion of the Johnsonville-Ngaio Circuit, including Porirua, Tawa Flat, Paremata, Pukerua Bay, and Plimmerton, become a Circuit at the Conference of 1937.

UPPER HUTT.—That the Circuits in the Hutt Valley give further consideration to a scheme for working Upper Hutt.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

TIMARU (Kensington-Pareora).—That the name of this Circuit be "Timaru South."

MAYFIELD.—That the boundaries of the Willowby Circuit be extended to include Mayfield Home Mission Station.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

CARGILL ROAD.—That the staffing of the Circuit be one Ordained Minister and a Home Missionary Supply.

MAORI CIRCUITS.

That the Waikato-King Country Maori Circuit be divided and that the Waikato area be known as the Waikato Circuit and the King Country area as the King Country Circuit.

QUESTION XXV.—To what Circuits are additional preachers to be appointed?

AUCKLAND.

DEVONPORT.—That the present arrangement be continued for one year only.

OTAHUHU.—That the Otahuhu Circuit be relieved from taking a second agent for another year.

WHANGAREI.—That Whangarei be relieved of the second agent for one year.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

ROTORUA.—That a Married Probationer be appointed for one year only.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

WANGANUI NORTH.—That a Probationer be appointed with a suitable Grant.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.—That a Probationer be appointed with a suitable grant.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now constituted?

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

NGARUAWAHIA.—That Ngaruawahia be constituted a Circuit and that a Probationer be appointed with a suitable grant.

PUTARURU.—That Putaruru be constituted a Circuit and that a Single Probationer be appointed with a suitable grant.

WAIHI.—That Waihi be constituted a Circuit with a suitable grant.

QUESTION XXVII.—What Circuits are due to provide for Married instead of Single Ministers ?

Otahuhu (2nd) is due and is relieved for a third year.
Bay of Islands is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.
Ruawai is due, but is relieved for a third year.
Whangaroa is due, but is relieved for a third year.
Mangonui is due, but is relieved for a third year.
Morrinsville (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a third year.
Huntly is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.
Hauraki Plains is due, but is relieved for one year.
Whakatane is due, but is relieved for one year.
Taihape is due, but is relieved for one year.
Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.
Wellington East (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.
Hutt is due, but is relieved for a second year.
Durham Street (2nd) is due, but is relieved for an ninth year.
Woolston (2nd) is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.
Timaru (Kensington-Pareora) is due, but is relieved for a second year.
Rakaia-Methven is due, but is relieved for one year.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That intimation be given by Conference to the following Circuits that they be expected to fulfil their obligations in the following order :—

   Durham St. (2nd).
   Wellington East (2nd).
   Timaru South.

2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the members of the Special Commissions set up by last Conference and by the Wellington District Committee.

QUESTION XXVIII.—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. E. PERCY BLAMIRES.
Vice-President : MR. RICHARD HAMPTON.
Secretary : REV. WILLIAM A. BURLEY, M.A.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1936.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 137 and (1) to (8) 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 Superintendents 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.**—E. Thomas Olds, Eric W. Hames, M.A., Samuel J. Werren, Hubert G. Brown; William J. Williams, George T. Marshall, Thomas A. Joughin (Supernumeraries). A Deaconess.

   THE FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Arthur H. Scrivin, General Secretary.

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

   George I. Laurenson, Assistant Superintendent.

2. **Auckland Methodist Central Mission.**—General Superintendent Home Missions, A. Everil Orr. A Deaconess.

3. **Auckland West.**—Francis J. Handy, A Home Missionary (Grey Lynn).

4. **Auckland East.**—Ernest D. Patchett, Frederick J. Parker, (Mount Eden); William Walker (Remuera); Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., without pastoral charge; Samuel Griffith, T. Francis Jones, Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., (Fellow of Trinity College), John Olphert, Arthur Mitchell, William A. Sinclair, George Frost (Supernumeraries).

   Epsom Orphanage Chaplain.—Ernest D. Patchett.

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

5. **Auckland** (Avondale).—Harold A. Sharp, Vincent le C. Binet (Glen Eden); a Home Missionary (New Lynn); Arthur Hopper (Supernumerary).

   Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain.—Harold A. Sharp.

6. **Auckland** (Devonport).—One wanted. Percy N. Knight, B.A., William J. Elliott (Supernumeraries).

7. **Auckland** (Takapuna).—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C.

8. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—William Gatman; Jas. Wrigley (Supernumerary).

9. **Onehunga.**—Edwin S. Harkness.

10. **Otahuhu.**—Percy I. Cooke. One Wanted.

11. **Papakura.**—Ivo M. Raynor; Joseph H. Simmonds (Supernumerary).

12. **Pukekohe.**—Howard H. Jeffreys.
Wesley Training College, Paerata.—Howard H. Jeffreys, Chaplain.

13. **Waiuku.**—William H. Speer.

14. **Mahurangi.**—D. J. Donald Hickman (Warkworth); A Home Missionary.

15. **Paparoa.**—Gordon Parker.

16. **Dargaville.**—V. Roy Jamieson. A Home Missionary (Kaihu).

17. **Ruawai.**—H. Ian K. Hopper.

18. **Whangarei.**—Oswald Burnet; a Home Missionary.

19. **Whangaroa.**—Frank Bateup (Kaeo), (who shall supervise the Hokianga H.M. Station and Ohaeawai-Kawakawa Circuit and act as adviser to the Maori workers throughout the Whangaroa, Mangonui, Bay of Islands and Hokianga Counties).

20. **Bay of Islands.**—Ralph E. Patchett.

21. **Port Albert.**—Herbert Ford.

22. **Hikurangi.**—L. Gordon Hanna.

23. **Kawakawa-Ohaeawai.**—Clifford L. Duder.

24. **Mangonui.**—Andrew J. Johnston.

Maori Mission.—Home Mission Department: R. Tahupotiki Haddon, Senior Maori Superintendent. (Normanby).

(1) **Auckland.**—
Rakena P. Rakena (Waima).
Davis Wilcox (Opua).
Hori Kakuere (Pukekohe).
13 Home Missionaries.
4 Deaconesses.

BOMBAY—Tuakau.—A Home Missionary.

KAUKAPAKAPA.—A Home Missionary (Kaukapakapa).
A Home Missionary (Silverdale).

HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary.

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

COLPORTEUR WORK.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
WILLIAM WALKER, Financial Secretary.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

25. **Thames.**—Tom Dent (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit and the Coromandel Home Mission Station).
26. **Hauraki Plains.**—Clarence T. J. Luxton.
27. **Paeroa.**—Raymond Richards.
28. **Waihi.**—Reginald Day.
29. **Te Aroha.**—Cecil R. Taylor.
30. **Morrinsville.**—Arthur A. Bensley, J. Ainsley Daglish (Waitoa).
31. **Cambridge.**—Walter J. Oxbrow.
32. **Hamilton.**—Robert B. Tinsley (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station). Frank H. Hayman.
33. **Hamilton East.**—George E. Brown.
34. **Ngaruawahia.**—One Wanted.
35. **Huntly.**—Bernard M. Chrystall.
36. **Matamata.**—Herbert Daniel.
37. **Putaruru.**—One Wanted.
38. **Rotorua.**—John L. Mitchell.
39. **Tauranga.**—George P. Hunt.
40. **Whakatane.**—John John.
41. **Opotiki.**—William C. Jenkin (who shall supervise Whakatane Circuit).
42. **Te Awamutu.**—Alfred E. Jefferson.
43. **Otorohanga.**—Herbert W. Payne.
44. **Te Kuiti.**—James H. Hall.
45. **Taumarunui.**—Gordon R. H. Peterson (who shall supervise Ohura H.M. Station).

(2) **Waikato**—
Matene Keepa (Ngaruawahia).
10 Home Missionaries.
2 Deaconesses.

(3) **King Country**—
Eruera Te Tuhi (Kawhia).
8 Home Missionaries.
2 Deaconesses.

KAWHIA—A Home Missionary.
TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.
OHURA.—A Home Missionary.
COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

WALTER J. OXBROW, Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

46. **New Plymouth.**—Fred. Copeland, John D. Grocott ; A Home Missionary; John Nixon, Samuel Henderson (Supernumeraries).
47. **Waitara.**—Thomas H. Carr.
48. **Inglewood.**—J. Montgomery Blight.
49. **Stratford.**—Charlie O. Hailwood.
50. **Eltham-Kaponga.**—Herbert Spencer.

51. **Hawera.**—Basil Metson, George S. Cook (Sup.).
52. **Manaia.**—Harry Cottom.
53. **Opunake.**—Athol R. Penn, A Home Missionary.
54. **Wanganui.**—Raymond Dudley M.A., F.R.E.S.
55. **Wanganui North.**—James W. Parker. One wanted.
56. **Marton.**—William B. Cuming.
57. **Taihape.**—George H. Goodman.

(4) **Taranaki-Waimarino**—
Matarae Tauroa (Okaiawa)
12 Home Missionaries
3 Deaconesses.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

GONVILLE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

DOUGLAS—A Home Missionary.

FRED. COPELAND, Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

58. **Napier.**—Henry J. Odell (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit); one wanted (Greenmeadows).
59. **Hastings.**—Robert B. Gosnell.
60. **Gisborne.**—Frank E. Leadley; a Home Missionary.
61. **Wairoa.**—One wanted.
62. **Dannevirke.**—Ralph J. Liddell.
63. **Woodville.**—G. Knowles Smith.
64. **Pahiatua.**—Charles M. Roberts.
65. **Palmerston North** (St. Paul's.—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.; Arthur Ashcroft (Supernumerary).
66. **Palmerston North** (Cuba Street).—Albert Blakemore.
67. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.**—Charles A. Foston.
68. **Feilding.**—J. Henry Allen; a Home Missionary.
69. **Sanson-Rongotea.**—Robert E. Fordyce.

WAIPAWA.—A Home Missionary.

FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.

APITI.—A Home Missionary.

NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

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

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

70. **Wellington Central.**—Percy R. Paris, Jonathan H. Haslam; Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (Webb St.); Robert Raine, Thomas W. Vealie, Thomas R. Richards (Supernumeraries).

Ernest O. Blamires, with permission to act as Secretary of the Bible in Schools League.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—E. Percy Blamires, President of the Conference, Youth Director. Henry J. Tozer, M.A., who is permitted to act as travelling Secretary of the Y.M.B.C. Movement.

71. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—James Richards, Alfred M. Costain (Karori).

72. **Wellington South.**—Walter Parker.

73. **Wellington East.**—William G. Slade, M.A., James S. Willoughby, A Home Missionary (Island Bay), Colin C. Harrison, Fred. Greenwood (Supernumeraries).

74. **Johnsonville-Ngaio.**—J. Frederick Martin, a Home Missionary (Porirua); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).

75. **Hutt.**—Harold T. Peat, Arthur R. Witheford ; Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).

76. **Petone.**—Ernest E. Sage.

77. **Greytown-Featherston.**—One wanted.

88. **Carterton.**—Hedley White.

79. **Masterton.**—George F. Stockwell, A Home Missionary.
Masterton Children's Home.—Chaplain, George F. Stockwell.

80. **Eketahuna.**—Sydney Hindmarsh.

81. **Levin.**—John Dennis.

82. **Otaki.**—John R. Nelson.

PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

E. PERCY BLAMIRES, President of the Conference
Chairman of the District.
JONATHAN H. HASLAM, Deputy-Chairman
and Financial Secretary.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

83. **Nelson.**—William Rowe.

84. **Richmond.**—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.

85. **Wakefield-Dovedale.**—George E. Beckingsale.

86. **Motueka.**—John H. Bailey.

87. **Blenheim.**—William Wills, Harry V. Utting (Tua Marina).

88. **Reefton.**—Charles E. Dickens.

89. **Westport.**—Norman P. Larsen.

90. **Greymouth.**—Archer O. Harris.

91. **Hokitika.**—W. E. Allon Carr.

HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM WILLS, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

92. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Clarence Eaton, Robert Thornley, B.A. (Cashmere Hills); William Grigg, Henry L. Blamires (Supernumeraries).
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.

93. **Christchurch East.**—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., F. Gardner Brown, Joseph C. Draper ; Jacob Featherston, Albert H. Fowles (Supernumeraries).

94. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—William B. Pickering; Alfred Peters, John Harris (Supernumeraries).

95. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Leslie A. G. Brooks, One Wanted (Sumner); Thomas Fee, Harold E. Bellhouse (Supernumeraries).

96. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Bernard R. Hames, M.A.

97. **Christchurch** (Addington).—G. Raymond Harris.

98. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—Henry Ryan.

99. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—William A. Burley, M.A., Harry S. Kings; Albert C. Lawry, T. Jackson Wallis, Frederick T. Read, Edward Drake (Supernumeraries).

100. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Frederick B. Lawrence.

South Island Orphanage Chaplain.—Frederick B. Lawrence.

101. **Lyttelton.**—Walter J. Enticott.

102. **Springston.**—Charles H. Kendon.

103. **Tai Tapu.**—Moses Ayrton.

104. **Leeston.**—Samuel Bailey.

105. **Kaiapoi.**—Leonard C. Horwood.

106. **Ohoka.**—Henry Benny.

107. **Rangiora.**—Thomas Coatsworth.

108. **Woodend-Sefton.**—Wallace S. Neal.

109. **Greendale.**—Robert McGregor

110. **Oxford.**—Arthur Liversedge.

Hawarden.—A Home Missionary.

Waddington.—A Home Missionary.

CLARENCE EATON,
Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

111. **Timaru** (Banks St.)—John D. McArthur.

112. **Timaru** (Woodland St.).—Charles Blair.

113. **Timaru South.**—Howard C. Matthews.

114. **Waimate.**—H. Leslie Richards.

115. **Temuka.**—R. Purcell Keall.

116. **Geraldine.**—William E. Moore.

117. **Ashburton.**—Angus McBean (who shall supervise the Rakaia-Methven Circuit); A Deaconess.

118. **Willowby.**—William W. Avery.

119. **Oamaru.**—J. Francis Jack.

120. **Rakaia-Methven.**—William A. Mills.

JOHN D. McARTHUR, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

121. Dunedin (Trinity).—Charles H. Olds, B.A.; A Home Missionary; Charles H. Standage, George Clement (Supernumeraries).

122. Dunedin (Central Mission).—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.; Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Three Deaconesses.

123. Dunedin (Dundas Street).—Thomas R. B. Woolloxall.

124. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—Hector C. Orchard, A Home Missionary. (St. Clair).

125. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—Thomas Skuse.

126. Dunedin (Caversham).—Benjamin J. James.

127. Dunedin (Mornington).—David O. Williams, M.A., Edwin T. Cox, M.A. (without pastoral charge).

128. Dunedin (Roslyn).—Ivan S. Williamson.

129. Port Chalmers.—T. Arthur Pybus, A Home Missionary (Ravensbourne).

130. Balclutha.—William W. H. Greenslade.

131. Milton.—Matthew A. McDowell (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).

132. Roxburgh.—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S. (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).

133. Invercargill (Central).—Ernest B. Chambers.

134. Invercargill (St. Peter's).—George B. Hinton (who shall supervise the Bluff Circuit.

135. Bluff.—Alfred E. Waite.

136. Gore.—Arthur T. Kent (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. Station).

137. Riverton.—Wesley Parker, M.A. (who shall supervise the Otautau-Tuatapere and Nightcaps H.M. Stations.

MAORI HILL.—A Home Missionary.
WAIKOUAITI.—A Home Missionary.
MOSGIEL.—A Home Missionary.
EDENDALE.—A Home Missionary.
KAITANGATA.—A Home Missionary.
LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.
CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.
OTAUTAU-TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.
NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.

CHARLES H. OLDS, B.A., Chairman of the District.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

(5) Roviana.—John F. Goldie, E. Clarence Leadley; One Wanted.
Two Missionary Sisters, One Nursing Sister.
Belshazzar Gina, Nathan Kera, under the direction of the Chairman of the District.
One Tongan Probationer; Simbo.
District Training College—John F. Goldie, Principal; E. Clarence Leadley, Vice-Principal.
Seven Native Catechists.
Thirty-eight Native Teachers.
Eight Native Medical Assistants.
One Native Nurse.

(6) Vella Lavella :

A. Wharton E. Silvester (Bilua).
One Missionary Sister (Nurse).
Two Native Catechists.
Seventeen Native Teachers.
Two Native Medical Assistants.

(7) Choiseul :

John R. Metcalfe.
One Missionary Sister.
Three Native Catechists.
Thirty-three Native Teachers.
One Native Medical Assistant.

(8) Bougainville and Buka :

Allan H. Cropp (Buka).
A. Harry Voyce (Siwai).
One Wanted (Tiop)
One Missionary Sister (Buka).
One Missionary Sister Wanted (Siwai).
Two Native Probationers.
One hundred and eight Native Teachers.
Three Native Medical Assistants.
Donald C. Alley, under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

N.B.—Bougainville and Buka Circuit to be under the Superintendency of the Chairman of the District.

JOHN F. GOLDIE, Chairman of 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.

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

Raymond Preston is a minister of the Australasian Methodist Church residing in New Zealand.

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

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1936.

Auckland District—

Auckland Methodist Central Mission (Franklin Rd) Supply. (Rev. A. Hopper).
Auckland West (Grey Lynn). Supply. (Rev. S. Griffith).
Auckland East (Newmarket). Supply. (Rev. A. Mitchell).
Avondale—(3rd) Supply. (J. Belshaw).
Auckland, Devonport—Supply. (Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.).
Bombay-Tuakau—A. P. Dorrian.
Helensville—J. L. Woodhouse.
Kaukapakapa—H. R. Wright
Kaukapakapa (Silverdale)—E. H. Dalley.
Hokianga (Rawene)—R. Grice.
Hokianga (Kohukohu)—C. H. Bell.

Home Mission Department—
Colporteur Work (vacant).

MAORI MISSION—
Matauri Bay, Kaeo—Hone Taotahi.
Batley—Supply.
Kawakawa—Te Riri Kawiti.
Taumarere—Hone Tamati.
Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete.
Waimate North—Hamiora Kingi.
Te Karae—Rameka Eru.
Horeke—Huru Wi Peri
Kaikohe—Wi Heemi Hongi.
Whananaki—Tame Tuari.
Aratapu—Hoani Waata.
Rewiti—Ruihi Netana.
Purerua—Supply.

South Auckland District—
Ngaruawahia.—Supply (V. C. Thomas).
Putaruru—R. S. Johnson.
Te Puke—Supply (W. J. Hughes).
Coromandel—W. H. Wilson.
Ohura—R. T. Alexander.

MAORI MISSION—
Te Kuiti—John Nicholls.
Te Kuiti Rural—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai
Pukeatua—Hauotu Hapimana.
Ohiapopoko—Te Aho Pihama.
Cambridge—Heemi Rihimona.
Mokau—Supply.
Raglan—Honehone Kereopa.
Marokopa—Aihe Huirama.
Otorohanga (Otewa)—Hoani Tonga.
Whatawhata—Poo Kingi.
Hangatiki—Wetini Hotu.
Taharoa—Supply.
Huntly—Hori Awa.
Rangiriri—Supply.
Tuakau—Erueti Matete.
Te Kohanga—Supply.
Hauraki Plains—Supply.
Thames (Puru)—Tuheke Poihipi.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—
New Plymouth (St. Aubyns)—T. W. Featherstone.
Opunake (Okato). Green Hall.
Patea—Supply. (R. C. Patchett).
Gonville—H. Ashworth.
Raetihi-Ohakune—W. J. Trusttum.
Wanganui North (2nd)—Supply. (H. W. Burley).
Douglas. (Under Stratford Superintendent).

MAORI MISSION—

New Plymouth—Paahi Moke.
Rahotu—Te Uira Tuteao.
Nukumaru—Hikuroa Te Maaha.
Urenui—Supply.
Hawera—Paikea H. Toka.
Pariroa Pa—Tupito Maruera.
Whenuakura—Rangiira Tumahuki.
Kai Iwi—Hoani Hakaraia.
Wanganui—Supply.
Rangitikei—Supply.
Raetihi—Supply.
Wanganui River—Supply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Napier (Greenmeadows).—Vacant.
Feilding (Halcombe)—C. Aker.
Foxton-Shannon—C. W. Brown.
Apiti—R. Coombridge.
Norsewood—Vacant. (Under Dannevirke Circuit Superintendent)
Waipawa—Supply. (A. O. Jones).
Wairoa—B. H. N. Teague.

Wellington District—

Wellington East (Island Bay)—F. O. Prosser.
Upper Hutt—Supply (Sister Edith K. Beer).
Johnsonville (Porirua)—S. Keen.
Paraparaumu—H. Whitfield.
Masterton (Kuripuni)—Supply—(W. McDonald).
Greytown-Featherston—Supply. (Haddon C. Dixon).

Nelson District—

Havelock—P. C. Johansen.
Murchison—Supply. (H. A. Cochrane).
Granity—F. Sanderson.

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch, Addington (Lincoln Rd)—Supply. (Rev. W. Grigg).
Christchurch, St. Albans (Bryndwr)—Supply. (Rev. A. C. Lawry).
Waddington—W. Long.
Hawarden—Supply. (Harold K. Brown).

Otago-Southland District—

Waikouaiti-Palmerston—J. Thomas.
Port Chalmers (Ravensbourne)—W. J. Henderson.
Dunedin (N.E. Valley)—Supply. (G. Densem).
Cargill Road (St. Clair)—Supply. (F. E. Foot).
Dunedin (Maori Hill). C. Duncan.
Mosgiel—Supply. (N. Challenger).
Lawrence—Supply. (N. Hendra).
Cromwell—W. H. Gregory.
Kaitangata—Supply. (A. Collins).
Edendale—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Otautau-Tuatapere—H. J. Malcolm.
Nightcaps—C. Robinson.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1936.

I.—Home Work.

1918—Sister Hazel Hamilton, Central Mission, Dunedin.
1920—Sister Mildred West, Ashburton.
*1927—Sister Margaret Jeffreys, Pitt Street, Auckland.
*1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Methodist Central Mission, Auckland.
*1930—Sister Lenna Button, Central Mission, Dunedin.
*1936—Probationer Edith K. Beer, Upper Hutt.
*1936—Probationer Margaret J. Kippenberger, Dunedin Central Mission.

II.—Maori Work—

*1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
1921—Sister Nicholls, Selkirk Street, Hamilton.
1927—Sister Netta Gittos, "Kurahuna," Onehunga.
1928—Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
*1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, Kawhia.
*1931—Sister Atawhai Wilcox, New Plymouth.
*1932—Sister Rangimarie Ellison, Kaipara and Waikato Heads (C/o Home Mission Office).
*1933—Sister Olive Bott, Te Kuiti.
*1934—Sister Marama Muriwai, Okaiawa, Taranaki.
*1935—Sister O. Madeleine Holland, Ratana Pa.
*1936—Probationer Heeni Te Teira, North Hokianga (c/o Home Mission Office.

III.—Foreign Work—

*1920—Sister Elizabeth Common, Solomon Islands.
1922—Sister Ethel McMillan.
1924—Sister Lina Jones.
1934—Sister Ada Lee.
1935—Sister Vera Cannon.
1936—Sister Edna White.

IV.—Awaiting Appointment.

*1933—Sister Jessie McKenzie.
Probationer Lilian S. L. Davidson.
Probationer Eileen E. Taylor.

V.—Special Service.

*1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, B. and F. Bible Society, Palmerston North.
*1914—Sister Annie Tocker, Government Service, Wellington.

VI.—Retired or Resting.

1907—Sister Mabel Morley, retired.
Mrs. W. J. Williams, retired.
*1913—Sister May Barnett, resting.
*1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, retired.
1918—Sister May Ralph, retired.
1923—Sister Lily White, retired.
*1926—Sister Grace McDonald, retired.
1928—Sister Olive Coleman, resting.

VII.—Extra-Mural Student.

*Miss Constance L. Osborne, Public Hospital, Christchurch.

*Trained in Deaconess House.

QUESTION XXX.—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.
South Auckland—Walter J. Oxbrow.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Fred Copeland.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Adolphus N. Scotter.
Wellington—E. Percy Blamires (President of Conference)
Nelson—William Wills.
North Canterbury—Clarence Eaton.
South Canterbury—John D. McArthur.
Otago-Southland—Charles H. Olds.
Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary—George E. Brown.
Auckland—Frederick J. Parker.
South Auckland—Cecil R. Taylor.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Basil Metson.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Robert B. Gosnell.
Wellington—Alfred M. Costain.
Nelson—Archer O. Harris.
North Canterbury—Henry Ryan.
South Canterbury—Charles Blair.
Otago-Southland—Ernest B. Chambers.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1937?

President—Fred. Copeland.
Secretary—William A. Burley, M.A.

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

REPORT FOR 1935

The general position as revealed by the Statistical Returns is far from encouraging. It is to be hoped that careful consideration will be given to the report which unfortunately presents decreases indicating a retreat along many lines of church life.

General Returns.

The following table shows the trend of work over a period of five years. Junior and Infant Membership are dealt with under the heading of Youth Work.

	Churches	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Members on Roll	On Probation	Communicants
1931	448	453	191	61	9	752	59	24,651	162	18,458
1932	443	448	195	53	9	786	42	25,390	163	18,932
1933	441	453	198	52	10	776	57	25,401	160	19,212
1934	442	443	196	55	5	782	118	25,678	295	19,817
1935	443	440	201	49	6	791	101	25,409	201	19,555

It must be kept in mind that these years represent the depression period. While Ministers and Probationers have increased by 10, we must place against this increase a slightly increased number of Supernumeraries and Ministers without Pastoral Charge. The Local Preachers have increased by 39 but Home Missionaries have decreased by 12. Class Leaders have almost doubled. The Membership shows an increase of 758 over the period and Communicants an increase of 1097. Over against these increases must be placed the decrease of 13 Preaching Places, a return calling for attention.

For the first time in the period under review we report a decrease in Membership and Communicants. The large increase in Members on Probation reported last year naturally led to the hope for an increase in members this year. The total decrease of 269 Members was unexpected. The decrease of 17 Class Leaders is probably due to the resolution of last Conference: Minutes, page 46, resolution 4. One District recommends that a still clearer definition of the term Class Leader is required.

The District gains and losses are :—

	Membership	Decrease	Increase	Communicants	Decrease	Increase
Auckland	4,986	..	1	4,030	122	..
South Auckland ..	2,630	..	59	2,236	2	..
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	2,278	10	..	1,735	..	124
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	2,634	3	..	2,005	..	7
Wellington	3,014	54	..	2,304	51	..
Nelson	1,593	..	23	1,169	55	..
North Canterbury ..	3,926	94	..	2,913	65	..
South Canterbury ..	1,496	52	..	1,093	93	..
Otago-Southland ..	2,852	139	..	2,070	5	..
Totals ..	25,409	352	83	19,555	393	131

Figures do not necessarily indicate the real life of the church. In some Circuits there has been a thorough purging of rolls. This may be the beginning of a higher standard of membership resulting in a deeper realisation of the responsibilities involved. If so, then would it not be worth while following Wesley's policy in expecting that high standard. If our membership does not signify a vital spiritual life, then would it not be better to seek returns which more truly indicate the true position.

Youth Returns.

In preparing these it has been found necessary to revise some of the totals returned during the past two or three years.

Bible Classes.

The importance of our B.C. work has been appreciated for many years, being regarded as the recruiting ground for our Church Membership. During the developing years the Movements showed steady progress. Two years ago a decrease was recorded. Last year partly retrieved the loss. This year a decrease of 403 members is reported. The following table shows the position of both class membership and B.C. members who are also church members.

	Class Membership					Church Members		
	Y.W.B.C.	Y.M.B.C.	TOTALS	INC.	DEC.	TOTALS	INC.	DEC.
1931 ..	4159	3544	7703	337	..	2883	323	..
1932 ..	4629	4112	8741	1038	..	3192	309	..
1933 ..	4526	3981	8507	..	234	3165	..	27
1934 ..	4532	4168	8700	193	..	3357	192	..
1935 ..	4401	3896	8297	..	403	3024	..	333

In considering Church Membership it must be remembered that a percentage of Junior B.C. members will be returned as Junior Church Members, of whom we have returned 7700. It is, of course, impossible to estimate how many are returned as such but it will be safe to state that 75% of B.C. members are also either Senior or Junior Church Members. Because of this, the decrease of 403 members on our B.C. Rolls is a serious matter and should receive the sympathetic consideration of the Circuit Courts.

Primary, Junior and Intermediate Scholars.

For a third year in succession a decrease is reported in these columns. The position is tabled below, showing increases and decreases over the period of five years.

	Primary		Junr. & Inter.		Total		Cradle Roll	
	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.
1931 ..	182	..	10	..	192	..	..	163
1932 ..	..	47	112	..	65	..	..	189
1933 ..	..	60	..	18	..	78	139	..
1934 ..	..	325	..	498	..	823	17	..
1935 ..	..	448	..	200	..	648	..	65

Particularly significant is the decrease recorded in the Cradle Roll and Primary figures. It is an accepted fact that the growth of the Sunday cheap excursions together with the advent of the motor car have seriously interfered with the religious education of our children. One other factor, however, must be taken into consideration. For many years the birth rate in New Zealand has been steadily declining. The children entering our Primary Departments in 1935 would probably be born in 1932. The fall in the birthrate that year was a fraction under 8% : the decrease in our Primary attendance this year is approximately 5%. Statistics show that in 50 years the New Zealand birthrate declined 54%. In other words, if the birthrate recorded in 1883 had been maintained in 1933, instead of 24,334 births being registered, there would have been 53,200 children born in our country. This heavy loss in child life is doubtless responsible for a percentage of the losses recorded in our Youth Work in recent years. This, however, does not warrant any satisfaction with the position as shown above, especially when it is remembered there are thousands of children still untouched by the Sunday Schools of our Dominion. One other fact is worth noting. The percentage of deaths rises abruptly between the ages of from 5 to 10 years.

In three years we have lost 1993 scholars, including B.C. members, from our rolls. The figures are :—

1933	A decrease of	312
1934	,, ,,	630
1935	,, ,,	1051

The totals printed in the minutes of last year should have been as shown above. The Youth Department is facing the position but if our Youth work is to develop as we believe it should, every Circuit must be prepared to give it the most important place in the programme for this year.

Junior and Infant Church Membership.

It is impossible to present satisfactory returns under this heading. For instance; in the Youth Returns a decrease of 331 Junior members is reported. Under the same heading the General Returns report a decrease of 221. The Youth Department returns 6581 Junior Church Members: the General Returns report 7700 Junior Members. Does the difference represent children and young people not in touch with either Sunday School or Bible Class life? The same discrepancies are to be found in the returns of Infant members: the General Returns report over 1000 more Infant members than are reported by the Youth Department. The reason for this might well be investigated by the Department.

For many years Infant Membership Returns have shown an increase. Last year the Junior membership registered a decrease: this year both Junior and Infant membership report decreases; Junior, 221; Infant, 80. With decreasing Youth returns this is to be expected. In Junior membership the largest decreases are, Wellington 132, and South Canterbury 156. Both these Districts, with South Auckland, return the largest decreases in Infant membership.

Youth Societies.

The scope of these activities is so wide and the nature of the activities so varied and change so frequently that without detailed particulars it is impossible to give anything like a satisfactory report.

Schools, Teachers, Officers and B.C. Leaders.

Taking again the five years period the returns show that, though a decrease of 15 schools is reported this year, we have to-day 30 more schools than in 1931. This is the first year in this period that a decrease has been recorded. South Auckland returns 9 less schools and Taranaki-Wanganui 6. Auckland and Hawke's Bay-Manawatu alone report increases, a total of 5.

The following gives a summary of the Staffs of our Youth Work.

TEACHERS, OFFICERS AND B.C. LEADERS.

	No. on Roll	In Training Classes	Church Members	Percentage Church Members
1931	3347	230	2848	85%
1932	3407	201	2896	85%
1933	3467	273	2990	86.2%
1934	3587	232	3028	84.4%
1935	3337	218	2929	85.2%

The decreases this year are:—

No. on Roll	In Training Classes	Church Members
250	14	99

Many B.C. Members are also S.S. Teachers whose Church membership will be returned both as Teachers and as B.C. members.

Closely associated with the School Staff is the problem of the 13 to 15 years old scholar. The British Methodist Sunday School Department, who returned at the last Conference a roll loss of nearly 63,000, a decrease nearly 2% greater than we return this year, reports that their greatest problem is the 11 to 14 years old scholar. Our Junior B.C. work was organised to prevent

this leakage and has done so to some extent. When, in 1923, this column was first included in the Youth Returns, the figures showed that 295 scholars within this period had ceased to attend. This year, following several years when the number was larger, 593 scholars are reported under this head. This is an increase of 100% in 13 years.

Maori Work.

A review of the Maori Work is both interesting and encouraging. The following figures give the progress during the past five years.

	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Ministers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Members
1931	18	116	9	20	8	104	3682
1932	18	118	9	21	10	102	3704
1933	18	118	8	26	10	104	3761
1934	18	118	7	29	10	101	3764
1935	18	121	7	32	11	196	3821

From the above it will be seen that over the period there has been an increase of 5 Preaching Places, of 12 Home Missionaries against which is a decrease of 2 Ministers ; an increase of 3 Deaconesses, of 92 Local Preachers and of 139 Members.

The increases recorded this year are encouraging. They are: 3 Preaching Places, 3 Home Missionaries, 1 Deaconess, 95 Local Preachers, and 57 Members. The increase in Membership has been in the Waikato and the King Country.

In order to make a full report on the Maori Work I recommend that the Maori Statistics presented to Synod be also sent direct to the General Secretary.

GEO. E. BROWN,
General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Secretary the Rev. G. Brown be thanked and re-appointed.
3. That the District Statistical Secretaries be instructed to obtain from Circuits the number of attendants at Public worship this year for comparison with Census Returns.
4. That Conference urges grave consideration by Youth Committees, Leaders, and Quarterly Meetings to the reported losses in Senior, Junior and Bible Class Membership, in order that measures may be taken to meet the situation in each Church and Circuit.
5. That Conference urges District Youth Secretaries to exercise every care in compiling their returns and requests that the Youth Returns be forwarded to the General Statistical Secretary immediately after Synods.
6. That this Conference records its deep sense of gratitude to God for continued evidences of His Holy Spirit's presence in our Church fellowship and activities, and signs of deepening response and increased fruition in our Maori work are noted with gratification. Recorded losses in our European membership are a cause of deep concern. While refusing to be unduly cast down by these losses we yet feel that

they constitute a grave challenge to our Church, a call for solemn heart-searching, deepened penitence, intensified prayer, and renewed dedication. In this spirit, the Lord being our helper, we resolve to recover lost ground and occupy fresh territory for God and His Kingdom.

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

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

Report for 1935.

During the year the Committee has given consideration to the proposed "combined educative policy," referred to it by Conference. (see Minutes, 1935, p. 49). While recognising that the proposed policy would have an educative and stimulative value, it was considered inadvisable to launch it at the present time. The Committee was led to this conclusion by two considerations :—

(*a*) The need of attacking more urgent and fundamental problems facing the Church ;

(*b*) The impracticability, in view of the absence of the necessary co-operative machinery and the present diversity of opinion on the topics mentioned, of securing the desired joint testimony.

We therefore recommend that in view of more urgent fundamental problems and the impracticability of securing a joint testimony, no immediate action in respect of the "combined educative policy" (see Minutes 1935, p. 49) be taken.

Educative Policy.

The Committee recommends the following proposals :—

1. That the scope of the work of the "Welfare of the Church Committee," be defined as **dominantly educational.**
2. That the modern tendency to abandon the New Testament method of building up the Kingdom of God, by the conversion of individuals, in favour of political and economic expedients be strongly resisted.
3. That efforts be made to combine in one effective system, the three dominant aspects of New Testament religion, viz :—
   (*i*) The **Ethical Aspect** with its strong emphasis on the absolute in conduct.
   (*ii*) The **Gospel Aspect** with its stress on the Grace of God.
   (*iii*) The **Healing Aspect** with its emphasis on certain mental and physical states as hindering the work of Grace.
4. (*a*) To emphasise the characteristic New Testament view that conversion is the process whereby men receive the power to live according to the standards of the Sermon on the Mount.
   (*b*) To give prominence to our Lord's solemn warnings that without this type of righteousness man shall "in no case" qualify for entry into the Kingdom.
   (*c*) To overthrow weak views of the saving work of our Lord which limiting or tending to limit its efficacy to the forgiveness of sinful acts open the way to a selfish attempt at appropriation through fear.
   (*d*) To seek from modern knowledge about human nature, an understanding of those selfish motivations which issue not only in warped religious lives but also in sicknesses of mind and body.

5. That psychological findings, arising from modern investigations into the problems of neurotic personality be related to the work of the ministry and together with necessary practical safeguards, be made available to ministers by means of

   (*a*) Lectures delivered at Conference 1937. or

   (*b*) Lectures at May Synods or

   (*c*) Literature published by the Conference.

C. H. OLDS, Chairman.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the preamble be adopted.

EDUCATIVE POLICY.—That pars (1) and (2) be amended as follows :—

That apart from the consideration of matters purely of a denominational character, the Committee should each year investigate and report upon some vital problem, Spiritual, Ethical, Intellectual or Social, affecting the Church generally, with a view to its consideration by Synods and Conference.

That section (3) be adopted.

That section (4) be referred back to the Committee for fuller statement.

That section (5) be amended as follows :—That pyschological findings arising from modern investigations into the problems of neurotic personality are commended to the study of ministers and that the Committee prepare an outline of study for May Synods.

That the whole question of Dancing and the Church be referred to the Committee who shall consult with District Committees and report to the Conference through Synods.

That the Committee for 1936 be :—Chairman of District (Rev. C. H. Olds), Revs. B. J. James, L. B. Neale, the Supts. of the Cargill Road and Roslyn Circuits and Rev. D. O. Williams ; Messrs. C. F. Roberts, G. Henderson, Dr. Lyth, E. J. King, A. H. Harman and Sister Lenna ; Convener, Rev. D. O. Williams.

B.—N.Z. METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual Report, 1936.

The attendance at our Executive meetings has been very encouraging : a full muster of members has been the invariable rule.

Obituary.

We regret to record the death of Bro. J. R. Burley of Wellington who for many years was a valued official of our Association and who rendered loyal and devoted service to our Church. Other members of our Association have passed within the veil during the year : to the relatives and friends of all these deceased brethren we extend our deepest sympathy.

Local Preachers' Sunday.

At last Conference the Dominion Executive was requested to recommend to the Conference of 1936 a permanent date on which Local Preachers' Sunday is to be observed. All the branches were consulted ; Auckland,

Taranaki and Otago-Southland approve the second Sunday in April each year. South Auckland Branch suggests the third Sunday in May and North Canterbury Branch hopes that the matter will be reviewed at a later date. Of the Synods five were in favour of the second Sunday in April: South Auckland Synod suggested 3rd Sunday in May; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu favour second Sunday in April "where practicable" and North Canterbury the same date "where possible." Wellington Synod does not seem to have discussed this matter. The Dominion Executive after further consideration unanimously passed the following resolution:—"That we re-affirm our resolution that the second Sunday in April be observed as Local Preachers' Sunday and that Circuits or Churches which find this date inconvenient should observe some other Sunday." We accordingly submit this date to Conference with the above proviso.

Book Scheme.

Eleven book orders have been received and supplied during the year: we hope greater advantage will be taken of this excellent scheme during the next 12 months.

Long Service Certificates.

During the year five Long Service Certificates were presented.

"Local" Preacher or "Lay" Preacher.

The replies received from the Branches would seem to indicate that there is little or no enthusiasm at present for any change of name. The Executive therefore recommends that the traditional name be retained.

Benevolent Fund Rules.

A draft of these was submitted to the branches for their consideration: one or two minor amendments were suggested and the Executive has embodied the suggestions in the final draft of Rules.

Whittome's Efficiency Course.

Since last Conference 18 copies of this excellent book have been presented to those who have been publicly received as fully-accredited Local Preachers. We are glad to record that two ladies, viz.—Miss E. Taylor of Woolston Circuit, Christchurch, and Miss E. Avery of Blenheim were among those who were thus publicly received as members of our Association. We would emphasise the fact that unless this book is presented to those who are being received at the public reception service by one of our members that it defeats, to some extent, the object of our Association in making the presentation.

Public Reception Services.

We would again call the attention of the Ministers of our Church to Conference Resolutions regarding the public reception of Local Preachers at one of the Sunday Services and we would request that the form of service provided by Conference should not be abbreviated and that a Local Preacher be invited to welcome the brother or sister who is being received into our ranks, and to present the copy of Whittome's Efficiency Course on behalf of our Association.

Periodical Communications.

Last year 740 members of our Association received from the Executive two communications containing five pages of helpful reading, comprising resumes of addresses, outlines of sermons, etc: letters of appreciation expressing the help derived from these communications have been received. Our Annual Meeting will consider the extension of this privilege to Maori Home Missionaries and Local Preachers.

Trinity College Proposals re training of Local Preachers.

Branches have been consulted and Ministers have been requested to recommend this scheme to likely young men who are in a position to take advantage of it. We have also brought this matter before every member of our Association. It is hoped that in the near future some scheme will be evolved which will enable Local Preachers in each District to become members of a Correspondence Class or Group under the Tutorship of some minister residing in their District.

Fraternal Greetings.

In connection with the Centenary Celebrations of the Victorian Church last year, Sept. 30th was designated as "Local Preachers' Day" and a tea and public meeting were arranged. The Queen of Tonga conveyed a greeting from the Local Preachers of Tonga and the greetings of our Association were also read at this evening meeting.

Bi-Centenary Celebrations.

We suggest that the Special Conference Committee set up to consider proposals for the fitting celebration of the Bi-Centenary of the Birth of Methodism be requested to take into its consideration the advisability of arranging a "Local Preachers' Day or Function"; in connection with the celebrations.

WM. S. MACKAY, President.

R. J. ADLINGTON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. LOCAL PREACHERS SUNDAY.—That Local Preachers Sunday be observed on the second Sunday in April, and that where this date is not convenient some other suitable day be observed.
3. BOOK SCHEME.—That the benefits of the Scheme be extended to Maori Ministers, Home Missionaries and Probationers.
4. PUBLIC RECEPTION SERVICES.—That the attention of the Ministers of our Church be directed to Conference Resolutions regarding the public reception of Local Preachers at one of the Sunday Services and that the form of service provided by Conference be not abbreviated and that a Local Preacher be invited to welcome the brother or sister who is being received into our ranks, and to present the copy of Whittome's Efficiency Course on behalf of our Association.
5. BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.—That the Special Conference Committee set up to consider proposals for the fitting celebration of the Bi-Centenary of the Birth of Methodism be requested to take into its consideration the advisability of arranging a "Local Preachers' Day or Function" in connection with the celebrations.
6. That the Dominion Executive be again located in Auckland.

C.—METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Fourth Annual Report.

Since last Conference four new branches have been started : 15 branches have ceased to meet. There are now 51 branches of the Fellowship, nearly all are functioning well but some are commendably active.

Branch Activities.

Some groups meet weekly with splendid attendances : others fortnightly or monthly. In many of the branches the younger members of the church are vitally and actively interested in the movement : men outside the church are attracted to our meetings and in some instances are linking up with the Church : branch members are finding new avenues of service.

Branch Officials.

Experience has taught us that the successful working of the branches depends to a great extent upon the right kind of leadership : where wise and enthusiastic leadership is given success invariably results : care therefore should be exercised in the appointment of the President and Secretary of each branch and in cases where these officials are doing good work an effort should be made to retain their services for two years at least or even for three years : the progress of some of the branches has been retarded by an annual change of officials.

Men's Sundays.

In many districts Men's Sundays have become a recognised institution ; on these occasions our Men occupy the Choir seats and lead the singing : take part in the services and usually at the evening service take over every part of the service including the sermon. These special services are greatly enjoyed by the congregations : special singing by the Men's Choirs and by Quartette Parties, Solos, Duets, etc., and the added interest resulting from so many taking part in each service all conspire to make the services memorable and rich in spiritual blessing to the members of the congregation. We commend this innovation to all branches and suggest that two Sundays each year be set apart for these special services.

Male Voice Choirs, Etc.

Quartette and double quartette parties and Men's Choirs connected with the branches are rendering invaluable service not only in their own meetings but also in Church Services and at special functions : in Branches where these combinations of male singers do not exist an effort should be made to start same.

Our Official Hymn.

At last Conference it was decided to adopt hymn No. 585 in the new Methodist Hymn Book as the official hymn of the Fellowship Movement : many branches have adopted this hymn and we commend it to all the branches.

District Committees.

Our Movement is still in its infancy and will need to be carefully fostered and nurtured : we trust the District Committees will resolutely set them selves to do everything possible to consolidate the branches which have been formed and to make an earnest endeavour to establish new branches.

Synod Resolutions.

All the Synods adopted the Interim Report and District Committees were appointed in all Synods with the exception of Wellington and Otago-Southland. The Committee for the latter District will be nominated at Conference.

The North Canterbury Synod passed the following Resolution: "This Synod rejoices in that the Fellowship is gathering together the men of the Church, creating more interest in, and service for, the Kingdom of God and commends the objects of this Fellowship to the ministers and men of all our Churches."

Ministers have also written advising that the men connected with their Churches and Circuits have, since linking up with the Movement, become quickened in spiritual life and as a consequence have become keener and more zealous Church workers.

Not only in the ordinary routine of Church work is a keener interest exhibited but new avenues of service have been exploited.

We again appeal to the ministers and laymen to do everything possible to build up the Movement where Branches exist and to inaugurate new branches wherever possible.

WM. S. MACKAY, President.

A. D. WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. The Conference calls upon the members of the Men's Fellowship to co-operate more closely with the Minister in carrying out all Church activities, including Sunday School and Bible Class work; it invites them to take a more active and practical interest in all the Departmental work of our Connexion; to organise, or to take some part in the organisation of the Annual efforts on behalf of Home and Foreign Missions; and it suggests that they could help these funds greatly by participating in a personal canvass of the Church members and by taking over the organisation of, and sharing in the proceedings, of, the Annual Meeting.
3. The Conference requests the members of our Fellowship in the larger centres and elsewhere to organise combined meetings of men to welcome the President and the Vice-President of the Conference on the occasion of their official visits, and to do their utmost to make the meetings successful,.
4. That a membership fee of 1/- per member be levied, 25% of which to be sent to the Dominion Executive.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be given to Mr. W. S. Mackay and Mr. A. D. Whitehead, the retiring officers, for their excellent service.
6. That during 1936 the Dominion Executive be located in Christchurch. Secretary, Mr. R. Laine, Treasurer, Mr. M. Kershaw; Committee, Messrs. W. C. Francis, F. Thompson, H. W. Heslop, W. L. Thomas, W. A. Bascand; Corresponding Members: Auckland, W. S. Mackay Wellington: S. T. S. Martin; Dunedin, C. F. Roberts.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES FOR 1936.

AUCKLAND.—Revs. E. D. Patchett, E. T. Olds, W. Gatman, E. S. Emmitt, F. J. Handy, E. S. Harkness, S. J. Werren, W. Walker, F. J. Parker and the Minister at Dominion Road; Messrs. G. E. Spooner, E. C. Dare, G. W. A. Clark, E. J. Hutson, J. M. C. Barker, A. Williams, H. L. Featherstone, F. Skinner, J. W. Cocks, A. D. Whitehead, W. S. Mackay. Convener, W. S. Mackay.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits, Messrs. J. T. Bryant, J. R. Webster, D. Bradley, E. W. Parkinson, W. Whatley, J. C. Tietjens, with R. P. Kilham (Convener).

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Executive of the New Plymouth Men's Fellowship.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Messrs. T. R. Hodder (Convener), G. H. Bennett, C. E. Taylor and G. H. Styles.

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-COMMITTEE.—Messrs. W. G. Venables, H. Linyard, D. B. Clough and H. R. French.

WELLINGTON.—The District Executive.

NELSON.—Messrs. F. H. Southgate, H. Rose, V. Smart, E. Smith, W. S. Harris, E. G. Burrough, H. W. Powell, J. S. White (Convener).

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, Messrs. W. L. Thomas (Convener), F. Thompson, L. G. K. Steven, W. C. Francis, with power to add.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru Circuits; Messrs. A. G. Foster, J. H. Hulston, C. W. Keinan, E. C. J. Foot, W. M. Hocking and J. Day, Mr. A. G. Foster (Convener).

D.—AUCKLAND METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

Two meetings of the Association have been held; an Executive has been appointed, and has met at regular intervals. We are pleased to report that the Association will be officially inaugurated at the opening night of Synod (November 19th), in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall.

Through lack of funds, there has been little chance of publicity on a big scale, but a good deal has been accomplished through letters to individuals and groups, and through talks to Guilds, Men's Fellowships, and Bible Classes.

The combined Annual Report has been postponed until next year, when it is hoped that through early co-operation, we shall be able to press the claims of the Association.

We record our grateful thanks to the Martin Brothers of Mt. Eden, for their magnificent gift of a Rest Home for old people. The approximate value of the home is £2,500.

The Methodist Social Service Association, representing the three Orphanages, the Prison Chaplaincy, Hospital Chaplaincy, Maori work in the city, suburbs, and country areas, the benevolent work at Pitt Street and other churches, should make its appeal not only to Methodism, but also to the general public, as magnificent humanitarian service.

(Signed) E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
A. EVERIL ORR, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received.

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

YOUTH DEPARTMENT'S REPORT FOR 1935.

1. The Call to Unity.

God is one, and only as His Church dwells in true fellowship with Him, can she express to the world, the Unity which is God's gift to Her, and which the world is so desperately needing.

This central truth has increasingly become both the background and purpose of our thinking and action as the Youth Department of our Church. There are practical aspects of this vision of Unity which we desire to emphasise.

(*a*) **Local Youth Committees :** The foundations of our visible Church are laid not so much in our Conference, or Youth Conventions, as in the high quality of Christian life within the local Churches.

It is in the Christ-centred fellowship of the Local Youth Committee, that the Sunday School teachers and Bible Class Leaders can come together in study and prayer, as well as for frank and healthy discussion. Thus they may become a team under a Captain, sure of their direction and plan of campaign, and through common sharing of experiences, needs and ideas, become one body equipped for the tasks of the Kingdom. The whole plan of local administration is a matter for common sense arrangement to meet local needs for the highest good of all. There are numerous instances of cordial relationships and progressive work issuing from the Local Youth Committee.

(*b*) **District Youth Committee.**—A healthy national consciousness is based first on local loyalties and then on district loyalties. In one or two districts there are signs of this development. In several, however, one serious weakness amongst teachers and leaders is the parochial outlook, and an unreadiness to give district leadership.

Greater progress will come when our Church as well as our Youth Leaders realise the importance of District unity in policy and planning. We cannot hope to build our ideal of unity until there is a rich and vigorous district consciousness sufficiently creative to work out its own programme.

(*c*) **Youth Board and National Councils.**—Under the present order, our national youth bodies are centred in one place. For this reason there are certain inevitable difficulties in contact with districts and in mutual understanding. The work of such bodies demands experience, imagination, and a vital corporate fellowship in order to (a) visualise the needs in the local Churches throughout the Dominion; (b) stimulate district activity and bring to each unit a knowledge of the whole; (c) work together in national co-operation; (d) challenge the Church with the claims of youth in terms of present need and thought. The location of national committees in other centres is a healthy sign. Within these bodies there is a growing realisation of corporate tasks and responsibility, too big for any one section, but within the scope of the larger unity.

2. Thinking God's Thoughts After Him.

Youth as well as Age is bewildered and is looking with hopeful eyes for the signposts of its future. Therefore we beseech the Church to declare with the faith and passion of the prophets, the work of God in the terms of to-day's thought, with fearless application to life—personal, social, international. The paganism of to-day must first be out-thought and then outlived—and the challenge comes to the whole Church, but especially to its youth.

3. Action.

One of the vivid impressions left by Dr. Kagawa is that of the Christian life in **action.** The Youth Board has, during the year, sought to prepare for such action along three principal lines :—

(a) **Evangelism :** Following the healthy discussion of last Conference this issue has been further reviewed. The approach for our time is through teaching, study and fellowship, where in a natural and healthy way Christ and His Kingdom begin to be accepted with the mind as well as with the heart. This is the fundamental purpose of the regular Bible Class meeting, and is accentuated in Easter Camps and Leadership Schools.

The Evangelism of the Youth of to-day largely depends on

(1) The living witness of individual Christians.

(2) A Class leadership that is truly God-conscious.

(3) A Church dwelling in Unity and proclaiming and living God's truth with fearlessness and urgency.

(b) **Peace :** Because we believe the way of peace to be inherent in God's will and purpose and because of the persistent questioning of youth the Board has given prolonged consideration to this question, with the result that separate recommendations are submitted through the Public Questions Committee to the end that our Youth may be helped to face the implication of the Gospel as they see it. It is fully realised how dependent the whole issue is on the individual's experience of the peace and love of God, in Christ.

(c) **Leadership :** The Youth life of our Church has been blessed with an able and devoted leadership in the field. We now realise that the needs of our work are such as to require special training, as well as personal qualities. In addition to a true discipleship, requirements such as the following should be met :

(1) A training in the knowledge of the Bible.

(2) Skill in the art of teaching and leading.

(3) A theoretical and practical training in psychology, from childhood to adult life.

The Board is satisfied that in a teaching ministry, especially for childhood and youth, women have a special gift, and that the Church must take hold of this great potential service.

4. Future Policy.

In December, 1934, the Board issued a Policy Report outlining a method for bringing about a decentralisation of its work into districts, and where full time District Youth Directors would be appointed to work for the three sections involved, *i.e.*—Y.W. and Y.M.B.C. and S.S.

This matter is still under consideration by District Youth Committees and Unions and will be reported to the Conference in due course before any action is taken. The widespread study of the report shows, in many parts a growing appreciation of the principle, and we are dependent on an enlightened leadership within each district to bring the matter to a successful issue.

5. N.Z. Council of Religious Education.

The Council continues to help in the extension of Bible teaching in State Schools. It is estimated that 35,000 of the children have in these lessons their only opportunity to learn of Jesus Christ. The Council desires to make it widely known that State teachers who are disposed to help in

this work are not precluded by any regulation. Also that the B. and F. Bible Society can supply copies of the New Testament at threepence each. In Auckland the Training College students attend the Bible lessons in the Normal School for observation. A new Bible Syllabus is under consideration. A Vacation School of Religious Study is planned to be held in Christchurch, May 18-23, 1936.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

6. The Sunday School Executive Council has continued throughout the year to devote itself to the strengthening of our Dominion Sunday School work. Members of the Council are appreciative of the privilege and responsibility that is theirs in giving the Dominion Leadership to a section of the Christian work that occupies such a strategic position. The Council also recognises that any measure of success that has been attained has been largely due to the consecrated service of Sunday School workers in towns and country places throughout the Dominion.

7. Literature.

That the Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand are much appreciated in their new form is shown by a notable increase in the already large circulation and by the following statement in a letter to the Council from a S.S. Superintendent:—

> "I would like to take this opportunity of saying how fine the lessons are prepared in the "Teacher" for the benefit of S.S. Teachers. It has become an easy matter to work up one's lessons now. I for one appreciate what is done to help us make the Bible Stories as interesting and instructive as they can be."

The Y.P. Director, Rev. E. P. Blamires, represented the Council at the triennial meeting of the Graded Lessons Committee which adopted a number of improvements for the 1936-38 series recommended by our Schools. A report of the Committee's work appeared in the "Methodist Times."

8. Correspondence Sunday Schools.

Under the enthusiastic superintendency of Mrs. H. M. P. Berry, this section of our work has made remarkable progress. At the present time there are 31 teachers and 80 scholars on the roll. Letters are frequently received by teachers from parents expressing gratitude and appreciation for the interest taken in their children.

9. Maori Sunday Schools.

The Council has pressed forward with its scheme for assisting the work of the Deaconesses among the Maori children and has been successful in arranging for 16 Maori Sunday Schools to be "adopted" by 16 of our Pakeha Schools. That this work is really effective and appreciated by these Deaconesses is proved by the many letters of appreciation received. This one is typical:—

> "Please convey to your Executive the thanks and gratitude of my Sunday School teachers and myself for the valuable assistance and interest shown by you in securing the co-operation of other Pakeha Schools. The scheme is invaluable and I feel that perhaps at last we have a way of creating a further interest and the true fellowship that should exist between Maori and Pakeha."

10. Teacher Training.

The Council is gratified to be able to report that definite progress has been made in launching an improved Teacher Training Scheme for Sunday School Teachers. There is now a Combined Committee in Christchurch

called the "**Leader and Teacher Training Committee**" on which there are three representatives of the Sunday School Executive Council. It is now possible for S.S. Teachers to take up this scheme, thus enabling them to gain further knowledge of the task that they have accepted in the Master's Name, and also an enrichment of their own spiritual life and growth.

11. Examinations.

It is the policy of the Council to urge Schools to use the Examinations provided by the various Sunday School Unions rather than conduct a Dominion Examination. The Council is endeavouring to arrange for the setting of a Uniform series of questions for use by the Unions conducting Examinations.

12. Temperance.

With the approach of the Prohibition Poll, interest in Temperance has been quickened. The great need amongst our Youth of to-day is for enlightened educational work. The Council has drawn the attention of Superintendents to the need to include effective study on this question in their year's programme.

The Alliance in Australia and New Zealand has adopted a proposal of the Lessons Committee, that Temperance Sunday be observed on the first Sunday in September.

13. Finance.

Our appeal for finance is made only once a year and the progressive development of our Sunday School work depends upon the response to this appeal. **Local Youth Secretaries hold the key position**—Where the financial appeal is organised through the Church, Bible Class and Sunday School by the Local Youth Secretary in co-operation with the Minister, success is assured. Many Circuits still fail to carry out their obligations to the Department notwithstanding the recommendations of Conference. The enthusiasm of the Circuits who stand by their obligations is a source of inspiration to the Council and our gratitude for their response is recorded. Without their regular support our work would have to cease. It is hoped that the defaulting circuits will be stirred to similar enthusiastic support.

14. Y.P. Director.

The Y.P. Director, Rev. E. P. Blamires, still brings to his task that freshness and vision that have always been characteristic of his work; his devotion and enthusiasm remain unabated. His intensive itinerating has been wonderfully valuable to our Sunday Schools in particular and Youth work generally. His work cannot be tabulated with justice; it is no exaggeration to say that wherever he visits workers are heartened, problems straightened out, and an impetus given to the youth work in that locality.

15. General.

The following matters are also receiving the attention of the Council :—

(a) We regret that it has not been possible to make any progress with the idea of having a Committee on Social Programmes for children. Negotiations are under way with the Bible Class Combined Committee with a view to co-operating with their Committee on the matter.

(b) The Bible Class Movements again showed their desire to co-operate with the Council by making provision for S.S. Teachers' sections in their Easter Camps and Summer Schools.

(c) The change to a morning session for Sunday Schools has been justified in some instances but not in all. Wherever a transfer is contemplated the procedure is most important and the Council is prepared to offer suggestions on request.

Y.W.B.C. MOVEMENT.

16. The Movement.

The projection of Social questions into the conscious thought of our Young Women's classes is undoubtedly of major importance in the developmental work of the year. The Movement has been slow to take hold of Social issues, and even now has only just begun a creative study of the tremendous forces which are moulding the thought of youth. The challenge of world forces in a materialistic age is being realised, and a quiet waiting upon God, to know His will and feel His power, has marked all considerations. The immediate task of the future is to see what should be women's contribution to these questions.

17. N.Z. Executive Council.

Members of the N.Z. Executive Council are wholeheartedly with the Youth Board and the Y.M. Movement in an endeavour to bring before its membership the urgency for clear thinking on the Peace and War question.

Arising from Church Conference and Youth Board discussions, important deliberations have found a place in Council meetings on the subject of Evangelism and Public Questions. These will be continued at the Fellowship Conference where there will be Dominion representation.

18. Membership.

Statistics reveal that in (320) affiliated classes there is a total membership of (3000). An awareness of the possibilities of extension is shown in the contact made by local Unions with (160) known unaffiliated classes.

These figures are in a measure satisfactory. The knowledge of vast numbers of young people in Professional, Commercial and Industrial life, as yet untouched by Christian Youth organisations, guards against an easy satisfaction of work accomplished. These unexplored avenues for extension present a wide field of investigation.

19. Easter Camps.

As a result of reports received from the 24 camps held during Easter, 1935, the whole purpose of Easter Camps came under review. Examination of the policy will be continued at the forthcoming Fellowship Conference.

A more vivid appreciation of the Christian Way of Love, was experienced by 1060 campers throughout the Dominion in a study of "The Gift." The revelation of the height, depth and breadth of the love of God, culminating in the glory of the gift of Jesus Christ made its appeal and many and varied were the expressions of consecration in the camps.

20. Missionary.

The main Missionary activity of the Movement continues in the support of its own Missionary Sisters on the Home and Overseas Fields. Sister Nicholls has been an excellent representative among the Maori people for 13 years, while Sister Ada Lee is proving a worthy successor to Sister Ruth Grant.

The Church Missionary Debt Reduction Fund Appeal has been sympathetically received by Unions and Classes, engendering a wider sympathy for the Mission Field in general.

To meet the expense of the lining of the verandah of the Sisters' Home at Roviana was the privilege of the Movement.

21. Travelling Secretary.

The Church will join with the Movement in regret at Miss Dora Sheat's retirement from office in January, 1936. Her sense of the stewardship of life has made her gift to the young womanhood of the Church essentially a creative gift. To tabulate the extent of such giving is impossible; the building will continue and the lives of many members will grow more surely into God-centred lives because of her leadership. We commend to our Church with equal confidence the appointment of Miss Anne Firth as successor in this office.

22. Finance.

Many contributory factors seem to make the raising of the Movement finance more difficult with succeeding years, yet the standard of giving built into the Movement life over a long period of time carries its high idealism into the present. The Thankofferings for this year will about equal those of last year.

23. Annual Convention.

The substituting of a bi-ennial Convention (with a Fellowship Conference on alternate years) for an Annual Convention is of importance. Freed from administrative detail the Fellowship Conference will be of inestimable value, with time for a deeper searching into the creative force which is the up-stream of the Movement activity.

24. South Canterbury Union.

The formation this year of the South Canterbury Union is a natural mark of development of the Movement. With the growth of Bible Class life and interest in every district there arises periodically the need for establishing new centres of Executive responsibility. The acceptance of office by a company of Timaru members was marked by a week-end of Dedication at which the Movement President and the Travelling Secretary were present.

Y.M.B.C. MOVEMENT.

25. The Movement.

The work of the Movement has proceeded steadily throughout the year, without any events of a spectacular nature. There is evidence of the Holy Spirit's action upon the lives of the youth of our Church, and we pray that as a Movement we may keep the channels clear. To a very large extent our membership comprises those who have "grown up" in the Church or with definitely Christian home influences. It is a matter for regret that our impact upon the national life is not more immediately productive of members from "outside." We believe, however, that while there will always be urgent need for improvement, the impact made by consecrated members of the B.C. Movements is of very great value. For our own members the regular devotional exploration of Christian truth and of its implications for current life, individually and corporately, with its complement of rich fellowship and social and recreational activities, continue to justify the work of the Movement.

26. Membership.

Statistics compiled for last Convention disclosed fairly substantial increases, 284 affiliated classes containing a total of 3015 members with an average attendance of 2179. In addition the Movement is in close touch with many unaffiliated and some interdenominational classes.

27. Finance.

The provision of the funds required for Movement enterprises is no easy matter, but it is undertaken with patience and enthusiasm and a genuine spirit of thanksgiving is largely present. We are continuing the method of raising all our finance by voluntary thankofferings and the indications are that the results for this year will be better than last.

28. Travelling Secretary.

With enthusiasm last year we announced that Cyril Burton had been re-engaged for this position and a new era had begun with special Leadership Tutorial work. Early this year, however, Cyril accepted a call to possibly greater service with the Government's Child Welfare Department. After a short delay, Stan. G. Brooker, a candidate for the ministry, was appointed to fill the vacancy along special lines of work. Valuable contacts continue to be made and much inspiration and help are rendered through this important office.

29. Easter Camps.

1185 Campers in 15 camps shared recreation, inspiration and study of "Real Life" especially written by Cyril Burton. Fewer campers were present, but all camps reported splendid times. Rev. E. P. Blamires' booklet "This New Way of Life" is still widely used following decisions made at Camps. These camps continue to provide an unparalleled opportunity for wise well-balanced evangelism, and each year hundreds of boys come very naturally to the occasion of their first confession of Christ. Many camps send lists of names to the ministers, but as all who attend camp are confronted with the claim of Christ upon their lives, we suggest that ministers and leaders follow-up in every case without exception. When ministers can themselves attend camp it is much appreciated.

30. Missionary.

Careful consideration of our finances caused a slight reduction in the amount voted towards Overseas Missions, but there was no slackening of interest. Unions have been asked to encourage in members an individual interest in Missionary work. This was further emphasised by a special letter from Rev. A. H. Scrivin sent to every class. We are pleased that one of our members is fully qualified for medical work and is at the disposal of the Mission Board when the medical mission can be re-established.

31. Prohibition.

After earnest thought a manifesto urging support of the N.Z. Alliance at the approaching poll has been issued to all classes. At the same time consideration was given to the wider issues of the Liquor issue, particularly as to whether Prohibition would solve the deep-seated social needs that largely cause indulgence in liquor, and a recognition of the urgent necessity for meeting such needs. The matter will be pursued further.

32. Peace.

In view of their tremendous importance to young men of Bible Class age, the issues of war and peace and the trends of world affairs have been prominently before us. We arranged a well-attended deputation to the Minister for Defence in February and explained our attitude concerning this matter and also made some practical suggestions for furthering Peace.

33. Other Public Questions.

Unemployment is a matter of deep concern to such a Movement as ours. The formation of an Unemployment Research Association has been watched with interest and we have endeavoured through our Unions to collect information about Relief Camps for the Association. Further, we have recommended that each Union establish an employment bureau to assist in the placing of unemployed members. We shall be grateful for the co-operation of ministers and others in this proposal.

Another new organisation has also aroused our interest, the Friends of Reunion, based on a similar body which has existed in Britain and elsewhere for several years. Very fine and extensive interdenominational co-operation has for long been an outstanding feature of N.Z. Christian Youth Movements and the formation of such an unofficial body to aid the Study of the differences and similarities of the branches of the Christian Church and the exploration of ways to unity, merit our keen support.

34. General.

Our last Convention regarded it as a privilege that the President of Conference was able to live with us for the two main days of business. It is our hope that this will be repeated. A new annual competition for the Movement Elocution Cup was inaugurated at the Convention, Mr. D. R. Wills being the winner with a speech on "Improving the Physical Side of our Movement Programme." The competition provides for speeches on some aspect of Movement life and work and Ministers are excluded.

It was with great gladness that we learned of the launching of the Methodist B.C. Movement of Fiji. Largely the work of Bill Donnelly, a former Travelling Secretary of our Movement, it is a notable achievement for the Kingdom.

The little accomplished in comparison with what always remains to be done makes us crave forgiveness of our Father for our many weaknesses and calls us to constant renewal of consecration and endeavour.

CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES OF THE B.C. MOVEMENTS.

35. Co-operative Enterprises of the B.C. Movement during the year have covered :—

Leaders' Schools : Four Summer Schools were held in January and four Winter Schools in May-June.

These Schools drew over 300 B.C. Leaders and prospective Leaders from all parts into fellowship and group study of the theme "Love, the Way of Life."

The fact that the number of Schools is increasing each year is a sufficient warrant of their effectiveness in advancing the general leadership of both Movements. Five Summer Schools are already planned for the coming year.

Sunday School teachers' groups are an established feature at Summer Schools.

Owing to the increasing pressure upon the Movements' joint Co-operative Committee in Wellington of the organisation of these Schools, an important development this year has been the establishment in Auckland of a National Leadership Schools Committee. This is already in full operation and will in future completely control the organisation of Summer and Winter Schools.

Movements' Day of Prayer : and **District Combined B.C. Executives' Studies** were prepared and distributed throughout the Dominion.

B.C. Syllabus : Senior, Junior and Preparatory Studies were again prepared and printed by an interdenominational Committee and these were generally adopted and used by classes throughout both the Movements. A carefully selected sequence of Studies has been outlined in each relating to leading characters in the Old Testament and studies in St. John's Gospel, the general Theme being "The Great Decision."

Leadership Training of the Movements, controlled by the joint Dominion Committee in Christchurch has been extended to incorporate a Sunday School Teacher Training Course. Our correspondence course continues to lead the way in training workers.

B.C. "Link" : continues as the valuable official organ of the Movements and the Youth Column of the "Methodist Times" well serves the Church.

Social Standards Committee : in Palmerston North handles hundreds of requests yearly for suggestions for Church and B.C. Social functions and the preparation is undertaken of programmes for general and special uses.

A movie news and criticism column now appears in the Social Standards section of the "B.C. Link."

B.C. Trading Department handles the growing business, organisation and routine relating to publications, B.C. Badges, books, etc., that are handled annually by the Movements.

CONCLUSION.

36. The Board desires to express its appreciation to thousands of devoted S.S. workers and B.C. Leaders throughout the Dominion for their loyal service and increasing support ; also to the many hosts and hostesses who have so graciously received the Y.P. Director and B.C. Travelling Secretaries. This report of the Youth Board and its three Executive Councils is submitted and signed on their behalf by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board.

J. H. HASLAM, Chairman.

R. S. MAUNDER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Youth Board, the S.S. Executive Council, and the B.C. Movements be received and adopted.
2. That the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet of the Youth Board ; S.S. Executive Council ; Y.M.B.C. ; and Y.W.B.C. be received and adopted.
3. That the Local and District Youth Committees give consideration to the question of the Youth Board's Decentralization Policy through the year, a report to be given by the Youth Board through the Synods.
4. That the Conference draw the attention of all ministers and Sunday School Officers to the fact that Temperance Sunday has now been fixed for the whole of Australasia, and this year falls on September 6th. The opportunity for well-planned temperance teaching on this day should be seized.
4. That Conference release the Rev. H. J. Tozer for special work with the Young Men's B.C. Movement.
5. That the Recommendation as to the need for a shorter and more concise report be referred to the Youth Board.
6. That the question as to what constitutes Junior Church Membership be referred to the Youth Board and the Welfare of the Church Committee for investigation and report.

7. That the S.S. Staff shall elect annually the officers of the S.S. The election of the S.S. Superintendent shall be by ballot without nomination and by an absolute majority of those present and subject to the election being confirmed by the Local Youth Committee.

8. That the scope of oversight given to a S.S. Superintendent be referred to the Youth Board to consider and report through the Synods to next Conference.

9. Travelling Secretary.—That this Conference place on record its deep appreciation of the fine service rendered the Church and the Youth Department in particular by the retiring Travelling Secretaries, Miss D. A. Sheat, Mr. G. C. Burton, and Mr. S. G. Brooker. The Conference now commends the newly appointed Travelling Secretaries, Miss A. E. Firth and Rev. H. J. Tozer to the interest and prayers of the whole Church in the responsible work they have undertaken.

10. Youth Day.—That this Conference urges every Circuit to set apart the second Sunday in June as Youth Day and heartily recommends careful planning of all services by ministers in conference with the youth leaders of the Circuit.

11. Reception Services.—That this Conference again recommend the holding of preparation classes and Services of reception into Church Membership as one of the most potential forms of evangelism open to Ministers, and urges the regular and annual holding of such consecration services.

12. Youth Board's Report on Children and Church Attendance.—That this Conference, in adopting the Youth Board's Report on Children and Church attendance, commend the detailed study of the report to every Local Youth Committee throughout the current year.

13. Statistics.—That this Conference views with deep concern the serious decrease of membership and attendance in nearly all branches of Church life but particularly those affecting Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, and commends to the Youth Board and all Local Youth Committees an earnest study throughout the year of the causes thereof.

14. Diploma.—That Conference institute a Long Service Diploma for Sunday School workers on their retiring after 45 years service.

15. That the Christchurch Y.P. Demonstration Arrangements Committee be heartily thanked for their work, and that special mention be made of Miss G. Jones.

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMITTEES.

AUCKLAND.—Revs. E. D. Patchett, W. T. Blight, H. G. Brown, E. W. Hames, Sister Rita Snowden, Misses R. Joynt, E. Booth, L. Hendra, M. Waddingham; Messrs. E. R. Warburton, E. P. Salmon, W. J. Court, R. Howell, H. P. Burton, T. W. Hemer, A. D. Whitehead; Secretary, Rev. H. G. Brown, Representative to Synod, Mr. E. R. Warburton.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman of District, Ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits; Laymen: Messrs. J. Jebson, J. C. Tietjens, and R. P. Kilham; Y.W.B.C. Union: Miss D. Child; Mesdames W. J. Earle H. C. Wood; Y.M.B.C. Union: Messrs. F. H. Mead, L. Hall, H. C. Wood; District S.S. Union: Misses H. E. Wood, E. Smith, Mr. C. F. Primmer; Secretary and Synod Representative, Mr. H. C. Wood.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District; Revs. B. Metson, H. Cottom and A. R. Penn; Mrs. L. J. Williams, Miss D. Sheat, E. M. Marshall (Lay Reps.); Messrs. T. Johnson, D. Wills, N. R. Lewis (Y.M.B.C. Reps.), Misses C. Squires, F. Yearbury and B. Metson (Y.W. B.C. Reps.), Rev. J. D. Grocott, E. G. Foster and E. Yearbury, (S.S. Reps.), Synod Representative, Mr. D. R. Wills; District Secretary, Rev. A. R. Penn.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Chairman of the District; the Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits; Mesdames R. Horn and E. Macdonnell, Misses E. Beale and B. Symes; Messrs. G. C. Laws, H. R. French, G. W. Venables, J. H. Oldham, P. G. Lewis, C. Smith, W. Everett, M. Richards, and L. Davis. Secretary and Representative to Synod, Mr. J. H. Oldham.

WELLINGTON.—Chairman of the District; Revs. J. Richards and F. O. Prosser; Messrs. E. L. Howe, A. Brooks, T. Lowis, A. G. Worboys, W. E. Howe, J. Cable, and J. Walker; Misses F. Shepherd, E. Sellars and M. Hopley. Secretary and Synod Representative, Mr. E. L. Howe.

NELSON.—The Ministers of the Nelson, Motueka, Richmond, Wakefield-Dovedale Circuits, together with Messrs. L. G. White, H. A. Holdaway, J. Heath, M. R. Best, C. S. Mayson, M. A. Nightingale, H. R. Holdaway, J. Hurrell, Miss J. Bannister, Miss W. H. Foster, Miss R. G. G. Johnson and Miss H. Sparrow. Youth Secretary and Synod Representative, Mr. J. Heath.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District; Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, H. Ryan, J. C. Draper; Messrs. President of the District S.S. Union, W. A. Bascand, C. H. Virtue; Y.W.B.C.U.: Misses E. M. Quigley, H. Wise, L. Hooker, Y.M.B.C.U.: Messrs. E. H. Smith, A. T. Gandell, A. Dingwall; S.S. Union: Miss G. Jones, Messrs. J. H. Jones and R. G. Pearce. Youth Secretary and Synod Representative, Mr. C. H. Virtue.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. C. Blair, R. P. Keall, and the Minister of Waimate Circuit, Messrs. F. C. B. Withel, A. G. Foster, Mrs. G. H. B. Lill, Messrs. E. Thompson, S. Blanchard and Cliff Scarf; Misses D. Sides, D. Keinan and W. Daniels, Mrs. R. McAlister, Miss M. M. Lill and Mr. W. Hocking. District Secretary and Representative to Synod, Mr. A. G. Foster.

OTAGO SOUTHLAND.—Revs. C. H. Olds, (Chairman of District), B. J. James, T. Skuse, D. O. Williams, Messrs. W. O. Brown, R. Whittaker, D. Skene, C. Chirnside, E. J. Lukey, Sister Lenna, Misses O. McCrone, E. Nixon, Mr. G. Densem, Mrs. E. J. King and Miss G. H. Kane; Youth Secretary, Miss G. Hope Kane. Representative to Synod, Mr. D. Skene.

YOUTH BOARD FOR 1936.

Revs. J. H. Haslam, P. R. Paris, E. E. Sage, O. E. Burton, Messrs. C. A. Russell, A. E. Hurley, R. H. Nesbitt, R. S. Maunder.

Representing S.S. Executive Council: Mrs. H. J. Steptoe, Messrs. W. H. Johnston, N. R. Seddon and R. Hampton.

Representing Y.W.B.C.M.: Sister Winifred Beaumont, Misses D. Horwood, W. Griffiths, Mrs. C. P. S. Boyer.

Representing Y.M.B.C.M.: Messrs. C. E. Gardiner, A. C. Barrington, G. C. Burton, J. H. Claridge.

QUESTION XXXV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference in regard to Public Questions?

REPORT OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

Soon after Conference the Convener of this Committee (Rev. W. Bramwell Scott) died. The Committee thus suffered an irreparable loss. At its first meeting on 28th May, 1935, high tribute was paid to Mr. Scott's worth and work, and a suitable record placed on the Minutes.

The Wellington District Executive elected the Rev. Percy Paris as Convener of this Committee, which has met regularly and done a great deal of research, study and work. Only one of the eight District Committees sent in a report, and that arrived too late. It will be considered along with reports from Synods.

The questions of Sunday Observance, Public Wrestling Displays, Penal Reform, Cinema Pictures and Posters and Free Speech have been included in those studied by three sub-committees with co-opted members; but upon these questions no statements, as yet, are made.

The following findings by the Committee are respectfully submitted to the Synods and Conference:—

Temperance.

Synods are asked to—

(a) Reaffirm the Church's conviction that the Liquor Traffic is a cause of moral waste, domestic misery, and industrial disturbance.

(b) Request that Local Youth Committees in each church be asked to take steps towards instituting a system of education in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes on the evil effects of alcohol as a beverage; and where no temperance society, such as the Band of Hope, exists, an effort be made to establish one.

(c) Express appreciation of the work of the N.Z. Alliance, and urge our people to assist in organising forces for the coming Licensing Poll.

NOTE.—Every minister and home missionary has been urged to give service, and more than a hundred have replied intimating that they are already actively engaged. Several are chairmen, secretaries, or local organisers for the N.Z. Alliance. The Y.W. and Y.M.B.C. Executives have passed resolutions urging the leaders of classes to encourage our young people to assist in local campaigns.

Bible in Schools.

Synods are asked to—

(a) Place on record their hearty appreciation of the efforts of the Bible in Schools League; and reaffirm their allegiance to the League's policy, and commend it to the prayerful and active support of our congregations.

(b) Urge the Government to facilitate the passing of the Enabling Bill.

(c) Earnestly request all our ministers, home missionaries and deaconesses to take full advantage of the present facilities offered under the method known as the Nelson System.

Gambling.

In view of the widespread and increasing prevalence of the gambling and betting mania, and the insidious evils attendant upon such, Synods counsel the people of our Church to abstain from participation in any form of gambling, and to do all in their power to lessen its sway in the community. We further urge that instruction in the evils of gambling be given by youth workers of the Church.

Communism.

As a Christian Church we cannot accept the philosophy of Materialistic Communism, nor can we associate ourselves with any organisation advocating methods that conflict with the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Marriage, Divorce and Birth Control.

Before dealing with matters of Divorce and Birth Control as specific questions, this Committee desires that the following should be placed on record as :—

A STATEMENT ON CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE.

Three special propositions may be advanced respecting marriage from the Christian point of view.

1. Love is the only justification for marriage. Apart from the motive of love there is no reasonable prospect of happiness in the married state. For a variety of other reasons marriage is often entered into, and no doubt in some cases real love eventuates. Such cases, however, must be few, and any reason other than love constitutes a perilous beginning for so intimate a relation as marriage. Nothing but love will enable a man and a woman to live together happily in the face of the constant pressure of life's difficulties and provocations to annoyance and irritability ; and nothing but love can make the intimacies of marriage beautiful and harmonious.

> "Love suffereth long, and is kind ; love envieth not ; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil ; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth ; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth."

A tie that signifies "the mystical union that is between Christ and His Church" should be a holy tie, and only love can make it that.

2. Christian marriage is monogamous and indissoluble. That is to say unless both the man and the woman sincerely intend to forsake all other and keep only unto each other so long as they both shall live their mental attitude towards marriage is not right from the Christian point of view. The self-giving on the part of each party must be without reservations. This means that the marriage tie cannot be severed, whatever the reason, without sin. This is the Christian view. Marriage is for life.

When, however, a marriage has been broken in fact, and all moral reality has gone out of the union, should society insist on keeping two people bound in a legal contract ? To answer such a question one must weigh the consequences to society of Easy Divorce on the one hand, and the suffering imposed on men, women and children should divorce not be obtainable. We favour the view that there should be a way out when the conditions of union have become intolerable.

3. Christian marriage presupposes the family. An unwillingness to have children for selfish reasons defeats the purpose of marriage. In the words of the Marriage Service :—

> "Marriage is not by any to be enterprised, or taken in hand unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly, but reverently, discreetly, soberly, and in the fear of God ; duly considering the causes for which Matrimony was ordained.
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> It was ordained for the establishment of the home, for the well-being of the family, and also for the mutual society, help and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity ; and it has been consecrated by the faithful keeping of good men and good women in every generation."

While it must be conceded that there are cases in which the decision to have no children can be approved ; it is still true that "Children are the natural and beautiful result of the ultimate expression of love between married persons." Happily the instinct for children is strong in the great majority of the race.

With the coming of children there should come a recognition of responsibility for their training. Only in responsible parenthood is the full development of men and women reached. It will be admitted as the dictate of common sense that a married couple should not have more children than they can support healthily and educate worthily.

To these three fundamental propositions concerning Christian marriage may be added the following observations.

There is room for education on the subject of marriage if the Church has the courage to undertake it. Young people should be taught that mere physical attraction is no safe basis for marriage. A marriage based on physical attraction only, or even, predominantly, is likely to prove disappointing, if not disastrous. With physical attraction there must be discovered some affinity of nature, some mental and moral sympathy. Physical attraction is a fleeting thing ; affinity is something that endures. In the wise words of Dr. A. H. Gray :—

> "It must be possible for the two to become friends as well as lovers, **for a true friendship is really the backbone of every happy marriage.** It is very difficult to persuade young people of the truth of this, but to believe it is to escape a vast deal of unhappiness. Marriage cannot be all love making. It is a partnership in all the activities that make up life, and the two who carry it on *must* be congenial companions if they are to be happy."

Further, for a happy marriage the practice of trust, patience, forbearance, and unselfishness on both sides is absolutely and constantly necessary ; and for such virtues nothing short of the grace of God will avail.

DIVORCE.

(Minutes of Conference, p. 69, par. 7).

The finding of the Committee is as follows :—That a minister may remarry a divorced person or divorced persons if :

(a) he is satisfied after consultation with both parties to the proposed marriage that in entering into the same, they have a sincere and honest purpose and attitude of mind which is in conformity with the Church's view of what marriage should mean and stand for ; and

(b) neither party to the proposed marriage has to the knowledge of the minister been guilty of any gross sexual offence whether in connection with the divorce or otherwise.

BIRTH CONTROL.

(Minutes of Conference, p. 69, par. 8).

This Committee makes the following pronouncement on this question :—

Man's advancing knowledge of science and truth, as shown in his control over nature, is of increasing value to the masses of the people and is part of God's revelation. All knowledge may be abused but only Truth can make us free. In Christian marriage, we believe that two people are joined together in the whole of their natures, and that sex expression has a value in developing fellowship at least equal to a racial purpose. With the increasing standards of health, and through changed Social and economic conditions, a controlled birth-rate would serve the interests of society.

It is therefore evident that birth control, used with the best and fullest knowledge of the day, can and should, amongst Christian people exercising a spirit of mutual love and discipline, be a means not only to a richer happiness to the partners in marriage, but also to a loftier standard in each succeeding generation.

It is recommended that ministers and responsible leaders of Youth equip themselves to give adequate spiritual, mental and physical guidance required by those preparing for and entering into marriage.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

Principles : As a Church we believe that :—

(1) God is the Father of all men, that He is the Provider of Nature's resources and that man's powers of control over nature are a trust from God.

(2) Man has been placed in this world to **live** and that work is secondary to living.

(3) All men and women have, within certain age limits, a duty to serve society, and corresponding rights that society provide for them for the whole of life, on the basis of what society is able to provide.

(4) The discoveries of science and the perfecting of machinery have made it unnecessary for all employable persons to work for as many years of life, or hours per day, as is done at present.

(5) That rationalisation of production and distribution must be planned.
(a) for efficient service to the community.
(b) for the well being of those employed.

(6) That man's rights to the "abundant life" must be made paramount to the interests of property or material things.

Application :

(a) IMMEDIATE : That—

(1) All employment or services that are money-earning be legally prohibited to men of 65 years and to women of 60 years of age, and over.

(2) That men of 60 years of age and women of 55 years of age who have become unemployable become eligible for a pension.

(3) That the minimum school leaving age be raised to 16.

(4) Normal remunerative employment be limited to five days per week and eight hours per day.

(5) A national scheme for Housing be carried out.

(6) Distribution of the normal requirements of food and clothing be rationalised under semi-state Boards.

(7) Free meals be provided for school children if desired.

(8) All "relief" work be abolished.

(b) PERMANENT : That

(1) A national Board be established to issue financial credit and control the monetary system for the true welfare of the people.

(2) Adequate means of exchange be provided to distribute the goods and services produced by the people, plus national superannuation and unemployment payments.

(3) A national housing Board be established to plan and control all housing.

(4) The annual income of the nation be progressively adjusted by direct taxation until all have a reasonable standard of living.

(5) Training centres for employment be provided for people for all ages by the Education Department.

Peace Resolutions.

The Committee recommends—That the 14 resolutions on Peace of last Conference (Minutes pages 70-71) be reaffirmed and understood in the light of the following statement :—

That the Conference does not commit itself to the support of War under the League of Nations in any specific case ; neither does it accept the absolute pacifist position.

PERCY PARIS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.

2. **Sabbath Observance.**—Conference views with deep concern the increasing tendency to make Sunday a day of sport, picnicing and general distraction and in view of the irreparable loss to individual and nation involved in this secularization urges all thoughtful people to do all in their power to maintain the restful and sacred nature of the day.

3. **Temperance.**

(a) Conference reaffirms its conviction that the Liquor Traffic is a prolific cause of moral waste, domestic misery and industrial disturbance.

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(a) Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of the work of the Bible in Schools League ; reaffirms its allegiance to the League's Policy and commends it to the prayerful and active support of our congregations.

(b) Conference urges the Government to facilitate the enactment of the Enabling Bill. If this be not done the League is encouraged to press for a Referendum.

(c) That the attention of Conference representatives be drawn to the fact that school teachers and other men and women of approved qualification are eligible to take Scripture lessons under the Nelson System. Attention is also drawn to the observance of daily devotional exercises of five minutes duration under the Canterbury and Wanganui Education Boards by personal arrangements with local School Committees.

(d) Conference expresses appreciation of the services of the Rev. E. O. Blamires as organising Secretary of the League and commends him to the support of our people.

(e) That the following represent our Church on the Bible in Schools Council :—Wellington—Revs. P. R. Paris and W. G. Slade ; Christchurch—Revs. W. Grigg and W. A. Burley.

5. Gambling.

(a) In view of the widespread and increasing prevalence of the gambling and betting mania and the insidious evils attendant upon such, Conference counsels the people of our Church to abstain from participation in any form of gambling, and to do all in their power to lessen its sway in the community. We further urge that instruction in the evils of gambling be given by Youth workers of the Church.

(b) Conference urges our people to discourage the use of guessing Competitions in connection with Church activities.

(c) In view of the tendency to centralize racing permits and thus increase the number of days of racing in the larger centres, Conference urges that the facilities for racing permits should be reduced rather than increased.

6. Communism.

That this matter be referred to the Auckland Public Questions Sub-Committee, findings to be forwarded to the Public Questions Committee.

7. Marriage, Divorce and Birth Control.

That a special Committee be set up to consider these matters, findings to be reported to the Synods. That the Committee be located in Auckland with corresponding members (with power to add) personnel to be :—Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, Revs. E. D. Patchett, W. T. Blight, E. S. Emmitt, E. T. Olds, J. H. Haslam ; Drs. Caughey, Lange, Sayers ; Messrs. R. C. Clark, J. Stanton E. H. Burton, W. S. Mackay, H. R. French ; Mesdames Pacey and T. E. Taylor. (Convener, Rev. E. S. Emmitt).

8. Peace.

Recognising the responsibility which rests upon the Churches to work for a world-order based on righteousness, abiding goodwill and peace, this Conference declares :—

(1) War is contrary to the spirit and purpose of Jesus Christ as revealed in His teaching concerning the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, which is the Divine ideal for human society ; and God's Kingdom can only be realised in a world-embracing brotherhood of mankind based on righteousness, love and peace.

(2) The Christian Church accepts as an integral part of her redemptive mission the duty to promote peace and prevent war.

(3) We rejoice that the best elements in the nations are moving towards the acceptance of this ideal. The Covenant of the League of Nations is a great undertaking for the maintenance of peace by reason and justice. By the more explicit Pact of Paris, 62 nations have condemned recourse to war for the solution of international Controversies and renounce it as an instrument of national policy in their relations with one another, and agree that the solution of disputes or conflicts which may arise among them shall never be sought except by pacific means.

(4) We believe that war is a crime against humanity and must be utterly repudiated as a method of settling international disputes, and we pledge our support of every endeavour to make these pacts and pledges effective.

(5) We declare our resolve to refuse to support any Government which refuses to submit a cause of dispute with another Government to an appropriate international tribunal for peaceful settlement.

(6) To this end we urge, as a necessity, that every individual in our Church should consider his or her atitude to this all-important question of peace, especially as there is still a possibility of war. Should this come we realize the grave decision that will be demanded of us. There are those who are sincere lovers of their country whose inward conviction and loyalty to Christ will compel them to apply the Christian affirmation by refusal to bear arms, in any circumstance, while others will feel the Christian necessity of giving effect to obligations, commitments and loyalties of a national and international character. Therefore we uphold liberty of conscience in whichever direction loyalty to inward conviction may carry them.

(7) Meanwhile we press for world-wide reduction of armaments, limitation and the control of their manufacture and sale. Special attention should be devoted to uncovering particular causes of war, among which may be enumerated the following :—discontent due to oppression of minorities, arbitrary boundaries, inequitable treaties, unfair economic rivalries and conditions involved in the fight for export markets and animosities due to religion.

To this end and that our people may be adequately instructed, we urge individual and corporate membership in the League of Nations Union.

(8) Finally, we declare that we will readily co-operate with other Christian Communions in the pursuit of those necessities, believing that unless the spirit of war is removed, that spirit will kill any civilisation.

We recommend that communications be opened up with other Churches in order to secure common action.

(9) As a practical gesture of our belief that war is contrary to the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we urge the Government to replace the system of Cadet Military Training by a Citizenship Training System which, while retaining many valuable features of the present system, such as physical training, discipline, and social companionship, will be completely separated from the present War System and will be in harmony with Christian ideals.

(10) That in any schools under the authority of the Church, the Citizen Training System should be recommended to the controlling body of the School.

(11) That we desire to make it known to the people of our Church that parents may, if so desirous, obtain exemption of their sons from cadet service in the schools.

(12) This Conference demands that members of the Methodist Church, who for conscientious reasons refuse to carry arms or participate in war, should have their religious principles honoured.

PEACE COVENANT.—An amended and modified form of the Peace Covenant contained in the Report was presented to the Conference but was not approved.

9. **Unemployment.**

(a) That the section "Principles" 1-6 be adopted.

(b) APPLICATION.—That in view of the changes in administration and policy in connection with unemployment, this Conference re-affirms the resolutions of last Conference on this question, but refers back to the Public Questions Committee for further consideration its recommendations under "Application" both "Immediate" and "Permanent."

10. That a Conference Public Questions Committee, separate from the Church Welfare Committee, be set up at future Conferences.

11. That the Public Questions Committee's Report be sent direct through Synods to Conference.

12. COMMITTEE for 1936.—Revs. J. H. Haslam, Percy Paris, J. Richards, E. O. Blamires, J. F. Martin, O. E. Burton, M.A., F. O. Prosser, the Superintendents of Wellington South and Wellington East Circuits; Mesdames C. A. Russell, H. J. Steptoe, W. Carman; Misses Lorna Hodder, A. Tocker; Messrs. S. T. S. Martin, J.P., B. J. Lynneberg, J. M. Thompson, R. S. Maunder, C. A. Russell, C. H. Hain, LL.B., T. H. Crosbie, H. E. Pacey, W. B. Brown, M.A., W. F. Stock, W. Carman, R. Hardie Boys; Convener, Rev. Percy Paris.

District Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of District, Dr. C. H. Laws, Revs. W. T. Blight, B.A. B.D., E. S. Emmitt, M.C., E. T. Olds, S. J. Werren, A. E. Orr, F. J. Handy; Messrs. A. C. A. Sexton, L.L.M., R. C. Clark, M.A., W. S. Mackay, L. E. Rhodes, E. J. Hutson, E. P. Salmon and A. Williams. Convener, Rev. S. J. Werren.

S. AUCKLAND.—The Ministers of the Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits, with power to add.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Ministers of Hastings and Napier Circuits, Messrs. H. R. French, P. E. Loach, G. L. Darvell and R. Lovie.

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION.

There is little to report since taking over in April. During the past six months notice was received from England of two Methodist families arriving in the Dominion. These were brought into touch with the local ministers and became attached to congregations.

The Rev. J. H. Bateson, C.B.E., has preferred a request that a list of the names and addresses of Methodist Naval Chaplains in the Dominion seaports should be printed annually in the Minutes of Conference. This is done in England and the ministers are then officially recognised by the Admiralty.

PERCY PARIS,
Chief Immigration Officer.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted and that the Rev. P. R. Paris be thanked and reappointed.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

1.—Properties Acquired.

Campbell's Bay Rest Home—7 acres 33 perches. Value £120. No debt.
Manureta (Paparoa) **Allotment**—Gift. Not registered at Connexional Office.
Ruawai—1 acre. Value £50.

2. Erections and Additions.

Cambrai Avenue (Pitt Street Central) **Parsonage.** Cost £1060. Debt £550.
Pitt Street Shops—Improvements £4054. Debt £4054.
Campbell Bay Rest Home—Building £50. No debt.

Manureta—Building £40. Debt £11/10/–.
Helensville—Class Room £25. No debt.
Fencourt (Cambridge)—Additions School Hall. Cost £122. Debt £50.
Aramoho—Garage. Cost £16. No debt.
Hastings—5 Sunday School Class rooms £80. No debt.
Westport—Church Hall enlarged £160. No debt.
Papanui—Infant School. Value £200. No debt.
Kaiapoi—New Church. Cost £2211. Debt £292.
Invercargill Central—New Church. Cost £5,135. Debt £1,652, but returns incomplete.

3. Sales and Extended Leases.

Pitt Street Shops (5) Leased for 5 and 7 years—Rents £2,524 per annum plus Rates.

Whakatane—Commerce Street Section sold £29/13/–. Proceeds for reduction of Trust Debt.

Palmerston North (Waldegrave Street)—Cottage sold £260. Proceeds for reduction of mortgage debt.

Madras Street (Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch)—Area 17ft. 6in. x 27ft 6in. Sold £100. Proceeds permanent improvement to property.

Invercargill Central—Sale of Leet Street Church property £1,500. Proceeds £500 for new church £1000 for endowment fund for future extension work in circuit.

N.B.—The parsonages at Dublin Street (Wanganui) and at Lawrence have been leased on short terms and also a section of 1 acre 3 roods at Murchison.

4. Current Accounts.

RECEIPTS

To Credit Balance from last year—General Account	..	£5,640	1	1
,, Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	..	22,345	2	10
,, Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	..	1,803	15	0
,, Loans from other sources	..	4,088	9	4
,, All other Receipts	..	49,125	9	9
Total Receipts ..	..	£83,002	18	0
Debit Balances	..	17,995	7	10
Total	..	£100,998	5	10

EXPENDITURE

By Debit Balance from last year	..	£18,118	16	0
,, Loan Fund Instalments	..	2,672	5	11
,, Other Loans Repaid	..	6,025	11	11
,, Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdrafts	..	6,925	13	5
,, Purchase of Land, Erections or Additions to Buildings		10,464	4	4
,, Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	..	29,421	6	5
Total Expenditure	..	£73,627	18	0
Credit Balances ..	..	5,581	7	9
Balances held for Special Purposes	..	21,789	0	1
Total	..	£100,998	5	10

5. Statement of Debts.

Mortgage Debt at end of Previous Year	£174,622 3 6
Add New Loans received during year	6,300 16 1
Total	£180,922 19 7
Deduct Loans repaid during year	8,690 4 11
Amount of Mortgage Debt as at end of year ..	£172,232 14 8
Unpaid General Accounts	£2,421 15 3
Unpaid Interest	£600 6 3

6. Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances Reported	£758,095 5 10

7. District Secretaries for Church Property.

The District Secretaries for Church Property have, as usual, rendered excellent service in compiling their reports and in raising vital issues in the various Synods. All are recommended for re-appointment excepting Mr. J. W. Shackelford who retires after many years of valuable service in the Auckland District, and Mr. E. J. Judd who has for a long period done equally good work in the Taranaki-Wanganui District. To them both the thanks of the Connexion are due. The following are the nominations for the ensuing year :—

Auckland—Mr. S. E. Chappell, 61 Valley Road, Mount Eden, Auckland S.2.

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

Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. G. H. White, Devon Street, New Plymouth.

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

Wellington—Mr. S. T. S. Martin, 11 Millward Street, Wellington, S.1.

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

North Canterbury—Mr. J. W. Hillary, 13 Cholmondeley Avenue, Opawa, Christchurch, S.E. 1.

South Canterbury—Mr. A. Langdon Hudson, P.O. Box 244, Timaru.

Otago-Southland—Mr. G. E. Turney, 60 Thomson Street, Invercargill.

8. General.

The financial returns give evidence of an improving economic condition. The aggregate receipts show an increase of £5,392/11/6 over the previous year. The debit balances reported are £183/13/11 less than a year ago. The aggregate expenditure of the trusts is £6,324 more than last year. A total sum of £8,697/17/10 has been paid in reduction of loans against £6,991/4/7 the previous year. The credit balances held by trusts are £426 17/5 more than a year ago. The amounts held in trust for special purposes aggregate £21,789. This is £1,542 less than last year because of the fulfilment of the purposes for which some moneys were held. The insurance cover against fire loss again shows a substantial increase.

Circuit Superintendents and home missionaries in some cases give considerable trouble to the District Secretaries by carelessness in compiling and copying their schedules. Inexperienced trust treasurers may possibly be excused for submitting financial statements that do not balance, but

ministers and auditors should not sign such documents or allow them to go forward uncorrected. In most Districts the Property Secretaries complain that returns are sent in even as late as the Synod despite the fact that they are always in the hands of Superintendent ministers for distribution to trust officers in the first week of September.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
General Secretary for Church Property.

Christchurch,
13th January, 1936.

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 that special appreciation be expressed of the work done by Mr. J. W. Shackelford and Mr. E. J. Judd who now relinquish office after a long period of service.
3. That where moneys are raised for special purposes, they should not be used temporarily for other purposes as such breach of trust involves the trustees in personal liability.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 so see that a correct balance is secured on each Schedule.
7. 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.
8. That all moneys held in Trust for special purposes be invested only in those securities authorised by the "Trustee Act, 1908," or its amendments.

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

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

   (a) In any of the stock, funds or other Government Securities of New Zealand, or of the Commonwealth of Australia, or any State thereof.

   (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 families of the late Revs. James Watkin and Charles Creed be thanked by letter from the President for placing two Memorial Windows in the Memorial Church at Port Chalmers.

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Report for 1935.

An upward trend has been manifest during the financial year which ended on 30th September. The amount received in repayment of loans was £2,769 13s. 3d., which is £685 3s. 9d. above the figure of the previous year. The capital of the fund has been increased to £21,425 by a transfer of £16 7s. 1d. from the Office Expenses Account. The amount of loans current at the end of the financial year was £20,630 4s. 11d.

Grants totalling £225 have been made from the Sites Fund as follows :—Kawhia £100, Campbell's Bay £100, Raupo (Ruawai) £25. The grants exceeded the current revenue by £64 13s. 0d. The revenue of the Sites Fund is at present derived largely from the interest on the investment of a sum of £1000 of moneys held in trust by the Treasurers of the Loan Fund. As the capital sum may be called up at any time continued income from this source is uncertain leaving the Sites Fund dependent mainly on the annual grants from the Fire Insurance Board and the Home Mission Board.

During the year loans have been fully repaid by the following trusts :—Epsom, Walmsley Road, Pakiri, Waitakaruru, Te Hapara, Picton (No. 1), Shirley, Opawa, Sumner, Beckenham (special), Riccarton, Riccarton Village, Lyttelton and Ashburton. The obligations having been met in respect of sections at Matiere, Ngaturi and Kokatahi, these properties have been transferred from the Loan Fund trustees to local trustees.

The following trusts have re-arranged the terms of their loans :—Paparoa, Maeroa, Putaruru, Ngatea, Opunake, Taihape, Waipukurau, Hataitai, Lower Hutt, Cashmere, Repton Street Parsonage, Edgeware Road, Bryndwr and Mornington.

New loans have been advanced as follows :—Mount Roskill £500, Kawhia £600, Broadwood £60, Taihape £450, Waipukurau £170, Belvedere £35, Havelock £190, Bryndwr £150, Kaiapoi £300, Nightcaps £25. The following promised loans are now available :—Richmond Avenue £55, Fencourt £50, Helensville £25, Dundas Street (Dunedin) £550, Riverton £30, Ohai £20. Other loans have been promised aggregating £4770 and these will be advanced as funds become available.

The following table shows the number of loans current in each District and the liabilities to the Fund including charges for interest and working expenses :—

District	Loans	Liabilities			Arrears and Interest		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	14	2,913	19	5	952	12	6
South Auckland	21	4,851	3	5	1,354	11	6
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	9	2,737	4	7	175	16	6
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	7	1,881	5	9	187	5	4
Wellington	9	2,018	1	2	254	11	3
Nelson	7	479	10	6	25	11	6
North Canterbury	23	4,890	11	10	274	7	1
South Canterbury	2	539	3	9	—		
Otago-Southland	8	1,889	1	4	1,099	2	9
	100	£22,200	1	9	£4,323	18	5

The largest proportions of arrears are in the Auckland, South Auckland and Otago-Southland Districts. In the Auckland District attention is being given to the cases of Devonport and Vauxhall. The position of Otahuhu and of Mangere East needs attention. In South Auckland Te Puke appears to have drifted into a difficult position. Opotiki, Whakatane and Taneatua

also call for special attention. The cases of Gisborne and Wairoa require consideration. Miramar, Johnsonville and Eketahuna present difficulties of a minor order which should be dealt with. Caversham and St. Clair present difficult problems. Gore has drifted into a bad position in recent years and Nightcaps has completely failed to fulfil its undertaking. It might be possible to deal with the trust difficulties of circuits like Otahuhu, Te Puke, Opotiki, Whakatane, Caversham and St. Clair by a conjoint arrangement between the trustees, the Home Mission Board and the Loan Fund Committee, along the lines that have proved so satisfactory in places like Wanganui East and Taumarunui. A strong circuit life cannot be developed while the people are overburdened with trust liabilities.

Liabilities to the Loan Fund have been created by the purchase of sites in the South Auckland District at Kakahi in 1908 (£54 17s. 2d.) and at Kerepeehi in 1925 (£106 8s. 5d.). In the Taranaki-Wanganui District a parsonage site at Rangataua was acquired in 1910 (£51 2s. 5d.). As rates are being paid on these properties some action should be taken regarding them.

In the Blenheim circuit a site was acquired at Flaxbourne (Ward) in 1906 on which there remains an unpaid balance of £23 13s. 0d. due to the Loan Fund. A section at Seddon was leased in 1910. The Committee suggests that these properties be now taken over by the Blenheim trust.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1936 :—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District (ex officio), The Connexional Secretary, the Rev. Edward Drake, The Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Riccarton and St. Albans Circuits ; Messrs H. de R. Flesher (Lay Treasurer), C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, R. W. Brighting, J. McIndoe, J. H. Kidd, H. Harrison, H. J. S. Harrington and E. D. Sincock.

Synods are asked to nominate the District Advisory Committees for next Connexional year.

SALES AND MORTGAGES SANCTIONED.

The Committee has given its sanction to the following:—

1. Sales.

Mt. Albert.—Sale of Allendale Road section £200 net. Proceeds to be held in trust and not expended without authority of Loan Fund Committee.

Hamilton East.—Sale of tennis court section for not less than £175. Proceeds to pay off debt on other section.

Morrinsville.—Sale of section for £200. Proceeds to pay off mortgage.

Whakatane.—Sale of Commerce Street section £20 net. Proceeds for trust debt reduction.

Mamaku (Rotorua).—Sale of church to Presbyterians. Purchaser to keep buildings in repair. Methodists to have equal rights to services for all time. Legal agreement to be approved by Loan Fund Committee.

Westmere.—Removal of building to Gonville approved. Gonville trustees to accept responsibility for rates on Westmere section.

Kaponga.—Sale of Section facing Manaia Road for not less than £60 and section facing Kapuni Street £50. Sum of £45 to repay debt to Loan Fund. Surplus to be applied as approved by Loan Fund Committee.

Mangaweka.—Transfer of £172 10s. 1d. to Taihape trust, such amount to be repaid if required for a new church at Mangaweka.

Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—Sale of cottage £260. Proceeds for reduction of trust debt.

Maranui.—Sale of section in Queen's Drive for not less than £400. Proceeds for liquidation of trust debt. Balance to be held in trust for building extensions.

Oxford.—Sale of parsonage section for £42 net proceeds to be lodged Connexional Office for Oxford new church fund.

Hawarden.—Sale of sections 3 and 4 for not less than £60 each. Proceeds first to repay loan, second for repairs to church and parsonage.

Paris Home (Dunedin).—Sale for £400 if written consent of donor be obtained. Proceeds to be applied in harmony with the terms of the Paris Home Trust.

Invercargill (Leet Street).—Sale for £1,500. Sum of £500 towards cost of new church in Jed Street and £1000 to be held in trust for church extension work or as nucleus of an Endowment Fund.

2. Mortgages.

Auckland, Pitt Street Shops.—Loan from Bank of New Zealand secured by deeds of property.

Dannevirke.—Loan of £450 from Public Trustee secured by Deeds of parsonage. Loan to pay off trust debts and repair church and parsonage, etc.

Papanui Orphanage.—Bank overdraft of £500 if necessary, to be secured by deeds of old home property.

Geraldine.—Loan of £200 secured by parsonage deeds.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

CHRISTCHURCH,
18th October, 1935.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

   (N.B.—The sanction above mentioned will lapse if not acted on by March 31st, 1937).
3. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
4. That the District Advisory Committees be as named below together with the respective District Chairmen and District Property Secretaries as members ex officio.

   (a) AUCKLAND : Revs. G. Frost, W. Walker ; Messrs. J. Tyler and J. W. Shackelford.

   (b) SOUTH AUCKLAND : The ministers of the Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits ; Messrs. E. J. Davey, W. B. L. Williams, J. C. Tietjens, E. J. Easter.

   (c) TARANAKI-WANGANUI : The ministers of the New Plymouth Circuits, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, J. T. Griffin, E. Dixon, T. P. Hughson, senr., and R. Pepperill.

   (d) HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU : The ministers of the St. Paul's Cuba Street and Feilding Circuits, Rev. R. B. Gosnell, Messrs. G. H. Stiles, T. R. Hodder.

   (e) WELLINGTON : To be arranged by the District Executive Committee.

   (f) NELSON : The ministers of the Blenheim Circuit ; Messrs. C. W. Parker, F. H. Southgate, J. S. White.

   (g) SOUTH CANTERBURY : The ministers of Timaru, Temuka and Ashburton Circuits, Messrs. W. G. Irwin, J. W. Holdgate and A. W. Barnett.

   (h) OTAGO-SOUTHLAND : Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A.; Messrs. C. F. Roberts, D. C. Cameron, G. S. Gapper, and as Southland Sub-committee, the Superintendent of the Invercargill Central Circuit and Mr. A. S. Froggatt.

C.—REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

The following deeds have been received for safe custody during the year: Roskill, Kawhia, Ruawai, Campbell's Bay, Matata, Otangiwai, Whiteley Church (since returned), Taihape, Waipukurau, Motueka parsonage.

New Trusts have been registered in respect of the Martin Brothers' Memorial Rest Home (Epsom), Kawhia, Ruawai and the Thorndon Site Acquirement Trust.

Alterations in the Register of Trustees have been made affecting the following properties:—Prince Albert College, Pitt Street, Mount Roskill, Dominion Road, Franklin Road, East Street, France Street, Avondale, Devonport, Stanley Bay, Vauxhall, Warkworth, Pakiri, Kaeo, Port Albert, Wharehine, Frankton Junction, Tahuna, Tauranga, Rangaroa, Waihi, Fitzroy, Urenui, Stratford, Kaponga, Taihape, Torere, Westmere, Dublin Street (Wanganui), Napier, Cuba Street (Palmerston North), Colyton, Pahiatua, Foxton, Rangiwahia, Thorndon, Karori, Island Bay, Maranui, Worser Bay Petone, Belvedere, Nelson, Picton, Tua Marina, Wakefield, Dovedale, Spring Grove, Havelock, Reefton, Hokitika, Durham Street (Christchurch), Cashmere, Fitzgerald Avenue (Christchurch), Richmond, New Brighton, Woolston, Redcliffs, Sydenham, Beckenham, Addington, Clarence Street (Riccarton), Edgeware Road (St. Albans), Southbridge, Kaiapoi, Southbrook, Bank Street (Timaru), Kensington, Nukuroa, Temuka, Geraldine, Oamaru, Dundas Street (Dunedin), St. Clair, Milton, Coal Creek, Lawrence, Wyndham and Bluff.

In all eighty three trusts have come under revision during the year. This has involved the registration of 277 trustees and the removal of 229 from the Register. The fees for registrations have been paid to the Connexional Secretaryship Fund.

Many other Trusts are obviously much in need of revision. Some have made no change in their registrations for many years. Superintendent ministers are reminded that no person may legally act as a Trustee until his name has been entered in the Register of Trustees and in compliance with Act of Parliament a certificate has been issued to the Superintendent Minister concerned by the Authorized Representative.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Authorised Representative.

CHRISTCHURCH,
15th October, 1935.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887" the Rev. Major Albert Rugby Pratt be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1936-1937.
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 XXXVII.—What is the Condition of the Various Mission, Educational and General Connexional Properties and Investments?

I.—THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Report for the Year Ended 31st October, 1935.

The members of the Board are grateful for the decided improvement in this year's transactions. There appears to be more content and a general willingness of the tenants to assist the Board ; this has been reflected in the payment of rents during the year.

Expenditure on maintenance and repairs has been kept as low as possible and this, together with the reduction in the Municipal rates and interest payments, has enabled us to make a contribution to the Theological College and reduce the Bank overdraft by £100.

We anticipate being able to increase our contribution to the College next year.

The members of the Board are as follows :—Messrs. Jas. Tyler (Chairman), W. Ambury, A. J. Buttle, T. L. Hames, W. E. Lewisham, A. W. Parker, J. Stanton, J. Veale, F. Winstone, The Rev. Dr. Laws, and The Rev. Dr. Ranston.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

Report for 1935.

Recognising the urgent needs of our Colleges the Trustees have given them over-generous grants, but they have recognised their responsibility to the future and the future grants will have to be considerably reduced. In the interest of the Trust they have added a number of our younger men to the Board, namely Messrs. A. E. Lawry, T. H. Martyn, P. Dellow, L. R. Brakenrig, and A. G. White. We have now on the Board five members who are Old Prince Albert College Scholars.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.
J. W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

3.—THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

Report for Year Ending 31st December, 1935.

The Board has met regularly for the discharge of its business during the year, and has given careful attention to every application for assistance that has come before it. The Statement of Income and Expenditure presented herewith shows that, during the year ended 31st December, 1935, the sum of £430 17s. 8d. has been distributed to beneficiaries, thus with current expenses, absorbing the whole of the revenue for the year and reducing the credit balance at the Bank from £46 8s. 10d. to £27 6s. 5d.

During the year the Board has made a careful re-investigation of each case upon its books and has been compelled to make considerable reductions in many of its grants so as to bring its expenditure within the revenue available for distribution.

C. H. LAWS, Chairman.

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

27th January, 1936.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

4.—THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Report for Conference, 1936.

In submitting our report upon the work of the Board during the past year, we open by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many mercies bestowed on us and the work we have in hand. The children's Home at Masterton continues to flourish, and we are deeply indebted to the local committee, and the matron (Miss Allan) for their splendid and self sacrificing efforts. A great loss was sustained during the year, by the death of Rev. James Cocker, for so many years the untiring Secretary-Manager of the Home. Only those who came in contact with his work could realise all that the Home meant to him and so appreciate his ceaseless interest and care expended in it, the staff, and the children. In his successor—Mr. A. E. Bate, we all feel we have the right man, and that he will worthily uphold the traditions and aspirations of those connected with this important work. The Board has again found it necessary to augment the finances of the Home by £400, but we are hoping that with the return of "better times," the call upon this Board in that way will be lessened, and our people come to realise their responsibilities towards this splendid work which is being carried on for them. Donations have been made by the Board to the fund towards maintaining two deaconesses engaged in the Maori work in the Taranaki District, also to the work amongst the Maori boys at Wesley College, Auckland.

The important work of roading and access at the Board's property in Kelburn, Wellington, has been completed, and streets formally taken over by the City Council. A very great improvement is manifest. The large payment for the work will not appear in this year's accounts, as the figures have not been finalised. The Board have much pleasure in sending a unanimous recommendation to the Conference for the re-appointment of Rev. P. R. Paris as Chairman of the Board, and the committee at Masterton as now constituted. Balance sheets for the Board and the Masterton Home will be sent on separately.

W. C. HEMERY, Hon. Secretary.

Wellington, 16th January, 1936.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

5.—EMSLY TRUST BOARD, GREY INSTITUTE TRUST AND KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

That the Statements of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.

6.—MARTIN BROTHERS' MEMORIAL REST HOME.

Conference learns with pleasure of the gift of a Home and Property in Auckland for the special purposes of a Rest Home for the aged people of our Church, to be known as "The Martin Brothers' Memorial Rest Home." In accepting the same it expresses its thanks to Mr. James Martin for this gift which makes possible a social service in Auckland that is greatly needed.

That permission be given for the setting up of the necessary Trust Board with the following members :—Revs. E. D. Patchett, Dr. C. H. Laws, T. A. Joughin and F. J. Parker, Messrs. Alan White, Stuart Caughey, Clem. C. Scott and W. J. Court, and that this Board be incorporated under the Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908.

DEED OF TRUST.

It being the wish of the donor, Mr. James Martin, permission is desired from the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to incorporate (under The Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908, and its amendments) The Martin Brothers' Memorial Rest Home Trust Board.

The Trusts upon which the property is held are :—

1. THE name is The Martin Brothers' Memorial Rest Home Trust Board.
2. THE object of the Trust is to provide a Rest Home for aged people who are members or adherents of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, whether married, widowed, or single, male or female, including retired Ministers of the Methodist Church and their wives and widows.
3. THE Trustees shall be residents of the City of Auckland or its environs and shall be members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Any vacancies occurring on the Trust Board shall be filled by the Conference on the nomination of the remaining Trustees.
4. EXCEPT where inconsistent the terms of "The Model Deed" and the powers of Trustees thereunder shall be implied herein.
5. THE Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand upon the resolution of the Trust Board shall have power at any time and from time to time to vary or modify the object and conditions of the Trust in such manner as the Conference shall deem expedient.
6. THE Trust Board shall present a statement of Receipts and Expenditure each year to the Conference.
7. THE decision as to who shall enter the Rest Home shall be entirely at the discretion of the Board whose decision shall be final and the question of the amount (if any) of a contribution by those in the Home shall be entirely at the discretion of the Board.
8. THE Trustees shall have power to canvas for funds for the purposes of the Board and if at any time in the opinion of the Board sufficient funds are not available the Trust property may be let or leased from time to time.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1935.

The financial year of the Connexional Fire Insurance Department ended on 31st October, 1935, and the audited statements of accounts are furnished herewith. The income from all sources amounted to £4,010 12s. 1d., including a sum of £117 17s. 9d. received as premiums consequent upon the conversion of local body debentures. This amount together with the annual appropriation of £100 has been placed to the credit of the Investment Contingency Reserve Account. A sum of £1000 has, in accordance with regular practice been added to the Fire Loss Reserve Account. After thus strengthen-

ing the reserves, meeting all working expenses, and re-insurance charges and settling fire claims there remains a divisible surplus of £1,181 1s. 2d. which is £49 14s. 7d. more than was available for this purpose last year. In view of the statutory reduction of interest on debentures and on mortgage investments the result of the year's operations is very gratifying.

The Board recommends that the available surplus be distributed in grants to the following Connexional Funds and Institutions :—

ORDINARY GRANTS :		
Home Acquirement Fund	£310	
Deaconess House Fund	£100	
Foreign Missions	£100	
Home Missions	£100	
Benevolent Fund	£75	
Church Sites Fund	£50	
Youth Department	£50	
	——	£785
SPECIAL GRANTS :		
Wesley Training College	£150	
Trinity College	£140	
Foreign Missions	£25	
Home Missions	£25	
Deaconess House Repair Fund	£20	
"Methodist Times" Fund	£35	
	——	£395
Grand Total		£1,180

The Conference of 1933 requested the Fire Insurance Board to give special consideration to the needs of Wesley Training College which had sought assistance for a period of three years to help it through a time of financial stress. This year a deposit of £150 free of interest has been lodged with the College Board and Conference is now asked to convert the deposit into a grant as set forth in the list recommended above. This grant makes up an aggregate contribution of £500 for the three year period.

During the year claims for loss have been settled as follow :—

Richmond Avenue, £3 5s. 0d., Waiuku garage (plate glass) £18 18s. 0d. Onepoto Hall £2 6s. 6d., Masterton Children's Home £159 12s. 5d., Deaconess House £3. The losses aggregated £187 1s. 11d., but as £184 15s. 5d. was covered by re-insurances the actual loss to our own Fund was only £2 6s. 6d.

There has been a further substantial increase of business during the year and through the interest of the Rev. L. B. Neale, all the properties of the Dunedin Central Mission have been placed with our office. Persistent efforts are being made to get all our properties insured with the Connexion. In most cases where properties are mortgaged we can make arrangements to meet the requirements of mortgagees, banks and State Departments.

New risks accepted during the year total £36,845. Some trusts have voluntarily reduced their insurances and several have been asked to reduce their cover to the true insurable value of their properties. The Fund now carries 939 risks on church properties made up of 426 churches, 205 schools, halls, etc., 168 parsonages and 140 sundry risks including colleges, orphanages, etc. These risks are covered for a total of £712,075 of which a large proportion is re-insured.

The Fire Insurance Department has also arranged but does not itself carry risks for earthquakes, loss of rent, plate glass, employers' liability, and burglary. The insurance of the personal property of ministers and the insurance of properties mortgaged to the Fire Insurance Board and the

Supernumerary Fund Board has also been arranged. Church and other insurances in which the Board is interested now total £811,935.

The following are nominated as the Board of Management for the ensuing year :—The Connexional Secretary (ex officio), Colonel G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Lay Treasurer), Revs. F. T. Read, E. Drake, H. S. Kings, Messrs. W. A. Bascand, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins, S. Dixon and W. C. Francis.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.
M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch
4th December, 1935.

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 £1000 be added to the Fire Loss Reserve Account and that from the divisible surplus of £1181 1s. 2d. the sum of £1180 be allocated as recommended in the Report.
3. That the Conference ratifies the action of the Board in lodging the sum of £150 with the Wesley Training College Board as a deposit free of interest and hereby converts such deposit into a grant already included in the Board's appropriations for 1936.
4. That in all cases except where mortgage obligations make it impracticable Trustees and Boards and Committees in charge of Connexional properties and Institutions be requested to effect all their insurances with the Connexional Fire Insurance Department.
5. That the members of the Board of Management for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
6. That Conference requests the Fire Insurance Board to give favourable consideration to the making of a special grant to the Home Mission Fund for the assisting of Trusts in difficulties through earthquake, flood, storm or other natural calamities, and that the Board be empowered if necessary to allocate for one year to Reserve Funds a smaller sum than the customary £1,000.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE 1935.

The work of the Connexional Office has been conducted by the Connexional Secretary and his staff with the efficiency that has now become generally recognised. The activities are dealt with in part in the reports submitted to Conference by the chief departments administered in the office. The cost of administration has been kept within the appropriations. The amounts requested for the ensuing year are the same as for last year, namely :

Church Building and Loan Fund	..	£195
Fire Insurance Fund ..	..	£350
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	..	£385
Contingent Fund	..	£180
"Methodist Times" Fund ..	..	£170

During the year negotiations were opened up with the Mission Office in London with a view to securing for the New Zealand Church the reports or copies of the reports sent to England by our missionaries prior to 1855. No definite result can yet be reported.

The following are recommended as the Committee for the ensuing year :—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents

of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Riccarton, St. Albans and Papanui circuits, with Mr. Frank Thompson (Lay Treasurer), the Lay Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Church Building and Loan Fund, Contingent Fund, "Methodist Times" Committee and Messrs M. Kershaw, E. D. Sincock and H. Chapman.

On behalf of the Committee,

CLARENCE EATON, Acting-Chairman.
F. THOMPSON, Lay Treasurer.

Christchurch,
17th January, 1936.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the appropriations as recommended in the Report be approved.
3. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.

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

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

(1). The College was re-opened on Monday, March 11th. Seventeen men have been in residence, together with one student for the Congregational ministry. Seven were freshmen. Mr. B. M. Tasker, B.A., was elected Senior Student and has proved himself very energetic. On the whole there have been devotion and good fellowship on the part of the men. Health has been generally satisfactory.

(2). There has been an increase in the number of Hostel residents, and we hope to have the College full next year.

(3). Messrs. Beckingsale, Hopper, Johansen, Tasker, and Willoughby have completed three years of training, and are due to leave College this year. It is worth serious consideration whether we should not follow the lead of the British Conference and lengthen the period of training to four years. The needs of the work seem to demand either this or more serious attention to study during the probationary period.

(4). The Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., is an excellent colleague. Grateful tribute must be paid to him and Mrs. Blight, M.A. for very careful administration, entailing much work and anxiety, of the domestic side of the College arrangements. As usual the Rev. Dr. Laws has rendered further fine services to the institution. To all three thanks are richly due. We are fortunate in having Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A., as tutor in Elocution and Public speaking.

(5). Mr. M. Winiata (Maori Student on the President's List of Reserve) has resided in the College, taking advantage of his Government University Scholarship. He has received instruction in Preaching and Homiletics, also attending the University.

(6). **The Tutorial Work** has been as follows :—

(a) The Principal has twice a week each taught Senior classes in New Testament Greek, and also Classical Greek. Once a week each classes have been held in N.T. Teaching (The Synoptic Gospels), N.T. Introduction (Synoptic Gospels, the Method and the Originality of our Lord's teaching), N.T. Exegesis (Mark), O.T. Teaching (Development in the whole Book), and Christian Ethics.

During the year the Principal also held a discussion class on religious problems. At the University five classes per week on the Hebrew Old Testament were conducted. Four of the students are our own men, and another is a candidate.

(b) Mr. Blight has twice a week each taught classes in Systematic Theology (Person and Work of Christ), and Junior Greek. Once a week each classes have been held in O.T. Introduction and Exegesis (The Historical Books and early Chapters of Genesis), Pastoral Theology (General, also Study of Sunday School Methods and Organisation based on Hayes "The Child in the Midst"). Pedagogy (with one term's work on Child Psychology), English Grammar and Composition.

Both Principal and Tutor have also set each term papers on Old and New Testament Knowledge. Both share in the conduct of services at the Collegiate Church and in the City and Suburban Churches. Mr. Blight continues to give Scripture teaching to Standard 6 at the Normal School, Mount Eden. As these classes are also attended by students from the Teachers' Training College, work is being done which will prove most fruitful.

(c) Dr. Laws has heard all the students preach, also conducting the weekly Sermon criticism class. Also once a week he has lectured on Homiletics, and once a fortnight on English Literature.

(d) Individual and collective instruction in Voice Production and Public speaking has been given weekly by Mr. D. Johns, M.A. The Rev. E. P. Blamires has delivered three lectures on Sunday School and Young Peoples' work. For these thanks are due.

(7). In **Practical Work** the students have been very active. Messrs. Norwell and Williams have been Student-Pastors at the Collegiate Church. Boys' Brigade work has been led by Mr. Francis. More than the usual number of services have been conducted by the men, eliciting many appreciative comments. Students have visited for experience Sunday Schools in the City and suburbs. A notable feature has been the regular open-air meetings held in front of Pitt Street Church. Good crowds have gathered, and question time has been an excellent opportunity for solid work. Almost all attended the Bible class camps at Easter, and many men have spent their vacations in supply work. Much help has been rendered at the Saturday night men's meeting at the Airedale St. Mission. The Student Christian Movement has felt the impact of Trinity students' influence.

(8). At the **University College** Student Tasker, B.A., has attended lectures in Economic History and Education (M.A.), Hopper in History II, and Hebrew I, Willoughby in Education II. and Hebrew I, Mayson in Philosophy I., Greek I., and Preliminary Hebrew, and Francis in Preliminary Hebrew (having obtained terms previously in Education and Philosophy I.). If the terms' examinations are passed they will proceed to the Degree examinations in November.

(9). In the correspondence classes for candidates and others there have been eighteen entrants. Mr. Blight, who is in charge of this work, will present a report direct to the Examination Committee.

(10). Once again the Staff calls the attention of the Synods and Conference to the necessity of care in the selection of the students sent to us. More than ever these critical days demand ministers of undoubted mental and spiritual qualities. Grace and personality are essential, with the ability to speak effectively when trained. More thorough investigation of the qualification of Candidates would add considerably to our effectiveness.

HARRY RANSTON,
Principal.

TRINITY COLLEGE, AUCKLAND
October, 10th, 1935.

PRINCIPAL'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Prize awards are as follows :—The Edson for N.T. Greek—Mayson; Junior—Laws; Progress—Beckingsale; The Alexander Reid for Elocution and Public Speaking—Willoughby; Junior—Petch; second senior—Mayson. The Garland for Biblical and Systematic Theology—Mayson; Junior—Petch; Progress—Churchill. The Wagstaff for Bible introduction, Exegesis and Knowledge—Mayson; Junior—Harkness; Progress—Churchill. The Kent for English Literature—Beckingsale; Junior—Silvester; Progress—Churchill.

All students passed in their sections of the Degree Examinations; Winiata, on the President's List of Reserve, also passed.

H. RANSTON, Principal.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

The Council has continued to give careful and thorough consideration to every aspect of the College work. Through its Standing Committees every detail has been kept under review, with the constant aim of maintaining the efficiency of the College, while carefully guarding its financial position. The year has called for no new departure in any direction; but the Council is pleased to be able to report on the entirely satisfactory working of the College and Hostel throughout the year.

The Students.

The progress of the Students in their studies, and reports of the way in which they commend themselves to the various congregations by their preaching and other work, have come before the Council from time to time. Gratification has been expressed at the reports of appreciation that have been received, and it has been made evident that the Students seek to maintain a high standard of Christian life and devotion. The Council urges that Synods and the Conference enquire more thoroughly into the qualifications of Candidates before passing them on to the College. The Board of Studies is again sending on to Conference its Resolutions of last year concerning the Testing of Candidates for the Ministry.

The Hostel.

This year the number of Hostel Residents reached twenty-two, being seven more than last year, and the largest number since the opening of the Hostel. This has meant a considerable increase in responsibility and work on the domestic side; but, under the skilful management and direct supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Blight the House and Service expenses have shown only a very small increase, and such increase as there has been is almost completely explained by the rise in the price of certain commodities. The Council has expressed its great appreciation of the fine service rendered to the College by Mrs. Blight in this connection. With about forty men in residence the task of the domestic staff is no light one, and it is a tribute to wise management that the internal machinery has worked so smoothly throughout the year. It is probable that the Hostel will be full to capacity next year.

Finance.

The financial position of the College is clearly outlined in the Treasurer's Report and Statements. The Council once again expresses its sense of indebtedness and gratitude to the various Trusts that have rendered such generous and essential help during the year. Without this assistance the difficulties would have been almost insuperable. Special thanks are tendered to the Prince Albert College Board; the Connexional Fire Insurance Board; and the Wesley Church, Taranaki St. Trustees. While the outlook for the future is decidedly hopeful, the Council is compelled to seek this special consideration again this year. In view of the vital importance of the work

of the College for the future strength of the Church, the Council confidently trusts that wherever there is power to give assistance it will be generously bestowed.

Instructor in Elocution.

A vacancy in the teaching staff occurred at the end of last year, through the death of Mr. T. Harris, Visiting Lecturer in Elocution. The Council was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. W. Dennis Johns, M.A., who was appointed to the position thus rendered vacant.

Training College Proposal.

The proposal to establish a Training School for Christian Workers other than accepted ministerial students has been kept before the Council during the year; but the number and nature of the replies to the enquiries sent out did not warrant any great advance being made. It is therefore suggested that enquiries be continued for another year.

Gifts

The Council gratefully acknowledges valuable gifts to the College Library from the following donors:—Rev. S. Griffith, the Family of the late Rev. T. G. Carr, Messrs. C. J. O'Keefe, J. E. Astley, C. Newsome, T. C. M. Spooner, H. Schmidt, W. Bridgman (Auckland), Rev. T. Carr (Waitara), Rev. G. Knowles Smith (Woodville), Rev. J. H. Haslam (Wellington), Mr. H. B. Cooper (Lower Hutt), Mr. F. Thompson (Christchurch), Mr. L. Watson (Oxford), Mr. A. H. Reed, Mrs. J. M. Benton (Dunedin), Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A. (Roxburgh), Miss Joyce (Riverton), Dr. Elihu Grant (New York).

Thanks and Appreciation.

The Council again places on record its high appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the College by the Principal and Resident Tutor and Mrs. Blight; and also by the Visiting Lecturers, the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., and Mr. W. Dennis Johns, M.A. It further gratefully acknowledges its indebtedness to Dr. C. J. A. Griffin for his care of the students, and conveys its thanks to the various Examiners for their work during the year.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
October 10th, 1935. E. S. EMMITT, Vice-Chairman.
ANGUS McBEAN, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

The Council met and considered several recommendations from Synods, as follows:—

The Sex Question.

South Auckland proposed that special training should be given to the students to qualify them for meeting the spiritual and physical difficulties of those troubled by the Sex question. The Council remitted this matter to the Board of Studies for its consideration.

Four Years' Training.

From several Synods came resolutions on a suggestion that the period of College Training of Students should be continued for four years.

The Council recommends that Conference appoint a special committee to confer with the College Board of Studies upon these proposals, thus supporting the North Canterbury resolution.

Training of Deaconesses and Others.

The Council regards as impracticable the proposal of the Wellington Synod that the Training of Deaconesses should be carried out at Trinity College.

Additional Gifts.

Additional gifts to the College Library have been gratefully received from the following donors :—Mrs. Emerson, Mr. C. Newsome, Mr. H. Crump, Mrs. Worsley (Auckland) ; Rev. J. A. Daglish (Napier) ; Mr. A. H. Reed (Dunedin).

Council for 1936.

The following are recommended to Conference as the College Council for 1936 :—Revs. H. Ranston (Principal); W. T. Blight (Resident Tutor); C. H. Laws, J. H. Simmonds, T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, A.B. Chappell, E. D. Patchett, E. S. Emmitt, W. Walker ; F. J. Parker, E. T. Olds, E. S. Harkness and E. W. Hames ; Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, J. Veale, J. Stanton, F. M. Winstone, A. C. A. Sexton, A. J. Buttle, J. Tyler, A. Messer, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, L. G. Simpson, G. A. White, J. S. Caughey.

OFFICERS :—Chairman, Rev. E. D. Patchett ; Vice-Chairman, Rev. E. S. Emmitt ; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone ; Hon. Secretary, Rev. F. J. Parker.

We recommend that the name of the College Committee of Discipline be changed to "Committee of Oversight."

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
E. S. EMMITT, Vice-Chairman.
ANGUS McBEAN, Secretary.

Auckland,
12th December, 1935.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Year Ended October 31st, 1935.

In presenting to Conference the Annual Accounts of the Methodist Trinity College, it is gratifying to direct attention to a lowering of the budgeted deficiency of £490 as at March 31st, 1936, to a revised estimate of £281.

This satisfactory position has been attained chiefly by a £200 increase in Hostel Fees on account of more men being in residence at the College than was expected earlier in the year.

The Budget recommended to Conference for the year ended March 31st, 1937, has been compiled with due cognizance of the Hostel income probably reaching again this high level. It will therefore be seen that in budgeting for a deficit of £471, we can not expect a repetition of the past two years when circumstances were such that we received a greater income than we budgeted for.

Notwithstanding the increased Hostel receipts, the bringing forward of an estimated deficiency of £281 and the increase in the item House and Service of £150—through the increase in household prices and a larger number of residents to be catered for than estimated in our last Budget—necessitates an increased budget total over last year of £258.

It will readily be seen that increased income, which at present is not forthcoming, must be found, otherwise the deficit of £471 as shown in the budget must materialize.

For the careful and efficient oversight of House expenditure and the wise management of the domestic functioning of the College, we give thanks and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Blight.

We again thank the Prince Albert College Trust Board and the Connexional Fire Insurance Board, for their special financial assistance. We also place on record our grateful thanks for the receipt of £50 bequeathed to the College by the late Mrs. S. Gorman.

Site Acquirement Fund: Under the arrangement whereby the Bank Interest on the Site Acquirement Fund Overdraft is met each year out of the College Budget and through the receipt of £150 from promises, the Overdraft has been reduced from £4,691 1s. 3d., as at November 1st, 1934 to £4,541 18s. 6d. as at October 31st, 1935.

Organ Fund.—By the addition of dividends and Bank interest, this fund now shows in the books at £330 9s. 8d.

The College Council proposes that the following be the Budget recommended for Conference:—

PROPOSED BUDGET.

April 1st, 1936 to March 31st, 1937.

INCOME.

Probert Trust Board	£250
Emsly Trust Board	110
Prince Albert College Trust Board ..	300
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund ..	140
Contingent Fund	740
Home Mission Fund	135
Foreign Mission Fund	25
Divinity Students' Contributions ..	175
Congregational Church Fees ..	95
Hostel Fees	900
Trinity Collegiate Church ..	100
Rent—Moehau Street	81
Reserve Fund	90
Deficiency	471
	£3,612

EXPENDITURE

Estimated Deficiency from 1935-36 ..		£281
House and Service		1150
Stipends		765
Tutors' Fees		55
Connexional Charges		123
Quarterages		136
Rates		433
Insurance		22
Telephones		34
University Fees		66
Furnishings		100
Bible Class Camp Fees		5
Repairs		75
Printing, Postage and Stationery ..		20
Advertising, Church Services ..		8
Interest: Site Acquirement	210	
Moehau St., Mortg.	104	
		314
Rent, Board Room and Tennis Court		15
Sundries		10
		£3,612

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treas.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Principal and the College Council, the Treasurers Report and Financial Statement, the statements of the College Library and Prize Funds, and the statement concerning the Site Acquirement Fund be received and adopted.
2. That the estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year commencing April 1st, 1936, be received and adopted.
3. That the Conference records its great appreciation of the valuable services of Dr. Ranston as Principal of the College, and of the conspicuous ability which he freely devoted to all the tasks entrusted to his care.
4. That the heartiest thanks be tendered to the Rev. W. T. Blight for valuable services as Resident Tutor, to him and Mrs. Blight, for the most efficient management of the Domestic arrangements in the College.
5. That the Rev. Dr. Laws be thanked for his excellent service as lecturer.
6. That the Conference thanks Mr. Dennis Johns, lecturer in Elocution, the Chairman of the Council, Rev. E. D. Patchett, the Secretary, Rev. A. McBean and the Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone for much work very well done.
7. That thanks be tendered to the Honorary Physician (Dr. Griffin), the Co-Treasurer of the Site Acquirement Fund (Rev. T. A. Joughin), the Auditors (Messrs A. Messer, F. E. Sutherland, A. J. Buttle and T. L. Hames) and the various Conference Examiners, and reappoints the Auditors and Rev. T. A. Joughin.
8. That the Conference appreciates the many valuable gifts made to the College Library and Museum, and heartily thanks the donors.
9. That the Conference especially thanks the Trust Boards of the Taranaki Street Church, the Prince Albert College and the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund for their help during the year.
10. That the Principal and Mr. F. E. Sutherland be re-appointed Co-treasurers of the various Library and Prize Funds.
11. That the Council and its officers for 1936 be as recommended in the Supplementary Report.
12. That the name of the College "Committee of Discipline" be altered to "Committee of Oversight."
13. That the Resolution of the South Auckland Synod, re Sex-instruction be referred to the College Board of Studies.
14. That the College Council continue its enquiries into the possibility of establishing a training school for Christian workers and others than ministers.
15. That the Board of Studies be enlarged by the addition of Rev. W. Slade, Messrs. F. M. Winstone, A. C. A. Sexton, T. L. Hames and F. Penn, to consider the question of extending the period of training to four years. This Committee to consult a Sub-Committee consisting of Revs. E. Drake and M. A. Rugby Pratt ; Messrs. W. Chas. Francis, J. H. Blackwell and H. de R. Flesher, before presenting its Report to next Synods and Conference.
16. That the Home Missions Committee consider an extension of the Tutorial System to men entering Home Mission Work and while on Probation.
17. That the matter of the appointment of a Sub-Committee of the Examination Committee to meet Candidates for the Ministry prior to their appearance before the whole Conference Committee, be referred to the Board of Studies.
18. That the Conference re-appoint Dr. H. Ranston, M.A.Litt.D., as Principal of the College for a further term of six years as from April, 1937.

    That the Conference re-appoint Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., as Resident Tutor for a further term of six years as from April, 1937.

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

REPORT TO CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE TRUST BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st DECEMBER, 1935.

The financial result of the year's activities is a loss of £559 18s. 7d. Although this represents an improvement of £362 16s. 2d. in comparison with the loss of £922 14s. 9d. shown in 1934, the Board is not satisfied at its inability to more nearly balance its accounts.

Comparative departmental results for the last two years disclose the following variations :—

College Loss decreased by	108	12	5
General Expenses decreased by ..	433	6	4
Interest decreased by	119	16	11
Rents increased by	110	13	2
	772	8	10
Farm Profit decreased by	409	12	8
	£362	16	2

Contributions from Methodist Trusts amounted to £475, as compared with £900 and £500 during 1933 and 1934 respectively. In 1933, when as a result of the Board's appeal for financial assistance, Connexional Funds responded most generously, it was anticipated that the grants would continue for several years until the depression had passed. In considering the losses for 1934 and 1935 the reduction in the amount of such contributions must be allowed for.

It will be seen that substantial economies have been effected in General Expenses and Interest, while Rents have increased, reflecting improving conditions in and around Auckland. The reduction in General Expenses has been mainly brought about by the placing, for Rating purposes, of the Board's Suburban Properties which are used for farming purposes, on the Urban Farm List. The decision of the Assessment Court to which the Board applied and before which it appeared, has resulted in very considerable savings in the payment of Rates.

It is pleasing to report a reduction in the amount of College Loss, but the Farm profits show a considerable reduction as compared with 1933 and 1934. The Board has referred the Farm accounts to a special Committee for exhaustive enquiry and consideration, and it is hoped thereby to obtain a clear view of the prospects for the future.

The Board has continued its policy of improvement to the suburban properties throughout the year.

Until December from 70 to 80 relief workers were employed on these properties under capable supervision carrying out developmental and maintenance work of various kinds. In December the number of men was reduced to 12, who are maintaining the properties in an efficient state.

During the year the Board has felled a number of old Pine trees, and disposed of the timber and firewood. It has also sold a quantity of surface stone. The total net sales under this heading amount to £114 2s. 0d.

The Board reports with pleasure the first sale of a suburban section for some years, a section on the Mount Albert Estate having been disposed of recently for £165.

A dividend of £30 on the Shares bequeathed to the Board by the late Mr. George Winstone was received during the year.

The Board regrets to have to record the resignations during the year of Messrs. George Winstone and J. W. Shackelford, who have been members of the Board for many years and have both given it yeoman service.

The Principal's report on the College and Farm is attached.

J. STANTON, Chairman.
L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

31st January, 1936.

Members of the Board on January 31st, 1936.

Mr. J. Stanton (Chairman), Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, E. D. Patchett, A. H. Scrivin, A. J. Seamer and W. A. Sinclair; Messrs. W. Ambury, J. J. Boyce, Stuart Caughey, T. Clark, W. H. Cocker, P. Rushton, A. C. Sexton, J. Tyler, J. Veale and A. W. Westney.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1936.

Once again we have to report a year of steady progress. Roll numbers have varied very little from those of the previous year, but what variation there has been has assumed a definite upward character. This improvement, together with the higher agricultural prices now prevailing gives reason to expect a more favourable financial position next year. It has been necessary to refuse several promising Maori lads, owing to our difficulties in finance, and the proportion of Maori to European boys has slightly decreased.

A large number of boys have benefitted by the Bursaries and Scholarships made possible from the grants received from several Methodist Trust funds and a very valuable service has been rendered to deserving lads, and at the same time to the College, by this assistance.

There have been few staff changes. Mr. O. E. Burton who resigned to enter the Ministry, was replaced by Mr. A. G. Blamires, and following on the removal of Rev. J. H. Bailey from Pukekohe, the Rev. H. H. Jeffreys has undertaken the duties of Chaplain.

We have again been fortunate in avoiding almost completely any sickness or accident and there has been an absence of even the milder infectious diseases.

I am pleased to report that during the year, all the boys presented for the Higher Leaving Certificate were successful, and similar pleasing results were obtained in the Matriculation examination. Of 12 boys officially presented for the Intermediate Examination, 10 were successful.

The School has been visited by Inspectors of the Education department, who have expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the standard of work done and the facilities offered.

My Board still feels that the proportion of Methodist boys to those of other denominations enrolled last year is too low, and would appeal to members of Synods to stress the importance of a school of this character to the Connexion as a whole. A church school to be really strong must have not only fine buildings and grounds and an adequate staff, but must also have the support and practical sympathy of ministers and laymen.

During the year, the Board, having in mind the resolutions of last Conference on the question of Peace and War, decided to sever its connection with the Defence system of military training, and to establish a system of Citizenship training, which would be more in harmony with the mind of the Church and yet would be no less valuable than the Defence system in training useful citizens of the Dominion. The scheme, which is followed on one

afternoon per month, consists of Mass drill and training in the handling of groups of men; one half-hour for training in Life Saving methods, one half-hour's training in First Aid, and a final half-hour devoted to a talk and discussion of Current International events, particularly the League of Nations. All these subjects are taken by trained instructors, and the definite aim is to avoid propaganda, and simply to present the Christian ethics of Citizenship and to lead boys to think for themselves in these important matters. The scheme has met with the hearty co-operation of the staff and the boys and has, I think, been a definite contribution to educational methods in this sphere.

FARM REPORT.

Once again we can report definite growth and development. The number of cows milked has been slightly less, due to culling and sale of several in-calf heifers, but despite the reduced numbers and a particularly dry autumn, the production has been well maintained. The average yield of the three herds milked, which comprise approximately 90 Friesian and 60 Jersey cows, has been close on 300 lbs of butterfat. We have had 4 Friesian heifers under C.O.R. test, and while their production was seriously affected by the bad season, the four heifers will average over 450 lbs. as two year olds.

For some years past the farm has been seriously handicapped by the inadequate facilities for handling calves, but this season the Farm Staff, assisted by the Cadets, have erected an up-to-date calf house, which makes it possible to rear the calves under clean and dry conditions.

During the year we have carried about 250 stud pigs of different ages and and have experienced a very good market for stud boars and sows. A further three farrowing houses were erected by College labour during the winter.

No branch of the College farm has been so active as the poultry department. An electric Incubator, with a capacity of 3000 eggs was installed in the autumn and has been inadequate to meet the demand for chickens and ducklings and for custom hatching. It was also found necessary to erect a large brooder to handle about 3000 chickens up to six weeks, and a fowl house for subsequent holding. The apiary has experienced difficult conditions. The output of Honey was only about one quarter that of the previous year and in many cases colonies were considerably weakened by the dry autumn. We have at present about 220 colonies.

We have thus further reduced the number of Flock Sheep carried partly with a view to encouraging a larger number of pedigree in-calf heifers and yearling bulls, the market for which seems to be improving. More particularly we have had to make room for an increased number of stud ewes, and this year we have wintered 250 stud Southdown ewes, 30 stud Ryeland ewes, 90 hogget stud rams, 15 mature stud rams, 110 hogget stud ewes, and 150 flock ewes. The lambing both in stud and flock sheep has been slightly over 100%. About 9 farm horses are carried, 5 of which are mares and most of which are in foal to a Clydesdale stallion raised at the College.

The season, climatically, has been a very bad one and has definitely affected the returns from the pig, poultry and bee departments. This, together with depressed conditions, has compelled the Farm Committee to bend every effort to making the farm as revenue-producing as possible. This, with the low prices ruling, has not been easy, but the development along many branches has, I believe, been very profitable and has had the additional advantage of giving the students an intimate knowledge of many phases of farm life conducted under practical conditions. There is, I believe, no farm school in the Dominion which offers better facilities for agricultural training than does our College. Nor should it be forgotten that while practical education is a definite part of the school curriculum, the academic side is kept well in the front, while permeating the whole is the emphasis placed in character training and Christian ideals.

31st January, 1936. R. C. CLARK, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference places on record its appreciation of the valuable work being carried on at Wesley College, Paerata, and congratulates the Principal upon the results achieved.
3. That Rev. H. H. Jeffreys be thanked for his services as Chaplain, and also the members of the Board for their effective administration of the College affairs.
4. That the Conference records its grateful appreciation of the action of the Trust Boards named below for their generous financial assistance to the College.

   Pitt Street Trustees — Prince Albert College
   Fire Insurance Board — Contingent Fund
   Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments.
5. That Mr. Stuart Caughey be thanked for his generous gift of an organ to the College Chapel at Paerata.
6. That the matter of publishing an attractive prospectus be referred to the Board for consideration.
7. That Conference commends the work of the College to all Methodist parents and urges them to consider sending their boys to Paerata, for the excellent and sound practical training they are given.
8. That the Board present a full report on all aspects of the College affairs to next Conference.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

In presenting its report for the year ended 30th November, 1935, the Board places on record its sense of great loss by the death of its honoured Lay Treasurer, Mr. George Bowron who for many years served the Fund with conspicuous ability and zealous care. His keen insight, his forward look and his knowledge of finance were simply invaluable and his loss will long be felt. Mr. G. S. Salter has been appointed to fill the vacancy and has been elected as Lay Treasurer. The removal of Mr. H. P. Lawry, S.M. to Wellington caused another vacancy on the Board which has been filled by the appointment of Mr. S. H. Maddren. To Mr. Lawry the Board was often indebted for advice on legal matters affecting investments and the general interests of the Fund. Mr. H. Chapman has been absent in England for a considerable portion of the year but will shortly return to the Dominion.

Annuitants.

The last Conference added five permanent supernumeraries to the list of beneficiaries and continued one temporary supernumerary in that relationship. Death has claimed four supernumerary ministers and one married minister who was in active work. Four widows of former ministers and the wife of a supernumerary minister have also died. The second wives of two ministers in the active work have been placed on the Fund. There are at present 34 supernumeraries and 48 widows in receipt of annuities besides three orphan children of deceased parents. The number of ministers at present contributing to the Fund is 163. Since 1st April the new scale of benefits has been operating. A sum of £8,939 11s. 6d. has been paid in annuities and furniture grants. This is the largest annual payment yet made from the Fund.

Finance.

The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet duly audited disclose the financial position. Administrative expenses continue to be very low. The Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts Reserve now stands at £4,064 14/8. A sum of £102 14s. 6d. was added during the year but the Reserve was drawn upon to the extent of £768 7s. 8d. through the loss of interest on a property abandoned to the Board. This property has been sold to a satisfactory buyer without loss of capital. Another property has recently been abandoned to the Board and a working manager put in charge to develop its resources until a satisfactory sale can be effected. The three mortgagors whose stock accounts are being financed by the Board are securing very gratifying results which entirely justify the policy adopted.

The Allied Funds administered by the Board have increased to £24,394 14s. 2d. Deposits lodged by various Connexional Funds, Institutions and Boards of Trustees, as well as by personal depositors amount to £17,732 11/11 which is £2,567 14s. 0d. less than last year. The Board is paying off personal deposits as moneys become availalbe.

The combined assets of the Supernnumerary Fund and Allied Funds include a sum of £52,482 15s. 7d. invested in city freehold properties ; £26,750 invested in local body securities and £102,135 11s. 1d. invested on first mortgage security. The valuable property owned by the Board in Worcester Street is at present largely non-productive and efforts are being made to realize on this asset.

Earnings.

The decline in the earning power of money still continues and the full effect of recent legislation is now being felt. Revenue from debentures and mortgage investments is £431 less than last year. The revenue from Epworth Chambers shows a net increase of £197 18s. 0d. and further improvement is anticipated. An additional sum of £500 has been placed to the Depreciation Reserve Account which now stands at £1,350. The net earnings of this investment cannot be regarded as satisfactory but the whole position affecting this property was set forth in the report to the Conference of 1934.

After allowing for the amounts placed to the Reserve Accounts the net earnings of the Fund have been £5,837 11s. 3d. Calculated on the Actuarial formula the average interest earning rate has been £4 0s. 3d. per cent. Calculated on the accountancy practice of taking the average amount of capital month by month the earnings show a return of £3 13s. 1d. per cent. Omitting office expenses from the calculation the average interest earned was £3 19s. 2d. per cent.

Annual Audit.

The auditors, Messrs. H. R. Best and Co. and Messrs. E. R. Caygill and Co. in reporting upon the annual audit of the accounts of the Fund write as follows :—

(1). "We have again had the pleasure of carrying out the Audit of the Supernumerary Fund and Allied Funds and are of the opinion that your office is to be congratulated on the general high standard of efficiency evidenced in the handling of the accounts.

(2). "Considering the large amount of Capital moneys included in the Fund, we think too that those interested in the Fund should appreciate the splendid manner in which the Assets of the Trust have been handled to come through the recent depression, with such few inroads on Capital and Income. We doubt whether any other fund in the Dominion of like dimensions has a record to compare favourably with the Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church.

(3). "We feel, however, that we should point out that in our opinion the Reserve that has been created for Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts is likely to be largely drawn upon in connection with a few of the more doubtful farm securities. Whilst the position has been carefully and apparently very successfully nursed in the cases requiring special attention, it would appear that unless a recovery is staged by the Mortgagors concerned to an extent that does not look likely at the present, some losses will be sustained in the way of cancellation of interest and possibly minor capital amounts that will necessitate drawing upon the Reserve to meet future charges of this nature that may be experienced.

(4). "The practice of charging to weak mortgagor accounts full interest for the year at a time when they are very unlikely to be able to meet full charges for the period, has the effect of showing slightly more revenue for the year than is likely to be collected. Whilst the Reserve is large enough (and it would appear to be adequate on present day conditions) the matter is not of much moment except that we feel the situation should be understood by the Members of your Board, as we believe it is."

The Board greatly appreciates the work and the comments of the auditors and in relation to paragraphs (3) and (4) points out that in its special report to the Conference of 1934 it stated that ultimate losses on mortgage investments were not likely to exceed the amount provided in its reserves for that purpose. In common with every responsible body controlling investments the Board, right through the years of economic crisis, has had to be guided by the principle that its major responsibility was to safeguard the capital sums invested rather than to grasp at the collection of the maximum amount of interest from mortgagors who were kept on the land by Courts and Commissions under conditions which provided first for their living expenses and second for the upkeep of the property and the maintenance of its productive capacity. This policy operated for the safety of the capital sums invested rather than for the earning of full interest. The Board has continued to pursue the policy of strengthening its reserves to a reasonable extent while recognising that lean years are not the time for making additions to reserves beyond the necessities of the position. If, as the Board pointed out two years ago, the present reserves "are largely utilized in fulfilling the purpose for which they were provided they will be restored as wisdom and necessity may require and as circumstances allow."

The Board holds that the Investment Fluctuation Reserves are still adequate to meet prospective losses of both interest and capital. While the practice has been followed of debiting full interest to all mortgagor accounts the Reserves have not been drawn upon for any concessions in interest charges made to weak mortgagors. All such concessions have been deducted from current income and each year has been made to bear its own share of revenue losses. This practice is virtually equivalent to making additional reserve provision and drawing upon it each year to the extent of such special provision.

Subscriptions in Arrears.

On 30th November personal subscriptions of ministers in arrears with interest thereon amounted to £1,075 4s. 7d. an increase of £39 5s. 11d. over the previous year. This amount is due by 41 ministers. There is also a sum of £100 due for the purchase of benefits. A feature affecting the arrears that is to be regretted is the fact that sixteen probationers owe £212 5s. 2d. on this account. Our laws provide that no probationer may be received into full connexion and ordained whose liabiities to this fund have not been completely met. In recent years several probationers have borrowed money in order to secure full status with the Conference. Subsequent experience has shown that in some cases of this nature loans have not been repaid nor

have current subscriptions been met as they fall due. The Board recognises the economic difficulties most probationers have experienced in recent years but some have not shown a proper capacity for managing their own finances. Membership in the Home Acquirement Fund is a condition now attaching to acceptance for the ministry. There is the same default in relation to this Fund. It may be necessary for the church to assist probationers to meet these connexional liabilities but under no circumstances can the Board agree to existing regulations being relaxed. The following table shows the District distribution of arrears of personal subscriptions only.

District	Subscriptions			Interest			Totals		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	189	4	0	16	5	1	205	9	1
South Auckland ..	35	0	0	1	14	9	36	14	9
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	141	3	3	14	3	7	155	6	10
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	235	17	0	82	13	2	318	10	2
Wellington	76	13	5	4	18	2	81	11	7
Nelson	70	5	9	5	2	7	75	8	4
North Canterbury ..	59	6	3	5	5	8	64	11	11
South Canterbury ..	48	0	0	3	10	5	51	10	5
Otago-Southland ..	79	14	4	6	7	2	86	1	6
	£935	4	0	£140	0	7	£1,075	4	7

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

This fund continues to give assistance to the widows of ministers and to supernumerary ministers in necessitous circumstances. The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet show the position of the Fund. Advice has been received that the late Mr. J. J. B. Veale has bequeathed £50 to this Fund.

Home Acquirement Fund.

This useful fund is steadily growing and the amount now held in the personal accounts of contributors is £7,814 7s. 0d. The personal payments of members have been supplemented by subsidies from the Fire Insurance Fund amounting to £399. Retiring ministers have withdrawn £621 19s. 8d. from the Fund.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The financial statements clearly set forth the position of this Fund. Retiring allowances aggregating £1,236 13s. 9d. have been paid to those completing their service or otherwise withdrawing from the Fund. The personal accounts of contributors now amount to £8,798 12s. 10d.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

During the year the sum of £100 11s. 0d. was paid out for retiring allowances. The personal credits of contributors now aggregate £4,473/16/7.

Board for 1936.

The following are nominated as the Board for the ensuing year :—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. E. Drake, W. Grigg, C. Eaton, H. Ryan, and W. A. Burley ; Messrs. G. S. Salter (Lay Treasurer), H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, L. G. K. Steven and S. H. Maddren.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.
M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treas.
G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

Christchurch,
17th January, 1936.

Home Acquirement Fund.

That the following be added to Regulation 19 of the Home Acquirement Fund (Supplement to Law Book, page 36) :—

"The Board may at its discretion extend this privilege to ministers seeking temporary superannuation."

SPECIAL REPORTS.

As directed by the Conference the Supernumerary Fund Board has considered two matters referred to it (as per Minutes of Conference, 1935, Resolution 8 and 9, page 107), and now presents its report thereon :—

A.—RETIREMENT ON 40 YEAR BASIS.

The Board in consultation with the Actuary has carefully considered "the advisability of adopting a regulation that, after 40 years' service, ministers cease to make further payments to the Fund and that upon retirement after service for a period exceeding 40 years, they receive the same benefit as if they had served only 40 years."

The Conference has already decided against a proposal to allow ministers to retire after 40 years' service independently of their state of health. At present under Regulation 36 (Law Book, page 144) Ministers are permitted to retire :—

1. After having acquired 44 years' standing in the ministry independently of age or of health condition.
2. At the age of 65 provided that their standing in the ministry is not less than 40 years.
3. Upon attaining the age of 70 years.
4. At any age subject to the necessary proof of ill-health.

The present proposal is not that ministers should be compulsorily retired after 40 years' service, but that there be no further personal payments to the Supernumerary Fund by, and no increase in annuities from the Fund for any period of active service in excess of 40 years. This proposal is virtually to amend the concluding part of Regulation 14 (Law Book, page 140) so as to made it read :—

"Any minister who has been 40 years in the ministry, and continues in full work, and has paid all subscriptions due for that period shall be exempt from further payment and shall not receive any annuity greater than if he had served only 40 years."

The Board and its Actuary point out that the scale of annuities was especially framed to reward long service and that the proposed change interferes very materially with the whole design of the scheme by reducing very substantially the maximum retiring allowance. For ministers the maximum annuity of £197 12s. 11d. at present in force would be reduced to £163 14s. 0d. and for widows the maximum would be reduced from £114/9/8 to £96/2/10. Such reductions, of course, could not apply to 9 of the present supernumerary ministers ; to 12 widows of ministers whose service exceeded the 40 year period or to any ministers now in the active work who have served more than 40 years.

If adopted the proposal would mean that every minister who in future, served over forty years and the widow of every such minister, would for the whole of their future lives suffer every year the serious reductions on the present scale of benefits set forth below.

Period of Service	Supernumerary Ministers £ s. d.	Widows of Ministers £ s. d.
41 years	7 18 0	4 5 10
42 years	16 3 8	8 15 6
43 years	24 17 3	13 9 2
44 years	33 18 11	18 6 10

The Board feels strongly that such prospective beneficiaries would, under the suggested amendment to the Regulations, be called upon, every year that they lived, to make an unreasonably large sacrifice. In its judgment and in the judgment of the Actuary it is far better in the interests of those for whom the fund was established to adhere to the present rule.

B.—MINISTERS AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

The Board has carefully considered the matter of "the liability of circuits in regard to their ministers and their paid church officials under the Workers' Compensation Act."

The matter as it relates to ministers and home missionaries was the subject of a ruling by the President of the Conference in 1928. He ruled in accordance with the opinion of his Legal Adviser, the late Mr. J. A. Flesher which is as follows:—

> "As to the liability for the Insurance of ministers and home missionaries, which I presume means the liability of Circuits for accidents to ministers or home missionaries, I have given the matter careful consideration and have come to the conclusion that as Ministers and Home Missionaries are not "Workers" within the meaning of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1908, Circuits are not liable to pay compensation in respect of accidents sustained by Ministers or Home Missionaries.
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> "By that Act a Worker means 'any person who has entered into or works under a contract of service with an employer whether by way of manual labour, clerical work or otherwise, and whether remunerated by wages, salary, or otherwise, but does not include any person employed otherwise than by way of manual labour whose remuneration exceeds £260 per annnum."
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> "In order to entitle a person who meets with an accident arising out of and in the course of his employment, to compensation he must be a 'Worker,' *i.e.*—a person between whom and the employer there exists the relationship of Master and Servant and whose average weekly wages do not exceed £5. This relationship is created by contract and involves the exercise of control or the right to exercise control by the employer over the workers and the right to direct him how to do his work.
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> "These conditions clearly do not hold in respect of Ministers or Home Missionaries working in Circuits. There is no contract of service existing between the Minister or Missionary and any persons. Our whole Church system rests on a voluntary basis and depends upon the loyalty of its members for the carrying on of its work and the support of its ministers and other workers.
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> "An exception may arise in the case of a Home Missionary engaged, controlled, directed and paid by the Home Mission Committee in respect of an accident sustained by the Missionary performing the duties laid down in the terms of his engagement, but this would depend entirely upon the terms of the engagement."

The Board has sought also the opinion of its legal adviser, Mr. H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B. It has had the benefit of the advice of its Lay Treasurer, Mr. G. S. Salter (Solicitor) and of the present legal adviser to the President, Mr. Joseph Stanton, LL.B. All agree with the opinion of the late Mr. J. A. Flesher that circuits are under no liability for their ministers under the Workers' Compensation Act.

They hold that for any liability to exist, ministers must come within the definition of a worker under the Act as set forth above. The remuneration of £260 per annum given by Mr. Flesher in 1928 is now increased to £400 per annum. A minister is therefore not within the Act if his remuneration,

including, of course, rent, use of furniture and all other benefits exceeds £400 a year, nor is he within the Act unless there is a specific contract of service.

The legal gentlemen consulted cite cases determined by the Courts in which the vital distinction is noted between "a contract of service" and "a contract for services."

Lord Justice Fletcher Moulton is quoted as saying :—

> "The greater the amount of direct control exercised over the person rendering the services by the person contracting for them, the stronger the grounds for holding it to be a contract of service, and similarly, the greater the degree of independence of such control, the greater the probability that the services rendered are of the nature of professional services, and that the contract is not one of service."

The question of Employment of Ministers has already been dealt with in England in connection with ministers of the United Methodist Church and Probationers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in relation to the National Insurance Act, 1911 (Imperial). Schedule I, Part I of that Act provided that "employment" within the meaning of the Act included:—

> (a) "Employment in the United Kingdom under *any contract of service* or apprenticeship, written or oral, whether expressed or implied and whether the employed person is paid by the employer or some other person."
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> Mr. Justice Joyce "held that if the Ministers concerned were employed at all, it would be very difficult to find out who were their employers. He said his attention had been called to cases in which the difference between "contract of service" and "contract for services" had been considered, and in face of those cases and of the judicial observations to be found therein his Lordship was of opinion that it was absolutely impossible for anyone to argue seriously that either of those classes of persons was under a contract of service."

In view of all the facts we think that any claim by a Minister or Probationer under the Workers' Compensation Act must fail on the ground that there is no contract of service, and the Board submits that home missionaries are in the same position.

In the case of circuits having a definite contract of service with paid church officials such as organists, and caretakers, trustees are liable and in a number of cases they have arranged cover under the Workers' Compensation Act through the Connexional Office.

It should be stated that the Board arranges insurance against accident and sickness for such ministers and home missionaries as desire this service. Particulars are to be found in the Minutes of Conference, 1934, page 107.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.
G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.
M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

CHRISTCHURCH,
22nd October, 1935.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Board of Management be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
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 the Balance sheet of

the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, the Revenue Account and Balance sheet of the Deaconess' Retiring Fund, and the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Home Acquirement Fund be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.

3. That the recommendation of the Home Mission Board regarding the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund and the Deaconess Retiring Fund be the subject of negotiation between the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board and the Supernumerary Fund Board, and that Regulation 22 on page 171 of the Law Book be also considered by the Home Mission Board and the Supernumerary Fund Board during the year.
4. That the Board of Management for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
5. That the Report on "Retirement on a 40 year Basis" be adopted and the views therein expressed be endorsed.
6. That the Report on "Ministers and the Workers' Compensation Act" be adopted and the views therein expressed be endorsed.
7. That the following be added to Regulation 19 of the Home Acquirement Fund (Supplement to Law Book, page 36).

   "The Board may at its discretion extend this privilege to temporary supernumeraries with fewer than thirty-five years' service.
8. That the Board be empowered to bring before the Complaints and Appeals Committee any serious cases of default in the payment of personal subscriptions to the Supernumerary Fund.
9. That the Board be requested to report each year to the Examination Committee of the Conference the position of all Probationers in relation to their personal payments to the Supernumerary Fund.

2.—METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (Inc).

The Board has continued to administer a number of trusts of varied nature committed to its care. During the year it accepted from the trustee in the estate of the late Mr. Alexander Binnie a transfer of his trust in the administration of a sum of £200 the net income from which is to be devoted to the stipend fund of the Sumner Methodist Church.

The Trustees of the estate of the late Mr. Sampson Uren also desired to retire from their trust and transferred the administration of the same to the General Purposes Trust Board. In this trust a sum of £1000 is held in the interests of the South Island Methodist Orphanage ; £500 in the interests of the Foreign Mission Fund and £500 in the interests of the Home Mission Fund. The testator expresses a wish, but not so as to bind or fetter the beneficiary bodies, that the capital sums shall be kept intact as long as possible and that the income only be used. Our Board as trustee is empowered to postpone for as long as it, in its uncontrolled discretion shall think fit, the sale, calling in and conversion of any part of the invested funds. The bequests were subject to a life interest by the widow who has recently died.

It is gratifying to note that increasing use is being made of the facilities we offer for holding and administering any real or personal property for special purposes or trusts in connection with our Church, as well as for any trust body, or other organisation or department connected with the Church.

The financial statement of the Board accompanies this report.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.
G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.
M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch,
17th January, 1936.

RESOLUTION.

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

3.—METHODIST CHILDRENS FUND.

We have much pleasure in presenting to Conference our Annual Report and Statement of the Methodist Childrens Fund for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The following payments each of £9 have been made :—

Auckland	33½
South Auckland	11¼
Taranaki-Wanganui	18¾
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	16¼
Wellington	25
Nelson	9¾
North Canterbury	32¼
South Canterbury	5¾
Otago, Southland	18¾
Mrs. Parsons (Manchester) (Final) ..	1¼
	172½

being 4¾ payments less than for last year.

The Credit Balance of the Fund at the Bank of New South Wales, Wellington, is		£349 9 5	
and owing by Districts—			
Auckland	16 4 7		
South Auckland	17 10 0		
		33 14 7	
		£383 4 0	

The expenditure for the year has been £66/5/3 greater than the income, but even so, the Treasurers are prepared to recommend to Conference that the levy be again 7%, with the object of giving the greatest relief possible to the Circuits, and in the expectation that we can return to the former levy of 7½% for the year 1937.

E. W. A. KELLOW }
FRANK E. LEADLEY } Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.
2. That the Levy for 1936-37 be 7%.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Treasurers and that Mr. E. W. A. Kellow be reappointed, together with the Superintendent of the Wellington East Circuit.

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.
2. That the following Grants be authorised :—

   Theological College, £740 ; Connexional Secretaryship, £180 ; Deaconess Institution, £75 ; Council of Religious Education, £20 ; Spiritual Advance Committee, £25 ; University Fees, £30 ; Affliction, £20 ; SPECIAL (for one year) WANGANUI TRUST, £150 ; Wesley Training College, £100.
3. That the levy for 1936 be 6%.
4. That the Consultative Committee for 1936 be :—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Treasurers, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs. H. de R. Flesher and F. Thompson.
5. That clause 7, sub-clause (e) on page 155 of the Law Book be amended by the addition after the words "Annual Conference" of the words "of the President, Retiring Vice-President," etc.
6. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to (a) The Treasurers (Rev. L. C. Horwood and Mr. J. H. Blackwell) ; (b) The Auditor (Mr. Isaac Wilson) and that they be re-appointed.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

ANNUAL REPORT.

This Fund still maintains a satisfactory position.

Expenses were paid for 56 removals, including 5 Supernumerary Ministers, and the cost amounts to £893 17s. 9d., making the average cost per removal, just under £16, which in view of a few long distance removals may be considered satisfactory, though not as low as last year's average, which was £13.

Sundry expenses of about £5 will bring the costs to, say, £899; the year's levy is estimated to produce £740, this will be short of the required amount and it will be necessary to withdraw £159 from the Capital Account to balance the expenditure.

Some Districts are still in arrears for 1934 and short in their payments for the March and June quarters of 1935, the amount outstanding at September 30th being £114 6s. 5d.

The Committee recommends that the levy for 1936 be 2%.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.
M. KERSHAW, Treasurer.

CHRISTCHURCH,
October 12th, 1935.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Treasurers and that they be reappointed.
3. That the levy for 1936 be at the rate of 2%.
4. That the Committee for 1936 be :—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. Eaton, E. Drake, Superintendent St. Albans Circuit and F. B. Lawrence, Messrs. M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, C. A. Newman, J. E. Purchase and A. A. Sandford.

   Treasurers : Rev. E. Drake and Mr. M. Kershaw.

   Convener : Rev. E. Drake.

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

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

Annual Report.

As through all the years, God has again made bare His arm and we render our thanks and praise to Him for definite progress through another difficult year. Important above all else is the fact that men are being saved and added to the Church. The full membership in the Solomon Islands District now stands at 6,065—an increase of 234 for the year. No less than 1,625 additional adherents are reported, bringing the total to 15,001. 17 new Churches and 5 additional preaching places testify to the evangelising zeal of our Teachers. In 185 day schools—an increase of 13 for the year—3,773 scholars are taught not only to read and write, etc., but also to know and love Him who said "Suffer the children to come unto me."

These are inspiring facts and figures indicating something of the greatness of the Work to which we, as a Church, are called. A Work so great and urgent as to constitute a first claim upon our thought, substance, and prayer. Fuller reference to the Work and the workers is made in the appended report on the General Secretry's visit to the Field.

Special thanks are due to the Rev. W. A. Sinclair and the Office Staff who so ably maintained the work at the Head Office during the General Secretary's absence; also to the District and Circuit Secretaries who have rendered devoted service.

We are devoutly grateful for the splendid contribution of £1623 from the Native Church. As in New Zealand, the economic conditions have improved somewhat in the Solomons and our native people gladly responded by an increase in their giving of £497. This from a people none of whom has enjoyed the Gospel for more than 34 years and some of whom have heard the name of Jesus for the first time within the last few years.

Some Circuits in New Zealand have also shown an upward tendency but, unfortunately, in the majority of cases, the tendency has been the other way and we have to report a decrease of £445 (approx.) in the New Zealand contributions to the General Fund. Wellington alone reports an increase as a District, all other Districts showing a decrease on last year's giving.

We cannot urge too strongly and earnestly how imperative it is to increase the General Income, if the Work is to be maintained and the Doctor sent back to the Field. Nor can we emphasise too much how easily this can be accomplished if every member of the Church is faithfully and personally confronted with his or her responsibility to this great work. As we remarked last year, an additional half-penny per week from each member would solve our problem. Is it too much to ask for an extra half-penny per week for the sake of Him who died for us?

Staff Changes.

The only addition to the European Staff this year has been the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester, who has been appointed to take charge of the Vella Lavella Circuit.

The Rev. D. C. Alley has been nominated by the Board for appointment to the Solomon Islands District in 1936.

Nurse Vera Cannon, after acting in an honorary capacity, has been appointed to the regular Staff and is now stationed at Roviana.

Nurse Edna White has been reappointed to the Helena Goldie Hospital Bilua.

Rev. A. A. Bensley, after 12 years of faithful and successful service on the Mission Field, returned to the Home Work.

Dr. Sayers also, after rendering very outstanding medical service, returned to New Zealand and has commenced the practice of his profession in Auckland and is there giving excellent service by his advocacy of the claims of the medical work, and with much willingness has addressed many meetings in the interests of Missions. He has been appointed a member of the Board of Missions. Mrs. Sayers also is assisting by addressing meetings of the Women's Auxiliaries.

Furloughs.

The Rev. J. R. Metcalfe has been on furlough during this year and rendered excellent service in deputation work. He has now returned to his duties as Superintendent of Choiseul Circuit.

Sister Lina Jones has also been on furlough in the Dominion. After completing a deputation tour especially in connection with the work of the Women's Auxiliaries, Sister Lina will return to the Mission Field to continue her very valuable educational work at the Head Station.

General Secretary's Visit to the Mission Field.

The General Secretary has spent a considerable portion of this year in a visit to the Mission Field. The Mission Board and the Conference realised the necessity for such a visit in the interests of the work generally. It is a matter of extreme importance that the General Secretary should be thoroughly acquainted with the Field, the workers, the native people, the problems and the difficulties that confront the Missionaries and, after consultation with them, bring recommendations to the Board of Missions. After visitation to every part of the Mission Field and attendance at the Mission Synod, the General Secretary, with the Chairman of the District, visited Rabaul to discuss with the Administrator of the Mandated Territory various matters of vital importance to the work in Bougainville and Buka. Mr. Scrivin's report of his visit to the Field is appended.

M.W.M.U.

Once again we accord our sincere thanks and appreciation to the elect ladies of the M.W.M.U., not only for their splendid financial assistance, but also for their fine idealism and the spiritual challenge of this devoted service. The Dominion President (Mrs. W. H. Duke) and her Dunedin Executive are maintaining the high traditions of their predecessors, and the various Auxiliaries throughout the country are as keen and determined as ever that this great work to which they have set their hand shall go on. The workers on the Field gather constant inspiration and courage from the steadfast sympathy and support of the M.W.M.U.

Bible Class Unions.

Having seen a good deal during the year of the splendid work of Sister Ada Lee and the Rev. Harry Voyce, our first thought is to ask the Young Women's and Young Men's Bible Class Unions for an extra £100 per annum for the high privilege of being so intimately associated with these fine missionaries. We would, however, assure the Unions of our sincere appreciation of the great help they are rendering the Overseas Cause by their prayers, service, and financial support. We look to the Bible Classes up and down the land to ardently foster the missionary spirit and ensure the upbuilding of a movement that seeks the "Utmost for the Highest" in the Solomons as in New Zealand.

Teachers' Supporters.

A very happy way of consecrating service and substance to the spread of the Gospel in the Solomons is by supporting a native agent on the Field, and we congratulate, and are grateful to, the friends, Sunday Schools, Endeavour Societies, and other Institutions that have adopted this method of very materially helping to make known the name and love of Jesus. We trust that many others will be eager to share such privilege of being closely associated with individual workers on the Field.

The Rev. V. Le C. Binet, of Glen Eden, Auckland, has undertaken the oversight and correspondence in connection with this Department and the best thanks of the Board are due to him.

Publicity Work.

In addition to the deputation work of Missionaries from overseas, most valuable assistance has been rendered by the Revs. A. A. Bensley, T. Dent, V. Le C. Binet, F. H. Hayman, W. W. Avery, W. J. Enticott, Mr. W. C. Francis (Vice-President), Miss May Barnett and Mrs. Eaton (nee Lilian Berry).

Special thanks are due to the following Circuits for liberating their Ministers for deputation work, viz.—Avonsdale, Thames, Hamilton, Morrinsville and Roslyn.

Publications.

The circulation of "The Open Door" shows a decrease of 130, the quarterly issue being 5050 copies. A special appeal was made during the year to Sunday Schools in the interests of "The Lotu" and this has resulted in an increase of 169 in the circulation of the paper. The number now issued quarterly is 6800. The Editorship of "The Lotu" has been in the capable hands of the Rev. E. P. Blamires. The columns of "The Methodist Times" have been freely used to give information about our missionary work.

Banga Plantation Debentures.

During the year Banga Plantation Debentures to the amount of £750 have been paid off. The remaining holders of debentures, with one exception, have agreed to renew the debentures at a reduced rate of interest when they mature next year.

Special Gifts.

Outstanding among special gifts this year is that from Mr. Gorman, of Nelson, and the late Mrs. Gorman. This gift, amounting to £3,000, is specially earmarked by the donors for Medical purposes, only the income from it to be available for expenditure. It is hoped that this splendid example may inspire others who have the means to do something generous towards placing the Medical Work on a firm foundation. The gift will be known as the "Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest." Other gifts, amounting to £221, have been received "to help to send the doctor back."

Debt Reduction Appeal.

Generous contributions for Debt Reduction have continued to come in through the year. The Fund now stands at £4,971. This includes £100 from the Rev. J. F. Goldie, who has promised an additional £100 when the total reaches £5,000. The response to the Special Appeal has helped to lift the Board from the critical position and we return heartfelt thanks to God and all contributors. The actual amount received in 1935 was £1,364 10/11 all of which has been definitely applied to debt reduction.

Legacies.

The following amounts have been received from legacies :—

In Memoriam Samuel Parker, Devonport	£100	0	0
R. B. H. Maxwell, Timaru	£100	0	0
D. McKenzie, Ashburton	£50	0	0
M. B. Thompson	£54	16	4
A. T. Cuming	£18	10	10

Information has been received of a legacy of £100 in the estate of the late J. B. Veale, of Auckland.

The late Mr. White (M.B.E.) of Blenheim has left £150, to be paid in three annual instalments of £50 each.

Change of Name.

During the year the Board of Missions recommended that a change be made in the name of the Missionary Society, and that "Overseas" be substituted for "Foreign" the name of the Society henceforth to be known as "The Methodist Overeseas Missionary Society of New Zealand."

Synods, the M.W.M.U., and the Bible Class Unions approved the change of name.

Legal difficulties have arisen; however. There is no provision in the Act under which the Investment Board is registered for a change of name and the recommendation of the Annual Meeting of the Board is that action be deferred.

Medical Policy.

After full and heart-searching discussion regarding our medical policy, it was clear to the Board of Missions that it could do no other than fully re-establish the Medical Unit at the earliest possible moment and it was resolved "That it be the Board's objective to re-establish the Medical Unit in 1938." A brilliant young Methodist doctor, devoted to the cause of Missions, will be available at that time and equipped with New Zealand and English experience and a course in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. We are confident we shall have the whole Church behind us in this matter and that the people of the Solomons will once again receive the medical attention of which they stand in urgent need.

The reappointment of Nurse Edna White at the Annual Meeting is the Board's first step in the carrying out of its medical policy and all New Zealand will rejoice with us that this highly capable, devoted, and experienced worker, who knows the language and people of both Roviana and Vella Lavella, has offered for a further term of service. We are deeply indebted to Nurse White's parents—Mr. and Mrs. T. R. White of Pakuranga —for agreeing, at considerable sacrifice, to their daughter once again responding gladly to the missionary call.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

The Treasurers' Report for the Year Ended 31st December, 1935.

The returns for the year ended December 31st, 1935, show an income in New Zealand of £10,313 14s. 3d. Of this amount £1,364 10s. 11d. was contributed for Debt Reduction. Ordinary income amounted to £8,949/3/4 as compared with £9,425 11s. 3d. for the previous year. Circuits contributed £444 15s. 10d. less than in the previous year. The Women's Missionary Union and the Young Women's Bible Class Union gave £1,323/10/– which is an increase of £81 2s. 6d. for the year. The Young Men's Bible Class Movement contributed £191 19s. 6d.

The Solomon Islands income amounts to £1,685 which is an increase of £337 17s. 6d. as compared with the previous year. The previous year Government grants and subsidies amounted to £220 8s. 0d. and as there were no Government grants in 1935 the actual increase in Island income is £558 5s. 6d. This splendid increase in the offerings of the Church in the Islands has been made possible by the improved price of copra.

The expenditure for the year is £8,739 3s. 4d. in the Solomon Islands, being £597 3s. 7d. less than the previous year and £160 16s. 8d. less than the allocation made to the Mission District.

The expenditure at the Home Base has been £1,855 7s. 6d., being £1,253 11s. 7d. for the Mission Office expenses, £449 1s. 0d. for interest on bank overdraft and loans, compared with £614 16s. 0d. in 1934 and £152 14s. 11d. sundry payments.

The overdraft at the Bank has been considerably reduced during the year and now stands at £3,843, compared with £5,309 at the same time last year.

Legacy money and other gifts have been received to the amount of £327 12s. 2d. Of this sum £223 7s. 2d. was from legacies. This has been placed to the credit of the Equipment Fund. The Medical Fund has had £3,128 10s. 0d. added to it this year. Of this amount £3,000 comes from the splendid gift of Mr. Samuel Gorman and from the estate of his late wife

The total deficiency at the end of the year was £10,039 3s. 10d., compared with £11,443 7s. 3d. at the close of the year 1934, a reduction of £1,404 3s. 5d. Of this amount £1,364 10s. 11d. came from the Debt Reduction Fund and £39 12s. 6d. from the General Fund. This shows that the whole of the money contributed for Debt Reduction went to debt reduction, while the amount of £39 12s. 6d. represents a surplus on the year's working.

The circulation of "The Open Door" shows a decrease of 130, there being a quarterly issue of 5,050 copies. The quarterly issue of "The Lotu" amounts to 6860, being an increase of 169. The columns of "The Methodist Times" have also been employed to give publicity to our Missionary work.

W. A. SINCLAIR }
T. L. HAMES } General Treasurers.

"WHITE UNTO HARVEST."

General Secretary's Report on his visit to the Solomon Islands District, 1935.

For journeying mercies and abundant health during 5½ months of constant travel, we give to God our humble and grateful thanks.

We gratefully acknowledge also the courtesy and kindness extended to us in Australia by the Overseas Mission Offices in Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane, and to the President of the N.S.W. Conference (Rev. M. K. Gilmour) who not only entertained us during our stay in Sydney, but also placed the President's Room and all its facilities at our disposal.

Sailing from Sydney on July 13th, we reached Gizo on July 29th, and received a very warm welcome from the Chairman of the District. From then on until we sailed from Rabaul on November 14th, with the exception of the 5 weeks we were in Southern Bougainville, Mr. Goldie accompanied us in all our travels. Our generous and gracious host at Kokeqolo and during journeyings oft in his beloved "Tandanya," he was a constant source of information and inspiration to us. It was a privilege to see something of the profound and beneficient influence he exercises over chiefs and people and of their great love for and confidence in him. For his hospitality, unfailing kindness and courtesy, and for the inspiration of his friendship and his work, we are deeply grateful.

To all the other brethren and their wives, and the Sisters who so graciously entertained us in their various Circuits, we extend sincere thanks. They could not have been more kind and considerate, and it was a great privilege to be with them in their homes and Circuits and see something of the splendid service they are rendering the Society and the Kingdom of God.

Staff.

As a Society, we have every reason to be abundantly grateful to God for the men and women He has called to His service in the Solomons and our impression is that each worker is equally grateful for the opportunity and privilege of service. As long as the Staff is human, there are certain to be minor differences, but it augurs well for the future of the Work that regarding the things that really count—major matters of policy and all vital interests of the Kingdom—there is among our men and women a real spirit of unity.

Our visit has impressed us more than ever with a sense of gratitude to God for the wisdom, statesmanship, courage, and devotion of the Chairman of the District. None of us can fully realise all he has meant, and still means, to the Solomons. It is hard, too, to realise that there is only one man in the active Ministry of our Conference who is his senior. In spite of a long ministry under very difficult conditions, he retains the ardour and vigour of youth and we are glad in the expectation that he will be spared to lead our work on the Field for yet many years. He has our love and utmost confidence and, in spite of occasional disagreements on minor matters, we believe this to be true also of every member of the Staff.

That there is much more work to be done than the present Staff can compass there can be no shadow of doubt. Extension—for which, particularly on Bougainville and Buka, the time is fully ripe—demands more workers. Even to develop adequately the work we already have in hand, the present Staff is insufficient. Pioneering work involves much travelling on the part of the Missionary and even in well established Circuits the man in charge must pay frequent visits to his numerous stations to encourage and direct the native teachers. This travelling involves absence from the Circuit or section training institution which militates against the training and development of students for the native ministry which, in turn, hinders the supply of workers at a critical period. The re-appointment of a third man to the Bougainville-Buka Circuit is an urgent necessity. Messrs. Cropp and Voyce are men of exceptional strength and devotion, and have been remarkably successful both in pioneering and consolidation work, but they are being overtaxed as also are their wives. They have great plans for extension among people who eagerly await the Gospel as soon as men and money are available.

The work among the women, girls, and babies of Southern Bougainville—to say nothing of the loneliness of the Missionary's wife who seldom, if ever, sees another white woman—demands the appointment of a Sister to Tonu as soon as possible.

Medical Work.

Our Medical Work has been sorely stricken by the withdrawal of the doctor and his nursing staff, but is still a vitally important branch of our organisation.

Mrs. Leadley and Nurse Cannon are doing excellent work at Roviana, assisted by a competent staff of native medical assistants and nurses. The building used as a Hospital was not erected for this purpose but has been adapted and serves fairly well. It is of European material with a central ward capable of accommodating 6 cots, and a wide verandah various parts of which are used as out-patients' department, dispensary, etc.

The Maternity ward is an adjacent native building which is shortly to be renewed.

Since the withdrawal of the doctor and staff from Bilua, the medical work at Roviana has increased considerably.

Maternity and Child Welfare Work.

In addition to the work being carried out at Roviana, splendid service is being rendered by Sister Ethel McMillan at Bambatana, on the Island of Choiseul, Sister Elizabeth Common at Skotolan, on the Island of Buka, and Mrs. A. H. Voyce at Tonu, in Southern Bougainville, particularly as regards Maternity and Child Welfare Work. Each of these workers has a Maternity ward and facilities—not always adequate—for the care of orphans and other babies.

Native girls assist in this highly important work and thus acquire valuable training.

There are excellent native hospitals at Patutiva, Bambatana, Tonu, Tiop and Skotolan, all under the care of native medical assistants trained by our doctors and nurses, and in several other places very good medical work is being done by the Missionaries and their wives and native medical assistants or teachers. Native medical assistants are also bravely carrying on, as far as they are able, at the "Helena Goldie Hospital," Bilua, and in the care of the Leper Settlement.

To see the work and its possibilities is to realise the urgency of the complete re-establishment of our medical unit. The valuable work the native medical assistants are doing is possible only because of the training they have received and it is imperative that the source of such an essential service be not allowed to dry up. But this will surely happen if we are forced to continue long without the doctor, who is able, not only to train more native assistants and nurses, but also to give refresher courses to those already at work. We have an excellent and well-equipped hospital at Bilua, and also a new house for the medical superintendent, and what is more, a brilliant and devoted young doctor eager to take up the work. It is unthinkable that the Church, by inadequate support, should long delay the appointment.

Educational Work.

Considering the fact that even in the oldest part of the District the people have had a written language for not more than 30 years, the educacational standard reached, particularly at Roviana, is of a high order. Not only is this true of our District and, to a lesser degree, our Circuit Institutions, but also of the most of the village schools, in the British Solomons. Throughout New Georgia and Vella Lavella, and, to a lesser extent, Choiseul, it is unusual to find a native—apart from the very old and very young—who cannot read and write. On Bougainville and Buka most of the village schools have been established from a few weeks to a few years only, but even there excellent progress is being made.

We examined scores of village schools throughout the District and were profoundly impressed with the effectiveness of the work achieved in most of them. We also had the privilege of seeing the students of the various circuit and section training institutions at work both in and out of school and noted not only the excellent work the white brethren are doing, but also the outstanding capacity of many of the native tutors. Many of the tutors and catechists, in addition to the native probationers, show real power and initiative that augur well for the future leadership of the Native Church.

In a recent report on Education in the British Solomons, the Resident Commissioner made the following remarks, which constitute a striking testimony both to the educational policy of our Mission and the thoroughness with which it has been carried out by Mr. Goldie and his European and Native colleagues :—

> "It should here be said to the credit of the Methodist Mission that the native clerks at present in Government service have been trained, without exception, under Mr. Goldie's care."
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> "It was generally conceded that the native teachers of the Methodist Mission were probably in advance of the rest of the Group."

The "Alma Mater" of practically all the Western Solomon Islanders who, as preachers, teachers and Government servants, are making such a large contribution to the well-being of their people is our District Training College at Kokeqolo. From the early days of the Mission the Chairman has been convinced of the importance of a well educated as well as a saved and sanctified native ministry and people. He has been ably supported by his European and Native colleagues with the result that, to-day, we have a College of which we have every right to be proud. I have seen other native institutions that can boast better buildings and equipment but none that is doing more effective work.

Some of the graduates of this college have done splendid work in the pioneering field of Bougainville and Buka, acting as catechists of various sections. Many more are ready and eager to go to this newer and needy work but the Government of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea has refused to let these highly qualified and devoted teachers enter that Territory of which Bougainville and Buka form a part. The objection is based upon the, to us, inadequate reason that trouble has been caused by certain Solomon Islanders, principally Malaita men. It seems unreasonable and illogical to exclude christian teachers, who are both wanted and needed by the people, because trouble has been caused by an entirely different type. The Government is also anxious that we should repatriate the Solomon Islands teachers now in the Territory and has refused to give permission to those who have gone to the British Solomons on furlough to return.

The Chairman and I journeyed to Rabaul to interview His Honour the Administrator, but unfortunately he was away and did not return until the night before my boat sailed for Sydney. He graciously gave us an hour of a very busy morning during which the above and other matters were discussed. He was adamant regarding the transfer of British Solomon Islands teachers to Bougainville and Buka, but promised to consider the question of permitting Bougainville and Buka students to go to Roviana for training. The Chairman remained in Rabaul for a further interview at which His Honour gave consent for Bougainville and Buka students, to the number of thirty, to proceed to Kokeqolo for training. We are grateful for this concession which will greatly facilitate our work and equally grateful to the Chairman for his able advocacy of our case.

In order to partially meet the difficult situation that had arisen, the Synod recommended the establishment of a Training Institution at Tiop and the transfer of the Rev. A. H. Voyce to take charge of that work, while also supervising the work of Southern Bougainville until the new man has

become familiar with it. It is probable, however, that the ability to transfer Bougainville-Buka students to Kokeqolo will save us the expense of establishing a large institution at Tiop.

Technical Training.

Closing down the saw-mill and the cessation of building repairs, etc., for financial reasons, have interferred with our important technical work. In Joni we have a devoted and capable craftsman. He has a number of students under his care and these, directed by the Chairman, are doing very good service as ship-wrights and carpenters. They have recently reconditioned the *Ilahe* and installed in her the engine they had removed from the old *Hilda*, thus giving to Choiseul a very serviceable boat. This class of work is not only valuable training for the Technical Students but saves the Society a considerable sum of money.

It is important that, in the near future, the Technical Work and Saw Mill be again in full swing and making their considerable contribution to the development of the race.

Central Training School for Girls.

Viewing conditions on the Field and discussing the matter at length with the Chairman and other workers have convinced us more than ever of the need for a Central Training School for Girls. Many of our Teachers are unmarried—and gravely handicapped in their work in consequence—because of the lack of suitably trained girls. An educated christian girl, trained in simple methods of hygiene, maternity and child-welfare work, teaching and christian leadership, can, as a Teacher's wife, exercise a profound influence upon the women and girls of the village and definitely hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Our idea had been that such a School could be maintained at the District Institution, thus solving some of the problems of supervision, staff, and consequent cost of maintenance. The Chairman, however, is of the opinion that it should be a separate institution. This would mean not only the initial cost of such a venture but also a fairly considerable annual expenditure for additional staff. We hope, through the year, to secure from the Chairman an estimate of both initial cost and annual expenditure.

At Bambatana, Tonu, and Skotolan very good work is being done in the training of girls and quite a number of teachers are happier and more effective in their work because they have as wives girls trained in these circuit institutions. The good work thus done serves to emphasise the possibilities of a well staffed and equipped central school.

PROPERTIES

Houses.

The Sisters' House at Bilua is old and in poor condition and will need to be extensively repaired or rebuilt in the near future.

The house at present occupied by the Tutor at Kokeqolo is also old, but still comfortable.

Apart from the above, all our European house and college property is in good order, except for the lack of paint for the purchase of which money has not been available.

At Patutiva, Tonu, Tiop and Skotolan, mission houses are of the semi-native type—roomy, comfortable and well built. The native roofs and walls of these buildings need repairing from time to time but this is not very expensive. It is inadvisable to consider replacing these houses by costly structures of European materials until the permanence of site has been finally decided.

Boats.

In spite of her 23 years, the District auxiliary ketch *Tandanya* is in good seaworthy condition—a state of affairs for which the best thanks of the Society are due to the Chairman and his splendid crew who give devoted and capable care to this their "Sweetheart of the Sea."

The *Bilua* (Vella Lavella auxiliary cutter) is out of commission at present owing to the need of somewhat extensive engine repairs and general overhaul, but is a very serviceable craft.

The *Saga* (Bougainville-Buka auxiliary cutter) is a smart little vessel which, in spite of many years of service, is kept in excellent trim by Mr. Cropp's able and devoted care.

The *Ilahe* (Choiseul auxiliary cutter) has just been reconditioned at our Roviana Technical School and the engine from the *Hilda* installed, and should render the Choiseul Circuit excellent service for years to come.

The *Te Karere* is a beautiful launch but—like a number of other beautiful things—expensive to run. She is laid up and the Board has already consented to her sale.

The *Wanganui* (Roviana launch) continues to render excellent service in and around the Roviana Lagoon and is in good order.

Several smaller boats—whaleboats, etc.—are in commission and in fair order.

The *Hilda*, *Smokebox*, and the Tiop whaleboat are laid up and unlikely to be of any further service.

Insurance.

All our permanent house and church property is insured against fire with the Connexional Office. The insurance of our boats, however, is not on such a satisfactory basis. We pay nearly £200 per annum to a company for policies that cover total loss only and through the years have paid for our boats several times over. The Chairman of the District and I discussed this matter and our recommendation is that the Board establish a fund to cover damage and loss of its boats, paying £250 per annum into the fund until it totals £1,000, retaining the present cover in the meantime. That when the fund has reached £1,000 the premiums at present paid to the Company be paid into our own fund. That the Insurance Fund be kept in a separate account not available for other purposes, but at the same time offsetting overdraft charges. That when the Fund has reached what is deemed a safe amount the premium be reduced and the money saved to the General Fund.

Saw-Mill and Boat Shed.

These buildings with their plant, timber, etc., are in excellent order and it is sincerely to be hoped that, in the very near future, may again be a hive of industry. Some of the logs awaiting milling have been affected by climate and weather and their value written down.

A first-class copra store on concrete piles has recently been erected by the Technical Department on the Roviana wharf and is a great credit to all concerned.

Plantations.

It was a pleasure to see the excellent order of our plantations at Kokeqolo, Bilua and Skotolan. The latter is both small and new and will not be in full bearing for some time, but Kokeqolo and particularly Bilua seem to bear above the average, and, with the economies that hard times have forced upon us, should prove a valuable source of revenue to the Society.

Banga, owing to the abnormally low price of copra, has not been worked to any extent for more than a year and, in consequence, is somewhat overgrown. A few weeks' work, however, when operations are resumed, will restore this valuable property to good order. The Chairman is wise above many in these matters and we may confidently rely upon his judgment.

The areas planted on these various properties, all in full bearing with the exception of Skotolan, are :—

KOKEQOLO	..	..	150 acres	total area	200 acres)
BILUA	..	..	400 ,,	,,	1300 ,,
SKOTOLAN	..	..	90 ,,	,,	225 ,,
BANGA	..	..	480 ,,	,,	1000 ,,

Conclusion.

That a wonderful work of God has been wrought in the Western Solomons is beyond dispute. Every activity has had, and still retains, as its central purpose the winning of the people for Jesus Christ and revealing to them His way of life and service. Darkness has been made light before them, and these erstwhile treacherous fighters, head-hunters, and cannibals have found, and rejoice in, the way of peace. Nothing on the Field impressed and moved us as much as the Class Fellowship Meetings of which we attended a large number. Here with real conviction, and often deep emotion, men and women testified to the transforming power of God's grace in their lives and of their devotion to Him who has so wonderfully led them into the way of life and love. It is wonderful in our eyes and, as a Church, we should thank God for the privilege of being associated with such a triumphant task.

The Statistical Returns, as reported to the recent Synod, give some idea of what has been accomplished in 33 years among a savage and primitive people.

Some time ago a Government official was discussing with some Roviana people their relationship to the Methodist Mission. The reply was "We are the Methodist Mission." This is a good illustration of the remarkable way in which the life of these people has been changed. The whole community is the Church and all the affairs of its life have to fall into line with this fact. The chiefs lead their people both by precept and example in the things of the Spirit and we listened to many of these chiefs telling with deep emotion of how the coming of the Gospel had made all things new for them. In the Menakasapa Church, New Georgia, this transformation is depicted by the broken and discarded weapons of war placed at the foot of the Cross. At Senga, on the Island of Choiseul, in a very dramatic way, the people staged a sham attack on the village depicting scenes of carnage that were common less than 20 years ago. This was followed by a Class meeting in which chiefs and people thanked God for the Gospel—His Word that had changed strife to peace.

Inscribed above the pulpit in another New Georgia Church in a village called Hobart, are the following words :—"Come on Hobart ! Let us all shelter beneath the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ which is for the blotting out of our sins, and for the salvation of men who seek God by faith and in truth. 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."—John 3:16."

These are all indicative of the change that has been wrought by the message we have been called to proclaim. Similar triumphs of the Cross await us on Bougainville and Buka, where the Field is white unto harvest, and the whole Church in the Solomons has to be yet further built up and established. This is the great and glorious task of New Zealand Methodism, which will be accomplished as we yield ourselves fully to the spirit of prayer and sacrifice. May we be found faithful.

A. H. SCRIVIN.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Board, General Secretary and Treasurers, together with the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. **Greetings to the Native Church.**

That the affectionate greetings of the Conference be conveyed to the Native Church in the Solomon Islands District and that the members be assured of our continued love and prayers. We rejoice greatly at the increase in Church Membership and the number of Adherents and children attending school. We are grateful also for the generous increase in the Thanksgiving Offering. For all the abundant evidence of the presence and power of the Spirit of God in the Church we give heartfelt thanks and pray that 1936 may be marked by yet greater blessing and progress.

3. **Greetings to Missionaries on the Field.**

That this Conference send glad greeting to the Missionaries on the Field. We realise something of our privilege in being associated with these front line workers and pray that we may ever prove loyal to them and the great work they have in hand.

We thank them for the way they are supporting the Board in its efforts to reduce the debt and keep the expenditure as low as possible in order that the retrenched workers may be replaced.

We record our thanks also for the generous and enthusiastic way in which they received, entertained, and inspired the General Secretary on his recent visit to the Field.

We rejoice in the success that attended the Chairman's interviews with the Administrator of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea regarding Educational and other matters, and thank him most sincerely for this further evidence of his wise statesmanship.

We are humbly grateful to God for the definite growth of the Kingdom in the Western Solomons during the year and pray that the workers may receive constant grace, strength and wisdom to continue in the great work to which God has called them.

4. **Appreciation of His Honour the Administrator of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.**

That the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District be asked to convey to His Honour the Administrator of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea the respectful and sincere thanks of the Board of Missions and the Conference for his permission to our Society to transfer students from Bougainville and Buka for college training at Roviana. The Conference is convinced that such a wise move must eventuate in the all round advancement of the people of Bougainville and Buka, and trusts that the day is not far distant when a fuller intercourse between the best elements of the two Territories will be possible.

5. **Agenda for Native Sessions at Synod.**

That the Superintendents of the Circuits in the District together with the Rev. E. C. Leadley, be a committee to arrange for the Agenda of the Native Sessions at Synod, and that the recommendation of the committee be submitted to the ensuing Synod, Board and Conference.

6. **Students Designated for Foreign Mission Work.**

That the recommendation of the Synod be referred to the Executive of the Board, in consultation with the Board of Studies, for consideration during the year.

7. "Open Door" and "Lotu."

That the Board furnish a report to Synods of the number of copies circulating in the Circuits.

8. Furloughs.

That the furloughs recommended by the Islands Synod be approved.

9. Thanks—To M.W.M.U.

Conference is deeply conscious of the rich and consecrated service rendered by the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, and places on record its sincere thanks and appreciation. By deep spiritual influence, close co-operation in the practical affairs of the Society, regular contact with workers on the Field, and generous financial support, the M.W.M.U. has played a large part in the success that has attended the work in the Solomons during 1935.

The guarantee of £1,200 for the year greatly helped the Board in framing an aggressive policy and although it has not an actual guarantee for 1936 the Board is confident in the assurance that this amount will be forthcoming if at all possible, and is adventuring still further in its great objective of winning the Western Solomons for Jesus Christ.

10. Thanks to Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Movement.

That the sincere thanks of the Conference be extended to the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Class Movement for their sympathy and practical help through the past year. By supporting the Rev. A. H. Voyce and Sister Ada Lee, both of whom are rendering splendid service, the Bible Classes are playing an important part in the development of the Church's Missionary Enterprise.

Conference also seeks its closer co-operation and help that the work to which we have been called in the Western Solomons may be accomplished.

11. Medical Bequest—Name.

That the bequest be known as "The Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest."

12. Thanks.

That the sincere thanks of the Conference be extended to Mr. S. Gorman for the splendid sum of £3,000 given by him on behalf of the late Mrs. Gorman and himself for medical work in our Solomon Islands District. We thank God for the missionary zeal and love that have inspired this gift. It will be greatly blessed to thousands of sufferers, who, through its ministry of healing, will be led to a fuller knowledge of the Great Healer Himself.

The Conference prays that this generous bequest may inspire others to loyally support the Board of Missions in its effort to restore and maintain the Medical Unit in the Solomons.

13. Medical Policy.

That it be the Board's objective to fully re-establish the Medical Unit in 1938.

14. Name of Society—Proposed Change.

That, in view of legal difficulties that have arisen, action be deferred until the position be clarified and that the Board, if it is deemed desirable, take steps to secure the legal facilities to change the name.

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Messrs. Peak and Burton for their report.

15. **Insurance of Boats.**

That the Board establish a fund to cover damage and loss of its boats, paying £250 per annum into the fund until it totals £1,000, retaining the present cover in the meantime. That when the fund has reached £1,000 the premiums at present paid to the Insurance Company be paid into our own fund. That the Insurance Fund be kept in a separate account not available for other purposes, but at the same time offsetting overdraft charges. That when the Fund has reached what is deemed a safe amount the premium be reduced and the money saved to the General Fund.

16. **Appointments.**

(a) TREASURERS : Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames.

(b) BOARD :

The President, the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District, Revs. A. H. Scrivin, W. A. Sinclair, Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, G. T. Marshall, E. T. Olds, A. B. Chappell, W. Walker, E. P. Blamires, E. S. Harkness, V. Le C. Binet, G. I. Laurenson, W. T. Blight, A. N. Scotter, F. Copeland, W. W. Avery, F. E. Leadley, Messrs. T. L. Hames, W. S. MacKay, J. P. Blair, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, J. Tyler, F. Penn, J. E. Astley, L. E. Rhodes, R. Thomas, L. Peak, E. H. Burton, Dr. Sayers, B. J. Lynneberg, C. E. Taylor, F. Thompson, R. H. Nesbitt, the President of the M.W.M.U. (Mrs. W. H. Duke), the President of the Auckland Women's Missionary Auxiliary (Mrs. A. White), Miss E. M. Rishworth, Miss S. A. Somerville, Miss G. Griffith, Mrs. F. Thompson, Mrs. T. Rowe.

Thanks to Retiring Members.

That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the retiring Members of the Board of Missions.

(c) REPRESENTATIVES ON MISSIONARY COUNCIL :

The Chairman of the Wellington District : The Ex-President (Rev. J. H. Haslam).

General Secretary : Rev. A. H. Scrivin.

Mr. B. J. Lynneberg, Mrs. H. E. Pacey.

(d) AUDITOR :

That the appointment of an auditor be deferred.

That the best thanks of the Board be tendered to Mr. Knight for his valuable services through a period of years.

17. **Thanks to Subscribers and Workers.**

That the best thanks of Conference be accorded all Foreign Mission workers and subscribers.

18. **Estimates.**

That the Estimated Income and Expenditure for 1936 be adopted as follows :—

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
New Zealand ..	£9,500	Solomon Islands ..	£9,072 13 8
Solomon Islands ..	£2,000	Home Base	£1,212 10 0
		Interest	450 0 0
		Boat Insurance and Replacement Fund ..	250 0 0
		Debt Reduction ..	514 16 4
	£11,500		£11,500 0 0

District Secretaries for Foreign Missions.

AUCKLAND	Rev. E. S. Harkness
SOUTH AUCKLAND	Rev. F. H. Hayman
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	Rev. J. D. Grocott
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU ..	Mr. C. E. Taylor
WELLINGTON	Rev. J. Richards
NELSON	Rev. J. H. Bailey
NORTH CANTERBURY	Mr. F. Thompson
SOUTH CANTERBURY	Rev. W. W. Avery
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall

District Missionary Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendents of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits with Rev. W. Walker and the Minister of Dominion Road Church, and Messrs. W. S. Mackay, A. Whitehead, F. G. Steinert, J. P. Blair, A. G. Harris, The President of the Auckland Women's Missionary Auxiliary; Misses Somerville and E. M. Rishworth. Convener, Rev. E. S. Harkness.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, and Morrinsville Circuits; Messrs. H. Wagstaff, E. Thomas, W. Harris, J. T. Johnson, J. T. Bryant, Mrs. J. M. Jones. Convener, Rev. F. H. Hayman.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of the New Plymouth, Stratford, Waitara and Inglewood Circuits, the Home Missionary at Okato, Messrs. T. P. Hughson senr., E. Dixon, C. E. Bellringer, P. Wells, J. T. Griffin and G. W. Kirk. Convener, Rev. J. D. Grocott.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendent Ministers of St. Paul's and Cuba Street Circuits (P.N.), Feilding, Sanson-Rongotea and Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Circuits; Messrs. T. R. Hodder, C. E. Taylor, G. G. Hancox, M.A., G. J. McVicar and L. Laurenson; Mesdames C. E. Taylor, T. R. Hodder and E. G. Bennett. Convener, Mr. C. E. Taylor. Sub-Committee for Hawke's Bay.—Superintendent Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. G. C. Laws, J. H. Oldham, J. D. Common, R. Doubleday and A. Tunnicliffe. Convener, Mr. J. H. Oldham.

WELLINGTON.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. J. Richards

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, Wakefield-Dovedale and Motueka Circuits, Messrs. H. J. Savage, J. Heath, N. H. Cozens, H. A. Holdaway, L. Wise, G. Nutall, J. Greigg, M.A., Mrs. Leaper, Mrs. Brock, Rev. J. H. Bailey (Convener).

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Mr. Frank Thompson.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru, Temuka and Waimate Circuits; Messrs. C. W. Keinan, H. H. Brown, T. Simmons, R. H. White, and A. A. Dale. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Superintendent Ministers and Circuit Foreign Mission Secretaries of the Dunedin City and Suburban Circuits, the President and Secretary of the Womens' Missionary Auxiliary and Messrs. D. C. Cameron, G. S. Gapper, Mrs. Duke and Miss Purdie. Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall (Convener).

Sub-Committee for Southland: The Supt. Ministers and Circuit F. M. Secretaries of the Invercargill Circuits; Mesdames Stanley Brown and Thompson. Convener, Rev. G. B. Hinton.

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

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1935.

The Christian Church in any age is never functioning normally unless it is fulfilling its Divine Commission to "tell out" the message it has first of all received. Within New Zealand, our Department has been entrusted by the Church with the initiating and maintaining of many activities for the fulfilling of that commission. Through another difficult year the activities of the Department both at Headquarters and in the wider field have been steadily maintained, and we give thanks to God for the measure of success that has been recorded. To hold our ground when everything is being severely tested is an accomplishment, and to advance is a greater cause for thanksgiving, and in both of these aspects we can record a degree of encouragement. Life goes on, and the need for Christian ministration increases rather than decreases with the difficulties of the days, so that we renew our certainty to-day of the necessity and fruitfulness of our task.

The Home Mission Board and Standing Committees.

As occasion has demanded, the Board and Committees have met to carry through the policy of the Conference. The work of the Department has thus proceeded smoothly, and the wider field of operations has been steadily reviewed. When the need has arisen, crises in various stations have been dealt with according to the means at the disposal of the Board.

Board Secretary.

After four years as Secretary, Rev. J. H. Allen severed his connection with the Board at last Conference. We record our appreciation of his valued services both as secretary and Board member for a number of years.

Our Staff.

We must record again our deep appreciation of the manner in which our workers in the field are confronting their problems. Some of the agents have greater gifts than others, but almost without exception, their devotion to their Master is being revealed in steady service.

Deputation Work.

This year the bulk of the Deputation work has been carried through by Ministers and Home Missionaries, working principally in their own Synod Districts. The work in most instances has been done with a high degree of efficiency, but in few instances has the financial result been adequate for our needs. It is evident that even with the most efficient and faithful service of such deputations, we have not yet evolved a satisfactory alternative to the Maori Choir for making a popular appeal to those people who are on the fringe of Church life. Much thought and prayer must be given to this problem, but it all points to the necessity of building up our list of annual subscribers who, after all, form the back-bone of our Fund. The Board expresses its deep sense of appreciation of the services rendered by the voluntary deputations this year.

General Superintendent.

For several months during the year Rev. A. J. Seamer visited Australia, first in connection with the Melbourne Centenary Celebrations, and later conducting a tour with the Waiata Maori Choir. This Choir has done valued work in conducting services and meetings, proceeds of which were devoted

in some instances to Foreign Missions, Australian Home and City Missions, and also to our New Zealand Home and Maori Mission Funds. This tour will prove of great value to our workers who have shared the experiences of the tour.

Assistant Superintendent.

During the year, the Assistant Superintendent has conducted a share of the Deputation work in various Districts, but has given the bulk of his time to conducting inspirational Missions, and round-table conferences with officials of Circuits and Home Mission Stations in a number of Districts. Visits have also been made to several Home Mission Stations for special consultation on local problems.

Preaching Places.

In times of financial stress, some Circuits and Home Mission Stations are tempted to withdraw from some outposts, on the ground of the cost of travelling and the possibility of centralising the same groups in a main Church. We would urge a warning that these cases should not be decided on a basis of financial returns. We are a Missionary Church, and must go to those who need us most. If another larger opportunity is being neglected by continuing some small outpost, that is a different matter, but we feel that if a place is closed in favour of a larger one as a Sunday appointment, every effort should be put forward to continue the smaller place as a week-night appointment. Experience shows that usually in a process of "centralisation," the total number who gather at the centre are not as great as the agrgegate of the smaller groups. Too much centralising will mean the closing of a unique field for the training of new preachers and workers, and Methodism is at its best when it is creating new workers with a sense of Missionary responsibility.

Spiritual Advance.

From last Conference a call went forth to give Evangelism a place of first importance in the programme of the Church's activity, and detailed suggestions were added for work among our own people and among those outside the Church. The Committee, early in the connexional year, sent out a circular to all ministers drawing their attention to these proposals, and adding a further practical recommendation relating to a series of special evangelistic services for the Sundays of July and August where mid-week meetings were impracticable. In response to our request, a little information has been sent directly to the Committee about evangelistic efforts throughout the Dominion: and to judge from this, and from reports appearing in "The Methodist Times," and from our local observations, a great deal of rewarding enterprise has followed the suggestions which the Committee made. We have heard with pleasure of ministers who have begun their work in new circuits with successful evangelistic efforts; in this way utilising the freshness of their appeal and setting a high standard for their subsequent work. Best of all there is a new interest in Bible Class circles. From the Central Executive of the Young Men's Union in Wellington, and from the Auckland Unions, both Young Women's and Young Men's, circulars have gone forth emphasising the need of Evangelistic Effort. Throughout Auckland, and in other centres, fellowship groups have been formed primarily to deepen the personal religious life of our young people. Reference should be made to several Missions conducted during the year in important Circuits by the Assistant Superintendent of the Board. Early in the year this Committee agreed to purchase hymn books for these missions, and to help in other ways. Mr. Laurenson reports that, while there are some of our people who absented themselves from Evangelistic services, congregations grew steadily at each Mission, and that much gain accrued to the Churches visited. The Com-

mittee also notes with pleasure the rapid growth of the attendances at the Open Air Services conducted in front of the Pitt Street Church, Auckland, on Friday evenings. These meetings are conducted by Rev. E. T. Olds and the Students of Trinity College, and attract very large crowds. Much good work has been accomplished. It is understood that similar open air work is being conducted in other centres. During the year two outstanding Christian Leaders have visited the Dominion. Both have stressed the necessity of Evangelism. Dr. Kagawa's programme of world co-operation is built up on a foundation of Personal Evangelism: while Dr. Maltby emphasised a religion, not of effort, but of Grace.

The Committee is more than ever assured of the vital importance of its work for the Church and the Kingdom.

Recommendations.

The Committee wishes once more to emphasise the necessity of sounding the evangelistic note throughout our witness, both in the pulpit and by our people. A serious spirit is abroad. Many of the old battles for freedom may have to be fought again. The call for men who enjoy the freedom wherewith Christ makes us free is clamant. When Christian workers are evangelistic, pleading with men until they bring them to personal decision, the nation will not lack free-men. We urge all our people to seek to recapture the simple faith, the joyful assurance, and the spiritual power which marked our fathers' witness.

We recommend:—

(1) That the Spiritual Advance Programme as outlined for this year in the Minutes of Conference, 1935, pages 124 and 125, be reaffirmed as the Programme for 1936.

(2) That where it is not possible to arrange for mid-week Evangelistic services, the Sunday evening services during the month of July or August or both be used. That various units of the life of the Church be responsible for the careful arranging of one service each and for taking a distinctive part in it. That Prayer Meetings to follow be held, prayer leaders being arranged beforehand, if thought advisable.

(3) That Ministers be urged to send to the Spiritual Advance Committee any information which might secure more helpful results in future evangelistic work.

(4) That in Circuits where no change of Minister is taking place, the March Quarterly Meetings make preliminary arrangements for special evangelistic efforts during the winter months: and that in other Circuits an early meeting of Circuit Officials be called for the same purpose.

Maori Work.

As usual a separate report on the Maori work will be submitted.

Literature and Colporteur.

Owing to the financial position, it has not been possible to have the Van on the road this year, and the Society's usefulness, particularly in outlying districts, has been somewhat curtailed in consequence. Nevertheless it is felt that good service has been rendered in a variety of ways. Through the co-operation of a number of Ministers and Home Missionaries, who have acted as voluntary agents, considerable quantities of good books have been distributed in country areas. The Bible Class Movements, by means of bookstalls at their Easter Camps and at Summer and Winter Schools, have helped us to introduce useful literature to large numbers of young people.

The Sunday Schools of our Church are coming to us increasingly for reward books, and numerous letters are received expressing great satisfaction at the type of book supplied. We are meeting a steady demand, especially by the youth of the church, right throughout the Dominion, for books of devotion, biography, and practical Christianity. This is among the most pleasing features of our work. On the financial side, we are pleased to state that we closed the year on July 31st with a credit balance of £91 4s. 0d. Our pleasure at this position, however, is more than offset by the fact that we cannot at present see our way to bringing the Van into operation again. We are confident that the distribution of helpful literature is an important function of the Church, and we look forward to the day when the Van will once more be on the road, and our Colporteurs visiting the homes of the people. We tender our thanks to all who have assisted during the year in the sale and distribution of literature, and to Messrs. J. L. Crawford and A. Turner who have acted as honorary Auditors.

Board for 1936.

The General Superintendent (Rev. A. J. Seamer), the Assistant Superintendent and Ministerial Treasurer (Rev. G. I. Laurenson), the Lay General Treasurer (Mr. F. Penn), the Senior Maori Superintendent (Rev. R. T. Haddon), Mr. J. Veale (Life Member), with the ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Rev. E. Drake, Rev. E. Te Tuhi, Messrs. T. Clark, W. S. Mackay, J. J. Parker, L. E. Rhodes, F. G. Steinert, H. S. Crowe, E. O. Chivers, W. Ambury, J. Reed, T. W. Hemer, T. L. Hames, G. Wilson, D. H. Thomas, E. R. Warburton, R. J. Adlington, A. Williams, W. J. Court, and C. K. Wigglesworth, Mrs. Stevens, Sister Ivy Jones, Miss Ida Buttle and Mrs. George Smith. Convener : The General Superintendent.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
F. J. PARKER, Secretary,
A. J. SEAMER, General Supt.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Annual Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund be received and adopted.
3. That the Statement of Receipts and Payments and the Statement of Capital of the Home Mission and Church Extension Investments Fund Board be received and adopted.
4. That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet of the Methodist Mission Properties Trust be received and adopted.
5. That the Balance Sheet and Statements of Profit and Loss and Trading Accounts of the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society be received and adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
6. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1936 be received and adopted.
7. That Missioners J. Common, and A. L. Witheford be placed on the retired List and suitable entries be made in the minutes.
8. That the matter of the working of the Upper Hutt Home Mission Station for this year be referred to the Home Mission Board for its favourable consideration in consultation with the Wellington District Executive.
9. That should a probationer be appointed to the Dunedin Central Mission a grant of £50 be made conditional on the Probationer's services for preaching appointments being made available to the Port Chalmers Circuit when he can be spared from his Mission duties.

10. Suggested amalgamation of Home and Foreign Mission Appeals. That this matter be referred to a Joint Committee composed of six representatives from each of the two Boards, two members of the Women's Missionary Union and a group of corresponding members to seek any method of co-operation between the Boards with a view to possible amalgamation. That the Corresponding Members be the Chairmen of Districts and Messrs. D. C. Cameron, W. G. Irwin, F. Thompson, B. J. Lynneberg, F. H. Southgate, J. H. Oldham, E. Dixon, J. C. Tietjens.

11. That Conference support the suggestion that a Deaconess be employed for Home Mission Collecting and Deputation work provided that a suitable Agent be available.

12. Tutorial System for men entering Home Mission work and while on Probation. That this matter be referred to the Board of Examiners and the Board of Studies for favourable consideration.

13. That the Home Mission Board investigate the position of Broadcasting and have power to co-opt for this purpose the Chairman and selected laymen of the District concerned.

14. VOTE OF THANKS.—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to :— The General Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, General Treasurers, Officers and Members of the Board and Standing Committees, The Members and Conveners of the District Advisory Committees, Treasurer of the Literature and Colporteur Fund (Mr. W. S. Mackay), Honorary Auditors of the Department Funds, Honorary Deputations during the year.

15. That the Treasurers for 1936 be Rev. G. I. Laurenson and Mr. F. Penn.

16. That Conference requests the Fire Insurance Board to give favourable Consideration to the giving of a special grant to the Home Mission Fund for the assisting of trusts in difficulties through earthquakes, flood, storm or other natural calamities and that the Fire Insurance Board be empowered if necessary to allocate for one year to reserve Funds a smaller sum that the customary £1000.

17. That the Superintendent of the Stratford Circuit be asked to give oversight to the Douglas Home Mission Station area for another year.

18. That a Committee consisting of the Connexional Secretary, the General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions, the Chairman of the Otago-Southland District, the Superintendent of the Gore Circuit, and Messrs. Gapper, G. Turney, and D. C. Cameron be appointed to investigate the situation in connection with the Queenstown Church property with power to take action in the interests of Church extension.

19. That the General Superintendent, Rev. A. J. Seamer, be given a year's leave of absence from 1937.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Special Appeal, 1936.

Conference of 1935 decided that the year 1936 be observed as a year of special appeal for reduction of the Overdraft on the Home Mission Fund. (See Minutes of Conference, 1935, page 125, (Finance), and resolution 19 and 20 on page 126). There is an urgent need to put the income for the Home Mission Fund from ordinary sources on a much better footing. With things as they are, only absolutely urgent matters can be supported out of current income. Some of the workers who are doing the heaviest jobs are receiving the least adequate assistance from our Fund. The steady income from ordinary sources must improve, before anything like adequate assistance can be given to the general work. Still less can we at present use the Fund for urgent extension work, or as an equalisation fund for stipends, to anything like the degree that we desire.

For current work, the Fund has been used wisely at the cost of a gravely increased overdraft, but the time has come for this to cease. We desire now to get rid of this dead-weight of debt so as to clear the way for advancement in the field.

The Board is compelled to ask the Church :—

1. To maintain essential work with a minimum of support from the Home Mission Fund during 1936,
2. to see that this year, all possible sources of income be explored for increasing and steadying the regular giving of the people, and
3. to put all possible weight into the special debt reduction appeal during the coming year.

To assist in these matters we request :—

(a) the appointment of a very strong District Home Mission Committee and Secretary in every District.

(b) the appointment also of a carefully selected small sub-committee of the above, to work as a group in correspondence with the Executive of the Home Mission Board.

Signed, on behalf of the Board,

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
F. J. PARKER, Secretary.
A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

Recognising that the time has arrived for a more aggressive programme of Home Mission Financial and General organisation, Conference calls upon our people to give every possible support to this year's appeal for the Home Mission Fund, which is the only Connexional Fund that can be used for the assistance of the Circuit Fund in extension work and the consolidation of existing work within the Circuits.

PROPOSED METHODS.

That the H.M. Department be directed to take immediate steps to organise an effective appeal throughout the Dominion on the following lines :—

1. That a chain of enthusiastic H.M. Demonstrations be held reaching as far as is practicable every preaching place in the District. (It might be advisable in certain districts to start two chains at the same moment).
2. That a team of influential persons, ministerial and laymen and women, be selected and appointed to work under a strong leader and deputy leader and complete the work in each Circuit. That either the same leader or deputy with the same or re-organised team, go to the next Circuit. New leaders and recruits to take up the work as others, because of distance or other duties, drop out.
3. That the first Demonstration in every Circuit be a Central Rally, and that the team then split up and, under influential local escort, accompanied where possible by the usual collector also, call on likely subscribers, including others than Methodists, and to attend day and evening Demonstrations in the other preaching places.
4. That each Circuit be requested by the District Committee to appoint a strong Committee to carry out all local preparations and ensure enthusiastic interest in and support of these Demonstrations and the canvass throughout the Circuit. That each Circuit Committee take

whatever steps are necessary to create as deep an interest in this effort as if it were for local funds. In this appeal for the Central Fund of our Church, there is infinitely more at stake than our people realise.

5. That Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Ladies' Guilds, Women's Missionary Auxiliaries, Leaders' and Local Preachers' Meetings, and all other Societies throughout the Circuits be approached seeking their enthusiastic co-operation. (This will entail preliminary educational effort).
6. That the H.M. Board approach the Trust Boards throughout the Dominion seeking their utmost support in this special Debt Reduction appeal, and pointing out the exceptional claims of the H.M. Fund upon such Trusts.
7. That the H.M. Board provide special collecting cards.
8. That emphasis be placed on the wide range of essential activities supported by the Fund and the main effort be directed to the amount and number of annual subscribers so as to secure continuous yearly support at a worthy level. At the same time an effective appeal be made for any additional subscriptions that might be secured without weakening the amount for the overdraft reduction.
9. The Conference urgently requests Circuit Ministers and Officials to give right of way to the special H.M. Deputations and Collectors, and render them every possible assistance and encouragement to cover effectively the whole of the Circuit area during their visit, in harmony with the above resolutions.
10. The Conference calls upon the Quarterly Meeting of each and every Circuit and Home Mission Station and the members of each Church Trust to consider whether, by any internal financial sacrifice, without unduly jeopardising local efficiency, a special grant might be made to assist to reduce the Home Mission Fund Debit which has been created by the giving of essential assistance to Circuits, H.M. Stations and Trsuts that, during the depression years have been struggling for their very existence but which in future days will in their turn, themselves, contribute worthily to Mission and General Funds.
11. That in connection with the Appeal a week of Prayer and Self-denial be held, commencing with the 2nd Sunday in May in North Auckland and the South Island, and the 2nd Sunday in October in the rest of the North Island, and that suitable literature and envelopes be prepared by the Home Mission Department.

District Home Mission Secretaries.

AUCKLAND—Rev. E. T. Olds.
SOUTH AUCKLAND—Rev. A. E. Jefferson.
TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. H. Spencer.
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—Rev. J. H. Allen.
WELLINGTON—Rev. W. Parker.
NELSON—Rev. W. Rowe.
NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. F. B. Lawrence.
SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. R. P. Keall.
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. B. J. James.
SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT—Rev. E. B. Chambers.

District Home Mission Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, with the Revs. F. J. Parker, W. Walker, and the Minister of Dominion Road ; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, W. Ambury, E. O. Chivers, F. Penn, F. W. Stone, J. W. Reed, E. A. Astley and A. Williams. Convener, E. T. Olds.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, The Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Aroha and Rotorua Circuits, Messrs. R. P. Kilham, J. C. Tietjens, J. T. Johnson, M. Butler. Convener, Rev. A. E. Jefferson. Corresponding Sub-Committee—The Chairman, Rev. A. E. Jefferson; Messrs. J. C. Tietjens, and J. T. Johnston.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth, Stratford, Waitara and Inglewood Circuits, The Home Missionary at Okato, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, G. W. Kirk, P. Wells, E. Dixon and T. P. Hughson Junr., Convener, Rev. H. Spencer.

WANGANUI, SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Ministers of the Wanganui Circuits; Messrs. Bowater, Whitlock, F. Webb Jones, Newsome. Convener, Rev. J. W. Parker.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Superintendent Ministers of the St. Paul's, Cuba Street, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Sanson-Rongotea and Feilding Circuits, the Home Missionary at Halcombe, Mrs. Terry; Messrs. J. Nairn, E. G. Bennett and W. H. J. Watson. Convener, Rev. J. H. Allen.

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. J. M. Bruce, G. W. Venables and J. H. Oldham. Convener, Rev. H. J. Odell.

WELLINGTON.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. W. Parker.

NELSON.—The Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, Blenheim, Motueka and Wakefield-Dovedale Circuits, the Home Missionary at Havelock, together with the Circuit H.M. Secretaries or Substitutes, in these places. Convenor, Rev. W. Rowe.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru, Temuka, Waimate, Geraldine and Oamaru Circuits with Messrs. A. Stead, W. G. Irwin, A. Bunt, G. Hall, F. Metson, and A. W. Barnett. Convener, Rev. R. P. Keall.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. B. J. James.

SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits, together with the Circuit H.M. Secretaries and Mrs. S. Brown. Convener, Rev. E. B. Chambers.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Abridged Report for 1934-35.

In October, 1935, we held the 21st Annual Conference of our Union. Starting with 13 affiliated Auxiliaries we now have 57. While our Union works to raise money for women's work in the Solomon Islands and New Zealand, we do not lose sight of the spiritual benefit gained by belonging to such an organisation. The membership stands at 2,843 an increase of 163 on the previous year. At present we are supporting in the Solomon Islands, Sisters Ethel McMillan, Elizabeth Common, Lina Jones, and Nurse Vera Cannon; and in the Home Field, Sisters Eleanor Dobby, Olive Bott, Atawhai Wilcox and Airini Hobbs. Also Sister Netta Gittos who is still in charge at Kurahuna Maori Girls School at Auckland, where good work continues to be done. The girls are willing to learn and are a particularly fine and intelligent type.

Our income for the year was £2,582 6s. 3d. Since the formation of the Union over £34,000 has been raised for work among women. This includes £778 19s. 6d. given for Debt Reduction. During the year £159 was given to the Medical Fund which is divided among the Sisters and Missionaries in the Solomons to obtain medicine needed for their work.

Our members as usual have generously supplied gifts for the boxes for the Solomon Islands Sisters, and many parcels of clothing have been sent to the Sisters working among the Maori people.

We thank God for His goodness and with His guidance look forward with confidence to the future.

H. L. DUKE, President.
E. C. PURDIE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the special thanks of the Conference be tendered to the officers and members of the Women's Missionary Union for their magnificent work during another year and that the congratulations of Conference be expressed to the Union on the attainment of its majority.

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

MAORI MISSION REPORT.

A delightful thing in Maori life is the fact that all true Maori leaders, and artists, and craftsmen of the old school always acknowledge the **Great Unseen** before they commence any task. It should not therefore be difficult, if they are guided aright, to get the younger children, as they adopt Christian civilization more fully, to look distinctly for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all their undertakings. Yet our Maori people are scattered over such a large area that we are still finding it almost impossible, with our limited Funds, to organise adequately the necessary oversight and guidance. We sometimes almost despair of securing satisfactory results from our skeleton organisation, yet such wonderful influence is wielded by our devoted Maori Ministers and Deaconesses that definite progress is undoubtedly being made year by year, proving indisputably the Presence and Operation of the Holy Spirit in all our Mission organisations and activities.

The Waikato—King Country.

A few years ago the Waikato and King Country were probably our most difficult fields. To-day a great light is shining on these people, and although the shadows are still deep, a tremendous transformation is taking place. At every turn the people are crying out for help and guidance in spiritual and moral questions, as well as in matters affecting their advancement in civilized modes of life.

The progress at the present time is probably as rapid as is safe, but is likely to be somewhat misdirected if we cannot supply sufficient guidance to out-general the manoeuvres of those who are false leaders. We therefore return thanks to Almighty God for the wonderful support our Church has given us in the carrying on of this work, both with finance and agents. A tribute is due to many of the European Circuits who gladly encourage their workers to reach out a helping hand to the less advanced race within, or adjacent to, their boundary. In no other district do we get quite such effective help from European and voluntary workers as we do in the Waikato and King Country.

North Auckland.

Although there are now probably at least 15,000 people in North Auckland classed as Maoris, yet there are comparatively few full-blood Maoris amongst them. We find there in dealing with these people, quite a different problem in many respects from the problems with which we are confronted in the heart of the North Island. Here, as elsewhere, we are greatly dependent upon our honorary Home Missionaries who receive no stipend whatever, but to whom a grant of a few pounds is made to supplement what the people can raise towards the cost of travelling, etc. Very useful work is being done by these agents, and by the local preachers, under the guidance of the Superintendent Minister. We question whether any greater or more consistent self-sacrifice is made by any workers in any area whatsoever than that made by some of these men when on their preaching tours. We are glad to be able to report that in general there is less drinking amongst the North Auckland Maoris than there was a few years ago, although they are still tremendously handicapped by the open bars and sly grogging that is all too prevalent in portions of that area. Here, as elsewhere, our Deaconesses are still moving as ministering angels amongst the people. We are greatly indebted to the Women's Missionary Union not only for their continued support of the Senior Deaconess of the Hokianga area, but also for their splendid move in offering support for the Assistant Deaconess who is making steady progress amid difficult conditions.

We are praying that God will open the hearts of some of our well-to-do people so that they will make substantial gifts to provide suitable means of transport for our Deaconesses in this and other areas. In these days of comparatively good roads, and with hundreds of miles of district to cover, we should not require any of these devoted ladies to work their districts on horse-back or cycle, although, of course, horses and cycles are needed at times in certain portions of their wide districts, but these should be used as supplementary to the chief means of travel.

The time has arrived when the Conference should seek to discover some means of putting effectively into activity its long accepted policy of full co-operation between the Northern English and Maori Circuits. This would mean, of course, the creation of a large Circuit, and the appointment of some minister, European or Maori, with wide sympathies and good organising gifts, for a long term as Superintendent. To appoint men, however suitable, for short terms to such work would be courting failure.

South Island.

The conditions in the South Island prevent us from making much progress unless we were prepared to go not only to the expense of providing the stipend for a South Island Agent, but also to make provision for the Agent's travelling, which would require a larger amount than the stipend. At present the condition of the Home Mission Fund prevents us from making this outlay, although there would be wonderful fruit in the years to come if a suitable Deaconess could be appointed to, and adequately maintained in this work. Her task would chiefly be that of a liaison officer between the Maoris and the European Circuits. In the meantime we are still keeping a measure of touch with the more important places by sending an agent from the North Island twice a year to visit and hold services with the people, and to advise with the minister of the adjacent European Circuit.

Taranaki-Wanganui.

This is also a large Circuit ; in fact, it embraces all the Taranaki-Wanganui Church District. The Senior Maori Superintendent has his home in this area, but, as a matter of fact, is travelling through the other districts nearly all his time, for his services are greatly in demand as the chief Pastor of the

Maori branch of our Church. This means that the Circuit is worked by the Maori Superintendent minister, assisted by a fine staff of honorary Home Missionaries, each of whom receives a travelling allowance according to the necessities of his work. One of these agents, however, prefers to meet his own expenses as his contribution to the Church Funds. Other leaders, at various times, call their people together for special religious services. This means considerable expense which they bear uncomplainingly, in fact, we find that they sometimes run heavily into debt to do honour to the Church, and this, of course, we cannot countenance.

One of these Deaconesses has provided a baby car at her own expense, and consequently has been able to do about three times as much effective work as when the greater part of her time and energy had to be expended in pushing a cycle. The Maori health problem is very pronounced in this district, but fortunately the Health Department seems to be taking more interest in this matter than hitherto. Unlike Waikato, which so far has refused to accept the few thousands per year offered by the Government as compensation for lands which the Royal Commission stated should not have been confiscated after the Maori Wars, the majority of the Taranaki Maori leaders agreed to accept the financial settlement offered them by Parliament, and they have been drawing and expending their quota. There moneys are handled by a Trust Board which, of course, cannot be said to have a free hand. It is questionable whether the Taranaki Maoris are really receiving much benefit, for the majority of the money is being spent on the provision of what in certain other areas has been provided from other funds on which the Taranakis have an equal claim. It seems an iniquitous thing that the Trust Board receiving these moneys as "in lieu" of the return of land, should be encouraged, if not asked, to spend it on such things as the provision of nursing services for their people, while better nursing service is provided for other Maori tribes out of General Funds. It would seem that the first claim on these Compensation Funds should be the placing of landless Taranaki Maoris on suitable holdings so that they would be encouraged to become hard working citizens as their fellow Maori landholders are for the most part.

In conclusion, we would like to express our thanks to Almighty God for the great sacrifices that our European and Maori supporters are making, and for the work of the agents who are so freely offering themselves on the altar of service in a work that is never spectacular, but which is absolutely essential to the future welfare of the Kingdom of Christ in this Dominion.

Signed on behalf of the Home Mission Board,

R. TAHUPOTIKI HADDON,
Senior Maori Superintendent.

A. J. SEAMER, General Supt.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman of the Board.

MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL FUND.

Treasurer's Report.

The sum of £3,000 on Account of the Taranaki Girls' School Fund is still deposited with the Wesley College Board. During the year the sum of £112 10s. 0d. interest on the above capital, was transferred direct from the Wesley College Board to the Treasurer of the Kurahuna Maori Girls' School Committee in accordance with the resolution of Conference, 1931.

GEORGE I. LAURENSON }
F. PENN } General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurers Statement of the Maori Girls' School Fund be received and adopted.
3. That Conference express its pleasure at the success of the Maori Choir in its mission of witness in Australia under Revs. A. J. Seamer and R. T. Haddon.
4. That the Rev. R. T. Haddon be granted leave of absence for the year 1937 at half pay with a view to travelling abroad.
5. The Conference learns with regret, that certain European residents in the King Country have petitioned the Government to take a plebiscite among the King Country residents on the question of granting licenses in that area for the sale of alcoholic liquor. This Conference desires to call the attention of the Government to the fact that this is not a matter for local decision, but that it is a question of National Honour in relation to a sacred pact between the two races when the King Country was opened to Europeans. We would direct the attention of the Government to the official records relating to the pact made on that occasion.
6. Whereas in the opinion of this Conference a grave injustice has been done to certain Maori tribes, owing to monies granted to them in compensation for excessive confiscation of lands, being partly used for purposes which in the case of other tribes is being met by the Government from the Consolidated Funds, and to which they are rightly chargeable,

   And Whereas the Conference considers that despite the genuine attempt of the past Government, more should be done to place landless Maoris on the land, more particularly in the case of the Taranaki, Waikato and North Auckland Natives,

   And Whereas the Conference believe that inadequate provisions at present exist, epecially among the poorer tribes, for promising Maori girls and boys to equip themselves as teachers and leaders of their people, especially in regard to secondary and post-secondary education.

   Therefore we express to the Minister of Native Affairs our whole-hearted support to any measures he may introduce which promise to meet the above difficulties, and our co-operation with him in all matters tending to promote the welfare of the Native Race.
7. That the first claims on Compensation Funds should be the placing of landless Maoris in suitable holdings, the provision of suitable education for the Maoris and particularly the guidance and development of their leaders in these and other matters relevant to their needs.

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

A.—AUCKLAND SOCIAL SERVICE MISSION.

REPORT 1935.

With gratefulness to our Heavenly Father, we present our Annual Report on the evangelistic, educational, and social service activities of the Mission. The inclusion of the Franklin Road Church in the Mission Circuit has considerably extended our usefulness in the Freeman's Bay district. We are happy to report that during the last twelve months, progress has characterised every department of our activities. A good deal of time and thought has been given to consolidating the work. Personal interviews, both at the Mission centre, and at the Gaol; visitation; youth work ; and the investigation and relief of widespread distress has made heavy demands on the strength and experience of the Missioner and Deaconess. We express our very real thanks to a loyal and efficient staff of voluntary workers. By our joint

efforts, we have been able to establish a very definite contact with the outsider. Bold things have been done, though no spectacular methods have been adopted. Slowly but surely, the influence of the Mission is making a vital impact upon the city's life. We desire to record our gratitude to Miss Elsie Booth for her splendid assistance in the Social Service Department during the last two winters.

Evangelistic.

A special Evangelistic Mission during August was the means of winning over thirty-one in allegiance to our Lord and Master, beside the spiritual stimulus to our own life. We have to report an increase of 26 in our central senior membership roll. The converts of the special Mission remain on probation. Sunday evening services are increasingly well attended, and the weekly fellowship well maintained. We express our thanks to the Organists, conductor and choir of 28 voices.

Youth.

Strong Guide and Brownie packs have been formed during the year. The Scouts and Cubs recently celebrated one year of pack life. The two Sunday Schools, Young Men's and Young Women's Adventure Groups, Sunbeams, Young Worshippers' League, and Young Men's and Young Women's Clubs are alive to the need and development of our young life.

Health Camp and Rest Home.

Last Christmas, we were able to send 40 children and 20 mothers into Camp at Ostend. During the year, the Trustees have purchased 7 acres at Campbell's Bay, as a permanent camp site, for the small sum of £120. The fathers of the children who received such benefit from Ostend have fenced the property and done a good deal of clearing, as a token of their gratitude. On June 3rd, an outbuilding worth £150 was erected by skilled voluntary labour, 500 trees were planted, and a large amount of scrub cutting and clearing accomplished. A bore has been sunk for a water supply, and over 2½ acres have been ploughed and grassed in preparation for playing grounds. The work to date has been done free of debt.

The Trustees desire to thank an anonymous donor for the gift of 3½ acres and a cottage at Henderson, towards the scheme. The proceeds from the sale, plus the money in hand, will total £525. The Committee has agreed to go ahead with the erection of the main building when £1,000 is in hand. The site is one particularly suited for our purpose, well elevated, and commanding a magnificent view of the Rangitoto Channel. The scheme, completed, will involve the sum of £3,000. The Government Health Department has given its approval of the scheme.

Deaconess Work.

Sister Rita Snowden has done magnificent work during the year. With this year, Sister will complete her fifth year of service in the city. It is well-nigh impossible for one Deaconess to meet all the demands made of a trained woman in our city. We urgently need the services of a Junior Deaconess, to meet the claims of our ever-expanding field of service. We hope that some sympathetic person, realising the need among the women and children, will provide the necessary means.

Medical, Dental, Optical, Legal.

We express thanks to Drs. W. H. Pettit, and J. Cole, J. Caughey and E. G. Sayers, the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Mr. H. D. Crump, Mr. C. H. Martyn, and our Honorary Solicitors, for their professional services.

Social Service Department.

It is hardly possible to put into words the varied nature of the services rendered. Over £1,200 per year is handled for the Pensions Dept. on behalf of returned soldiers, besides helping older people in pension matters, directing and advising in domestic and business affairs, securing birth certificates from many parts of the world, co-operating with the police, and relieving distress.

In cash and goods received, the Mission has been able to materially assist those in need to the extent of £1,030. Over 130 families received hampers, valued at 10/- each last Christmas, while over 50 others were helped with lesser amounts. Once more this year, the Mayor's Metropolitan Relief Committee has been a means of lightening our burden. We desire to thank His Worship for his admirable work in this direction. Your Missioner has served on the Mayor's Relief Committee, the committee co-ordinating the work of all the social workers in the city, and the Community Singing Committee.

Social Service Association.

The Association has been meeting at regular intervals, and the inaugural Demonstration will be held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall on November 19th as the official opening of Synod. We feel sure that the Methodist Social Service Association will be a great help to us in the future.

Prison Work.

By personal interviews, and evangelistic services, good results have been achieved. Through constant communication with the Comptroller General of Prisons, and the Prisons Board, a number of men have been transferred to country camps. Your Missioner has served on the executive of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society. Thanks are due to the Prison Officials for their unfailing courtesy, and also to the Church choirs, students, and Mission friends, who have assisted with the services.

Down and Out Work.

These Saturday evangelistic services are well attended. One can hear a pin drop, as between 80-100 men listen to the Gospel. A number of changed lives has been the result. Over 4,000 free meals have been served to these men on Saturday evenings. The help of the Methodist Young Women's and Young Men's Bible Classes, the Bible Training Institute, and many individuals, has been very greatly appreciated.

Maori Work.

We have to report an average attendance of between 25 and 30 Maoris attending the Maori Service held in the Mission Hall on Sunday mornings. A very effectual field of service opens up to us in this direction. We warmly commend Sister Ivy Jones' work.

Franklin Road Branch.

We welcome Rev. and Mrs. Hopper and the Franklin Road folk into our Circuit. Through the voluntary services of Miss Booth, we are able to report very encouraging work among the children. The Young Worshippers' League has an average attendance of 41. The Sunday School is being reorganised and slowly built up. We have wide opportunity, and a tremendous responsibility in this thickly populated area.

Thrift Club.

We have been pleased to welcome Mrs. Orr into our midst. Taking charge of the newly formed Thrift Club, she has enrolled over 40 members during the year. It is a policy of the Mission to "help people to help themselves."

Re-Building Fund.

Though the claims of this fund have not been pushed, we are glad to report that many are considering this important matter, and we are hoping that provision will be made in further donations and bequests. We should be able to erect a Central Mission building worthy of our task within the next few years. Our present building is over 86 years old.

General.

The present policy of building up step by step, and consolidating the work, ought to commend itself to all concerned. No other department of the Church is so economically maintained. The Mission ministers to thousands of people in the largest city of the Dominion. We express our grateful thanks to the East Street Trustees, and to the individuals and organisations that have so willingly assisted us. Miss Leonie Williams has made a valuable contribution in secretarial work.

We are sure that those who are charitably minded will remember the magnificent work of the Methodist Social Service Mission.

(Signed) A. J. SEAMER, Superintendent.
A. EVERILL ORR, Missioner.
WALTER WOOD } Circuit
T. FLETCHER WALLIS } Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the sincere thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. Everill Orr and Sister Rita Snowden for their inspiring leadership of the Auckland Social Service Mission, and to all voluntary workers. The Conference notes with special pleasure the success attending the evangelistic work of the Mission, the acquirement of the Health Camp Site, and commends to our people the financial support of the Social Work, and the Health Camp Scheme.
3. That the Board of Management be as follows :—Superintendent of H.M. Dept. (Chairman), the Chairman of the District, Revs. G. I. Laurenson, G. Frost, W. A. Sinclair, Dr. Ranston, F. J. Parker, Dr. E. G. Sayers, Mrs. T. Clark, Misses L. Williams, E. Booth, J. Purser ; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. Tyler, A. Messer, J. J. Parker, E. J. Hutson, F. Penn, M. Smethurst, with the Circuit Officials and representatives and the Trustees of the Mission properties.

B.—DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

Annual Report, 1935.

Motivated to rise above the ethics of self-preservation to some kind of public-mindedness the Mission has concluded another year of humanitarian and spiritual work. There has been an endeavour towards balanced development contemporary with social and spiritual needs. The Mission is regarded as the servant of the community and the centre of the social service of Otago Methodism. Recognising that the soul is in most cases accessible through the body, its leaders have coveted every form of ministering to life. During the year huge enterprises have been undertaken with very scant resources. To attempt beneficent work in a time of financial strain is exceedingly difficult but the work has unabatingly continued.

It is difficult to attempt a summary of the work. Every day has opened up possibilities of religious contact by removing practical inconveniences and disabilities of life. Hours have been spent in personal talks and rewarding companionship with unprivileged and lonely people seeking un-

derstanding and sympathy; undernourished children and short-rationed families have received material assistance, work found for unemployed; tuitional classes and recreational clubs have afforded opportunities for self-realisation and expression. The correspondence has been terrific—over 12,000 letters having been despatched from the office. Details calling for personal supervision have daily multiplied.

Youth Work.

(a) BIBLE CLASSES: Eight-six young people of senior, intermediate and junior age are graded into Bible Classes under capable leaders, and assemble on Sunday afternoons.

(b) SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday School is divided into primary, junior and senior sections and has a membership of 131. Although departmentalised, a fine sense of harmony imbues the whole movement. A Youth Council combines interest and oversight of all the youth activities of the Mission and is held monthly.

(c) LEAGUE OF YOUNG METHODISTS: The L.Y.M's. meet weekly and engage in work of a practical nature to meet their daily needs. They take a definite interest in Home and Overseas Missions. Saleable articles are made and the proceeds devoted to the Solomon Islands work.

Brownies.

The Brownie Pack on Saturday afternoons provides opportunities for fun and practical training in service. Each year provides both joy and heartache as the little people so happy and responsive wave a farewell to their leaders and juniors, and pass out to the wider interests and greater opportunities of the Guide Movement. Yet these experiences enrich life and awaken the ceaseless stream of younger children to their possibilities. The whole system of programme work is progressive, thus there is ever something new which holds the interest and stimulates ambition.

Girl Guides.

Two companies of Girl Guides have grown from the small beginnings of three years ago. 55 Girls from 11 to 16 years meet weekly under the leadership of five assistants—enthusiastic understanding and dependable young women all of whom are members of the Mission. The spirit of self-help, efficient service to others, and all phases of their team and individual development are indeed encouraging.

Girls Club.

The Intermediate Bible Class Girls Club meets on Tuesday evenings in the Parlour. Apart from fellowship and devotion, the practical objective is to develop in the members an individual desire to create something useful and beautiful and do it well. An outstanding observation among these girls of 15 to 17 has been their inability to knit, use a sewing machine, etc. or to have any apparent desire to beautify their own homes, or make their own needs from the point of view of thrift. The attendance has been maintained, and very presentable work in basket-making and the working of supper cloths from heavy flour bag fabric has been finished, paid for, and taken home with pride. Attention is now being focussed on machining, knitting and utilising old felt hats, carpet cuttings, etc.

Boys' Brigade.

The Mission is doing everything practicable to cater for the needs of boys and young men and to this end has recently formed a Boys' Brigade with an encouraging membership.

Men's Brotherhood.

Every Thursday night in the Mission Parlour over 100 men anxious to find some economic principle for international relations, other than internationl capitalism as at present constructed and to find solutions of life under the regime of capitalistic industrialism, meet to exchange views and quest for truth and brotherhood. The discussions at these meetings reveal some of the urges and ideas residual in the average man, and the fact that atheists, communists, psychologists, socialists and enthusiasts for the new economics, unite to share intelligently the tasks devolving upon men of ideas, has proved to be one of the finest innovations of the Mission. The result of past discussions has been to reveal one major trend in life—restlessness with present conditions and the desire for realism and friendship in a day of veneer and disharmony. The class led by the Superintendent of the Mission has achieved wonderful spiritual results.

The Women's Guilds.

The Guild led by Sister Hazel has an average attendance of eighty, and has made growing contribution to the life of the Mission. It is community-centric and extends its services into all branches of the Mission's work. The Guild led by Sister Lenna is an endeavour to help others to help themselves—really a rendezvous for all desirous of gaining a working knowledge of sewing, homecraft and individual escape from environment.

Children's Health Camp and Home (Company Bay).

This is one of the recent big ventures of the Mission and begins a policy of institutional development. It is anticipated that over 100 little folk annually will enjoy the health-provoking facilities of the Home and its surroundings particularly unprivileged and undernourished children. The property of seven acres faces Company Bay. In the early Spring over 500 trees, 200 shrubs and 100 roses were planted to provide shelter and beauty. A large playground is part of the general scheme. The main building nearing completion, faces the harbour and is replete with sunporches, dormitories, staff-rooms, isolation rooms, library and sitting-rooms. The sleeping quarters are separate from the cooking and dining wing to ensure maximum comfort and quiet. The buildings are of concrete, brick, tiles, and copper so as to minimise after costs. A sanitation system has been made possible by the generosity of Mr. Wilson, owner of the adjoining property in allowing the Mission Trustees the rights to a water spring on his property. The spring will provide an adequate supply of water for all purposes. We desire to record Mr. Wilson's valuable contribution to the movement. A bequest in the form of a cottage came from the estate of the late Mr. Burns. It was intended to use this cottage for the caretaker, but it was destroyed by fire in August. The grounds, buildings and equipment will involve an expenditure of approximately £8,000. It is hoped to open the buildings free of cost.

The Eventide Homes for Aged and Indigent People.

The Dunedin Methodist Central Mission Board of Trustees has inaugurated a fund for the purchase of a site and the building of twenty four-roomed brick bungalow homes at an approximate cost of £500 each. The entire scheme will involve an expenditure of £15,000. It is known that very many aged people are living alone in conditions unconducive to happiness and comfort and on a meagre income which precludes independence, and that many of them are separated after years of comradeship and forced to live apart in institutions. There will be a separate home for single men and one for single women, under the control of qualified nurses and deaconesses. The old couples will live in their own little homes and when necessary receive material comforts. There will be a hospital ward and dispensary.

Plans of these homes are now available and legal firms have been notified of the scheme. Very many people have already interested themselves in this institutional development. A master baker in Dunedin has shown his practical support and encouragement by lodging with his Banker a cheque for £500 which will be made available immediately nineteen other citizens follow his lead. The banker has officially communicated with the Superintendent of the Mission on behalf of his client. Following the lead another young business man has instructed his solicitors to inform the Central Mission Trustees that he has made provision for an Eventide Home, and any residue, after the building of such a cottage, is to be used for the progress of the Eventide Homes Settlement. Sundry donations to date almost provide for a third cottage, the amount banked being £321. The whole scheme will materialise as soon as funds are available. The Board of Trustees commends the movement to all generously-minded citizens.

The Radio Church of the Helping Hand.

The Superintendent of the Mission broadcasts a devotional service daily from 4ZM Dunedin. The services are of a free and easy character designed to help all classes of the community. Those who are able to do so take a Radio Collection Box into their home and make a weekly contribution to the social work as organised by the Mission. The membership is rapidly growing and at present stands at 3,400. The income for the first twelve months £1,250—was devoted to the Health Camp, Eventide Homes, relief of distress and the provision of comforts for the sick, aged and needy. Should these daily broadcasts discontinue on account of the B stations finding it impossible to continue, the Radio Church will continue its activities by means of correspondence. To meet an urgent need it has been decided to appoint a Deaconess with nursing certificates specially to minister to the sick and aged.

The Jubilee of the Mission and the Centenary of Otago Methodism.

The jubilee of the Mission synchronises with the centenray of Otago Methodism in 1940. It is proposed to commemorate the occasion by the erection of a building on the Stuart Street site. At present the whole of the Mission work is being carried on under almost impossible conditions. The buildings are ill-proportioned and unsatisfactory arrangements obtain for Sunday School, Bible Classes, clubs and social service work. It is proposed to erect a modern building suitable for all requirements. The building will include a chapel, assembly halls, rooms for conferential work and receiving and distributing depots. It is hoped that this centenary movement will receive the official sanction of the Church Courts and the support of the Church throughout the whole of Otago.

The Social Service Department.

During the year this Department purchased clothing, footwear, food and fuel costing £1,000 ; 800 parcels costing from 10/– to 12/– each were distributed to necessitous families, employment found for many and life for hundreds of people brightened. During the mid-winter months 1,100 families weekly received assistance, partly owing to the distribution of meat made available by the Government and the Mayor's Relief Committee ; a Wood Department operates to distribute firing to needy families—particularly old people. The expenditure on all branches controlled by this Department has exceeded £4,500. The year has closed with a debit of £380.

Paris Home.

During the year this Home was sold and the proceeds banked towards the Eventide Homes Fund.

Finance and Property Matters.

The exterior of the property is in fairly good repair, but urgent repairs and renovations will need to be undertaken to modernise the interior of the main building. During the year the exterior of the Octagon Hall has been plastered and repairs effected. To cope with developing work two motor garages have been erected. It has been the aim of the Trustees to reduce the mortgage annually by £1,000 and on the 30th September £1,000 was paid off the existing mortgage which now stands at £19,500. The assets, including the property purchased three years ago, are estimated at £30,000. A sinking fund will need to be created at the earliest possible opportunity. The £1,000 paid off the debt this year calls for more than passing comment as it marks the total extinction of the debt on the Octagon Hall erected during the superintendency of the late Rev. W. Slade. Although still held as security to the Bank it is a matter for both interest and thanksgiving that the venture undertaken by Mr. Slade has been justified. We are pleased to report that during the year all Insurances have been placed with the Connexion.

Appreciation of the Staff.

The Mission has created a great deal of work in the city during the last few years, and by this means has relieved the economic position of very many families. It is not generally known that there is a working staff of 45 men and women regularly employed. Some give their services voluntarily while others receive a Government Subsidy and are under the authority of the Government Unemployed Board. To all who have assisted the work we extend our heartiest appreciation.

(Signed) LESLIE B. NEALE, Superintendent.
HARRY H. JOHNSON } Executive
WILLIAM AITKEN } Officers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference convey its sincere congratulations to the Superintendent and Officials of the Mission on the splendid work being accomplished and commends its work to the sympathy and prayers of our people.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

REPORT FOR 1935.

Before commencing the report on the work of the year reference should be made to certain matters of importance to the Institution. It is with very sincere regret that the Committee records the passing of one who had been associated with the Deaconess Institution since its inception and who had throughout its history taken a very keen interest in its activities. The Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the very valuable services rendered by Mr. George Bowron and its grateful recognition of the fact that the Institution in a very large measure owed its existence to his enthusiastic and generous support. No one realized more fully the value of trained deaconesses in the work of the church and no one rendered more devoted service in the critical years when the House was being established than he did. His death has deprived the Committee of a wise counsellor and a generous supporter.

At the beginning of the year the new Lady Superintendent entered upon her duties. Miss Greig brought with her a wide experience in hostel management and has carried out her duties with a fine appreciation of the responsibilities devolving upon the head of such an institution. Owing to the fact that the whole work of training is under review her appointment was made for one year.

No new trainees were admitted at the beginning of the year. It was considered unwise to train more deaconesses until there were more definite prospects of their being employed in some branch of church work.

Students in Training.

The following students are in training this year to complete their preparation for church work.

Miss Edith Kathleen Beer.
Miss Margaret Joy Kippenberger.
Miss Irene Maude Hitchcock.
Miss Heeni Te Teira.

Of those who completed training last year one (Miss Constance Osborne) has entered the Public Hospital for nursing experience and two (Miss Davidson and Miss Eileen Taylor) are still waiting employment.

Training.

Although the numbers are few the full course of lectures has been given and the Committee is again indebted to the clerical and lay lecturers who have so willingly undertaken this work. Their reports on the students' work indicate that good work has been done and the marks gained by the trainees at the half-yearly examination show that they have made very satisfactory progress.

Miss E. Chaplin, B.A., who has been lecturer in English for several years, retired at the end of last year and the Committee was fortunate in securing as her successor Miss Cruickshank, M.A., late Principal of Wanganui Girls' College.

The practical work carried out in various institutions in the city and in circuits under the guidance of the ministers in charge has been very faithfully discharged and eulogistic references have been made on the earnestness, devotion and success of the efforts of the trainees.

Dedication Service.

Sister Marama Muriwai having completed twelve months in active work was received as a fully accredited member of the Deaconess Order at the dedication service held on the first Sunday afternoon after the opening of last Conference.

Deaconess House.

The average number in residence during the year is 20. These include University and Training College students whose homes are in other parts of the Dominion. Many people have taken advantage of the comforts of the House and have remained for a few days while visiting Christchurch.

A very pleasing feature is the increasing popularity of Deaconess House as a rallying centre for women workers. Several societies meet there regularly so that the House is becoming a Methodist landmark—a centre of useful service.

Reports of Deaconesses and Superintendents.

While the immediate problem is the training of new deaconesses, the real concern of the Committee is the success of the Deaconesses in the field. Consequently the annual reports from these Deaconesses and their Superintendents are received each year with much interest and are critically scrutinised. The judgment of the minister in charge is particularly helpful and the Committee is grateful to all who have so freely and candidly reported on the work accomplished.

It is pleasing to note that in all cases favourable reports have been received and that on the whole excellent work is being done. There is obviously no lack of opportunity in both city and country circuits for deaconesses to undertake work that is very definitely worth while, providing that satisfactory financial arrangements can be made.

The reports of the Deaconesses indicate that they are all very happily employed in spite of many difficulties. A cheery optimism is the prevailing note. They make light of the hardships and though the work in some cases is very heavy and spread somewhat thinly on account of the large areas to be covered good progress has been made. There is no doubt that the church is receiving a rich return for the money spent in their training. It is a matter of sincere regret that a way has not yet been found by which the field can be more fully exploited. Perhaps the Commission now sitting will find a solution of this problem.

Finance.

The financial year ends on 31st December and a full statement will be presented to the Conference. The Committee asks for the following grants for next Connexional year: Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £125; Contingent Fund, £75; Home Mission Fund, £75; Foreign Mission Fund, £50.

Mr. C. A. Newman.

During the year Mr. C. A. Newman, who has been a member of the Committee for many years and for long held the combined offices of Secretary and Treasurer and more recently the office of Treasurer, found it necessary to relinquish this office. Vitally interested in the work of the Institution, he has rendered devoted and conspicuously able and successful service. We rejoice that we shall continue to enjoy the benefit of his counsel and co-operation as a member of the Committee. The Rev. Edward Drake has been appointed Treasurer.

Committee.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Rev. Edward Drake (Treasurer), the Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits, with the Ministers appointed to Linwood, New Brighton and Edgeware Road, Rev. F. T. Read, Mesdames G. Bowron, Lamb, A. A. Sandford, C. Eaton, Sister Mabel Morley, Misses E. Chaplin, B.A., and D. Fairweather; Messrs. C. A. Newman, H. Chapman, C. H. E. Graham, F.R.M.S., J. E. Purchase, M.A., S. H. Maddren, M. Kershaw, E. H. Andrews and L. G. K. Steven.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Chairman.
J. E. PURCHASE, Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH,
17th October, 1935.

REPORT OF DEACONESS INSTITUTION COMMISSION.

The special Commission set up by the Conference to consider and to report on the Deaconess Institution and the training of women for Christian Service has given careful attention to the whole question and has conferred with the corresponding members in the various centres. It now submits its report as follows :—

1. The General Question of the Ministry of Trained Women in the Church.

There is general agreement that trained women are needed for the service of the Church and that we cannot contemplate any retrograde step involving the relinquishment of such work as is being done through Deaconess Institution. We are of the opinion that far greater use can be made of the gifts of women in all departments of Church work. The State is employing women in many spheres of social service that were once the virtual monopoly of the Church, but the spheres of service for trained Christian women are constantly increasing. Changed conditions appear to rule out the likelihood of a widespread demand for circuit deaconesses if the cost of maintenance must be borne wholly or mainly by the circuit itself. The ministry of trained women is greatly needed for specific work in certain areas of the cities where local resources are inadequate to provide maintenance. In such cases, in our judgment, their support should be a charge upon the Home Mission Fund. Workers so employed should be under the direction of and work in co-operation with a minister in full connexion We are satisfied that a progressive policy along such lines would result in a larger demand for the services of trained women workers.

2. The conditions governing the employment of qualified trainees, including the assurance of continued engagement.

The position of Deaconesses has been somewhat improved by the adoption of recent legislation providing that no circuit or committee shall dispense with the services of a Deaconess except on the recommendation of the District Synod and with the consent of the Conference after consideration by the Conference Committee on Circuits. A Deaconess appointment is now definitely a Conference appointment, as are the appointments of Ministers and Home Missionaries.

It is generally agreed that no guarantee of continuous employment should be given to all who take the course at the Institution. The Church cannot accept responsibility for women workers who may fail either in training or in the field. The record of each should be reviewed year by year and unsuitable workers be given notice to seek other avenues of service. All appointments should be annual and periodical transfers to other spheres should be provided for.

It is suggested, subject to Paragraphs 211 and 212, Law Book, page 59, that the Home Mission Board and the Conference Committee on Circuits should consider the possible amalgamation of contiguous circuits and home mission stations to be staffed by two or more ministers with a trained Deaconess who would displace the untrained home missionary. In this connection it should be noted that a home missionary or a probationer regularly conducting public worship largely raises the cost of his maintenance, whereas the work of Deaconesses, even though they do full preaching work, involves expenditure for social service, youth work or religious educational activities.

No openings have yet occurred for three students who have taken the full course at Deaconess Institution. One Maori and one European trained at Deaconess House are at present taking a full nursing course at Christchurch Public Hospital.

3. The Possibility of the Home Mission Department Financing Women Workers and the Implications of such a Policy.

It is obvious that the crux of the problem is finance. A high type of candidate for training and service can be secured if conditions of employment are more assured. Women are available and spheres are open but the financial inability of the circuits prevents advance. We are satisfied that, with suitable and adequate grants from the Home Mission Fund more trained women could be employed by our circuits, missions and departments. The Home Mission Department should be asked to consider the matter of finance. Circuits, missions and institutions applying for assistance in supporting a Deaconess would need to comply with the usual conditions governing home mission grants and to state what proportion, if any, of the salary of a worker they would guarantee to raise by special local efforts.

4. The Type of Trainee, and the Qualifications for Admission, Including the Entrance Examination for European, Maori and Special Students.

Candidates should be accepted with extreme care. They should have all-round qualifications, possess strong personality, a ready adaptability, initiative, resource in meeting emergency demands, and ability to work in a team. Apart from educational attainment, good moral character and vital religious experience, a certificate of sound physical health is essential. For entrance a satisfactory pass is now required in examinations in English, Systematic Theology, Old and New Testament knowledge and acquaintance with Methodist Church history.

The course of studies for accepted candidates now comprises regular lectures by qualified tutors in Old and New Testaments, Systematic Theology, Church History, Homiletics and Sermon Construction, Elocution and Voice Production, The Art of Teaching, English Language and Literature, Psychology, Nursing, including Home Nursing, Hygiene, and the St. John Ambulance Course. No fees whatever are paid to any member of the tutorial staff.

Each student is attached to a Christchurch circuit, for practical training in visiting, Relief Depot Work, Mothers' Meetings, Sunday School teaching and Bible Class work. Practical work is also undertaken in the Out-Patients' Department of the Public Hospital, the District Nursing Association, the Essex Maternity Home, the Plunket Society, the St. John Ambulance Association, the Bible-in-Schools Lessons, the Christchurch Free Kindergarten and club work amongst Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Rangers. There are also weekly Bible Class Study Circles which afford opportunity for fellowship and for corporate prayer.

After completing the course in Deaconess House, arrangements are made in some cases for trainees to take the complete nursing course at the Public Hospital, the midwifery course at St. Helen's Hospital and the full course for Plunket Nurses.

5. Specialised Courses for Solomon Island Workers; Maori Mission Workers; Circuit, Departmental and Institutional Work; Youth Department and Religious Education.

There is practical unanimity that a general course of training, as outlined above, should continue to be followed, together with special courses, as are now arranged, for trainees designated for specific work.

Stress is laid upon the present regulation for a specialised short course for all women workers accepted for service in the Solomon Islands. The course for each such worker should be arranged by the Committee after consultation with the Foreign Mission Board and with representatives of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, which undertakes responsibility for the support of these overseas women workers. There is general agreement that although some of these workers possess high qualifications in chosen professions all would benefit by a term in Deaconess Institution.

For the Maori Mission nursing training is necessary as well as a thorough grounding in the general subjects of the curriculum. For social service work in the cities nursing training is also essential. Special supplementary lectures and practical work can always be arranged for trainees designated for specific service. Special courses could also be arranged for trainees selected for service with the Youth Department or in the sphere of Religious Education.

It is suggested that provision be made for the training of suitable women for institutional work in Orphanages, Health Camps and Eventide Homes and also for the training of voluntary and honorary workers in the main subjects of the curriculum as well as in homecraft, club-work, etc. Such work could be undertaken by the Institution without difficulty, but the special students would require to pay fees to cover maintenance and incidental expenditure.

6. Sources of Additional Financial Support for Deaconess Institution.

The mortgage debt on Deaconess Institution has now been reduced to £1600. In addition to interest charges there are recurring expenses for rates, insurance, telephone, repairs and household replacements. The four trainess now in residence complete their training this year. No new trainees were accepted in 1935. Those sent in for special training for Mission or other departments will as usual, be gladly received.

Building repairs and renewals are urgently necessary and grants will be required as usual from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, the Contingent Fund and both the Home and Foreign Mission Departments.

We are of opinion that as soon as practicable the Connexional appeal sanctioned by Conference should be undertaken with a view to paying off the balance of the mortgage debt on the Institution, putting the property in good repair and strengthening the Deaconess Retiring Fund. In connection with this appeal it might be well to consider the formation of a special branch of the Home Mission Fund for the support of Deaconess Work. The number of annual subscribers and the number of Associate Members, each of whom pays one guinea a year, both need to be increased. Where Connexional Social Service Funds are established grants should be made for Deaconess work and our people should be encouraged to remember the Institution when making their wills.

The present Deaconess Institution is the recognised headquarters of a large volume of women's work. As a centre of training and of service for women it fulfils many useful Connexional functions. Hundreds of Methodist women cross its threshold every year. It meets the needs of the Women's Missionary Union in its District Conventions, is a centre for Bible Class Executives and Committees, for Leadership Training Classes and for the Evening Missionary Auxiliary Circle. It provides a home under good conditions for University and Training College Students and others.

We recommend the reappointment of the Commission to explore the question further and to consider especially the conditions of entry and the whole curriculum of study. We hope that a satisfactory reorganisation scheme will be devised and put into operation at the earliest possible moment.

Signed on behalf of the Commission.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.
J. E. PURCHASE, Convener.

CHRISTCHURCH,
22nd October, 1935.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.

2. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Secretary and Treasurer of Deaconess Institution, to the visiting Tutors, to the House staff and to the Committee of Management for their efficient services.

3. That the following grants from Connexional Funds be made for the current year :—Connexional Fire Insurance Fund £100, with an additional grant of £20 to the House Repair Fund ; Contingent Fund £75, Home Mission Fund £75, and Foreign Mission Fund £25.

4. That the Committee for the ensunig year be as named in the Report.

5. That the value of Deaconess House as an institution of our Church be brought before our people throughout the Dominion and the facilities it offers for training young women for Christian service be emphasised in all our Churches.

6. That the Editor of the "Methodist Times" be asked to consider the possibility of publishing a "Women's Work" number of the connexional paper in which the scope and value of our Deaconess work shall be specially featured.

7. That in order that the value of their work may be more widely known, Deaconesses be appointed as Home Mission Deputations, especially in rural circuits, provided that such deputation tours be of brief duration.

8. Recognising that the fuller employment of trained deaconesses depends upon open doors for their service and that the entering of open doors must depend mainly upon support from the Home Mission Fund, Conference requests the Home Mission Board.

   (1) To consider sympathetically the subsidising of Missions and Circuits at present employing a deaconess so that a probationer deaconess may also be employed for extension work.

   (2) In conjunction with the Secretary of the Conference to approach suitable circuits or groups of circuits with a view to the employment of deaconesses by the Home Mission Department in such areas as may be found practicable.

9. That the report of the Deaconess Institution Commission be received and adopted and the Commission re-appointed.

10. That the Conference of 1937 be recommended to favourably consider the amalgamation of, and the fixing of a suitable year for the appeals previously authorised for the Deaconess Institution and the Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowments Trust Boards scheme for the establishment of a Maori Girls' School of Domestic Science and hygiene. That the Boards concerned be requested to confer on the matter during the year re a suitable date and basis for the joint appeal and report to the next Conference.

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

A.—THE AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE. MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM.

Report for 1935.

In reviewing the work of another year we have much cause for gratitude, making mention of the loving kindness of our Lord experienced in many ways.

The health, progress and, with few exceptions the conduct of the chidren has been good. Removals and admissions have balanced each other so that our present roll number is ninety, as last year, viz. :—

	Boys	Girls	Total
Wesley	22	17	39
Epworth	15	7	22
Epsom	18	11	29
Grand Total ..	55	35	90

Included in the Wesley Home returns are two boys and one girl who have been employed in the country and now have obtained situations in Auckland.

The three matrons, viz. :—Mrs. Wild and the Misses Coatman and Spooner continue to render devoted service, while the influence of Mr. Wild on the elder boys at Mt. Albert is proving in every way most helpful.

Changes of Secretary.

After ten years of faithful service as Secretary and Manager, the Rev S. Griffith, feeling that the time had come when he should seek relief from the strain the office involved, retired on June 30th last. All concerned in the administration of our Orphanages feel a very real debt of gratitude to Mr. Griffith for the able and gracious manner in which he has carried out the duties of his office, and for very much beyond these, which in the goodness of his heart he has so willingly done. His successor, the present secretary, though coming with some years of experience in connection with the South Island Orphanage, finds it no easy matter to take up the work done by Mr. Griffith, but is happy and fortunate in having his kindly counsel and help.

Finance.

The administration of the Board's finances makes increasing demands on the time and energies of the Rev. George Frost, Clerical Treasurer, whose competence and diligence are proving a valuable asset to our Board.

During the year the Bank of New Zealand allowed us to pay off the balance of the long-dated mortgage on the Epsom Home property, viz., £2,706/13/4 ; the necessary sum being secured by the sale of Govt. inscribed stock, the lifting of a fixed deposit of £434, and an overdraft on current account. The following have been received and added to the capital account, viz.:—Estate of the late Mrs. Gilmore, £1,000 ; "Anon," gift £426/16/6 ; and on account Sara Andrew Estate, £40.

Maintenance fees are slightly higher than for last year, and would have been larger still but for the default made by parents through neglect or misfortune.

Acknowledgements.

The Board gratefully acknowledge the valuable services rendered by the Ladies' Committee, the Selection Committee and the Trust Board (Inc.), also by Drs. Harold Pettit, and Cyril Griffin, Hon. Physicians, by our City and Country Collectors, and many other kind friends ; also the generous aid of subscribers and donors of provisions and goods from circuits throughout the Auckland and South Auckland districts.

Money Boxes.

The Board has secured a supply of suitable money-boxes, and will be glad to place them for effective use in the homes of our people.

Board of Management.

The following are nominated as the Board for next year, viz.:—Mesdames Caughey-Preston and W. R. G. Emerson, Rev. S. Griffith and Mr. Wm. Astley (Life Members), Revs. E. D. Patchett, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, W. Walker, E. T. Olds, H. A. Sharp, W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., A. E. Orr; Mesdames A. H. White, J. Armitage, T. A. Joughin, T. Clark, A. Peak, F. M. Winstone, E. D. Patchett, and C. J. Burton; the Misses Kirk, A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham and Ida Buttle; Messrs. J. E. Astley, T. Clark, E. O. Chivers, A. Trenwith, Walter Ambury, D. L. Thomas, A. Williams, L. F. Rudd, R. W. Gillon, Frank Penn, J. S. Caughey, D. C. Brown, J. H. Whitburn and J. Hargraves, Rev. Geo. Frost, Clerical Treasurer, Mr. A. Len Caughey, Lay Treasurer and Rev. Arthur Hopper, Secretary.

(Signed) E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
ARTHUR HOPPER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the work of the Matrons and Mr. Wild and the staff members of the three Homes, the collectors and the Ladies' Committee; also to Drs. H. Pettit and C. J. Griffin; Mr. Ken White, Chemist and many other helpers.
3. That the Secretary, Rev. A. Hopper; the Treasurers, Rev. G. Frost and Mr. A. Len. Caughey be thanked and reappointed.
4. That the matter of apportionment of legacies left to the Methodist Orphanages of the Dominion, be referred to the three Boards for report.
5. That the Board be as stated in the Report.

B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

Report for 1935.

In common with many other institutions of a similar nature the Masterton Methodist Children's Home records a slight drop in statistics for the year ending 30th September, 1935, compared with other years. Explantaions for this can be made, but these would only burden the report, and will not be given here.

Statistics.

At the commencement of the year there were thirty-one children in the Home, twenty-seven of whom returned after the Christmas holidays and to these were added five other children who were admitted during the year. Of the children who left the Home during the Christmas holidays, three were to new homes provided by the parents concerned, whilst the other one was placed out at service. No children have left the Home since January, consequently our numbers at 30th September, 1935 were thirty-two. In addition three Masterton Children were temporarily in the "Home" owing to their own home being completely burned down.

Staff and Committee.

The staff of the Home at the commencement of the year comprised Miss Allan, Matron; Miss Cameron, Assistant: Miss Mygind, Junior Assistant; Miss Henderson (partial) cook, and the Rev. J. Cocker, Secretary-Manager.

During the year the Home suffered its most serious loss since its opening in the death of its Secretary-Manager, Rev. J. Cocker.

Words are quite inadequate to give expression to the seriousness of the loss of one whose own sterling character has been for years imprinted on everything and everyone connected with the Masterton Methodist Children's Home. He will ever be remembered as the Children's Friend.

The vacant office was filled in April by the appointment of Mr. A. E. Bate.

During the year too, Miss Cameron tendered her resignation as a member of the staff, but owing to the small numbers then in the Home, no new appointment was made.

At the Annual meeting of the Committee in December, the same officers were elected for 1935. Mr. J. H. Handyside, continues as Chairman, and the Rev. G. F. Stockwell as Chaplain.

Children.

Within the Home itself all has worked well. The health of the Children has been splendid—thanks in a great measure to the watchful care of the Home's friend—Dr. N. H. Prior. The Scripture Examinations were conducted as usual and the results were entirely satisfactory.

The usual Christmas function took place in December, following similar lines to those of previous years.

Two of our boys and two of our girls have been attending Secondary School and the reports of all are very satisfactory.

Building and Grounds.

The Buildings and Grounds have received every attention. The gardens in which the Matron takes special pride are spendidly kept. The Buildings Committee has had a busy year. First there was the big October storm of 1934 which caused some damage to the roof; then there followed a fire in the laundry necessitating the reconstruction of the drying apparatus and the reconditioning of the interior and roof. All these requirements were effectively attended to.

Gifts.

The Home has been the recipient of two very fine gifts during the year. One was an enlargement of a photograph of the late Mr. Cocker—donated by three Masterton Friends and the other was the gift of a chiming clock for the Hall—the donor being our old friend Mr. B. J. Lynneberg of Ngaio. To these friends we record our deep appreciation of their very fine gifts.

Bequests.

The Home Funds have benefited and will benefit by several bequests throughout the year. Half of the Gordon bequest of £100 was received and £126 16s. 2d. of the John Gray bequest. Other bequests include £250 provided for in the will of the late John Wakeman; £50 from the late Mrs. Nairn and £500 under the will of the late Mr. J. Henson.

In concluding we would express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father, whose hand has undoubtedly been on the Home for good and whose wisdom has directed its affairs, through the human instruments whose privilege it has been to serve on the Home Committee and staff throughout the year.

J. H. HANDYSIDE, Chairman.
A. E. BATE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee for 1936 be :—Messrs. C. E. Daniell, A. H. Daniell, A. J. Donald, F. E. Wells, W. H. Judd, J. H. Handyside, A. E. Bate, Charles Jones, W. R. Nicol, Dr. Prior, Rev. G. F. Stockwell and the Minister appointed to Kuripuni ; Miss Burton ; Mesdames J. Cocker, J. Elliott, A. Pragnall and G. F. Stockwell ; Secretary-Manager and Treasurer, A. E. Bate ; Chaplain, Rev. G. F. Stockwell ; Honorary Physician, Dr. Prior.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Matron and staff, Collectors and Subscribers, the Management Board and the Honorary Physician, Dr. N. H. Prior.
4. That the Conference place on record its sense of loss in the death of the late Secretary-Manager. It recognises to the full the valuable service rendered by Mr. Cocker to the Institution and prays that God's richest blessing may rest upon his family and the Home which was his constant care.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

REPORT FOR 1935.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father we are pleased to report a year of interest and activity. Our large family is now comfortably settled in the New Home, which, with its surroundings is a delight to all. With the new home the work of the Orphanage has been greatly facilitated. A large number of visitors have inspected the home, and without exception have commented favourably upon the Home and its work.

We are looking forward to the coming Conference when visiting Representatives of the Church will have an opportunity of seeing our beautiful new premises. But our chief joy is that the children committed to our care are being housed and trained under ideal conditions. We have at present 58 children in residence. During the year 11 have left and 9 have been admitted. The health of the children has been excellent.

A few changes have been made in the Staff, but substantially the personnel remains the same as last year. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes continue as Master and Matron and give ungrudgingly of their best. Under the efficient care of the Manager and Matron and their staff the health and discipline of the home has been well maintained. The religious influence and atmosphere can be estimated in some slight measure from the fact that in the recent Scripture Examinations the children acquitted themselves remarkably well, and obtained a number of First and Second Class prizes, there was only one failure to get pass marks. The children's general education gives cause for gratification. Satisfactory reports have been furnished by the teachers of the District school concerning the progress made. The reports of those attending High schools have been decidedly good, in every case special mention hae been made of excellent conduct. The children take an active interest in Band of Hope work and have occasionally supplied the whole evening programme.

By permission of the Christchurch City Council the Annual Street Appeal was made in August. Valuable assistance was given through the Radio Concert broadcast from 3YA. The total amount raised for the combined Orphanages (Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist) amounted to £1,244/7/10 of which our share was £349/19/10.

We have to acknowledge that it was with some misgiving that we entered upon the new Era of our work inaugurated by the opening of the new home. It is one thing to launch out in a forward scheme and another to find the needed funds for maintenance.

In the building and equipment of the New Home the Board expended all its endowment moneys, that, being the purpose for which capital sums were held in trust. In past days we were able to draw upon the interest earnings for maintenance purposes to supplement shortages in revenue. With our reserves expended we anticipated a time of financial stringency until further bequests strengthened the position. We are happy to report that we have paid our way with a little over, despite the increased expenditure incidental to our occupying roomier premises. It is the policy of the Board to build up an Endowment Fund to provide against inevitable fluctuations in income. We appeal to our people to bear our needs in mind when making their wills.

The Board sincerely regrets the loss through removal of Rev. A. Hopper, his faithful and efficient services for six years as Secretary have left an abiding mark upon the Home. During the difficult time of planning, building, and removal from the old home he proved himself a wise administrator, as well as a willing worker.

Our heaviest loss during the year has been the passing of our esteemed Treasurer in the person of Mr. George Bowron. Mr. Bowron was a member of the first Committee appointed by the Conference in 1912 to formulate proposals for a South Island Orphanage. He took a leading part in establishing the first home in 1914. Since 1916 he has filled the position of honorary Treasurer, a post he held until his death on April 14th. The opening of the New Home at Papanui on November 9th, 1934, marked the consumation of one of his dearest hopes, and the fulfilment of many of his prayers. The years of devoted service he rendered to the Orphanage renders the whole Church under a deep obligation of gratitude. The New Home stands as a monument to his devotion and faith.

We have found a worthy successor in the person of Mr. M. Kershaw, who continues to give able and willing service as Treasurer, also as Convener of Property Committee.

The thanks of the Board are expressed to Dr. Orchard and Mr. G. Sevicke Jones for their gratuitous services so freely given. Also to members of the Board, especially to the Ladies House Committee whose constant oversight of the Home has been especially valuable.

We record our grateful appreciation of the service rendered by the Manager and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, and their efficient, capable staff. Our grateful thanks are tendered to all who have forwarded gifts and contributions during the year, and especially to the Circuits maintaining regular efforts in support of the Home. It is essential that we increase the amount of support received from our Methodist people and to this end we ask Circuit Superintendants and office-bearers of South Island Circuits to assist by the appointment of a suitable agent to represent the Orphanage in every Circuit. A special Orphanage Supplement of the "Methodist Times" will be published on December 7th, and December 15 has been appointed as the day for Orphanage Collections.

The financial Statement and Balance Sheet, will as usual, be presented to Conference.

We conclude by recording our grateful thanks to "The God who answers by Orphanages," for the opportunity to serve His little ones, and the success that has attended our labours.

The Board for 1936 has been nominated as follows :—The Ministers and Probationers in active work in Christchurch, The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. A. Peters, F. T. Read, E. Drake, A. C. Lawry, H. E. Bellhouse, W. Grigg, J. Featherston, Jno. Harris, Mesdames G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, C. Eaton, M. A. Pratt, E. Drake, M. Opie, F. Lawrence

and Sister M. Morley; Messrs. E. W. Hall, F. Thompson, W. T. Burley, M. Kershaw, F. A. Sheat, F. J. Carr, W. Dobbs, W. S. Worner, H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., J. E. Purchase, M.A., R. W. Hawke, L. G. K. Steven.

On behalf of the Board,

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.
HARRY S. KINGS, Secretary.

Christchurch,
October, 30th, 1935.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board be as stated in the report.
3. This Conference places on record its sense of great loss through the death of Mr. George Bowron, and its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Bowron and the members of her family in their bereavement.

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

"METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Report for 1935.

During the year the Committee suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. George Bowron whose interest in our Connexional journal, as in all departments of the Church, was both an example and an inspiration.

Sustained efforts have been made throughout the year to secure additional subscribers and close contact has been maintained with the ministers and all circuit agents. To these agents we are greatly indebted for their zeal and fidelity. The enrolment of 166 new subscribers during the year was more than offset by a loss of 292 former subscribers. Our great need is to secure at least one thousand additional subscribers. These can be gained if in every circuit a determined effort is made to induce our people to take the paper. Its merits are widely acknowledged and it is hoped that with returning prosperity the number of readers may multiply. A paper like this in the homes of our people must benefit not only the individuals who read it, but, by increasing pride in our church and loyalty to its work, must also benefit every local and Connexional cause.

The financial position of the paper still gives the Committee grave concern. In 1934 there was a net loss of £249 19s. 9d. including £88 0s. 7d. the cost of the special campaign for new subscribers. This year there has been a net loss of £107 5s. 3d. which has been drawn from reserves. The smaller loss is largely explained by a reduction of £19 6s. 0d. in production costs and of £7 15s. 7d. in office expenses as well as by an increase of £24 11s. 2d. in receipts from subscriptions and of £13 4s. 2d. in revenue from advertisements.

At the Conference of 1932 the "Methodist Times" Committee agreed as an emergency measure to forego temporarily the payment from the Contingent Fund of the half-share of the Editors' honoraria and the incidental editoral expenses. This payment had been made as a time-honoured recognition of the valuable Connexional service rendered by the official organ of the Church. In the judgment of the Committee the time has come to rescind the emergency regulation. It is felt that the paper is of such vital importance to the Church that it should be subsidised until returning prosperity puts it again on a self-supporting basis. The Committee notes with pleasure that the Connexional Fire Insurance Board proposes to appropriate a sum of £35 in acknowledgment of the value of the paper and of the service it is rendering.

The Committee nominates the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., for re-appointment as Editor, and with his consent nominates the Rev. T. J. Wallis as his associate. It places on record its appreciation of the ability with which they and their helpers serve the Church and the high interests of the Kingdom of God through the pages of the paper.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year :—The Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, Convener (ex officio), Revs. E. Drake, T. J. Wallis, W. Grigg, Clarence Eaton, W. A. Burley, Messrs. H. Holland (Lay Treasurer), D. E. Parton, W. A. Bascand, W. Dobbs and E. H. Andrews.

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

31st January, 1936.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Editor (Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.) and his co-workers for their services throughout the year in the interests of the paper.
3. That the question of the Editorship be left in the hands of the Committee with power to co-opt other members ; but that every effort be made to secure the consent of Dr. Laws to continue in his present position.
4. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be re-appointed business Manager.
5. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the report.
6. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the new Hymn Book and recommends its use to all our people.
7. That in order to put the "Methodist Times" on a satisfactory financial basis we deem it necessary to secure a thousand new subscribers and call upon all our people for their co-operation and support in our attempt to secure new susbcribers by a definite pledge to take the paper. We emphasise the opportunity of Quarterly or Monthly Payments.

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

REPORT OF CHAPLAINS' COMMITTEE.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Rev. H. Sharp, Secretary and Convener of the Chaplain's Committee, I have been requested, as senior Chaplain on the active list to present the Annual Report.

A meeting was held on February 19th, 1936, when the various chaplains presented their reports.

Our Church has been represented in the Annual Camps both in the North and the South Islands when the spiritual and social needs of the Officers and men have been attended to.

Our Chaplains have assisted in the Y.M.C.A. Institutes, and in some cases have taken charge of these Departments.

In most cases morning prayers have been held daily ; parade and other services have been held on Sunday, in which every facility has been given by the Military Authorities.

Military Camps afford our chaplains splendid opportunities for getting into personal touch with our young men who have testified to the spiritual help received.

In some cases the Officers commanding have given the Chaplains every opportunity for Study Circles and Bible Classes.

We regret to report the death of one of our most efficient and devoted chaplains, Rev. W. B. Scott, who was highly esteemed by officers and men.

The list of Chaplains is being revised. Several names are being removed at their own request and new names are being suggested.

T. A. PYBUS,
Senior Chaplain on the active list.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the names of the Naval and Military Chaplains on the active, reserve and retired lists, with the names of the Representatives on the District Advisory Boards in the Northern, Central and Southern Commands be printed in the Conference Minutes.
2. That the name of the Secretary and Convener of the Chaplain's Committee be placed under the heading of "Military and Naval Affairs," on page 1 of the Conference Minutes.
3. That the Rev. H. T. Peat be the Secretary and Convener of the Chaplain's Committee.
4. That the Rev. F. T. Read (Retired List) be regarded as the Senior Chaplain representing our Church.
5. That the following be the list of Naval Chaplains :—

Wellington : Rev. P. R. Paris
Auckland : Rev. E. T. Olds
Devonport : Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.
Lyttelton : Rev. W. J. Enticott
Timaru : Rev. J. D. McArthur
Dunedin : Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
Port Chalmers : Rev. T. A. Pybus
Bluff : Rev. A. E. Waite
Nelson : Rev. W. Rowe
New Plymouth : Rev. F. Copeland
Picton : Rev. H. V. Utting
Westport : Rev. N. P. Larsen
Greymouth : Rev. A. O. Harris
Napier : Rev. H. J. Odell
Tauranga : Rev. G. P. Hunt

QUESTION LI.—What is the Report of the Custodians on Early Records, Libraries and Museums?

The following have been received during the year from the persons named :—

A.—BY THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE, CHRISTCHURCH.

1. Rev. R. B. Tinsley : Primitive Methodist Quarterly Meeting Minute Book, Auckland 1851-1858.
2. Mr. H. H. Brown : Timaru Local Preachers' Minute Books, 1868-1928.
3. Mr. W. L. Tennet: Recollections of Early Dunedin Methodism.
4. Rev. E. W. Hames : Coal Creek Trust Minute Book 1907-1918.
5. Rev. A. E. Waite : Rev. Walter Lawry's Bible (2 volumes).
6. Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith : Reprint of Canterbury Preachers' Plan 1859.
7. Miss Ellen : "Missionary Review." Volumes 1891-1907.
8. Miss E. H. Carpenter : (a) Old Hymn Book ; (b) Picture of tree at Winchester where Wesley last preached.
9. Mr. W. D. Tarr : Souvenir of Te Hapara, (Gisborne) 25th anniversary.
10. Rev. S. Bailey : Souvenir Leeston 60th anniversary.
11. Rev. E. B. Chambers : Souvenir, Invercargill Methodism.
12. Rev. Wesley Parker : Souvenir, Riverton Methodism 1865-1935.

B.—METHODIST MUSEUM, CHRISTCHURCH.

1. Rev. S. Bailey:
   (a) Primitive Methodist Centenary Medal 1907-1910.
   (b) Replica of First Primitive Methodist Plan 1812.
   (c) Engraving of First Primitive Methodist Pulpit.
2. Rev. F. B. Lawrence: Postcard with signatures of eleven N.Z. Methodist Chaplains and men who met for Holy Communion in France in July, 1918.
3. Mr. Bottrell, senr. (Blenheim), Photos of many early Nelson ministers.
4. Mr. F. J. Denton: Copy of Picture of Wesley, Cole and Hamilton.
5. Rev. R. Raine: Photo of Invercargill Primitive Methodist Conference.
6. Mr. J. Howarth: Enlarged photo of Kaiapoi Church.
7. Mr. Thomas Smith (Dunedin) Photo of:
   (a) Nelson Conference 1895.
   (b) Dunedin Conference, 1906.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Custodian.

Christchurch,
20th December, 1935.

C.—LIBRARY OF BOOKS BY N.Z. METHODIST MINISTERS.

The library of books and pamphlets dealing with or written by Methodist Ministers who have served in New Zealand is constantly being enriched. From Miss Bull have come the biographies of the Revs. J. H. Bumby and Nathaniel Turner as well as two publications by the Rev. S. B. Fellows, namely, "The Life of Christ" in the Kiriwina tongue and the Gospel of Mark in Panaieti. The Rev. A. C. Lawry has donated the Rev. Walter Lawry's book "A Visit to the Friendly and Fiji Islands." The Rev. V. le C. Binet has contributed three of his publications in the Bambatana language, namely "Buka Lotu," St. Mark's Gospel and the Epistle to the Romans. The Rev. O. E. Burton is represented by some further books and pamphlets. The "Reminiscences" of the Rev. Samuel Ironside have been given by Mr. N. R. Chapman. The late Rev. C. E. Ward gave the volume by the Rev. Robert Ward "The Maoris of New Zealand." Miss Guy has donated several books including "The History of Primitive Methodism in New Zealand" by the Revs. J. Guy and W. S. Potter and Mrs. Cocker has given the last work from the pen of her late husband "Stephen Arkwright's Adventures."

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Connexional Secretary.

Christchurch,
20th December, 1935.

D.—BY TRINITY COLLEGE, AUCKLAND.

1. Rev. S. Griffith: Letter from Rev. T. G. Hammond re names for Kaeo Memorial.
2. Rev. E. W. Hames: Prayers and Hymns for Soldiers 1914-1918.
3. Mr. F. Thompson: Methodist Magazine, 1799.
4. Mr. H. B. Cooper: N.Z. Wesleyan for June 4, 1881.
5. An Auckland Friend:
   (a) Wesleyan Notices 1838, 1850, 1851.
   (b) Whiteley's Sermon to the Maoris after Heke's War.
   (c) David Cargill's Refutation of Slanders by Dillon of Friendly Islands Missionaries 1842.
   (d) Correspondence with Earl Grey re Treaty of Waitangi 1848.
6. Mr. T. G. M. Spooner: Master's Thesis on "Missionary Enterprise in N.Z." based largely on documents kept at Trinity College.
7. Mrs. Emerson (Auckland): Methodist Magazine 1823.
8. Mr. A. H. Reed: An 18th Century Hymn Book.

E.—TRINITY COLLEGE MUSEUM, AUCKLAND.

1. Mr. L. Watson: Class Tickets 1842 on.
2. Mrs. J. M. Benton:
   (a) Class Tickets 1797-1913.
   (b) Doncaster Plan 1824.
3. An Auckland Friend:
   (a) "O Paora" 1835.
   (b) J. H. Bumby's copy of first work printed in N.Z. The Maori Probationary Copy of St. Matthew's Gospel.
   (c) List of Maoris admitted to Lord's Supper 1841.
   (d) Maori Class Meeting Rules 1841.
   (e) Wesleyan Mission Primer, 1844.
4. Rev. T. G. Carr: Old bullets from scene of Whiteley's death.
5. Mr. H. Schmidt: Photograph of John Edson.
6. Mr. John Astley: The Salisbury picture of John Wesley.
7. Miss Carr: Photographs of former Methodist worthies.
8. Mr. W. Bridgman (Devonport): Class Tickets issued by Revs. J. Law, W. Morley, J. Berry.
9. Mr. G. Newsome: Class Tickets of James and Eliza Caughey.
10. Mr. H. Crump: Framed copy of Palestinian Mosaics.
11. Mrs. Worsley, Auckland: Portraits of former Wesleyan ministers.

H. RANSTON, Custodian.

Auckland,
25th December, 1935.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian for the ensuing year, with the Principal of the College as a Joint Custodian.
3. That thanks be tendered to those who have sent in various records during the past year.
4. That the Conference authorises the Connexional Secretary to negotiate with the Mission Office in London for the acquirement by, or the loan to the Methodist Church of New Zealand of the reports and letters of Early New Zealand missionaries and hereby empowers him to take any necessary action in this direction.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters Previously Remitted to Synods or Committees for Report?

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COMMISSION REPORT.

This Commission was set up by Conference in 1931, and this final report is chiefly a review for emphasis and a co-ordination for convenience of reference.

1. Leaders' Meetings.

These have responsibility to share with the minister the pastoral care of our Church members. If Leaders' Meetings are neglected, Church Membership loses value and church discipline suffers, with disastrous effects through the whole range of church life and work. The facts of the situation revealed in answers to this Commission from 93 Circuits, were very disturbing. (See Report in Minutes 1933, page 155). The law requires that Leaders' Meetings be held quarterly, and they need to be held to consider the facts reported.

But everything depends upon the spirit in which they meet. Their meeting should be the central fellowship of the church, solemly dedicated to the shepherding of the flock with loving vigilance. The Church Members' Roll is no mere statistical record, but a register of names every one of which represents a redeemed life committed to our care.

2. Members' Meetings.

An Annual Meeting of Church members for official purposes is not enough. The quarterly meeting of members, as per Law Book, page 51, had not been observed, and the Commission prepared a helpful agenda which was adopted by the Conference of 1933 (Minutes, page 154). Reference thereto will show that reality can be given to the Members' meeting in this way, and the practical co-operation of members can be secured in enterprises inaugurated by the official courts of the church.

HOLY COMMUNION : The Conference of 1933 recommended that in addition to the customary after-church observances, services be held specifically for Holy Communion, and that there be some variation in the hours and methods of conducting the same.

ADHERENTS' ROLL : Several Quarterly Meetings made suggestions about an Adherents' Roll. Of course this should be regarded as a necessity in every church and for every minister, but the attitude of our Commission has been that it should not in any way be confused with Church Membership.

3. Grading.

The grading of young people in Church Membership has been regarded as a question calling for considerable enquiry and guidance by experience. At present no change has been recommended, but a thorough working of the present three-fold grading, whereby Infant members pass on to Junior Membership, and at not later than 16 years of age are urged to take upon themselves the obligations of Senior Membership.

The Commission recommends all ministers and leaders to study afresh the regulations of the church regarding children's membership and the advance from one grade to another. Automatic transfer is nowhere recommended.

In many instances the religious experience of early adolescence gives particular significance to an initiation ceremony at that time.

4. Preparation Classes.

These for Juniors and Seniors should always be held for at least six weeks prior to reception (Minutes 1932, page 60).

A brief GUIDE for the conduct of Preparation Classes was prepared by the Commission with the approval of Conference, and is available at the Youth Office in Wellington. The booklet "Shall I Join the Church ?" by the Rev. E. P. Blamires, is also obtainable at the Youth Office. It is useful for distribution to candidates.

A summary of the RULES of the Church for the guidance of members was prepared, and was adopted by Conference (Minutes 1935, page 151). They have been printed and circulated, and copies are still available from the Secretary of Conference. The question whether this summary should supersede Section 3, pages 9 and 10 in the Book of Laws was referred to the Committee on Law Book Revision.

The Membership Commission, however, desires to reaffirm its conviction that this Summary of Rules above referred to should not be allowed to supersede Section III, pages 9 and 10 of the Law Book.

5. Membership Rolls.

The Commission still feels that the vital need of our Church is an efficient purging of Membership Rolls, and to this end we recommend the adoption of paragraph (3) in the recommendations submitted to the Conference of 1934, which reads as follows :—"That members needlessly absent from church for six months be exhorted and earnestly reminded of their privileges and responsibilities. If at the end of the next six months they still continue the same non-attendance without a satisfactory reason, their names then to be removed from the Membership roll."

6. Recognition Services.

Recognition services, adapted to the age of candidates, should be held in every case where there are new members to be received. (Minutes 1932, page 60). There is an order for this service in the book of Sacramental and Other Services.

7. Nurture.

Leaders' Meetings and Youth organisations are urged to take effective steps, following a Recognition Service to nurture the spiritual life of young members. Every effort should be made to shepherd them in groups which will develop their devotional life and open avenues of service. It is of the utmost importance that when the solemn vows of full Church Membership are made in early adolescence, training in their fulfilment should continue, and should be specially impressed at the time when the right to vote (at 18 years) in members' meetings is conferred.

8. Brief Statement of the Faith.

This one matter which was remitted to the Commission remains undone. We tried in many directions to get contributions, but met with reluctance to comply, except in a few instances. Not really satisfied with any copy sent in, we confess the task is unfulfilled. It raises the question whether our thinking is sufficiently clear on the essentials of our message. Other churches than our own are devoting their attention to the same matter. It surely would be a wholesome exercise for every minister to produce a clear and concise statement of his own faith. Perhaps creed-making is something each man can best do for himself.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.
C. B. JORDAN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted with the exception of paragraphs 3 and 8.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Revs. C. Eaton and C. B. Jordan as Chairman and Convener of the Commission.
3. GRADING (Par. 3).—That the question be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee for consideration during the year.
4. STATEMENT OF FAITH (Par. 8).—That the following Committee be appointed to prepare a short statement of Faith. Revs. Dr. Laws and Ranston, W. T. Blight, E. D. Patchett, H. A. Sharp, E. S. Emmitt, E. W. Hames, G. Frost ; Messrs. W. S. Mackay and T. Clark, with power to add. Convener, Rev. E. W. Hames.

BI-CENTENARY OF METHODISM

1738-1939

Report of Special Committee.

The Special Conference Committee met in Christchurch on November 14th, and carefully considered proposals for the fitting celebration of the Bi-Centenary of the Birth of Methodism. The suggestions of the corresponding members of the Committee were also given full consideration.

The following programme is submitted for the consideration of the Conference.

(1) The Bi-Centenary Commemoration to commence at the 1938 Wellington Conference ; (in May, 1738 Wesley's heart was strangely warmed), and conclude at the 1939 Dunedin Conference ; (in May, 1739 the foundation stone of the first Methodist Church was laid at Bristol).

(2) (a) A Bi-Centenary Inspirational Gathering to be held at the 1938 Conference, to take the form of an Evening Demonstration. If possible, an overseas visitor from Australia or Gt. Britain to be the principal speaker.

(b) Preceded by a Conference Luncheon at noon, probably on the same day.

(c) The Conversation on the Work of God to be designed to emphasise the religion of Personal Experience, with time for personal testimony.

(d) Intercession for an outpouring of the Spirit to mark the special early morning prayer meetings of the Conference.

(3) Sunday, May 24th, to be observed in every Methodist Church and circuit in the Dominion and suitable Commemorative Services held. Where possible, Combined Rallies to be held in the afternoon, especially in the larger cities and towns. An order of service to be issued by the Conference.

(4) The month of May to be set apart for intercession and prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, coupled with Evangelistic aggressiveness. Congregations are urged to go into the open air in an effort to reach the masses. The Sunday Services particularly to be marked by sane but special evangelistic enterprise.

(5) Ministers to meet in May Synod, when, with renewed consecration, the ministry will seek to re-capture the fervour of early Methodism and re-study the secret of its power.

(6) The Conference of 1939 in Dunedin to mark the completion of the year of celebration ; the "Conversation" to be devoted to reports of the year's progress, and a great evening Thanksgiving and Praise Demonstration to be held.

Nota Bene :

(1) The Committee recommends the Conference to make early preparation to prepare and import suitable literature touching on the genius of Methodism for special circulation during the Bi-Centenary year.

(2) That the celebrations extend to the Solomon Island's Mission Field and include also our Maori People.

(3) That special attention be given to the Youth of the Church, that Bible Classes and Sunday Schools be requested to fully co-operate in the effort to make the commemoration year a return to the first principles of Methodism.

(4) That the co-operation of our Home Mission and Youth Boards. the Bible Class Executives, the Women's Missionary Union, the Local Preachers' Association and the Men's Fellowship be specially requested.

(5) That instead of setting up a monetary target to commemorate two centuries of Church Life, we humbly and prayerfully resolve to win many souls to the Kingdom and the Church throughout the year of 1938.

CLARENCE EATON, Convener.

54 Chester Street,

Christchurch.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee (1935) be reappointed with the addition of the Vice-President, with power to add; and that it report to Conference through the Synods.

THE MINISTRY AND CIVIC OFFICE.

The Committee makes the following recommendations :—

(1). That the clause relating to Ministers and Civic Office (Minutes of Conference 1934, page 72, par. 8), be rescinded and the following be substituted :—

(2). No Minister or Probationer in the Active work shall consent to nomination for any Parliamentary, Civic, Public Office or outside employment for which payment is to be received, or which will involve such a measure of service as to interfere with his ministerial duties except with the consent of :—

(a.) His Quarterly Meeting.

(b.) The President of Conference together with his Committee of Advice who shall be empowered to grant, or to withhold permission until the ensuing Conference. For this purpose the Chairman of District in which the applicant is appointed shall be a member of the President's Committee of Advice.

(3). In the event of either or both these authorities withholding consent, and the Minister or Probationer deciding to go forward with his nomination, he shall be required to tender his resignation as a Minister of the Church.

(4). In all cases it shall be the duty of the President's Committee of Advice to refer the matter to the Committee of Complaints and Appeals, or such Committee as Conference may appoint, which shall make its recommendations to the Conference for final decision.

W. WALKER, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

QUESTION LIII.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privilege?

(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. Stanton, E. W. A. Kellow, L. J. Clark, B. J. Lynneberg, R. Hampton, L. M. Isitt, H. Holland, S. T. S. Martin, F. Penn, H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., and C. E. Taylor. 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 LIV.—Who are the Members of District Executive Committees?

(See page 7).

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church, including the Rulings of the President during the Year?

LAW BOOK REVISION COMMITTEE'S REPORT, 1935.

Only preparatory work has been done in revision of the Book of Laws. The convener has received from the Australasian Revision Committee a copy of the New Law Book of that Church. Rev. W. H. Jones in sending a copy said "The small Committee revising the Laws here met together on many nights and put quiet and earnest thought into the work." Such consultation seems not only desirable but absolutely necessary. The Convener has been isolated during the past year from the rest of the Committee, a position which will in all probability be remedied during the coming year.

We recommend that the order of reference be as last year (Minutes 1935, page 153) and that the Committee be reappointed.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

Committee: Revs. Dr. Laws, W. A. Sinclair, E. D. Patchett, E. Drake, M. A. Rugby Pratt, Messrs. J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher, and W. Dobbs. Convener, Rev. W. A. Burley.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report be received and adopted and the Committee be re-appointed.

Invitations to Ministers.—That the suggested Amendment be referred to the Committee on Law Book Revision.

Society Stewards of City Missions.—That the Law relating to the appointment of Society Stewards be amended as follows :—(sub-section 2 of par. 197, Section 8 page 51 of the Book of Laws) ; to the words "Provided that there shall not be more than eight Society Stewards for one Church" add "Except in the case of City Missions which shall be entitled to elect Society Stewards as required up to the number of 25."

PRESIDENTIAL RULING.

Question Submitted.

What is the position from the point of view of our regulations in the event of the minister appointed to a Circuit dying between the Conference and the ensuing 31st March?

Ruling.

All Conference appointments of Ministers to Circuits are for one year ending 31st March. The year ends on that date for every minister and a distinctly new year begins for every minister on 1st April whether the minister be continuing in his Circuit or going to a new Circuit. In the event of the minister so appointed dying between the Conference and the 31st March the President has the power to make a new appointment and to claim the Parsonage for the use of the new appointee. Any variation of this in the interests of the widow and family of the deceased or in the interests of the Connexion generally must be regarded as an act of grace and not of right, and without prejudice to any future case that may arise.

Conference confirmed the Ruling.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

Communications have been received by members of the Conference Committee from the General Secretary, Rev. Canon Hodgson, Cheyney Court, Winchester, England.

Fifty-eight Churches (denominations) have so far appointed 250 delegates to the World Conference to meet in August, 1937. This may be held in England instead of at Lousanne as formerly proposed. Commissions of Church leaders are busy preparing data.

In England a new organisation, known as "Friends of Reunion," has been formed. It undertakes to carry the news of the Faith and Order Movement throughout the British Isles. A branch has come into being in Wellington as the result of meetings called by the Student Christian Movement.

PERCY PARIS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be reappointed with the addition of the names of Revs. E. P. Blamires, J. H. Haslam and O. E. Burton, M.A., and Messrs. A. E. Hurley, R. S. Maunder and J. M. Thompson with Rev. P. R. Paris as Convener.
3. That the Conference make the usual annual grant of £5 from the Contingent Fund.

President's Committee of Advice.

That the Committee for 1935 be the Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, E. D. Patchett, M. A. Rugby Pratt, C. Eaton, F. Copeland, J. H. Haslam, the Secretary of Conference, the Vice-President, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher, E. H. Burton and C. E. Taylor.

Legal Adviser.

That Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B., be thanked for his services and reappointed Legal Adviser to the President.

Connexional Levies.

That the following Committee consider the basis of Connexional Levies during the year, and report through the Synods to Conference of 1937.

Revs. E. Drake, M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. A. Burley, H. Ryan; Messrs. W. C. Francis, M. Kershaw, J. H. Blackwell, W. L. Thomas; Corresponding Members, The President, Revs. H. Cottom, W. W. Avery and Mr. E. W. A. Kellow. Convener, Rev. W. A. Burley.

Alteration on Coinage.

This Conference regrets the recent removal from the coinage of the Dominion of the historic letters D.G., and requests the President, in consultation with the Public Questions Committee, to open up communications with the leaders of other Churches with a view to a joint representation being made to the Government in favour of their restoration on the coinage of the new reign.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1. That the following be a Committee on Finance :—President of the Conference ; Vice-President ; Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, A. J. Seamer, A. H. Scrivin, C. Eaton and W. A. Burley ; Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, W. C. Francis, F. Thompson, G. K. Stevens, H. de R. Flesher and J. M. Thompson. Convener, Mr. R. Hampton.
2. That the Committee in consultation with the various Connexional Boards be authorized to make a survey of all Departments dispensing funds on behalf of the Church and make recommendations as to any correlation or amalgamation of any funds they may deem necessary.
3. That a campaign be planned for systematic giving for local and connexional needs throughout all our Churches.
4. That a definite line of action be reported to next Conference, an interim report to be presented to Synods.

Parsonage Furnishing.—This question was referred to the Finance Committee for report to Synods and Conference.

Involved Trusts :

1. That the position of Nightcaps Trust be referred to the H.M. Board.
2. Mornington.—That the C.B. and Loan Fund suspend its claim for payment this year.

Centenary of Methodism in Otago.

(a) That a committee be set up to consider during the year proposals for a suitable recognition in 1940 of the Centenary of Methodism in Otago.

(b) That special consideration be given to the possibility of erecting some suitable memorial at Otakau.

(c) That the Committee favourably consider the suggestion of co-ordinating the Centenary Celebration with that of the Jubilee of the Central Mission conferring with the officials of the Central Mission thereon.

(d) That the Committee consist of the chairman of the Otago Southland District, the Assistant Superintendent of the Home and Maori Missions, Revs. T. A. Pybus, B. J. James, L. B. Neale and Messrs. H. H. Johnson, D. Ellison, G. Crosbie, R. Vanes and G. S. Gapper, Convener, the Chairman of the District.

Conversation in Work of God.

Committee for 1937 Conference :—The President-Elect, Revs. W. G. Slade, E. W. Hames, W. A. Burley (Convener) and Mr. F. Thompson.

QUESTION LVII.—When and where shall the next Conference be held ?

On Thursday, February 18th, 1937 at 7 p.m. in Pitt Street, Church, Auckland.

VOTES OF THANKS.

President.—That the Cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. E. P. Blamires, President of the Conference, for his able, inspiring and comprehensive inaugural address and that he be requested to allow it to be printed in the "Methodist Times."

Vice-President.—That the Vice-President, Mr. R. Hampton be hearily thanked for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. J. H. Haslam for his valuable services during the year.

Ex-Vice-President.—That the hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to the retiring Vice-President, Mr. W. Chas. Francis, for valuable and devoted services during his term of office.

Ordination Charge.—That the Ex-President, the Rev. J. H. Haslam be heartily thanked for his inspiring Ordination Charge; and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed in the "Methodist Times."

Secretaries.—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Secretary, and his Assistants, and to the Precentor, for their services to the Conference.

Trustees, Hosts, Etc.—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Trustees of Durham Street Church for the use of premises for Conference sessions and functions; also to the Hosts and Hostesses for their generous hospitality to Conference Representatives; to the Conference Arrangements Committee; and the members of the Equalisation Fund Committee, and to the Floral Decorators of the Conference Church.

Press.—That the Press Secretaries be thanked for their services; that the Press Association and the Daily Papers be thanked for reporting the business.

Musical Festival.—The Conference cordially congratulates the Organisers of the Musical Festival for the excellent concert programme rendered.

LOYAL ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE VISCOUNT GALWAY

G.C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E., Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

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 the Fifth, our renewed assurance of the loyalty of the Methodist people of this Dominion. With gratitude to God we acknowledge the great influence for good which has been exerted by our beloved Sovereign and his Consort, our gracious Queen Mary, during the twenty-five years of His Majesty's reign, and it is our earnest prayer that they may long be spared to occupy the exalted position they so signally adorn.

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 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 Galway and your family 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,

JONATHAN H. HASLAM, President.
W. CHARLES FRANCIS, Vice-President.
WILLIAM A. BURLEY, 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 wiht 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 estate, in aid of the said*.....
(*Name the Institution or Fund*)

now carried on under the direction of the Conferences 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.

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	District Chairman
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	District Chairman
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

Place	Year	President
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	Ernest D. Patchett	Wm. S. Mackay	Jonathan H. Haslam
Christchurch	1932	M. A. Rugby Pratt	J. Voss	Jonathan H. Haslam
Auckland	1933	Arthur J. Seamer	S. T. S. Martin	Jonathan H. Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J. T. Johnson	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H. Haslam	W. Charles Francis	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1936	E. Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A. Burley, M.A.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

1869—Simmonds, Joseph H. (Sup.)

1870—Williams, William J. (Sup.)

1875—Nixon, John (Sup.)
,, Standage, Charles H. (Sup.)

1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)
,, Peters, Alfred (Sup.)

1882—Griffith, Samuel (Sup.)
,, Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)

1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)

1885—Lawry, Albert C. (Sup.)
,, Wallis, T. Jackson (Sup.)

1887—Clement, George (Sup.)
,, Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)
,, Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., (Sup.) Fellow of Trinity Col.
,, Wrigley, James (Sup.)

1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)
,, Olphert, John (Sup.)

1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A. (Sup.)
,, Read, Frederick T. (Sup.)

1890—Harding, Arthur (Sup.)
,, Mitchell, Arthur (Sup.)

1891—Sinclair, William A. (Sup.)

1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D. (Sup.)
,, Raine, Robert (Sup.)
,, Smith, G. Knowles

1893—Drake, Edward (Sup.)
,, Elliott, William J. (Sup.)
,, Frost, George (Sup.)
,, Harrison, Colin C. (Sup).

1894—Bellhouse, Harold E. (Sup.)
,, Henderson, Samuel (Sup.)
,, Vealie, Thomas W. (Sup.)

1895—Ashcroft, Arthur (Sup.)
,, Richards, Thomas R. (Sup.)

1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)
,, Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S

1897—Goldie, John Francis
,, Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)
,, Pybus, T. Arthur

1898—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S.

1899—Keall, Robert P.
,, Wills, William

1900—Blamires, E. Percy
,, Haslam, Jonathan H.
,, Hunt, George P.
,, Leadley, Frank E.
,, Liversedge, Arthur
,, Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.

1901—Bailey, Samuel
,, Cook, George S. (Sup.)
,, Eaton, Clarence
,, Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)
,, Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
,, Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.

1902—Coatsworth, Thomas
,, Oxbrow, Walter J.
,, Patchett, Ernest D.
,, Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S.

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

1908—Cox, Edwin T., M.A.
„ Jordan, Chas. B., M.A., B.D. (Hons.), F.R.E.S.
„ Martin, J. Frederick
„ Speer, William H.
„ Tinsley, Robt. B.

1909—Cottom, Harry
„ McArthur, John D.

1910—Burley, William A., M.A.
„ Harris, Archer, O
„ Olds, Charles H., B.A.
„ Richards, James
„ Sharp, Harold A.

1911—Enticott, Walter J.
„ Fowles, Albert H. (Sup.)
„ Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)
„ Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S.
„ Richards, H. Leslie
„ Rowe, William

1912—Gosnell, Robert B.
„ Hinton, George B.
„ Lawrence, Frederick B.
„ Scrivin, Arthur H.
„ Walker, William

1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
„ Peat, Harold T.

1914—Binet, Vincent le C.
„ Burnet, Oswald
„ Foston, Charles A.
„ 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.
„ 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., Dip.Soc.Sc.
„ 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
„ Taylor, Cecil R.

1925—Brown, F. Gardner
„ Peterson, Gordon R. H.

1926—Hall, James H.
„ Harris, G. Raymond
„ Voyce, Arthur H.

1927—Hames, Bernard, R., M.A.
„ Larsen, Norman P.
„ Laurenson, George I.
„ Penn, Athol R.
„ Raynor, Ivo M.
„ Silvester, A. Wharton E.
„ Utting, Harry V.

1928—Grocott, John D.
„ Hailwood, Charlie O.
„ Handy, Francis J.
„ Hayman, Frank H.
„ Jeffreys, Howard H.

1929—Dickens, Charles E.
„ Horwood, Leonard C.
„ Kent, Arthur T.
„ Parker, Walter

1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
„ Draper, Joseph C.
„ Leadley, E. Clarence
„ McDowell, Matthew A.
„ Parker, Wesley, M.A.

1931—Carr, Thomas H.
„ Carr, W. E. Allon
„ Dudley, Raymond, M.A. F.R.E.S.
„ Greenslade, William W. H.
„ Moore, William E.
„ Parker, Gordon
„ Payne, Herbert W.
„ Williams, David O., M.A.

1932—Alley, Donald C.
„ Day, Reginald
„ Hickman, D. J. Donald
„ Hindmarsh, Sydney
„ Jamieson, V. Roy
„ Jenkin, William C.
„ Williamson, Ivan S.

1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M.
„ Daglish, J. Ainsley
„ Mitchell, John L.
„ Orr, A. Everil
„ Patchett, Ralph E.
„ Waite, Alfred, E.

1934—Goodman, George H.
„ John, John
„ Johnston, Andrew, J.
„ Matthews, Howard C.
„ Tozer, Henry J., M.A.

1935—Burton, Ormond E. M.A.
„ Duder, Clifford L.
„ Hanna, L. Gordon
„ Luxton, Clarence T. J.
„ Mills, William A.
„ Thornley, Robert, B.A., Dip. Soc.Sc.
„ Witheford, Arthur R.

1936—Beckingsale, George E.
„ Hopper, H. Ian K.
„ Tasker, Bert. M., B.A.
„ Willoughby, James S.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki
1911—Kakuere, Hori
„ Te Tuhi, Eruera
„ Wilcox, Davis
1914—Rakena, Rakena P.
1920—Tauroa, Matarae
1928—Keepa Matene
1930—Gina, Belshazzar
1933—Kera, Nathan

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 Peoples' Department. Th.C. = Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1922	2	Allen, J. Henry, West St., Feilding	68
1932	1	Alley, Donald C., Roviana, Solomon Islands	(5)
1895	S	Ashcroft, Arthur, 26 Alfred St., Palmerston N. (1935)	65
1906	1	Avery, William W., Willowby, R.M.D., Ashburton	118
1924	3	Ayrton, Mosses, Springston Road, Tai Tapu, Canterbury	103
1924	2	Bailey, John H., Pah Road, Motueka	86
1901	2	Bailey, Samuel, Selwyn Street, Leeston, Canterbury	104
1924	1	Bateup, Frank, Kaeo, North Auckland	19
1936	1	Beckingsale, George E., Wakefield, Nelson	85
1894	S	Bellhouse, Harold E., Clifton Terrace Sumner, Christchurch (1934)	95
1921	1	Benny, Henry, Ohoka, Canterbury	106
1913	2	Bensley, Arthur A., Thames St., Morrinsville	30
1914	4	Binet, Vincent le C., West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	5
1907	1	Blair, Charles, 142 North Street, Timaru	112
1923	1	Blakemore, Albert, 23 Waldegrave St., Palmerston North	66
1900	15	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St., Devonport, Auckland N.1.	Y.P.
1904	2	Blamires, Ernest O., 23 Clifton Terrace, Wellington	70
1896	S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W. 1 (1930)	92
1930	3	Blight, J. Montgomery, Inglewood, Taranaki	48
1917	6	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., Leigh House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	Th.C.
1922	2	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 46 Radley Street, Woolston, Christchurch, S.E.1	95
1925	2	Brown, F. Gardner, 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch	93
1916	1	Brown, George E., 32 Firth Street, Hamilton East	33
1924	2	Brown, Hubert G., 27 Canbrai Ave., Roskill Auckland, S.2	1
1910	1	Burley, William A., M.A., 3 Repton Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1	99
1914	2	Burnet, Oswald, 136 Bank Street, Whangarei	18

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1935	.. 2	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., 22 Webb Street, Wellington ..	70
1931	.. 2	Carr, Thomas H., Mowatt St., Waitara	47
1931	.. 2	Carr, W. E. Allon, Tancred Street, Hokitika	91
1917	.. 3	Chambers, Ernest B., 232 Spey Street, Invercargill ..	133
1896	..20	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland, C.1	4
1933	.. 1	Chrystall, Bernard M., Huntly, Waikato	35
1887	.. S	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin S.1 (1923).	121
1902	.. 3	Coatsworth, Thomas, King Street, Rangiora	107
1901	.. S	Cook, George S., Hawera (1928)	51
1915	.. 1	Cooke, Percy I., Station Road, Otahuhu	10
1905	.. 4	Copeland, Fred., Liardet Street, New Plymouth ..	46
1918	.. 1	Costain, Alfred M., 235 Main Rd., Wellington, W.3 ..	71
1909	.. 4	Cottom, Harry, Hassard Street, Manaia, Taranaki ..	52
1908	.. 2	Cox, Edwin, T., M.A., 48 Heriot Row, Dunedin ..	127
1921	..15	Cropp, Allan H. Buka, Solomon Islands	(8)
1919	.. 1	Cuming, William B., 53 Wellington Road, Marton ..	56
1933	.. 3	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Waitoa, Morrinsville	30
1906	.. 1	Daniel, Herbert, Matamata, Waikato	36
1932	.. 1	Day,, Reginald, Waihi	28
1917	.. 1	Dennis, John, Cambridge Street, Levin	81
1917	.. 3	Dent, Tom, Queen Street, Thames	25
1929	.. 2	Dickens, Charles E., Reefton	88
1893	.. 1	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1936)	99
1930	.. 3	Draper, Joseph C., 88 Linwood Avenue, Christchurch, E.1 ..	93
1935	.. 2	Duder, Clifford L., Box 112, Kaikohe, Bay of Islands ..	23
1898	.. 4	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson ..	84
1931	.. 5	Dudley, Raymond, M.A.,F.R.E.S., Wicksteed St., Wanganui	54
1901	.. 4	Eaton, Clarence, 54 Chester Street, Christchurch, C.1. ..	92
1893	.. S	Elliott, William J., 8 Ascot Avenue, Devonport, Auckland N.1 (1933)	6
1903	.. 4	Emmit, Ernest S., M.C., Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	7
1911	.. 1	Enticott, Walter J., 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton ..	101
1901	.. S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel Street, Christchurch, E.1 (1931)	93
1877	.. S	Fee, Thomas, 9 Aynsley Ter., Opawa, Christchurch, S.E.1 (1913)	95
1924	.. 1	Fiebig, Herbert, L., B.A., 173 Fitzgerald Avenue Christchurch C.1.	93
1919	.. 1	Ford, Herbert, Port Albert	21
1916	.. 3	Fordyce, Robert E., Sanson, Manawatu	69
1914	.. 3	Foston, Charles A., Ashhurst, Manawatu	67
1911	.. S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel St., Avonside, Christchurch (1936)	93
1893	.. S	Frost, George, 3 Gardner Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933)	4
1919	.. 4	Gatman, William, Onewa Road, Birkenhead, Auckland N5	8
1897	..35	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	(5)
1934	.. 2	Goodman, George H., Taihape	57
1912	.. 4	Gosnell, Robert B., Queen Street, Hastings	59
1931	.. 2	Greenslade, William W. H., Balclutha, Otago	130
1897	.. S	Greenwood, Fred., 115 Marine Parade, Seatoun, Wellington E.5 (1934)	73
1882	.. S	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 (1920)	4

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1888	S	Grigg, W., 144 Knowles St., St. Albans, Christchurch N.1. (1932)	92
1928	4	Grocott, John D., Paynter's Avenue, Fitzroy, New Plymouth	47
1928	2	Hailwood, Charlie O., Regan Street East, Stratford	49
1926	1	Hall, James H., Te Kuiti, King Country	44
1927	1	Hames, Bernard R., M.A., 67 Brougham St., Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1	96
1923	1	Hames, Eric W., M.A., 11 Sherwood Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.W.1	1
1928	2	Handy, Francis J., 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland, W.1	3
1935	2	Hanna, L. Gordon, Hikurangi, Nth. Auckland	22
1890	S	Harding, Arthur, 22 Raroa Road, Lower Hutt (1925)	75
1916	5	Harkness, Edwin S., 50 Grey St., East, Onehunga S.E.5	9
1910	5	Harris, Archer O., Franklin Street, Greymouth	90
1926	1	Harris, G. Raymond, 336 Selwyn St., Christchurch, S.W.1	97
1905	S	Harris, John, 134 Springfield Rd., Christchurch (1935)	94
1893	S	Harrison, Colin C., 36 Derwent St., Island Bay, Wellington, S.2 (1933)	73
1900	2	Haslam, Jonathan H., 39 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1	70
1928	2	Hayman, Frank H., 38 Lake Rd., Frankton Junct.	32
1894	S	Henderson, Samuel, Shortland Street, Vogeltown, New Plymouth (1934)	46
1932	2	Hickman, D. J. Donald, Warkworth, North Auckland	14
1932	1	Hindmarsh, Sydney, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	80
1912	1	Hinton, George B., 154 Elles Rd., Invercargill	134
1911	S	Hopper, Arthur, 20 Bentfield Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1935)	5
1936	1	Hopper, H. Ian K., Ruawai, N. Wairoa	17
1929	2	Horwood, Leonard C., Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	105
1900	2	Hunt, George P., Devonport Road, Tauranga	39
1922	4	Jack, J. Francis, Eden Street, Oamaru	119
1903	4	James, Benjamin J., 95 Fitzroy St., Kew, Dunedin S.W.1	126
1932	1	Jamieson, V. Roy, Normanby Street, Dargaville	16
1919	4	Jefferson, Alfred E., Bank Street, Te Awamutu	42
1928	2	Jeffreys, Howard H., Wesley Street, Pukekohe	12
1932	1	Jenkin, William C., Opotiki	41
1934	3	John, John, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty	40
1934	3	Johnston, Andrew J., Mangonui, Nth. Auckland	24
1882	S	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	4
1908	1	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Roxburgh	132
1887	S	Joughin, Thomas A., 7 Belmont Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland S.W.2 (1922)	1
1899	2	Keall, R. Purcell, Birkett Street, Temuka	115
1916	3	Kendon, Charles H., Springston, R.D., Canterbury	102
1929	1	Kent, Arthur T., Irk Street, Gore	136
1924	3	Kings, Harry S., Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch N.1	99
1889	S	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 17 Church Street, Devonport, Auckland, N.1. (1935)	6
1927	3	Larsen, Norman P., Westport	89
1927	2	Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Chamberlain Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	H.M.
1912	2	Lawrence, Frederick B., 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2	100
1885	S	Lawry, Albert C., 43 St. Albans Street, Christchurch (1931)	99
1887	S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Aldred Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1931)	4
1930	3	Leadley, E. Clarence, Roviana, Solomon Islands	(5)

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1900	1	Leadley, Frank E., 351 Palmerston Street, Gisborne	60
1903	2	Liddell, Ralph J., 230 High Street, Dannevirke	62
1900	2	Liversedge, Arthur, Oxford, Canterbury	110
1935	2	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	26
1883	S	Marshall, George T., 27 Kenneth Avenue, Morningside, Auckland, S.W.1 (1920)	1
1908	4	Martin, J. Frederick, Porirua Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington	74
1934	1	Matthews, Howard C., 12 Flinders Street, Timaru	113
1909	4	McArthur, John D., 21 Butler Street, Timaru	111
1904	1	McBean, Angus, Havelock Street, Ashburton	117
1930	3	McDowell, Matthew A., Johnson St., Milton, Otago	131
1924	1	McGregor, Robert, Greendale, Canterbury	109
1916	17	Metcalfe, John R., Tiop, Solomon Islands	(7)
1905	4	Metson, Basil, South Road, Hawera	51
1935	2	Mills, William A., Rolleston St., Rakaia	120
1890	S	Mitchell, Arthur, 32 Orakau Rd., Greenwood's Cr., Epsom, Auckland, S.E. 3 (1930)	4
1933	1	Mitchell, John L., Rotorua	38
1931	2	Moore, William E., Ferguson Street, Geraldine	116
1918	1	Neal, Wallace S., Woodend, Canterbury	108
1911	6	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Ter., Dunedin, C.2	122
1917	3	Nelson, John R., Kirk Street, Otaki	82
1875	S	Nixon, John, Eliot Street, New Plymouth (1907)	46
1915	2	Odell, Henry J., Madiera Steps, Napier	58
1910	3	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 149 Tenyson St., Dunedin, C.2	121
1915	2	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2	1
1888	S	Olphert, J., 39 View Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland C.3 (1932)	4
1923	1	Orchard, Hector C., 308 Macandrew Rd., Dunedin S.1	124
1933	4	Orr, A. Everil, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland C.1	2
1902	2	Oxbrow, Walter J., Queen Street, Cambridge, Waikato	31
1906	2	Paris, Percy R., 38 Macfarlane St., Wellington, E.1	70
1917	4	Parker, Frederick J., 12 East Av., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	4
1931	2	Parker, Gordon, Paparoa, Nth. Auckland	15
1918	2	Parker, James W., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui	55
1930	3	Parker, Wesley, M.A., Riverton, Southland	137
1929	1	Parker, Walter, 24 Colombo Street, Wellington, S.1	72
1902	6	Patchett, Ernest D., Selwyn Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3	4
1933	2	Patchett, Ralph E., Russell, Bay of Islands	20
1931	2	Payne, Herbert W., Otorohanga	43
1913	1	Peat, Harold T., 1 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt	75
1927	4	Penn, Athol R., 12 Domet St., Opunake, Taranaki	53
1892	S	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Railway Terrace, Johnsonville (1928)	74
1877	S	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2 (1920)	94
1925	1	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Taitua Street, Taumarunui	45
1920	3	Pickering, William B., 305 Manchester St., Christchurch C.1	94
1902	10	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S., 118 Knowles Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1	C.S.
1897	11	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	129
1892	S	Raine, Robert, 54 Apuka St., Brooklyn, Wellington (1932)	70
1901	14	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Richmond House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	Th.C.
1927	1	Raynor, Ivo M., Papakura, Auckland	11
1889	S	Read, Frederick T., 64 Lindsay St., St. Albans, N.1 (1927)	99
1911	1	Richards, H. Leslie, Coronation Street, Waimate	114
1910	2	Richards, James, 93 Tinakori Rd., Thorndon, Wellington	71
1905	1	Richards, Raymond, Paeroa	27

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1895	.. S	Richards, Thomas R., 53 Clyde St., Island Bay, Wellington S.2 (1935)	70
1906	.. 3	Roberts, Charles M., Pahiatua	64
1911	.. 1	Rowe, William, 150 Hardy Street, Nelson	83
1906	.. 4	Ryan, Henry, 43 Elizabeth St., Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1	98
1916	.. 2	Sage, Ernest E., Nelson St., Petone	76
1900	.. 5	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 278 Church St., Palmerston Nth.	65
1912	.. 4	Scrivin, Arthur H., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1. (Private Address : 16 Atherton Road., Epsom, S.E.3)	F.M.
1903	..13	Seamer, A. J., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland C.1	H.M.
1910	.. 1	Sharp, Harold A., 774 New North Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	5
1927	.. 2	Silvester, A. Wharton, Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Ils.	(6)
1869	.. S	Simmonds, Joseph H., Princess St., Takanini, Auckland (1923)	11
1891	.. S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland S.E.3, (1933)	4
1918	.. 2	Skuse, Thomas, 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2	125
1915	.. 1	Slade, William G., M.A., 147 Hataitai Rd., Wellington, E.2	73
1892	.. 5	Smith, G. Knowles, 77 Grey Street, Woodville ..	63
1908	.. 4	Speer, William H., Queen Street, Waiuku, Auckland ..	13
1923	.. 3	Spencer, Herbert, King Edward Street, Eltham ..	50
1875	.. S	Standage, Charles H., 40 Grendon Street, Maori Hill, Dunedin (1915)	121
1904	.. 4	Stockwell, George F., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton ..	79
1936	.. 1	Tasker, Bert. M., B.A., Central Mission, Dunedin	122
1924	.. 2	Taylor, Cecil R., Church St., Te Aroha	29
1935	.. 2	Thornley, Robert, B.A., 13a Hackthorne Road, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	92
1908	.. 1	Tinsley, Robert B., London Street, Hamilton	32
1934	.. 1	Tozer, Henry J., M.A. c/o. Methodist Youth Office, Taranaki Street, Wellington	Y.P.
1927	.. 3	Utting, Harry V., Main Road, Tua Marina, Blenheim ..	87
1894	.. S	Vealie, Thomas W., 22 Rolleston St., Wellington S.1 (1934) ..	70
1926	..11	Voyce, Arthur H., Siwai, Solomon Islands	(8)
1933	.. 4	Waite, Alfred E., Elizabeth Street, Bluff	135
1912	.. 2	Walker, William, 22 Station Ter. Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	4
1885	.. S	Wallis, T. Jackson, 26 Hendon St., St. Albans, Christchurch N.I (1928)	99
1914	.. 4	Werren, Samuel J., 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland, C.3	1
1906	.. 2	White, Hedley, High Street, Carterton	78
1931	.. 2	Williams, David O., M.A., 60 Lawrence St., Mornington Dunedin, W.1	127
1870	.. S	Williams, W. J., 688 New North Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1914)	1
1932	.. 1	Williamson, Ivan S., 46 Brighton Rd., Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.1.	128
1936	.. 1	Willoughby, James S., 228 Seatoun Rd., Wellington, E.3 ..	73
1899	.. 4	Wills, William, 71 High Street, Blenheim	87
1935	.. 2	Witheford, Arthur R., 63 Knight's Rd., Lower Hutt ..	75
1901	.. 1	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., 467 Leith St., Dunedin, N.1. ..	123
1887	.. S	Wrigley, James, Rawene Road, Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5 (1924)	8

MAORI MINISTERS.

1900	28	Haddon, Robt., Tahupotiki, Normanby, Taranaki	(4)
1911	7	Kakuere, Hori, Pukekohe	(1)
1928	6	Keepa, Matene ; Ngaruawahia	(2)
1914	1	Rakena, Rakena P., Waima, Hokianga	(1)
1920	1	Tauroa, Matarae, Okaiawa, Taranaki	(4)
1911	1	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Kawhia	(3)
1911	7	Wilcox, Davis, Waikare, Bay of Islands	(1)

HOME MISSIONARIES.

	years
1904—C. Aker, Halcombe	2
1904—W. T. Hooper (retired) Kilbirnie, Wellington	5
1907—S. Keen, Porirua, Wellington	3
1908—G. H. Bridgman, Rother Street, Oamaru (retired)	10
1909—C. W. Brown, Foxton	2
1909—T. W. Featherstone, Fitzroy Road, New Plymouth	3
1910—C. Duncan, Maori Hill, Dunedin	3
1911—C. Strand (retired), Warden Street, Shirley, Christchurch	6
1913—J. Common (retired), Beach Rd., Weraroa, Levin	1
1914—F. E. Foot (retired) Anderson's Bay, Dunedin N.W. 1	2
1915—J. H. Edmondson (retired) Waerenga, Waikato	4
1917—A. L. Witheford (retired) Ngaruawahia	2
1919—J. Belshaw (retired), New Lynn	5
1921—J. Thomas, Waikouaiti, Otago	7
1922—H. Ashworth, Gonville, Wanganui	3
1922—C. Robinson, Nightcaps	2
1924—R. T. Alexander, Ohura	3
1924—G. Hall, Okato, Taranaki	1
1924—B. H. N. Teague, Wairoa, H. B.	1
1924—W. H. Wilson, Coromandel	1
1925—W. J. Henderson, Ravensbourne	2
1925—H. J. Malcolm, Otautau, Otago	4
1925—W. Wilson (resting), Flag Swamp, Waikouaiti	4
1926—F. O. Prosser, Island Bay, Wellington	3
1927—R. Grice, Rawene	5
1928—R. Coombridge, Apiti	1
1929—F. Sanderson, Granity	1
1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, Edendale	2
1930—J. L. Woodhouse, Helensville	3
1931—W. Long, Waddington	2
1931—H. Whitfield, Paraparaumu	1

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1933—C. H. Bell, Kohukohu, North Auckland	2
1933—E. H. Dalley, Silverdale, North Auckland	2
1933—R. S. Johnson, Putaruru	1
1933—H. R. Wright, Kaukapapapa	1
1935—A. P. Dorrian, Tuakau	2
1935—W. Gregory, Cromwell	1
1936—W. J. Trusttum, Raetihi	1

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

1918—Hone Tamati, Taumarere	3
1920—Te-Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Raglan	7
1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country	16
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland	9
1924—Hone Taotahi, Matauri Bay, Kaeo	7
1927—Hauotu Hapimana, Pukeatua, King Country	10

Maori Home Missionaries.—*continued.*

1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	8
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	7
1930—Paahi Moke, New Plymouth	6
1930—Tupito Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki	7
1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	8
1930—Hikuroa Te Maaha, Waitotara, Taranaki	7
1931—Tame Tuari, Whananaki, North Auckland	6
1932—Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri, Kai Iwi, Taranaki	6
1932—Hoani Waata, Aratapu, Northern Wairoa	5
1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	4
1932—Te Uira Tuteao, c/o H.M. Office	1
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Hawera	1
1933—Ruihi Netana, Rewiti, Helensville	4
1934—Hamiora Kingi, Waimate North	3
1934—Huru Wiperi, Horeke	3
1934—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe	1
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	3
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata	3
1934—Heemi Rihimona, Waaki Pa, Huntly	1
1934—Erueti Matete, Tuakau	3
1934—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai, Te Kuiti	1
1935—Honehone Kereopa, Raglan	2
1935—Hoani Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga	2
1935—Hori Te Awa, Huntly	2
1935—Tuheke Poihipi, Puru, Thames	2
1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	1

MISSIONARY SISTERS

Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga
Sister Nicholls, Hamilton.
Sister Hobbs, Kawhia.
Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
Sister Netta Gittos, Kurahuna School, Onehunga.
Sister Atawhai, New Plymouth.
Sister Rangimarie, c/o H.M. Office, Auckland.
Sister Olive Bott, Te Kuiti.
Sister Marama Muriwai, Okaiawa, Taranaki.
Sister Madeline Holland, Ratana Pa.
Sister Heeni Te Teira, c/o H.M. Office.
Sister Ethel McMillan, Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.
Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
Sister Elizabeth Common, Methodist Mission, Skotolan, Solomon Islands.
Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
Nurse Vera Cannon, Methodist Mission, Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
Nurse Edna White, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.

APPENDIX

GENERAL RETURNS for Year ending Sept. 30, 1935—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership: Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Auckland Central ..	6	..	4	4	10	..	1	15	..	752	..	213	246	586
Auckland S.S. Mission ..	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	4	14	125	13	65	57	120
Auckland West	4	..	4	1	1	1	..	7	..	182	18	76	45	130
Auckland East	8	2	6	3	13	..	..	24	..	872	..	260	82	669
Auckland, Avondale ..	7	2	3	3	3	1	..	14	..	451	..	110	..	350
Auckland, Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	2	..	..	2	..	130	..	18	44	100
Auckland, Takapuna ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	165	6	35	..	150
Auckland, Birkenhead ..	4	2	3	1	2	..	..	4	..	267	..	50	48	240
Onehunga	4	..	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	249	..	58	66	236
Otahuhu	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	10	6	212	2	40	70	181
Papakura	3	1	3	1	2	..	..	14	..	180	..	60	58	160
Pukekohe	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	12	..	149	..	58	55	172
Waiuku	1	7	1	1	1	..	..	3	2	82	..	25	18	55
Mahurangi	3	11	1	1	1	1	..	5	..	86	..	33	9	110
Paparoa	5	9	1	1	1	..	..	3	3	68	..	36	..	50
Dargaville	5	15	..	2	1	..	..	9	..	156	..	54	53	90
Ruawai	1	9	..	1	1	..	..	2	6	102	..	22	32	90
Whangarei	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	2	4	167	..	22	36	90
Whangaroa	1	7	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	32	..	12	40	50
Bay of Islands	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	22	..	13	5	30
Port Albert	3	4	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	70	..	34	36	63
Hikurangi	1	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	44	..	23	54	20
Kawakawa Ohaeawai ..	2	12	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	63	..	32	28	42
Mangonui	5	6	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	60	..	12	4	25
Bombay	3	4	..	1	..	1	..	3	1	76	..	21	19	62
Kaukapakapa	3	8	1	2	..	2	..	6	..	59	..	..	..	12
Helensville	1	6	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	52	7	9	7	35
Hokianga (Rawene) ..	2	9	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	48	..	10	27	58
Hokianga (Kohukohu) ..	2	12	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	65	..	19	68	54
Grand Totals ..	89	141	42	31	50	10	2	168	37	4986	46	1420	1207	4030

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	138	17	49	44	100
Te Aroha	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	191	..	67	30	125
Morrinsville	3	6	1	1	2	..	..	10	2	214	..	45	24	130
Paeroa	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	57	..	31	30	70
Cambridge	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	143	..	56	39	130
Hamilton	4	3	2	1	2	..	..	15	..	395	..	131	49	360
Hamilton East	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	127	..	92	40	170
Tauranga	1	10	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	115	..	50	14	60
Opotiki	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	56	..	25	33	44
Taumarunui	1	9	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	92	14	37	33	140
Te Awamutu	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	7	3	154	..	28	25	112
Matamata	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	133	..	36	21	130
Huntly	1	8	..	..	1	..	..	4	4	121	5	34	40	75
Whakatane	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	64	..	37	18	60
Otorohanga	1	5	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	70	..	60	35	65
Hauraki Plains	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	55	..	19	15	37
Te Kuiti	1	4	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	67	..	30	40	60
Rotorua	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	1	80	..	22	35	100
H. M. Stations—Waihi ..	1	4	1	1	..	1	..	4	1	95	..	22	68	81
Putaruru	1	3	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	64	..	25	15	30
Te Puke	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	59	..	20	12	30
Ohura	3	9	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	49	..	18	7	22
Ngaruawahia	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	44	..	10	18	28
Coromandel	1	7	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	32	..	5	12	36
Kawhia	1	8	..	1	1	..	1	..	5	15	..	..	..	41
Grand Totals ..	49	115	16	22	21	6	1	95	20	2630	36	949	697	2236

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1935.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership: Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
New Plymouth	9	3	3	2	4	1	..	13	..	444	..	106	30	260
Waitara	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	133	..	50	30	120
Inglewood	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	85	3	29	46	63
Stratford	7	1	1	2	1	..	..	13	..	191	5	45	..	150
Eltham-Kaponga	3	5	1	2	1	..	..	6	..	133	..	28	12	110
Hawera	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	233	..	36	35	185
Manaia	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	98	8	36	20	80
Opunake	6	8	2	3	1	1	..	9	..	155	6	30	60	160
Wanganui	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	299	..	72	40	150
Wanganui North	3	..	3	2	1	..	..	3	..	180	..	62	45	150
Marton	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	77	..	53	41	45
Taihape	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	3	49	..	30	5	22
Raetihi-Ohakune	3	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	40	..	10	5	25
Gonville	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	117	7	32	12	75
Patea	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	44	5	27	21	40
Grand Totals	50	37	20	21	15	5	..	76	3	2278	34	646	402	1735

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership: Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Napier	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	18	..	387	6	80	110	300
Hastings	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	462	..	120	100	300
Gisborne	4	3	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	246	..	57	59	200
Wairoa	1	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	29	..	23	32	30
Dannevirke	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	103	..	63	70	60
Woodville	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	86	..	7	20	60
Pahiatua	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	79	..	40	20	55
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	8	..	265	..	75	..	183
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	2	..	3	1	1	..	..	8	..	217	8	76	91	250
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	92	..	5	29	75
Feilding	6	2	2	2	1	1	..	8	..	287	..	94	60	220
Sanson-Rongotea	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	116	..	14	32	80
Waipawa	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	56	..	31	27	45
Foxton-Shannon	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	3	3	63	..	16	7	38
Apiti	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	3	81	..	19	7	69
Norsewood	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	65	..	12	22	40
Grand Totals	39	28	16	16	14	5	..	81	6	2634	14	732	686	2005

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership: Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Wellington (Taranaki St.)	4	..	4	3	9	..	..	8	..	489	..	88	27	300
Wellington (Thorndon)	4	..	4	4	2	..	..	10	..	286	..	110	103	220
Wellington South	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	186	..	68	45	125
Wellington East	4	..	1	1	4	..	..	10	..	314	..	124	106	300
Johnsonville-Ngaio	5	3	3	2	2	1	..	9	..	233	..	75	76	250
Hutt	4	..	2	1	3	..	..	15	..	351	..	40	30	250
Petone	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	183	10	33	40	100
Greytown-Featherston	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	61	..	12	13	44
Carterton	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	125	..	30	35	80
Masterton	3	3	2	2	1	1	..	6	..	280	..	150	80	270
Eketahuna	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	75	..	14	49	50
Levin	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	146	..	61	..	100
Otaki	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	101	..	20	12	54
Paraparaumu	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	57	..	16	12	31
Upper Hutt	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	39	..	12	27	35
Island Bay	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	88	..	35	23	95
Grand Totals	43	17	25	22	28	4	..	97	..	3014	10	888	678	2304

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1935.

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership: Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Nelson	1	1	4	1	1	..	..	8	..	296	..	64	68	220
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	9	..	153	..	47	15	149
Wakefield-Dovedale ..	5	2	1	..	1	..	..	9	..	103	..	15	4	60
Motueka	1	4	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	118	..	16	20	75
Blenheim	6	5	5	3	2	..	..	7	..	360	..	155	58	281
Reefton	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	1	87	..	43	55	38
Westport	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	78	..	21	18	50
Greymouth	3	4	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	190	..	40	125	150
Hokitika..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	78	1	18	..	40
Havelock	4	11	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	43	..	35	16	32
Murchison	1	8	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	32	..	16	16	30
Granity	4	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	54	..	24	..	44
Grand Totals ..	34	42	20	13	10	3	..	60	1	1592	1	494	395	1169

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch—														
Durham Street	2	1	3	1	5	..	..	9	..	317	..	28	32	220
East	6	1	5	3	4	1	..	17	11	684	6	270	29	515
Cambridge Terrace ..	3	..	..	2	3	..	..	7	..	172	8	39	18	110
Woolston	5	..	4	1	3	..	..	5	..	287	..	82	18	230
Sydenham	2	1	3	2	1	..	..	4	..	185	4	77	95	176
Addington	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	283	5	147	76	275
Riccarton	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	134	..	64	22	105
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	5	..	..	5	..	415	..	74	45	330
Papanui	3	1	2	2	1	..	..	6	..	203	10	117	..	130
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	84	..	30	24	70
Springston	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	136	..	28	53	120
Tai Tapu	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	73	..	25	..	60
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	229	..	63	53	122
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	5	130	14	30	40	80
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	90	..	25	10	70
Rangiora	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	189	..	10	..	100
Woodend-Sefton	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	88	..	23	24	55
Greendale	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	65	..	14	38	33
Oxford	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	79	8	25	11	52
Home Mission Stations—														
Hawarden	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	31	..	9	13	30
Waddington	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	52	..	15	8	30
Grand Totals ..	66	18	32	27	34	3	..	108	16	3926	55	1195	609	2913

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1935.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership: Members on Roll	Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Timaru—														
Bank Street	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	182	..	58	65	140
Woodlands Street ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	195	..	67	75	140
Kensington	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	95	..	42	42	80
Waimate	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	139	4	35	22	110
Temuka	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	118	2	30	27	84
Geraldine	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	88	..	16	24	62
Ashburton	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	13	..	300	..	99	70	205
Willowby	5	1	3	1	1	..	..	5	..	107	..	41	37	84
Oamaru	4	..	1	1	1	1	..	8	..	174	1	25	24	150
Rakaia-Methven	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	68	..	29	18	38
Mayfield (H.M.)	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	30	..	3	2	..
Grand Totals ..	25	24	11	9	10	1	1	52	..	1496	7	445	406	1093

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin—														
Trinity	3	..	3	1	3	1	..	8	..	235	..	65	31	175
Central Mission ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	2	1	..	176	..	5	..	130
Dundas Street	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	4	..	161	..	27	42	130
Cargill Road	2	1	3	1	2	..	..	8	..	208	..	37	..	190
St. Kilda	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	170	..	33	..	150
Caversham	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	154	..	12	..	100
Mornington	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	159	..	49	30	100
Roslyn	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	90	..	29	6	60
Port Chalmers	5	1	2	1	1	1	..	2	2	139	..	70	18	100
Balclutha	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	60	4	28	22	47
Milton	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	87	..	11	34	43
Roxburgh	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	65	..	26	16	66
Invercargill Central ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	282	..	119	62	150
Invercargill, St. Peter's ..	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	4	6	172	..	97	36	160
Bluff	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	102	..	72	52	20
Gore	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	97	..	36	46	50
Riverton	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	4	5	75	..	25	20	90
Maori Hill	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	57	..	29	12	54
Waikouaiti	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	33	..	8	7	24
Mosgiel	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	55	..	15	7	30
Edendale	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	39	..	14	16	30
Kaitangata	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	52	..	20	11	68
Lawrence	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	27	3	16	11	15
Cromwell	2	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	39	..	20	8	25
Otautau-Tuatapere ..	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	66	..	27	18	35
Nightcaps	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	52	..	41	45	28
Grand Totals ..	48	18	21	25	19	12	2	54	18	2852	7	931	550	2070

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1935.

DISTRICTS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership: Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Auckland	89	141	42	31	50	10	2	168	37	4986	46	1420	1207	4030
South Auckland ..	49	115	16	22	21	6	1	95	20	2630	36	949	697	2236
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	50	37	20	21	15	5	..	76	3	2278	34	646	402	1735
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	39	28	16	16	14	5	..	81	6	2634	14	732	686	2005
Wellington	43	17	25	22	28	4	..	97	..	3014	10	888	678	2304
Nelson	34	42	20	13	10	3	..	60	1	1592	1	494	395	1169
North Canterbury ..	66	18	32	27	34	3	..	108	16	3926	55	1195	609	2913
South Canterbury ..	25	24	11	9	10	1	1	52	..	1496	7	445	406	1093
Otago-Southland ..	48	18	21	25	19	12	2	54	18	2852	7	931	550	2070
Grand Totals, 1935	443	440	203	186	201	49	6	791	101	25408	210	7700	5630	19555
Grand Totals, 1934	442	443	204	185	196	55	5	782	118	25678	295	7921	5710	19817
Increases ..	1	..		1	5	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decreases ..	..	3	1	..	..	6	..	..	17	270	85	221	80	262

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches 18
Other Preaching Places 121 (Inc. 3).
Ministers 7
Home Missionaries .. 32 (Inc. 3).
Deaconesses .. 11 (Inc. 1)
Local Preachers 196 (Inc. 95)
Members .. 3281 (Inc. 57)

SUMMARY OF YOUTH RETURNS, September 30, 1935.

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 & Intermediate	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	102	*1775	*2756	*905	*741	*6177	*4394	*163	*706	*650	84	*627	*867	*1036	*929	*601	*22	*605	*87	1057	*78	*734	*89
South Auckland ..	*53	*854	*1239	471	*350	*2914	*2035	61	*317	281	2	343	*321	*155	*133	*284	*16	*264	49	795	*88	*645	91
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	*54	*707	1184	422	*325	2638	1810	53	*276	*248	5	484	*499	169	295	*262	9	270	29	*499	*37	*293	*77
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	44	761	1254	*442	458	*2915	*2045	61	305	281	10	518	*575	317	610	271	*13	*325	*46	*670	*85	*660	60
Wellington	*41	*1228	*1743	557	*534	*4062	*2921	*58	444	399	*38	*421	*892	673	*469	370	*26	*386	*61	*827	139	683	108
Nelson	*30	*480	*717	*272	276	*1745	*1252	*38	*201	*174	*6	*238	*359	*137	*223	*167	*4	*173	*31	476	66	329	*49
North Canterbury ..	*62	*1072	1956	624	647	*4299	*3086	*80	*539	*471	32	395	1040	787	*719	498	*42	*521	149	1076	194	*402	76
South Canterbury ..	25	343	*629	*225	*150	*1347	*1015	*19	*175	*146	*10	*161	359	231	*182	158	*1	*154	*7	420	*19	347	49
Otago-Southland ..	48	*814	*1253	*483	*415	*2965	*2211	*60	*374	337	*31	353	936	501	*605	*318	*14	*326	*31	*761	*18	*418	*61
1935 Totals	459	8034	12731	4401	3896	29062	20769	593	3339	2987	218	3540	5848	4006	4165	2929	147	3024	490	6581	724	4511	660
1934 Totals	474	8482	12931	4532	4168	30133	21568	623	3587	3022	232	3605	5405	3682	5095	3028	192	3357	548	6910	791	4658	689
Increase ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	443	314	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decrease ..	15	448	200	131	272	1051	799	30	250	35	14	65	..	..	930	99	45	333	58	329	67	147	29

N.B.—The Asterisk (*) Signifies Decreases

STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1935.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

	Roviana	Vella L.	Choiseul	Boug. & Buka	Total
Churches	32	18	33	75	158
Other Preaching Places ..	14	..	2	36	52
European Missionaries ..	2	1	1	2	6
Missionary Sisters	3	..	1	1	5
Native Probationers ..	2	..	1	2	5
Catechists and Native Teachers	45	18	36	110	209
Local Preachers	65	34	8	3	110
Class Leaders	54	19	34	4	111
European Members	5	2	3	12	24
Native Members	3475	1153	1197	240	6065
Native Members on Trial and Juniors	142	579	751	65	1537
Deaths	49	3	55	2	109
Sunday Schools	10	1	2	2	15
Sunday School Scholars ..	378	170	120	60	728
Day Schools	31	17	31	106	185
Day School Teachers ..	48	18	36	110	212
Day School Scholars ..	1065	320	805	1583	3773
[illegible]	3690	1800	2771	6740	15001

STATE OF CIRCUIT FUNDS (By Districts) AS AT SEPT. 30, 1935.

District	Debit	Credit
Auckland	1,351 8 9	57 1 2
S. Auckland	1,608 19 2	3 1 6
Taranaki-Wanganui	1,529 1 11	44 3 6
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	1,009 9 6	8 19 4
Wellington	1,126 6 1	6 18 9
Nelson	497 19 10	51 2 5
N. Canterbury	668 5 5	72 7 9
S. Canterbury	403 16 4	72 1 8
Otago-Southland	1,719 18 2	117 15 6
Totals for Dominion ..	£9,915 5 2	£433 11 7

N.Z. METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Receipts and Payments for Year Ended December 31st, 1935.

General Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward on January 1st, 1935—				Printing, Stationery and Duplicating ..	1	7	2
at Auckland Savings Bank	12	6	9	Postages, etc	3	13	11
Auckland Trustees	40	0	0	Purchase of Duplicator	10	5	0
Interest	0	2	5	Special Grant to Auckland Branch for North			
Donation	0	2	6	Auckland work	5	0	0
Sales under Book Scheme	7	6	3	Book Scheme—remitted to Epworth Press	30	0	0
				Exchange on remittances	7	17	6
				Cash in hand on Dec. 31st, 1935 at ..			
				Auckland Savings Bank	1	14	4
	£59	17	11		£59	17	11
Interest accrued—Auckland Savings Bank	0	1	11	Liabilities:			
				Postages	1	15	11
				Stationery	1	13	0

TRUST ACCOUNT—MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION FUNDS.

(Held on behalf of districts where originally collected, but where no branch of the Association at present exists).

	£	s.	d.				
Balance at Auckland Savings Bank on January 1st, 1935	62	1	5				
Interest	1	10	11				
Interest Accrued—Auckland Savings Bank ..	1	5	3	Balance at Auckland Savings Bank ..	£63	12	4

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Receipts and Payments for Year Ended December 31st, 1935.

	£ s. d.
Portion of gift from anonymous donor received in cash	216 14 6
Dividends on Shares given by same donor ..	10 15 0
Donation	0 1 0
	£227 10 6

	£ s. d.
Balance at Auckland Savings Bank on Dec. 31st, 1935	227 10 6
	£227 10 6

Interest Accrued:

Auckland Savings Bank	£1 10 0
Trustees	1 0 0

Assets of Fund at December. 31st, 1935	£ s. d.
N.Z. Government Stock	50 0 0
Cash at Auckland Savings Bank	227 10 6
215 Preference Shares in Wright, Stephenson Co. Ltd.	215 0 0
	£492 10 6

31st January, 1936.

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW.

T. W. HEMER.

WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL DISTRICT METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' TRUSTEES.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ending 31st October, 1935.

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
To Legal expenses	0	10	6
„ Benevolence	25	0	0
	£25	10	6

INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Interest:						
N.Z. Inscribed Stock	4	0	0			
Eastbourne Boro. Council Deb...	4	5	0			
P.O. Savings Bank Account ..	1	19	5			
				10	4	5
„ Balance (to Accumulated Fund) ..				15	6	1
				£25	10	6

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1935.

LIABILITIES .. .. NIL	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund:						
Balance as at 31st Oct., 1934 ..	280	4	5			
Deduct excess of expenditure over income for year ended 31st Oct., 1935	15	6	1			
				264	18	4
				£264	18	4

ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Post Office Savings Bank				61	1	2
N.Z. Inscribed Stock at 4% ..	100	0	0			
Eastbourne Boro. Deb. at 4¼% ..	100	0	0			
				200	0	0
Accrued Interest				3	17	2
				£264	18	4

Audited and found correct,

A. F. FOOT, 7th November, 1935.

H. P. MOURANT, Hon. Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH BOARD.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1935.

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
To Salaries (2)	248	15	0
„ Stationery and Printing	12	12	10
„ Postages	3	10	0
„ General Expenses	19	2	4
„ Depreciation Office Equipment	12	3	6
„ Grant To S.S. Executive Council ..	50	0	0
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure to Accumulated Fund	29	16	5
	£376	0	1

INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Allocations (as under)—						
Y.W.B.C. Movement ..	100	0	0			
Y.M.B.C. Movement ..	85	0	0			
S.S. Executive Council ..	140	0	0			
				325	0	0
„ Post Office Savings Bank Interest				1	0	1
„ Connexional Fire Insurance Fund				50	0	0
				£376	0	1

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund:	170	13	6			
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ended 30th Sept., 1935	29	16	5			
				200	9	11
				£200	9	11

ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Office Furniture and Equipment ..	82	12	0			
Less Depreciation	12	3	6			
				70	8	6
Sundry Debtors				15	5	1
Cash: National Bank of New Zealand	58	5	5			
Post Office Savings Bank (Depreciation Fund)	53	5	7			
Petty Cash	3	5	4			
				114	16	4
				£200	9	11

I hereby certify that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Methodist Youth Board. In my opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true and correct position as disclosed by the Books of the Office for the twelve months ended 30th September, 1935.

N. ALLEN HUNT, A.R.A.N.Z., A.A.I.S.,
Hon. Auditor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th November, 1935.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.
To Connexional Fire Insurance Fund ..	50	0	0
„ Young Women's Bible Class Movement ..	50	0	0
„ Council of Religious Education	50	0	0
„ Donation Maori Work	5	0	0
„ Contributions from Circuits	441	10	1
„ Contributions from Literature Branch ..	125	0	0
„ Balance Forward 30/11/35	99	19	5
	£821	9	6

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.
By Debit Balance Forward 1/12/34		140	18	7
„ Director's Stipend		269	19	10
„ Director's House Allowance		150	0	0
„ Telephone		4	5	0
„ Travelling Expenses		102	8	6
„ Share Youth Office Expenses		37	10	0
„ Connexional Expenses		47	2	0
„ Postages, Stamps, Telegrams, Duplicating and Office Supplies		57	4	7
„ Accident Insurance		3	9	5
„ Conference Youth Dem. ..	2 15 0			
Less Collected	2 14 11			
		0	0	1
„ Library Donation		2	2	0
„ Interest and Bank Charges		6	9	6
		£821	9	6

I have examined the books and vouchers, together with the Pass Book and Reconciliation statement of the Sunday School Executive Council, and in my opinion the foregoing statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th November, 1935 is correct.

J. F. FREW, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1935.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Banks, 1/10/34				1,382	7	3
Book Sales	51	8	7			
Trading Department	25	6	6			
Summer Schools	10	18	0			
Convention	0	8	7			
				88	1	8
Interest P.O.S.B.				28	17	7
				£1,499	6	6

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Travelling Secretary—Salary ..	160	0	0			
Travelling Expenses	76	18	2			
				236	18	2
Home Missions: Deaconess Salary	120	0	0			
Travelling Expenses	40	0	0			
				160	0	0
Foreign Missions: Teacher ..	142	5	8			
2 Native Teachers	40	0	0			
				182	5	8
Youth Office	100	0	0			
Less Rec'd from Trad. Dept. ..	35	0	0			
				65	0	0
Sunday School Executive Council ..				25	0	0
Leadership Training Committee ..				15	0	0
Combined Cte. on Social Stds. ..				3	0	0
Leadership Schools Committee ..				2	10	0
Office Expenses				49	7	3
Typewriter—Leadership Tng. Cte.(½) ..				5	0	0
N.Z. Executive Council:						
Youth Conference Expenses ..				3	17	0
Travelling Expenses				6	12	6
Foreign Mission Debt Reduction ..				50	0	0
Extension Work in Unions ..				47	0	0
Special Missionary Fund:						
Lining of Sisters' Home Roof ..	36	13	10			
Ruth Grant Travelling Expenses ..	30	10	3			
				67	4	1
Books—Travelling Secretary ..				51	6	8
Balance				529	5	2
				£1,499	6	6

N.Z. Methodist Young Women's Bible Class Movement—Continued.

Ruth Grant Fund	15	1	4			Cash in P.O.S.B.	1,015	3	1		
General Reserve	175	0	0			Cash in Bank of N.Z. ..	104	4	7		
General Fund	179	6	4							1,119	7 8
				369	7 8						
Budget 1935-36:											
From Unions	590	2	6								
From General Fund	159	17	6								
				750	0 0						
				£1,119	7 8					£1,119	7 8

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Income and Expenditure Accounts.

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.
To Travelling Secretary: Salary Account ..	129	4	0	By Interest	3	6	5
„ „ Expenses	88	3	9	„ Summer and Winter Schools Surplus ..	10	17	6
„ Foreign Mission Board	232	7	6	„ Trading Department Net Surplus ..	27	18	9
„ Special Organising	6	9	3	„ Thankofferings	530	9	4
„ Youth Board Account	50	0	0	„ Travelling Secretary Book Sales Profit ..	1	6	6
„ Administration Account	69	2	6	„ Special Offering Foreign Mission Board ..	7	7	6
„ Sundry Debtor Book Sales	1	16	2				
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure ..	4	2	10				
	£581	6	0		£581	6	0

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1935.

EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Church Sites Fund—		
Grants: Kawhia Church	100 0 0	
Auckland Social Service Mission	100 0 0	
Raupo Church	25 0 0	
		225 0 0
Office Expenses—		
Authorised Appropriation ..	195 0 0	
Stationery and General Expenses ..	52 6 6	
		247 6 6
Reserve Appropriation Account Surplus for 1935		241 5 9
		£713 12 3

INCOME	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Church Sites Fund—		
Grants: Fire Insurance Fund ..	50 0 0	
Home Mission Fund ..	50 0 0	
		100 0 0
Interest: Mortgages	53 5 2	
Deposits	7 1 10	
		60 7 0
Grants exceeding Current Revenue		64 13 0
Office Expenses—		
Working Expenses Repaid ..	231 15 8	
Trust Contributions	37 10 0	
Interest on Arrears	190 17 5	
Interest on Deposits	25 10 1	
Hymn Book Commission	2 19 1	
		488 12 3
		£713 12 3

Loan Account as at 30th September, 1935

	£ s. d.
To Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept, 1934	20,725 15 10
„ New Loans Advanced	2,667 16 6
„ Rates on Trust Properties	6 5 10
	£23,399 18 2

	£ s. d.
By Loans Repaid	2,769 13 3
„ Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1935 ..	20,630 4 11
	£23,399 18 2

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
H. de R. FLESHER }

Christchurch, 17th October, 1935.

Audited and found correct.

ARTHUR C. REED }
A. A. SANDFORD } Auditors.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1935.

LIABILITIES

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds		18,658	12	11			
Transfer from Office Expenses ..		16	7	1			
Capital Account—							
Thomas Emsly Bequest	1500						
H. Herbert Wake Bequest	50						
David Graham Bequest	50						
Wm. H. Duke Bequest	100						
Samuel Lawry Bequest	50						
Geo. Winstone Bequest	1000						
		2,750	0	0			
					21,425	0	0
Trust Accounts (properties sold)					1,099	8	2
Church Sites Fund—							
As at 30th Sept., 1934 ..		344	4	2			
Trust Properties for Investment		1,000	0	0			
		1,344	4	2			
Decrease for 1935		64	13	0			
					1,279	11	2
Reserve Appropriation Account :							
As at 30th Sept., 1934 ..		142	7	4			
Transfer to Accumulated Fund		16	7	1			
		126	0	3			
Surplus for 1935		241	5	9			
					367	6	0
					£24,171	5	4

ASSETS

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Outstanding Loans		22,200	1	9			
less Working Exp.	£1,128 11 1						
less Interest ..	441 5 9						
		1,569	16	10			
					20,630	4	11
Deposits :							
Super. Fund		156	5	4			
P.O. Savings Bank ..		36	19	11			
Balance at Bank of New Zealand		601	9	10			
					794	15	1
Invested for Church Sites Fund ..					1,000	0	0
Deposits—Super. Fund ..					99	8	2
Church Sites Fund—							
Mortgage Investments ..		1,000	0	0			
Interest Accrued		8	11	4			
					1,008	11	4
Deposits : P.O. Savings Bank		113	12	6			
Super. Fund ..		157	7	4			
					270	19	10
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..					367	6	0
					£24,171	5	4

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
H. de R. FLESHER }

Christchurch, 17th October, 1935.

Audited and found correct.

ARTHUR C. REED }
A. A. SANDFORD } Auditors.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st October, 1935.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1934, Oct. 31st—						
To Balance	1,299	5	0			
1935, Oct. 31st—						
To Rents Accrued	3,410	1	0			
,, Interest Accrued	10	0	0			
By Rents Received				3,367	10	6
,, Interest Received				10	0	0
,, Rents written off				417	7	6
,, Balance				924	8	0
	£4,719	6	0	£4,719	6	0

Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1935.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Maintenance :									
Block No. 1				214	7	11			
Block No. 2				21	17	10			
Block No. 3				34	14	0			
Cottages				43	5	8			
Probert Chambers :									
Caretaker	173	5	0						
Electric Power Board ..	16	2	2						
Lift Maintenance ..	12	5	6						
Repairs	13	11	8						
				215	4	4			
							529	9	9
Rates :							585	4	6
Insurance Premiums :							99	15	5
Interest :									
Bank of New Zealand ..				100	9	3			
Auckland Sinking Fund Commr.				1,558	6	8			
Emsly Trust				91	0	0			
							1,749	15	11
Sundries :									
Audit Fee				8	8	0			
Land Tax				52	1	10			
Bank Charges				0	15	0			
Fares and Stamps				5	11	9			
Secretary's Salary				50	0	0			
2½% Commission on Rents and Interest Collected				84	8	9			
							201	5	4
							£3,165	10	11

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.
L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Auckland, 13th November, 1935. J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1935.

RECEIPTS

1935, Oct. 31st—	£	s.	d
To Rents and Interest Collected ..	3,377	10	6
„ Emsly Trust	110	10	0
„ Bank of New Zealand Balance due	2,152	8	5
	£5,640	8	11

EXPENDITURE

1934, Oct. 31st—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due Bank of N.Z. ..				2,259	1	7
1935, Oct. 31st—						
By General Expenses:						
Repairs and Maintenance	529	9	9			
Rates	585	4	6			
Insurance Premiums ..	99	15	5			
Interest	1,749	15	11			
Land Tax	52	1	10			
Audit Fee	8	8	0			
Secretary's Salary ..	50	0	0			
Commission on Rents and Interest Collected ..	84	8	9			
Sundries	6	6	9			
				3,165	10	11
„ Emsly Trust: Disbursements				115	16	5
„ Theological College Trustees ..				100	0	0
				£5,640	8	11

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. }

Auckland, 13th November, 1935.

J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet, 31st October, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.
Capital Account:			
Balance as at 31st October, 1935 ..	36,565	4	6
Income Account:			
Balance as at 31st October, 1935 ..	5,613	7	10
Auckland Sinking Fund Commissioners: ..			
Balance of Loan	34,000	0	0
Emsly Trust Deposit Account:			
At call	1,400	0	0
Bank of New Zealand:			
Balance at 31st October, 1935	2,152	8	5
Emsly Trust:			
Balance at 31st October, 1935	1	11	6
	£79,732	12	3
MEMO:			
Liability—Rates for year ending 31st May, 1936	£543	17	4

ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Freehold Properties:						
Great North Road ..	55,220	7	3			
Queen Street	24,312	5	0			
				79,532	12	3
Balance Purchase:						
Avondale Property ..				200	0	0
				£79,732	12	3

We have examined the books and accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1935 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, 1935, as shown by the books.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.
L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.

Auckland, 13th November, 1935.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet, September 30th, 1935.

Treasurers: MESSRS. J. STANTON AND J. W. SHACKELFORD.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.
Oct. 1st, 1934—			
Balance A.S. Bank	7	16	0
Rents	696	0	0
Interest A.S.B.	1	2	6
	£704	18	6

PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
Interest on Mortgage	75	5	8
Paid off Mortgage	65	0	0
Trinity College	375	0	0
Wesley College	137	10	0
Land Tax	34	2	11
Commission	17	8	0
Registration	0	7	6
Stamps	0	2	0
Balance A.S. Bank 30/9/35	0	2	5
	£704	18	6

Mortgage Account

	£	s.	d.
Oct. 1st, 1934—			
Balance A.S. Bank	1,585	0	0
	£1,585	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Sept. 30, 1935—			
Paid A.S. Bank	65	0	0
Balance	1,520	0	0
	£1,585	0	0

We have examined books, vouchers, Savings Bank Book and Certificate and certify same to be correct.

ANDREW MESSER, F.R.A.N.Z.
JAS. P. BLAIR } Auditors.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December, 1935.

INCOME	£ s. d.
Balances at Bankers at commencement of year ..	46 8 10
Interest—Auckland Savings Bank	1 18 9
Inscribed Stock Dividends	447 3 4
	£495 10 11

EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cheque Books		2 0 0
Stamps		2 15 6
Stationery		1 16 4
Bank Charges		0 15 0
Secretary's Salary		25 0 0
Rent		5 0 0
Grants		430 17 8
Balances at Bankers at end or year :		
Bank of New Zealand	38 12 11	
Less Unpresented Cheques	12 10 0	
		26 2 11
Auckland Savings Bank		1 3 6
		£495 10 11

Balance Sheet as at close of the day on 31st December, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.
Trust Fund—Maturity Value	11,180 0 0
Income Account	27 6 5
	£11,207 6 5

ASSETS	£ s. d.
Inscribed Stock—Maturity Value ..	11,180 0 0
Cash—Balances at Bankers	27 6 5
	£11,207 6 5

H. RANSTON
J. M. CAUGHEY } Treasurers.

Auckland, 24th January, 1936.

Audited and found correct.
JOHN E. ASTLEY. Auditor.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Accounut for the Year Ended 31st December, 1935.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Remittances—Masterton Home				400	0	0
„ Repairs—Masterton Home ..				42	3	7
„ Repairs and Maintenance—Wellington				416	5	0
„ Rates and Taxes				257	0	1
„ Legal Expenses				34	7	6
„ Insurances				24	6	6
„ General Expenses				141	5	0
„ Depreciation—Masterton Home ..				150	0	0
„ Grants to :Wesley Training College	100	0	0			
Home Mission and Church Extension Department ..	360	0	0			
				460	0	0
				£1,925	7	8

	£	s.	d.
By Interest	460	13	7
„ Rents	1,062	0	8
„ Balance (being excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Capital Account)	402	13	5
	£1,925	7	8

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account:		
Balance at 31/12/34 ..	42,134 18 4	
Less Balance from Revenue Account	402 13 5	
		41,732 4 11
Capital Account—Masterton:		
Balance at 31/12/34 ..	2,773 0 0	
Add Bequests received during year	207 10 0	
		2,980 10 0
Interest due to Masterton:		
Gray Estate	37 19 9	
Cooper Estate	51 2 5	
N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock ..	93 4 0	
R. Foster	4 16 3	
		187 2 5
		£44,899 17 4

ASSETS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bank of Australasia		2,596 8 11
Post Office Savings Bank ..		759 8 6
Fixed Deposit—Bank of Australasia		1,900 0 0
N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock ..		2,655 4 11
Post Office Certificates		13 0 0
Masterton Home Property ..		11,150 0 0
Wesleyan Reserve Property ..		18,090 0 0
Foxton Property		857 0 0
Mortgages		4,500 0 0
Sundry Debtors:		
Unpaid Purchase Money on Improvements Wesleyan Reserve Property	1,950 0 0	
Rents and Interest	428 15 0	
		2,378 15 0
		£44,899 17 4

I have examined the Books and Accounts of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ended 31st December, 1935, and certify that in my opinion the Balance Sheet as drawn up, exhibits the true and correct position of the Board, as shown by the said books at date 31st December, 1935.

Wellington, 5th February, 1936

W. J. HICKS, A.P.A. (N.Z.), Auditor.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1935.

	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
1934, Oct. 31st—				1935, Oct. 31st—			
To Balance	6	17	11	By Theological College	110	0	0
1935, Oct. 31st—				„ Management to 31/10/34	5	16	5
To Interest from Mortgages	19	10	0	„ Balance	1	11	6
„ Interest from Deposit	91	0	0				
	£117	7	11		£117	7	11

Investment Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1935, Oct. 31st—				1935, Oct. 31st—			
To Capital	1,900	0	0	By Freehold Mortgages	500	0	0
				„ Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board	1,400	0	0
	£1,900	0	0		£1,900	0	0

Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE, Auditor.

J. VEALE, Treasurer.

Auckland, 13th November, 1935.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30th September, 1935.

REV. F. COPELAND, Chairman. R. PERRERELL, F.P.A. (N.Z.), Secretary & Treasurer.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, 1934	86	10	5
„ Rents	553	19	4
„ Interest	25	19	0
„ Consent Fee	0	10	6
„ Refund Land Tax	0	8	10
	£667	8	1

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
By Salary	50	0	0
„ Remitted to Home Mission Fund ..	520	0	0
„ Land Tax	41	9	3
„ Audit Fee	2	2	0
„ Bank Charge	0	15	0
„ Stationery, Stamps, Exchange & Sundries	8	7	11
„ Legal Expenses	3	3	0
„ Balance Bank of New South Wales ..	41	10	11
	£667	8	1

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

Statement for Year Ended 30th September, 1935.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.
Balance, Sept. 30th, 1934	7	14	7
1934, Oct.—			
By Rent	108	16	3
1935, April—			
By Rent	108	16	3
	£225	7	1
Balance	0	4	4

PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
1934, Oct.—			
To Treasurer	95	0	0
„ Land Tax	6	4	9
„ Disbursements	3	3	0
1935, April—			
To Bank Charges	0	15	0
„ Treasurer	120	0	0
„ Balance	0	4	4
	£225	7	1

Audited and found correct.

29th October, 1935.

LEN. H. BASSETT, Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October 1935.

EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Re-Insurances		776 0 7
„ **Office Expenses**—		
Authorised Appropriation ..	350 0 0	
Stationery & General Expenses ..	56 2 6	
		406 2 6
„ **Fire Losses**	187 1 11	
less Re-Insurance Cover ..	184 15 5	
		2 6 6
„ Investment Contingency Res. A/c.		217 17 9
„ Balance to P. and L. Appropriation Account		2,181 1 2
		£3,583 8 6

INCOME	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Levies and Premiums ..		2,105 8 4
„ Mortgage Interest	296 5 11	
„ Mortgage Interest Accrued ..	180 3 4	
		476 9 3
„ Debenture Interest	689 17 2	
„ Debenture Interest Accrued ..	123 15 6	
		813 12 8
„ Debentures Conversion Premiums		117 17 9
„ **Interest**—		
P.O. Savings Bank Deposit ..	5 1 3	
Supernumerary Fund Deposit	64 19 3	
		70 0 6
		£3,583 8 6

GEORGE J. SMITH
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 5th November, 1935.

Audited and found correct.

W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A. (N.Z.)
E. H. SMITH } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1935.

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund					25,000	0	0
Fire Loss Reserve A/c. ..					3,500	0	0
Investment Contingency Res. A/c.					1,059	6	4
P. and L. Appropriation A/c. ..		2,131	6	4			
less Fire Loss Reserve A/c. ..		1,000	0	0			
		1,131	6	4			
less Appropriations Voted:							
(1) Ordinary:							
Home Acquirement Fund	£304						
Deaconess House Fund	100						
Foreign Mission Fund	100						
Home Mission Fund	100						
Benevolent Branch Super. Fund	75						
Church Sites Fund ..	50						
Youth Department ..	50						
(2) Special:							
Wesley Training Col. Bd.	150						
Trinity College Council	125						
Foreign Mission Fund	25						
Home Mission Fund	25						
Deaconess House Repair Fd.	25						
		1,129	0	0			
		2	6	4			
Add Balance from Revenue Ac. ..		2,181	1	2			
					2,183	7	6
Levies Prepaid					187	7	2
					£31,930	1	0

ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Investments ..	9,353	13	2			
Interest Accrued	123	15	6			
				9,477	8	8
Debenture Investments ..	18,705	0	0			
Interest Accrued	180	3	4			
				18,885	3	4
Wesley Training College—Loan				150	0	0
Deposits:						
P.O. Savings Bank ..	1,779	7	6			
Supernumerary Fund ..	1,316	17	6			
				3,096	5	0
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..				250	16	9
Levies in Arrear				70	7	3
				£31,930	1	0

GEORGE J. SMITH
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 5th November, 1935.

Audited and found correct.

W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.(N.Z.)
E. H. SMITH } Auditors.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments, 1935.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward—Bank of New Zealand ..				16	6	5
„ Appropriations:—						
Church Building and Loan Fund ..	195	0	0			
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund ..	350	0	0			
Supernumerary and Allied Funds ..	385	0	0			
Contingent Fund	180	0	0			
"Methodist Times" Fund	170	0	0			
				1,280	0	0
„ Registration Fees (per Authorised Representative)				23	0	0
				£1,319	6	5

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Stipend	375	0	0			
Less Economic Cut	18	15	0			
				356	5	0
„ House Allowance	175	0	0			
Less Charges	5	12	6			
				169	7	6
„ Connexional Charges				58	6	4
„ Clerks' Salaries				542	2	6
„ Office Rent	135	0	0			
Less lettings	17	2	6			
				117	17	6
„ Cleaning Charges				5	0	0
„ Telephone and Post Office Box				18	12	6
„ Bank Charges				0	15	0
„ Stationery and General Expenses	19	9	1			
Less Contras	9	9	6			
				9	19	7
„ Balance at Bank of New Zealand ..				41	0	6
				£1,319	6	5

Audited and found correct,

E. H. SMITH, Auditor.

Christchurch,
17th January, 1936.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended October 31st, 1935.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.
Balance 1st Nov., 1934	155	17	3
Emsly Trust Board	110	0	0
Prince Albert College	375	0	0
Probert Trust	100	0	0
Connexional Fire Insurance	125	0	0
Contingent Fund	440	0	0
Home Mission Board	135	0	0
Foreign Mission Board	25	0	0
Congregational Church	80	0	0
Collegiate Church	83	0	6
Divinity Students' Contributions	144	0	0
College Reserve Fund	100	0	0
Hostel Fees	965	1	9
Rent—Moehau Street	60	0	0
Amounts collected under Ex-Students' Bonds ..	40	10	1
Bequest—Mrs. S. Gorman	50	0	0
Balance, 31st October, 1935	296	15	10
	£3,285	5	5

PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
House and Service				1,021	9	6
Stipends				765	0	0
Tutors' Fees				55	0	0
Connexional Charges				123	9	0
Quarterages				134	0	0
Rent				15	8	0
Rates				429	0	4
Interest—Moehau Street				104	0	0
Insurance				21	18	5
Telephones				32	15	0
University Fees	62	16	6			
Less Donation	11	11	0			
				51	5	6
Camp Fees				5	0	0
Furnishings				79	18	0
Repairs				71	3	5
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Advertising				18	4	4
Bank Charges				4	5	9
Advertising Services				8	0	0
Sundries				6	13	7
Site Acquirement Fund—Interest				214	4	6
Entrance Roadway				34	0	0
Amount Transferred to Reserve Fund as per contra				90	10	1
				£3,285	5	5

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Theological College Council and compared the same with Bank books and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1935.

18th November, 1935.

(Signed) ANDREW MESSER } Auditors.
F. SUTHERLAND }

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Students' Library Fund Account.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 30th Sept., 1935.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance	41	10	1	By Books, Periodicas, Prizes, etc.	29	9	9
„ Debenture Interest and Premiums ..	32	11	8	„ Balance	50	19	7
„ Savings Bank Interest	1	7	7				
„ Refund on Account Temporary Loan to Baumber Collection	5	0	0				
	£80	9	4		£80	9	4
To Balance C/F	50	19	7				

Capital Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1935, Sept. 30th—				1935, Sept. 30th—			
To Capital	800	0	0	By Auckland City Council Debentures ..	800	0	0
	£800	0	0		£800	0	0

Examined and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE } Auditors.
M. JAMES }

H. RANSTON } Joint
F. SUTHERLAND } Treasurers.

Auckland, November 20th, 1935.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Reserve Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank 1st November, 1934	74	1	1
Add : Payments received from Ex-students	40	10	1
Mrs. S. Gorman Bequest	50	0	0
Interest	1	9	8
	£166	0	10
Less : Paid to Trinity College General Account	100	0	0
Exchange on Cheque	0	1	3
Cash in Bank 31st October, 1935	£65	19	7

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

Site Acquirement Fund.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bank Overdraft 1st November, 1934 ..				4,691	1	3
Add : Bank Interest	214	4	6			
Bank Charges	0	17	3			
				215	1	9
				4,906	3	0
Less Deposits :						
Hamilton Church Trust	100	0	0			
C. W. Parker	50	0	0			
Trinity College (Interest)	214	4	6			
				364	4	6
Bank Overdraft 31st October, 1935				£4,541	18	6

T. A. JOUGHIN
FRANK M. WINSTONE } Hon. Treas.

New Organ Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Fund as as November 1st, 1934	318	1	3
Add : Dividends—South British Insurance Co.	12	0	0
Bank Interest	0	8	5
Fund as at October 31st, 1935	£330	9	8

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Theological College Council and compared the same with Bank books and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1935.

(Signed) ANDREW MESSER
F. SUTHERLAND } Auditors.

18th November, 1935.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1935.

LIABILITIES

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Loans on Fixed Deposit ..	6,000 0 0	
Plus Accrued Interest ..	54 3 9	
		6,054 3 9
Loan at Call		150 0 0
Sundry Creditors		336 14 7
Bank of New Zealand Long Term Mortgage Loan	11,209 19 11	
Plus Accrued Interest ..	186 16 8	
		11,396 16 7
(Secured over Grafton Road and Paerata Properties)		
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft ..	43,551 2 2	
Plus Accrued Interest ..	488 17 9	
		44,039 19 11
(Secured over Three Kings, Mt. Albert and Waikowhai Properties)		
War Memorial Fund (Maori) ..	184 12 1	
Plus Accrued Interest ..	11 1 6	
		195 13 7
Capital Account:		
Balance at 1/1/1935 ..	84,706 12 9	
Less Loss on recission of Sale and Purchase Agreement on Three Kings Section 77 7 8		
Less Decrease in Government Valuation of Suburban Properties 172 14 8		
Less Increase in Reserve for anticipated loss on Mt. Albert Sections ..	47 0 0	
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year 559 18 7		
	857 0 11	
		83,849 11 10

ASSETS

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Paerata Land at Cost ..		15,832 12 0	
College Buildings at Cost ..		43,694 3 0	
Improvements to Paerata Property		10,369 2 3	
			69,895 17 3
City and Suburban Property at Government Valuation:			
Grafton Road		21,958 0 0	
Three Kings		14,225 0 0	
Mount Albert		17,120 0 0	
Dominion Road		2,450 0 0	
Waikowhai		4,115 0 0	
			59,868 0 0
Improvements to Properties:			
Mount Albert		153 9 2	
Waikowhai		42 17 6	
			196 6 8
Plant and Machinery—Paerata	1295 12 3		
Less Depreciation	161 19 0		
		1,133 13 3	
Motor Vehicles Paerata	748 0 0		
Less Depreciation	149 0 0		
		599 0 0	
			1,732 13 3
Furniture and Fittings, College ..		516 0 0	
Equipment—College		1,591 0 4	
		2,107 0 4	
Less Depreciation		191 13 0	
			1,915 7 4
Stock on Hand—Paerata:			
Live Stock at Valuation ..		8,426 0 0	
Produce and Sundry Stocks ..		1,283 18 2	
			9,709 18 2

Balance Sheet—Continued.

Mount Albert Estate and Three Kings Purchasers:			
Principal outstanding ..	788 7 8		
Plus Accrued Interest ..	27 7 10		
	815 15 6		
Less Reserve for Anticipated Loss	222 7 8		
		593 7 10	
Loan on Mortgage	239 9 4		
Plus Accrued Interest ..	2 19 9		
		242 9 1	
Sundry Debtors:			
For Rent and Rates ..	717 2 5		
For Fees	153 12 3		
Sundries	850 11 1		
	1,721 5 9		
Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..	167 12 4		
		1,553 13 5	
Payments in Advance ..		285 3 2	
Cash in Hand:			
Paerata and Office		30 4 1	
		£146,023 0 3	£146,023 0 3

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., etc., General Secretary.

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust at the 31st December 1935, 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. We have accepted as correct the valuation of the stock on hand as certified by the Board's Officials.

Auckland, 25th January, 1936. HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1935.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Advertising				60	6	3
„ Bad Debts written off ..				468	14	9
„ Beneficiary Work:						
European	222	1	0			
Island	14	13	8			
Maori	381	15	0			
				618	9	8
„ Depreciation				233	19	0
„ Fuel and Light				320	19	0
„ Insurance				51	8	9
„ Provisions:						
Bread	203	2	7			
Dairy Produce	352	4	9			
Groceries	231	10	6			
Meat	253	1	1			
Sundries	142	16	6			
				1,182	15	5
„ Rates				4	7	9
„ Repairs and Maintenance ..				131	14	5
„ Salaries				1,252	17	9
„ Sports				7	16	9
„ Stationery and Books ..				52	7	5
„ Stationery—Boys:						
Expenditure	45	9	2			
Less Income	40	0	0			
				5	9	2
„ Sundry Expenses				251	12	2
Wages				630	10	8
				£5,273	8	11

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By School Fees				3,380	16	2
„ Reduction in Reserve for Bad Debts				360	0	0
„ Profit on Sale of Motor Car ..				90	0	0
„ Laboratory Expenses—Income ..	38	7	6			
Less Expenditure	15	6	7			
				23	0	11
„ Piano Fees				8	14	0
„ Grants from Methodist Funds ..				475	0	0
„ *Nett Loss* transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ..				935	17	10
				£5,273	8	11

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1935.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Departmental Losses as under:			By Departmental Profit as under:		
Bees	0 14 5		No. 1 Cattle and Dairy ..	286 11 8	
Garden	103 5 11		No. 3 Cattle and Dairy ..	107 16 2	
Pigs	62 18 2		No. 4 Cattle and Dairy ..	121 15 9	
Poultry	80 17 8		Stud Sheep	252 7 1	
Flock Sheep	66 5 9	314 1 11			768 10 8
Nett Profit transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ..		454 8 9			
		£768 10 8			£768 10 8

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1935.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Audit Fees	21 0 0	By Sale of Timber	79 13 0
,, Bad Debts—Rent and Rates	67 18 5	,, Sale of Firewood	4 2 0
,, Insurance	1 9 10	,, Sale of Stone	30 7 8
,, Legal and Collection Expenses ..	25 11 4	,, Reduction in Reserve for Bad Debts ..	37 7 0
,, Office Expenses	20 3 5	,, Dividends	30 0 0
,, Printing, Stationery and Advertising ..	9 16 8	,, *Balance* transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	608 10 0
,, Rates	327 0 7		
,, Rent—Board Room	17 13 4		
,, Repairs and Maintenance	11 15 0		
,, Salary—Secretary	280 0 0		
,, Sundry Expenses	6 10 1		
,, Valuation Fee	1 1 0		
	£789 19 8		£789 19 8

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Rent Received Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1935.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To *Balance* transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	2816 2 8	By Rents received from :	£ s. d.
		Grafton Road Property	1,001 2 8
		Three Kings Property	753 13 6
		Mount Albert Property	561 19 8
		Dominion Road Property	142 0 0
		Waikowhai Property	357 6 10
	£2,816 2 8		£2,816 2 8

Interest Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1935.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		By Interest from :		
To Interest on Overdraft	1,530 16 3	Mt. Albert Estate ..	23 15 0	
,, Interest on Long Term Mortgage Loan ..	566 10 0	Three Kings Estate ..	8 15 4	
,, Interest on Fixed Deposit	233 12 9	Kawhia Property	12 6 6	
				44 16 10
		,, *Balance* transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ..		2,286 2 2
	£2,330 19 0			£2,330 19 0

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1935.

EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.	INCOME	£ s. d.
To Interest	2,286 2 2	By Rents	2,816 2 8
,, Loss on College	935 17 10	,, Profit on Farm	454 8 9
,, General Expenses	608 10 0	,, Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Capital Account ..	559 18 7
	£3,830 10 0		£3,830 10 0

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1935.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Wages and Salaries	1,351	6	2	By Gross Profits on:			
„ Sundry Expenses	988	10	11	Nos. 1 and 2 Cattle and Dairy ..	1,129	13	9
„ Seeds and Manure	503	7	8	Nos. 3 Cattle and Dairy	737	0	5
„ Depreciation Written off	180	3	11	Pigs	559	3	1
„ Lorry Expenses	177	16	4	Stud Sheep	489	14	1
„ Horse and Tractor Expenses	153	2	6	Poultry	408	15	10
„ Repairs and Maintenance	60	16	7	No. 4 Cattle and Dairy	210	19	8
„ Rates and Insurance	26	13	2	Flock Sheep	145	5	7
„ *Net Profit* transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	454	8	9	Garden	125	4	7
				Bees	90	9	0
	£3,896	6	0		£3,896	6	0

We have compared the above account with the Departmental Accounts kept by your office, and certify it is in accordance with the books.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1935.

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Annuities	8,564	11	6			
,, Furniture Grants	375	0	0			
				8,939	11	6
,, **Office Expenses**—						
Authorised Appropriation	385	0	0			
less Received from Allied Funds	79	0	0			
	306	0	0			
Stationery & General Exps.	76	2	4			
Legal Expenses	18	15	7			
Farm Inspection Expenses	22	8	3			
Auditors' Fees	25	4	0			
Actuarial Reports ..	2	2	6			
				450	12	8
,, Investment Fluctuation Reserve Account				2	14	6
,, Amount of Funds as at 30/11/34 *less* Adjustments	147,983	8	2			
,, Increase of Funds as at 30/11/35	630	11	11			
				148,614	0	1

INCOME

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Amount of Funds as at 30/11/34	148,093	8	2			
less Personal Subscriptions Refunded ..	110	0	0			
				147,983	8	2
,, Personal Subscriptions ..	1,647	4	0			
,, Circuit Levies	2,493	6	4			
				4,140	10	4
,, **Interest**—						
Debentures	1,150	13	9			
Mortgages	5,113	3	0			
	6,263	16	9			
less Doubtful Debt provision	100	0	0			
	6,163	16	9			
,, Arrears Personal Subs. ..	67	8	8			
,, Unpaid Purchase of Benefits	4	15	0			
	6,236	0	5			
less:						
Interest on overdraft 17 3 5						
Interest to Allied Funds 1055 10 8						
Int. to Depositor Accounts 527 13 2						
	1,600	7	3			
				4,635	13	2
,, **Freehold Revenue**—						
Epworth Chambers ..	1,705	13	6			
less Worcester Street ..	3	15	5			
	1,701	18	1			
less Depreciation ..	500	0	0			
				1,201	18	1

Supernumerary Fund—*Continued.*

	£158,006 18 9	„ Fire Insurance Rebates ..	36 19 6
		„ Debenture Conversion Premiums	2 14 6
		„ Hymn Book Commission	5 15 0
			£158,006 18 9

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
G. S. SALTER }
Christchurch, 17th December, 1935.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1935.

LIABILITIES

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Accumulated Funds as per Revenue Account		148,614 0 1
Deposit Accounts—		
Allied Funds (6)	24,394 14 2	
Connexional Funds (11) ..	3,279 1 8	
Church Trusts (7)	2,032 0 2	
Personal (36)	12,421 10 1	
		42,127 6 1
Freeholds—		
Rates Accrued	280 2 11	
Lift Maintenance Accrued ..	4 1 5	
	284 4 4	
less Land Tax Prepaid ..	12 14 2	
		271 10 2

ASSETS

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Investments: Mortgages ..	102,135 11 1	
Debentures ..	26,750 0 0	
	128,885 11 1	
less Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts Reserve 4,730 7 10		
plus further provision 100 0 0		
plus Debenture Conversion Premiums 2 14 6		
4,833 2 4		
less Written off Mortgage 768 7 8		
	4,064 14 8	
		124,820 16 5
Freehold Properties: Epworth Chambers	48,363 19 11	
Worcester Street	4,118 15 8	
	52,482 15 7	

less Epworth Chambers Depreciation Reserve 850 0 0			
plus further Reserve 500 0 0	1,350 0 0		
		51,132 15 7	
Deposit P.O. Savings Bank ..		11 11 4	
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..		64 11 9	
Interest : Mortgages due ..	4,082 9 11		
Mortgages accrued ..	1,185 13 7		
Debentures accrued	329 0 0		
		5,597 3 6	
Purchase of Benefits :			
Balance due	100 0 0		
Interest due	2 5 0		
		102 5 0	
Circuit Levies : Arrears ..	120 0 0		
Accrued ..	424 12 0		
		544 12 0	
Personal Subscriptions : Arrears	935 4 0		
Int. due	140 0 7		
		1,075 4 7	
Freehold Properties :			
Rents due	186 7 9		
Rents accrued	123 0 9		
		309 8 6	
Properties in Possession ..		3,826 19 10	
Mortgagors' Stock Accounts and Farm Working Accounts ..		3,524 1 8	
General Treasurers Melbourne—Prepaid		3 6 2	
		£191,012 16 4	£191,012 16 4

We have examined the above Balance-Sheet and attached Revenue Account, and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1935.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
G. S. SALTER }

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }

Christchurch, 17th December, 1935.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1935.

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grants	153	5	9			
„ Exchanges	0	8	0			
				153	13	9
„ Exchanges on Annuities ..				7	15	8
„ Authorised Appropriation ..	3	0	0			
„ Stationery	0	1	8			
„ Debenture Commission and Exchanges	0	1	3			
				3	2	11
„ **Balances**—						
Super. Fund Capital Account ..	400	0	0			
Revenue Account	287	1	1			
				687	1	1
				£851	13	5

INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance 30th November, 1934 ..						
„ Supernumerary Fund Deposit				695	3	7
Premium on Debentures ..				2	14	4
„ **Donations**—						
Fire Insurance Fund ..	75	0	0			
Special	15	5	0			
				90	5	0
„ **Interest**—						
Debenture Investments ..	37	8	4			
Super. Fund Deposit ..	26	2	2			
				63	10	6
				£851	13	5

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.
Capital Account	1,400	0	0
Balance Revenue Account	287	1	1
	£1,687	1	1

ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Plampin Bequest—						
Blenheim Borough Council Deb. ..	500	0	0			
Christchurch Drainage Bd. Deb. ..	500	0	0			
				1,000	0	0
Penrose Bequest—						
Capital Account—Deposit Super. Fund				400	0	0
Revenue Account—						
Deposit Super. Fund				287	1	1
				£1,687	1	1

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and we certify to their correctness. We have had the securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1935.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
G. S. SALTER }

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }

Christchurch, 17th December, 1935.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1935.

Contributors' Accounts.

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.
To Retiring Allowances	621	19	8	By Balance as at 30th November, 1934 ..	7,159	13	8
„ Reserve Account	13	16	3	„ Personal Contributions	615	16	2
„ Balance as at 30th November, 1935 ..	7,814	7	0	„ Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy ..	399	0	0
				„ Interest	275	13	1
	£8,450	2	11		£8,450	2	11

Reserve Account.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..				275	13	1	By Balance as at 30th November, 1934 ..	25	6	11
„ **Office Expenses**—							„ Contributors' Account	13	16	3
Authorised Appropriation ..	20	0	0				„ Interest—Supernumerary Fund ..	297	9	0
Stationery and General Expenses	4	0	2							
				24	0	2				
„ Balance as at 30th Nov., 1935 ..				36	18	11				
				£336	12	2		£336	12	2

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	ASSETS	£	s.	d.
To Personal Accounts	7,814	7	0	By Deposit—Supernumerary Fund ..	7,851	5	11
„ Reserve Account	36	18	11				
	£7,851	5	11		£7,851	5	11

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, 1935.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. S. SALTER } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 17th December, 1935.

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1935.

Contributors' Accounts.

EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.	INCOME	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Retiring Allowances	1,236 13 9	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1934		9,271 10 11
„ Reserve Account	359 12 4	„ **Contributions**—		
Balance as at 30th November, 1935 ..	8,798 12 10	Personal	294 0 0	
		Circuit	232 10 0	
		Home Mission Board ..	244 10 0	
				771 0 0
		„ Interest		352 8 0
	£10,394 18 11			£10,394 18 11

Reserve Account.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..		352 8 0	By Balance as at 30th November, 1934 ..	537 13 9
„ **Office Expenses**—			„ Interest : Supernumerary Fund	391 4 9
Authorised Appropriation ..	45 0 0		„ Contributors' Account	359 12 4
Stationery and General Expenses	4 15 0			
		49 15 0		
„ Balance as at 30th November, 1935		886 7 10		
		£1,288 10 10		£1,288 10 10

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	ASSETS	£ s. d.
Personal Accounts		8,798 12 10	**Deposit**—	
Reserve Fund		886 7 10	Supernumerary Fund	9,829 15 8
Accumulated Funds—				
Centenary Gift	100 0 0			
Inscribed Stock Profit ..	44 15 0			
		144 15 0		
		£9,829 15 8		£9,829 15 8

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 financia position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1935.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
G. S. SALTER }

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }

Christchurch, 17th December, 1935.

DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1935

Contributors' Accounts.

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Retiring Allowances	100	11	0	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1934				4,041	7	2
,, Balance as at 30th November, 1935 ..	4,473	16	7	,, **Contributions**—						
				Personal	151	0	0			
				Circuit	62	0	0			
				Home Mission Board ..	64	0	0			
				Foreign Mission Board ..	91	0	0			
								368	0	0
				,, Interest				165	0	5
	£4,574	7	7					£4,574	7	7

Reserve Account.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..				165	0	5	By Balance as at 30th November, 1934 ..	246	8	8
,, **Office Expenses**—							,, Interest—Supernumerary Fund	174	2	7
Authorised Appropriation ..	11	0	0							
Stationery and General Expenses	3	1	4							
				14	1	4				
,, Balance as at 30th Nov., 1935 ..				241	9	6				
				£420	11	3		£420	11	3

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	ASSETS	£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	4,473	16	7	Deposit, Supernumerary Fund ..	4,715	6	1
Reserve Fund	241	9	6				
	£4,715	6	1		£4,715	6	1

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, 1935.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. S. SALTER } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 17th December, 1935.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1935.

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.
To Interest on Trust Deposit Accounts ..	32	10	9	By Commission on Collections	2	0	0
„ Stationery	0	1	8	„ Interest on Deposit	38	1	9
„ Capital Account	7	9	4				
	£40	1	9		£40	1	9

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS	£	s.	d.
Trust Deposits—							Mortgage Investment	350	0	0
Apiti Church Trust	102	4	7				Debentures	1,600	0	0
Durham Street Church Trust ..	18	18	11				Debenture Interest Accrued	2	1	11
Methodist Women's Missionary Union	500	0	0				Supernumerary Fund Deposit	1,121	3	11
Riverton Sunday School Trust ..	100	0	0							
Sumner Church Trust	202	11	7							
Tai Tapu Church Trust	51	1	4							
Thames Church Building Fund ..	84	19	1							
Uren Estate	2,002	12	10							
				3,062	8	4				
Capital Account	3	8	2							
Add Balance from Revenue Account	7	9	4							
				10	17	6				
				£3,073	5	10		£3,073	5	10

We have examined the above Revenue Account and Balance Sheet and have compared them with the Books of the Fund and we certify to their correctness. We have had the securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1935.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
G. S. SALTER }

HARRY. R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }

Christchurch, 17th December, 1935.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—CHILDRENS FUND.

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1935.

RECEIPTS

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance 1st January, 1935 ..		449 9 3
Circuit Levies:		
Auckland	319 0 7	
South Auckland	165 17 6	
Taranaki, Wanganui ..	109 8 3	
Hawkes Bay, Manawatu ..	124 0 3	
Wellington	198 16 6	
Nelson	96 5 0	
North Canterbury	242 10 7	
South Canterbury	89 9 3	
Otago, Southland	159 0 1	
		1,504 8 0
		£1,953 17 3

EXPENDITURE

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Payments as per Warrant:		
Auckland	301 10 0	
South Auckland	101 5 0	
Taranaki-Wanganui	168 15 0	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	146 5 0	
Wellington	225 0 0	
Nelson	87 15 0	
North Canterbury	290 5 0	
South Canterbury	51 15 0	
Otago-Southland	168 15 0	
Mrs. J. E. Parsons, Manchester (final)	11 5 0	
		1,552 10 0
Sundry Payments:		
Expenses Dunedin Conference	5 0 0	
Exchange Chairman's Cheques	4 3 3	
Funeral Allowance	7 10 0	
Bank Charge (Keeping A/c).	0 15 0	
Stationery, Stamps, Exchange, etc.	0 15 0	
		18 3 3
		1,570 13 3
By Due by Auckland District ..	16 4 7	
„ Due by South Auckland ..	17 10 0	
„ Credit Bank N.S.W., Wellington	349 9 5	
		383 4 0
		£1,953 17 3

E. W. A. KELLOW
FRANK E. LEADLEY } Treasurers.
30th January, 1936.

Audited and found correct.
ERNEST HOBBS
J. M. DALE } Auditors.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ending 31st December, 1935.

RECEIPTS

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1935, January 1—		
To Balance		1,533 19 1
„ Circuit Levies:		
District:		
Auckland	495 17 7	
South Auckland	275 0 8	
Taranaki-Wanganui	178 18 0	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	197 10 0	
Wellington	293 19 4	
Nelson	135 6 0	
North Canterbury	366 2 9	
South Canterbury	132 7 4	
Otago-Southland	281 11 0	
		2,356 12 8
„ Synod Collections:		
Auckland	6 0 0	
South Auckland	—	
Taranaki-Wanganui	3 9 0	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	2 6 10	
Wellington	3 18 10	
Nelson	3 1 0	
North Canterbury	4 8 3	
South Canterbury	2 14 2	
Otago-Southland	5 12 0	
		31 10 1
„ Sales:		
Agendas	20 18 0	
Minutes	16 3 9	
Law Books, etc.	6 9 3	
		43 11 0
„ Interest on Bank Deposit ..		4 13 9

EXPENDITURE

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Cost of Dunedin Conference:		
(a) Travelling:		
Equalisation Fund ..	183 10 0	
Official Representatives ..	221 15 2	
		405 5 2
(b) Printing:		
Agenda	94 3 6	
Minutes	97 16 5	
Other	15 5 1	
Stationery, etc.	26 17 10	
		234 2 10
„ District Expenses—Chairmen's Travelling and other Expenses:		
Auckland	45 0 10	
South Auckland	24 17 8	
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	31 1 7	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	27 15 5	
Wellington	21 14 0	
Nelson	25 9 1	
North Canterbury ..	26 14 6	
South Canterbury ..	29 12 4	
Otago-Southland	28 3 4	
		260 8 9
„ Synod Expenses:		
Auckland	44 6 7	
South Aucklnda	27 18 3	
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	11 11 0	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	16 18 2	
Wellington	26 16 10	
Nelson	18 2 7	
North Canterbury ..	8 8 7	
South Canterbury ..	5 6 10	
Otago-Southland	19 7 11	
		178 16 9

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

By Ministerial Supply:							
Auckland	3	19	3				
South Auckland	20	0	0				
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	6	0	0				
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	9	0	0				
Wellington	12	15	0				
North Canterbury ..	9	15	0				
South Canterbury ..	7	11	0				
				69	0	3	
„ Connexional Payments:							
Presidents' Travelling ..	58	10	6				
„ „ Fiji ..	33	0	0				
„ Postages ..	12	10	0				
„ Supply	21	0	0				
„ Expenses 1934 ..	16	14	0				
Loyal Addresses	14	17	9				
Secretary of Conference, Postages, etc.	12	10	0				
Printing	62	8	3				
„ Youth Dept. ..	9	19	0				
Examination Committee ..	16	9	3				
				257	18	9	
„ Grants:							
Theological College ..	740	0	0				
Connexional Secretary's Dept.	180	0	0				
For Affliction	30	0	0				
Deaconess Fund	75	0	0				
University Fees	10	0	0				
Council Religious Education	20	0	0				
Wesley College Trust ..	100	0	0				
H.M. Fund for Wanganui Trust	150	0	0				
Other	40	0	0				
				1,345	0	0	

				£3,970	6	7

By Hon. Treasurers:						
Postages, Stationery, etc. ..	5	0	3			
Bank Exchange, Interest, etc.	7	3	6			
				12	3	9
„ Balances due by Chairmen:						
Auckland	190	0	0			
South Auckland	27	0	9			
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	80	0	0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	70	16	6			
Wellington	35	0	0			
Nelson	27	13	0			
North Canterbury ..	99	11	5			
South Canterbury ..		..				
Otago-Southland	60	15	8			
„ Total Balances held by or due to Chairmen	590	17	4			
„ Bank of N.Z., Kaiapoi, Current Account	616	13	0			
				1,207	10	4
				£3,970	6	7

I have examined the foregoing statement of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund and compared same with the books and vouchers of the Fund, and I hereby certify that in my opinion, the statement correctly sets forth the affairs of the Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

J. H. BLACKWELL
L. C. HORWOOD } Hon. Treasurers.

ISAAC J. WILSON, B.Com.A.P.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

Christchurch, 6th February, 1936.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Statement Year Ended 31st December, 1935.

RECEIPTS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash in hand 1/1/35—		
Supernumerary Fund	484 19 11	
Bank of New Zealand	6 1 4	
P.O.S.B.	783 19 0	
		1,275 0 3
Circuit Levies Paid		743 18 6
Interest Earned		34 3 0
		£2,053 1 9

PAYMENTS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Removal Expenses		883 5 3
Sundry Expenses		3 11 2
Cash in hand 31/12/35		
Supernumerary Fund	501 19 4	
P.O.S.B.	663 15 0	
Bank of New Zealand	0 11 0	
		1,166 5 4
		£2,053 1 9

REVENUE ACCOUNT—Year Ended 31st December, 1935.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Circuit Levies	726	14	6	By Removal Expenses	883	5	3
„ Interest Earned	34	3	0	„ Sundry Expenses	3	11	2
„ Transfer from Capital Account	125	18	11				
	£886	16	5		£886	16	5

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1935.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund 31/12/34 ..	1,578	15	9				Outstanding Levies	286	11	6
less Deficit, 1934/5	125	18	11				Supernumerary Fund Deposit	501	19	4
				1,452	16	10	Post Office Savings Bank	663	15	0
							Bank of New Zealand	0	11	0
				£1,452	16	10		£1,452	16	10

Audited and found correct.
H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.
21st December, 1935.

EDWARD DRAKE
M. KERSHAW } Hon. Treasurers.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Treasurer's Statement, 1935.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To General Fund 1934 Account ..	136	17	7			
„ General Fund 1935 Account ..	6,691	15	7			
				6,828	13	2
„ Women's Auxiliaries				1,323	10	0
„ Young Men's Bible Class Movement				191	19	6
„ Native Teachers and Students				214	19	1
„ Orphans				44	7	0
„ Interest				333	19	5
„ Debt Reduction Fund ..				1,364	10	11
„ Profit on Publications ..				11	15	0
				£10,313	14	3

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Solomon Islands District ..				7,327	12	6
„ Interest on Overdraft and Loans				449	1	0
„ Working Expenses:						
General Secretary—						
Stipend, etc.	275	0	0			
House Allowance ..	150	0	0			
Travelling	82	6	6			
Treasurer's Honorarium ..	50	0	0			
Connexional Charges ..	47	15	0			
Office Assistance	114	15	0			
Auditor's Fee	10	10	0			
Deputation Expenses ..	119	9	11			
Printing and Stationery ..	146	19	10			
Exchanges, Stamps, etc. ..	81	15	4			
Rent Offices, Telephones ..	85	19	8			
"Methodist Times"—Advtg.	10	0	0			
Mission Boxes	2	19	10			
Lantern Requisites ..	20	9	6			
Travelling to Board Meeting	5	11	0			
Theological College ..	25	0	0			
Deaconess's House ..	25	0	0			
				1,253	11	7
„ Sundry Payments:						
Legal Expenses	4	8	11			
Child's Allowance	7	17	6			
Gift Duties paid	114	14	8			
Sundries	25	13	10			
				152	14	11
„ Balance—Surplus				1,130	14	3
				£10,313	14	3

Audited and found correct.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc., Auditor.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1935.

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Brought Forward ..				11,443	7	3
,, Solomon Islands District:						
Stipends and Allowances	4,479	5	3			
Freight and Customs ..	435	18	9			
Boats and Travelling ..	1,632	9	11			
Schools and College ..	732	16	8			
Properties—Current Exps.	376	16	2			
General Expenses ..	1,081	16	7			
				8,739	3	4
,, Interest on Overdraft & Loans				449	1	0
,, New Zealand Office Working Expenses:						
Salaries	439	15	0			
House Allowance ..	150	0	0			
Connexional Charges ..	47	15	0			
Deputation and Travel ..	207	7	5			
Exchange, Stamps, etc. ..	81	15	4			
Printing and Stationery ..	146	19	10			
Office Rent, Telephones ..	85	19	8			
Auditor's Fee	10	10	0			
Theological College £25 and Deaconess's House £25	50	0	0			
Sundries	33	9	4			
				1,253	11	7
,, Sundry Payments:						
Legal Expenses	4	8	11			
Child's Allowance ..	7	17	6			
Gift duties paid	114	14	8			
Sundries	25	13	10			
				152	14	11
,, Equipment Fund:						
Balance held in trust (see contra)				327	12	2
,, Medical Mission Fund:						
Balance held in trust (see contra)				3,128	10	0
				£25,494	0	3

INCOME

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By New Zealand Contributions:						
General Fund 1934 Account	136	17	7			
General Fund 1935 Account	6,691	15	7			
				6,828	13	2
Women's Auxiliaries, including Y.W.B.C. Movement	1,323	10	0			
Young Men's Bible Class ..	191	19	6			
Native Teachers & Students	214	19	1			
Orphans	44	7	0			
Interest	333	19	5			
Debt Reduction Fund ..	1,364	10	11			
Publications Profit ..	11	15	2			
				3,485	1	1
,, Solomon Islands Contributions:						
Subscriptions and Collections:						
Roviana Circuit ..	762	15	0			
Choiseul Circuit ..	451	0	0			
Vella Lavella Circuit ..	314	9	6			
Bougainville Circuit ..	94	3	6			
Produce less Plantation expenses	62	12	0			
				1,685	0	0
,, Equipment Fund:						
Legacies	223	7	2			
Gifts	104	5	0			
				327	12	2
,, Medical Mission Fund:						
Gifts by S. G. Gorman ..	3,000	0	0			
Other Gifts	128	10	0			
				3,128	10	0
,, Balance—Deficit				10,039	3	10
				£25,494	0	3

Audited and found correct:—LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc., Auditor.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1935 (Exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—Solomon Is.:						
Circuit Balances	970	16	2			
Personal Balances	352	18	4			
Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd. ..	1,156	16	7			
Other Creditors	586	1	2			
				3,066	12	3
Overdraft at Bank of New Zealand, Auckland: (Plus Accrued Interest and Secured over certain Working Capital—Medical Mission Fund Assets)				3,842	19	6
Loans: Fixed Deposit and at Call ..				1,780	10	0
Proceeds of Debentures issued by Methodist F.M. Society Trust Association	3,600	0	0			
Less Repaid and cancelled during year	850	0	0			
				2,750	0	0
Special Funds:						
Medical Mission Fund	3,728	10	0			
"Helena Goldie Hospital" ..	1,331	3	6			
				5,059	13	6
Equipment Fund	781	0	11			
Atherton Road Trust Account ..	40	9	7			
				5,881	4	0

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Assets in Solomon Islands:						
Cash in Hand	498	9	6			
Sundry Debtors	996	10	10			
Stock on Hand	1,869	18	11			
				3,364	19	3
Advance Payments (1936) ..				1,845	11	5
Medical Mission Fund Assets:						
20 Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. Shares of £20 each valued at £25 each	500	0	0			
£1,985 N.Z. Govt. Inscribed 3½% Stock	2,066	5	4			
£250 N.Z. Govt. Inscribed 4% Stock	260	0	0			
				2,826	5	4
Equipment and Replacement Fund Assets:						
Methodist F.M. Society Trust Association Debentures at 5%				200	0	0
Working Capital Fund Assets:						
£200 Mt. Eden Borough 4¼% Debentures	200	0	0			
£200 Auckland City Council 4¼% Debentures	200	0	0			
£1500 Auckland Transport Board 4¼% Debentures	1,467	10	0			
£1,115 N.Z. Govt. 4% Stock ..	1,115	0	0			
Fuller and Sons Debentures 6½%, less 20%	1,000	0	0			

				Methodist F.M. Society Trust Assn. Deb. 5%	100	0	0				
				Less Held in Trust for future Income	35	0	0				
								65	0	0	
				N.Z. Farmers' Dairy Union, Ltd. Shares 5%				7	10	0	
				Loans on Mortgage 6½% less 20%				2,900	0	0	
				Auckland Savings Bank ..				300	0	0	
											7,255 0 0
				Capital Account Overdrawn:							
				Balance brought forward 1/1/35	3,233	13	2				
				Less Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	1,404	3	5				
								1,829	9	9	
											1,829 9 9
				General Account				954	14	1	
				Deficit as per Income and Expenditure Account				10,039	3	10	
			£17,321								£17,321 5 9
	5	9									

I certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, and that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs as at the 31st December, 1935, as shown by its books. I have obtained all the information I have required, but have been unable to accept without Amendment the Solomon Islands Returns certified by the Revs. J. F. Goldie and J. R. Metcalfe. The value of the Solomon Islands properties has been expressly excluded from the above Balance Sheet.

Auckland, 20th January, 1936. LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc., Auditor.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1935.

RECEIPTS		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balances in hand, 30/9/34—			
Cash in hand ..		2 7 2	
General Account—			
Salaries	752 5 2		
Medical Account ..	153 16 0		
Executive Account	60 5 9		
		966 6 11	
Kurahuna Emergency Fund	420 9 0		
Kurahuna Depreciation Fund	207 11 5		
Kurahuna Repairs and Replacements ..	26 2 0		
		654 2 5	
			1,622 16 6
Salaries	1,768 9 9		
Gleanings	50 10 7		
N.Z.M.Y.W.B.C.M. ..	123 10 0		
Medical & Child Welfare	159 0 0		
Kurahuna Maori Girls' School	282 6 7		
Native Teacher ..	2 0 0		
Solomon Is. Doctor's Fund	1 10 0		
Gifts to Sisters ..	16 9 0		
Solomon Is. G. School	25 13 0		
Deaconess House ..	10 1 6		
Kahhia Centenary Fd.	1 0 0		
Debt Reduction ..	39 7 3		
Sister McMillan's Exp.	3 4 10		

PAYMENTS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries—		
Overseas	1,458 10 0	
Home	785 0 0	
Gift to Mission Board ..	115 0 0	
Kurahuna Maintenance ..	205 8 2	
Kurahuna Depreciation ..	73 5 0	
Medical and Child Welfare ..	153 16 0	
Debt Reduction	39 7 3	
Kawhia Centenary Fund ..	1 0 0	
Rent : Sister Ivy's Depot ..	6 10 0	
Sister McMillan's Travelling Exps.	2 15 0	
Sister L. Jones' Travelling Exps.	7 7 0	
Sister Ivy Jones' Travelling Exps.	2 10 0	
Deaconess House	10 1 6	
Native Teacher	2 0 0	
Gifts to Sisters	16 9 0	
Rates on Section	0 12 4	
Solomon Island G. School ..	25 13 0	
Repairs to Kurahuna	76 1 0	
Kurahuna Emergency ..	35 0 0	
		3,016 5 3
Travelling Expenses—		
Mrs. Duke to Auckland ..	8 1 0	
Printing	27 9 1	
Telephone	11 11 6	
Executive	25 15 7	
		72 17 2
Credit Balances in Bank—		
Salaries	336 5 6	
Medical and Child Welfare ..	159 0 0	

Statement of Receipts and Payments—Continued

Sister Lina Jones' Exp.	0	8	1									
Sister Dobby's Travlg. Expenses ..	3	15	3									
Box Money ..	11	11	0									
				2,498	16	10						
Executive Fund ..	55	10	10									
Affiliation Fees ..	18	5	9									
Interest, P.O.S. Bank	8	18	0									
Exchange	0	14	10									
				83	9	5						
Kurahuna Emergency Fund	90	0	0									
Interest, P.O.S. Bank	6	1	6									
Kurahuna Depreciation Fund	23	6	0									
Kurahuna Repairs and Replacements ..	49	19	0									
Interest, P.O.S. Bank	3	6	1									
				172	12	7						
							2,754	18	10			
							£4,377	15	4			

Solomon Island Doctor Fund ..	1	10	0			
Kurahuna Maintenance ..	3	13	5			
Box Money	11	11	0			
Executive	60	19	0			
				572	18	11
Kurahuna Emergency	481	10	6			
Kurahuna Depreciation ..	234	3	6			
				715	14	0
				£4,377	15	4

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1935.

LIABILITIES

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sisters' Salaries	336 5 6	
Medical and Child Welfare ..	159 0 0	
Solomon Islands Doctor's Fund ..	1 10 0	
Kurahuna Maintenance	3 13 5	
Box Money	11 11 0	
Executive	60 19 0	
		572 18 11
Kurahuna Emergency Fund ..		481 10 6
Kurahuna Depreciation Fund ..		234 3 6
Solomon Islands Girls' School ..		657 13 6
Amelia Smith's Account		63 13 4
Kurahuna Maori Girls' School Maintenance Balance		95 2 0
Accumulated Fund (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)		2,726 18 0
		£4,831 19 9

ASSETS

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Credit Balances in Bank—			
General Account		572 18 11	
Kurahuna Emergency Fund ..		481 10 6	
Kurahuna Depreciation Fund ..		234 3 6	
			1,288 12 11
Kurahuna Cash Account ..			95 2 0
Deposits Supernumerary Fund—			
No. 1—Solomon Is. Girls' School		657 13 6	
No. 2—Amelia Smith's Account		63 13 4	
			721 6 10
Drainage Board Debentures ..			500 0 0
Kurahuna Maori Girls' School—			
Property ..	1,860 4 0		
Less Depreciation	23 6 0		
		1,836 18 0	
Furniture		240 0 0	
			2,076 18 0
Section, Auckland (¼ acre approx.)			150 0 0
			£4,831 19 9

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, with the exception of those relating to the Accounts of the Kurahuna Maori Girls' School, a copy of the Audited Accounts of which has been submitted for my inspection.

I have inspected the Post Office Savings Bank Pass Books and have accepted the Certificate of Deposit with the Supernumerary Fund Board and the Certificate of the Secretary of the General Purposes Trust Board with reference to the custody of the Title Deeds of the Kurahuna property, the Auckland Section, and the Drainage Board Debentures.

I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet correctly sets out the position of the Union's Funds, as shown by its Books, at 30th September, 1935.

Dunedin, 11th October, 1935.

G. S. GAPPER, A.R.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

Deposit Account—Supernumerary Fund (1).

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Solomon Islands Girls' School	657	13	6	By Balance, 30/9/34	610	15	2
				Donations	25	13	0
				Interest Accrued	21	5	4
	£657	13	6		£657	13	6

Deposit Account—Supernumerary Fund (2).

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Amelia Smith Bequest Account ..	63	13	4	By Balance, 30/9/34	33	7	2
				Interest Accrued	1	8	7
				Debenture Premium	28	17	7
	£63	13	4		£63	13	5

FOREIGN MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS, 1935.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland—			
Central	221	6	4
Social Service Mission	16	5	5
West	46	1	5
West, 1934	1	1	0
East	448	7	3
Avondale	219	9	2
Devonport	21	18	10
Takapuna	31	5	9
Birkenhead	64	7	3
Onehunga	64	11	11
Otahuhu	49	15	1
Papakura	22	10	6
Pukekohe	20	4	8
Waiuku	59	11	5
Mahurangi	13	0	4
Paparoa	21	15	11
Dargaville	28	2	8
Ruawai	2	18	6
Whangarei	2	0	0
Whangaroa	2	5	1
Bay of Islands	8	5	0
Bay of Islands, 1934	5	14	0
Port Albert	79	3	4
Hikurangi	3	11	8
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	3	17	0
Mangonui		—	
Bombay-Tuakau	2	4	0
Kaukapakapa		—	
Helensville	11	10	5
Hokianga	11	11	0
Hokianga, 1934	3	19	8
	£1,486	14	7

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

	£	s.	d.
Thames	50	8	9
Thames, 1934	6	18	11
Hauraki Plains	1	6	9
Paeroa	10	3	1
Te Aroha	100	10	0
Morrinsville	62	9	10
Cambridge	90	3	0
Hamilton	66	18	7
Hamilton East	61	16	1
Huntly	8	9	4
Huntly, 1934	1	19	8
Matamata	36	0	0
Rotorua	16	10	5
Tauranga	32	1	10
Whakatane	3	15	9
Opotiki	21	3	6
Te Awamutu	75	2	2
Otorohanga	25	15	1
Te Kuiti	19	3	1
Taumarunui	17	8	5
Kawhia		—	
Ngaruawahia		—	
Waihi	32	12	6
Te Puke	3	2	9
Ohura	4	13	5
Putaruru	5	17	4
Coromandel	6	18	10
	£761	9	1

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	79	4	11
Waitara	8	17	4
Inglewood	8	1	9
Inglewood, 1934	3	2	8
Stratford	27	2	4
Eltham-Kaponga	21	1	10
Hawera	48	1	9
Manaia	9	2	10
Manaia, 1934	1	0	0
Opunake	74	17	1
Wanganui	88	2	7
Wanganui North	48	5	9
Marton	13	0	0
Taihape	1	15	6
Raetihi-Ohakune	3	4	0
Gonville	15	18	0
Patea	3	5	2
	£454	3	6

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

	£	s.	d.
Napier	100	3	3
Hastings	108	4	5
Gisborne	23	5	3
Wairoa	6	0	0
Dannevirke	6	3	7
Woodville	17	16	2
Pahiatua	34	10	3
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	91	6	4
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	89	7	6
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	31	4	8
Feilding	293	18	3
Sanson-Rongotea	31	11	4
Waipawa	7	17	1
Foxton-Shannon	4	0	10
Apiti	4	5	9
Norsewood	5	6	3
	£855	0	11

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

	£	s.	d
Wellington-Taranaki Street	165	11	11
Wellington Thorndon	72	0	2
Wellington South	68	15	11
Wellington East	105	17	8
Johnsonville-Ngaio	190	3	7
Hutt	115	3	8
Hutt, 1934	14	2	0
Petone	21	2	10
Petone, 1934	1	14	2
Greytown-Featherston	3	15	3
Carterton	23	16	7
Masterton	92	1	8
Eketahuna	17	1	10
Levin	38	0	0
Otaki	10	10	10
Island Bay	6	7	6
Paraparaumu	9	19	4
Paraparaumu, 1934	0	5	0
Upper Hutt	1	15	0
	£1,158	4	11

NELSON DISTRICT

	£	s.	d.
Nelson	148	15	0
Richmond	8	8	6
Richmond, 1934	8	2	6
Wakefield-Dovedale	11	14	4
Motueka	26	7	5
Blenheim	103	6	6
Reefton	26	15	1
Reefton, 1934	4	7	9
Westport	10	13	6
Greymouth	14	18	7
Hokitika	19	10	0
Havelock	2	11	9
Murchison	3	13	8
Granity	0	10	4
	£389	14	11

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

	£	s.	d.
Christchurch—			
Durham Street	88	0	0
Durham Street, 1934	0	10	0
Christchurch East	201	14	0
Cambridge Terrace	20	17	1
Woolston	81	1	8
Sydenham	28	4	6
Sydenham, 1934	0	8	0
Addington	27	1	0
Addington, 1934	43	14	0
Riccarton	22	7	6
St. Albans	65	9	0
Papanui	74	14	4
Lyttelton	15	18	3
Springston	11	19	5
Tai Tapu	30	0	0
Leeston	25	16	9
Leeston, 1934	5	0	0
Kaiapoi	42	15	9
Ohoka	34	9	1
Ohoka, 1934	16	3	6
Rangiora	0	10	0
Woodend-Sefton	31	14	10
Woodend-Sefton, 1934	1	19	0
Greendale	35	7	10
Greendale, 1934	6	4	9
Oxford	19	13	7
Hawarden	7	4	3
Waddington	10	17	3
	£949	15	4

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

	£	s.	d.
Timaru—			
Banks Street	27	12	5
Woodland Street	31	12	5
Kensington-Paeroa	16	10	0
Waimate	18	4	6
Temuka	29	13	10
Geraldine	19	9	3
Ashburton	93	10	10
Willowby	2	0	0
Oamaru	27	4	1
Rakaia-Methven	3	12	0
Mayfield		..	
	£269	9	4

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—			
Trinity	67	13	2
Central Mission	40	15	0
Dundas Street	7	6	9
Cargill Road	49	7	3
St. Kilda	35	0	11
Caversham	33	19	9
Mornington	21	11	0
Roslyn	31	16	5
Port Chalmers	24	9	9
Balclutha	4	2	6
Milton	11	1	9
Roxburgh	8	15	5
Invercargill (Central)	58	18	3
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	30	0	0
Bluff	2	16	10
Gore	19	0	0
Riverton	7	4	3
Riverton, 1934	9	11	0
Maori Hill	12	0	0
Waikouaiti	11	11	0
Mosgiel	5	15	3
Edendale	12	0	0
Edendale, 1934	1	0	0
Kaitangata	3	0	0
Lawrence		—	
Cromwell	5	1	4
Otautau-Tuatapere	18	1	9
Nightcaps	3	17	0
	£535	16	4

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for Year Ended 31st July, 1935.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Stock 1/8/34	757 18 7		By Sales	1,239 0 10	
„ Purchases	996 10 8		„ Stock on Hand	786 12 9	
		1,754 9 3			2,025 13 7
„ Gross Profit		271 4 4			
		£2,025 13 7			£2,025 13 7

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Salaries	550 0 0		By Gross Profit		271 4 4
„ Depreciation	14 3 3		„ Payments for work done ..	361 2 0	
„ Depreciation Dodge Van ..	80 16 0		„ Waiata Maori Choir—Special Australian Concerts ..	329 14 0	
„ Rent	54 10 0		„ Subscriptions	11 14 6	
„ Stamps	45 2 10				702 10 6
„ Printing and Stationery ..	20 6 1				
„ Office and Booking Expenses ..	12 0 8				
„ Advertising	10 10 6				
„ Interest	30 13 3				
„ Freight	7 11 0				
„ General Expenses	4 3 3				
„ Insurance	1 19 0				
„ Cables	0 15 0				
		832 10 10			
Net Profit to Capital Account ..		141 4 0			
		£973 14 10			£973 14 10

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Trade Creditors		102 15 11
Deposits at Call		208 3 11
Capital Account:		
Balance at 1st August, 1934 ..	649 0 10	
Add net profit for year	141 4 0	
		790 4 10
Commercial Bank of Australia Overdraft		182 10 6
		£1,283 15 2

ASSETS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Debtors	173 7 10	
Less Reserve for Bad Debts	15 0 0	
		158 7 10
Stock on Hand		786 12 9
Office and Bookroom Equipment ..	116 12 10	
Less Depreciation	11 13 3	
		104 19 7
Lantern and Slides	16 5 0	
Less Depreciation	2 10 0	
		13 15 0
Dodge Van	300 16 0	
Less Depreciation	80 16 0	
	220 0 0	
Less Cash received from sale	220 0 0	
		—
Deposit Amount—Proceeds of Sale of Van		220 0 0
		£1,283 15 2

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet of the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and, in our opinion, it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Society's affairs as at 31st July, 1935. We have accepted the certificates of Mr. T. W. Hemer as to the value of the Stock on Hand and the amount of the Trade Creditors.

Auckland, 9th September, 1935

(Signed) J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z.
A. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z.
Hon. Auditors.

"KURAHUNA" MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Maintenance Account from 1st October, 1934 to 30th September, 1935.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1/10/34, General Fund ..	79	18	4
„ Balance, Girls' Stall, 1933 (for Clothing Fund)	2	18	0
„ Balance, Girls' Stall, 1934	5	12	8
„ Balance, Girls' Stall, donated to Fees ..	5	0	0
„ Girls' Fees from Parents	59	15	3
„ Girls' Fees, Collection and Stall at Kurahuna	11	2	2
„ Interest on £3,000	116	5	0
„ Interest on Debentures	15	12	0
„ Subscriptions from Auxiliaries, per Treasurer M.W.M.U.	262	2	8
„ Refund for Painting, Plumbing, etc., from Repairs and Replacements	76	1	0
„ Refund Stamp Duty	0	18	6
„ Advance from Emergency Fund ..	35	0	0
„ Donations from Kurahuna	5	1	0
„ Donations from Visitors' Box	0	17	7
„ Donations for Outings	2	17	6
„ Payment for Clothing	2	6	5
„ Payment for Dentist's Account	3	4	0
„ Payment for Produce	3	0	6
„ Payment for Cows	3	1	4
„ Payment for Old Range	1	10	0
„ Girls' Stall at Pitt Street, 1935 ..	9	0	1
„ Bank Interest	1	5	3

PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Household Expenses—						
By Grocer, etc.	56	1	3			
„ Baker	10	1	3			
„ Butcher	14	14	7			
„ Milk	1	12	9			
„ Wood, Coal and Coke	13	14	3			
„ Gas Account	2	10	8			
„ Electric Light	4	9	0			
„ Clothing Fund	10	0	11			
„ Clothing Fund (Balance Girls' Stall)	2	18	0			
„ Dentist	5	10	6			
„ Cows Purchased	13	0	0			
„ Fowls Purchased	2	9	6			
„ Range Purchased	10	7	0			
„ House Linen, etc.	11	4	11			
				158	14	7
„ Furnishing (Cupboard, etc.) ..	3	4	0			
„ Carpenter	2	3	6			
„ Plumbers (Trough, etc.) ..	14	15	6			
„ Fencing, Posts	10	14	9			
„ Copper Repaired	2	0	0			
„ Painting House	49	16	6			
				82	14	3

"Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School—Maintenance Account—*Continued.*

				Miscellaneous—					
				By Matron's Salary	100	0	0		
				„ Matron's Petty Cash	11	11	0		
				„ Assistant Matron	53	0	0		
				„ Girls' Outings	2	17	6		
				„ 1934 Girls' Stall—Mis. Donations	3	3	7		
				„ 1934 Girls' Stall Expenses—Material, £1/10/8; Transport, 18/5	2	9	1		
				„ Insurance, Water Rates, Telephone and "N.Z. Herald" ..	23	1	3		
				„ Expenses Secretary and Treasurer, Stationery, Postages, etc. ..	6	11	0		
								202	13	5
				„ Treasurer, M.W.M.U.—					
				Emergency Fund				90	0	0
				Depreciation Fund	23	6	0		
				Repairs and Replacements ..	49	19	0		
								73	5	0
				„ Balance in Bank, 30/9/35—					
				1935 Girls' Stall	9	0	1		
				General Fund	83	11	5		
				Cash in Hand	2	10	6		
								95	2	0
			£702	9	3			£702	9	3

I have examined the above Maintenance Account and compared it with the Books and Vouchers related thereto, and certify that in my opinion it correctly represents the position of the Account as at 30th September, 1935.

Auckland, 7th October, 1935. H. J. TUCK, A.R.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ending December 31st, 1935.

RECEIPTS

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in Hand, January 1, 1935		75 0 10
By Conference Grants:		
Home Mission Board ..	75 0 0	
Fire Insurance Board ..	125 0 0	
Foreign Mission Board ..	25 0 0	
Contingent Fund	75 0 0	
		300 0 0
,, Rents	59 13 4	
,, Dedication Service	4 5 5	
,, Associates' Subscriptions ..	29 2 0	
,, Women's Missionary Auxiliaries	11 17 6	
,, Y.W.B.C. Union and Evening Circle	1 11 0	
,, Lectures by Miss Greig ..	8 10 0	
,, Sunday Items	7 16 10	
		122 16 1
,, Hostel Receipts		775 8 6
		£1,273 5 5

EXPENDITURE

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Salaries	263 12 0	
,, Repairs	184 5 10	
,, Drapery	15 4 9	
,, Advertising in Church Papers	7 2 0	
,, Interest on Mortgage ..	72 0 0	
,, Rates	48 16 10	
,, Bank Charges	1 5 0	
,, Telephone	10 10 0	
,, Periodicals	2 2 8	
,, Ironmongery and Crockery ..	4 9 8	
,, Insurances	25 4 3	
,, Travelling of Students to Conference	7 1 10	
,, Sundry Items	4 2 9	
,, Petty Cash (Treasurers) ..	2 10 9	
		648 8 4
,, Hostel Expenses		456 11 0
		£1,104 19 4
Balance at Bank of N.Z. 31/12/35		168 6 1
		£1,273 5 5

EDWARD DRAKE, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

H. W. HESLOP, Auditor

21st January, 1936.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Assets and Liabilities for Year Ending December 31st, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mortgage (Duncan, Cotterill & Co.)	1,600	0	0			
Depreciation Account	1,000	0	0			
City Council Rates for 1935 ..	46	18	11			
Interest on Mortgage due Jan. 13, 1935	36	0	0			
Repairs	4	15	0			
				2,687	13	11
Balance of Assets over Liabilities				2,804	12	2
				£5,492	6	1

ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Deaconess House Property ..	5,000	0	0			
Furnishings (£360, less depreciation of 10%)	324	0	0			
Balance at Bank of N.Z. 31/12/35	168	6	1			
				5,492	6	1
				£5,492	6	1

EDWARD DRAKE, Treasurer.

21st January, 1936.

Audited and Found correct.

H. W. HESLOP, Auditor

MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ended 17th October, 1935.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. FROST, MR. A. L. CAUGHEY.

RECEIPTS

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1934—October 18th		
To Balance—Cash in Hand ..		3 10 0
Bank of New Zealand ..		177 9 0
1935—October 17th		
Revenue—		
Circuit Collections and Subs. ..	665 4 9	
Sunday Schools and Y.P. Socts.	21 8 2	
General Donations	67 2 6	
Official Collectors	125 0 6	
Maintenance Fees	1,378 16 6	
Souvenirs	29 18 0	
Discount and Exchange ..	15 7 3	
Interest	49 9 0	
Dividends	315 6 7	
Rents	107 8 2	
Sale of Stock	1 12 6	
Refunds, etc.	5 13 9	
		2,782 7 8
Capital—		
Sale of Government Stock ..	1,525 0 0	
Government Stock Premium	143 2 4	
Fixed Deposit Withdrawn ..	434 0 0	
Bequests—Mrs. Eliza Gilmore	1,000 0 0	
Anonymous	426 16 6	
Sara Andrews	40 0 0	
		3,568 18 10
Balance—		
Bank of N.Z. Overdraft ..		153 15 6
Goods value £71/10/9 have been donated per Official Collector		
		£6,686 1 0

DISBURSEMENTS

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1935—October 17th		
Revenue—		
Salaries	1,139 19 8	
Commission	20 9 0	
Provisions	595 19 9	
Furnishings	38 15 8	
Drapery, Clothing, Boots ..	18 3 8	
Fuel and Light	146 1 8	
Farm and Garden	33 7 3	
Printing, Stationery, Advt. ..	120 11 10	
Medical and Dental	17 18 11	
Stamps and Telephones ..	42 2 8	
Travelling Expenses	12 8 0	
Interest	92 19 7	
Repairs	78 4 7	
Insurance	49 8 7	
Sundry Expenses	28 14 9	
Matron's Petty Cash	40 10 0	
Audit Fee	8 8 0	
Rates and Taxes	52 13 11	
Office Rent	15 13 8	
		2,552 11 2
Capital—		
Auckland Savings Bank ..		1,000 0 0
Bank of N.Z. Loan Repaid ..		2,706 13 4
Bank of N.Z. Capital Account		426 16 6
		£6,686 1 0

Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1935—October, 17th				1935—October 17th			
To Expenditure as per above Statement ..	2,552	11	2	By Receipts as per above Statement ..	2,782	7	8
„ Depreciation of Furniture	93	10	0				
„ Capital A/c.—Excess Revenue Transferred	136	6	6				
	£2,782	7	8		£2,782	7	8

Balance Sheet as at 17th October, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mortgage—Philcox		300 0 0
Bequest—Eliza Gilmore Trust		1,000 0 0
Capital—As at 17/10/34 ..	32,565 19 2	
Insc. Stock Accretion ..	143 2 4	
Add Anon. Gift	426 16 6	
„ Sara Andrew	40 0 0	
„ Revenue Account Excess	136 6 6	
		33,312 4 6
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft		153 15 6
		£34,766 0 0

ASSETS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Properties—At Cost:		
Orphanages	19,242 7 6	
Railway Street	1,125 0 0	
Belmont Terrace	835 0 0	
		21,202 7 6
Mortgages and Unpaid Purchase Money		1,363 19 0
Shares—		
Whangarei Gas Co.—		
Ordinary £1 Shares ..	1,000 0 0	
666 Pref. Shares paid to 5/–	166 10 0	
F. M. Winstone Ltd. (at par)	8,700 0 0	
		9,866 10 0
Furnishings	935 0 0	
Less Depreciation	93 10 0	
		841 10 0
Hughes Loan		24 17 0
Farm Stock		40 0 0
Bank of N.Z. Capital Account		426 16 6
Auckland Savings Bank—Gilmore Trust		1,000 0 0
		£34,766 0 0
New Zealand Inscribed Stock 4%, held by Methodist General Purposes Trust Board, Income payable to Orphanage account ..		£510 0 0
John Sheat Bequest, held by Public Trustee, available only for building in permanent materials		
New Zealand Inscribed Stock		£1,410 0 0
Accumulated Interest		312 10 6
		£1,722 10 6

I have examined the Books and Vouchers relating to the above Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Mt. Albert and Epsom Methodist Orphanages, which I consider are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true position of the Trust as at the 17th October, 1935, as shown by the Books of the Trust.

31st October, 1935.

EGERTON GILL, F.P.A.N.Z.,

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for 12 Months Ended 31st December, 1935.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward Bank of New Zealand				150	5	7
„ Endowments and Legacies:						
Interest Cooper Estate ..	24	17	8			
Interest J. H. Hogg Estate ..	26	16	2			
Interest Skinner Estate ..	14	8	9			
				66	2	7
„ Maintenance:						
„ Donations	41	4	0			
„ Collections	234	13	8			
Fees Maintenance ..	349	2	3			
Grant—The Board of Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowment ..	401	3	4			
				1026	3	3
„ Grant: Wellington Board, for Fire Renewals and Repairs				172	15	11
„ Grant: Wellington Board, for additions				19	1	5
				£1,434	8	9

PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Staff Salaries and Wages ..				390	4	6
„ Property Account:						
Ordinary Repairs and Maint'ce.	28	0	11			
Fire Repairs	172	15	11			
Additions	19	1	5			
				219	18	3
„ General House Supplies ..				390	17	4
„ Clothing, etc.				125	19	5
„ Printing, Advtg., Telephone ..				35	18	9
„ Lighting and Heating				93	4	2
„ Miscellaneous:						
Hospital, Dental and Medical ..	23	17	4			
Pensions and other refunds ..	19	18	8			
Stamps and Petty Cash ..	8	1	8			
Travelling Expenses and sundries	29	11	7			
				81	9	3
„ Balance Bank of New Zealand ..				96	17	1
				£1,434	8	9

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	ASSETS				£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	64	12	5	Cash Bank of New Zealand ..				96	17	1
Balance Newcombe Trust Endowment ..	0	2	9	Furnishings, etc.	365	0	0			
Balance—being excess of Assets over Liabilities	362	1	11	*Less* Depreciation	35	0	0	330	0	0
	£426	17	1					£426	17	1

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 on 31st December, 1935.

A. E. BATES, Treasurer.
Masterton, 10th January, 1936.

ARCH. H. DANIELL
F. E. WELLS } Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME

Financial Statement for Period January 1st to September 30th, 1935.

RECEIPTS

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To	Balance at Bank 1st January, 1935 ..		702 16 2
,,	Maintenance Account—		
	Donations and Collections	348 16 7	
	Radio Concert and Street Appeal ..	349 19 10	
	Maintenance Fees	619 18 8	
	Interest	15 15 0	
			1334 10 1
,,	Endowment Account—		
	Anne T. Cuming Estate	16 17 6	
	E. C. Jordan Estate	6 0 6	
	Lily Richter Estate	6 10 0	
	Elizabeth Slater Estate	3 2 2	
	Theresia Wisker Estate	113 0 0	
	Sara Andrew Estate	40 0 0	
	D. McKenzie Estate	50 0 0	
	Mrs. Gorman's Estate	100 0 0	
	Mary Ann Bottomley Estate ..	14 10 5	
			350 0 7
,,	Withdrawal Deposits		423 15 10
,,	Building Subsidy		125 6 0
,,	Refunds		102 15 5
,,	Rents		57 10 0
,,	Sale of Building Materials		153 16 3
,,	Sale of Souvenirs		10 16 6
			£3,261 6 10

PAYMENTS

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By	Maintenance Account—		
	Salaries	644 4 8	
	General House Supplies	485 19 8	
	Lighting and Heating	167 10 5	
	Drapery, Clothing and Boots ..	129 18 7	
	Printing, Stationery, Stamps, Audit, Telephone, Exchange, Advertising, etc.	52 3 2	
	Renewals and Repairs	35 17 4	
	Fire and Accident Insurance ..	10 13 9	
	Sundries	15 18 1	
	Rates and Taxes	37 7 7	
			1579 13 3
,,	Peter Johansen (Assistance at College) ..		5 0 0
,,	Deposit—Supernumerary Board		100 0 0
,,	Old Home Buildings and Grounds ..		708 4 4
,,	New Home Buildings and Outbuildings ..		619 4 6
,,	Refund Papanui Sunday School ..		18 19 0
,,	Honorarium, Rev. A. Hopper		20 0 0
,,	Cash in hand (Manager)		19 19 1
,,	Balance at Bank of New Zealand ..		190 6 8
			£3,261 6 10

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST OPRHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at September 30th, 1935.

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.
Permanent Endowment Fund	1,050	0	0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	31,359	10	4
	£32,409	10	4

ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
FREEHOLD PROPERTY:									
4½ Acres Land				2,255	0	0			
Dwelling House (Bungalow) ..				1,050	0	0			
Dwelling House (reconstructed from old Home) ..				1,000	0	0			
							4,305	0	0
NEW HOME BUILDINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS:									
Expended to 31st Dec., 1934 ..	19,865	5	8						
Expended to 30th Sept, 1935 ..	619	4	6						
				20,484	10	2			
Estimated value old buildings	400	0	0						
less Depreciation	25	0	0						
				375	0	0			
				20,859	10	2			
NEW HOME GROUNDS 12 Acres				4,523	15	8			
FURNISHINGS	1,287	15	9						
less Depreciation	127	10	0						
				1,160	5	9			
Tennis Courts and Accessories	254	0	0						
less Depreciation	15	0	0						
				239	0	0			
							26,782	11	7
INVESTMENTS AND DEPOSITS:									
Sundry Deposits				761	13	0			
N.Z. Farmers' Assn. Secured Deposit Stock				350	0	0			
							1,111	13	0
CASH BALANCES:									
Petty Cash in Hand ..				19	19	1			
Bank of New Zealand ..				190	6	8			
							210	5	9
							£32,409	10	4

I have audited the accounts for the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home for the period of nine months ended 30th Sept., 1935.

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND.—The nature of this Fund indicates that monies representing endowments should be invested in Trust Securities. The Balance Sheet shows that Three hundred and fifty pounds is represented by New Zealand Farmers' Co-operative Association Ltd. Deposit Stock; One hundred pounds on deposit with the Supernumerary Fund, and the balance being deposited with the Trustees of an Estate. The value of this latter amount is uncertain.

Receipts and payments have been vouched, with the exception of a few payments made from Petty Cash.

Subject to these remarks, I am of the opinion that the above Statement correctly exhibits the Orphanage position as at the 30th September, 1935.

Christchurch,
13th November, 1935.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

"METHODIST TIMES."

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1935.

EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Printing and Publishing	769 1 5	
Process Blocks	15 2 1	
Distribution Charges	151 18 8	
		936 2 2
Editors' Honoraria	105 0 0	
Editors' Incidental Expenses ..	9 15 5	
		114 15 5
Ofice Expenses:		
Authorised Appropriation ..	170 0 0	
Stationery & General Expenses ..	38 6 1	
		208 6 1
		£1,259 3 8

RECEIPTS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Subscriptions	1,000 3 8	
Less Agents' Commission ..	50 19 5	
		949 4 3
Advertisements		177 13 2
Interest		25 1 0
Nett Loss		107 5 3
		£1,259 3 8

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers
H. HOLLAND }

Christchurch, 20th January, 1936

Audited and found correct.

W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
E. H. SMITH }

"METHODIST TIMES."

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1935

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Unexpired Values			Subscriptions Outstanding ..	299 19 7	
Subscriptions	320 14 10		Less Prepaid	7 16 6	
Advertisements	70 18 6				
		391 13 4		292 3 1	
Contingent Reserve Account ..		500 0 0	Less Provision for Agents' Com. ..	19 8 0	
Accumulated Funds 31/12/34 ..	231 9 2				272 15 1
Less Net Loss	107 5 3		Advertisement Accounts Outstanding		34 13 5
		124 3 11	Deposits:		
			Post Office Savings Bank ..	7 3 11	
			Supernumerary Fund	660 12 10	
					667 16 9
			Balance at Bank of New Zealand ..		40 12 0
		£1,015 17 3			£1,015 17 3

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
H. HOLLAND }

Christchurch, 20th January, 1936.

Audited and found correct.

W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
E. H. SMITH }

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND CHILDREN'S FUND, 1936.

NOTE.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for the H.M. Retiring Fund is £6 for each Home Missionary employed. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 2 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

WHERE THE STATUS OF THE PREACHER APPOINTED IS ALTERED THE CONTINGENT FUND TREASURERS SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 6%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 7%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ..	1000	0	0	60	0	0	640	0	0	44	16	0
F.M. Dept.	275	0	0	16	10	0	175	0	0	12	5	0
H.M. Dept.	475	0	0	28	10	0	275	0	0	19	5	0
Auckland Central Mission	175	0	0	10	10	0	115	0	0	8	1	0
Auckland West ..	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Auckland East	738	0	0	44	5	8	438	0	0	30	13	0
Trinity College	765	0	0	45	18	0	565	0	0	39	11	0
Auckland, Avondale ..	510	0	0	30	12	0	310	0	0	21	14	0
,, Devonport ..	130	0	0	7	16	0	30	0	0	2	2	0
,, Takapuna ..	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
,, Birkenhead ..	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Onehunga	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Otahuhu	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Papakura	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Pukekohe	214	0	0	12	16	8	114	0	0	7	19	8
Waiuku	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Mahurangi	202	10	0	12	3	0	102	10	0	7	3	4
Paparoa	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Dargaville	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Ruawai	160	0	0	9	12	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Whangarei	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Whangaroa	160	0	0	9	12	0	60	0	0	4	4	0
Bay of Islands	150	0	0	9	0	0	90	0	0	6	6	0
Port Albert	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Hikurangi	144	0	0	8	12	8						
Mangonui	140	0	0	8	8	0	80	0	0	5	12	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai ..	70	0	0	4	4	0	10	0	0	0	14	0
H.M. Stations:												
Kaukapakapa (2) ..				8	0	0						
Helensville				4	0	0						
Hokianga (2) ..				8	0	0						
Bombay-Tuakau ..				4	0	0						
	7671	0	0	484	5	0	4479	10	0	313	11	0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Circuits	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Thames	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Hauraki Plains ..	130 0 0	7 16 8	70 0 0	4 18 0
Paeroa	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Waihi		1 0 0		
Te Aroha	260 0 0	15 12 0	160 0 0	11 4 0
Morrinsville	356 5 0	21 7 8	196 5 0	13 14 8
Cambridge	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Hamilton	500 0 0	30 0 0	300 0 0	21 0 0
Hamilton East	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Ngaruawahia		1 0 0		
Huntly	160 0 0	9 12 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Matamata	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Putaruru		1 0 0		
Rotorua	212 10 0	12 15 0	112 10 0	7 17 4
Tauranga	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Whakatane	160 0 0	9 12 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Opotiki	218 15 0	13 2 8	118 15 0	8 6 4
Te Awamutu	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Otorohanga	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Te Kuiti	172 0 0	10 6 4	112 0 0	7 16 8
Taumarunui	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
H.M. Stations:				
Kawhia		4 0 0		
Te Puke		4 0 0		
Ohura		4 0 0		
Coromandel		4 0 0		
	4194 10 0	270 14 4	2394 10 0	167 12 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Circuits	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Plymouth ..	495 0 0	29 14 0	295 0 0	20 13 0
New Plymouth H.M. ..		4 0 0		
Waitara	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Inglewood	130 10 0	7 16 8	30 10 0	2 2 8
Stratford	237 10 0	14 5 0	137 10 0	9 12 8
Eltham-Kaponga ..	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Hawera	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
Manaia	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Opunake	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Opunake H.M.		4 0 0		
Wanganui	227 10 0	13 13 0	167 10 0	11 14 4
Wanganui North ..	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Wanganui North H.M.		4 0 0		
Marton	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Taihape	130 0 0	7 16 0	70 0 0	4 18 0
H.M. Stations:				
Raetihi-Ohakune ..		4 0 0		
Gonville		4 0 0		
Patea		4 0 0		
	2815 10 0	192 18 8	1595 10 0	111 13 8

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Circuits	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Napier	430 0 0	25 16 0	270 0 0	18 18 0
Hastings	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
Gisborne	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Wairoa	153 10 0	9 4 0	93 10 0	6 11 0
Dannevirke	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Woodville	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Pahiatua	202 10 0	12 3 0	102 10 0	7 3 8
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
,, ,, (Cuba St.)	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	230 0 0	13 16 0	130 0 0	9 2 0
Feilding	275 0 0	16 10 0	175 0 0	12 5 0
Feilding H.M.		4 0 0		
Sanson-Rongotea ..	234 0 0	14 0 8	134 0 0	9 7 8
H.M. Stations:				
Waipawa		4 0 0		
Foxton-Shannon ..		4 0 0		
Apiti		4 0 0		
Norsewood		4 0 0		
	3016 0 0	200 11 8	1790 0 0	125 6 4

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington Central ..	720 0 0	43 4 0	460 0 0	32 4 0
Y.P. Dept.	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
Thorndon	507 10 0	30 9 0	307 10 0	21 10 4
Wellington South ..	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
Wellington East ..	420 0 0	25 4 0	260 0 0	18 4 0
Wellington East H.M. ..		4 0 0		
Johnsonville-Ngaio ..	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Johnsonville-Ngaio H.M.		4 0 0		
Hutt	440 0 0	26 8 0	280 0 0	19 12 0
Petone	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Greytown-Featherston	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Carterton	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Masterton	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Masterton H.M. ..		4 0 0		
Eketahuna	203 14 0	12 4 0	103 14 0	7 5 2
Levin	262 10 0	15 15 0	162 10 0	11 7 8
Otaki	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
H.M. Stations:				
Paraparaumu ..		4 0 0		
Upper Hutt		4 0 0		
	4493 14 0	289 12 0	2713 14 0	189 19 3

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 6%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 7%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson	325	0	0	19	10	0	225	0	0	15	15	0
Richmond	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Wakefield-Dovedale ..	162	0	0	9	14	4	102	0	0	7	2	8
Blenheim	500	0	0	30	0	0	300	0	0	21	0	0
Motueka	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Hokitika	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Greymouth	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Westport	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Reefton	180	0	0	5	8	0	120	0	0	8	8	0
H.M. Stations:												
Havelock				4	0	0						
Murchison				4	0	0						
Granity				4	0	0						
	2317	0	0	145	12	4	1397	0	0	97	15	8

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 6%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 7%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch:												
Durham Street ..	510	0	0	30	12	0	350	0	0	24	10	0
Connexional Secretary	356	5	0	21	7	4	256	5	0	17	18	0
Christchurch East ..	720	0	0	43	4	0	420	0	0	29	8	0
Cambridge Terrace ..	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Woolston	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Sydenham	234	0	0	13	14	8	134	0	0	9	7	8
Addington	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Riccarton	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
St. Albans	500	0	0	30	0	0	300	0	0	21	0	0
Papanui	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Papanui H.M. ..				4	0	0						
Lyttelton	240	0	0	14	8	0	140	0	0	9	16	0
Springston	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Tai Tapu	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Leeston	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Kaiapoi	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Ohoka	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Rangiora	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Woodend-Sefton ..	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Greendale	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Oxford	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
H.M. Stations:												
Hawarden				4	0	0						
Waddington				4	0	0						
	5810	5	0	360	6	0	3450	5	0	241	9	8

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 6%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 7%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru:												
Bank Street	275	0	0	16	10	0	175	0	0	12	5	0
Woodland Street ..	231	5	0	13	17	6	131	5	0	9	3	8
South	160	0	0	9	12	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Waimate	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Temuka	230	0	0	13	16	0	130	0	0	9	2	0
Geraldine	190	0	0	11	8	0	90	0	0	6	6	0
Ashburton	270	0	0	16	4	0	170	0	0	11	8	0
Willowby	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Oamaru	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Rakaia-Methven ..	144	0	0	8	12	8	84	0	0	5	17	8
	2200	5	0	132	0	2	1280	5	0	89	12	4

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 6%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 7%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin Trinity ..	275	0	0	16	10	0	175	0	0	12	5	0
Dunedin Trinity H.M.				4	0	0						
Central Mission ..	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	14	0	0
Dundas Street	236	0	0	14	3	0	136	0	0	9	10	4
Cargill Road	318	3	7	19	2	0	158	3	7	11	1	4
St. Kilda	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Caversham	220	0	0	13	4	0	120	0	0	8	8	0
Mornington	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Roslyn	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Port Chalmers	212	0	0	12	14	0	112	10	0	7	17	0
Port Chalmers H.M. ..				4	0	0						
Balclutha	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Milton	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Roxburgh	195	0	0	11	14	0	95	0	0	6	13	0
Invercargill Central ..	275	0	0	16	10	0	175	0	0	12	5	0
Invercargill, St. Peter's	243	15	0	14	12	8	143	15	0	10	1	4
Bluff	208	0	0	12	9	6	108	0	0	7	11	2
Gore	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Riverton	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
H.M. Stations:												
Maori Hill				4	0	0						
Waikouaiti-Palmerston				4	0	0						
Mosgiel				4	0	0						
Edendale				4	0	0						
Kaitangata				4	0	0						
Lawrence				4	0	0						
Cromwell				4	0	0						
Otautau-Tuatapere ..				4	0	0						
Nightcaps				4	0	0						
	4107	18	7	290	9	2	2348	8	7	164	7	2

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 15th January, 1936.

Treasurers: REV. G. I. LAURENSON and MR. F. PENN.

RECEIPTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	120	0	4			
Ditto, 1934 ..	2	17	6			
Auckland Social Service Mission	14	5	4			
Auckland East ..	288	6	11			
Ditto 1934 ..	31	19	9			
Auckland West..	12	10	5			
Ditto, 1934 ..	4	13	0			
Avondale ..	99	4	6			
Devonport ..	16	18	2			
Takapuna ..	14	1	5			
Birkenhead ..	42	2	6			
Onehunga ..	34	17	10			
Otahuhu ..	34	7	7			
Papakura ..	9	12	5			
Ditto, 1934 ..	6	14	8			
Pukekohe ..	10	8	7			
Waiuku ..	37	5	10			
Ditto, 1934 ..	0	5	0			
Mahurangi ..	8	6	0			
Paparoa ..	24	0	1			
Dargaville ..	14	8	3			
Ruawai	7	2	9			
Whangarei ..	13	18	5			
Whangaroa ..	2	10	0			
Bay of Islands..	15	12	10			
Port Albert ..	16	0	0			
Hikurangi ..	2	10	0			
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai ..	13	1	0			
Mangonui ..	11	17	5			
Maori Missions..	47	10	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Bombay-Tuakau	5	12	0			
Kaukapakapa ..	5	18	0			
Helensville ..	10	2	5			
Rawene ..	10	5	10			
Kohukohu ..	12	6	11			
				1,001	13	8

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Thames ..	34	16	9			
Hauraki Plains	4	12	4			
Ditto, 1934 ..	0	12	2			
Paeroa ..	10	0	0			
Te Aroha ..	47	16	6			
Morrinsville ..	49	2	0			
Cambridge ..	20	12	1			
Hamilton ..	74	5	11			
Ditto, 1934 ..	0	2	6			
Hamilton East ..	29	16	7			
Huntly ..	2	10	2			
Matamata ..	25	16	7			
Rotorua ..	5	6	9			
Tauranga ..	21	11	8			
Whakatane ..	7	0	3			
Opotiki ..	12	8	4			
Te Awamutu ..	42	9	0			
Otorohanga ..	24	4	9			

EXPENDITURE.

MAORI MISSIONS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ..	1,196	17	6			
Waikato - King Country ..	1,528	0	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	1,208	13	8			
				3,933	11	2

Special.

South Island Travelling ..	50	0	0			
Sunday School Materials ..	10	0	0			
Printing Leaflets	10	0	0			
Special Missions & Conference of Workers	60	0	0			
Deaconess Students	40	0	0			
Theological Students ..	20	0	0			
"Methodist Times"	5	0	0			
Grant, Ngaruawahia ..	50	0	0			
Travelling ..	16	10	0			
Removal Expenses	33	10	0			
				295	0	0
				£4,228	11	2

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Rawene ..	10	0	0
Kaukapakapa ..	15	0	0
Silverdale ..	7	10	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai ..	17	10	0
Bombay-Tuakau Special ..	5	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Mahurangi ..	75	0	0
Whangarei-Kamo	16	5	0

Aided Circuits.

Bay of Islands	16	5	0			
Hikurangi ..	15	0	0			
Ditto, Special	10	0	0			
Mangonui ..	16	5	0			
Paparoa ..	40	0	0			
Whangaroa ..	26	5	0			
Devonport ..	7	10	0			
Ruawai ..	2	10	0			
				280	0	0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel ..	26	5	0
Ditto, Special	12	0	0
Ngaruawahia ..	30	0	0
Ditto, Special	20	0	0
Ohura, Special	50	0	0
Kawhia ..	50	0	0
Te Puke ..	7	10	0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

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RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Te Kuiti ..	5	17	3			
Taumarunui ..	21	0	10			
Maori Missions ..	82	14	8			
Home Mission Stations.						
Ngaruawahia ..	0	0	0			
Waihi ..	18	7	8			
Te Puke ..	0	9	0			
Ohura ..	4	12	2			
Putaruru ..	4	6	10			
Coromandel ..	18	14	0			
				569	6	9
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.						
Circuits.						
New Plymouth ..	57	3	10			
Waitara ..	7	0	0			
Inglewood ..	4	2	1			
Stratford ..	27	17	5			
Eltham-Kaponga	10	6	4			
Hawera ..	29	9	9			
Manaia ..	5	0	0			
Opunake ..	27	3	2			
Ditto, 1934 ..	4	5	3			
Wanganui ..	55	0	0			
Wanganui North	20	14	6			
Ditto, 1934 ..	16	2	6			
Marton ..	15	7	2			
Ditto, 1934 ..	0	4	6			
Taihape ..	4	16	7			
Maori Missions ..	43	0	10			
Home Mission Stations.						
Raetihi-Ohakune	12	0	8			
Gonville ..	13	2	8			
Ditto, 1934 ..	0	7	0			
Patea ..	7	0	0			
				360	4	3
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.						
Circuits.						
Napier ..	88	9	0			
Hastings ..	77	12	0			
Gisborne ..	0	0	0			
Wairoa ..	2	17	10			
Dannevirke ..	6	3	9			
Woodville ..	10	5	8			
Pahiatua ..	22	19	10			
Palmerston North—						
St. Paul's ..	55	16	6			
Cuba Street ..	33	11	7			
Ditto, 1934	3	1	0			
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe ..	13	13	9			
Feilding ..	115	6	9			
Ditto, 1934 ..	1	9	3			
Sanson ..	13	11	11			
Home Mission Stations.						
Waipawa ..	5	3	6			
Foxton-Shannon	4	14	7			
Ditto, 1934 ..	6	9	6			
Apiti	7	2	3			
Norsewood ..	7	7	10			
				475	16	6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Circuits with Home Missionaries.						
Hauraki Plains	26	5	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Matata, Special	40	0	0			
Whakatane ..	8	15	0			
Paeroa ..	31	5	0			
Tauranga ..	11	5	0			
Opotiki ..	42	10	0			
Taumarunui ..	76	5	0			
Otorohanga ..	27	10	0			
Huntly ..	6	5	0			
Morrinsville ..	15	0	0			
Te Kuiti ..	31	5	0			
Waitoa ..	7	10	0			
				519	10	0
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.						
Home Mission Stations.						
Patea ..	36	5	0			
Raetihi-Ohakune	10	0	0			
Gonville ..	5	0	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Waitara ..	16	5	0			
Inglewood ..	45	0	0			
Ditto, Special	20	0	0			
Marton ..	36	5	0			
Manaia ..	11	5	0			
Taihape ..	32	10	0			
Wanganui, Special	150	0	0			
				362	10	0
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.						
Home Mission Stations.						
Waipawa ..	20	15	0			
Foxton ..	7	10	0			
Ditto, Special	7	10	0			
Apiti ..	3	15	0			
Norsewood ..	20	0	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Wairoa ..	60	0	0			
Dannevirke ..	17	10	0			
Woodville ..	21	5	0			
Pahiatua ..	12	10	0			
Napier ..	5	0	0			
				175	15	0
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.						
Home Mission Stations.						
Paraparaumu	45	0	0			
Upper Hutt ..	22	10	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Eketahuna ..	52	10	0			
Greytown-Featherston	52	10	0			
Otaki ..	31	5	0			
Ditto, Special	20	0	0			
Thorndon ..	3	15	0			
Masterton ..	5	0	0			
				232	10	0
NELSON DISTRICT.						
Home Mission Stations.						
Havelock ..	36	5	0			
Ditto, Special	10	0	0			

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HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

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RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.						
Circuits.						
Taranaki Street	90	3	10			
Thorndon ..	46	8	11			
Wellington South	21	5	6			
Ditto, 1934 ..	3	9	0			
Wellington East	50	0	5			
Johnsonville-Ngaio	61	9	3			
Ditto, 1934 ..	7	0	0			
Hutt	75	2	2			
Ditto, 1934 ..	8	19	6			
Petone ..	18	14	2			
Ditto, 1934 ..	4	7	0			
Greytown-Featherston ..	4	5	9			
Carterton ..	0	0	0			
Masterton ..	66	3	11			
Eketahuna ..	19	10	6			
Levin	21	0	0			
Otaki	13	10	2			
Home Mission Stations.						
Upper Hutt ..	1	0	0			
Paraparaumu ..	4	5	9			
Island Bay ..	3	8	10			
				520	4	8
NELSON DISTRICT.						
Circuits.						
Nelson ..	135	16	6			
Richmond ..	16	14	4			
Wakefield-Dovedale ..	6	15	6			
Motueka ..	27	11	8			
Blenheim ..	114	7	0			
Reefton ..	13	11	1			
Westport ..	11	2	8			
Greymouth ..	8	8	0			
Hokitika ..	15	3	0			
Home Mission Stations.						
Havelock ..	2	0	0			
Murchison ..	3	5	6			
Granity ..	5	11	10			
				360	7	1
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
Circuits.						
Durham Street ..	73	13	0			
Christchurch East	141	17	8			
Cambridge Ter.	18	4	4			
Woolston ..	51	18	4			
Sydenham ..	16	0	0			
Addington ..	43	5	3			
Riccarton ..	22	9	3			
St. Albans ..	43	7	7			
Ditto, 1934 ..	1	13	0			
Papanui ..	29	17	3			
Lyttelton ..	15	14	7			
Springston ..	18	6	8			
Tai Tapu ..	10	18	6			
Leeston ..	29	9	5			
Kaiapoi ..	43	4	4			
Ohoka	21	12	0			
Rangiora ..	38	10	3			

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Granity ..	46	5	0			
Murchison ..	3	15	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Westport ..	17	10	0			
Hokitika ..	3	15	0			
				117	10	0
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
Home Mission Stations.						
Hawarden ..	10	0	0			
Waddington ..	25	0	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Addington ..	21	5	0			
St. Albans ..	18	15	0			
Lyttelton ..	16	5	0			
Springston ..	11	5	0			
Tai Tapu ..	16	5	0			
Ditto, Special	10	0	0			
Ohoka ..	15	0	0			
Oxford ..	40	0	0			
Papanui ..	7	10	0			
Greendale ..	5	0	0			
				196	5	0
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
Aided Circuits.						
Temuka ..	31	5	0			
Ditto, Maori	5	0	0			
Rakaia-Methven	12	10	0			
Geraldine ..	15	0	0			
				63	15	0
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.						
Home Mission Stations.						
Nightcaps ..	16	5	0			
Ditto, Special	7	10	0			
Waikouaiti ..	10	0	0			
Edendale ..	15	0	0			
Otautau ..	2	10	0			
Cromwell ..	2	10	0			
Kaitangata ..	6	5	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Port Chalmers	46	5	0			
Ditto, Ravensbourne ..	20	0	0			
Ditto, Maori	10	0	0			
Roxburgh ..	17	10	0			
Milton ..	31	5	0			
Riverton ..	37	10	0			
Ditto, Maori	5	0	0			
Cargill Road ..	3	15	0			
				231	5	0
Circuits				£2,179	0	0
GENERAL.						
General Superintendent—Stipend (10 months) ..	208	6	8			
House Allowance (10 months)	125	0	0			
Travelling ..	83	6	8			
				416	13	4

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1935—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Woodend-Sefton	13	15	9			
Ditto, 1934 ..	5	5	0			
Greendale ..	24	9	3			
Oxford ..	16	19	1			
Home Mission Stations.						
Hawarden ..	1	3	6			
Waddington ..	7	4	6			
				688	18	6
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
Timaru— **Circuits.**						
Bank Street ..	24	12	11			
Woodlands St.	23	3	4			
Kensington ..	11	8	3			
Waimate ..	29	11	2			
Temuka ..	13	11	8			
Geraldine ..	11	19	7			
Ashburton ..	96	4	10			
Willowby ..	24	15	8			
Oamaru ..	25	13	8			
Rakaia-Methven	7	8	7			
Home Mission Station.						
Mayfield ..	2	10	0			
				270	19	8
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.						
Dunedin— **Circuits.**						
Trinity ..	62	0	0			
Central Mission	31	3	9			
Dundas Street	21	3	6			
Cargill Road ..	22	16	9			
St. Kilda ..	20	10	0			
Caversham ..	21	9	2			
Mornington ..	14	0	8			
Roslyn ..	16	4	11			
Port Chalmers ..	27	0	0			
Balclutha ..	4	6	6			
Milton ..	12	17	2			
Roxburgh ..	10	7	3			
Invercargill—						
Central ..	58	6	2			
St. Peter's ..	33	17	0			
Bluff	0	0	0			
Gore	21	8	0			
Ditto, 1934 ..	4	2	7			
Riverton ..	8	5	6			
Home Mission Stations.						
Maori Hill ..	5	0	10			
Waikouaiti ..	11	14	5			
Ditto, 1934 ..	1	9	6			
Mosgiel ..	6	15	1			
Edendale ..	9	0	6			
Kaitangata ..	8	18	9			
Lawrence ..	3	10	0			
Cromwell ..	6	6	6			
Otautau-Tuatapere ..	6	9	10			
Nightcaps ..	4	9	11			
				453	14	3
SUNDRY DONATIONS.						
Estate late Chas. White (M.B.E.)	50	0	0			
Subscriber "Methodist Times" ..	25	0	0			

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Assist. Superintendent—						
Stipend (3 qrs.)	168	15	0			
Parsonage Rent (3 qrs.) ..	97	10	0			
Travelling (3 qrs.) ..	80	0	0			
				346	5	0
Treasurer — Incidental Expenses ..	13	15	10			
Connexional Charges ..	75	8	9			
				89	4	7
Office.						
Rent ..	63	3	0			
Telephones, including F.M. & L. & C. ..	32	3	11			
Electric Power, including F.M. & L. & C. ..	20	15	10			
Book-keeping	110	0	0			
Secretarial Work	103	0	0			
				329	2	9
Printing and Stationery.						
Annual Reports	55	14	10			
Printing and Stationery ..	65	19	11			
				121	14	9
Postage, Telegrams, etc...				50	0	0
Interest, Etc.						
Interest on Overdraft ..	227	11	6			
Cheque Books & Bank Charges	2	15	0			
Exchange, etc.	25	0	0			
				255	6	6
Deputation Expenses ..				97	14	6
Retiring Funds.						
Deaconess ..	95	0	0			
Home Missionaries	229	10	0			
				324	10	0
Miscellaneous.						
Theological College ..	135	0	0			
Deaconess House	75	0	0			
Ministerial Supplies ..	64	3	4			
Motor Cars — Registration, Insurance, & Repairs ..	81	4	5			
Home Mission Boxes ..	19	13	9			
"Methodist Times"	12	10	0			
Car Replacement	100	0	0			
Sites' Fund ..	50	0	0			
Code "Paipera"	2	0	0			

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1935—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
"Tom Bracken"	6	0	0			
Anonymous ..	5	0	0			
C. H. Virtue ..	5	0	0			
E. G. Saunders ..	5	0	0			
"Two Friends"	2	10	0			
H.S.H.	2	10	0			
Two Annual Subscribers ..	2	0	0			
Anonymous ..	1	10	0			
Friend, Christchurch	1	10	0			
H.S.M. ..	1	0	0			
Rev. V. Le C. Binet	1	0	0			
"A Friend" ..	1	0	0			
Sundry ..	2	3	9			
				111	3	9
GENERAL.						
Connexional Properties.						
Auckland ..	324	10	7			
Grey Institute, New Plymouth	450	0	0			
Kai Iwi, Wanganui	215	0	0			
Spring Creek ..	0	0	0			
				989	10	7
Investments.						
Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board	1,160	17	1			
Less £5 Mornington ..	5	0	0			
				1,155	17	1
Special for Maori Work.						
N.Z.M.W.M.U. for Deaconesses ..	785	0	0			
N.Z.Y.W.B.C.M. for Deaconesses	160	0	0			
Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust ..	360	0	0			
				1,305	0	0
Miscellaneous.						
Fire Insurance Fund ..	125	0	0			
Conference Collection ..	10	17	9			
Special, Geraldine (1 quarter) ..	17	10	0			
Electric and Telephone Refunds	28	13	3			
Waiata Maori Choir ..	400	0	0			
				582	1	0
				£8,844	17	9
Dr. Balance at 15th Jan., 1936				3,523	2	1
				£12,367	19	10

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rates, Hawera & Spring Creek	3	17	8			
Renovations to Office ..	10	13	11			
Sundries ..	7	15	3			
				561	18	4
				£4,771	9	9
Maori ..				4,228	11	2
				£9,000	0	11
Dr. Balance, 1935 ..				3,367	18	11
				£12,367	19	10

1936 DEBT REDUCTION ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Waiata Maori Choir	600	0	0
Te Matere	25	0	0
	£625	0	0

Audited and found correct.

Auckland,
21st January, 1936.

P. DELLOW }
T. L. HAMES } Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 15th JANUARY, 1936.

Treasurers: REV. G. I. LAURENSON and MR. F. PENN.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Capital Awaiting Investment, 24/1/35				2,564	8	4
,, Cash on Account Capital—						
Estate Rev. G. Bond ..	50	0	0			
,, G. Sowerby ..	806	9	7			
,, D. McKenzie ..	50	0	0			
,, R. B. H. Maxwell ..	100	0	0			
,, Jno. Sheat ..	2	10	0			
,, Miss Rennie ..	3	0	0			
Mr. and late Mrs. Gorman..	450	0	0			
Mortgage Repayment ..	250	0	0			
Car Replacement ..	110	5	0			
Furniture Replacement ..	20	17	8			
Maintenance Suspense A/c.	3	3	11			
Sinking Funds	97	4	9			
				1,943	10	11
,, Interest from H.M. Fund on Capital Awaiting Investment—						
On General	145	17	0			
On Canterbury Matured Debentures	13	10	0			
				159	7	0
,, Interest on Wake Estate ..	137	12	5			
,, from Canterbury Direct	4	15	6			
,, ,, Inscribed Stock (Canterbury) ..	32	3	6			
,, ,, Auckland Investments ..	761	18	8			
,, ,, Mornington ..	5	0	0			
				941	10	1
,, Interest on Memorial Gifts as opposite				60	0	0
,, Interest on Account Mission Property	244	10	7			
				244	10	7
				£5,913	6	11

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Interest Transferred to H.M. Fund				1,160	17	1
,, Interest to Mission Property Trustees				244	10	7
,, Capital Invested				1,137	5	7
,, Capital Awaiting Investment ..				3,308	16	0
,, Furniture Replacement Account Disbursed—						
Maori Mission Fund ..	15	9	5			
Income	46	8	3			
				61	17	8
,, Interest on Memorial Gifts—						
Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim	5	0	0			
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim	5	0	0			
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim	5	0	0			
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	5	0	0			
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	5	0	0			
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina ..	5	0	0			
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim..	5	0	0			
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere ..	5	0	0			
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Blenheim	5	0	0			
Mr. Frank O. White, Blenheim	5	0	0			
Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim..	5	0	0			
Rev. and Mrs. Baumber, Christchurch ..	5	0	0			
	£60	0	0			
				£5,913	6	11

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT JANUARY 15th, 1936.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Legacies and Memorial Gifts at 24/1/35	22,623	11	0			
„ Car Replacement Account at 24/1/35	205	0	0			
„ Furniture Replacement Account at 24/1/35 ..	41	0	0			
				22,869	11	0
„ New Capital Received During the Year—						
Legacies:						
Estate of late Rev. Geo. Bond	50	0	0			
Estate of late Geo. Sowerby ..	806	9	7			
Estate of late D. McKenzie	50	0	0			
Estate of late R. B. H. Maxwell	100	0	0			
Estate of late Miss Rennie	3	0	0			
Estate of late Jno. Sheat	2	10	0			
				1,011	19	7
Mr. and late Mrs. S. Gorman ..				450	0	0
„ Replacement Accounts—						
Car Replacement .. £110 5 0						
Furniture Replacement 20 17 8						
	131	2	8			
Less Furniture Replacement Account Disbursed	61	17	8			
				69	5	0
„ Sinking Funds				97	4	9
„ Maintenance Suspense Account				3	3	11
				£24,501	4	3

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Loans on Mortgage, 24/1/35	11,375	0	0			
Less Repayment ..	250	0	0			
				11,125	0	0
„ Debentures				225	0	0
„ Government Inscribed Stock (excluding Canterbury Investment)				3,000	0	0
„ Properties				5,692	8	3
„ Lodged with Wesley Training College Board ..				350	0	0
„ Canterbury Investment, Inscribed Stock ..				800	0	0
„ Capital Awaiting Investment—						
Canterbury o/a Matured Debentures ..	300	0	0			
General	2,593	2	4			
Car Replacement Account	315	5	0			
Maintenance Suspense Account	3	3	11			
Sinking Funds ..	97	4	9			
				3,308	16	0
				£24,501	4	3

We have audited the Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Books and Vouchers, and in our opinion the above Statement correctly sets out the position of the Fund as at 15th January, 1936, as shown by the books of the Board.

Auckland, 21st January, 1936.

P. DELLOW }
T. L. HAMES } Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 15th, 1936.

Treasurers: REV. GEORGE FROST and MR. FRANK PENN.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, from 1935				27	17	9
,, Rents—						
Kaeo	52	0	0			
Newark	45	12	6			
Mangungu	0	10	0			
Mangawhare	24	5	6			
				122	8	0
,, From Loan on Mortgage ..	244	10	7			
,, From Fixed Deposit, Wesley Training College ..	8	5	0			
				252	15	7
,, From Sundry Income, Mangawhare				1	5	0
				£404	6	4

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Payments, Home Mission Fund	324	10	7			
,, Office Rent	8	10	0			
,, Rates	23	13	3			
,, Water Rights	10	0	0			
,, Secretarial Work	10	0	0			
,, Bank Charges	0	15	0			
,, Sundries	0	13	1			
				378	1	11
,, Credit Balance				26	4	5
				£404	6	4

LIABILITIES.

Nil.

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
By Mortgages	11,500	0	0
,, Properties	4,471	16	8
,, Fixed Deposit, Wesley Training College	300	0	0
,, Credit, Bank of New Zealand	26	4	5
	£16,298	1	1

Audited and found correct,

P. DELLOW }
T. L. HAMES } Hon. Auditors.

Auckland, 21st January, 1936.

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