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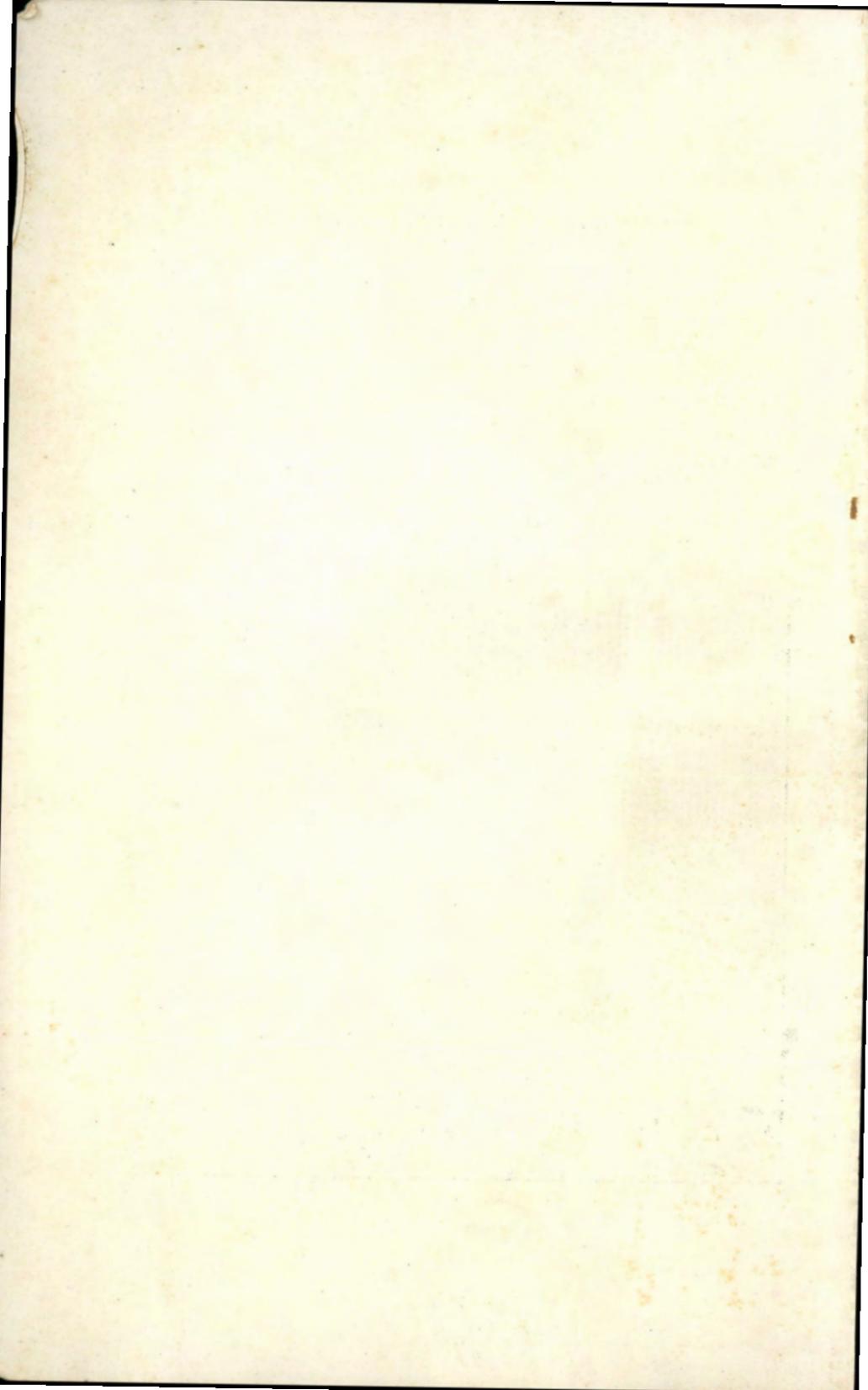
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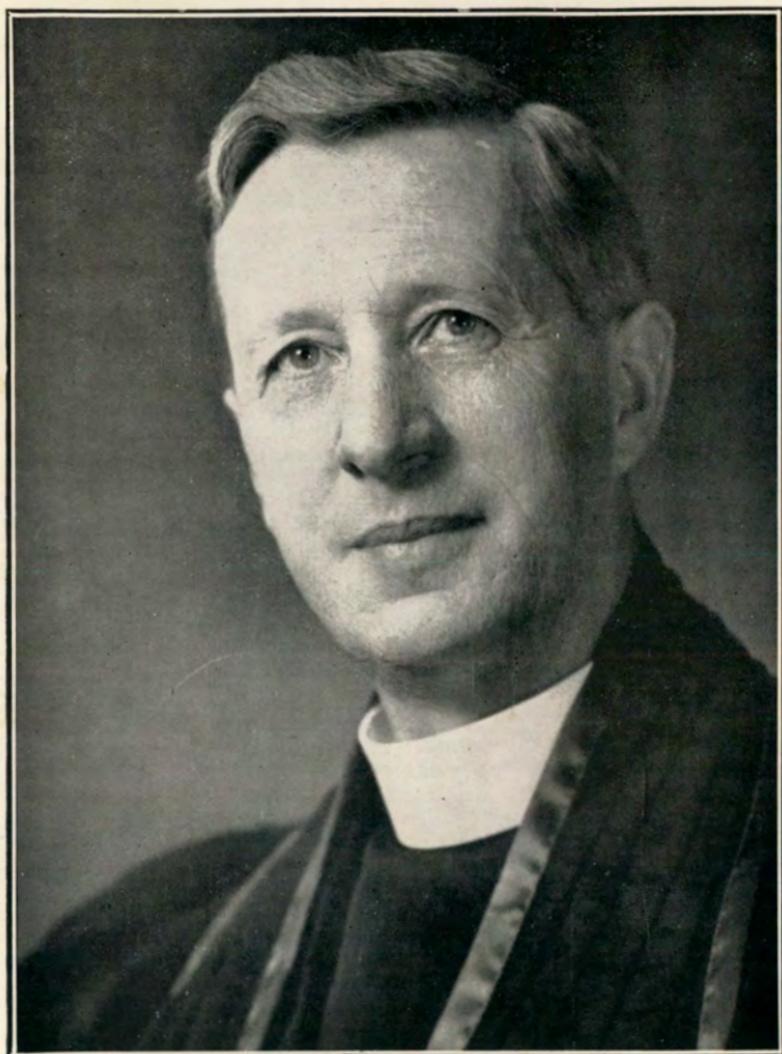
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“The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen’s Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee” were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 “a distinct Connexion, to be denominated ‘The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,’ with an Annual Conference, affiliated to the Parent English Conference.”—(Mins. Brit. Conf., 1854).

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

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THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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The Session was opened by the Rev. Fred. Copeland, Retiring President, after which the Rev. Percy R. Paris was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. John C. Tietjens was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by Mr. Henry R. French, retiring Vice-President.

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

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Auckland (Devonport)	J. E. Smith
Auckland (Takapuna)	J. C. Lewis
Auckland (Birkenhead)	A. Wilson
Onehunga	..	..	..	F. C. Pace
Otahuhu	..	..	..	E. H. Burton
Papakura	..	..	..	Mrs. A. C. A. Sexton*
Pukekohe	..	..	..	R. C. Clark, M.A.
Waiuku	..	..	..	Mrs. V. Le C. Binet
Mahurangi	..	..	..
Paparoa	..	..	..
Dargaville	..	..	..	D. L. Bradley
Ruawai	..	..	..
Whangarei	..	..	..	Mrs. O. Burnet
Whangaroa	..	..	..
Bay of Islands	
Port Albert	H. Neal
Hikurangi	
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	T. Moor
Mangonui	

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Hamilton	Mrs. M. E. Gilling
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Putaruru	
Rotorua	
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Whakatane	
Opotiki	
Te Awamutu	J. T. Johnson, J.P.
Otorohanga	E. W. Tozer
Te Kuiti	
Taumarunui	

Taranaki Wanganui District.

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Waitara	T. Weston
Stratford	J. McAllister
Eltham-Kaponga	J. Turner
Hawera	Miss Bates
Manaia	D. J. Blair
Opunake	T. P. Hughson, senr.
Wanganui	P. S. Whitlock

Taranaki-Wanganui District—*continued.*

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Marton	Mrs. Pearce
Taihape	

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Hastings	E. E. Bott
Gisborne	W. Greenwood
Wairoa	E. A. Kelly*
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Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	H. Sandford
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Feilding	F. S. Guy
Sanson-Rongotea	Mrs. M. E. Smith

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"	T. M. Pacey
Wellington (Thorndon)	R. Flaws
"	N. Slyfield
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Hutt	A. Maud
Petone	F. Lockwood
Greytown-Featherston	A. M. Haigh
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Levin	C. Andricken
Otaki	H. F. E. Cockrell

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Hokitika	T. W. Duff

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"	Mrs. H. J. S. Harrington.
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QUESTION II.—Who are now admitted as Ministers in full Connection with the Conference?

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

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Ormond E. Burton, M.A.
Clifford L. Duder
L. Gordon Hanna
Clarence T. J. Luxton
William A. Mills
Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.
Arthur R. Witheford
Who have travelled three years.
Passed with Honours: L. Gordon Hanna

George E. Beckingsale
Bert M. Tasker, B.A.
James S. Willoughby
Who have travelled two years.

John Churchill
William R. Francis
H. Ian K. Hopper
Robert W. Mayson
Leslie T. Norwell
Alfred Sanft
Who have travelled one year.

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

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

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

Campbell P. Lucas
Charles B. Oldfield
James Stanley Waite
John K. Watson

Who are continued for a third year.

John B. Dawson
Haddon C. Dixon
Leslie R. M. Gilmore
Lawrence Greenslade
Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agric).
Maharaia Winiata

Who are continued for a second year.

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

Charles H. Bell
Harold K. Brown (from the President's List of Reserve)
Harold W. Burley
Harold A. Darvill
Rangi Rogers (for Native Ministry) (See question 10).
Gordon V. Thomas
J. Henry Woolford

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

Naphthali Fotu, who shall return to Tonga for Ordination this year.

Belshazzar Gina
who has travelled six years, shall be ordained at the Synod of 1938, subject to his passing his final examination.

Paul Havea
to be Ordained at the Synod of 1938 at the request of the Tongan Conference.

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

Aaron Kotosoma
who has travelled five years.
Uzziah Sotutu
who has travelled four years.
Nathan Kera
who has travelled three years.

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

Joni Afu (Solomon Islands).

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

Rangi Rogers (See question 6).

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

THIRD YEAR : A. P. Dorrian
A. O. Jones
R. C. Patchett
SECOND YEAR : W. Falkingham
W. J. Hughes
W. J. Trusttum
FIRST YEAR : F. Attwood
Also : G. Crammond
N. Hendra

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

Samuel Griffith
James Wrigley
Frederick T. Read
F. E. Foot (Home Missionary)
Leonard M. Isitt (a former Minister).

Samuel Griffith.—With startling suddenness, in the early evening of Sunday, December 19th, there came the Home Call to Samuel Griffith, a much loved and respected Supernumerary Minister of our Church.

Born on August 28th, 1859, at Brentford, London, he was dedicated by devout parents to the work of God. His family had been Methodists for four generations, his maternal grandfather having first received the Sacrament from John Wesley himself. Called to preach in his early 'teens, for over sixty years he has preached the Gospel that he loved.

In 1879, in response to an appeal by the Rev. James Buller, he came out to New Zealand and entered Wesley College, Three Kings. In each of his subsequent Circuits he laboured with diligence and devotion.

An important share of Connexional work fell to his lot in the capacity of assistant Secretary to the Conference and Secretary of his District and Chairman of the Otago District. In more recent years, his work for a full decade as Secretary-Manager of the Auckland Methodist Orphanages was a crowning service to the Church.

As preacher, pastor, and administrator he displayed his gracious powers and withal he was ever the perfect gentleman. In 1886 he married a daughter of the late Mr. James Gribble and he never ceased to thank God for his life partner. Just two years ago they happily celebrated their Golden Wedding.

To us all there is left the memory of a choice spirit and gracious friend, while the fruits of his long and faithful ministry must abide for many a year.

James Wrigley.—After a notable Ministry of fifty years (thirty-eight in the Active Work and thirteen as an honoured Supernumerary), James Wrigley aged 80 years, passed home to God on June 3rd, 1937.

Born in Yorkshire, he was soundly converted, and began to preach at an early age. He arrived in New Zealand in 1883, and after serving in the South Island as a Home Missionary, he entered, in 1887, the Ministry of the Free Methodist Church which in 1896 became part of the Methodist Church of New Zealand at the first Union.

Mr. Wrigley's Ministry, exercised in almost every District in the Dominion, was marked by deep spirituality, pulpit and pastoral zeal and administrative ability and gained for him the love and esteem of his people and of his Ministerial Brethren. His preaching was of a high order, excelling in exposition, enriched by choice language and wide reading.

Until her lamented death at Epsom in 1917, Mr. Wrigley had the loyal and effective co-operation of his gifted wife. Owing to failing health Mr. Wrigley became a Supernumerary in 1924, making his home in Auckland and continuing to preach with great acceptance. For some years he rendered valuable service as "Supply" at Henderson and Glen Eden in the Avondale Circuit. Retiring eventually to Birkenhead and gradually growing weaker he passed to his eternal rest in June last, leaving behind him the record of a noble life and a fruitful Ministry.

Frederick Thomas Read.—On the evening of July the 29th, after an illness of less than half an hour, F. T. Read ceased at once to work and to live. For two years in England and forty-six in New Zealand he made full proof of his ministry. He was born in Sleaford, Lincolnshire in 1867, where for many years he was in connection with the Congregational Church. At the age of twenty he was brought into communion with the Bible Christian branch of British Methodism. Very soon he became a Sunday School Teacher, a Local Preacher, and a Candidate for the Ministry. He was accepted and spent the first two years of his probation in the Kingsbrompton Circuit. While there, he felt the call to the mission field, but subsequently he accepted a call to New Zealand, arriving in November, 1891. His first pastorate was the Church now known as Union Church, Addington. Two years later he was married to Miss Ada Elizabeth Bond of Aberavon, Wales. From that time to the end of his life this union promoted to the utmost his usefulness and happiness as a minister of the gospel.

In various parts of the Dominion there are strong, vigorous circuits, the foundations of which were well and truly laid, by F. T. Read. For many years he served the Church faithfully as District Secretary and also as Journal Secretary and Minute Secretary of Conference.

As a Padre during the Great War, he held commissions on the hospital ship *Marama*. This work he carried on through all the post-war years. For nine years he was a member of the Executive of the Christchurch Returned Soldiers Association and for four years its President. The passion of his life was to help and succour the suffering and sorrowing.

He happily laid him down to rest, and in a few brief minutes he was not, for God had taken him.

F. E. Foot.—Seemingly with many years of service before him, unexpectedly God touched F. E. Foot and suddenly called him to higher service in the eternal home on August 27th, 1937.

He was born in Hokitika in 1872 receiving his education at the State School. He was converted in early manhood under the ministry of the Rev. J. T. Burrows at Hokitika and at 21 years of age began to preach. He was married at Hokitika on May 5th, 1897 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Holley, who proved herself a worthy helpmate and a valuable co-worker. During his 14 years at Denniston he took an active interest in all local affairs and faithfully served his church as Local Preacher and Sunday School Superintendent. In 1914 he felt the call to make the Master's work his life work, and accepted an appointment as a Home Missionary labouring with great acceptance in several important Home Mission Stations. He was a thoughtful and effective preacher, a diligent Pastor and a capable administrator.

He leaves a fine testimony.

The Hon. Leonard Monk Isitt, M.L.C.—The passing of the Hon. L. M. Isitt on 29th July, 1937, at the age of 82 years takes from us one of the most colourful figures of New Zealand Methodism. Mr. Isitt was born in a Methodist home in Bedford, England. He attended the Clevedon Methodist College in Northampton and at the age of fifteen was apprenticed to the soft-goods trade. He came to New Zealand in early manhood and in 1877 he was asked to take up home mission work and was appointed to Lawrence. In that drink-sodden mining township he was first fired with that passionate enthusiasm for the reform and extinction of the liquor traffic which gave direction to much of his later life-work.

In 1879 he was accepted on probation. It was at Sydenham, under the guidance of Mr. T. E. Taylor and Mr. Isitt that there were generated forces which soon held the whole country in their grip as the battle raged on behalf of temperance reform.

He gave his life to the fight for social righteousness. Espousing great causes he gave inspiring leadership in the crusade for social purity, in the assault upon the vice of gambling, in his advocacy of the Bible in Schools Movement as well as in his onslaught upon the liquor evil. Although devotion to these high causes led him to resign his ministry in the Methodist Church he still continued to fulfil a rich ministry in many directions that made for human betterment.

In 1911, he was elected to represent Christchurch North in Parliament and held this seat continuously until his appointment in 1925 as a member of the Legislative Council. During his political career, Mr. Isitt has served the Bible in Schools League as its spear-head in Parliament as well as in the pulpit and on the platform.

The driving power of Mr. Isitt's life was a deep consciousness of the call of God to him to act as a guardian of the moral tone of the land to which he gave the strength of his life. He felt the pressure of responsibility to defend moral interests against all that is hurtful, and to oppose everything that in his judgment threatened public welfare. He leaves the memory of an inspiring comrade, a faithful friend and an ardent and fearless servant of Jesus Christ.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries ?

John Nixon	John Olphert
Thomas Fee	Robert Raine
Alfred Peters	William A. Sinclair
T. Francis Jones	William J. Elliott
George T. Marshall	George Frost
T. Jackson Wallis	Colin C. Harrison
George Clement	Samuel Henderson
Thomas A. Joughin	Thomas W. Vealie
Arthur Harding	Fred. Greenwood
Samuel H. D. Peryman	Percy N. Knight, B.A.
Arthur Mitchell	Arthur Ashcroft
Albert C. Lawry	Thomas R. Richards
Charles H. Laws, B. A., D.D.	Arthur Hopper
Henry L. Blamires	Edward Drake
George S. Cook	Harold E. Bellhouse
Jacob Featherston	Thomas R. B. Woolloxall
William Grigg	

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries ?

(a) Permanent :

Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.

The Rev. B. Dudley was born in London in 1872 and spent the first twenty-six years of his life in that City. In his early years he took a great interest in Church and Sunday School and after having served some time as a local preacher, he was nominated for the Ministry by the Quarterly Meeting of Walworth Circuit. In the year 1898, he was received as a Probationer of the Primitive Methodist Church. For some time he laboured in the Sleaford Circuit under the Superintendency of the Rev. J. W. Cotton. At the call of his Church he came to New Zealand in 1898 and devoted himself with zeal to the Christian work of this Dominion. For two successive years he held the office of Secretary of the Primitive Methodist Conference and at various times he has served in other offices. In 1906 he was elected a member of the Board of Examiners in which capacity he has acted up to the present time. At the union of the Methodist Church in New Zealand he entered the united Church and has worthily served the cause of Christ both in city and country circuits. In 1913, Mr. Dudley was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and has contributed many and valuable articles on Astronomy and kindred subjects to the daily press as well as to scientific journals in England and New Zealand. He is also one of the foundation members of the New Zealand Astronomical Society and is an ex-Vice President of the Hawera Astronomical Society. Mr. Dudley is of a kindly brotherly disposition. He has lived essentially for the good of the Circuits in which he has laboured. For forty years he has laboured faithfully as a workman well approved, and now enters into retirement from the active work of the ministry with the esteem and affection of all who have been brought within the circle of his influence. To the Rev. and Mrs. Dudley, the Methodist Church of New Zealand expresses its high esteem and best wishes for a long and happy eventide.

(b) Temporary :

William H. Speer (for another year).
 Walter J. Oxbrow (for one year).
 John R. Nelson (for one year).

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

Albert H. Fowles.

QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be

(a) Retained on the Retired List ?

W. T. Hooper	A. L. Witheford
C. Strand	J. Common
J. H. Edmondson	H. Ashworth
J. Belshaw	

(b) Placed on the Retired List ?

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.

Robert Thornley, M.A., with permission to visit England.

Frank H. Hayman for one year.

Arthur Liversedge for one year.

Charles M. Roberts, for one year.

That Cecil R. Taylor be permitted to visit England in 1938, and that he be the accredited Representative of the N.Z. Methodist Church to the Bi-Centenary Celebrations to be held in London in May next.

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?

Clarence T. J. Luxton offers.

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?

None.

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

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(A) Examiners for Probationers.

Hebrew (1st and 2nd years) and Elementary

Hebrew	Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
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The Christian Doctrine of the Godhead (Garvie)				
First Year	Rev. G. R. Harris
Second Year	Rev. A. M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc.
Third Year	Rev. E. B. Chambers
Wesley's Sermons	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
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Church History	Rev. E. E. Sage
The Person of Christ (Cave)	Rev. T. A. Pybus
The Theology of the Epistles (Kennedy)	Rev. A. McBean
Psychology of Religion (Selbie)	..	..	..	Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A.
Christianity and Ethics (Alexander)	..	..	..	Rev. O. Burnet
Christ and Modern Education (Raven)	..	..	..	Rev. E. Drake
Altar, Cross and Community (Lofthouse)	..	..	..	Rev. J. D. McArthur
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. G. F. Stockwell
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. F. J. Parker
New Test. Intro.	Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
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(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge I	Rev. E. S. Harkness
Bible Knowledge II	Rev. J. Richards
Theology	..	..	..	Rev. E. T. Olds
English and Greek	..	..	..	Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.
Geography and History	..	..	..	Rev. H. J. Odell
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) Examiner for Native Probationers.

Rev. A. O. Harris.

(F) Correspondence Tutors in Greek.

First Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. G. R. Harris
Second Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. R. Dudley, M.A.
Third Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. W. Parker, M.A.
Fourth Year	..	..	..	..	Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

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 26, and the second section on Tuesday, November 29. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 20, and of Home Missionary Probationers on Tuesday, November 29.

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*. (1938: H. W. Robinson's "The Christian Experience of the Holy Spirit.")
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. Yeaxlee's "The Approach to Religious Education."
8. Barton's *Religions of the World*, Chapters X-XVI.
9. Barry's *Relevance of the Church*.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS (From 1939).

1. **Either (A).—Hebrew Old Testament**

1st Year—Genesis 1-5.

2nd Year—Amos, with Robinson's Hebrew Text and Notes (S.P.C.K.)

3rd Year—Psalms 73-88, with Oesterley's Hebrew Text and Notes (S.P.C.K.)

4th Year—Nahum, Habakkuk and Malachi with Century Bible or I.C.C.

or (B).—English Old Testament.

1st Year—Exodus 1-34 (Cambridge Bible).

2nd Year—Minor Prophets, with Century Bible.

3rd Year—Isaiah, with Cambridge Bible.

4th Year—Ezekiel, with Century Bible, and Daniel, with Cambridge Bible.

2. **Either (A)—Greek New Testament.**

1st Year—John 1-11, with Cambridge Greek N.T.

2nd Year—Acts 1-9, with Burnside's Notes (Cambridge Press).

3rd Year—1 and 2 Thessalonians, with Cambridge Greek Text.

4th Year—Romans 5-13, with I.C.C.

or (B).—English New Testament.

1st Year—Matthew and James, with Century Bible.

2nd Year—Romans, with Moffatt's Commentary (Dodd).

3rd Year—Hebrews and Revelation, with Century Bible.

4th Year—Colossians, Philemon and Ephesians, with Moffatt's Commentary.

3. Theology.

1st Year : The work of Christ.

The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett).

The Doctrine of the Work of Christ (Cave).

The Doctrine of the Atonement (Mozley).

2nd Year : God.

The Christian Idea of God (M. Hughes).

The World and God (Farmer).

God in Christian Thought and Experience (Matthews).

3rd Year : The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience (Wheeler Robinson).

The Holy Spirit in St. Paul (Hoyle).

4th Year : The Doctrine of the Future.

The World to Come and Final Destiny (Leckie).

And the Life-Everlasting (J. Baillie).

4. General.

1st Year : Church History. Text-book : A History of the Christian Church (Walker).

2nd Year—Tentatively—one of the following—Details and Books to be considered by the Board of Studies to report to Conference of 1939 :

Apologetics.

Wesley's Sermons.

Religion and Psychology.

Religion and Anthropology.

Social Ethics.

Comparative Religion.

Religious Education.

3rd Year : One of the subjects listed for 2nd year not already taken.

Or a thesis as specified for 4th year.

4th Year : A Thesis of not less than 10,000 words, embodying the results of special study. The subject for research shall be chosen before April 1st, and after consultation, through the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, with the College Board of Studies. It shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners on or before November 1st, and shall be submitted to two judges who shall submit a brief report for presentation to the Examination Committee.

REGULATIONS.

1. All Probationers who have completed the two-year Hebrew Course in Auckland University College shall take Hebrew Old Testament, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course may substitute in lieu thereof the Hebrew prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
2. Unless special exemption is granted by the Examination Committee., Greek New Testament shall be compulsory for all Probationers who have been through College, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course, may substitute in lieu thereof the Greek prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.

3. Probationers, to whom (1) and (2) do not apply, shall be permitted to take the alternative English Old Testament and English New Testament in lieu of Hebrew and Greek respectively.
4. The Examination in Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament shall be mainly on translation, grammar, and exegesis, and that in English O.T. and English N.T. shall be mainly on the exegesis of the sections specified.
5. (a). Theology shall be taken under Correspondence Tutors, marks being assessed as follows:—Correspondence work, 40; Examination, 60. Each Tutor appointed shall send out study papers for four consecutive months beginning with June 1. He shall mark the work sent in, return the corrected work together with suitable guidance. (Maximum marks for each study paper, 10). Each Tutor shall keep full records of every individual case and, on or before November 1, forward a complete report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.
(b). Any Probationer taking a Theological subject for a B.D. Course shall be permitted to substitute the same for that set down for his Probationary year.
6. Examinations, when not specifically limited to one particular text-book, shall be on the subject as a whole. Text-books are intended to provide a basis for wider and more thorough reading in the subject, and Probationers are encouraged to pursue the more extensive study, rather than limit it to one or two works.
7. Any Probationer pursuing a University Course shall be entitled to exemption from subjects (1) and (4) for two years of his Probation, but such exemption shall not be granted in his fourth year.
8. Book List. Every Probationer shall forward to his Chairman, no later than October 15, a classified Book List embodying, in addition to more general reading, the bibliography of his studies during the year.

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. Bible Knowledge I : A General Knowledge of the Old and New Testaments : Text Books, Maclear's Primers.
2. Bible Knowledge II : 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—Matriculation and General English Course (Oliphant). 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—Matriculation and General English Course (Oliphant), Classical and Modern Literature.

Homiletics—Lectures.

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

Nursing—Home Nursing and Hygiene, Lectures.

VIII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

1. General Bible Knowledge. Text-books: Maclear's Primers. (Two hour paper).
2. Theology—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why." (Two hour paper).

REGULATIONS.

1. Examinations shall be held, when required, on the first week of June and of November.
2. Circuit Superintendents nominating Local Preachers shall notify the Examiner, on or before May 1, or November 1, as the case may be.
3. The final decision as to acceptance or rejection of a Local Preacher shall remain with the Preachers Meeting and the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit concerned.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A. B.D., be thanked for his services as Oral Examiner.
2. That the Oral Examiner for 1939 be the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.
3. That the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A. be thanked for his services as Secretary of the Board of Examiners and that he be re-appointed.
4. That the Correspondence Tutors in Greek be members of the Board of Examiners.
5. That the following matters be referred to the Board of Studies to report to Conference of 1939:— (a) Eliminating the Annual Examination of Students; (b) Assessment of marks in Greek in relation to Tutorial Work and examinations.
6. That the matter of a Bursary Fund for younger Ministers be endorsed and commended to the laymen of the Church. The Treasurer of the Theological College is authorised to receive donations towards the same.
7. That the Secretary of the Board of Examiners prepare and issue a Brochure embodying Book Lists.
8. That Examinations for Local Preachers be conducted under the auspices of the Board of Examiners in harmony with the regulations stated in section viii, and that such examinations begin immediately.
9. That Probationers be not required to present Analyses of Books read as hitherto and the Oral Examination be in the Theology section only.

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

AUCKLAND.

- ALBANY.—That a new Home Mission Station be constituted to be known as Albany, to consist of Albany, Upper Waiwera, Dairy Flat, Wainui, and neighbouring unworked areas.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

- That Conference request the South Auckland Synod to consider the whole matter of Bay of Plenty Methodism with a view to the possible establishment of a rural mission embracing the whole area under the present number of staff and with sectional Quarterly Meetings.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

WAIROA.—That the question of the status of Wairoa be referred to the District Synod to report to next Conference.

DISTRICT COMMISSION.—That a Commission be set up consisting of the Hawke's Bay sub-district H.M. Committee together with the superintendent and Circuit Stewards of the Hastings Circuit, the Superintendent of the Dannevirke Circuit; Waipawa Home Missionary—together with one lay representative from Dannevirke, Norsewood, Waipukurau and Waipawa appointed by the Quarterly Meetings. The Commission to investigate the question of the work of our Church in the area concerned and to report to next Conference through Synod. Convener, Chairman of District.

NELSON.

WAIMANGAROA (GRANITY).—That Waimangaroa be transferred from Granity H.M. Station to the Westport Circuit.

BLENEHEIM.—That the place of residence of the Second Agent be referred to the District Synod.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

BALCLUTHA AND KAITANGATA.—That Paretai be associated with the Balclutha Circuit.

DUNEDIN.—That a Commission be set up to consider during the year the revision of Circuit boundaries in Dunedin. The following to be members of the commission:—The Ministers of the City and suburban churches, Messrs. C. F. Roberts, D. C. Cameron, J. F. Barclay, F. C. Marshall, W. J. Bell, E. J. King, A. H. Harman, J. Millar, I. Winton, G. J. Crosby, G. S. Gapper. Convener, Rev. D. O. Williams.

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

AUCKLAND.

AUCKLAND EAST.—That a Probationer be appointed to work Mission Bay and other Waterfront Suburbs, the agent to reside at Mission Bay.

DARGAVILLE.—That a single Home Missionary be appointed as second agent to reside at Te Kopuru, and work Te Kopuru, Aoroa, Aratapu, and Tatarariki, with a suitable grant.

AVONDALE.—That a Probationer be appointed for work at New Lynn and Avondale—with a suitable grant.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

WAITARA.—That as soon as practicable a Home Missionary be appointed to the Northern end of the Circuit.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON EAST.—That an ordained minister be appointed to reside at Island Bay.

JOHNSONVILLE-NGAIO.—That a married probationer be stationed at Porirua.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now constituted ?

AUCKLAND.

That Helensville be constituted a Circuit and that a Probationer be appointed.

NELSON.

SOUTH WESTLAND.—That the position be investigated by the H.M. Board.

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

- (a). Otahuhu (2nd) is due but is relieved for a fifth year.
Bay of Islands is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.
Ruawai is due, and fulfils its obligation.
Mangonui is due, and fulfils its obligation.
Morrinsville (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.
Huntly is due, but is relieved for a sixth year.
Hauraki Plains is due, but is relieved for a third year.
Whakatane is due, but is relieved for a third year.
Taihape is due, but is relieved for a third year.
Napier (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a year.
Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for a ninth year.
Wellington East (2nd) is due, and fulfils its obligation.
Hutt is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.
Durham Street (2nd) is due, but is relieved for an eleventh year.
Woolston (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a tenth year.
Timaru South is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.
Rakaia-Methven is due, but is relieved for a third year.
- (b). That Circuit obligations be fulfilled in the following order :—
Hutt (2nd).
Woolston (2nd).
Durham Street (2nd).

Alterations in Status or Staffs.

That more detailed information concerning the state of Circuits seeking alterations in Staff or Status, be supplied to the Conference, and that Trust and Circuit Balance Sheets of the Circuits, together with the membership of the Churches concerned, be supplied.

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. PERCY R. PARIS.

Vice-President : MR. JOHN C. TIETJENS

Secretary : REV. WILLIAM A. BURLEY, M.A.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1938.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 136 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, Andrew J. Johnston; George T. Marshall, Thomas A. Joughin, John Olphert (Supernumeraries). A Deaconess.
THE FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Arthur H. Scrivin, General Secretary.
THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Arthur J. Seamer, General Superintendent.
George I. Laurensen, Assistant Superintendent.
- 2. Auckland Methodist Central Mission.**—A. Everil Orr. Two Deaconesses.
- 3. Auckland West.**—Francis J. Handy, A Home Missionary (Grey Lynn), Percy N. Knight, B.A. (Supernumerary).
- 4. Auckland East.**—Fred. Copeland, J. Francis Jack (Mount Eden), William Walker (Remuera), William R. Laws (Mission Bay); Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., without pastoral charge; T. Francis Jones, Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., (Fellow of Trinity College), Arthur Mitchell, William A. Sinclair, George Frost (Supernumeraries).
Epsom Orphanage Chaplain—Fred. Copeland.
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, Ralph J. Liddell (Glen Eden), James S. Willoughby (Avondale); Arthur Hopper (Supernumerary).
Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain—Harold A. Sharp.
- 6. Auckland (Devonport).**—Bernard M. Chrystall; William J. Elliott (Supernumerary).

7. **Auckland** (Takapuna).—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C.; Thomas R. B. Woolloxall (Supernumerary).
8. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—Howard H. Jeffreys.
9. **Onehunga**.—John D. Grocott.
10. **Otahuhu**.—Percy I. Cooke. One Wanted.
11. **Papakura**.—Ivo M. Raynor.
12. **Pukekohe**.—William G. Slade, M.A.
Wesley Training College, Paerata.—William G. Slade, M.A., Chaplain.
13. **Waiuku**.—Vincent le C. Binet.
14. **Helensville**.—J. C. Aldwyn Williams.
15. **Mahurangi**.—D. J. Donald Hickman (Warkworth); A Home Missionary
16. **Paparoa**.—Sydney Hindmarsh.
17. **Dargaville**.—V. Roy Jamieson; A Home Missionary (Te Kopuru).
18. **Ruawai**.—Howard C. Matthews.
19. **Whangarei**.—Henry J. Tozer, M.A.; A Home Missionary. William H. Speer (Supernumerary).
20. **Whangaroa**.—Frank Bateup (Kaeo), (who shall supervise the Hokianga H.M. Station and Kawakawa-Ohaeawai Circuit and act as adviser to the Maori workers throughout the Whangaroa, Mangonui, Bay of Islands and Hokianga Counties).
21. **Bay of Islands**.—William R. Francis.
22. **Port Albert**.—William C. Jenkin.
23. **Hikurangi**.—Alfred Sanft.
24. **Kawakawa-Ohaeawai**.—Arthur R. Witheford.
25. **Mangonui**.—Harris Whitfield.

Maori Mission.—Home Mission Department: Eruera Te Tuhi, Senior Maori Superintendent. (Tuakau).

(1) **Auckland**.—

Rakena P. Rakena (Waima).
Hori Kakuere (Pukekohe).
13 Home Missionaries.
4 Deaconesses.

BOMBAY—TUAKAU.—A Home Missionary.

KAUKAPAKAPA—SILVERDALE—A Home Missionary.

ALBANY.—A Home Missionary.

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

COLPORTEUR WORK.—A Home Missionary.

FRED. COPELAND, Chairman.

WILLIAM WALKER, Financial Secretary.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

26. **Thames.**—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A. (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit and the Coromandel Home Mission Station).
 27. **Hauraki Plains.**—Clifford L. Duder.
 28. **Paeroa.**—Raymond Richards.
 29. **Waihi.**—Reginald Day. Frank H. Hayman (resting).
 30. **Te Aroha.**—Cecil R. Taylor.
 31. **Morrinsville.**—Arthur A. Bensley, Robert W. Mayson (Waitoa).
 32. **Cambridge.**—George H. Goodman.
 33. **Hamilton.**—Robert B. Tinsley, James W. Parker.
 34. **Hamilton East.**—George E. Brown.
 35. **Huntly.**—John Churchill.
 36. **Matamata.**—Herbert Daniel.
 37. **Putaruru.**—Leslie T. Norwell.
 38. **Rotorua.**—John L. Mitchell; Walter J. Oxbrow (Supernumerary).
 39. **Tauranga.**—George P. Hunt.
 40. **Whakatane.**—Clarence T. J. Luxton.
 41. **Opotiki.**—One Wanted.
 42. **Te Awamutu.**—Herbert Spencer.
 43. **Otorohanga.**—Herbert W. Payne.
 44. **Te Kuiti.**—James H. Hall.
 45. **Taumarunui.**—Gordon R. H. Peterson
- (2) **Waikato**—
Matene Keepa (Ngaruawahia).
10 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses.
- (3) **King Country**—
Under Senior Maori Superintendent. One Wanted.
12 Home Missionaries.
2 Deaconesses.
- NGARUAWAHIA—A Home Missionary.
KAWHIA—A Home Missionary.
TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.
COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

ROBERT B. TINSLEY, Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

46. **New Plymouth.**—Ernest D. Patchett, Victor Mead, L.Th. A Home Missionary; John Nixon, Samuel Henderson (Supernumeraries).
47. **Waitara.**—Herbert Ford.
48. **Stratford.**—Charlie O. Hailwood.
49. **Eltham-Kaponga.**—Edwin S. Harkness.
50. **Hawera.**—George F. Stockwell; George S. Cook (Supernumerary).
51. **Manaia.**—One Wanted.
52. **Opunake.**—John H. Bailey, a Home Missionary.

- 53. Wanganui.**—Raymond Dudley M.A., F.R.E.S. (who shall supervise the Raetihi-Ohakune Home Mission Station).
- 54. Wanganui North.**—J. Frederick Martin; A Home Missionary.
- 55. Marton.**—William B. Cuming.
- 56. Taihape.**—Leslie C. Clements.

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

INGLEWOOD—A Home Missionary.
 RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.
 GONVILLE.—A Home Missionary.
 PATEA.—A Home Missionary.
 DOUGLAS.—A Home Missionary.
 OHURA.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT,
 Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

- 57. Napier.**—Henry J. Odell, William A. Mills (Greenmeadows).
- 58. Hastings.**—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
- 59. Gisborne.**—Frank E. Leadley; a Home Missionary.
- 60. Wairoa.**—Ashleigh K. Petch.
- 61. Dannevirke.**—Alfred E. Waite.
- 62. Woodville.**—Thomas Coatsworth.
- 63. Pahiatua.**—William E. Moore.
- 64. Palmerston North (St. Paul's)**—Matthew A. McDowell; Arthur Ashcroft (Supernumerary).
- 65. Palmerston North (Cuba Street).**—Albert Blakemore.
- 66. Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.**—Charles A. Foston.
- 67. Feilding.**—J. Henry Allen; a Home Missionary.
- 68. Sanson-Rongotea.**—Robert E. Fordyce.
- WAIPAWA.—A Home Missionary.
 FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.
 APITI.—A Home Missionary.
 NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

HENRY J. ODELL, Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 69. Wellington Central.**—Percy R. Paris (President of the Conference), Jonathan H. Haslam (Brooklyn) (who shall supervise Paraparamu Home Mission Station); 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, Youth Director.

70. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—Robert B. Gosnell, Alfred M. Costain (Karori).
71. **Wellington South**.—Walter Parker.
72. **Wellington East**.—Oswald Burnet, Athol R. Penn (Island Bay), Ernest S. Hoddinott; Colin C. Harrison, Fred. Greenwood. (Supernumeraries).
- 73.—**Johnsonville-Ngaio**.—Norman P. Larsen, Wesley L. Long (Porirua); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).
74. **Hutt**.—Harold T. Peat, (who shall supervise the Upper Hutt Home Mission Station) John Silvester; Robert Thornley, M.A. (resting); Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).
75. **Petone**.—Ernest E. Sage.
76. **Greytown-Featherston**.—Howard E. Harkness, M.A.
77. **Carterton**.—Hedley White, (who shall supervise the Greytown-Featherston Circuit).
78. **Masterton**.—Frederick J. Parker; A Home Missionary. Masterton Children's Home.—Chaplain, Frederick J. Parker.
79. **Eketahuna**.—R. Purcell Keall.
80. **Levin**.—John Dennis. Charles M. Roberts (resting).
81. **Otaki**.—William Gatman; John R. Nelson (Supernumerary).
 PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
 UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.
 PERCY R. PARIS (President of the Conference),
 Chairman of the District.
 JONATHAN H. HASLAM, Financial Secretary.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

82. **Nelson**.—William Rowe (who shall supervise the Wakefield-Dovedale Circuit.)
83. **Richmond**.—Moses Ayrton.
84. **Wakefield-Dovedale**.—George E. Beckingsale.
85. **Motueka**.—Harry V. Utting.
86. **Blenheim**.—John D. McArthur, Thomas H. Carr (Tua Marina).
87. **Reefton**.—Charles E. Dickens.
88. **Westport**.—Charles H. Kendon (who shall supervise the Granity H.M. Station).
89. **Greymouth**.—William Wills.
90. **Hokitika**.—W. E. Allon Carr.
 HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
 MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
 GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.
 JOHN D. McARTHUR, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

91. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Clarence Eaton, John John (Cashmere Hills); William Grigg, Henry L. Blamires, Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S. (Supernumeraries).
 CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.
92. **Christchurch East**.—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., F. Gardner Brown, Joseph C. Draper; Jacob Featherston (Supernumerary).

93. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—Frederick B. Lawrence; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).
94. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Leslie A. G. Brooks, One Wanted (Sumner); Thomas Fee, Harold E. Bellhouse (Supernumeraries).
95. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Wesley Parker, M.A.
96. **Christchurch** (Addington).—G. Raymond Harris.
97. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—Archer O. Harris.
98. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—William A. Burley, M.A., Harry S. Kings; Albert C. Lawry, T. Jackson Wallis, Edward Drake (Supernumeraries), Arthur Liversedge (resting).
99. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—James Richards.
SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE CHAPLAIN.—James Richards.
100. **Lyttelton**.—Walter J. Enticott.
101. **Springton**.—Harry Cottom.
102. **Tai Tapu**.—Gordon Parker.
103. **Leeston**.—Samuel Bailey.
104. **Kaiapoi**.—Leonard C. Horwood.
105. **Ohoka**.—Henry Benny.
106. **Rangiora**.—Henry Ryan.
107. **Woodend-Sefton**.—Wallace S. Neal.
108. **Greendale**.—Robert McGregor.
109. **Oxford**.—Albert H. Fowles.
HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

CLARENCE EATON,

Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

110. **Timaru** (Banks St.)—Benjamin J. James.
111. **Timaru** (Woodland St.)—Charles Blair.
112. **Timaru South**.—H. Ian K. Hopper.
113. **Waimate**.—H. Leslie Richards.
114. **Temuka**.—Hubert G. Brown.
115. **Geraldine**.—One Wanted.
116. **Ashburton**.—Angus McBean. A Deaconess.
117. **Willowby**.—William W. Avery.
118. **Oamaru**.—William B. Pickering.
119. **Rakaia-Methven**.—L. Gordon Hanna.

ANGUS McBEAN, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

120. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—Basil Metson; A Home Missionary; George Clement (Supernumerary).
121. **Dunedin** (Central Mission).—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., Bert M. Tasker, B.A.; A. Deaconess. A Deaconess Wanted.
122. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—Alfred E. Jefferson.
123. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—Hector C. Orchard, A Home Missionary. (St. Clair).
124. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Thomas Skuse.
125. **Dunedin** (Caversham).—Ralph E. Patchett.
126. **Dunedin** (Mornington).—David O. Williams, M.A.; Edwin T. Cox, M.A. (without pastoral charge).
127. **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—Ivan S. Williamson.
128. **Port Chalmers**.—T. Arthur Pybus, A Home Missionary (Ravensbourne).
129. **Balclutha**.—William W. H. Greenslade (who shall supervise Kaitangata Home Mission Station).
130. **Milton**.—J. Ainsley Darglish (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
131. **Roxburgh**.—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S. (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
132. **Invercargill** (Central).—Ernest B. Chambers (who shall supervise the Otautau-Tuatapere and Nightcaps Home Mission Stations).
133. **Invercargill** (St. Peter's).—George B. Hinton.
134. **Bluff**.—G. Knowles Smith.
135. **Gore**.—Arthur T. Kent (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. Station)
136. **Riverton**.—J. Montgomery Blight.

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.

LESLIE B. NEALE, B.A., F.R.G.S.,
Chairman of the District.

DAVID O. WILLIAMS, M.A.,
Financial Secretary.

X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

(5) **Roviana Circuit**—

John Francis Goldie.

E. Clarence Leadley.

One Wanted.

Two Missionary Sisters.

One Nursing Sister

Naphthali Fotu (Simbo).

Paul Havea (Marovo).

John Afu (Roviana).

Belshazzar Gina, under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

Nathan Kera " " " "

Nine Native Catechists.

Thirty-eight Native Teachers.

Six Native Medical Assistants.

Three Native Nurses.

DISTRICT TRAINING COLLEGE :

John F. Goldie, Principal.

E. Clarence Leadley, Vice-Principal.

(6) Vella Lavella Circuit—

A. Wharton E. Silvester (Bilua).

One Missionary Sister (Nurse).

One Native Catechist.

Twenty Native Teachers.

Two Native Medical Assistants.

One Native Nurse.

(7) Choiseul Circuit—

John R. Metcalfe.

One Missionary Sister.

One Missionary Sister Wanted.

Three Native Catechists.

Thirty-four Native Teachers.

Two Native Medical Assistants.

(8) Bougainville and Buka Circuit—

Allan H. Cropp (Buka).

A. Harry Voyce (Buin).

Donald C. Alley (Teop).

One Missionary Sister (Buka).

One Missionary Sister (Buin).

Aaron Kotosoma (Teop).

Uzziah Sotutu (Buka).

139 Native Teachers.

Three Native Medical Assistants.

N.B.—(1) Bougainville and Buka Circuit to be under the superintendency of the Chairman of the District.

(2) It is understood that the Chairman of the district shall have discretionary powers regarding new appointments.

Helena Goldie Hospital—

Dr. Allen G. Rutter.

Two Missionary Sisters (Nurses).

JOHN F. GOLDIE,

Chairman of the District.

NOTES.

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

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

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, 1938.

Auckland District—

Auckland Methodist Central Mission (Franklin Road). Supply.
(J. Hope Haynes).

Auckland West (Grey Lynn). Supply. (Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.)

Bombay-Tuakau—A. P. Dorrian.

Kaukapakapa-Silverdale—A. O. Jones.

Hokianga (Rawene)—H. A. Cochrane.

Hokianga (Kohukohu)—O. L. Christian.

Albany—One Wanted.

Dargaville (Te Kopuru). One wanted.

Otahuhu (second). Vacant.

Mahurangi (second). Vacant.

Home Mission Department—

Colporteur Work. One Wanted.

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 Pere

Kaikohe—Wi Hemi Hongi.

Whananaki—Tame Tuari.

Rewiti—Supply.

Purerua—Supply.

Dargaville—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.

Poutu (Kaipara Heads), Paraire Paraone Kena.

Pokere (Bay of Islands), Piripi Livingstone.

South Auckland District.

Ngaruawahia—W. J. Hughes.
Te Puke—A. F. Attwood.
Coromandel—C. Aker.
Kawhia—Supply.
Opotiki—W. H. Wilson.

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—Honehono Kereopa.
Marokopa—Paki Kinita.
Kinohaku—Aihe Huirama
Otorohanga (Otewa)—Hoani Tonga.
Whatawhata—Poo Kingi.
Hangatiki—Wetini Hotu.
Taharoa—Supply.
Huntly—Hori Awa.
Rangiriri—Supply.
Tuakau—Ngaweke Tuhimata.
Te Kohanga—Remi H. Kukutai.
Hauraki Plains—Supply.
Thames (Puru)—Tuheke Poihipi.
Aotea, Kawhia—Roi Moke.
Maketu Pa, Kawhia—Taima Rangawhenua.
Te Kopua, Te Awamutu—Tahuna Herangi.

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth (St. Aubyns). Supply (H. Ashworth).
Opunake (Okato). Green Hall.
Patea—R. C. Patchett.
Gonville—C. W. Brown.
Raetihi-Ohakune—J. Beaven.
Wanganui North (Second). Supply (J. W. Bayliss).
Douglas (Under Stratford Superintendent). Vacant.
Inglewood—C. Duncan.
Ohura—W. J. Trusttum.
Manaia—C. Robinson.

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.

Feilding (Halcombe)—R. Coombridge.
Foxton-Shannon—R. Grice.
Apiti—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Norsewood (Under Dannevirke Superintendent). Vacant.
Waipawa—S. Keen.
Gisborne (Second). Vacant.

Wellington District.

Upper Hutt—Supply (Sister Edith K. Beer).
Paraparaumu—R. T. Alexander.
Masterton (Kuripuni). H. Skuse.

Nelson District.

Havelock—N. R. Hooper.
Murchison—G. W. Crammond.
Granity—F. Sanderson.

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Addington). Lincoln Rd. Supply (Rev. W. Grigg.)
Christchurch, St. Albans (Bryndwr). Supply (Rev. A. C. Lawry).
Christchurch East (Wainoni). Supply (Rev. J. Featherston).
Christchurch, Woolston (Sumner). Supply (Rev. H. E. Bellhouse).
Christchurch, Woolston (Heathcote). Supply (Rev. A. Liversedge);
Waddington—H. J. Malcolm.
Hawarden—Clifford G. Brown.

South Canterbury District.

Geraldine—F. O. Prosser.

Otago-Southland District.

Waikouaiti-Palmerston—H. M. Brasell.
Port Chalmers (Ravensbourne)—W. J. Henderson.
Dunedin (N.E. Valley)—Supply (D. I. Robertson).
Cargill Rd. (St. Clair). One Wanted.
Dunedin (Maori Hill). A. Collins.
Mosgiel—N. Hendra.
Lawrence—Supply (J. M. Daley).
Cromwell—W. Falkingham.
Kaitangata—A. N. MacDonald.
Edendale. Supply (N. Challenger).
Otautau-Tuapapere—Supply (G. Densem).
Nightcaps—W. MacDonald.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1938.

I.—Home Work.

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

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.
*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, Ratana Pa, Wanganui.
*1935—Sister O. Madeleine Holland, Okaiawa, Taranaki.
*1936—Sister Heeni Te Teira, North Auckland (c/o Home Mission Office)
*1936—Sister Rona Taylor, Kawhia.

III.—Foreign Work—Solomon Islands.

- *1920—Sister Elizabeth Common.
- 1922—Sister Ethel McMillan.
- 1924—Sister Lina Jones.
- 1934—Sister Ada Lee.
- 1935—Sister Vera Cannon.
- 1936—Sister Edna White.
- 1938—Sister Merle Farland.
- 1938—Sister Effie Harkness.
- 1938—Sister Joy Whitehouse.

IV.—Awaiting Appointment.

- *1933—Sister Jessie McKenzie.
Probationer Lilian S. L. Davidson.

V.—Retired for Special Service.

- *1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, B. and F. Bible Society, Wellington.
- *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, retired.
- *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.
- 1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, resting.

VII.—Extra-Mural Student.

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

VIII.—Probationer.—Miss Frances Clegg, Selkirk St., Hamilton.

IX.—Students in Training.

- Misses Betty Marriott, Dorothy Pointon, Mavis Ritchie.

*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—Fred. Copeland.
 South Auckland—Robert B. Tinsley.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Ernest D. Patchett.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Henry J. Odell.
 Wellington—Percy Paris (President of the Conference).
 Nelson—John D. McArthur.
 North Canterbury—Clarence Eaton.
 South Canterbury—Angus McBean.
 Otago-Southland—Leslie B. Neale, B.A.
 Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary—George E. Brown.
 Auckland—Harold A. Sharp.
 South Auckland—Cecil R. Taylor.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—George F. Stockwell.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—A. Blakemore.
 Wellington—Alfred M. Costain.
 Nelson—Harry V. Utting.
 North Canterbury—Harry S. Kings.
 South Canterbury—Charles Blair.
 Otago-Southland—Ernest B. Chambers.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1939 ?

President—Angus McBean.
 Secretary—William A. Burley, M.A.

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

REPORT FOR 1937.

It is pleasing being able to report increases in several important directions. The returns this year indicate a returning interest in both the general life of the Church and in our Youth work. In view of the Bi-centenary celebrations of 1938, this is most encouraging.

General Returns.

The following table gives a summary of Increases and Decreases :—

Increases		Decreases	
Churches	2	Other Preaching Places ..	11
Schoolrooms	1	Local Preachers	22
Parsonages	2	Members on Probation ..	23
Ministers and Probationers	1	Junior Members	1
Class Leaders	13		
Members on Roll	146		
Infant Members	15		
Communicants	583		

Under the headings of Churches and Other Preaching Places, the South Auckland District reports the largest decrease, and Taranaki-Wanganui the largest increase. This is due to the transfer of the Ohura Home Mission Station from the former District to the Taranaki-Wanganui District. Under the heading of Schoolrooms, one District reports an error in last year's returns making the increase under this column less than a comparison which last year's figures indicates.

For several years decreases running into three figures have been reported under the heading, Junior Members. The returns this year are decidedly more hopeful. Comparing the General Returns under this heading with those given in the S.S. and B.C. Returns, it will be noticed that the discrepancy between the returns, a matter of comment in past years, is this year less than 20. Evidently more care is being taken in the compilation of returns. Wellington reports an increase of 61 Junior Members and Auckland of 45. Hawke's Bay-Manawatu reports a decrease of 68, and Otago-Southland a decrease of 45.

A comparison of the figures of Membership, both Senior and Junior between the North Island and the South Island, is interesting.

North Island—Increase of 186 Senior and of 47 Junior Members.

South Island—Decrease of 40 Senior and of 48 Junior Members.

The following shows the respective Districts with increases and decreases :

District	Members on			Communi-		
	Roll	Inc.	Dec.	cants	Inc	Dec.
Auckland	5014	97	..	4384	302	..
South Auckland ..	2586	..	27	2010	..	18
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	2413	72	..	1703	135	..
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	2583	37	..	1737	..	89
Wellington	3038	7	..	2329	16	..
Nelson	1556	..	24	1185	61	..
North Canterbury ..	3803	..	44	2852	50	..
South Canterbury ..	1554	74	..	1239	67	..
Otago-Southland ..	2792	..	46	1998	59	..
Totals	25,339	287	141	19,437	690	107

In considering these figures, account must be taken of the transfer of the Home Mission Station mentioned above. This reduces the increases shown by Taranaki-Wanganui, and turns the South Auckland decrease into an increase of 17 members and 14 Communicants.

South Canterbury reports an increase in Members on Roll which works out at 5%. A similar increase in each District would have increased our total membership by more than 1200. The percentage attending Communion has risen from 74.9 of last year to 76.7 this year.

Maori Work.

A comparison with the returns of last year is as follows :—

			Churches	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Members	
									Junior & Infant	Senior
1936	..	..	17	124	6	33	11	196	2143	2762
1937	..	..	18	124	5	40	12	198	2168	2787

It will be noticed that with two exceptions, every column registers an increase, the most noticeable being the increase of 7 Home Missionaries. The membership increases are:—

Senior	..	..	..	25
Junior and Infant	..	..	..	25

Further particulars in regard to the Maori work can be given at Conference when the full particulars of the work will be available.

Youth Work.

I am indebted to the Hon. Secretary of the Youth Board for a very careful review of the Youth figures. The position this year, though still far from satisfactory, is a decided improvement upon last year.

Sunday Schools.

The decrease reported this year is 485, a loss of 2.5% of our scholars. The chief losses are in the Beginners with a decrease of 98, and in the Junior grade which reports a loss of 259. The Cradle roll, which last year showed a loss of 124, this year reports an increase of 149. On the figures returned, the Taranaki-Wanganui District alone reports an increase. When the Ohura H.M. Station figures are taken into account, it is found that both this District and South Auckland have an actual gain on the work of the year. This is more encouraging.

Two of the decreases reported call for attention. We have 7 schools less than last year. In four years we have lost 41 schools. To-day we return 5 schools less than we did 10 years ago. This is serious in view of the Census returns which show that the increase of population, 10.83%, is principally due to natural causes. For the past five years the migration figures show an excess of departures over arrivals in New Zealand.

The loss of a large percentage of our teaching staff calls for serious enquiry. This year there is reported a decrease of 236 men and 50 women, a total decrease of 286 teachers; just over 10% of our staff. Does this indicate that the church as a whole is losing interest in the welfare of our schools? No organisation, however perfect, can hope to compensate for a waning personal interest in youth.

It will be noticed that the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes report a total increase of 614 Junior Church Members. This discrepancy between these figures and those in the General Returns is accounted for by the serious discrepancies occurring in the figures for last year. A survey of the returns for both years will show that this year we have returns which are more accurate than have been presented for several years.

Bible Classes.

The new forms enable us to estimate more accurately the exact position of B.C. work. Several decreases call for attention. There is a loss of 20 classes, of 166 B.C. members, and of 89 Senior Church members. Against this there are the encouraging increases reported by both Movement in the Junior and Intermediate grades. Taranaki-Wanganui, Wellington and South Canterbury report total increases in class membership for the year. All other Districts report decreases, from a decrease of one in the Auckland District, to 153 in North Canterbury.

GEO. E. BROWN,

Statistical Secretary.

INTERIM REPORT ON THE GOVERNMENT CENSUS.

As the Government Report containing detailed statistics of religious professions will not be published for some time yet, it has been deemed advisable to present an interim report, dealing with figures which have been made available. A full report should be presented at the Conference of 1939.

As it is ten years since the previous census, the figures presented below give a fair estimate of the development of public opinion and the position of the respective churches over a testing period. The order of the major denominations remains as before. These are represented as follows:—

	1936	1926
Church of England	600,786 or 40.28%	41.2%
Presbyterian	367,855 or 24.66%	24.6%
Roman Catholic	195,261 or 13.09%	12.9%
Methodist	121,012 or 8.11%	9%

These figures do not include the Maori paopulation.

During the decade since the last census was taken the general increase in population has been 10.83%. The following table shows at a glance the relative increases and decreases of religious adherents over this period.

	INCREASES.	
<i>Church</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Per Cent.</i>
Christian Scientist	3,235	234.08
Church of Christ	3,213	40.24
Seventh Day Adventists	952	33.14
Brethren	4,162	32.2
Baptist	2,748	12.06
Roman Catholic	21,897	12.63
Presbyterian	37,124	11.22
Church of England	46,793	8.45
Salvation Army	367	2.99

	DECREASES.	
Unitarian	355	34.76
Spiritualist	70	5.51
Congregational	103	1.41
Methodist	200	.17

Of the increases reported above, all save the Church of England and the Salvation Army have more than kept pace with the increase of population. Of the four major denominations, only the Roman Catholic and the Presbyterian have exceeded the general population increase. These figures for our own Methodist Church, make unpleasant reading.

A comparison of the percentages of increase recorded in the census of 1926 with that of 1936 compels attention.

	Increase 1926	Increase 1936
Christian Scientist	63.97	234.08
Seventh Day Adventists	29.18	33.14
Brethren	16.91	32.2
Presbyterian	10.41	11.22
Baptist	10.18	12.06
Church of England	7.65	8.45
Roman Catholic	5.62	12.63
Salvation Army	5.61	2.99

Over the same period, the Church of Christ reported:—

Decrease 1926 Increase 1936

7.59 40.24

Increase Decrease

7.89 .17

Our Methodist Church figures are ..

The Group under the heading of Rationalists, Athiests, Agnostics and Freethinkers returns a large percentage of increase. Their combined totals are 5,089, showing an increase on 1926 of 109.2%. In this Group, the Rationalists claim the largest percentage, with an increase of 270.9%.

Each census a considerable body of the population avail themselves of the right to object to state their religious convictions. The percentage objecting this census is 4.8%. A very much larger percentage have this time failed to specify their religious affiliation; almost 1% this census.

Gensus Returns and Church Returns.

Last year by direction of Conference, the return, "Attendants on Public Worship" was made and while difficulties were experienced in giving accurate returns, the figures returned gave a fair indication of the numbers attached to our Church. The table for the years 1926 and 1936 is as follows:—

	Census	Church	Unattached	Attached %
1926	121,212	70,984	50,227	58.6
1936	121,012	57,360	63,652	47.4

The figures presented are disquieting. Until further information is available it is impossible to show whether the decrease is in the town or in the rural districts. One thing, however, is evident. Outside Church memberships are thousands who do claim some kind of Church affiliation. These demand our sympathetic consideration. Christ claims them for Himself. Are we, as a Church, in a position to respond to the Master's Challenge? Indications are that Methodism is awaking and is beginning with a new zeal to respond. Let the whole of our beloved Church capture this spirit and nominal Church affiliation will become joyous membership in the living Church.

Maori Returns.

During the decade under review the Maori population increased by 29.3%. Of the 82,326 returned, 4,235 or 5.14% objected to state their religious affiliation. The following gives the table of the remainder with the exception of two smaller groups, comprising "Others" and "Not Specified."

Church	Adherents	Percentage of Population
Church of England	24,832	30.16
Ratana	16,337	19.72
Roman Catholic	11,326	13.75
Methodist	5,743	6.97
Ringatu (including Hau hau and Te Wairua Tapu)	5,702	6.92
Latter Day Saints	5,257	6.38
Mission (Undefined)	5,947	6.13
Presbyterian	1,115	1.35

Keeping in mind the increase of population since 1926 census, the following figures give a comparison of the increase of the churches:—

Church	Increase	Per cent.
Presbyterian	477	74.8
Latter Day Saints	1,796	51.9
Ratana	4,770	41.2
Methodist	1,677	41
Mission (Undefined)	1,243	32.7
Roman Catholic	2,768	32.3
Ringatu	1,162	25.6
Church of England	3,094	14.2

Last year the Conference returns on Maori Work were, Members	2,762
Junior and Infant Members	2,143
	Total
	4,905

Comparing these figures with those given above, it will be seen that 85.4% of those returned in the Census as Methodists are definitely linked up in membership. This surely speaks well for the work carried on under the direction of our Home Mission Board.

When the full returns are available, it will be possible to give further detail of our Maori work. This can be included in the full report which should be ready for the Conference of 1939.

GEO. E. BROWN,
General Statistical Secretary.

Hamilton,
8th December, 1937.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Interim Report be received and adopted.
2. That this Conference returns its grateful thanks to Almighty God for definite signs of spiritual quickening in many places. We do not, however, close our eyes to the fact that there remains much to be done. Methodism has a peculiar Message to this generation; one which we firmly believe is urgently needed in view of the present state of religious life in our midst. As two centuries ago God raised up the Wesleys to proclaim the need of Scriptural Holiness, giving point and direction to the spiritual life of their day, so we believe that in this 20th Century we are, as a Church, called to proclaim not only the Need of a New Birth, but also, to declare the glorious fact of Christian Assurance. This with a renewal of the Spirit of Fellowship will bring once again to our Church a Spiritual Warmth and a conviction that will give our Message a Definiteness that is needed in an age of political dictatorships.
3. Conference again calls attention to the decrease in Sunday School Membership, which, though smaller than last year, is sufficient to demand our careful attention. Believing that this is a matter for the individual Circuits concerned, Conference urges all local officials to give careful attention to the work amongst our young people.
4. Having regard to the gravity of the position as indicated by the Statistical and Census Returns we recommend the appointment of a Commission of Advance in each Synodal District.
5. We have reached a propitious period in the History of New Zealand Methodism for the investigation and possible overhaul of our Church work and machinery. The present Statistical position reflects but one aspect of the present situation and we therefore hold that the Commissions of Advance should include in their purview any matters relating to the rebirth of our Church.

6. That the following constitute the COMMISSIONS OF ADVANCE in each district:—

AUCKLAND: The Spiritual Advance Committee, together with two representatives from each Bible Class Union, with power to add. Convener, Rev. S. J. Warren.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: The Ministers of the Hamilton Circuits, Messrs. J. C. Tietjens and W. Wheatley, together with two representatives from each Bible Class Union, with power to add. Convener, Rev. R. B. Tinsley.

TARANAKI: The Ministers of the New Plymouth, Stratford and Wanganui Circuits. Messrs. C. E. Bellingranger, W. S. Thrush, A. L. Fox, One representative from each Y.M.B.C. Union and two representatives from the Y.W.B.C. Union. Convener, Rev. C. O. Hailwood.

WELLINGTON : The District Executive with power to add.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: The Ministers of the Napier and Hastings Circuits together with Messrs. H. R. French, J. H. Oldham, and two representatives from each Bible Class Union, with power to add. Convener, Mr. H. R. French.

NELSON: The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Nelson-Richmond, Motueka, with Messrs. Oldham, Lucas, Collier, Marshall, Holdaway, Nightingale, and Miss Turner, with power to add. The Ministers of Greymouth, Hokitika, Westport and Reefton to be corresponding members. Convener, Rev. W. Rowe.

NORTH CANTERBURY: The Superintendents of the Christchurch Circuits, with the Connexional Secretary, Messrs. D. E. Parton, H. Chapman, W. C. Francis, E. H. Smith, Spencer White, W. G. Wright, H. W. Heslop, H. B. Moore, H. W. Armitage, the President and Secretary of the Young Women's Bible Class Union. Convener, Mr. F. Thompson.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: The Chairman of the District, Revs. C. Blair, and B. J. James, Messrs. E. C. J. Foot, K. Robinson, and two representatives of each Bible Class Union. Convener, Rev. C. Blair.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: The Welfare of the Church Committee with two representatives from each Bible Class Union, with power to add. Convener, Rev. D. O. Williams.

7. That the Statistical Secretary and Mr. F. Thompson be asked to prepare a detailed report on the Census Returns, and other relevant matters, and to forward same to the Commissions of Advance.
8. That the Reports of the Commissions shall be forwarded to the Home-Mission Board who shall consider the findings, and report to the Synods.
9. That the Rev. Geo. E. Brown be thanked for his services and that he be re-appointed as General Statistical Secretary.

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

A.—WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

Report 1937.

The Welfare of the Church Committee has dealt exclusively this year with the report on the dancing question, referred back to the Committee by the 1937 Conference (Minutes 1937, p. 52). In view of the grave implications of this question and the widespread interest attaching thereto, we believe that Conference should make some pronouncement on the subject and have made every effort in the new report to elucidate an attitude acceptable to all and expressing the unanimity, which we believe to lie behind all our diversity on this matter.

In the view of the Welfare Committee the crucial points of the problems are as follows:—

1. Is dancing morally wrong apart from its associations?
2. Has the Church any duty to provide suitable "outlets" for adolescent emotional energy?
3. Could the Church arrange and control dances so that they would be morally safe for those who engage in them?

Concerning the first question we find the facts to be:—

- (a) That the associations of the modern dance hall viz. the drinking of intoxicants, and the low moral tone are to be whole-heartedly deplored and condemned, and,

- (b) That while some participants may attend properly conducted dances without any obvious undermining of their moral and spiritual stability, there are others who, by reason of their emotional constitution, indulge in dancing only to their moral and spiritual peril.

We therefore affirm that indulgence in dancing, as in other forms of amusement must remain a matter for the individual conscience directed by the two-fold general rule that every form of conduct which tends, either to blur the God-consciousness of the agent, or indirectly by example, to lead another astray, should be avoided.

With respect to the second question, we appreciate the fact that for most people adolescence is a period of emotional stress and strain, and undoubtedly it is largely because of this tension that young people are drawn to the dance halls. We therefore consider that the Church should take up as a vital matter the whole question of meeting this adolescent need. We do not suggest that the Church should become an amusement centre for youth, but we do suggest that much could be done by the reasoned advocacy of suitable "Outlets" provided outside the Church, e.g.—organised games, and by sympathetic instruction as to the nature of adolescent problems.

The third question has received our fullest consideration and we are definitely of the opinion that, even for those whose emotional stability is not undermined by participation in controlled dances, the Church would be ill-advised to arrange and control dances for the following reasons:—

- (1). Structural Difficulties.—(a) Church Halls are in most cases without suitable dressing room accommodation. (b) Floors of Church Halls are in most cases unsuitable for dancing.
- (2). Organisation Difficulties.—(a) In many cases it would be impossible to provide good dance orchestras. (b) The Church dances would probably attract a large proportion of learners and this would make the dances unattractive to the more proficient.
- (3). Control Difficulties.—The difficulty of excluding undesirables and those who risk moral and spiritual balance in dancing, together with the prohibiting of the use of intoxicants, would make the problem of oversight so onerous as to be impracticable.

For these reasons we conclude that the Church dances would serve as a training ground for those who, having learned to dance on our properties, would then seek the more brilliant outside dance halls.

Church dances would therefore rather aggravate than solve the dancing problem.

We therefore make the following recommendations:—

1. That our Young People be warned in Bible Class discussions and personal talks of the subtle evils associated with the modern dance halls and that the matter of indulgence in dancing be laid on the enlightened individual conscience.

2. That the Conference continue in its refusal to allow dancing on Church Property.

3. That the Conference commend the work already being done by the Bible Class Co-operative Committee on Social Standards, and instruct the Youth Board to consider the whole question of improving the standard of our Young People's Socials from the points of view both of decorum and attractiveness.

4. That, in view of the publicity attending the discussion of the dancing question, and our Young People's demand for guidance on this matter, Conference issue a manifesto setting out the reasoned basis of its decisions concerning dancing and the Church.

C. H. OLDS, Chairman.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Welfare of the Church Committee has received copies of the findings of most Synods on the 1937 report. In view of the favourable reception accorded the report we have decided to act on the suggestion of the Auckland Synod and submit the following manifesto on dancing.

MANIFESTO ON DANCING.

Introduction.

Two years ago the Conference directed the Welfare of the Church Committee to investigate the whole question of "Dancing and the Church," and after prolonged and prayerful study we have arrived at a crystallisation of viewpoints and a definite statement of the Church's attitude.

Need for this Manifesto.

It is the purpose of the Conference to set forth in this manifesto the reasoned basis of its decisions concerning dancing, and in issuing such a statement Conference is actuated by a number of considerations. Firstly, we are sensible of the responsibility that rests upon us as a Church "to tend the flock of God"exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but of "reason and example"; (1 Peter 5: 1-5) "to watch on behalf of your souls as they that shall give account"; (Hebrews 13:17) and "to feed the church of God, which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). Secondly, we realise that, for a large section of our people, dancing constitutes an urgent problem, and we are concerned to place at your disposal the results of our analysis of the problem and our sympathetic conclusions thereon. Thirdly, we feel that in view of the publicity attending the discussions on dancing, the position of the Church should be clearly stated.

The Background of the Problem.

In surveying any modern problem of conduct, we must take account of the fact that, subsequent to the Great War, the map of accepted morality has shown the erasure of many age-old fixed boundaries. The ethical code of our fathers has been called in question and at present no newer formulation has gained universal acceptance.

The Right of the Individual Conscience.

We live in a day when the old is counted dead and the new is not yet born and in such a day above all others we must maintain the right of the individual conscience. We may and should seek to enlighten that conscience and to awaken it to higher issues, but in the end conscience must decide. (Romans 14.22). Thus in respect of dancing we are bound, in the last issue, to leave the matter to the individual conscience and in this decision we are confirmed by the facts, viz. some people seem able to indulge in dancing without any obvious undermining of their moral and spiritual stability and yet others can so indulge only to the imperilling of their souls.

Two General Principles.

We leave the matter therefore to the individual conscience, but, for those who aspire to the mind of Christ, there are two principles which should be regarded as crucial in any moral issue.

- (a). It is not enough for a christian to estimate the desirability of any form of conduct merely on the basis of its immediate personal pleasurable. We are in life to develop, by divine help, those graces of character that fit us for fellowship with God, and citizenship in His Family-Kingdom. This is our glorious calling and no form of conduct, however pleasurable on other grounds, should be allowed to influence adversely our development in Christ-likeness.

- (b). We are called to citizenship and citizenship presumes a society of those who live together in unity and brotherliness. We are influencing every day, by our actions and words, those with whom we make contact, and the awesome possibilities of bad influence must make us hesitate before we embark on any specific line of action which, however legitimate it may be for us personally, will yet in practice contribute to the undoing of some weaker, or less enlightened follower of Christ. (Romans 14-15:2).

Analysis of the Dancing Problem.

Further to the above it is necessary in applying the standards of the enlightened conscience, to understand, as clearly as possible, the real nature of any proposed form of conduct. So with the problem presented by dancing it is necessary to analyse out the full meaning and implications of the activity.

It is patent that the social and economic conditions of today do not favour early marriage and, consequently, young people are reaching maturity long years before they are able to set up the home for which maturity prepares them. In such circumstances a condition of emotional strain is the inevitable portion of the adolescent and it should be frankly admitted that for the majority, normal and happy marriage alone can supply a permanent release of that strain.

Outlets.

Collectively and individually, however, youth has discovered certain forms of recreation which have the effect of providing temporary easement. Such "outlets" which include organised games, constitute a large part of the spare-time activities of young people and in most cases are helpful and commendable. From primitive times dancing has been a highly popular form of recreation and in the experience of many dancing has proved and is proving, a satisfactory outlet. In the experience of others, however, dancing acts as a "stimulant" rather than an "outlet."

Outlet v. Stimulant.

An emotional "outlet" is valued in proportion to its power of reducing strain, while a "stimulant" is effective in raising the strain towards a maximum, where release can be secured only by the fullest natural satisfaction.

These two phases are not distinguished clearly enough in our thought and practice to-day, and although it may be difficult to tell where the "outlet" ends and the "stimulant" begins, yet our very peace demands that we do make a thorough-going distinction.

Adolescent calm depends on the free use of legitimate outlets and the resolute exclusion of all stimulants.

It is for everyone who dances to discover for himself just what effect dancing has on his own emotional balance and as he values his soul to act in accordance with his conscientious findings.

Alcohol and Dancing.

All our foregoing argument presumes the activity of the enlightened individual conscience, but in modern days the use of alcoholic beverages at dances is constantly weakening that conscience, to which our appeal is made. Alcohol is one of the greatest single evils in the modern world for it is destructive of those very foundations upon which our civilization is built. Social progress depends upon the building up of definite controls (or ideals) in the minds of the people. Now when it is realised that the first effect of alcohol is to render temporarily inactive the very forces that society has toiled to build into the individual life, it will be obvious that only when alcohol is avoided can conscience be fully active. So we can utter no words

strong enough in condemnation and warning, concerning the association of dancing and alcohol. Further, alcohol inevitably leads the most civilized back to the emotional state of the primitive—back to the stage when emotions rage uncontrolled and undirected—back to the primitive condition when the dance was a stimulating introduction to the inevitable orgy.

Some people hold that a glass or two of liquor, taken before a dance, will banish shyness. This may be one of the effects of alcoholic indulgence in people who have an abnormal sense of inferiority, but when such a "benefit" is purchased at the cost of suspending the best that is in us and increasing the activity of the worst in us, where is the advantage?

It is as Shakespeare says "exposing what is good and honourable even for an eggshell."

Wherever dancing and alcoholic indulgence are associated, disaster waits round the corner, for how can anyone keep on the outlet side of an emotional experience, while alcohol removes his sense of discrimination and allows his primitive emotions full away?

Dances on Church Property .

We must now take up the question as to whether the Church could arrange and control dances so that they would be morally safe for those participating. In the first place, we have no means of distinguishing exactly those, whose indulgence in dancing is according to the findings of an enlightened conscience, from those who dance only to their moral and spiritual peril. This factor alone would make it difficult for the Church to sponsor dances on church property. Furthermore several practical considerations indicate the greatest difficulty in the way of the Church's competing with the outside dance halls. These are in brief :—

1. Structural Difficulties.

- (a). Church Halls are in most cases without suitable dressing room accommodation.
- (b). Floors of Church Halls are in most cases unsuitable for dancing.

2. Organisation Difficulties.

- (a). In many cases it would be impossible to provide good dance orchestras.
- (b). The Church dances would probably attract a large proportion of learners and this would make the dances unattractive to the more proficient.

3. Control Difficulties.

The difficulty of excluding undesirables and those who risk moral and spiritual balance in dancing, together with the prohibiting of the use of intoxicants, would make the problem of oversight so onerous as to be impracticable.

For these reasons we conclude that the Church dances would serve as a training ground for those who, having learned to dance on our properties, would then seek the more brilliant dance halls.

Church dances would therefore rather aggravate than solve the dancing problem.

It is therefore the purpose of Conference to continue in its refusal to allow dances on church property.

Conclusion.

We have endeavoured to survey the dancing problem from every possible angle and to enter fully into a sympathetic understanding of the problems that confront our people. We recognise that much needs yet to be said

and trust that, in the sure mercies of God, further light may break upon us and illuminate more fully the multifarious problems of our modern life.

Finally, the Church must ever stand for the highest Christian ideal coveting for our people not merely the minimum spiritual experience necessary for salvation, but the maximum possible, equipping for the greatest effectiveness in the interests of the Kingdom of God. The love of God in Christ is so great and the need of the world so urgent as to call for and inspire complete and joyous consecration to the service of Christ—"The Utmost for the Highest." It is to this "high calling in Christ Jesus" that Paul challenges us in the words: "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And be not fashioned according to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted with the following alterations to the recommendations:—
 - (1) That our people be warned of the subtle evils associated with many public dances and that the matter of indulgence in dancing be laid on the enlightened individual conscience.
 - (2) That in Clause 2 the following words be added: "and elsewhere under the name of the Methodist Church," and further, that the Law Book Amendment to par. 34a. Clause 2 be amended in harmony with the above.
 - (3) That in Clause 3 the word "instructs" be deleted and replaced with "encourages"; and that the word "further" be placed before "improving."

Supplementary Report—Manifesto on Dancing.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Manifesto on Dancing be adopted.
3. That the Manifesto be printed in the "Methodist Times"; that copies be sent to each Circuit Minister; and that the Bible Class "Link" Management Committee be approached with the request that the Manifesto be published in the columns of their paper.
4. That the Church Welfare Committee be thanked for their services, and that appreciation be expressed to the Rev. D. O. Williams for his service as Convener.
5. That the Welfare of the Church Committee institute an intensive campaign in the meaning and implication of Church membership and of the Social Creed of the Church:
6. Committee for 1938.—The Chairman of the District (Rev. L. B. Neale), the Superintendents of the Trinity, Cargill Road, Roslyn and Mornington Circuits, Messrs. C. F. Roberts, G. Henderson, E. J. King, A. H. Harman, H. H. Johuson, D. C. Cameron, Doctor Lyth, Sister Hazel. Convener, Rev. D. O. Williams.

B.—N.Z. Methodist LOCAL PREACHERS' Association.

Annual Report 1938.

During the last 12 months many members of our Association have entered into their rest: among these may be mentioned Bros. W. J. Holdsworth, W. R. Bungay and G. H. Andrew, whose record of service for God and the Church might well be envied. To the relatives of these and many others who have departed this life the Executive has extended sincere sympathy.

Periodical Communications.—In our usual half-yearly communications to our members, 1434 letters were sent: these letters contained Outlines of Sermons, resumes of addresses, and other matter calculated to help our members in their work.

Long Service Diplomas.—During the year nine Long Service Certificates have been presented.

Whittome's Efficiency Course.—Sixteen copies of this book have been presented to men who have been publicly received as fully-accredited Local Preachers during the last twelve months.

Correspondence Course.—Last March letters were sent to all who had been received into our ranks during the three or four preceding years, inviting them to enter for the Course; twenty linked up with the Course last year the majority of them taking two subjects. This cannot be regarded as satisfactory and it is hoped that many more members may realise the advantage of such training and avail themselves of it; the Session each year extends from the beginning of April to the end of October. Our Executive desires to express hearty thanks to the five Christchurch ministers who act as Tutors under this Course.

Letter to Ministers and Home Missionaries.—At the end of April, to all Ministers and Home Missionaries in active work, a letter was sent in which full information was given regarding our Book Scheme, Correspondence Course, Long Service Diplomas, Public Reception Services, Whittome's Efficiency Course, and other matters relating to our work: we are confident we shall continue to receive the sympathy and hearty co-operation of our Ministers and Home Missionaries in our endeavour to more fully equip our members for their work, and that they will be constantly on the alert to claim young men for this service and to train them for it.

Book Scheme.—Last March a new and comprehensive Book List was sent to all our members. During the year five orders for books were received.

Written Examinations for Local Preachers.—On this subject all the Branches have been consulted, their findings have been received and our Executive hopes to finalise this matter at our Annual Meeting and at the Annual Conference.

Bi-Centenary of Methodism.—In a letter sent to our members early in December they were invited to play a worthy part in these Celebrations and to give emphasis to the great fundamental Gospel truths characteristic of early Methodism: several such themes were suggested, also books which would be helpful to them in preparing addresses.

Location of Executive.—At the last Annual Meeting it was decided that the Dominion Executive should be located in Christchurch in 1938 and our Executive willingly hands over the administration of the affairs of our Association to brethren well qualified to carry out their duties.

W. S. MACKAY, President.

R. J. ADLINGTON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and financial statements be received and adopted.
2. That this Conference places on record its appreciation of the loyal, valuable, and sacrificial service of Local Preachers throughout the Dominion.
3. That the Conference records its appreciation of the long efficient and faithful services rendered to the Local Preachers' Association and the Church by Mr. W. S. Mackay and tenders him very sincere thanks.

4. BI-CENTENARY OF METHODISM.—Conference learns with pleasure that the Local Preachers' Association is seized with the vital importance of a worthy celebration of this great event and pledges its members to support whole heartedly all plans formulated for the extension of Christ's Kingdom through the re-capture of the spirit and fervour of early Methodism.
5. That Mr. T. L. Hames be appointed a Trustee by the Conference in place of the late Mr. Holdsworth.

C.—METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Annual Report, 1937.

Branch Activities.

The most inspiring annual report comes from the Auckland District, and tells of Local Group gatherings, Church services held with special afternoon meetings, opening of a Branch at Devonport and re-starting of the Onehunga Branch, Combined meetings at Pitt Street and Dominion Road and generally conveys a bright tone of anticipation of service and blessing for the coming year.

Good reports are made of the Christchurch and Ashburton Branches activities and no doubt other Branches are making progress.

District Committees.

We appeal to the appointed District Committees to be up and doing with a view to forming new Branches and extension of those in being and in view of the anticipated functioning of the Dominion Executive it is hoped that the Fellowship will become a power and spiritual force in the Church.

Signed on behalf of the Executive,

M. KERSHAW.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be adopted.
2. Recognising the Value of the Methodist Men's Fellowship, Conference commends the movement to the men of our Church, and urges the Dominion Executive to spare no effort in furthering its work.

3. District Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the following Churches: Mt. Eden, Remuera, Mt. Albert and Kingsland: Messrs. J. M. C. Barker, V. E. Wills, A. Williams, E. C. Dare, J. Hargraves, G. E. Spooner, A. D. Whitehead, W. S. Mackay, L. E. Rhodes (Convener).

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits, Messrs. F. Hawkins, W. B. Young, C. E. Paterson, D. Bradley, W. Wheatley, 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), H. S. Tate, C. E. Taylor and G. H. Stiles.

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-COMMITTEE.—Messrs. H. Linyard, D. B. Clough, H. Smith 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 District, Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.; Messrs. Wm. C. Francis, W. L. Thomas, M. Kershaw, R. Laine, L. G. K. Steven, D. McBurney with power to add. Mr. M. Kershaw to call the first meeting, and arrange a Convener.

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).

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Appointed by the District Executive.

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

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1937.

1. Youth Director Policy.

As requested by the last Conference, the Board has given further consideration to this question, and has conferred with all District Youth Committees. A separate report is submitted setting out the modifications proposed. It is considered that, for the life and stability of our work, a definite decision should be made on this question.

2. Youth Evangelism.

In every section of our Department, this subject constantly demands attention, and has again been under review in the Board. There are many roads into the Kingdom, and in the great task of evangelising our children and youth it is realised that even experienced and able leaders will differ in their concepts and technique. Words are inadequate to explain methods or purpose, as so much depends on the Spirit.

The chief methods used to-day other than personal work, are class work, Declaration Day in Sunday Schools, and Easter Camps. Yet this is hardly adequate. Many are helped by the methods of the Oxford Group. Others are still attempting mass meetings of an earlier kind. The ideal form seems to be in some type of small group, as Jesus with the disciples. The art of evangelism appears to be to train and awaken the mind and heart so that life opens the door from within. It is essential for the door to be opened, that is for decision, but for most it is a process with a series of personal conscious affirmations. The door cannot be forced from without, and here lies the danger of crude methods or mass emotions. The task increasingly lies in developing teachers and leaders of youth in the knowledge and love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, and in devotion to His Church.

3. New Education Fellowship Conference.

The New Education Fellowship Conference which was held recently in this Dominion has deepened the conviction that there are whole fields of opportunity waiting for the Church to enter in the teaching and training of her children. Many of the gatherings were attended by a religious enthusiasm, as hundreds of teachers were led by educational experts into the fearless and wholesome search for truth and those things which are fundamentally right in the equipment of children and adolescents for life abundant.

4. Youth and Christian Citizenship.

The Board has conferred with the Public Questions Committee on a preliminary proposal for the study and expression of the Christian life in personal and social ways. The Public Questions Committee is submitting recommendations on this matter. In this connection it is desired to stress the unique need and opportunity to-day for a positive approach, along creative and constructive lines that will appeal to youth, towards a statement of truth and a way of righteousness that is based on the revelation of Christ, and is seen not only in relation to man's personal and inner life, but also toward his whole relationship with his fellowmen.

5. N.Z. Council of Religious Education.

Through this Council arrangements were made for New Zealand's representation at the World's Conference on "Church, Community and State," Oxford, July, 1937, and much valuable information has been received on the nature of the Church and its relationship to the present world-wide situation. As the representatives return to N.Z. arrangements will be made in the main centres for their messages to be heard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

People who read our reports regularly will be familiar with a multitude of our activities. Many of these seem purely of a routine nature, but in reality they represent a service to the Schools and children of our Church which is extremely valuable. Suffice it to say about them in this report that they are being continued and extended. We propose dealing with several important aspects of our work in this report.

Teachers Training Classes.

There never has been more interest in Teacher Training Classes held by the Director than has been evinced this year. In the recent Conference in New Zealand of the New Education Fellowship, stress was laid on the use of Mechanical Aids in Education. Even before this Conference we had decided to make an experiment along this line. A "Talk to Teachers" by the Youth Director, through a recording studio has been reproduced on the Gramophone in scores of Teachers' Meetings in various districts, and we have received many letters of appreciation. Invariably a helpful discussion followed and steps to improve Sunday School work were undertaken. The subject of the recorded talk is "Quality—the Sunday School Need of To-day," and it occupies 17 minutes. The fact that it is appreciated is indicated by its being in constant demand and by the expressions of appreciation received from those who have heard it.

Morning Sunday School.

In recent years we know of more than 40 Schools that have changed over from afternoon to morning for their session. In a few places Junior Church is held in the morning and then School may still be held in the afternoon, or it is associated with Junior Church. The tendency should be noted for several reasons. It is part of the larger question of the best use of Sunday hours for all Church sessions of Worship and Preaching and teaching. It is noticeable in many places that morning Church is attended better than Evening Services. What is the best way to use the morning hours of Sunday is an important question. Where there is punctuality at 9.45 for Sunday Schools or Bible Class the change may be an improvement, but otherwise it can easily signify a diminishing interest and a retrograde movement. We know of instances both ways. It is important that where changes are contemplated they should be considered in the fully representative Local Youth Committee, and indeed where they affect Church Services is it not a matter for the Circuit Quarterly Meeting? Reference to parents and teachers, etc. needs to be wisely directed, if losses are to be avoided.

Junior Church.

Junior Church has had special consideration in our Council during the year. We are at present investigating seriously the need for Church and School reaching a closer identity. The very names tend to separate them. Often there is little school-consciousness in the Church, and little Church-consciousness in the School. We think that a child should be trained to think of himself as belonging to the Church. The Church membership relation of children is a matter of major importance in this connection.

Correspondence Sunday School.

The making available of Religious Education to the isolated child is too important a matter to be left out of such a report as this. Steady progress has been made with this work and the roll number is now approaching the 100 mark. With the recent appointment of Mrs. W. A. Smith to the important position of Superintendent of this School we are expecting a steady development in the interests of the child.

Teachers' Retreats.

A gratifying development during the year has been the spread of special gatherings of Sunday School Teachers for the study of the special matters relating to Sunday School work. Where these have been held valuable times of fellowship have resulted and we would commend them to Circuits and Districts.

Church Membership of Children.

By direction of Conference we have further considered this question. The present three-fold grading is Infant (up to 8 years), Junior (up to 16) and Full Membership.

The Board believes that it would be a great improvement to recognise :—

- (1) A childhood period up to 12.
- (2) An adolescent period through the teen years ; and
- (3) The full status.

Our recommendations herewith concentrate upon the first period—from infancy to 12 years—and provide for all our children to be Preparatory Members of the Church. We find it difficult to exclude any child in our care from this Church relationship—assuming of course that we have the consent of parents. Our attitude to the child and our recognition of his place within the Church is a question of major importance, and the recommendations therefore call for earnest attention. When the position is made clear about children, we would be willing to further consider the Church membership relation of adolescents—a period of growing individual responsibility—if desired by Conference.

We feel confident that nobody will seriously challenge the statement that the greatest Missionary Field in our Dominion is that of the boys and girls, and yet the financial response is woefully small. *Is this real Missionary work to develop?* The answer to this question depends upon the response of the Circuits to our Annual Financial appeal. There is only one way for Circuits to answer the above question—it is no use rendering lip service—they must answer "Yes" if they desire to do so by seeing to it that their financial response is such that the work can go ahead.

Y.W.B.C. MOVEMENT.

Union Executives.

The varied programme of the Movement is seen in a perusal of the average Union Executive Agenda. All activity is planned with a desire to meet the personal needs of B.C. girls, bringing them face to face with

Jesus Christ, and leading them out into a wider social consciousness. To this end, much time is devoted to preparation for rallies, camps and class visiting.

Travelling Secretary.

In two Unions the Travelling Secretary has organised meetings with B.C. girls according to Trades and Professions. These have been for the purpose of trying to ascertain the attitude of B.C. girls to their particular employment, and to find out what they consider to be the reason for the general lack of interest in the Church, and whether there is a sense of need amongst the many hundreds of young people who have no Church connection. The meetings have met with varying degrees of success and failure, but on the whole the experiment has proved to be illuminating.

Leadership.

In all Unions there is difficulty in securing adequate leadership. The reason given for the withdrawal from affiliation of many classes is attributed to this cause, while combined classes in country areas are very often the result of inability to secure leaders for separate classes. The need is twofold—(1) more leaders are necessary, and (2) the raising of the level of the quality of those already in leadership. While not in any way undervaluing the faithful work of the many, perhaps the most urgent need of the Movement in these days of confusion is a richer quality of Christian living for all who name the name of Christ Jesus, and hold positions of leadership.

Social Questions.

In some Unions the social welfare of women and girls, especially in the cities, is causing much concern, so that requests are being received at Headquarters that the Movement, along with other Women's Organisations, lend support to the establishment of Women Police in this country.

Easter Camps.

Believing that the time has come to re-think aims and methods, the Executive Council has given much time and thought to the important matter of Easter Camps. The aims of camps are considered to be:—

- (1) **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**: i.e.—to set before each girl the fundamental facts of the Christian faith, with especial emphasis on the Gospel story of the Passion, the Resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- (2) **PERSONAL DECISION**: i.e.—to bring each girl face to face with Jesus Christ.
- (3) **EXPRESSION**: i.e.—to help each girl to find for herself the way of Christian witness in the world.

Various suggestions have been sent out to Unions in regard to methods and programmes that will help to achieve these aims. Easter Camp arrangements in many districts, however, were interrupted this year on account of the infantile paralysis epidemic. It was anticipated that Easter, 1937, would find definite emphasis being placed on the personal fellowship between leaders and campers. In order to achieve such a purpose, and having uppermost in mind the quality of camps rather than the number of campers, smaller camps were advocated, particularly for senior members. Two such camps, South Auckland and Wellington, were held with notable success.

Thanksgiving Services.

The primary purpose of these services has been the receiving and dedication of Movement monies. This is still the central act in any such service, but there is everywhere included a challenge to the stewardship of the whole life.

In this year when resumption of class activity was delayed and financial difficulty might have been expected, it is recorded with deep thankfulness that the majority of Unions have been able to meet requirements for fulfilling the Movement policy.

A pleasing feature is the increasing number of services combined with the Young Men's Unions.

YOUNG MEN'S B.C. MOVEMENT.

Leadership.

For the Y.M. Movement the year has been one of mixed blessing. In some Unions definite progress has been made, while in others considerable difficulties have been met with, chief of which has been the lack of efficient leadership, which is probably the greatest problem that is facing our Movement to-day. Although a splendid leadership Training Course is available there is a dearth of efficient leaders, which is the serious concern of all those vitally interested in the progress of our work. More particularly is this so in such Unions as North Auckland, Bay of Plenty and West Coast, where organising is difficult through classes being few and far between. The position is being faced and in most Unions strenuous efforts are being made by Leadership Training Organisers to challenge those who should be taking up this most important work. Because of the problems of leadership and organising the West Coast Union has recently made application to the N.Z. Executive for the inclusion of the West Coast district within the North Canterbury Union. A recommendation is being placed before Convention that effect be given to this suggestion.

Travelling Secretary.

We are grateful to Conference for again releasing the Rev. Henry Tozer in order that he may undertake his second year as our Travelling Secretary. The two years of his office have been noteworthy for two reasons. Firstly the basis of the itinerary was changed to allow of concentrated work within those Unions where assistance was most required, and secondly Henry Tozer's work has been principally along Oxford Group lines and therefore definitely of an evangelistic nature. It is encouraging to note that several of the Unions visited by the Travelling Secretary have shown definite signs of revitalisation.

Camps.

Easter Camps continue to meet a real need in the lives of our Bible Class members. Nine camps were held which were attended by 865 campers. It was very unfortunate that owing to the Infantile Paralysis epidemic six camps had to be cancelled. North Canterbury campers at Amberley were fortunate in having Gina in camp with them full time.

Missions.

The Movement has maintained its interest in Missions and this year has given financial support both to Home and Overseas Missions. The visit of Gina has stirred the imagination of our members, and from all Unions comes a great desire that we should help to send the Doctor back next year.

Search for Reality.

There is in evidence on the part of our Bible Class members a deep search for reality in their Christian experience. The social and economic orders are being questioned and the whole problem of the Christian's relationship and responsibility to his fellowmen has become a vital one for a large number of our members. The increasing complexity of our modern world

leaves youth in a maze, and it is to the Church that we look for a strong lead on the important issues which confront us to-day. We feel convinced that youth will respond if given a sufficient challenge.

For, and on behalf of the Board,

PERCY PARIS, Chairman.

R. S. MAUNDER, Hon. Secretary.

CHILDREN AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

(Remit from Conference, Minutes 1936, page 63).

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That all the children within the care of our Church be received and nurtured as Preparatory Church Members.

2. That the Leaders' Meeting appoint one or more persons as sub-Pastors for Preparatory Church Members, to act with the Minister.

3. That the Youth Department prepare a Guide for the progressive training of Preparatory Church Members.

4. That to develop Church-consciousness in our children much more provision be made for children's worship within the Church building—by one or more of the following means:—

- (a) A children's portion of the regular Church service, with their active participation. If they retire before the sermon, a reverent and orderly conclusion to their portion to be arranged.
- (b) Junior Church—to begin as in (a) but transferring to another building where such is available, in order to continue their own Church service.

(Wherever possible these services should be additional to Sunday School, though it is recognised that in some places the School and Junior Church will merge).

- (c) Special Children's services—monthly or quarterly, according to local conditions, at the regular church hour.

REPORT ON DISTRICT YOUTH DIRECTOR POLICY.

1.—INTRODUCTION.

The Church Conference of 1937 referred the Board's report (see Minutes, pages 60-62) back for reconsideration in conjunction with other proposals, and to submit proposals to District Youth Committees and to the following Synods.

The Board, after long and careful review of the whole position, and after considering the recommendations of the B.C. Executives and the District Committees, submits the following modified scheme with the belief that its practical application will in time lead the Church to adopt the larger objective previously outlined.

2.—ORGANISATION.

- (a) **Local** : Local Youth Councils, as at present (the word Council is proposed in place of Committee).
- (b) **District** : Nine District Youth Councils, based on the existing Synodal Districts.

Such Councils to be constituted as at present, except that at least two of the three representatives of the S.S. and B.C. Unions to be selected from the President, Secretary and Treasurer in each case. S.S. and B.C. Union boundaries to coincide with Synodal boundaries, and the Union head-quarters to be located in the same centre with the D.Y.C.

Sub-areas of the Council and Unions to be arranged in each district as required.

The District Youth Councils to be responsible to the Youth Board for the work of the Director in the district, and also for the development and organisation of Local Youth Councils.

(c) **National :**

- (1) The Youth Board will be constituted as at present, and will directly control and be responsible for the work of the Directors,
- (2) The three National Executive Councils will remain as at present, except that they will not be responsible for the work of the Directors. They will still raise finance as at present, paying an agreed budget to the Board to provide for the expenses of the Directors and also of the Youth Office.
- (3) Major matters of policy to be recommended to the Board by bi-ennial Youth Conventions. Final approval in all matters of importance will rest with the Church Conference.

3.—AREAS.

Areas : The Church, through Synods is organised in nine districts, and the nine Youth Councils conform to the same areas. The interim proposal of the Board is to arrange the Districts in three areas, each having a permanent Director.

The proposed areas are :—

- (1) Auckland, South Auckland.
- (2) Taranaki-Wanganui, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, Wellington.
- (3) Nelson, North Canterbury, South Canterbury, Otago-Southland.

A statistical analysis confirms that the above areas give the best subdivision of the various factors involved.

4.—FINANCE.

Proposed Expenditure : The annual expenditure under this policy is estimated as follows :—

	Two Areas (each)	One Area
Director's Salary	£275 (married)	£240 (single)
House Allowance	£125	£40
Superannuation and Connexional Charges	37½	25
Travelling Expenses	£90	£90
	£527½	£395

Total for 3 Directors, £1,450.

Proposed Budget :

Connexional Fund Grants	£100
Circuit Contributions through S.S. Council	£500
Y.W.B.C.M.	£425
Y.M.B.C.M.	£425
	£1,450

The expenses of the Youth Board and Office will be met by a direct charge on all Trading activities, which is estimated to cover the cost.

The above Budget includes the amounts now raised by the B.C. Movements for the Travelling Secretaries (Salaries and Expenses), and Youth Board allocation.

The 1938 Conference to be requested to give permission for the Youth Board to raise by a special national appeal one year's budget of £1,450 in advance. (The amount to be raised by the B.C. Movements is included in this sum).

5.—DIRECTORS.

The three Directors to be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Youth Board—Conference reserving the right to make further nominations—for periods of six years at a time. Each Director shall be appointed for Youth Work in an area preferably for a six year period, subject to a review at the end of each three year period.

The Conference shall appoint a Senior Youth Director who shall himself work a given area and whose duties as Senior Director shall be defined by the Board. The Conference shall also appoint two additional Youth Directors.

The work of the Directors at the outset will be the real establishment and development of L.Y.C's. throughout the whole area, and then intensive S.S. and leadership work in the needy and strategic portions of the area. Owing to the wide areas to be covered it will be possible for Directors to do concentrated S.S. work in specific localities only. The detail work will be carried on through D.Y.C's. and in close co-operation with Chairmen of Districts and the Ministers concerned.

To provide for the co-ordination and development of the work, the Directors shall meet together and also with the Youth Board at least twice a year.

All Directors shall be members of the Board (provided for in the existing Constitution) and shall represent the Board in various capacities as determined from time to time. They shall be responsible to the Youth Board (provided for in the existing Constitution) and shall be subject to Conference through the Board.

The Board recommends this scheme to come into operation in April, 1939.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements of the Youth Board, S.S. Executive Council, Y.M.B.C. and Y.W.B.C. Movements be received and adopted.
3. **Children and Church Membership.**—That the proposals be referred to Leaders Meetings or Quarterly Meetings and Youth Committees, to report to Synods of 1938.
4. **District Youth Director Policy.**—That the Report be adopted.
5. **Correspondence Schools.**—Conference draws the attention of all ministers, Home Missionaries and Quarterly Meetings to the value of the Correspondence Sunday School for children in isolated places and urges their-co-operation in extending this work.
6. **Recorded Talk.**—Conference appreciates the enterprise of the S.S. Executive Council in providing a Recorded Talk to Teachers by the Youth Director and recommends Circuits that have not made use of it to make application for same for united gatherings of teachers.
7. **Youth Sunday.**—That June 12 be observed as Youth Sunday.

8. **B.C. Travelling Secretaries.**—Conference appreciates the faithful work and influence of the Travelling Secretaries—Miss A. Firth and the Rev. H. J. Tozer during the year.
9. **Youth Office Secretary.**—Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the work of Miss Lorna Hodder for several years past, and welcomes her successor, Miss Marion Worsley.

Youth Board for 1938.

MINISTERIAL: Revs. E. E. Sage, R. B. Gosnell, A. R. Penn and O. E. Burton.

LAY: Messrs. C. A. Russell, J. V. Burton, H. J. Steptoe, and R. S. Maunder.

Y.W.B.C.M.: Mesdames C.P.S. Boyer, E. E. Bush, Misses W. Beaumont and D. Horwood.

Y.M.B.C.M.: Messrs. J. H. Claridge, W. Holloway, A. Birtles and G. Laking.

S.S.E.C.: Rev. J. H. Haslam, Mrs. H. J. Steptoe, Messrs. W. H. Johnston and N. R. Seddon.

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMITTEES.

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. E. W. Hames, J. D. Grocott and B. M. Chrystall (Secretary), Misses R. Jeffreys, M. Waddingham, E. Booth, R. Joynt; Messrs. E. P. Salmon, T. Taylor, R. Howell, R. Williams, S. Brooker, T. W. Hemer, A. D. Whitehead and M. Green.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits, Messrs. J. Jebson, C. Patterson, W. A. Smith, F. C. Primmer and F. M. Mead; Mrs. Earle; Misses H. E. Wood and R. Tietjens.
Synod Representative, Mr. L. Hall.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Rev. E. S. Harkness and Ministers of Hawera and Main Circuits; Miss D. Sheat, Messrs. L. Fox, D. G. Sherson, E. Yearbury and A. Symons, Miss D. Bennett. Synod Representative, Mr. E. Yearbury.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Ministers of St. Paul's and Cuba Street (Palmerston North), the H.M. at Foxton, Messrs. G. Stiles, C. E. Taylor, L. Potts, R. Ayrton, L. Carthew, L. Bycroft, E. Lock, C. Hunt, Miss T. Hopkins, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Mrs. G. H. Bycroft and one other are S.S. representatives. Secretary, Rev. M. A. McDowell.

WELLINGTON.—Revs. W. Parker, N. P. Larsen and A. R. Penn; Messrs. A. G. Mackie, J. Walker, T. M. Pacey, E. Ramsden, G. Verry, V. Cresswell, W. E. Howe, J. Cable, A. M. Brooks; Misses E. Sellers, J. Bennett and Mrs. McDonald. Secretary, Miss F. Shepherd. Convener, Rev. A. R. Penn.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Richmond, Nelson, Motueka, and Wakefield-Dovedale Circuits and the Minister of Tuamarina; Messrs. V. Smart, H. A. Holdaway, J. Heath, A. Thomas, J. Hurrell, R. C. A. Marshall, H. Yuill, M. A. Nightingale and H. B. Savage; Misses J. Bannister, R. Harman and E. A. Turner. Secretary and Synod Representative, Mr. J. Heath.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Chairman of the District, Revs. M. A. R. Pratt, H. L. Fiebig and F. B. Lawrence; Messrs. W. C. Francis, J. Murray, A. E. Lawry, E. H. Smith, L. S. White, A. Dingwall, A. Southey and J. Holland; Misses G. Jones, L. Hooker, H. R. Barrell, and M. Flatman. Convener, Mr. A. Dingwall.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Revs. A. McBean, C. Blair, B. J. James and the Temuka Minister, Messrs. J. I. Hayman, E. C. J. Foot, A. G. Foster, the Minister of Timaru South, Messrs. S. Blanchard, W. Beswarick; Misses M. Blanchard, W. Daniels, R. Hodson, Mrs. Earnshaw, Mrs. McAlister and Mr. W. Hocking. Secretary and Synod Representative, Mr. A. G. Foster.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. Ivan S. Williamson, A. E. Jefferson, T. Skuse, R. E. Patchett, and B. M. Tasker, M.A.; Messrs. W. O. Brown, C. Chirnside, E. D. Smyth, R. G. McKinlay, A. T. McIndoe, E. J. King, Misses, F. Nixon, O. McCrone, E. Russell, and R. Blackwood. Convener, Rev. Ivan S. Williamson.

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

A.—REPORT OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

So many questions have been removed from the consideration of the Committee that it is steadily becoming more difficult to obtain a full attendance of members at the Committee meetings. However, the Committee has met during the year to consider topics which yet remain within its province.

PEACE.

Conference believes that the whole Church is challenged to-day all over the world to define clearly the relationship of Christianity to war.

We consider that humble penitence becomes us because in a time when a clear and united witness is needed the Christian Church is partially disabled by division, and her leaders hold conflicting views concerning the will of our Lord for the present line of action.

We believe that clear thinking on this major issue is the test question for our age in interpreting the Christian Gospel and its applicability to real situations in the life of the world. In other words the problem is fundamentally a theological one, with a distinct bearing upon the meaning of the Cross.

We believe it is our urgent duty to study the New Testament together and to be guided by the Holy Spirit till we reach a common Christian conscience in regard to the issues of the problem, and we urge Conference to recommend to our people everywhere the prayerful and corporate study of the subject.

Differences of opinion now prevailing and the complexities and difficulties surrounding the problem should not deter us in anywise from this procedure until we have learned to give a more united and effective witness.

We recommend our people to study the subject, and suggest that the following book-list be approved as a preliminary basis for such study in fellowship groups or leaders meetings.

Non-Pacifist Literature.

1. "Christian Ethics and Modern Problems," by Dr. W. R. Inge, late Dean of St. Paul's.
2. "How shall we escape?" by Norman McLean.
3. "Pacifism at the Bar of Scripture and History," by Rev. Isaac Jolly.
4. "The Church's Attitude to Peace and War (Church of Scotland Report, covering Pacifist and Non-Pacifist sides) S.C.M.
5. "Do the State and Nation belong to God or the Devil?" by Reinhold Niebuhr.

6. "Can Pacifists be Pacifists?" (W. M. Watt).
7. "War, Pacifism and Christianity," (Rev. I. Sergisson).
8. "War Religiously Considered," (Rev. A. McDonald).

Pacifist Literature.

1. "The Idea of the Atonement," by Dr. Rashdall.
2. "The Early Christian Attitude to War," by C. John Cadoux.
3. "The Complaint of Peace," by Erasmus (1554).
4. "The New Testament Basis of Pacifism," by Professor George H. C. MacGregor, B.C., D.Litt.
5. "Christian Pacifism: The Church and the State," by Professor George H. C. MacGregor, B.C., D.Litt.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Great progress has been made in twelve months. The Bible in Schools League has gained added facilities for daily observances under four Education Boards, making six in all which now permit a few minutes daily to be deducted from School time at the beginning of the School day. Except in the Wellington Board area this is additional to the Nelson system whereby in a similar way half an hour on one day may be deducted and used for Bible teaching. In the Wellington area (Wairarapa to Marlborough) the arrangement is alternative, not supplementary. Approximately 2000 Schools are included in the six areas. Latest reports show that 349 Primary Schools open with daily worship, Auckland having 129 and Otago 82.

The Nelson system has been further extended, but in one or two instances the daily scheme has led to the weekly one ceasing. The ideal is for both to be worked together. The few minutes used daily by teachers does not provide much opportunity for religious instruction, and ministers and other voluntary helpers have an unrivalled opportunity to contact with the children by using the Nelson system.

This system has come through strong opposition in years gone by to a recognised and established place, endorsed by the Teachers' Institute, and upheld by Parliament. Few School Committees oppose it. There are some criticisms which it would be well to note for the purpose of improving the operation of the system. They have been stated by a Christian headmaster as follows:—

- (1) The apathy of non-participating clergy.
- (2) Absences and a lack of preparation on the part of participants.
- (3) Failure to secure lay helpers.
- (4) Failure in theological colleges for training students in handling classes of children.

To what extent these apply to Methodists is not known, but careful consideration in each district may be remedial. Certain it is that steady improvement and increased participation can be gladly and gratefully acknowledged, without denying a need for added zeal in this most important work.

The present opportunity for daily observances normally conducted by voluntary teachers on the School staff is unique in the history of New Zealand. It constitutes a supreme challenge: it opens a most fruitful field. If the opportunity is not widely availed of, would it not be a disgrace to the Christian Church? So long has the door been closed that now it is open so widely a new departure of almost revolutionary influence has been made. Two leading educationists in high positions have said to Bible in Schools officials: "Things are coming your way." "You are producing a revolution." Men of vision will see all that is involved.

Opposition has been aroused.—(1). The N.Z.E.I. (Teachers Institute) has officially opposed the extension, while approving the Nelson System. Much of the opposition rests on misunderstandings, on the belief that compulsion is involved, that the observances are in School time, that unfair discrimination against non-participants would be shown. In fact, attempts to discover instances have been made officially, but with little success. The most pleasing feature of the discussion within educational circles is that, with little approach from the Bible in Schools League, which has scarcely been heard within these circles, the teachers themselves are coming to see the value of the observances, and several branches, after having experience, have strongly supported them. The opposition significantly comes mainly from districts where the observances have not been known or have been tested but little. Strong support is now given by many teachers in Otago, Canterbury, Auckland, Wanganui and Palmerston North, where the observances have been established. The main opposition has come from Wellington, where no one has given them a trial. In fact it can be seen now that were it not for the strong opposition of the official headquarters in Wellington, the New Zealand teachers as a whole would be much readier to fall into line with the evident desire of parents. A loyalty to their official organisation acts at present as a brake.

The New Zealand Conference of School Committees Associations gave a unanimous vote in support of the opening observances.

(2). The Rationalists have been very busy in opposition, claiming that "the Bible has within its covers the most grossly immoral, obscene, barbaric, and fiendish precepts of any book in the world," that "the teaching of Jesus is that of an unsocial fanatic" and that "elementary knowledge shows that morality has nothing whatever to do with religion, Christian or otherwise". (Truthseeker, Aug., 1937). Their official organ in opposing Bible in Schools does so partly on the grounds that young minds must not be stuffed with "morals extracted from the withering creeds of their decaying oriental religions," (Truthseeker, July, 1937). It is said that their English organisation is supplying funds whereby they can fight for the Secular Systems' continuance.

A strong deputation, knowing that strong pressure had been exerted by these opponents, urging the Minister of Education to enact legislation to render the daily observances illegal, appealed to the Government to safeguard the present opportunity. The Minister admitted the legality of the exercises, but hinted that he was opposed to them, and believed they frustrated the intention of the Education Act. even while they kept within the law. It is clear that great vigilance will be needed to maintain the position now gained, which is proving increasingly acceptable in the community.

P. R. PARIS, Chairman.

A. M. COSTAIN, Convenor.

B.—MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, ABORTION, Etc.

Report of Special Committee.

(See Minutes Conference 1937, pages 71-74).

After due consideration the Committee confirms the findings of the last Conference on the questions of marriage and divorce and submits the following in support of that position.

An attempt has been made to implement the instructions to approach other Churches with a view to a collective statement. A preliminary unofficial approach was made and it has been found that the Presbyterian Church is recommending still further consideration to and through the General Assembly to their Synods. The Baptist Church report is not to hand, but

we are given to understand it is substantially the same as that embodied in the findings of ours. The Congregational Church is in accord with our Report to the last Conference. The Committee still awaits information concerning "Courts of Domestic Relations," from Canada and hopes to be able to produce this at our Conference in 1938.

The following information is of interest concerning the attitude of certain Churches outside this Dominion:—The French Churches: (a) Reformed Evangelical Churches—"Recognition of each Minister to refuse, for conscientious reasons to bless a marriage of divorced persons for any reasons whatsoever." (b) Union of Reformed Churches—"It is left to the discretion of Ministers to grant, or to withhold nuptial blessing according to the promptings of their Christian Consciences as true sons of the Reformation and humble servants of the God of Jesus Christ." (c) Evangelical Church of Bohemian Brethren—"Ministers are urged to examine carefully every single case of divorced persons seeking re-marriage before deciding whether they should officiate at such a marriage or not it is very difficult to formulate a general rule which could be applied without special investigation of the merits of the case. The matter is not settled There will be further attempts to enact more precise rules." The Presbyterian Church in America,—Ministers are to be urged to obtain inside facts and to proceed accordingly. The Church of Scotland is considering the matter. A report may be expected next year. It will be seen how difficult it is to formulate definite instructions and in the present indecisive attitude of the Protestant Churches no attempt is made by this Committee.

The Christian Ideal of Marriage.

The Christian Ideal of Marriage is seen in the statements and attitude of Jesus. It is a Divine institution ordained in the laws and necessities of our being, and is a part of the natural order as God designed it. The marriage state in the early Christian Church was looked upon as normal, its sanctity re-inforced by the high standard of Christ and recognised as close and binding and was illustrated by the simile of the union between Christ and His Church. Husband and wife are considered as "joint heirs of the Grace of Life," (1 Peter 3: 1-9), and marriage should not be abused nor should it be broken without very serious cause. Mutual faithfulness is enjoined.

Apart from the specific cases of divorce and re-marriage quoted in the New Testament (and dealt with in the following section on Divorce and Re-Marriage) the above principle is laid down, and the practical application appears to have been left to the experience of the Church.

The ideal may not have been nearly realised and the application of the "letter" of the New Testament has not been rigidly enforced, nor has it been rigidly observed; but the principle as developed in the New Testament, and more or less exemplified in the Christian Church since, is clear, and it is the duty of Christians to maintain the high standard of marriage, duly remembering one of the purposes of matrimony is for the continuance of human life under the discipline and order of the home and family. We must urge this upon all Christians, and seek as far as possible to embody it in our legislation and social usage.

Divorce and Re-Marriage.

(1) According to the teaching of our Lord in Mark 10:2-12, Luke 16:18, marriage is indissoluble. In His words in Matthew 5:32 and 19:3-9, it is dissoluble on one ground only, that of fornication or sexual unchastity. The exceptive clauses in the Matthaean passages are held by most New Testament Scholars to be authentic words of Jesus. Thus unchastity is regarded by our Lord as the one ground for the dissolution of marriage.

The Apostle Paul's teaching is found in 1 Corinthians, Ch. 7 v. 8. ff. In verses 10-11 he gives it as a word of the Lord that neither wife nor husband should leave each other, referring in these cases to Christian couples. In verse 39 there is a similar word : a wife is bound for so long time as her husband lives. If a wife leaves her husband, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to him. In verses 12ff, where the reference is to married couples divided in religion, Paul gives his own private opinion, which he distinguishes as, "say I, not the Lord." If either husband or wife have unbelieving partners, and these partners are willing to continue the marriage, it is to continue. But if the unbelieving wife or husband is determined to separate, the other partner is to let him or her go. The Christian brother or sister "is not under bondage" in such circumstances. The Christian is forbidden to dismiss his or her partner, but he or she is not forbidden to accept separation. Many students interpret the "not under bondage" as freedom to marry again; others, that it refers only to separation without re-marriage, in view of verse 11.

(2) A small minority of the Committee believes that the Church should take the strict interpretation of our Lord's words as to Christian marriage being dissoluble on the one ground only, unchastity. The majority on various grounds take another view. Arguing that our Lord's words may have had reference only to specific cases before Him, and that He was not legislating for the different circumstances of to-day; also that on Christ's own principles as laid down in the Gospels, other things such as insanity, cruelty, desertion, etc., are the equivalent of unchastity in morally breaking up the marriage bond, they hold that marriage is also dissoluble for these reasons. While thus rejecting the strict letter of our Lord's teaching, they believe that, in the circumstances of to-day, they are preserving its true spirit.

(3) The Conference recognises that it is not the province of the Church to say what is, or what is not, a valid marriage. But it is her province to give or withhold her blessing with respect to a Marriage or a re-marriage which she approves or disapproves. Whatever the state may do, the Church herself must be guided by the highest spiritual principles in what she does, especially remembering that a Christian solution is offered through the exercise of repentance and forgiveness.

(4) The Conference affirms the following from the report on page 68 of the 1936 Minutes of Conference :—That a minister may re-marry a divorced person or persons if he is satisfied after consultation with both parties to the proposed re-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.

Between the extremes of indissolubility of marriage when once contracted, and the somewhat loose provisions of recent trends of easier divorce, there lies a position upon which the Churches as yet find no agreement.

Birth Control and Abortion.

The attitude of the Roman Catholic Church on the question of abortion and birth control clinics is uncompromising. The attitude of the Anglican Church in this Dominion to abortion is just as uncompromising as the Roman Catholic Church and appeals to the higher moral and spiritual sanctions of life. Dr. Doris Gordon states that the spirit of moral anarchy is abroad in New Zealand; it is no use depending on Governmental regulations, etc., we shall have to face and fight the issue ourselves.

In view of these things we recommend the adoption of the following resolution as a considered Christian Conviction on this vexed question that threatens the very life of the nation.

"Whereas we believe that marriage was ordained of God for the procreation and nurture of children, and that parenthood within the married state is one of the greatest of human privileges, we regard as morally wrong any limitation of families that is prompted by selfishness or by callous refusal to accept the responsibilities of parenthood or by a perveted indulgence of the sex instinct. We are well aware that many factors—social, economic, and even purely physical—are involved in the problem presented by limitation, but are of opinion that an immoral cause is the chief root of a practice that threatens nation and race with a suicidal depletion. We therefore express unhesitating approval of the investigation undertaken by the Government Commission, as far as this investigation has been carried, and urge the appointment of a Royal Commission to consider all matters arising from that commission's report. Without presuming to dictate particular courses of action, we ask consideration of (1) legal provision that any justifiable termination of pregnancy be under adequate control. (2) strengthening of the operation of the law against criminal abortion, particularly by the inclusion of women on juries. (3) That greater emphasis be placed on prevention of easy access to contraceptives, abortifacients and morbid literature or other incitements to sexual vice. (4) suppression of advertisements calculated to intensify the present evil, (5) creation of means to lessen the medical expense of confinements, to provide in needy cases for the care of young children during the confinement of their mothers and to lessen the risks and much suffering now attendant on child-birth, and (6) the alleviation of economic difficulties affecting the limitations of the family by the creation of a scheme of adequate family allowance or Motherhood endowment.

Conclusion.

The Committee would strongly condemn any limitation of the family which springs from selfishness, unrestricted indulgence or a callous refusal to accept parenthood and its responsibilities.

At the same time we are aware of many factors, social, economic, and physical leading to a limitation in the size of families, and a spacing of births. An ominous fact emerges that whatever be the extent of racial limitation by a greater protection of life, the main danger of race suicide comes from deliberate resolve to prevent reproduction. We would emphasise the fact that the most serious trouble is ethical.

E. S. EMMITT, Convener.

C.—REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN.

Page 70 in Minutes of Conference, 1937.

The Committee met and after carefully considering the Resolutions submitted by Conference resolved:—

"That in the opinion of this Committee, the spirit and purpose of the resolutions can best be fulfilled by a more comprehensive scheme and we therefore submit to Synods and Conference the following statement re a Christian Citizenship Movement."

Preamble to Resolutions.

WHEREAS :

1. There is widespread and profound dissatisfaction with social and economic conditions.
2. The remedy must be found fundamentally in the moral and spiritual realm.

3. The sectional and isolated programmes which served well in the past are not appealing to-day (Temperance organisations for instance).
4. Youth and adults over the world are responding to demands for the whole of life, and thereby challenging the Church.
5. There are many signs of Christian awakening, and scattered efforts are being made which need correlating in a comprehensive programme.
6. There is soon to be made available from the Oecumenical Movement the best thought and guidance of Christian leaders from all over the world.

The time is now ripe in New Zealand for a Christian Citizenship Movement-

RESOLUTIONS FOR SYNODS.

1. That Conference approve the proposal to inaugurate an Order of Christian Citizenship within the existing organisations of our Church in which the basic principle is a personal allegiance to Jesus Christ; issuing in a challenge to live the complete life by devotion, study and service, that Christ's way of life may be faithfully expressed in every social relationship.

NOTE.—The British Conference resolution was as follows:—"That Conference approves the proposal for a presentation to the Youth of Methodism of the claims and responsibilities of Christian Citizenship, under the joint auspices of the Temperance and Social Welfare, Sunday School, and Young Methodism Departments, and commends the enterprise to the support of the whole Church."

2. That the following Scheme for a Youth and Christian Citizenship Movement be accepted as a basis for consideration.

"WITH BOTH HANDS EARNESTLY."

YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP MOVEMENT OR ORDER. (YCC) FOR A FULL-LIFE PROGRAMME.

	PERSONAL	SOCIAL
1. DYNAMIC	Allegiance to Christ Devotion and Study	Worship and Fellowship Church as Witness
2. MIND	Balanced Reading Studies in one or more realms of thought	Lectures and Discussions Debates Education for life
3. HEALTH	Discipline Abstinence Leisure Diet	Sport Conditions of labour and housing Relationship of Men and Women Healing (wholeness)
4. ECONOMICS	Daily Work Training Stewardship	The Economic Order Producer and Consumer Freedom and Authority
5. NEW WORLD	The Divine King World Citizenship Travel Peace with God	Sovereignty and Federation Ownership Man and Machines Radio and Pictures Peace with all men

3. That the Public Questions Committee and the Youth Board be authorised to act conjointly in giving effect to the above resolution.

ALF. M. COSTAIN, Convenor.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report be received and adopted.

Peace.

Conference expresses its appreciation of the desire of Mr. W. J. Jordan, the N.Z. High Commissioner to bear witness to the nations through the medium of the Council of the League of Nations, for a greater respect for the observance of treaties and for the adjustment of disputes by arbitration instead of by force, and to convey such record with its greetings to Mr. Jordan.

RESOLUTIONS.

Bible in Schools.

1. Conference rejoices in the changed attitude throughout the Dominion towards the Religious Exercises and Bible Teaching in Schools as evidenced in the report, and congratulates the Bible in Schools League on the success achieved during the past year.
2. Conference recommends the continued support of the Bible in Schools League's policy and the attention of Quarterly Meetings is drawn to the increased facilities now offered.
3. That the question be added to the list for Quarterly Meetings: "What day Schools have Bible Lessons or observances and can any extension or improvement in this work be made?"
That our Ministers and Home Missionaries regard Bible Instruction in Schools as an important part of their task and be diligent in their loyalty to it.
4. That the following be our representatives on the Bible in Schools Council :
Revs. W. Grigg, J. H. Haslam, W. A. Burley and R. B. Gosnell.

Marriage, Birth Control and Abortion.

1. That the Report on Birth Control and Abortion be adopted and printed in the "Methodist Times."
2. That the Public Questions Committee continue to investigate this subject with the Rev. E. S. Emmitt and Mr. H. R. French as corresponding members.
3. That Conference urges the Government to take immediate steps to appoint a Royal Commission to consider all matters arising from the Report of the Commission on Abortion.
4. That Conference prepare suitable literature on the ideals of Christian marriage for the use of those about to marry.
5. That the Committee be thanked for their work, particularly the Convener, Rev. E. S. Emmitt.
6. That the Auckland Sub-Committee be reappointed as follows:—Revs. W. Walker, E. S. Emmitt, E. T. Olds, H. Sharp, S. J. Werren, W. T. Blight, F. J. Handy and A. E. Orr ; Messrs. L. E. Rhodes, W. S. Mackay, R. C. Clark, A. D. Whitehead, G. E. Spooner and E. Burton. Convener, Rev. E. S. Emmitt.

Temperance.

That in view of the Poll to be taken in 1938, the whole Church be called upon to organise for an intensive campaign against the Liquor Traffic on the following lines:—

- (1). That a committee be formed in every Church to work in co-operation with the N.Z. Alliance, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and other Temperance Organisations. This committee to be charged with the duty of arranging for Public meetings, the distribution

of literature, roll-work, and work on Polling Day. The Secretary of each committee to report progress to the Quarterly meeting which shall be responsible for seeing that the committees function.

(2). That Church Trustees be urged to secure or to allow the erection of 9 ft. by 6 ft. hoardings for the purpose of displaying campaign posters, and/or Wayside Pulpits, 30 by 20 ins. for small posters.

(3). That Ministers, Local Preachers, Sunday School Teachers, and Bible Class Leaders, make special Temperance appeals during 1938.

(4). That funds be raised for local Committees and the N.Z. Alliance by subscriptions and at least one special collection during the year in each Church: the proportion to be given to the local committee and the Alliance to be decided by the Quarterly Meetings.

(5) That the Government be requested to cancel the special treatment afforded the Liquor Trade by replacing the two pence per gallon tax taken off beer by the previous Government.

(6). In view of the accumulating scientific evidence of the disastrous effects of alcohol, thereby strengthening the case against the Liquor Traffic, Conference reaffirms its conviction that the Liquor Traffic is a prolific cause of moral waste, domestic misery, industrial disturbance, and a chief hindrance to the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

(7). That the Conference inaugurates:—

(a) An intensive Temperance Educational campaign in Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and Churches; and for the formation of Bands of Hope.

(b) The launching of a pledge signing campaign.

(8). That the Public Questions Committee draft the details of such a Campaign.

(9). Conference views with alarm the suggestion to grant Tourist licenses in No-License districts and urges our people to take every opportunity of opposing any action in that direction.

(10). That with a view to safeguarding the moral well-being of young people attending the dances in Public Halls and of checking the drunkenness so often associated with such dances, Parliament be urged to extend the powers of the Police to enable them to search vehicles in the vicinity of dance halls if suspected of containing intoxicating liquors, and to arrest persons supplying or drinking intoxicating liquors whether in private cars, taxis' buses or other vehicles.

(11). That in view of the alarming increase of lawlessness resulting from the increased consumption of alcoholic liquor since the introduction of the forty-hour week, we urge the Government to further limit the hours during which liquor bars are open for the sale of intoxicants and to enforce the law regulating the hours of licensed bars.

(12). Special Committee.—That the following constitute a Committee to confer with the N.Z. Alliance:—Revs. P. R. Paris, A. M. Costain, Messrs. H. P. Mourant, S. T. S. Martin, W. F. Stock.

Gambling.

(a). In view of the widespread and increasing prevalence of the gambling and betting mania, and the insidious evils attendant upon it, 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 instructions in the evils of gambling be given by Ministers and Youth workers of the Church.

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

- (c) Conference re-affirms its protest against the increasing use of Art Unions as a means of raising money. We believe that it is wrong in principle and against the best interests of the individual and community.

Sunday Observance.

Conference records its conviction that Sunday is a day primarily for Spiritual refreshment through Christian fellowship. It deplores the present tendency to use the Lord's Day for amusement purposes. We urge all our Methodist people to use Sunday for the culture of the Spiritual, and to remember it is the Lord's Day.

Road Safety.

This Conference appreciates the efforts of the Hon. the Minister of Transport to prevent accidents and save human lives on the road. It also congratulates the Safety Council on the compilation and circulation of the Road Code, revealing as it does that the so-called moderate drinking of alcohol is a major factor in the problem. Conference trusts that multitudes of drivers will make their contribution to road safety by voluntary abstinence.

Youth and Christian Citizenship Movement.

- That the Scheme be accepted as a basis for consideration and that the Youth Board be authorised to consider and present to Synods a workable scheme.
- That the Welfare of the Church Committee be asked to institute an intensive Campaign of education in the meaning and implication of Church membership and the Social Creed of the Church.

Public Questions Committee for 1938.

President of the Conference, Revs. J. H. Haslam, E. O. Blamires, R. B. Gosnell, H. T. Peat, O. Burnet, A. M. Costain, A. R. Penn, O. E. Burton, M.A., Mrs. H. J. Steptoe, Miss L. Hodder, Messrs. S. T. S. Martin, B. J. Lynneberg, C. A. Russell, R. S. Maunder, C. H. Hain, LL.B., T. H. Crosbie, H. E. Pacey and W. F. Stock. Convener, Rev. A. M. Costain.

D.—IMMIGRATION.

During the past year only eleven assisted immigrants came to New Zealand. No Methodists arrived. We have met and entertained a number of overseas Methodist visitors, including the Rev. John H. Litten of London, and the Rev. H. M. Wheller of Brisbane. Arrangements were made for Mr. Litten to meet members of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments. Mr. Litten is Superintendent of the Methodist Children's Homes in Great Britain, and annually has to place 800 young people in positions.

PERCY PARIS,
Chief Immigration Officer.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted, and that the Rev. Percy Paris be thanked and re-appointed.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

Interim Report of General Secretary.

Schedule forms for property and trust returns were issued to all circuits and home mission stations throughout the Dominion on 1st September. The forms were, in every case, accompanied by very clear instructions for both treasurers and auditors so as to facilitate the work of the District Secretaries for Church Property.

To assist local trust treasurers particulars were filled in showing :—

1. The balance brought forward last year.
2. Money reported last year as being held for special purposes.
3. Details of the amounts of insurance cover held in the Connexional Fire Insurance Department.
4. Mortgage debts to the Loan Fund and other lenders as shown in last year's returns.

In some cases last year trust treasurers reported a wrong amount as owing to the Loan Fund. In these cases a slip was attached to the schedule form showing what the correct amount should have been. No doubt the various District Secretaries will follow up this action by making a careful comparison of the amounts returned this year with the amounts that appear on the district summary of current loans which has been supplied to the various Synods. These summaries show the exact relation of trusts to the Loan Fund as at 30th September.

Considerable trouble has been taken to assist all trust treasurers to send in correct and consistent returns. This simplifies the work alike of local treasurers and auditors and should reduce the labours of the District Secretaries.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary for Church Property.

Christchurch,

12th October, 1937.

GENERAL REPORT.

1.—Properties Acquired.

- Frankton**—16 perches' £50.
Halcombe—1 rood and dwelling. £475.
Feilding—3 roods 8 perches. £200.
Waitare Beach—32 perches. £40.
Riccarton, Nelson Street—1 rood and Dwelling. £765.
Riccarton, Clarence Road—26.6 perches. £190.
Wainoni, Kerr's Road—26.9 perches. £150.

2.—Erections and Additions.

- Warkworth**—Parsonage enlargement. £65.
Dome Valley—Vestry and Schoolroom. £65.
Frankton—Church parlour, etc. £106. Debt £50.
Paraparaumu Beach—Church Hall £467. Debt £281.
Lower Hutt—Brick Porch and Entrance. £176, gift.
Waiwhetu—Church Vestry £90. No debt.
Papanui—Primary Schoolroom. £128. No debt.
Wainoni, Kerr's Road—School Hall. £397. Debt. £243.
Oxford—Bible Class Rooms. £266. Debt £75.

3.—Sales and Extended Leases.

- Northcote**—Section sold £100. Proceeds £75 refund to Sites Fund £25 mortgage reduction.
- Onehunga**—Section sold £150. Proceeds £100 to Penrose trust £50 to Onehunga trust.
- Mamaku**—Church building for removal £35. Proceeds for Rotorua trust.
- Matangi**—Section 1 rood. Gift to Presbyterian Church under Declaration of Trust School Hall for mutual use erected.
- Stratford**—Section sold £115. Proceeds for reduction of parsonage mortgage.
- Torere**—Building sold for removal £40. Proceeds to Taihape Trust.
- Kaponga**—Section 1 rood £75. Proceeds for school building fund.
- Halcombe**—Parsonage and 6 acres £330. Proceeds for purchase of new parsonage.
- Kuripuni**—Cottage and section £300. Proceeds to pay off mortgage, balance £36, lodged at Connexional Office for future work at Kuripuni.
- St. Albans (Brown's Road)**—2 roods 14-8 perches. Surrendered to mortgagee.
- Leeston**—35.6 perches £60. Cash in Post Office Savings Bank.
- Hawarden**— $\frac{1}{2}$ acre £60. Proceeds to reduce debt to Loan Fund.
- Queenstown**—1 rood and building £251. Proceeds for Gore Parsonage.
- Pukerau**—1 rood £20. Proceeds for Gore Parsonage.

4.—Current Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance from last year—General Account ..	5,158	11	8
Balance from last year held for Special purposes ..	23,400	9	7
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ..	3,565	7	3
Loans from other sources	3,574	15	9
All other Receipts	56,408	5	3
Total Receipts	£92,107	9	6
Debit Balances	17,286	10	6
TOTAL	£109,394	0	0

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Debit Balance from last year	17,502	9	1
Loan Fund Instalments	3,246	17	11
Other Loans repaid	10,209	6	7
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	6,468	15	9
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings ..	7,926	12	3
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting and Repairs etc. ..	30,925	0	1
Total Expenditure	£76,289	1	8
Credit Balances	6,072	17	0
Balances held for Special purposes	27,032	1	4
TOTAL	£109,394	0	0

5.—Statement of Debts.

			£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	..	..	171,064	7	4
Add New Loans received during year	..	..	6,174	13	11
		TOTAL	£177,239	1	3
Deduct Loans repaid during year	..	..	14,413	15	2
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	..	..	<u>£162,825</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
Unpaid General Accounts	..	..	£1,705	4	5
Unpaid Interest	<u>£1,617</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>

6.—Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances Reported	£778,411	5	4
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7.—District Secretaries for Church Property.

The District Secretaries in almost every District have been given a great deal of needless work by the carelessness, incapacity and dilatoriness manifested in the preparation of the very simple schedule forms. Forms for local trusts and for circuit superintendents were all issued from the Connexional Office on 3rd September. This gave over eight weeks to comply with the requirement that completed returns must reach the District Secretaries not later than 31st October. In some cases the returns were supplied after Synod assembled. In one District missing returns made it impossible for the Secretary to present any report to his Synod. Some returns did not come to hand until three weeks after the last Synod closed. There can be no excuse for such delay.

Moreover, the returns are often so carelessly compiled that they need careful checking and much correction. In copying, figures are often entered in the wrong columns. In many schedules the cross figures are not extended to the totals column and balanced to prove their correctness. Balances reported the previous year and entered on the Schedule forms issued by the Connexional Office are altered without any attempt at a reconciliation statement. These changes show discrepancies of £366/4/6 in the amounts reported as being held for special purposes; of £133/19/9 in the amount of reported credit balances carried forward and of £375/12/3 in the reported debit balances brought forward.

All these grave faults would disappear if circuit superintendents would take action as soon as they receive their supply of schedule forms, arrange for audits to be conducted early in October and then copy and check up their returns in time to reach the District Secretaries by 31st October.

In face of the discouraging circumstances the District Secretaries have done their work with a zeal and a capacity for which the whole church owes them a debt of gratitude. All are nominated for re-appointment for the ensuing year as follows:—

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

South Auckland—Mr. J. T. Bryant, Matangi, Waikato.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. G. H. White, 329 Devon Street West, 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. S. Gapper, 12 Heriot Row, Dunedin.

8.—General.

The financial returns show a continuance of the improved economic condition that was reflected in last year's report. The aggregate receipts show an increase of £2,336/12/-. Loans repaid during the year total £13,456/4/6 being an increase of £4,278/8/3 over the repayments of the previous year. A pleasing feature of the returns is that the amount of interest paid on loans and bank overdrafts has decreased by £712/12/-. Mortgage debts have been reduced by £7,515/15/6. New properties have been purchased and buildings erected to the value of £7,926 as against £13,657 the previous year. Sums aggregating £27,032 are reported as being held on trust for special purposes. Debit balances on the trust accounts are reported as being £592 less than last year whilst credit balances reported show an increase of £780. On the whole the financial state of the trusts gives evidence of marked improvement. The insurance cover against fire and earthquake again shows substantial increase.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary for Church Property.

Christchurch,

20th December, 1937.

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 they be re-appointed.
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 preceeding 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."

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Report for 1937.

For the financial year ended 30th September the amount received in repayment of current loans has been £3,297/8/3. This is £812/19/9 more than the repayments in the previous year owing to a substantial prepayment by the Invercargill Central Trustees. The amount of loans current at the end of the financial year was £21,290/17/9.

Sites Fund.

Grants totalling £215 have been made from the Sites Fund as follow :—
Beach-haven £30, Kaitaia £15, Waitarere £20, Wainoni £75, Riccarton £75. Northcote trust, as per agreement, refunded a grant of £75, the property having been sold.

The revenue from this Fund has been partly derived from the interest on the investment in mortgage securities of a sum of £1000 of moneys held in trust by the Treasurers of the Loan Fund. As was pointed out last year income from this source is uncertain as the capital may be called up at any time. Indeed only £813/0/6 now earns interest for this Fund. To meet a demand for trust money called up the Committee has had to realise one of its interest earning securities. The only reliable revenue is that derived from annual grants from the Home Mission Fund and the Fire Insurance Fund.

During the short period the Sites Fund has been in existence it has assisted in the acquirement of 38 sites by grants aggregating £1,857. The greater part of that sum has gone to the Auckland District. The following table gives the details :—

District	Grants	Amounts
Auckland	15	£617 0 0
South Auckland	4	257 10 0
Taranaki-Wanganui	1	25 0 0
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	1	75 0 0
Wellington	7	272 10 0
Nelson	1	12 10 0
North Canterbury	4	300 0 0
South Canterbury	Nil	Nil
Otago-Southland	5	297 10 0
Totals	38	£1,857 0 0

Loans Repaid.

During the year loans have been fully repaid by the following trusts:—
Roskill Church, Waimamaku Church, Kohukohu Church, Te Aroha School, Maeroa Church, Taneatua Church, Ngatea Church, Johnsonville Church, Picton Parsonage, Springlands Church, Papanui School and Invercargill Central No. 1 church loan.

Re-arrangements and New Loans.

Loans have been re-arranged with the following trusts:—Otahuhu, Te Puke, Miramar, Fitzgerald Avenue, Edgeware Road and North Brighton. New loans have been advanced as follow:—Remuera £500, Penrose £50, Patea £75, Levin £500, Westport £50, Hokitika £100, Fitzgerald Avenue £875, New Brighton £730, Edgeware Road £250, Templeton £10.

Current Loans.

The following table shows the loans current in each District and the liabilities to the Fund as at the date of the annual balance:—

District	Loans	Liabilities			Arrears and Interest	
		£	s.	d.	£	s. d.
Auckland	14	2,915	1	2	551	16 9
South Auckland	14	3,941	0	7	932	7 10
Taranaki-Wanganui	10	2,487	7	4	157	15 8
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	7	1,418	13	6	225	4 5
Wellington	8	2,139	9	5	64	2 7
Nelson	8	779	12	7	28	15 10
North Canterbury	17	6,203	6	3	76	1 4
South Canterbury	2	293	15	0	17	1 3
Otago-Southland	12	2,674	18	10	1,135	2 3
Totals	92	£22,853	4	8	£3,188	7 11

Auckland District.

Devonport and Vauxhall have each reduced their liabilities during the year. Mangere East trust is slipping back, no payment having been received since April, 1936. The matter of moneys held for special purposes at Manurewa and at Ruatangata should be looked into and reported upon by the Synod.

South Auckland District.

The case of Opotiki needs special consideration by the Synod and by the Home Mission Department. Whakatane is rearranging its finances and the outlook is more hopeful than for some years. The Synod might give attention to the vacant sections held at Kakahi and Kerepehi.

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

Inglewood defaulted soon after receiving its loan and is not reducing its debt. The Synod is asked to investigate the position. The property at Rangataua acquired for a parsonage site in 1910 is still unused and on it a debt is owing to the Loan Fund.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District.

Gisborne is in arrears with its repayments. Wairoa has defaulted since 1934 and Dannevirke is also in arrears with the prospect of an early settlement.

Wellington District.

The only case in this district calling for comment is that of the Hataitai church trust which has made no payment since last March.

Nelson District.

Havelock trust is dilatory in its repayments. The site at Flaxbourne should, in the judgment of the Committee, be taken over by the Blenheim trust. The Springlands trust holds a sum of £10 in respect of the Renwick-town property. When convenient this should be paid to the Connexional Office to be held in trust for developmental work at Renwicktown. The leasehold sections at Seddon could fittingly be taken over by the Blenheim trust.

North Canterbury District.

The Hawarden debt has been reduced by the sale of a section. Templeton has not fulfilled its obligation in respect of a small special loan.

South Canterbury District.

Timaru for the first time is in arrears with repayment of loan instalments but as regular payment is guaranteed by the Ladies' Guild an early settlement may confidently be anticipated.

Otago-Southland District.

St. Clair is apparently still unable to meet its obligations to the Fund. Caversham trust, which received a special grant from the Natural Calamities Fund to extinguish two private loans, has not, as anticipated, reduced its liability to the Fund. Dundas Street has made no payment since May, 1936. Mornington has resumed payments but instalments are not yet up to date. Synod should give earnest consideration to the problems in this District. Invercargill Central is to be congratulated upon the prepayment of its No. 1 loan.

Breach of Rules.

Some trusts ignore the Church Property Regulations, particularly Regulation 6 on page 188 of the Law Book. Morrinsville and Stratford have not observed the rule governing the sale of property. The regulations embody the wisdom of long experience and disregard of them has created some of the gravest property problems confronting the Connexion to-day.

Committee for 1938.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year:—The Connexional Secretary, The Chairman of the North Canterbury District (ex officio), the Rev. Edward Drake, the Superintendent of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Riccarton and St. Albans circuits together with Messrs. H. de R. Flesher (Lay Treasurer), C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, R. W. Brighting, J. H. Kidd, H. J. S. Harrington, F. W. J. Belton, R. Laine and S. Sayers.

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

SALES, LEASES AND MORTGAGES SANCTIONED.

The Committee has given its sanction to the following:—

1.—SALES.

Three Kings Property.—Sale of sections 1 to 26 fronting Landscape Road at not less than £275 per section. Proceeds not to be used for maintenance but only for capital expenditure. This sanction does not prejudice the freedom of Conference in relation to the remaining properties of the Trust.

- Otahuhu.**—Sale of parsonage at £750. Proceeds in excess of debt of £550 to be held in trust for a new parsonage.
- Waihi.**—Sale of cottages at £75 and £100. Proceeds to be used or to be held in trust for permanent improvement of property. Interest only may be used for current trust expenses.
- Kamo.**—Permission of trustees approved for Kamo Coal Company to take coal. A reasonable royalty to be paid to the trustees and the Company to give assurance that property will not be injured by mining operations.
- Morrinsville.**—(a) Sale of Thames Street section. Proceeds to liquidate debt.
(b) Sale of Lear Street section £35, proceeds for permanent improvement to property.
- Turanga-o-Moana.**—Sale of section £7. Proceeds for Matamata trust.
- Mamaku.**—Sale of building for removal to Tatuani for a Sunday School. Proceeds for Rotorua Church improvements.
- Fitzroy (New Plymouth).**—Sale of Richmond Street parsonage for not less than £675 net. Proceeds to pay off mortgage debt.
- Stratford.**—Sale of section in Swansea Road for £100. Proceeds for reduction of mortgage debt.
- Torere.**—Sale of building for £40. Proceeds for permanent improvements to Taihape church.
- Halcombe.**—Sale of parsonage property for £330. Proceeds for purchase of new parsonage.
- Kuripuni.**—Sale of parsonage and part of land for £300. Proceeds to repay debt of £250 any balance to be held in trust at Connexional Office for future developmental work at Kuripuni.
- Hawarden.**—Sale of section for £60. Proceeds to reduce debt to Loan Fund.
- Halswell.**—Sale of section for £45. Proceeds to be added to sum already held in trust by Connexional Office for re-opening at Halswell or for approved extension or developmental work in Addington circuit.
- Mosgiel.**—Sale of 10 feet at parsonage for £25. Proceeds for permanent improvements to parsonage.
- Gore.**—Sale of right-of-way to Gore Club for £20. Proceeds for Gore new parsonage fund.

2.—LEASE.

- Kai Iwi Mission Trust.**—Lease of 377 acres for 21 years.

3.—MORTGAGES.

- Thames.**—Sanction to raise £400 to pay off bank overdraft and to finance erection of bungalow. Surplus revenue to create a Sinking Fund to repay mortgage.
- Karori.**—Approval of State Advances Mortgage £850 for 30 years to repay existing mortgage. Trustees urged to keep in view an application for a loan so as to pay off interest-bearing debt.
- Lower Hutt.**—Renewal of mortgage for five years approved, Church £1,900, parsonage £400.
- Company Bay, Dunedin.**—Mortgage of £3000 to complete undertaking. Guaranteed by Social Service Department of Dunedin Mission and expected to be paid off in eighteen months from November, 1936.

4.—GIFT TO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY TRUSTEES.

Matangi.—In consultation with the Home Mission Department sanction was granted for the gift to the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees of one rood, being Lot 10, on Deposited Plan 9246 being portion of Allotment 45 in the Parish of Tamahere and comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 224, folio 237, Auckland Registry. The gift is governed by a registered Declaration of Trust dated 14th July, 1937, whereby the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees have covenanted and agreed as follows :—

1. THAT the Presbyterian Trustees will forthwith at their own cost erect on the said land a Sunday School and Social Hall.

2. THAT the Presbyterian Trustees will permit and allow the Methodist Trustees and all persons interested in or connected with the Methodist Church to use and occupy free of charge the said Sunday School and Social Hall at such reasonable times as shall be mutually agreed upon between the parties hereto and upon the same conditions as the Church of the Methodist Trustees now erected on the land adjoining the said land is now available for the use of the followers of the Presbyterian Church and for so long as the existing arrangement for Presbyterian worship in the Methodist Church continues.

3. THAT if at any time hereafter the Presbyterian congregation ceases to hold services in the said Methodist Church the said land and the buildings erected thereon shall be offered back to the Methodist Trustees at a valuation of the buildings erected thereupon the value of such buildings to be mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto or in the event of their being unable to agree then the value shall be determined by two arbitrators or their umpire in the terms of the provisions of The Arbitration Act, 1908.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

Christchurch,

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

12th October, 1937.

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 upon by 31st March, 1939).
3. That the Trust matters of Thorndon and St. Clair and other Trusts in similar difficulties be referred to the Loan Fund Committee for special consideration during the year to report to next Conference.
4. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
5. 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, E. T. Olds, 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, W. B. Young and 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) **HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU**: The Superintendents of the Palmerston North, Feilding and Hastings Circuits. Messrs. G. H. Stiles and T. R. Hodder.
- (e) **WELLINGTON**: Rev. A. M. Costain, Messrs. B. J. Lynneberg and C. H. Hain, LL.B.
- (f) **NELSON**: The ministers of the Blenheim Circuit, Messrs. H. Oldham, F. H. Southgate, J. S. White.
- (g) **SOUTH CANTERBURY**: The ministers of the Timaru, Temuka and Ashburton Circuits; Messrs. W. G. Irwin, J. W. Holdgate and A. W. Barnett.
- (h) **OTAGO-SOUTHLAND**: The minister of Trinity Church, Rev. L. B. Neale, Messrs. C. F. Roberts, D. C. Cameron, and as Southland sub-committee, the superintendent of the Invercargill Central Circuit, Messrs. A. S. Froggatt, A. Noble.

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

During the year the following Deeds have been received for safe custody:

Birkenhead .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 692 folios 268 and 270
Beach-haven .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 681 folio 251.
Onehunga .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 468 folio 269.
Onehunga .. ..	..	Conveyance 125264.
Penrose .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 385 folio 221.
Kaitaia .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 689 folio 161.
Kohatutaka .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 683 folio 286.
Frankton Junction ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 176 folio 211.
Matangi .. ..	..	Declaration of Trust with Presbyterians
Patea .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 134 folio 30.
Okato .. ..	..	Conveyance 40,315.
Levin .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 56 folio 89.
Waitarere .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 458 folio 47.
Nelson South .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 53 folio 170.
Fitzgerald Avenue (Christchurch) .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 33 folio 25.
Wainoni .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 449 folio 132.
Riccarton .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 450 folio 46.
Company Bay (Dunedin)	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 274 folio 178.
Gore .. ..	..	Certificate of Title Vol. 73 folio 130.

Many deeds are still held by legal firms where no mortgage requirements are to be fulfilled. Others are in the hands of local trust officers. It is important that effect be given to the Conference requirement that wherever possible the deeds should be in the hands of the Custodian.

Superintendent ministers are urged to bring the registrations of trustees up to date. Many trusts are in need of revision. Names still appear on the Register of trustees who died or resigned many years ago. Some elected trustees have not been registered and they cannot legally act until the Authorised Representative has issued a certificate of Registration.

Alterations in the Register of Trustees have been made affecting the following properties:—Sandringham, Airedale Street Mission, Richmond Avenue, Pakuranga, Avondale, Devonport, Onehunga, Papakura, Dome

Valley, Russell, Port Albert, Kaukapakapa, Thames, Te Aroha, Hamilton Frankton Junction, Rototuna, Rotorua, Te Kuiti, Fitzroy, Waitara, Midhurst, Eltham, Kaponga, Awatuna, Okato, Aramoho Wanganui East, Ohura, Gisborne, Mangapapa, Greenmeadows, Palmerston North (Cuba Street), Taikorea, Ormondville, Makotuku, Karori, Newtown, Hataitai, Upper Hutt, Mauriceville, Nelson, Richmond, Hope, Greymouth, Granity, Millerton, Marshlands, St. Albans (Rugby Street), Belfast, Riccarton, Riccarton Village, Masham, Templeton, Irwell, Ohoka, Horrelville, Woodend, Woodlands St. (Timaru), Waimataitai, Wakanui, Dundas Street (Dunedin), St. Kilda, Mosgiel, Cromwell, Gore, Greenhills, Wild Bush, Ohai.

Sixty-eight trusts have come under revision. These revisions have involved the removal of 186 trustees from the Register and the registration of 177 new trustees.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Custodian and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch,
12th October, 1937.

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 1938-1939.
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?

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

Report for Year Ending 31st October, 1937.

The Members of the Board have to report that the net result for the year shows a slight improvement, the expenditure on repairs and maintenance being considerably less than last year.

The prospects for the coming year are brighter, as the Board have been able to increase some of the rentals.

The Board can see its way to make a contribution of at least £350 to the College during the coming year.

The following are the names of the Members of the Board:—Messrs. W. Ambury, W. E. Lewisham, F. Winstone, A. J. Buttle, A. W. Parker, J. Stanton, J. Tyler, T. L. Hames, J. Veale, Revs. Dr. Laws and Dr. Ranston.

JAMES TYLER, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE REPORT, SEPT. 30th, 1937.

The annual meeting of Trustees was held in Pitt Street Church Parlour on October the 26th.

Rev. E. T. Olds Chairman, with Dr. Ranston and five Trustees present, apologies for others.

Rents were reported fully paid up to September 30th, and sum of £350 paid off mortgage which now stands at £1,070, the sum of £250 was paid to Trinity College. In accordance with previous resolution no further grant could be made but the sums of £100 would be paid to the College for the year ending March, 1938, and also the year ending March, 1939.

Full consideration was given to the suggestion of a Committee on Church Finance and it was unanimously decided that the suggestions were neither desirable nor practicable.

A letter from the Trustees in the Estate of the late Neville Newcomb was considered in which a request was made to sell their interest in the remaining term of the lease with the buildings thereon for the sum of £33,000.

After full consideration it was unanimously resolved.—That the question of purchase could not be entertained and further the sum suggested was altogether too high, taking into consideration the present value of the buildings the depreciation of the same in the past and in future years.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

Report for 1937.

The Board has met frequently during the past year and has dealt with many applications for financial assistance. A careful review has also been made as to the necessity for continuing assistance previously granted.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure shows that £304/14/- has been disbursed in grants, and at the end of the year there was a balance in hand of £162/11/10.

THOS. A. JOUGHIN, Chairman.

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

Report for Conference, 1938.

In presenting the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1937, the Board would place on record its sincere appreciation of the untiring efforts of the Matron and Staff of the Masterton Children's Home in the interests of the children in their care, and would also record its appreciation of the help and co-operation of the Masterton Home Committee.

During the year the Board has suffered a great loss in the passing of Mr. L. J. Clark, and would place on record its appreciation of his fine character and helpful service.

It is felt necessary to increase the number of trustees and the nomination of four gentlemen has been forwarded to Conference.

Income for the year has increased by sixty pounds over last year's figures, and while expenditure exceeds income by fourteen pounds, it must be noted that expenditure has been charged with the following:—

Remittances to Masterton Home	450
Depreciation, Masterton Home	150
Grant Home Mission Fund	360
(earmarked for Maori Work)	
	£960

With the increase in the prosperity of the Dominion it is hoped that further support will be accorded to the Masterton Home, leaving a greater portion of the income of the Board to be devoted to other purposes.

Repairs and Maintenance of the Board's properties at Kelburn have again proved a heavy expenditure and in view of the age of the dwellings there seems small possibility of any substantial reduction of this item in the future.

Special Appeal for 1940.

The Board views with concern the suggestion of the Christchurch Committee to exclude the Maori Girls School project from the Special Appeal authorised for 1940, and is of the opinion that Conference has definitely committed itself to co-operate with this Board.

In view of the fact that the number of Trustees of this Board has been reduced below the minimum required by Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Trusts Act 1916, and by virtue of Section 7 of the said Act the present trustees unanimously recommend that the following gentlemen be appointed as additional trustees. A. E. Bate of Masterton, C. E. Dowland of Wellington, E. C. Feltham of Wellington, J. H. Handyside of Masterton.

In conclusion the Board have much pleasure in sending a unanimous recommendation to Conference for the re-appointment of Rev. P. R. Paris as Chairman of the Board and the Committee at Masterton as now constituted.

J. A. KELIOW, Secretary.

Wellington,
28th January, 1938.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Messrs. A. E. Bate, C. E. Dowland, E. C. Feltham and J. H. Handyside be appointed additional Trustees and that the Rev. P. R. Paris be reappointed Chairman.

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

RESOLUTION.

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

6.—MARTIN BROTHERS—MEMORIAL REST HOME.

Annual Report, 1937.

Over two years ago Mr. James Martin, of Mt. Eden, gave his home and property in Mountain Road, Mt. Eden to enable older people of our Church to have a home in their necessity, but the limitations of finance for furnishing, equipping, staffing and maintaining such a home, have made the immediate use of this splendid gift property impossible.

During the year the property has been well let and kept in good order by the tenants. Fire insurance, land tax, rates, and the cost of repairs have been paid, and the credit balance now at the Bank stands at £131/12/8.

FREDERICK J. PARKER,
Secretary of Trust Board.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

7.—THOMAS EVE TRUST.

A Board set up by the Trustees in the estate of the late Thomas Eve of Ashburton to hold upon trust all monies and other benefits that are or may be made available by the Executors and Trustees named in the last Will and Testament of the late Deceased brother for such purposes connected with what is known as the Baring Square Methodist Church and its present and future work as may from time to time be determined by the said Board.

A resolution has been approved that the corpus of the estate shall be preserved intact so as to extend its present work and future activities and to strengthen and extend under the direction of the recognised Courts of the Baring Square Methodist Church the work of the Methodist Church of New Zealand throughout the bounds of the Ashburton County.

The legacy embraces investments covering several thousand pounds and the Baring Square Church has received direct bequests for various purposes running into several hundreds of pounds.

ANGUS McBEAN.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

8.—TAKAPUNA REST NOME.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the proposal to sell the property be referred to the Trustees in consultation with Mrs. W. S. Potter and the Church Building and Loan Fund.

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

Report of the Board, 1937.

Herewith are furnished the audited statements of accounts for the financial year ended 31st October. The income from all sources amounted to £3,311/4/2. This is £234/15/11 less than last year, the reduction being due to the operation of the factors set forth in last year's report and a further increase in premium rebates.

Risks Carried.

The Department now carries risks on 945 properties made up of 423 churches, 206 schools, halls etc., 168 parsonages and 148 risks of a miscellaneous character. These risks give a total cover of £700,874. In addition the Department has arranged for other insurances of various sorts to a total amount of £128,418/11/9. The insurances in which the Board is interested therefore aggregate £829,292/11/9 of which a large proportion is covered by re-insurance.

Claims for Loss.

Claims for losses during the year amounting to £86/15/1 have been met from re-insurances and are as follow : Brooklyn (plate-glass) £17/12/2; Lower Hutt (plate-glass) £34/5/5; Kingsland £3/17/6; Linwood £13/10/-; Riccarton parsonage £17/10/-.

Funds.

The Accumulated Fund has been increased to £28,000. The Fire Loss Reserve Account now stands at £3,140. The Investment Contingency Reserve Account amounts to £963/2/1.

Grants.

Last year grants amounting to £1,413 were made. This year there remains only a divisible surplus of £1,114/0/8. The Board recommends that from this amount grants be made to the following Connexional Funds and Institutions.

ORDINARY GRANTS :

Home Acquirement Fund	£320
Deaconess House	100
Foreign Mission Fund	100
Home Mission Fund	100
Benevolent Fund	75
Church Sites Fund	50
Youth Department	50
"Methodist Times"	50
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	£845
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SPECIAL :

Foreign Mission Doctor Fund	30
Home Mission Fund	25
Trinity College	125
Youth Department	25
Natural Calamities Fund (conditional)	50
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	£255
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Grand Total 1,100

The Board attaches to the proposed grant for the Natural Calamities Fund the condition that a similar sum of £50 shall have been raised for this Fund from other sources and the further condition that grants from the Natural Calamities Fund shall be made by joint agreement between the Home Mission Board and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

Board of Management.

During the year the Rev. F. T. Read, a valued member of the Board passed away and the Rev. F. B. Lawrence was appointed to fill the vacancy.

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

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.
 GEORGE J. SMITH, Lay Treasurer.
 M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

29th November, 1937.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.**Grants for Natural Calamities.**

The Fire Insurance Board carefully considered the Home Mission resolutions of the last Conference (Minutes 1937, pages 134, 135) relating to a further grant to the Natural Calamities Fund and to the special case of Woodville. It also reviewed the recommendation of the Otago-Southland Synod relating to Port Chalmers and has now fully considered the recent resolution of the Home Mission Board requesting Conference to seek a substantial grant for the Relief Fund. Under the regulations of the Fire Insurance Fund grants cannot be appropriated for local trusts but only for Connexional Departments, Institutions and Funds. The Natural Calamities Relief Fund is such a Fund and in the judgment of the Fire Insurance Board should be built up each year so that relief resources may be available if and

when emergencies arise. The original grant from the Fire Insurance Fund was made for the purpose of setting up such a Fund. It cannot be contended that a Fund of this nature is actually established if the total revenues, derived from one source only and without supplementary grants from other Funds, or the raising of amounts to qualify for a grant, are immediately or even in advance allocated to specific trusts.

Grants from the Fire Insurance Fund cannot be made until moneys are actually available for distribution. The nature of insurance business is such that anticipated profits are purely problematical and should not be spent before they are actually earned. The earning power of the Fire Insurance Fund must steadily decrease. Statutory enactments, continuous increases in bonus allowances and rebates, reductions in basic premiums, replacement of wooden structures by buildings in more permanent materials, reduced covers consequent on lessened fire risks and reduced insurable values of old buildings must inevitably reduce future earnings. No substantial further increase of business is likely as the activities of the Fund have probably passed their peak. Another financial crisis might still further reduce the interest earning capacity of the Fund. To meet contingencies prudent administration demands a larger reserve if insuring trusts are to be adequately protected and the past standard of grants maintained.

Many years ago the Conference directed that not less than £1000 be annually set aside for reserves. Despite the great growth of the department in the last eleven years—a process now arrested—that annual sum has not been increased excepting for the setting aside of £100 per annum for an Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund to protect the invested capital.

At the Conference of 1927, the risks in which the department was interested aggregated £452,609. In the last eleven years these risks have increased to £829,292. The Fund itself carries risks amounting to £357,531 in excess of its re-insurances. In the face of that position the Board dares not contemplate any departure from the present regulation requiring £1000 per annum to be added to reserves.

The Fire Insurance Fund was established in 1899. For the period of 28 years up till the Conference of 1927 it was only able to distribute grants totalling £4,706 and the annual grants never exceeded £700. In the last eleven years no less a sum than £12,238/10/- has been distributed for Connexional purposes. In the last eight years of economic stress grants totalling £10,067 have been made, averaging £1,258 per annum and exceeding by £1,727 the aggregate reserves appropriated during the same period for the stabilising of the Funds of the Department.

The grants recommended to the Conference of 1938 include a conditional grant of £50 for the Natural Calamities Relief Fund. The Board as the responsible administrative body firmly adheres to the recommendations embodied in its report. If, in face of the judgment of the Board a substantial grant, of say £400 is recommended by the Conference for the Natural Calamities Relief Fund in this or any subsequent year such grant can only be made by reducing the measure of assistance to Funds, Institutions and Departments which have come to rely upon regular assistance and have framed their budgets accordingly.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 14th February, 1938.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Supplementary Report, Revenue Account and Balance Sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That from the divisible surplus grants aggregating £1100 be now allocated as recommended in the Report.

3. 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.
4. That the members of the Board of Management for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
5. To enable the Fire Insurance Board to make a more adequate grant to the Natural Calamities Fund during the year, the provision of Conference requiring £1000 to be placed annually to the reserve Fund be suspended for one year, the amount voted for the coming year to the reserve account be £800 and the balance of £200 be paid into the Natural Calamities Fund.

That the appeal from Port Chalmers for special help from the Natural Calamities Fund be referred to the Administrators of the Natural Calamities Fund for their favourable consideration.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1937.

The reports of the various Departments conducted in the Connexional Office indicate the scope of its work. These reports will be presented to Conference by the various Boards and Committees. During the year the wages of clerks were substantially increased by legislative enactments and by awards. The increased expense has been met without asking for increased appropriations because of staff changes.

Finance.

The financial statement shows a satisfactory position and the same appropriations as were granted last year are asked for, namely :—

Church Building and Loan Fund	£215
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	£375
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	£466
Contingent Fund	£180
"Methodist Times" Fund	£170

Committee.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the ensuing year :—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace and St. Albans 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. E. D. Sincock, H. Chapman and W. L. Thomas.

Review.

The following table furnishes interesting information showing the volume of office business for the financial years preceding the Conferences of 1902, 1911, 1927 and 1938.

	1902	1911	1927	1938
Total Funds	£11,179	£15,769	£189,319	£280,537
Total Receipts	3,621	6,013	23,346	26,352
Total Working Expenses of Funds and Office ..	544	560	1,091	1,783
Percentage of Expenses to Receipts	£15	£9 6 0	£4 16 0	£6 15 3*
Percentage of Expenses to Funds	£4 16 0	£3 10 0	£0 10 0	£0 12 0*

*N.B.—These increases are accounted for by reduced interest earning ratio and increased administrative costs occasioned by legislative enactments.

Appointment of Connexional Secretary.

The Committee unanimously recommends the re-appointment of the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for a further term of six years. In doing so it again records its opinion that the Church is fortunate in having in this office one possessing the business gifts which are his, while retaining the pastoral sympathies, and the pulpit efficiency which he possessed before he was called to this important administrative position in our Church.

On behalf of the Committee,

H. HOLLAND, Chairman.

F. THOMPSON, Secretary.

Christchurch,
18th January, 1938.

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.
4. That the Conference reappoints the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt to the office of Connexional Secretary for a further term of six years from the Conference of 1939.

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 re-opened on March 8th with eighteen students in residence. The resignation of one of these, Mr. J. D. Collister, M.Sc., has been accepted by the President on the recommendation of the College Council. There was also one student for the Ministry of the Congregational Church. A letter has been received from the College Council of that Church expressing its appreciation of the training given to their men, and stating that "residence at Trinity is of inestimable value." Save for seasonable minor ailments the health of the men has been good, and there has been a fine fellowship and devotion to studies. With a single exception, the spiritual and moral tone has been of a high order. Mr. E. S. Hoddinott, elected Senior Divinity student, has been an excellent occupant of a worthy office.

(2). Students Clements, Harkness, Hoddinott, Laws, Petch, Silvester, and Williams are due to leave College this year. Everyone has the makings of a good Methodist minister.

(3). The Hostel has been full, with hardly a vacancy during the year. Every effort is made with sympathy and understanding to influence and guide these men for good. It cannot be fruitless that so many students of all the faculties of the University and Training College should reside in a College which is definitely spiritual in its atmosphere. The Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., and Mrs. Blight, M.A., spare no efforts in the administration of the domestic side of the College life, which entails no little care and anxiety.

(4). At the **University College** the following students have attended lectures, and if the Term's examinations are passed they will proceed to the Degree examinations in November: Petch (Hebrew I, Philosophy II), Laws (Hebrew I, Philosophy II), Silvester (Hebrew I, Philosophy I), Watson (Philosophy II, Education I, Hebrew Preliminary), Winiata (Maori I, Education III), Hayman (sitting in November for B.A. in English I, Education II). Mr. Harkness is studying for the Melbourne final B.D. degree.

(5). The **Tutorial Work** receives the very careful consideration of the Board of Studies, which several times during the year gives a particular review to the work of each individual student. The teaching this year has been as follows:—

- (a) The Principal has twice a week each read with the Senior men parts of the New Testament in Greek and also, in preparation for University work, taught classical Greek. Once a week he has taught N.T. Teaching (The Fourth Gospel and the Epistles of St. John); N.T. Exegesis (John chs. 14-17, I Epistle of St. Peter); O.T. Introduction and Exegesis (The Prophets and the Isaianic Servant of the Lord sections); Intermediate N.T. Greek for second year's men; O. T. Teaching (The Prophets), Elements of Logic and a short course in comparative Religion. At the University five classes per week have been taught the Hebrew Old Testament, five of the students being our own men. A weekly theological class for candidates has also been held.
- (b) Mr. Blight has twice a week each taught classes in Systematic Theology (Introd: God; the Barthian theology); Junior Greek, and Religious Education. The last subject is now a special course covering three year's work. It is intensively and comprehensively treated in all the departments of child and adolescent Psychology, Paedagogy, and Youth Organisation, etc. Once a week classes have been held in N.T. Introduction (Fourth Gospel and non-Pauline Epistles); Pastoral Theology (special emphasis on circuit administration); Intermediate Greek (sections of N.T. have been read). A weekly Bible Knowledge class for candidates has been held. As President of the Auckland S.S. Union Mr. Blight has been in touch with Auckland school activities.
Both Principal and Tutor have set each term test papers in Old and New Testament knowledge, and both share in the preaching at the Collegiate Church, and take a full proportion of services in the City and suburban circuits.
- (c) Dr. Laws has heard all the students preach, and held the weekly Sermon Criticism class. Once a week he has taught Homiletics to the Junior men, and once a fortnight lectured on English literature to the men of all years.
- (d) Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A., has given weekly individual and collective instruction on Voice Production and Public Speaking. The Rev. E. P. Blamires, has delivered three lectures on Youth Work and its organisation. Several times during the year the College has been visited and the men have been helped by the addresses of notable visitors from overseas.

If the above course is carefully considered it will be seen that the aim is to provide a thorough course of training for an efficient Methodist Ministry.

(6). In **Practical Work** the men have shown commendable activity. Every Sunday some 12 to 16 men have conducted, and many appreciative comments have been heard. They have acted as Student-Pastors and led a Boy's Club. Under the expert guidance of Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A., they have all received practical instruction in Sunday School work at the Epsom Sunday School, an extension of our work instituted this year. Methodists to whom Donald Soper's work on the Tower Hill at London is an example of true Methodist evangelistic fervour should be delighted to find our own men doing similar open-air work on Friday evenings in front of Pitt Street Church, and also drawing crowds. Almost all attended and led in the Easter Bible Class camps. Most either undertook mission work or engaged in supply work during the vacation. So popular are they that the Principal has difficulty in filling all the applications for their services. Bible classes,

Y.M.C.A., C.E.'s., Mission churches, have all been assisted, and in the Christian Movements within the University College interest has been effective.

(7). Many gifts, reported elsewhere, have been received for the College library and museum, indicative of sympathetic interest in our College.

(8). These are extremely critical days for the Christian church. Never was it more essential that the Ministry should be well grounded in the fundamental Gospel truths and their present day applications, and be able to present them thoughtfully and persuasively. It never was, and is not the aim of the teachers to send forth men who are merely or mainly learned scholars, but rather men with the necessary intellectual and spiritual equipment for a permanently effective evangelical ministry. Reading for University degrees, highly as this is valued, is not allowed to interfere with the ordinary studies of the men.

HARRY RANSTON,
Principal.

Trinity College,
Auckland,
October 7th, 1937.

PRINCIPAL'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Prize Awards are as follows:—

The Edson for Greek New Testament—Laws ; Intermediate—Johnston ; Junior—Dixon.

The Alexander Reid for Elocution and Public Speaking—Petch, (2) Waite ; Junior—Winiata.

The Garland for Systematic and Biblical Theology—Petch ; Progress—Silvester ; Junior—Dixon.

The Wagstaff for Biblical Introduction, Knowledge and Exegesis—Petch ; Progress—Lucas ; Junior—Dixon.

The Kent for English Literature—Hoddinott ; Progress—Williams ; Junior—Dawson.

All men attending the University passed their sections for the B.A. degree.

H. RANSTON, Principal.

20th December, 1937.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

The Council expresses thanks to God as it records another year of fine achievement in the training of men for our Ministry. Careful and consistent consideration has been given to every phase of the College life and work by the Standing Committees set up by the Council while a constant guard has been kept on the financial position, resulting in the smooth working and fine efficiency of the College. Interest in the College working has been well maintained by members of the Council, the attendances being even better than last year.

The Students.

The progress of the students in their studies and the reports of their preaching and vacation work have come before the Council from time to time. Keenest appreciation has been expressed from a number of Circuits where Students have been conducting Missions and it has been made evident that the Students seek to maintain a high standard of Christian life and devotion while their evangelical zeal is unbounded.

Hostel.

The experience of last year, when the Hostel was full to capacity, has been repeated this year, there being only rare occasions when a room was left vacant. Already every room save two has been booked up for 1938 and an increasing number are staying in the College right through the long vacation. It has been interesting to observe as the Hostel has gradually filled up to capacity that the proportion of the Hostel Fees to the cost of the House and Service has risen from about 45% to well over 100%, which means that the entire cost so far as House and Service is concerned is met by the income from Hostel fees. The new "Aga" Cooker recently installed is giving every satisfaction and fulfils the promise of considerable savings in power and gas. The relationships between the Hostel men and the Divinity men continue to be of a cordial nature and this year they have combined in a weekly fellowship group, discussing religious and social questions in a fine devotional atmosphere.

With the College and Hostel full almost to capacity there has been a very steady strain on the domestic side of affairs but under the skilful management of the Rev. and Mrs. Blight the internal machinery has worked smoothly and economically. The Council has again gone on record in full appreciation of the splendid service rendered by Mrs. Blight, M.A. in her capable direction of domestic operations.

College and Community.

Increasing use is being made of the College and its splendid facilities as a rallying ground for religious movements. During October the Auckland Ministers Association has made the College the headquarters of a School of Theology extending over several days, while earlier in the year the Oxford Groupers were in residence for a long week-end. During our last Conference the College opened its doors to a "House Party" of paying guests and the representatives so privileged expressed themselves in glowing terms of appreciation concerning the amenities and atmosphere of Trinity.

Finance.

The complete figures available in the Treasurer's Statement to the Conference will reveal the difficulties faced by the Council in carrying on over this year. With our main source of Income from the Probert Trust still a long way from our requirements the most careful financing has been necessary and we gladly pay our tribute to those concerned for the way in which we have been piloted through the difficult way.

We are again greatly indebted to Trusts and Boards which have stood by us in our need and special thanks are here tendered to the Connexional Fire Insurance Board, Prince Albert College Trust Board, as well as to the Probert and Emsly Trust Boards.

Gifts.

Valuable gifts continue to be made to the College Library and the Council cordially acknowledges its gratitude to the following donors:— Rev. W. H. Speer, Mr. Henry Field, Mrs. Law, Rev. A. H. Voyce, Rev. G. K. Smith, Mr. W. S. Smith, Rev. W. A. Sinclair, Mr. F. Lockwood, Mr. J. Belton, Rev. R. Grice, Dr. C. H. Laws, Sir Chas. Fergusson, Rev. A. Mitchell, Rev. T. J. Wallis, Mr. W. H. Ferens, Rev. M. A. R. Pratt, Remuera Church (per Rev. W. Walker), Mr. A. H. Reed, Mr. F. W. Reed.

Thanks and Appreciation.

As the paramount work of the College passes under review, the Council is happy in assuring the Church that most valuable tuition and most efficient training is being given to prepare the students for their wider Ministry in our Church. The Council gratefully recognises the faithful, efficient and

economical manner in which the work of the College is being carried on by Principal H. Ranston and the Rev. W. T. Blight, and recognises also the able assistance rendered by the visiting lecturers Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A. D.D., and Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A.

Grateful thanks is tendered to Dr. C. J. A. Griffin for his medical care of the students during the year while the appreciation of the Council is also expressed to the various examiners for their work during the year.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman,
E. S. EMMITT, Vice Chairman.
FREDERICK J. PARKER, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council met and considered the reports from Synods. Resolution from Auckland Synod in re Deaconess Commission Report. The Council resolved:—"That this College Council, having been asked by the Auckland District Synod to give careful consideration to the proposals of the Deaconess Commission in their relationship to the College Council, reminds Conference that provision is made for such work in the Trinity College Constitution, (page 8, Amendments and Additions to Law Book) but provided there is no modification of this Constitution, we offer no objection to the scheme, but in the light of the experience of this Council, which investigated similar proposals in 1934 and also in 1935, we strongly urge that the fullest enquiries be made concerning the supply of trainees before any expenditure is undertaken or appointments made."

Additional Gifts.

Additional gifts to the College Library have been gratefully received from the following donors:—Mrs. H. Scott, Rev. E. T. Olds, Colonel Thomas, England.

A new feature in the Museum is the Missionary Curio section; the Rev. W. A. Sinclair has laid the foundation with valuable gifts and there are promises of others from Dr. Laws and Rev. A. H. Scrivin.

Council for 1938.

The following are recommended to Conference as the College Council for 1938:—Dr. H. Ranston (Principal), Rev. W. T. Blight (Resident Tutor), Dr. C. H. Laws, Revs. T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, A. B. Chappell, F. Copeland, E. S. Emmitt, H. A. Sharp, W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, E. T. Olds, E. W. Hames, Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, J. Veale, F. M. Winstone, J. Tyler, A. C. A. Sexton, A. Messer, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, G. A. White, J. S. Caughey, L. W. Peak, J. Hargraves, L. E. Rhodes.

OFFICERS.—Chairman, Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Tyler, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone, Acting Treasurer, Mr. J. S. Caughey, Hon. Secretary, Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
E. S. EMMITT, Vice-Chairman.
FRED. J. PARKER, Secretary.

Auckland,

16th December, 1937.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

In presenting to Conference the Annual Accounts of the Trinity Methodist Theological College it is gratifying to draw attention to a substantial reduction in the estimated deficit carried forward from the current year into the Budget for the year April 1st, 1938, to March 31st, 1939.

This reduction of approximately £200 is the result of recent legislation exempting Theological Colleges from the payment of Municipal General Rates, and due allowance has been made for the saving in this item in the Budget for the coming year. With the above benefit and a further expected increase in the total sum to be received from Hostel Fees a deficit of £449 has been forecast as at March 31st, 1939.

It is pleasing to note that the Probert Trust Board have been enabled to increase their 1938-1939 allocation from £250 to £350. Our thanks and appreciation are due to the various Trust Boards and Connexional Funds who have so kindly given financial assistance to the College.

We again record our thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Blight for their careful and efficient oversight of the domestic affairs of the college.

Site Acquirement Account.—Under arrangement the Bank Interest on the Site Acquirement Fund Overdraft is met each year out of the College Budget and with the receipt of a further £100 from the Hamilton Church Trust the Overdraft is now reduced to £4,343/3/6.

Organ Fund.—By the addition of Dividends and Bank Interest this Fund now stands in the books at £356/16/3.

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

PROPOSED BUDGET.

For Year Ending 31st March, 1939.

INCOME.

Probert Trust Board	£350
Emsly Trust Board	96
Prince Albert College	100
Connexional Fire Insurance	125
Contingent Fund	740
Home Mission Fund	135
Foreign Mission Fund	50
Divinity Students' Contributions	175
Congregational Church Fees	95
Hostel Fees	1566
Trinity Collegiate Church	80
Rent—Moehau Street	116
Reserve Fund	25
Deficiency 31/3/39	449
	£4,102

EXPENDITURE

Estimated Deficiency from 1937-38	513
House and Service	1500
Stipends	765
Tutors' Fees	55
Connexional Charges	123
Quarterages	136
Rates	240
Insurance	27
Telephones	34
University Fees	65
Furnishings	100
Bible Class Camp Fees	5
Repairs	191
Printing, Postage and Stationery	20
Advertising, Church Services	8
Interest :	
Site Acquirement Account	200
Moehau Street Mortgage	95
	295
Rent Board Room and Tennis Court	15
Sundries	10
	£4,102

FRANK M. WINSTONE,

Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Principal and of the Council, together with the Supplementary Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be adopted.
3. That Conference express its hearty thanks to Dr. Ranston for his splendid services as Principal of Trinity College and records its full appreciation of the devotion and ability with which he has carried out his duties as Principal.
4. That the Resident Tutor (Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.) be heartily thanked for his work and also grateful appreciation be expressed to him and Mrs. Blight, M.A., for unsparing efforts in the efficient management of the domestic arrangements of the College.
5. That we express our thankfulness that the health of Dr. Laws has permitted him to continue his valuable services to the College.
6. That thanks be tendered to Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A. (Lecturer in Elocution), to the Chairman and Secretary of the College Council (Rev. E. D. Patchett and Rev. F. J. Parker) the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. M. Winstone), and the Rev. E. P. Blamires.
7. Thanks are also tendered to the Hon. Physician (Dr. Griffin) the co-treasurer of the Site Acquirement Fund (Rev. T. A. Joughin) the auditors (Messrs. A. Messer, T. L. Hames, A. J. Buttle), the Treasurers of the Library and Prize Funds (Dr. H. Ranston and Mr. F. E. Sutherland), and that they be re-appointed.
8. Special thanks are tendered to Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A. for the practical instruction given at the Epsom Sunday School to the Students in Sunday School methods and work.

9. That the thanks of the Synod be accorded to those who have made valuable gifts to the College Library and Museum.
10. That the Prince Albert College Board and the Fire Insurance Board be specially thanked for the financial help rendered during the year.
11. That serious and favourable consideration be given by the Council to the matter of central heating in Trinity Theological College.

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, 1937.

The Board has great pleasure in reporting that prospects for this year are promising. This report has been written before the close of the financial year, but it is anticipated that the financial result of the year's activities will be known in time to incorporate full details in the supplementary agenda paper of Conference.

The Board has successfully contested an attempt by the Local Body concerned to increase the valuations of the Mount Albert Road property following the sale of a section on the frontage of that property. The Magistrate's ruling in this case was that the special reduced value for Urban Farm Lands should be continued. Generally speaking, little increase in the rates on the Board's suburban properties will be experienced this year.

The Board has arranged with the Bank of New Zealand to reduce the interest rate in respect of the Board's Long Term Mortgage to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, and suspend capital repayments for a term of five years. It has also arranged for the continuance of the interest rate on its overdraft at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum until March, 1938, and thereafter an annual review of the rate.

The Board has found it advisable to provide accommodation at the farm for a married employee. Authority has therefore been given for the erection of a house on the College property at an out-of-pocket expense of £500. The Bank has consented to advance the necessary money.

Twice during the past year officers of the New Zealand Government have sought information concerning the Three Kings property in respect of the Government's Housing Scheme. It is by no means certain that the Government contemplates the acquisition of this property, but the Board has tentatively placed a price of £210 per acre on the Three Kings and Dominion Road properties, and has made application to the Church Building and Loan Fund for permission to sell the properties if an offer is made at a satisfactory price. The Board is of the opinion that it would be unwise for it to enter upon a major subdivisional scheme, involving large expenditures for roading and development.

Permission has already been obtained from the Church Building and Loan Fund to sell 26 surveyed sections fronting Landscape Road, and forming part of the Three Kings property. Although several enquiries have been made, only one sale has been made, at a price of £315.

The Board recently received an enquiry concerning its unsold sections forming part of the Mount Albert Road property. There are 53 remaining sections which have been surveyed and are ready for sale. The Board has quoted special rates for blocks of sections acquired in the one transaction, and although it is not anticipated that sales will take place at once, it is satisfactory to note that a definite enquiry for residential sections is setting in.

A number of applications for relief under the Mortgagors and Lessees Rehabilitation Act, 1936, have been filed by tenants of the Board. Several of these applications have been settled by private negotiation, and it is anticipated that very few of them will have to be argued before the Commission.

In May last the Principal and the Rev. E. D. Patchett attended on the Board's behalf a conference of secondary and Native Secondary Schools held at Wellington. As a result of this conference the Government is increasing the number of scholarships to be awarded to Maori boys. Various other concessions were made by the Education Department which will be of advantage to the College.

Arrangements have been made with the Rev. Te Tuhi to meet once weekly all Maori scholars attending the College, thus enabling them on leaving school to lead religious services at their paha. The members of the Board feel confident that this will confer a great benefit on the Maori race.

In reference to the inauguration during 1935 of a course of citizenship training for pupils attending the school, the following published account of the success which attended the application of the course will be of interest to members of Conference:—

"Production of a body of trained citizens, disciplined, alert, obedient to command, physically and mentally fit, ready to serve their country in any time of national emergency, not necessarily war.

"This is the ideal of a course of citizenship training being carried out at Wesley College, Paerata. Masters and pupils are enthusiastic in their praise of the benefits of the course, and the college principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., stressed in an interview the value to the nation of a trained body of citizens in times of crises. Where help was needed it would be instantly available from trained men always on the spot, ready for just such an emergency.

"The committee on social relationships at the recent General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, proposed a scheme for citizenship training, suggesting that the Government should introduce such a scheme to cover the school period compulsorily, and to be continued voluntarily afterwards. Mr. Clark thought that the training course begun at Wesley College could well be expanded by the Government, applied to other New Zealand schools, and followed up when schooldays were over.

"This course of citizenship training had been inaugurated at Wesley College some two years ago, and was designed to replace military training with something more in keeping with the ideals of a church college, said Mr. Clark. There were approximately 70 boys taking the course at present, and though it covered only the school period it had proved remarkably successful. There was no question as to its value.

"Half a day each month was devoted to special citizenship training, but Mr. Clark expressed the opinion that the course should be enlarged to include a full day in each month and two weeks in camp each year. The boys greatly appreciated the training, he said, though its scope was somewhat limited through lack of proper equipment.

"Provision was made for practical instruction in life-saving and first aid to the injured. A period was devoted to physical drill, the boys being trained in mass movement. This period was intended to incorporate the more valuable aspects of military training, and the boys had attained a commendable precision and co-ordination in their movements.

"Lectures were also given on a variety of subjects including international relationships, the League of Nations, citizenship, and civics. At intervals a survey of current history was made. Masters aimed at giving an insight into world affairs deeper than would normally be obtained, and free from propaganda.

"Mr. Clark thought the course was more valuable than the military training it had replaced. The danger of war could not be lost sight of, he said, but a trained civilian body could soon be made ready for such a contingency. In times of peace, too, it would be rendering valuable service to the nation.

"Every healthy, young man should spend at least two years, as part of his training for useful citizenship, in camp, doing some such task as swamp draining, reforestation, irrigation work, or binding encroaching sandhills, said Mr. Clark. Such work would be of immediate practical value to the state, and would help in moulding the character of the individual.

"Approached concerning the training now being given at the college, other masters expressed the opinion that the ideals of the course were unique in New Zealand. The instructors, however, were greatly hampered by lack of facilities for swimming and gymnastic work.

"Life-saving was restricted almost entirely to land drill because of the lack of an adequate swimming pool. Despite the handicaps, however, there was no doubt as to the value of the training being given.

"Senior boys also expressed appreciation of the experience in leadership that the course provided. They believed that the confidence thus gained would be invaluable to them in after life."

During the past year the Board's personnel has been strengthened by the appointment of the Rev. G. I. Laurenson and Mr. K. J. Dellow as Trustees. Both these new members are taking an active interest in the welfare of Wesley College.

The report of the Principal as to the progress of the College and Farm at Paerata is attached hereto.

Members of the Board.

Mr. J. Stanton (Chairman), Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, A. H. Scrivin, A. J. Seamer, W. A. Sinclair and G. I. Laurenson, Messrs. W. Ambury, J. J. Boyce, J. T. Bryant, Stuart Caughey, T. Clark, P. Rushton, A. C. Sexton, M.P., J. Tyler, J. Veale, A. W. Westney, K. J. Dellow and E. H. Burton.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO SYNODS. 1937

We have pleasure in reporting a definite increase in the School Roll for this year. The year opened with 89 scholars enrolled, and though the number of withdrawals during the last term has been larger than usual—owing principally to boys being required on their fathers' farms—the increase over last year's figures has been well maintained.

The number of Maori boys enrolled at the beginning of the year was 31. It has been pleasing to observe the increasing number of Maori boys who are anxious to enter the College, but unfortunate that so many are still hampered by lack of funds. The Government has increased the number of Scholarships available at the College, has offered extensions Scholarships to several worthy boys, and has in other ways shown its sympathy with, and appreciation of, the work being done for the secondary education of the Maori. There still exists, however, too wide a gap between the educational facilities offered the Maori and the opportunities of adapting himself to his environment on his return. It should be a source of satisfaction to our Church to know that it is rendering an excellent and valued service to the Maori lads of the Auckland province, and to a small extent to those of Taranaki, Wellington and Southern Provinces.

This year 4 boys are being presented for the University Entrance Examination, 7 for the School Certificate, and 13 for the Intermediate Examination. The School was visited during the year by Inspectors of the Department of Education. The Secondary Inspector reported in very favourable terms on the work of the School, stating among other points that the general organisation of the School was good, and that there was evidence of a satisfactory tone and discipline. The primary School Inspector has also

reported that order, discipline and tone were very good, the games and physical training well organised, and that work in the Primary classes was progressing satisfactorily. Both Inspectors commented very favourably on the work being done by the Masters. Mr. F. Baillie, B.A., B.Sc., who was appointed First Assistant at the beginning of the year, has proved a wise selection, and has greatly assisted in the smooth and harmonious running of the school.

Owing to a strong demand that we should receive younger boys, many of whom are brothers to boys already at the School, while others are boys, who if not taken early, would be unlikely to come to us later, it was decided this year to strengthen the primary department by receiving boys in the lower standards. Mrs. Hickling, wife of the Simmonds House Master, and herself a trained Primary School Teacher, has been appointed to the charge of the lower standards.

In both Sport and Health the year has been a pleasing one. There has been very little sickness, and in Sport the School has done creditably, being unbeaten in Cricket, second in Inter-school Football, and winners of both Inter-school Swimming and Sports Competitions.

Religious instruction at the College has been shared by the Chaplain and the Principal. A Bible Class has been voluntarily conducted by the Senior Students, and a Sunday School for the younger boys has been conducted by the Principal. It is interesting to note that we have 25 boys of Methodist parentage, 12 Presbyterian, 30 Church of England, 8 Ratana, 2 Mormons and 8 of other denominations.

A pleasing feature of the School Roll has been that over 30% of the boys enrolled this year are either brothers or cousins of boys previously enrolled. Of boys already enrolled for next year, four are brothers of boys attending this year.

During the year we were honoured by a visit from the President of Conference, accompanied by Mr. Taylor of Feilding, and among other prominent visitors were Representatives of the Educational Conference held in Auckland.

Farm.—On the farm the year has been an encouraging one. The Season so far has been good, and the production of every Department promises well. Eighty odd Pedigree Friesians have been milked in No. 1 and 2 Dairy, and 60 to 70 Jerseys in No. 3 Dairy. The Butterfat average of those cows completing a lactation period has been well over 300 lbs. In addition, four Friesian Heifers have been under C.O.R. test. About 150 other cattle have been carried, principally heifers for replacements and sale.

The Sheep Department has been slightly increased and now consists of 220 Stud Southdown ewes, 80 hogget and mature stud rams, 60 Stud Southdown hogget ewes, 60 Ryeland Stud ewes and 20 other Stud Ryelands. The flock ewes now number 225. The average number of sheep carried has been about 700.

Sales of Pedigree Pigs, of which we carry 220, have been slower than usual. There has been a very heavy demand for Berkshires, and we have been unable to meet the full demand, but other breeds have not been so keenly sought after.

The high price of feed, and the difficulty in securing satisfactory labour, have led to a reduction in the number of Poultry kept, but the electric Incubator has been run to full capacity for the whole of the season. The outlook for the Bee Department is much brighter. The past two seasons have been bad ones, and we have recently been able to fill only a small part of the orders for Honey.

Four Foals have been born during the year, and usually six medium to heavy draught horses, and four lighter ones, are carried, together with our own stallion.

The Farm Manager, Mr. A. Blake, resigned during the year, and in order to secure greater permanence in this position it was decided to erect a house for the Farm Manager so that a married man might be engaged. This has now been done, and a suitable man with both theoretical and practical training has been appointed. The Farm Committee for the year has consisted of Mr. W. Ambury (Chairman) and Messrs. J. Veale, J. T. Bryant, P. Rushton, A. Westney and A. C. A. Sexton, L.L.M., M.P.

Altogether, the coincidence of a larger Roll, together with a favourable year, has made the management of the College much easier than it has been for some years, though the rapid rise in costs, and difficulties in both Farm and College domestic labour, have brought their problems. The outlook, however, is we believe distinctly encouraging, and both the School and the Farm are now in a position to move ahead after several difficult years.

R. C. CLARK, M.A., Dip. Ed.,
Principal.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE for the Year Ended 31st December, 1937.

In presenting a Supplementary Report for 1937 on the completion of the Trading Accounts for the year, the Board desires to refer with satisfaction to the improved financial results obtained from the working of its farm at Paerata, where the profit has increased by £344/13/3. Much of the increased revenue was lost through larger working costs in running the College, viz. £195/17/4.

It has been the practice of the Board to carry the Grants received from other Methodist Institutions to the credit of College Working Account. During 1936 such Grants amounted to £425, while for the year under review only £100 was received from this source. If the amount of assistance received from outside sources is not taken into consideration, the financial result of operating the College shows an improvement over that disclosed in the previous year.

Such an improvement would have enabled the Board to carry on its activities as a whole at a profit. Instead of this, the Board regrets to report that its expenditure exceeded its income by the sum of £250/6/5.

It should be stated that the General Expenses this year show a considerable increase as compared with those of 1936. The increased expenditure, which totalled £282/11/2, was occasioned by heavier rates on the Board's suburban properties, the amount involved in this case being £116/18/6, and the lack of receipts from the sales of surface stone and timber obtained from trees growing on the Board's Estates, which revenue items are customarily carried to the credit of General Expenses Account. In 1936 sales of this kind totalled £100/14/-, while during the year under review no sales took place.

In the Minutes of the last Methodist Conference appears a resolution that the Board's accounts be closed at some date earlier than the 31st December, so as to enable the reports to be printed in the main Conference Agenda. In this connection the Board desires to bring to the notice of Conference the fact that it is incorporated under the Methodist Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1911, Clause 19 of which reads:—

“The Board shall in the month of January in each year cause its accounts made up to the last day of December preceding, to be audited by one or more competent auditors, and a statement of such accounts signed by the auditor or auditors shall be produced at a meeting of the Board to be held in the last week of January in each year, and further that such statement and report when adopted by the Board shall be signed by the Chairman and a copy of each forwarded to the Secretary of Conference to be laid before the Conference at its then next session.”

The Board does not believe that Conference realised this when it passed the resolution referred to, and hopes that it will not be necessary for it to petition Parliament for the amendment of the statute in question.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

28th January, 1938.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Council and of the Principal together with Supplementary Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be adopted.
3. That Conference congratulates the Principal and the Board on their effective work during the year.
4. That permission be given the Wesley College Trust Board to sell the whole or any part of its Three Kings property in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.
5. That the Board be as named in the Report.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Report of the Board 1937.

As required by the regulations of the Supernumerary Fund the Board presents its report for the year ended 30th November, 1937, together with the audited financial statements.

Annuitants.

The last Conference added one permanent Supernumerary to the list of beneficiaries. It also made one minister a supernumerary for one year and continued another for a second year in that relationship. Two supernumerary ministers died during the financial year and also a widow of a former minister. There are 33 supernumeraries and 48 widows in receipt of annuities besides two orphaned children of deceased parents. The amount paid in annuities and furniture grants was £8,157/11/1. The number of ministers at present contributing to the Fund is 167.

Finance.

The revenue account and balance sheet fully disclose the financial position of the Fund. The cost of administration continues to be very low. Included in the expenditure for the year was the fee for the triennial actuarial examination of the Fund. The accumulated fund now stands at £151,550/19/9. This represents an increase of £1,766/6/6 to meet accruing demands of future claimants on the Fund.

A sum of £100 has been added to the Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts Reserve Account. A sum of £484/12/2 has been written off mortgages being £111/5/- conceded in two voluntary settlements and £373/7/2 written off by two awards of Mortgage Adjustment Commissions. There are eight appeals pending in which the Board is interested but it is anticipated that the Reserves now held amounting to £3,205/16/11 will be far in excess of any debt cancellations by the Commissions.

The return from Epworth Chambers has not increased. This is due to increase in rates and other outgoings. The revenue account has been drawn upon for a further addition of £500 to the Depreciation Reserve which now stands at £2,350. Alterations to the building have also been charged against revenue the cost of same being equivalent to further provision for reserves. Several leases have recently been renewed at increased rentals and some vacant suites have been let. This should result in an improved return next financial year.

The six allied funds administered by the Board now aggregate £24,999 12/7. Deposits lodged by Connexional Funds, Institutions and Boards of Trustees total £6,840/14/3. A sum aggregating £6,955/17/9 stands to the credit of twenty-six personal depositors. The acceptance of these deposits under the borrowing powers of the Board has proved of great advantage to the Fund right through the years of depression. However, it is the fixed policy of the Board to repay the amounts accepted on deposit as moneys become available. The amount due to personal depositors has been reduced by £5,217/0/1 during the year. These repayments obviate all necessity for seeking fresh investments for surplus moneys in a period when values are very unsettled and they provide a definite outlet for excess revenue. Mortgage investments show a reduction of £2,379/13/6. Debenture investments remain unchanged.

Earnings.

After allowing for the amounts placed to the Reserve Accounts the net earnings of the Fund have been £6,135/17/7 which is only £2/14/8 less than the previous year. A sum of £124/4/4 representing revenue from the Hymn Book Account has been excluded from all calculations of interest earnings although it strengthens the position of the Fund. The average interest earning rate, calculated on the actuarial formula, has been £4/3/2 per cent. which is eightpence per cent. less than the previous year. Calculated on the accountancy method of taking the average amount of capital month by month the earnings show a return of £3/15/- per cent. Omitting office expenses from the calculation the average interest earning rate was £4/1/10 per cent.

Subscriptions in Arrears.

It is disquieting to find that the personal subscriptions of ministers in arrears, and interest thereon, has increased by £265/7/1 during the year. The overdue liability of ministers to the Fund is £1,243/12/4 which is the highest figure yet reached. The arrears are owing by 56 out of 167 contributing ministers as against 42 the previous year. It is to be regretted that 15 out of our 21 probationers are in arrears to the gross amount of £190/9/4. The chief reason for default is the inadequate stipend paid to many ministers and to the rising cost of living. This matter calls for action by many circuit quarterly meetings. In only very few cases is incapacity to manage personal finance a contributing factor to the problem. It is not to our credit that one third of our active ministers have been unable to meet obligations for providing an annuity in future years. The circuit levies in arrears have been reduced by £42/10/- to £120. As the soundness of the Fund depends upon the full payment of both circuit levies and personal subscriptions the Board cannot countenance any relaxation of the rules affecting payments. It is convinced too, that in no circumstances should a probationer owing moneys to the Fund be received into full connexion or appointed to a married minister's circuit. The Conference should also discourage probationers from borrowing in order to meet these payments. Where this has been done subsequent experience has shown the unwisdom of such a practice. The following table shows the district distribution of arrears of personal subscriptions only. There is also a sum of £90 due for the purchase of benefits.

District	Subscriptions			Interest			Totals		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	308	3	9	31	2	0	339	5	9
South Auckland	208	0	7	14	2	0	222	2	7
Taranaki-Wanganui	135	18	8	15	4	9	151	3	5
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	28	19	6	1	1	7	30	1	1
Wellington	38	17	4	2	5	7	41	2	11
Nelson	25	0	0	1	2	3	26	2	3
North Canterbury	125	3	5	8	13	0	133	16	5
South Canterbury	25	0	0	0	13	4	25	13	4
Otago-Southland	177	1	3	97	3	4	274	4	7
	<u>£1,072</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>£171</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>£1,243</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

An anonymous gift of £100 and one of £10/10/- to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund enabled the Board to increase its assistance to widows of ministers and to supernumerary ministers in needy circumstances to £210/3/6 including provision for exchange.

Home Acquisition Fund.

Since this Fund was established in 1928 the personal accounts of contributors have grown to a sum of £10,159/3/4. The substantial annual subsidy from the Fire Insurance Fund has contributed largely to this result. No fewer than 160 ministers in active work are members of the Fund. Some, whose admission to the ministry was conditional upon them joining the Fund are in arrears with their payments on the basis of £4 per annum. A sum of £85/10/- from the Fire Insurance Fund subsidies is held in suspense but is liable to forfeiture under Regulation 9. Probationers who are in arrears with payments to this Fund cannot be received into full connexion or be appointed to a married minister's circuit.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The financial statements clearly set forth the position of this Fund. Retiring allowances aggregating £1,344/13/1 have been paid to those completing their service or otherwise withdrawing from the Fund. Thirty-seven contributors to the Fund have a sum of £7,835/18/11 standing to the credit of their personal accounts. By bonus allocations and benevolent grants the balance in the Reserve Account has been reduced to £293/15/2 through the operation of the new rule regarding refund of forfeited moneys to the Home Mission Board surpluses for bonuses will be very greatly reduced. No moneys are available for bonuses this year.

Arrears totalling £50/10/- are due to the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund by Hikurangi (£7/10/-); Kaukapakapa-Silverdale (£1/10/-); Hokianga-Kohukohu (£16/10/-); Apiti (£10/10/-); Greytown-Featherston (£4/10/-); Havelock (£6/-/-); Cromwell (£4). Eight home missionaries are also in arrears to the total amount of £61. The defaulting home mission stations should be encouraged to meet their obligation. The cases of arrears should be taken up by the Home Mission Board.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

The personal accounts of the 27 contributors to the Fund now amount to £4,708/15/6. Retiring allowances amounting to £895/10/1 have been paid out during the year. The Reserve Account is only £13/1/4 and there is little probability of providing for bonus additions to the personal accounts of these women workers for the church.

Board for 1938.

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, W. A. Burley, H. L. Fiebig ; Messrs. G. S. Salter (Lay Treasurer), M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, L. G. K. Steven S. H. Maddren. and A. C. Reed.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing-Treasurer.

Christchurch,

20th December, 1937.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Board of Management be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That there be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes the Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheets of the Supernumerary Fund, the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, the Home Acquirement Fund, the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund and the Deaconess Retiring Fund.
3. That paragraph 96, page 22 of the Law Book be amended by the addition of the words : "together with an official certificate that the applicant for transfer has met all liabilities to the Supernumerary Fund with which he is connected."

2.—METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (Inc.)

The Board continues to administer the various trusts committed to its care. In addition to general matters the Board holds moneys in trust for several churches as well as for a Sunday School and for supplementing the stipend of a suburban minister. It holds moneys for the Methodist Women's Missionary Union for the benefit of "Kurahuna" and moneys, the interest on which is disbursed for the benefit of orphan and needy children. During the year it has accepted a trust in respect of a bequest for a new church at Ruapuna and a further trust from the M.W.M.U. for the Solomon Island Doctor Fund. The financial statement accompanies this report.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing-Treasurer.

Christchurch,

20th December, 1937.

RESOLUTION.

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

3.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND.

We have pleasure in presenting to Conference the Annual Report and statement of Methodist Children's Fund for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The following payments of £9 each have paid to :—

Auckland	42 $\frac{3}{4}$
South Auckland	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Taranaki-Wanganui	16
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	15 $\frac{1}{4}$
Wellington	21
Nelson	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
North Canterbury	40
South Canterbury	3
Otago-Southland	10

169 $\frac{3}{4}$

being $\frac{3}{4}$ of £9 less than last year.

The Credit Balance of the Fund is, Bank of N.S.W. .. £287 19 6

Owing by Districts :

South Auckland	17 10 0
Otago-Southland	12 6 5

29 16 5

£317 15 11

The Circuit Levies have almost balanced Payments as per Warrants, but owing to the fact that a Funeral Payment was made during the year and a new Warrant Ledger was required the expenditure has been £18/0/5 in excess of receipts.

In conclusion, the Treasurers recommend to Conference that the Circuit levy for the ensuing year be 7%.

E. W. A. KELLOW }
JONATHAN H. HASLAM } Treasurers.

Wellington,

28th January, 1938.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurers be thanked for their services and they be reappointed.

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 ; University Fees, £20 ; Early Records, £75 ; Affliction, £25 ; Faith and Order, £5 ; Methodist Times, £50 ; Spiritual Advance Committee, £25.
4. That the Consultative Committee be :—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Treasurers, The Connexional Secretary, the Secretary of Conference, Messrs. H. de R. Flesher and F. Thompson.
5. That the following sub-committee supervise and organise Connexional printing :—Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. A. Burley, Mr. F. Thompson.
6. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Treasurers (Rev. L. C. Horwood and Mr. J. H. Blackwell), and to the Auditor (Mr. Isaac Wilson) and that they be re-appointed.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

ANNUAL REPORT.

During the past year 38 removals were carried out (including 14 Probationers and 2 Supernumeraries) at a cost of £570—an average cost of £15 per removal; the larger proportion of Probationers, whose expenses are comparatively light, accounts to some extent for the average cost being less than last year.

A very satisfactory arrangement was made with the Railway Department. The Department undertook the whole of the removals at a cost considerably less than that of other tenders received. Satisfaction has been expressed by many of the Ministers concerned at the excellent service rendered by the Railway people.

The levy for the year is expected to amount to £730, being £160 in excess of expenses, permitting the addition of that amount to Capital Account which was depleted by £386 during the previous two years.

The Committee wishes again to stress the desirability of avoiding, as far as possible, long distance removals. This year 4 removals cost £45/7/6, £42/10/-, £32/10/- and £32/8/- respectively, making £153 for 4 removals, while the remaining 34 cost only £416.

It is gratifying to report that all districts this year expect to pay the full levy, while the amount of levies in arrears has been reduced to some £80.

Although it is anticipated that the cost of removals for the ensuing year will be heavier than for the current year the Committee recommends maintaining the levy at 2%.

In order to clarify a point on which some misunderstanding appears to exist, a slight alteration in the wording of Clause 3 of the Regulations governing this Fund is recommended.

H. L. FIEBIG }
H. CHAPMAN } Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the levy for 1938 be at the rate of 2%.
3. That Clause 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Removal Expenses Fund be deleted and the following substituted :—
“3. The object of the Fund shall be to defray the cost of removal of Ministers in accordance with the Conference Stationing Sheet each year, and in harmony with the Rules and Regulations of the Fund.”
4. That the Committee for 1938 be :—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. Eaton, H. L. Fiebig, B.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., and F. B. Lawrence; Messrs. M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, J. E. Purchase, A. A. Sandford and H. Chapman. Treasurers: Rev. H. L. Fiebig and Mr. H. Chapman.
5. That the proposed Removal Expenses Fund for Home Missionaries be referred to this Committee.

(See Question LVI.)

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

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT. Annual Report.

We render humble thanks to Almighty God for another year of definite progress in our Overseas Work. In answer to the question—“What is the spiritual state of our circuits, and can any measure be adopted to promote the Work of God therein?” the Islands Synod passed the following resolution :—

"That this Synod, having heard the reports of the various Circuits, gives thanks to Almighty God, and prays that an ever deepening and enriching experience of the Love of Christ may be the portion of His ambassadors and people. With gratitude it records increased membership in every department, and also the pleasing increase of free will offerings to God's Work. A nobler faith is finding expression, and the frontiers of God's Kingdom are extending visibly in our District. We reconsecrate ourselves to the Great Commission of the Living Christ, and go forward with gladness into another year.

"That special Gatherings and Services be arranged on May 24th, in each Circuit, to celebrate the Bi-Centenary of John Wesley's Conversion, together with the Annual Celebration of the landing of the first Mission Party in the Western Solomons on May 23rd, 1902."

Among other encouraging facts the reports from the Islands record the following gratifying increases:—Churches, 28; Native Teachers, 7; Local Preachers, 7; Day Schools, 17; Members, 424.

The Field.

Each succeeding year emphasises the greatness of our task in the Solomons. We glory in the triumphs of the Cross and the development of our educational and medical services. But this success brings its own difficulties, as do the contacts of this primitive people with other aspects of European civilisation. Dealing with the problems and pitfalls to our native people of advancing commerce, etc., the Rev. J. F. Goldie writes, *inter alia*, "They have proved under the most difficult conditions that their religion is not mere surface polish, but a genuine faith in the Living God. It would not be true to say that some have not faltered and weakened when such influences have played upon their lives, but it is most certainly true that very few indeed of our native Christians have succumbed wholly to these things, and the great majority have been able to meet these changing conditions with a triumphant faith.

"Attendance at public services and class fellowship meetings has been greater than ever. Personal service has been cheerfully rendered by all our people, and their sacrificial giving for the Work of God has been splendid"

In Christian work among primitive people there are many disappointments and failures and these have not been absent during the past year. In spite of them however, the Kingdom continues to grow as the following extracts from the Rev. A. H. Voyce's report on the South Bougainville Section will show.

Native Agents.

There are at the present time 70 Native Agents working in this Section, scattered far and wide amongst people speaking 12 different dialects, and these have been very faithful and zealous in attending to their duties, and the writer is proud to be associated with such loyal helpers. The prestige of our Methodist Church in this Section continues to grow, in large measure because of the faithful, unremitting labours of the Native Agents.

Central Station of the Section at Kihili, Buin.

The newly acquired Lease in Buin Bay, called Kihili, has been much developed during the year. Some 50 to 60 acres of forest are now felled, and the major portion is cleared and planted with native food crops, and some 20 to 30 acres are planted with coconut palms, and about 5 to 10 acres with Sago palms. In the native food gardens there are large areas of sweet potatoes, yams, taro, sugar-cane, bananas and plantains, groundnuts, rice, pitpit, maize, Guinea corn, pawpaws, tapioca, etc., and avenues of tropical fruit trees.

Educational.

The following resolutions of the Islands Synod afford a glimpse of the splendid work going on in our schools and colleges.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.—Members of Synod reported on the condition of village schools in their Districts during the year, and the following resolution was carried:—Synod rejoices in the fact that, through the transforming influence of the Gospel, 238 Mission Villages are increasingly manifesting the Spirit of the Christ. Our Native Workers, with consecrated zeal, continue to give themselves to this work, and prove that they are worthy inheritors of the Methodist experience. Their hearts have indeed been “strangely warmed.”

The Educational work has been greatly facilitated during the year by the arrival and issue of an excellent series of English Readers printed by the Papuan Government, and the English Readers compiled by Sister Lina Jones have also proved to be very acceptable and helpful. In many of our older villages the educational standard is higher even than that suggested by the Government in the Official Curriculum, although it is still far from reaching our ideal.

CIRCUIT TRAINING INSTITUTIONS.—Having considered the reports of the Circuit and Sectional Training Institutions, this Synod desires to record its satisfaction with the standard of work obtaining therein, and expresses its gratitude to God for the manifestation of His Grace in calling the young people to fit themselves as Teachers and Leaders, and prays that through such Natives His Kingdom may win an ever widening way in the District.

It records its appreciation of the effective teaching given by the European and Native Leaders and rejoices in manifest advances made by students, many of the best of whom have been accepted as students at the District Training Institution.

DISTRICT TRAINING INSTITUTION.—This Synod expresses its grateful thanks to Almighty God for the very fine Spiritual and Educational work which has been accomplished during the year in the District Training Institution. It recognises that the impact for good exercised on the lives of the students is one that will have far-reaching effects throughout the whole district, and Synod is cognisant of the fine leadership being given in the District College, and the encouraging way in which the students are showing their zeal in the work they have been called to do; and prays that God may richly bless the labours of the European and Native Instructors in the training of future teachers.

It is good to know that Sir Arthur Richards, recently appointed High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, was favourably impressed with what he saw during an all too brief visit to Roviana recently. Mr. Goldie reports as follows:—

“The High Commissioner has been and gone. We were glad to welcome him. Leading natives from all over the District also gathered to welcome him. His vessel was met and escorted into our harbour by a fleet of war canoes. As he stepped ashore the band struck up the “National Anthem,” and a fine Guard of Honour composed of picked students to the number of about sixty stood to attention while he inspected them. Then began an inspection of Saw-mill, College, Schools, Kindergarten, Hospitals, and a big gathering in the Church, at which, in reply to my address of welcome, he made a fine speech. He paid our Mission a fine compliment, and spoke of the two aspects of all education—spiritual and practical. He spoke very appreciatively of our efforts to assist the Government by providing Native Clerks, Medical Students, etc.”

In reference to the above mentioned medical students, the following is another gratifying extract from Mr. Goldie's correspondence:—

"I had nice letters from our lads in Fiji this mail. They are doing really well in the Medical School. They all passed this year's examination with very good marks indeed. No less than eight students failed to pass—including two from Tonga, two Fijians, and three from the New Hebrides—so that we have reason to be proud of our Roviana lads. I trust that they will be equally a credit to us in conduct and character."

Staff.

We thank God for the loyal, able and devoted service rendered by our staff on the Field and for the fact that we have been able this year to still further increase their number. Miss Effie Harkness, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Harkness who rendered fine missionary service in Tonga, is the latest addition to the ranks. She is a highly qualified teacher and possessed of character and graces that eminently suit her for the work. Sister Effie sailed from Auckland on October 29th and will be followed by the prayers of the whole Church.

Nurses Merle S. Farland and D. Joy Whitehouse have been appointed to the medical staff and are due to sail with Dr. Rutter in April. They hold the triple certificate and, in addition to high professional qualifications, have experienced the definite call of God to Missionary service.

Jione Afu and his wife from Tonga will also be valuable additions to our devoted South Sea Island workers.

This increase in the mission staff is evidence not only of the growing demands of the work but also of the faith the Board has in the Church to stand behind it in its efforts to meet those demands.

Medical.

While rejoicing in the devoted medical service rendered by our nurses, missionaries, and native medical assistants, resulting in the saving of many lives and alleviation of much suffering, we, and the people of the Solomons, look forward eagerly to the re-establishment of the Medical Unit.

Sanction has been given for the erection of two commodious wards at the Helena Goldie Hospital to replace the leaf buildings that are beyond repair. The new wards will be of European material with a roof of native thatch and will greatly facilitate the work of doctor and nurses. Together with the administrative block and the doctor's house, which are equipped and waiting, they will constitute an excellent plant.

It is with great joy that we contemplate the arrival in the Solomons of Dr. and Mrs. Rutter and the two nurses. Dr. Rutter obtained the London Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene with considerable distinction early in 1937, and the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh at the beginning of this year. During the past year he has gained wide medical and surgical experience in England and Ireland. We once again congratulate him upon his distinguished record and thank God for having called him for "this hour."

Grateful acknowledgement is made to the Government Medical Departments in the British Solomons and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea for continued assistance in the matter of drugs and dressings.

The gratitude of the Board is also extended to the M.W.M.U. for generous financial grants for drugs and medicines. Without such help the medical work would be considerably restricted.

Not infrequently in the history of Missions has a special work been started on a wave of enthusiasm and then, the wave having spent its force, left stranded on the stony beach of the General Fund. What we must

have for successful continuity in the Work is not a mere wave of enthusiasm, but a strong steady tide of prayerful purpose. We must guarantee the cost of the Medical Unit while ensuring an expanding income for the General Work, keeping ever before us our central purpose of winning the Solomons for Jesus Christ.

Special Medical Fund.

The Medical Fund has been increased during the year by £2,023. Another splendid gift of £1,600 from Mr. S. Gorman of Nelson has been received since the accounts closed. The Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Bequest now stands at £7,000 and has played a major part in making possible the re-establishment of the Medical Unit. A gracious promise by Mrs. Caughey Preston of £50 per annum, and generous grants from Taranaki Street and Pitt Street Trusts and the M.W.M.U. which we trust will be repeated annually, have also greatly helped. Many more of our people have also had a share in this Christ-like work and their gifts have been acknowledged from time to time. The total also includes a legacy of £500 from the late James Buttle and £1,331 lying to the credit of the Helena Goldie Hospital.

In terms of certain bequests a considerable part of the Medical Fund has been invested in order that the interest may provide a regular annual income. This is a wise provision, but unless this special work is to become a considerable charge upon the General Fund the Medical Fund must be greatly increased if continuity of the Ministry of Healing is to be assured. We confidently appeal to the whole Church to stand behind the Board as, in the near future, we change our medical slogan from "SEND THE DOCTOR BACK" to "MAINTAIN THE DOCTOR."

The Deputations.

Seldom have we been so favoured in New Zealand in the matter of Deputations from the Field as in 1937.

Rev. J. F. Goldie.

Looking almost youthful, and full of vigour and vision, the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District reached New Zealand in time for the Annual Meeting of the Board and Conference, and his fellowship, experience and advice were great assets in our councils. His address at the Conference Missionary Demonstration and subsequent visit to the main centres of the North Island and Nelson were of high value to the Missionary Cause and enabled us to understand more clearly our great responsibility and privilege in the Solomons.

Rev. E. C. Leadley.

Having returned from his first term of service, the Rev. E. C. Leadley has engaged in valuable deputation work in North Auckland and Otago-Southland and, as a result, there has come to these Districts a fuller understanding of the vitally important work of training a native ministry that, in the days to come, will play a large part in guiding the destiny of its people.

Rev. Belshazzar Gina.

Gina's visit to New Zealand has been wonderfully blessed of God. By his very presence, and his stirring and deeply spiritual addresses, he has proved an eloquent and convincing advocate of Missions and brought a fresh vision and spiritual impetus to the Home Church. Gina is one of 6,000 redeemed men and women in the Solomons to-day, and his story of this Redemption and the subsequent uplift of his people has greatly stirred our hearts.

Our task in New Zealand is to conserve and widen the interest created by the powerful advocacy of the Deputations. We thank them sincerely for their valuable help and pray that, as they return to their great task in the Solomons, we shall be loyal to them and their colleagues, and to Jesus Christ who has given to them and us the great commission.

Deputation for 1938.

In 1938 the Revs. A. H. Voyce and J. R. Metcalfe will devote a part of their well-earned furlough to deputation work in New Zealand. Messrs. Metcalfe and Voyce will speak with the authority of 18 and 12 years' experience respectively.

We confidently ask that by prayerful preparation and whole-hearted co-operation the Home Church may ensure God's blessing upon the 1938 Deputation.

M.W.M.U.

We are deeply grateful for continued valuable help from the M.W.M.U. The hands of the Board have been greatly strengthened by the generous financial objective set by the Women's Conference, both for the General and Medical work. But yet greater inspiration comes from the prayerful and sympathetic co-operation of this splendid Auxiliary to the Missionary Cause. To Mrs. H. L. Duke and her Dominion Executive, we are greatly indebted for their loyal, able and devoted help during the three years they have held office. They have rendered outstanding service that will bear fruit in the Solomons for all time.

We congratulate Miss E. M. Rishworth and the new Executive upon their appointment and pray for them all needed guidance and grace during the next three years. During that time we confidently anticipate considerable growth of the Kingdom of God in the Solomons.

The personal touch maintained by the M.W.M.U. with workers on the Field is very inspirational and one of the secrets of the success achieved.

Bible Class Movement.

The Young Women's B.C. Movement in addition to its general missionary interest, has continued its generous support of Sister Ada Lee and the Young Men's Movement has again been closely associated with the outstanding work of the Rev. A. H. Voyce. The Board of Missions greatly appreciates the practical and sympathetic co-operation of the Bible Classes and also the fact that from their ranks many of our missionary workers are recruited. All those recently appointed both to the General and Medical Work have been closely associated with the B.C. Movement. May the salvation of the Solomons constantly engage the vision and enthusiasm of our Youth.

Missionary Secretaries and Collectors.

Grateful acknowledgement is made of the splendid service rendered by District and Circuit Foreign Mission Secretaries and Collectors. Upon them and the Ministers we rely for efficient and enthusiastic missionary organisation in the circuits. During 1937 contributions have exceeded the 1936 totals in 134 Circuits and Home Mission Stations and some especially good advances have been made. While comparisons are at time undesirable, we are constrained to draw attention to the fine increase from Hawke's Bay-Manawatu. The giving of this District has always been good but has increased this year by 30 per cent. every circuit sharing in this splendid effort for the wider interests of the Kingdom of God. Feilding with a membership of only 280 leads with the splendid total of £374.

Houses.

Before returning to the Solomons from his recent furlough, Mr. Goldie drew the attention of the Board to the fact that a somewhat extensive building programme would be imperative in the near future. The Revs. A. H. Cropp and A. H. Voyce with their wives and families, have lived in native or semi-native houses during the whole of their term in the District.

The Tutor's house at Roviana and the Sisters' Home at Bilua are in urgent need of renewal. During the year the Board has sanctioned the re-erection of a house at Buka. The Islands Synod will recommend the order in which the others should be built.

Boats.

A glance at the map will enable one to realise that a great deal of sea travelling is involved in the supervision of the Solomons. It is probably an understatement to say that the Chairman spends half his life at sea. A fleet of boats has to be maintained and here again maintenance and renewals make large demands upon the funds. The *Tandanya*, in which Mr. Goldie does his District travelling, was a love-gift to the Solomons by the Methodists of Adelaide in 1911, and the cost of maintenance is becoming too high to be economic. A similar gift at the present time from New Zealand would meet an urgent need.

Whaleboat for Simbo.

Simbo is separated from Roviana by 30 miles of open sea and on more than one occasion tragedy has been narrowly averted when a crossing has been attempted by canoes in rough weather. Gina and his wife and child were in the water on one occasion clinging for hours to a waterlogged canoe. Hearing of the situation Mr. S. Gorman very generously offered to pay for a more sea-worthy craft for our Simbo work and a half-decked whaleboat has been built in Sydney at a cost of nearly £200 and was shipped by the steamer on which Gina returned to the Solomons. The Board is still further indebted to Mr. Gorman for yet another practical evidence of his devotion to the missionary cause.

Financial.

The Treasurers' Statement and the Accounts while revealing much cause for gratitude remind us that we cannot afford to rest upon our oars. Although the deficit has been substantially reduced during the past four years, it is still considerable and is hindering the development of our Work. The earnest desire of the Board is to see the deficit liquidated; and the Working Capital Fund augmented until it reaches the total of a full year's expenditure, thus making it possible to estimate with assurance and avoid debt.

Banga Plantation.

The Rev. J. F. Goldie reports on Banga as follows:—Owing to the still uncertain position of the Copra Market, it was deemed wiser not to re-open the Banga Plantation with boys under the usual two years' contract. The cost of recruiting and, at the close of their term, repatriating them, added to their wages and maintenance, might land us in a considerable deficit at the end of their term if copra dropped considerably. We are watching the position closely, and will re-start the whole place as soon as there are signs of stability of the copra market, and the position warrants us doing so without undue risk.

This year we have worked the place as in 1936 on the share system—that is by allowing the boys who are resident on the place to prepare the copra and dispose of it to us at a fair price. This arrangement gives the

boys a good deal more than their ordinary wages, and is also profitable to us. Of course only a small area is worked this way, and the boys working there can only be expected to keep clean the area worked by them. The deficit had been reduced last year to £18/2/11. This has been wiped out, and a clear profit on the year's working leaves us with a surplus of £102/12/1. It is proposed to use this to put the plantation in good order, and the buildings in good repair.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sales of Copra amounted to .. .. .	..	..	..	241	12	0
The Deficit left from last year .. .. .	..	18	2	11		
Cash payments to Banga boys for copra .. .. .	..	79	7	0		
Other expenses of clearing, etc. .. .. .	..	41	10	0		
				138	19	11
Balance in hand .. .. .	..			£102	12	1

Conclusion.

Throughout the Connexion there is definite evidence of a greater determination to heed the cry of the Solomons and to establish the Kingdom of God, with all its implications, in their midst. The visit of Gina, and the effort to "Send Back the Doctor" have proved a special challenge that many have been eager to accept. By keeping before our people the greatness and glory of our task we shall steadily increase that number until all are vitally concerned in our high missionary endeavour.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

THE TREASURERS' REPORT. For the Year Ended December 31st, 1937.

The Treasurers have much pleasure in presenting to the Board of Missions the Balance Sheet and financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 1937.

The income of the General Fund from New Zealand contributions is £11,568/5/1, being £1,107/10/1 more than the previous year and £1,568/5/1 more than the estimated income for the year. The increase has been general throughout the Dominion, every District contributing a share. The sum of £161/17/7 has been received for the "Debt Reduction Fund" and is included in the sum total. Women's Auxiliaries and the Young Women's Bible Class Movement contributed £1,389/3/- being an increase of £34/15/6. The Young Men's Bible Class Movement contributed £175.

The Solomon Islands District was estimated to contribute £2,500 but has returned an income of £3,439/17/1 which is £426/7/4 more than was raised in 1936.

The expenditure in the Mission District has been £9,826/3/8 which is £10/8/4 less than the allocation made by the Board for 1937. This expenditure is £599/3/3 more than that of the previous year and is accounted for by a partial restoration of salary cuts and the general increase in costs.

The expenditure at the Home Base has been £2,023/19/5, but this includes £576/19/6 for interest on overdraft and loans. This is an increase of £146/4/10 on that of 1936 and has been chiefly in salaries, deputation expenses, printing and by an increased contribution to the Deaconess Institution.

The year's working shows a favourable balance of £2,657/19/1, thus reducing the deficiency to £5,511/15/-.

The sum of £187/10/- has been credited to the Working Capital Fund, being proceeds of a legacy from the estate of the late Mr. Ferguson of Invercargill. An amount of £400 which was contributed by Mr. Gorman in 1929

and which has formed part of the Working Capital Fund has, with the consent of Mr. Gorman and by resolution of the Board of Missions, been transferred to the "Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest."

The Medical Fund has been increased during the year by £2,541/11/5 by the above transfer and by special contributions by various trusts and generous sympathisers with the Medical work. The Medical Fund now stands at £10,636/13/8 inclusive of the "Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest." The amount of £388/3/9 was raised in interest.

An addition of £2,411/7/5 has been made to the Equipment Fund chiefly from legacies. The sum of £940 has been used for Buildings, etc., leaving a balance, at the end of the year, of £2,494/7/-.

The sum of £500 has been added to the Boat Insurance Fund. With interest added, the Fund has now £1,015 to its credit.

A profit of £76/2/4 has been made on the publications "The Open Door" and "The Lotu." The increased cost of printing these papers will reduce the profit in the coming year unless a considerable increase can be made in this circulation which at present is 5,267 for "The Open Door" and 6761 for "The Lotu."

W. A. SINCLAIR }
T. L. HAMES } Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report of the Board, and the Treasurers' Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. Welcome to Rev. A. H. Voyce.

In extending a warm welcome to the Rev. A. H. Voyce the Conference places on record its sincere appreciation of the outstanding service rendered by him on Bougainville. We rejoice with him in the remarkable development of all branches of the Work in that area, particularly in the fact that upwards of 7,000 adherents have been won to the Church during the past 12 years. We congratulate Mr. Voyce on the successful establishment of the New Sectional Institution at Kihili and pray that he and Mrs. Voyce may be long spared to the field.

3. Greetings to the Native Church.

The Conference sends its affectionate greetings to the Native Church in the Western Solomons.

We have learned with great joy of the further increase in your numbers and of the opening of 17 new schools and 28 new churches, and long for the time when all the people of the Solomons will know and love Jesus Christ. We are grateful also for your very generous financial help at the Thanksgiving Meetings.

It was a great joy to have Gina with us as your representative and living evidence of what the Gospel has wrought in the Solomons. His great message stirred all our hearts.

With much gladness and gratitude to God we shall send to you in April Dr. and Mrs. Rutter and Nurses Merle Farland and Joy Whitehouse and hope the Hospital will never again be closed. We are sure that you will play a worthy part in helping to keep it open.

1938 marks the bi-centenary of the great spiritual experience of John Wesley when on May 24th his "heart was strangely warmed." We want this to be a very wonderful year in the upbuilding of the Church of God in the Solomons and urge every member and adherent to work and pray to this end. May your hearts and the hearts of all your people be strangely warmed by a fuller understanding of the fellowship and love of God.

4. Greetings to Missionaries on the Field.

From the Annual Conference we send loving greetings to you who are in the forefront of the battle. Ours is the less glorious part of the Army Service Corps but we count it a high privilege to be associated with you. By means of your reports we are able to enter somewhat into your problems, disappointments, and joys. We rejoice with you in a substantial increase in membership and the opening of 17 new schools and 28 churches, and other unmistakable evidences that God is graciously using you in winning the Solomons for His Kingdom. The excellent financial returns are also very encouraging.

We are grateful that your numbers are growing and our joy will be second only to yours when Dr. and Mrs. Rutter and Nurses Merle Farland and Joy Whitehouse follow hard on the footsteps of Sister Effie Harkness.

We thank you most heartily for your splendid service and loyal co-operation during the past year and pray that 1938 may see your hearts strangely warmed not only by the glow of personal fellowship with the Master, but also by a great ingathering of Solomon Islanders to the Kingdom. We assure you of our continued prayer and loyal support.

5. Statistical Returns.

We note with encouragement and profound gratitude to God the continued growth and development of the Native Church in the Solomons. We warmly congratulate Mr. Goldie and his colleagues upon the success attending their efforts and pray for them continued blessing and guidance during the coming year.

6. Schools and Colleges.

The Conference whole-heartedly endorses the expression of gratification contained in the Islands Synod resolutions regarding Schools and Colleges and congratulates all concerned in the excellent progress revealed by the various reports.

7. Thanks to Sister Lina Jones.

That the hearty thanks of the Conference be accorded to Sister Lina Jones for the preparation of Text Books for use in village school work.

8. Furloughs.

That the Furloughs recommended by the Islands Synod be approved.

9. Medical.

With much joy and gratitude to God we contemplate the early re-establishment of the Medical Unit and commend Dr. Rutter and his bride and Nurses Merle Farland and Joy Whitehouse to the blessing and guidance of the Great Healer Himself who has called them to this high service.

The hearty congratulations of the Conference are extended to Dr. Allen Rutter upon his success in obtaining with such distinction the D.T.M. and H., London, and F.R.C.S., Edinburgh, and the wide and valuable experience gained in the Homeland.

The Conference also extends its felicitations to Dr. Rutter and Miss E. Rowe upon their forthcoming marriage and wishes for them long, happy and effective service in the Solomons.

The Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest.

The Conference learns with gratitude of Mr. S. Gorman's further gift of £1,600 for Medical work in the Solomons. An earlier gift of £400 has been transferred from the General Fund, thus increasing the Samuel and

Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest by £2000 to a total of £7,000. The Conference thanks Mr. Gorman very sincerely for this further splendid gift and prays that he may be long spared to share the joy of the Solomons in the restoration of the Medical Unit that he has done so much to facilitate.

Thanks to Donors.

The best thanks of the Conference are accorded to all who have contributed to the Special Medical Fund, and thus helped to make possible the re-establishment of the Medical Unit.

That the sincere thanks of the Conference be tendered to the trustees of Pitt Street and Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, for special grants of £100 for the Medical Fund. This generous gesture and the hope of its continuance have greatly strengthened the hands of the Church in its Medical Policy.

Medical Missionaries.

PROVISION FOR RETIREMENT.

Recommended that the following be inserted in place of the suspended clauses (b) and (c) in Par. 2, page 119, Law Book :—

- (a) A Medical Repatriation Fund shall be established into which the Board shall pay £50 per annum for each year of service rendered by each Medical Missionary.
- (b) The Fund shall be administered by the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board (inc.) subject to the direction of the Board of Missions.
- (c) A Medical Missionary in good standing returning after not less than six years service or for health reasons shall be entitled to the amount paid in on his behalf plus accrued interest.

Resignation of Sister Edna White.

The Conference learns with deep regret of the impending resignation of Sister Edna White. Sister Edna by her conspicuous ability and great devotion has made a fine contribution to the extension of the Kingdom of God in the Solomons particularly in the Medical Work.

At considerable sacrifice Sister Edna returned to the Solomons early in 1936 and has rendered invaluable service in preparing the way for the return of the Doctor. The Conference thanks her sincerely for able and devoted service and prays that she may be greatly used to widen and deepen Missionary interest in New Zealand.

10. Thanks to M.W.M.U.

The Conference places on record its sincere thanks to the M.W.M.U. for outstanding missionary service and loyal assistance during the past year. We congratulate the Union upon its able leadership and the devoted interest of the members that have helped to maintain the steady progress that has marked previous years. The workers on the Field have been greatly inspired and encouraged by the loving sympathy and practical support of the Union.

The Conference notes with gratitude the decision of the recent M.W.M.U. Conference to set as its goal the increased allocation of £1,300 in addition to £100 per annum for the next three years to help maintain the Doctor and his work. Confidence in this great Auxiliary of the Missionary Society strengthens considerably the hands of the Conference as it seeks to carry out the high task committed to it.

11. Thanks to Y.W.B.C. Movement.

The Conference sincerely thanks the Young Women's B.C. Movement for its continued loyal and loving service in maintaining Sister Ada Lee in the Solomons. The work of the Sisterhood plays an important part in bringing in the Kingdom of God in the Solomons and the Board of Missions

counts it a privilege to be associated with the Young Women's Movement in this high Missionary endeavour.

12. Thanks to Y.M.B.C. Movement.

Once again the Conference records its thanks to the Young Men's B.C. Movement for its continued loyal support of the Missionary Cause, and appreciation of the particular association the Movement has with the Rev. A. H. Voyce and the maintenance of his outstanding work in South Bougainville. No part of our Mission Field is so needy and no part shows greater promise than Mr. Voyce's Section. The practical and prayerful support of the Young Men's Movement has played a definite part in the remarkable development of the Work in that area.

13. Thanks to Deputations.

That the sincere thanks of the Conference be extended to the Rev. J. F. Goldie and the Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Leadley and Sister Elizabeth Common for their excellent deputation work. We are grateful for renewed fellowship with them and pray that God will abundantly-bless them as they again take up their work in the Solomons.

Appreciation of Rev. Belshazzar Gina.

That the Conference records its special appreciation of the service rendered by Belshazzar Gina. The subject matter of his address has varied and been inspirational to a high degree. As guest in many homes he conducted himself as a Christian gentleman. The interest aroused by the man himself, and by the messages he has given, has resulted in a substantial increase in receipts, and better still he has given hundreds of people in other Churches as well as ours, a new and wider impression of the worth-whileness of Christian Missions, and many of his hearers have themselves received Spiritual uplift. As he returns to take up his work again in his native land, the Conference prays that God will continue to bless greatly Belshazzar Gina, a modern miracle of grace.

14. District Vessel.

That the Chairman of the District (Rev. J. F. Goldie) be authorised to make necessary enquiries re purchasing or building of a suitable District vessel to replace the *Tandanya* at a cost (including sailing to the Solomons) not exceeding £3,000, and to make enquiries re possible buyer of the *Tandanya*; the Board to be consulted before any definite action is taken.

15. Whaleboat for Simbo.—Thanks to Mr. S. Gorman.

That the hearty thanks of the Conference be accorded to Mr. S. Gorman for his generous gift of a half-decked whaleboat for the Simbo work at a cost of nearly £200. The boat has been named the *Clara M. Gorman* and will ensure a much greater measure of safety and comfort for the Simbo teachers and the sick.

16. "Open Door" and "Lotu."

Conference calls the attention of the circuits and missionary committees to the value of the Missionary Papers—"Open Door" and "Lotu"—as additional means of creating and stimulating the interest of our people in the Overseas Missionary activities of the Church, and strongly recommends that energetic efforts be made to increase the circulation of the papers among our people.

Editor of "Open Door"

That the General Secretary be thanked for his able editorship of the "Open Door" and that he be re-appointed.

Editor of "The Lotu."

That the hearty thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. V. Le C. Binet for his able editorship of "The Lotu" and that he be re-appointed. Mr. Binet has brought both literary gifts and missionary devotion to this important work.

The Conference also tenders its best thanks to Mr. Binet for excellent service in connection with the support of Native Teachers, Students and Orphans.

Retiring Chairman.

That the Rev. E. D. Patchett be thanked for his devoted services as Chairman of the Board for the past seven years.

17. Retiring Allowance of Sisters.

That Conference adopt the following Remit from Board Meeting held March 30th, 1937:—That it be obligatory upon Missionary Sisters appointed from this date to contribute during their first two terms of service £15 per annum to the Retiring Fund, the Board to subsidize by an equal amount; and that on subsequent terms the amount of Sisters' contribution and Board's subsidy be increased to £20 per annum.

That Sisters already on the Field not contributing as above be urged to do so.

18. General Estimates, 1938.

			INCOME		
			£	s.	d.
New Zealand	10,750	0	0
Solomon Islands	2,765	0	0
Special for Medical	770	0	0
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			£14,285	0	0

			EXPENDITURE		
			£	s.	d.
Solomon Islands	11,356	3	6
Home Base	1,462	10	0
Interest	350	0	0
Boat Insurance and Replacement Fund	250	0	0
Debt Reduction	866	6	6
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			£14,285	0	0

19. Treasurers.

That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames be heartily thanked for their services and be re-appointed.

20. That the Accounts of the Board be closed on December 15.

21. Appointment of General Secretary.

That the General Secretary be re-appointed for a further term of six years dating from 1939.

22. Representatives on Missionary Council.

The Chairman of the Wellington District, the General Secretary, Rev. E. P. Blamires, Mr. B. J. Lynneberg and Mrs. H. E. Pacey.

23. Board.

That the Board of Missions for 1938 be constituted as follows:—

The President of the Conference, 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. W. Hames, V. Le C. Binet, G. I. Laurenson, W. T. Blight, A. N. Scotter, E. D. Patchett, 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, D. C. Cameron, The President of the M.W.M.U., (Miss E. M. Rishworth), The President of the Auckland Women's Missionary Auxiliary (Mrs. A. White), Misses S. A. Somerville, G. Griffith, Mesdames H. L. Duke, T. Rowe.

District Secretaries for Foreign Missions.

AUCKLAND	REV. E. W. HAMES
SOUTH AUCKLAND	REV. A. A. BENSLEY
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	REV. E. S. HARKNESS
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU	MR. C. E. TAYLOR
WELLINGTON	MRS. H. E. PACEY
NELSON	REV. MOSES AYRTON
NORTH CANTERBURY	MR. F. THOMPSON
SOUTH CANTERBURY	REV. W. W. AVERY
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	REV. A. E. JEFFERSON

District Missionary Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendents of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits with Revs. W. Walker and E. W. Hames and Messrs. W. S. Mackay, A. Whitehead, F. G. Steinert, J. P. Blair, The President of the Auckland Women's Missionary Auxiliary; Misses Somerville and E. M. Rishworth. Convener, Rev. E. W. Hames.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, and Morrinsville Circuits; Messrs. H. Wagstaff, W. Harris, J. T. Johnson, J. T. Bryant, Mrs. J. M. Jones and Miss R. Tietjens. Convener, Rev. A. A. Bensley.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Eltham-Kagonga, Hawera, Manaia and Opunake Circuits; the Circuit F. M. Secretaries of the four Circuits enumerated. Convener, Rev. E. S. Harkness.

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, A. Boniface, 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. Corresponding Member, Rev. F. E. Leadley.

WELLINGTON.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Mrs. H. E. Pacey.

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. Nuttall, J. Greigg, M.A., Mrs. Leaper, Mrs. Brock. Convener, Rev. Moses Ayrton.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Mr. Frank Thompson.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru, Temuka, Willowby and Waimate Circuits; Messrs. C. W. Keinan, T. Simmons, R. H. White, Manchester and A. A. Dale and Mrs. R. McAlister. 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 Women's Missionary Auxiliary and Messrs. D. C. Cameron, G. S. Gapper, Mrs. Duke and Miss Purdie. Rev. A. E. Jefferson (Convener).

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SOUTHLAND: The Supt. Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits; Mesdames Stanley Brown and Thompson; Messrs. D. A. Pearce and G. A. Brown. 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, 1937.

Maintaining the Frontiers of the Spiritual Life of New Zealand has been kept before all concerned in the work of this Department through another year. We express our deep gratitude to the Father of all for His sustaining grace without which the tasks would be beyond us.

General Superintendent.

In fulfilment of the Resolution of Conference, Rev. A. J. Seamer left New Zealand immediately after last Conference on a much-needed health recruiting trip abroad. Rev. Edward Drake has given invaluable assistance to the Department by carrying a large share of the Deputation work, and by providing valuable advice both to the agents met during his travels, and to the Executive and Board on matters which came under his notice.

The Staff.

Once again we record our deep appreciation of the loyal service being rendered to the Church by the Home Missionaries and Supplies in their various charges. A wide range of important activities is being maintained by these agents in every province of the Dominion, and the Church owes a debt to these workers for the splendid manner in which they bear more than their share of the brunt of the campaign. Since last Conference, two of our single agents resigned. Owing to a shortage of strong suitable applicants, some development work has been held up, and in one station temporary supply arrangements had to be made.

Home Mission Board and Standing Committees.

On suitable occasions during a busy year, meetings of the Board and Committees have been held, and many special difficulties have been dealt with both in financial assistance, and policy guidance, and the Dominion Policy outlined by the last Conference carried into effect.

Special Conditional Grants.

The last Conference confirmed the recommendation of the Home Mission Board that in the cases of Circuits and Home Mission Stations paying seriously less than the standard minimum stipends, conditional grants should be made of a proportion of the increase, subject to the Quarterly Meetings concerned agreeing to raise an additional amount in direct increase of stipend.

This has meant a considerable additional call upon the Home Mission Fund, but in practically every case the challenge was accepted, and we trust that the Church will vindicate this venture of faith by increased giving to the Funds of the Department.

Deputations.

To assist in the large annual programme of Deputation work, several circuit Ministers have given willingly and ably of their services for varying periods. We express our appreciation of the Co-operation of these Ministers, and of their Officials for releasing them from the Circuits for the necessary periods.

Natural Calamities Fund.

Owing to the valuable assistance given by this Fund in some cases of extreme hardship last year, we re-affirm the desirability of having the Natural Calamities Fund built up by special grants annually wherever possible. No other Fund exists for meeting the type of need which was met by grants during 1936.

Spiritual Advance Committee.

The Committee has devoted its efforts this year chiefly to the task of encouraging throughout the Connexion an effective ministry of preparation for the Bi-centenary Celebrations of next year.

Early in the year, circulars embodying the Conference resolutions were sent out to all the Quarterly Meetings. These resolutions contained detailed suggestions of great practical value for this work of spiritual preparation. Later two further circulars were sent out with sample copies of Study Leaflets and lists of pamphlets and books suitable for study and circulation.

Study Leaflets.—Study Leaflets, "The Quest—Personal Religion" and "Personal Discipline on the Christian Way" have been issued by the Committee and are available to Ministers and Groups at a small cost. From the keen demand for these studies it is evident that groups and week-night meetings are undertaking preparatory spiritual work of a most commendable character. To meet this demand for study material the committee is re-issuing the Fellowship of the Kingdom pamphlet "The New Testament Experience of God in Christ," also "The Crusade—Personal Adventure in winning the World for Christ"—and a new study, supplementary to "The Quest." As no publication indicated for use next year seems to meet the need of our New Zealand celebrations, the Committee has decided to publish a special pamphlet on "Methodism" with a special section on the history and developments of Methodism in this country.

Publicity Enterprise.—It has been decided to undertake certain publicity work at the forth-coming Synods. Sample copies of eight booklets of the "Life and Religion" series, samples of "the Foundry Leaflets" (Suitable for house-to-house distribution) and copies of the study leaflets referred to, will be on view for perusal. In this way it is hoped to bring valuable material prominently under the notice of the brethren, both ministerial and lay.

Special Missions.—An encouraging feature of the year has been the number of successful missions conducted by the students of Trinity College and by our own ministers and others. Even more significant of a deepening interest in Evangelism are the numerous enquiries to hand re missions proposed, and suitable missionaries. Circuits and Churches are planning more energetically for aggressive evangelistic work. The vastly increased correspondence this year, chiefly with ministers seeking information and suggestions, and availing themselves of study leaflets, all point in the same

direction. Several ministers have written supplying most encouraging details of development in their churches. We thank God for such evidences of quickened life and progress.

The Committee pledges itself to co-operate in every possible way with the special Conference Committee that is to lead the Church in a worthy observance of the Bi-centenary. If in March and May, our people follow up the inspiration of the visit of Rev. Irving Benson, and carry out the suggestions made by the Conference Committee, we can assure no inconsiderable revival of the already growing spirit of fellowship in our Churches.

Literature and Colporteur Committee.

Business in the Bookroom has been steadily maintained throughout the year, though a decline in volume is reported as compared with last year when sales of the new Hymn Book swelled the trade very considerably. The gross turnover is still nearly £1000 greater than in 1935, and reflects a very healthy state of affairs. It is particularly gratifying to find books of study in constant demand by the young people of the Church.

It is a matter for regret that the financial position of the Society has not yet made it possible to put the Colporteur Van on the road, but there are definite hopes that it may be found possible to launch out in this branch of the work again next year.

Picture Department.

Owing to unexpected difficulties in the matter of staff, it was not possible to appoint an agent to carry out earlier decisions in the matter of establishing an itinerating Religious Film Service. However the matter is now in final preparation, and by Synod time, the service should be in steady operation. In the meantime, opportunity has been taken from time to time, of showing the films to audiences in and around Auckland City, and most favourable commendation has followed each screening. As Funds permit, necessary additional plant including an urgently needed new van, will be procured. It has been decided by the Board, to consult with the representatives of Other Communions in the Dominion, in the matter of forming a properly constituted branch in New Zealand of the Religious Film Society.

Maori Mission Report.

A separate report on the Maori Mission work will be presented.

Conclusion.

The frontier represents the border line of our advance. Beyond is "No man's land," or the trenches of the enemy. It is the utmost limit of our present attainment. Surely we cannot let that line go. The game of see-saw is never satisfactory. First a little advance into a wedge shaped sector that exposes us to the fire on front and flank, then a retreat and another attempt at advance with depleted forces and dissipated strength—advance and retreat—so characteristic. The question is whether we shall stand with our backs to the wall and refuse to retreat, or whether we shall be conquered all along the line. At all costs we must maintain our frontier, for that is the starting point for further advance. For the Christian Church there are always "Regions beyond," and we must be always ready for the great venture—not only guard the frontiers but push them further into the territory of the enemy. This can be done only with ample reinforcements of men and women and finance.

To maintain the frontiers will mean ceaseless vigilance. There is no cessation of this warfare, no time for careless ease. There is such a thing as "Sin." We must fight this if we would reign. The thoughtlessness and indolence of many Christians must give way to absolute surrender. The Divine Captain gives the word—"Speak unto my people that they go Forward."

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

E. T. OLDS, Secretary.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, Asst. Supt.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following statements be received and adopted:—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the General Fund of the Home Mission and Church Extension Department; Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet of the Investment Funds Board; Statement of the Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission Bequest; Maori Girls' School Fund; Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet of the Methodist Mission Property Trustees; Balance Sheet of the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society.
3. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1938 be received and adopted.
4. That the H.M. Department investigate the possibility of appointing an additional agent to the Picture Van with a view to visiting the beaches during the summer season for the purpose of showing pictures, selling books, and engaging in open air preaching.
5. That the matter of the Havelock Home Mission Station be considered during the year by the Quarterly Meetings of Havelock and Blenheim in consultation with the Home Mission Board.
6. That the question of possible co-operation with the Presbyterian Church in the matter of the working of South Westland area be deferred pending a visit of the Assistant Superintendent to the District during the early months of the Connexional year.
7. That the case of Mr. Challenger's relation to the Retiring Fund be referred for favourable consideration to the Home Mission Board.
8. **Picture Department.**—Conference requests the Wellington District Executive to appoint representatives to a United Committee representative of the Churches, to act as the New Zealand Committee dealing with all matters affecting religious films.
9. **Standards of Stipends.**—That this Conference learns with regret that in no small number of cases, the salaries of agents, Ministerial and Home Missionary, have not been restored to pre-cut levels, and urges all officials to the utmost endeavour to bring salaries up to a level that will make it possible for our men to reasonably provide for those dependent upon them, and to this end a Committee be set up to consider the question.
10. That Conference expresses satisfaction with the major objectives and policy of the Home Mission Department, and rejoices in the steady consolidation and extension of the work throughout the Dominion. Conference urges our people to respond as liberally as possible to the claims of the Department, making it speedily possible worthily to assist our agents and strengthen the work in the sparsely settled districts of the Dominion.

11. **Natural Calamities Fund.**—That the Home Mission Board and the Fire Insurance Fund Board consult during the year as to the best method of establishing a Natural Calamities Fund on a satisfactory footing.
12. **Circuit History of Methodism.**—Mins. of Conference, 1937, p. 135, No. 13.—That Conference learns with gratification that the Connexional Secretary has instituted the system of filing of matters of Historical interest in the Circuit life of our Church, as set out in the report of the Custodian of Early Church Records. That this information be brought before our people with a request that all matters of historic interest for our Church be sent for safe custody either to the Connexional Office or to Trinity College. Especially do we request that matters of later circuit historical interest including reminiscences of senior ministers and laymen be sent to Christchurch for filing. That we commend to the Wesley Historical Society the preparation of Circuit and District Histories by carefully selected ministers and laymen.
13. (a) That where pulpit supplies have to be found for Churches whose Minister is conducting a mission during the year with the approval of the Spiritual Advance Committee, a measure of financial assistance be provided as the funds of the Committee permit.
- (b). That we again call the attention of Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuit Officials to the resolution of Conference that "No person shall be engaged as an Evangelist in any Circuit or Home Mission Station who has not previously received the approval of the President of the Conference for the time being, through the Spiritual Advance Committee."
- (c). Statement of Faith.—That the Committee on Statement of Faith consult with the Spiritual Advance Committee in respect to financial assistance necessary for the circulation of the Statement.
14. **Home Mission Board.**—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. E. Te Tuhi), Mr. J. Veale (life member) with the ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits and Rev. E. Drake; 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, Thos. White, R. J. Adlington, A. Williams, C. K. Wigglesworth, S. Burton and S. E. Chappell: The President of the Women's Missionary Union (ex officio), Miss E. Pearce, Miss J. Buttle, Sister Ivy Jones and Mrs. George Smith. Convener, The General Superintendent.
15. **Treasurers for 1938.**—That the Treasurers for 1938 be Rev. G. I. Laurenson and Mr. F. Penn.
16. That the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. P. Dellow and J. L. Crawford be re-appointed.
17. **Vote of thanks.**—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to, The Assistant Superintendent, General Treasurers, Officers and Members of the Board and Standing Committees, the Members and Conveners of the District Advisory Committees, Treasurers of the Literature and Colporteur Society (Mr. W. S. Mackay), Honorary Auditors of the Departmental Funds, the Honorary Deputations during the year, The Manager of the Bookroom (Mr. T. W. Hemer), and especially to Rev. Edward Drake, for services rendered to the Church during the Year.

District Home Mission Secretaries.

- AUCKLAND—Rev. E. T. Olds.
SOUTH AUCKLAND—Rev. H. Spencer.
TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. C. O. Hailwood.
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—Rev. J. H. Allen.
WELLINGTON—Rev. E. E. Sage.
NELSON—Rev. W. Rowe.
NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. F. B. Lawrence.
SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. H. G. Brown.
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. T. Skuse.
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. W. Walker and E. W. Hames and the Minister of Mt. Eden; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, W. Ambury, E. O. Chivers, F. Penn, F. W. Stone, J. W. Reed, E. A. Astley and A. Williams. Convener, Rev. 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, R. J. Melville. Convener, Rev. H. Spencer.
- 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 Senr., Convener, Rev. C. O. Hailwood.
- WANGANUI, SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Ministers of the Wanganui Circuits; Messrs. A. Blakely, F. Whitlock, S. Newsome. Convener, Rev. J. F. Martin.
- 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 A. H. Fisher. Convener, Rev. J. H. Allen.
- HAWKE'S BAY SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE. The Superintendent Ministers of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. W. H. Shearer and J. H. Oldham. Convener, Rev. H. J. Odell. Corresponding Member, Rev. F. E. Leadley.
- WELLINGTON.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. E. E. Sage.
- NELSON.—The Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, Blenheim, Motueka and Wakefield-Dovedale Circuits, the Home Missionary at Havelock, together with Messrs. F. H. Every, S. S. Collier, C. S. Cresswell, T. P. Brooks, V. Patching, Mesdames A. H. Leaper and T. Chambers. Convener, Rev. W. Rowe.
- NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Timaru, Temuka and Geraldine Circuits with Messrs. E. C. J. Foot, W. G. Irwin, W. Hocking, G. Hall, F. Metson and A. W. Barnett, Convener, Rev. H. G. Brown.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. T. Skuse.

SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits, together with the Circuit H.M. Secretaries. Convener, Rev. E. B. Chambers.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Abridged Report for the Year Ending August 31st, 1937.

We finish the year with gratitude to God and with much appreciation for the continued generous support of all our members. We have 62 auxiliaries and the total membership is 3,081. We feel that more extension work could be done in the formation of evening groups which would meet the need of mothers and business women who cannot attend during the day. The total income was £3,751/4/8. The sum of £372/6/5 was raised for the "Send the Doctor Back" Fund, £82/10/6 of this was the result of the sale of the Cookery Book compiled by Mrs. Ramsden of Wellington, and we congratulate this lady on the splendid result of her effort which meant much time and work. The Home Mission Special Appeal resulted in £87/10/9 and the Medicine Fund in £164/4/4. £309/10/8 was raised for Kurahuna Girls School and various sums were raised for other branches of our work. The sale of used stamps brought in the sum of £53/13/2. We continue to support Sisters Eleanor Dobby, Ivy Jones, Atawhai Wilcox, Olive Bott and Heeni Te Teira on the Home Field and Sisters Ethel McMillan, Lina Jones, Elizabeth Common and Nurses Edna White and Vera Cannon in the Solomon Islands. Nurse Vera Cannon and Sister Elizabeth have been on furlough, the former doing deputation work in North and South Auckland Districts and the latter in southern parts of the North Island and most auxiliaries in the South Island. Miss Effie Harkness left at the end of October to take up the position of teaching Sister in the Solomon Islands. The Y.W. Bible Class Movement pays through our Union the salaries of Sisters Ada Lee and Nicholls. Good work continues to be done at Kurahuna Maori Girls School. Our members have again given generously to the Gift Boxes for the Solomons and many parcels of new and old clothing have been forwarded to the Maoris. The objective for 1937-1938 is:—£1,300 for Overseas Sisters salaries and £870 for Home Sisters salaries. The location of the Dominion Executive will be in Auckland for the next three years.

H. L. DUKE, President.

E. C. PURDIE, Hon. Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted, and and that the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Women's Missionary Union.

QUESTION XLV.—What is the State of the Maori Work, and What can be done to Promote its Interests?

MAORI MISSION REPORT.

Many circumstances are working towards making the interests of the Maori Race one of the most important issues in our Dominion life. We who approach the problems of life from the standpoint of Religion must become increasingly concerned from that standpoint in the wellbeing of the Native Race. We praise our Heavenly Father for His great help to us all in another year of work for His Kingdom. Without our trust in the Living God, our hearts will often despair as we face the tremendous issues at stake in the lives of our Maori people, but we are sustained by the certainty that all of life is in His Hands.

Maori Census Returns.

Recently published returns compiled from statistics gathered in the Census of 1936, show the following remarkable situation.

In 1926, the Maori and Half-caste population numbered 63,670.

In 1936, the numbers had increased to 82,326.

The increase in Maori population during the five years 1921-1926 was 11.73 per cent., and in the ten years 1926-1936, 29.30 per cent. Similar percentages for the European population were, 1921-1926, 10.69 per cent 1926-1936, 10.93 per cent.

Later reports showing the vital statistics for the last five years, warrant us in reporting that the Maori population, including Half-castes is approximately 87,000.

These figures show a renewed "Will-to-live," and we are justified in feeling sure that one very important contributing factor in the regaining of this "Will-to-live" is the slowly deepening spiritual grip of many members of the race. The above figures warrant claiming that a new emphasis on the importance of this Native Mission should be evidenced in our Church.

Support of Deaconesses.

Again we express our deep appreciation of the very valuable help rendered to the Mission by the members of the Women's Missionary Union, the Young Women's Bible Class Movement, the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trustees, and the Sunday Schools of the Dominion in the provision of the money for the support of Deaconesses amongst our Maori People. Such workers are doing an excellent work, worthy of the greatest commendation.

Senior Maori Superintendent.

During the year, Rev. Eruera Te Tuhi has taken over his duties as Senior Maori Superintendent. He has an important pastorate in the Tuakau area, and in addition to this he has taken several tours through some of our Mission Districts, holding inspirational gatherings, and conducting the services of reception of new Church Members. A further work has been the frequent visiting of Wesley College to conduct classes and Native Services amongst the Maori Students.

Our Agents.

During the year, our Maori Ministers, Home Missionaries and Home Mission Agents have carried a large share of the work in the Mission, and we record our admiration for the spirit in which this work is maintained. Were there sufficient resources of finance available, a more worthy number of workers could be maintained on full-time employment in the work of the Mission.

Appreciation must again be expressed for the splendid co-operation shown by the large group of voluntary helpers, both European and Maori who assist in the Sunday School work and other sections of the Mission activities.

Training Schools.

Mention must be made of the steady work being done in the interests of the young people by the training institutions of the Church. Wesley College Paerata continues to make valuable contributions to the training of the native boys who enter its doors, and during the past year a splendid development has taken place in the instituting of a regular time of meeting during the week when the Maori students gather for native services and training in the conducting of such gatherings. We feel sure that the benefit of this will be seen before long in the Mission districts.

"Kurahuna" still holds the interest of the Maori people, and the large waiting list of girls hoping to have the opportunity, speaks volumes for the type of training being given there. This is also a very strong argument for the urgency of the establishment at the earliest possible moment, of the long-looked-for Maori Girls' School in Taranaki where the girls will be able to blend the type of training given at Kurahuna with the opportunity for higher education.

The Waiata Choir.

When Mr. Seamer left for his trip abroad, he accompanied the Waiata Choir, which consists of several of our Choir Members, as well as a number of new recruits. The Choir travelled with the blessing of our Department, and is commended to our Churches overseas. Reports to hand tell of much inspiration given, in many States of Australia, and considerable assistance given to various aspects of our Church Work there.

Difficulties.

Difficulties will always exist. Some of the fresh difficulties arise out of several developments which can in themselves promise certain benefits to the race if wisely handled. The rapid increase in Public Works again, has broken up a number of consolidated groups who have been together during the depression years, and this fact, together with the individualising of the land, and the Land Development and Consolidation schemes, makes for the difficulty of gathering of groups for worship. This has increased the need for personal and family pastoral work, and has added to the costliness of the work. Tangis still remain as opportunities for meeting with the people. The liquor problem remains acute, and there will need to be a stiffening of the forces working in opposition to this insidious evil.

Encouragements.

While there cannot be reported any spectacular movements of encouragement, there is the report of steady work being done. The Line is being held, and in some quarters quietly pushed ahead. Not in a day will this work be done. We pray for patience to endure and go ahead.

Co-operation.

The situation to-day in Maori Mission work is radically different from the days when the Leadership of the Mission was in the hands of whole-time European Leaders—the great Father Missionaries. Owing to the widened responsibility of the General Superintendent and the necessary limitation of assistance for him during the depression years, the visible leadership has necessarily become somewhat diffused. There is real need for adequate assistance to be made available to enable more frequent contacts to be made directly with the Maori Mission Areas.

The situation has been modified in some quarters by the splendid help rendered to Maori workers by neighbouring European Ministers and Home Missionaries, and we urge a great increase in this type of co-operation.

Maori Students.

A serious prospect for the future exists in the fact that so few students for the Ministry are being trained amongst our Maori youth. For its great history, our position in this respect to-day is most grave and we would ask our people to face this and make available to the Church the Funds necessary for enabling young promising students to be trained for this all-important work of the Christian Ministry amongst their own people.

Signed on behalf of the Home Mission Board,

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Supt.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, Asst. Supt.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference commend the suggestion that the name of the proposed Maori Girls' School in Taranaki be "The Tahupotiki Haddon Memorial School."
3. **Requests from South Auckland and Taranaki-Wanganui Synods for increasing the Staff amongst the Maori People of their areas.**—That Conference agrees that the best is being done at present that can be done within the means made available. It is the desire of the Home Mission Board and Conference to make these additional appointments asked for, as soon as Funds are made available by the Connexion for adequate Maori staffing.
4. That the Conference views with concern the grave effects of the increased amount of liquor being sold to the Maoris, and urges a strict enforcement of the existing laws in this respect.
5. That the Home Mission Board consult with the authorities of other Churches conducting Maori Missions, with a view to the making of strong united representations to the Government for stricter enforcement of the law governing the sale of liquor to Maoris.
6. That the Conference express its special thanks to the Women's Missionary Union, the Young Women's B.C. Movement, and the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trustees for their splendid financial assistance rendered to the Maori Mission. Without this special help, the Department would have been unable to employ eight of its women workers.

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

A.—AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

REPORT, 1937.

Situated opposite the Main Entrance of the Town Hall, the Mission pursues its progressive policy in cultured evangelism, and discriminating social service. Through the various branches of the Mission's work, over 1,200 people are influenced each week, while increasing numbers are looking to us for sympathy and guidance.

The past 52 years have revealed heights and depths of Christian experience and magnificent results have been achieved. The Mission has been the centre of social service of Auckland Methodism. It is felt that while there is urgent need for further institutional work, it is necessary to consolidate the work at the centre before venturing further. With such scant resources, it is imperative that the Mission pursue its present policy of gradual development rather than depending upon spectacular and sensational methods. Since its inception the Mission has endeavoured to assist human life in every department, especially to a fuller understanding of the Kingdom of God.

Health Camp and Rest Home.

235 Children have received benefit at the Campbell's Bay Health Camp since last Christmas, and many have been in residence during the winter months. The large majority of these children were "C" class. Through the generosity of individuals we were able to erect our Administrative Block and Hall last November—since then improvements to the extent of £600 have been made and the public opening will take place before Christmas. The whole scheme to date has involved the expenditure of nearly £3,000.

For the maintenance of the children, £300 was received from the Health Stamp Fund, and this year it is hoped to accommodate a larger number of children. There is still need for dormitories in order to accommodate a larger number. The King George Memorial Appeal has militated against this appeal, but it is hoped to erect two dormitories in the near future. We record our thanks to our Hon. Architect (Mr. C. Barhará), Mrs. L. Howie, and the numerous voluntary workers who have given unstintingly of their services.

Youth Work.

The Young People's work is one of the most inspiring departments of our programme both at Airedale Street and at Franklin Road. The Sunday Schools are graded, and we have been fortunate in securing equipped staffs. A number of older Sunday School scholars have been drafted into Junior Bible Classes, but there is still need for leadership in our Bible Class and Club activities. Throughout the week, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Sunbeams and several Clubs have opportunities for physical development and the building of character. Many of the young people who were Sunday School scholars four years ago are now assistant leaders, and constant in their attendance at Sunday worship. It is estimated that 300 children and young people belong to the various groups in the Mission Circuit.

Broadcasting.

In conjunction with Messrs. Johns Ltd., the Mission Superintendent broadcasts from IZJ on Mondays and Thursdays, and various speakers conduct the sessions on Tuesday evenings. The Radio Church of "The Helping Hand," has been inaugurated, and the membership stands at 50. Telephone calls and numerous letters testify to the worthwhileness of this recent venture. It is hoped that the Government will concede a Sunday session, which will meet numerous requests from all over the Province for occasional broadcast services from the Central Mission. Apart from this, the Board of Management feels, in accordance with past policy, that the Central Mission evening service should be entitled to a proportion of evening broadcasts from the National Station.

Social Service Department.

It is difficult to estimate the services in this department, for a good deal of the work cannot be made public. Through the generosity of firms, individuals, organisations, and the Health Stamp Fund, men, women and children have been assisted to the extent of £2,220. Through co-operation

with the Social Workers' Association, overlapping has been reduced to a minimum. The Superintendent has served on the Mayor's Committee, Social Workers' Association, the Community Singing Committee, and assisted in various public functions.

Franklin Road Branch.

On the retirement of Mr. H. Woolford to enter Home Mission ranks, Pastor Hope Haynes was asked to work as supply. The income has improved and the youth work extended. The experiment among the women at each fortnight's meeting in the school hall has met a long felt need. The children's and young people's work continues to develop under the inspiring leadership of Miss Elsie Booth. The time has come when special services for young people should be encouraged or made available, similar to those at the Port Adelaide Mission. Here is an excellent centre for the young life of the neighbourhood.

Prison Work.

Regular monthly services are continued at Mt. Eden Prison. Visits have also been made to the Waikeria Prison Camp. There is no doubt that personal work is the most effective way of helping the men. During the past twelve months the population has decreased 50%, and this is true not only of Mt. Eden Prison, but of prisons generally throughout New Zealand. Communications to the Minister of Justice and the Prisons Board have resulted in facilitating matters for some of the men. The Superintendent has served on the executive of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society. We record our real thanks to the Prison Officials, Church Choirs, Trinity College Students, and individuals for their unflinching courtesy and co-operation.

Maori Work.

As a measure of co-operation with the Maori Mission Department, the activities of the Auckland Methodist Maori Mission are housed on the Mission property.

The wisdom of erecting a temporary building on the Mission site has already justified itself, but it is imperative that provision be made for Maori work in the proposed new building. Sister Ivy Jones, with the assistance of Mr. A. Manoa and the Maori Students at Trinity College and the University is meeting a real need by conducting a Sunday morning service in the Maori tongue. The Maori Girls' Club has a membership of over 70.

Down and Outs.

These meetings have had record attendances this year. The Hall is often crammed to its capacity. 4,500 Meals have been given free. Mr. M. Souster assumes the direct responsibility of the meetings, while Bible Classes, Men's Fellowships, and other helpers have made a fine contribution in these evangelistic meetings.

Deaconess Work.

A recent letter from Sister Rita Snowden indicates that she is profiting from her sojourn abroad. Sister Lenna Button received an enthusiastic welcome early in the year. With boundless energy, artistic gifts, and quiet sincerity, Sister Lenna has commended her work among the women and children to all concerned. The Board of Management has unanimously invited both the Sisters for another year. It is hoped that the Home Mission Board will assist us in this extension work.

New Building Project.

The Trustees have asked Mr. A. C. Marshall to draw plans which have been approved. The plan provides for an auditorium to seat, 1,500 people,

a Chapel to accommodate 200, retiring rooms, a basement for sports accommodation and youth activities, Sunday School Hall, offices for general Mission work, Rest Room for girls, Maori Department, relief depot, caretakers' quarters, cloak and services. In co-operation with the Probert Trustees, there should be no real difficulty in getting an entrance right on to Queen Street. At present, the cost of building for our needs would be approximately £20,000 to £25,000. The day has come for a constructive forward movement. There is more than urgent need for a permanent centre for our type of evangelism, as well as a connexional centre for the Province. If the Connexion has the will, means can be found to finance the scheme.

General.

The Parsonage has been purchased, furnished, and renovated free of debt, which has made possible the continuance of an ordained minister. We record our special thanks to the East Street Trustees for purchasing the Parsonage and assisting in the renovations. The placing of the East Street Hall Insurance with the Connexion in the near future, will mean that all our policies are filed with the Connexional Office.

The General work of the Mission has been made possible by the Providence of God, the generosity of a large number of firms and individuals throughout the Province, and the East Street Trustees. A good deal of educating work has been done, and the Mission film "Contact" has brought our work before many country and city people, who we trust will assist in further gifts and legacies, as well as grants from the various Trusts. Our last word is one of grateful thanks to all who have, by their prayers and gifts and unstinting voluntary service, expressed their confidence in the Mission, thus enabling us to continue our religious and humanitarian work. To the members, leaders, office bearers, choir, musical director and organists the Board of Management expresses its appreciation.

(Signed) A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.

T. FLETCHER WALLIS	}	Circuit
WALTER WOOD	}	Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference considers the time has arrived when the Central Mission work in Auckland should be put on a more satisfactory and worthy basis. Recognising that the present buildings are totally inadequate for the present work, and do not lend themselves to future development, Conference approves the purpose of the Auckland Central Mission Board of Management to erect suitable buildings for its general and specific activities.
3. That the special Committee set up by the Auckland Synod co-operate with the Board of Management in interviewing the Probert Chambers Trustees and the Auckland Central Trustees; and that when the time arrives the Pitt Street Trustees be asked to co-operate.
4. If it can be affected without the prejudicing of the claims of the Deaconess and Maori College Appeals, that a Dominion Appeal on behalf of City Missions be made at an opportune time.
5. Conference expresses its appreciation of the Spiritual and Social work being achieved by the Rev. A. E. Orr, Sisters Lenna, and Rita, and the band of Mission Workers and assures them of confidence and loyal support.

6. Board of Management.

Superintendent of Home Missions, the Chairman of the District, Revs. G. I. Laurensen, G. Frost, W. A. Sinclair, Dr. Ranston, W. T. Blight, 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. Smethhurst, together with the Circuit officials and representatives and the Trustees of the Mission Properties.

B.—DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

47th Annual Report, 1937.

The Mission continues to develop along lines consonant with its historic beginning, and in harmony with the spirit and purpose of its founder. Its socio-spiritual activities evidence strong evangelistic emphasis.

Throughout the year the Central Councils and departmental leaders have fostered a progressive policy exploiting the advantages of radio, institutionalism, group fellowship and organised recreation. The inauguration of a Trouble Clinic held Friday afternoon enables approach and ministry to many. Though still in its initial stages, valuable diagnoses and analyses have been made, revealing the root causes of certain mental states and processes. By means of this Clinic many have found counsel in distress, confidence in hours of fear and spiritual illumination in a time of unprecedented suffering, sex debacle and physical upheaval.

During the year there has been an accession of young life questing for realism and fellowship, contemporary with this attachment of youth has been the entrance into membership of several gifted men and women who have provided leadership and stimulus to the work.

In common with other city churches the Mission is faced with modern problems. It finds difficulty in financing developing work. It faces the problems of leisure and pleasure. It is apparent that economic conditions, home laxity and religious indifference have militated against Sunday School and church attendance. A statistical report compiled by the Secretary of the Methodist Central Mission Youth Council discloses that only one of every three children eligible for religious training is attending Sunday School. In view of this position the Mission has launched an extensive campaign to procure new scholars.

Youth Work.

(a) THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT consists of four grades—Cradle Roll, Primary, Main School and Young Worshippers' League with a membership of 104. During the year Mr. Gordon Adams relinquished the superintendency of the Sunday School and Mr. C. E. Patey was appointed.

(b) BIBLE CLASSES.—These Classes, six in all, are well organised and capably conducted. The Young Women's Senior Class has a membership of 32 and the Young Men's 40. The Bible Class Membership totals 123 with an average attendance of 90. The Bible Classes are a spiritual force in the life of the Mission and the members are strengthening every branch of the work.

The Youth Department controlled by the Methodist Central Mission Youth Council with a personnel of 30 is fortunate in having Miss Eunice Russell as Secretary and Treasurer.

(c) WEEK NIGHT ACTIVITIES.—Many clubs stimulating spiritual ideals, creating opportunities for physical development, friendship-making and character building are a fine asset. Included in these are clubs for business girls, badminton, tennis, Boys' Brigade, Life Boys, Guides and Brownies. Approximately 450 young men and women meet every week in the various clubs.

(d) During the Christmas holidays a City Council 'Bus was engaged to transport a number of young people to the Lakes District and Eglinton Valley. Camps were held en route affording opportunities for spiritual and physical good.

(e) An outstanding feature of the Youth work has been the Between Services Teas giving opportunities for B.C. members to fraternise, welcome strangers and to enjoy a sing. On an average 60 young people meet weekly in this way.

Men's Brotherhood.

Under the chairmanship of the Superintendent, the Men's Club meets weekly to discuss personal problems and social phenomena. Men spiritually adrift and having no normal reaction to Christianity have known a redirection of attitude to life and religion and formed concepts of service in terms of the Christian ethic.

The Women's Guilds.

These combine fellowship with service radiating goodwill. Thought is given to Missions and Social Service and an opportunity created for sharing the common objectives of the Kingdom. The Guilds are rendering a service peculiar to this type of organisation by fostering a more intimate association with the life and work of the Mission.

Health Home, Company Bay.

The Home was officially opened in March in the presence of a very large gathering of friends. The total cost of the land, laying out of grounds, installation of water supply and sanitation, erecting and furnishing buildings amounted to £30,000. The debt is £6,500. In December, 70 children will enter the Home. Mr. and Mrs. C. Hight have been appointed matron and caretaker respectively. The Home is strongly built, beautifully furnished and commands a magnificent harbour view. Over two thousand trees and shrubs have been planted for beauty and shelter. For lack of funds the original policy of the Board of Management was temporarily suspended, but the full policy now operates. Women in need of physical and mental change are now in residence. A qualified registered nurse acts as staff sister. Several old people have made this their permanent home.

Eventide Homes for Aged People.

Plans for these Homes have been prepared by Mr. H. McDowell-Smith honorary architect to the Mission. It is proposed to erect 25 small modern bungalows with a central controlling administrative block and two hostels identical in design. The old folk will have entire independence and freedom while enjoying all the advantages of Christian ministries. Many cheerless old people living in conditions unconducive to happiness and comfort will find these Homes a great blessing. The present difficulty is to find a suitable site. It is the intention of the Trustees to begin in a small way. Finance will determine the rate of progress. The Radio Church, Mr. Fred. Tanner, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shacklock, and the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Paris have each provided a home. Others who do not wish their names divulged at this stage have bequeathed amounts. It is confidently anticipated that this movement in the interests of aged worthy citizens, will merit bequests and legacies and the support of many citizens and organisations.

The Radio Church of the Helping Hand.

Every morning at 10.30 a service is broadcast from 4ZM. The Superintendent is assisted by the Revs. B. M. Tasker, B.A., and Hugh Graham of Mosgiel and Mr. Gordon Adams. It is estimated that thousands listen-in

to these broadcast messages. The active membership of the Radio Church is 4,000. The movement has spread to Auckland under the direction of the Rev. A. E. Orr. We gratefully accord the sympathetic co-operation of Messrs. R. and J. W. Walls of Messrs. McCracken and Walls, without which the Radio Church Movement could never have attained its present membership and service.

Co-operation With the Auckland Mission.

There has been close co-operation between the Auckland and Dunedin Missions in matters of vital import and mutual interest.

Staff Appointments.

Sister Hazel continues her devoted service. Her long tenure of office has greatly widened her influence in the city while her services to the sick and aged are specially appreciated. Sisters Lenna and Margaret severed their connection with the Mission and have appointments in Auckland. Sister Connie completes her hospital training next year qualifying in medical and surgical work. On the completion of her training Sister Connie will join the staff. The Nurse Fund stands at £90. Salary and equipment will involve £140 annually. Meanwhile the nurse fund is being gradually augmented.

Social and Benevolent Work.

The Social Service Department has undertaken varied and extensive work under the able superintendence of Mrs. J. Grant assisted by a band of willing workers. The city and the church are under a great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Grant, who for seven years without remuneration has eased the burdens of thousands. During the year, 60,000 lbs. of meat, 500 Christmas parcels, clothing, fuel, groceries and footwear have been distributed to authenticated cases of need. Expenditure for the year in this department amounted to the huge sum of £15,330 15s. 10d. There is a debt on the year's working of £1,243 13s. 1d.

Finance and General.

Though the Methodist Central Mission has exercised its ministry for 47 years in Dunedin, it is a matter for comment that only one legacy has come to hand to ease the financial strain involved in its humanitarian work. The result has been a continuity of special efforts and appeals. Convinced that such ministry is socially effective and spiritually purposive, the Board of Trustees commends its work to the support of the community. The Board of Management desires to place on record the untiring services of the members of the staff, officers, mission members, adherents and numerous voluntary workers. Special thanks is due to the untiring services of Mr. H. H. Johnson, Secretary and Treasurer. Grateful acknowledgement is also made of the service accorded by a considerable number of organisations, firms and citizens without which the work could never have been advanced to its present stage. Many individuals, firms, Government, City Council, Dunedin Savings Bank Trustees have given most generously to the major projects in hand. Mr. S. Saltzman's gift was most timely. Pursuing its defined policy the Trustees have reduced the debt on the Octagon property another £1,000 leaving a mortgage of £17,500.

The Trustees at the annual meeting desire to place on record their highest appreciation of the untiring and self-sacrificing work of the Superintendent, and while congratulating him on achieving so much during his comparatively short occupancy of the position, assured him of their entire confidence and whole-hearted support in consolidating the present position

and furthering any future institutional schemes as they develop and finances permit. Eulogistic reference was also made to the excellent work being done by his assistant, the Rev. B. M. Tasker.

L. M. READ, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses its gratitude to Almighty God for the continued success of the Dunedin Central Mission and commends the work to all our people.
3. That Conference congratulates Rev. L. B. Neale and his staff on the extent and effectiveness of the Mission.
4. That Conference conveys its thanks to Mr. H. H. Johnson for his services as Secretary and Treasurer and to Mr. S. Saltzman for generous gifts.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

A.—REPORT FOR 1937.

The training of deaconesses was resumed this year and three probationers were received for training. The Committee was fortunate in obtaining the services of Rev. T. J. Wallis and Miss V. Hooper M.A., as tutors and under their able guidance the students are making satisfactory progress. Each has been appointed to a city circuit and under the instruction of the superintendent minister is busily engaged in gaining that practical training so necessary to her success. At the beginning of the year Mrs. Southern took charge of Deaconess House temporarily and by her ability and gracious personality endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. The Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of her valuable services and to thank her for making the necessary sacrifice to enable her to come to its assistance. Her successor, Mrs. Neale has now established herself as matron of the House and has already gained the respect of all by the able manner in which she is carrying out her duties.

The Committee again considers itself very fortunate in obtaining the services of a matron who is so well fitted by training and experience to fill the position and who in addition possesses personal qualifications that make her an excellent guide and helper to the students under her charge.

The Committee regards the arrangements made for the training of deaconesses as a temporary expedient to continue only until Conference adopts the larger scheme recommended by the Deaconess Commission and so undertakes the training of women workers in a manner more worthy of their importance in the activities of the church. The number of enquiries made this year indicates very clearly that there are young women anxious to devote themselves to the service of the church.

The Committee realises that there is most important work that only women can do effectively. It believes that women workers by means of the contacts they make in the home and in their social work generally can materially assist in binding the women, who at least nominally belong to us, more closely to the church. The preaching of the gospel from the pulpits must be supplemented by intensive, consistent efforts between Sundays, and this direct application of Christian principles can adequately be made only by the employment of a large band of consecrated, well trained, capable and sympathetic women. The expansion of the work associated with Deaconess House would worthily mark the beginning of the second century of the history of the Methodist Church in New Zealand.

The Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the distinguished service rendered to the Institution by Mr. J. E. Purchase who has recently relinquished the office of Secretary in prospect of a visit to England. Mr. Purchase has put his specialized knowledge as an educationist and administrator at the disposal of the Committee and has left a permanent mark upon the Institution. The Committee hopes to benefit by his continued service when he returns to the Dominion.

The financial year ends on December 31st. A complete statement will be presented to Conference.

The following grants from Connexional funds are asked for the next Connexional year. Fire Insurance Fund £100, Contingent Fund £75. Home Mission Fund £75, Foreign Mission Fund £25.

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), the Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits with the ministers appointed to Linwood, New Brighton and Edgeware Road; Rev. E. Drake, Mesdames G. Bowron, H. E. Lamb, A. A. Sandford, C. Eaton, H. S. Kings, A. Allen and S. Provost; Sister Mabel Morley; Messrs. C. A. Newman, H. Chapman, C. H. E. Graham, J. E. Purchase, S. H. Maddren, M. Kershaw, E. H. Andrews and L. G. K. Steven.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Chairman,

J. C. DRAPER, Acting Secretary.

B.—REPORT OF DEACONESS COMMISSION

The members of the Deaconess Commission in accordance with the resolution of Conference as contained on page 152, paragraph 6 of the Minutes of Conference 1937 have continued their investigations and beg to submit the following recommendations for the consideration of Synods and Conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Deaconess Institution be converted into a Methodist School for Christian Workers under a Board of Governors working in conjunction with the Home Mission Department.

2. That the scope of the Institution be extended to provide in addition to the training of Deaconesses, for the training of young men and young women for Christian service and also for the training of Home Missionaries.

3. That a Minister in full connexion be appointed as resident Principal, nominations for the office of Principal to be made to the Conference of 1940 by the Committee of Deaconess Institution.

4. That an appeal for a sum of £6000 be incorporated in the Centenary appeal of 1940.

5. That the objectives of the appeal be—

(a) To increase the capital of the Deaconess Retiring Fund by £2000.

(b) To pay off the mortgage on Deaconess House.

(c) To make provision for the equipment of the School and any necessary structural alterations to the present building.

6. That the Home Mission Department be asked to subsidise the scheme to the extent of £300 per annum and that additional support be sought from the following connexional Funds:—

Foreign Mission Board	..	£100
Contingent Fund	..	£150
Fire Insurance Board	..	£150

and further that the movement be heartily commended to the generous support of our people throughout the Dominion so that the balance required may be secured by bequests and donations.

7. That the scheme be put into operation at the beginning of the Connexional year in 1941 and that the Principal be designated at the Conference of 1940.

8. That a special representative Committee be set up at an early session of the Conference to consider the report and recommendations of the Deaconess Commission together with all matters relevant thereto, the Committee to include the President, Vice-President, Ex-President, and the Secretary of the Conference, Connexional Secretary, Chairmen of Districts, the treasurers of the Foreign Mission Department, Home Mission Department and Contingent Fund; a representative of the Women's Missionary Union, Mr. B. J. Lynneberg and such members of the Commission as are present at the Conference.

The following is an estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for the Proposed Methodist School for Christian Workers :—

REVENUE.				£	s.	d.
Hostel Receipts	..	..	..	510	0	0
Rent from Workshop	..	..	..	52	0	0
Associate Subscriptions	..	..	..	25	0	0
Connexional Grants Recommended :						
Home Missions	..	..	..	300	0	0
Foreign Missions	..	..	..	100	0	0
Fire Insurance Board	..	..	..	150	0	0
Contingent Fund	150	0	0
Anticipated Donations	161	10	0
Extra Revenue Required	200	0	0
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EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.
Principal's Salary	300	0	0
Connexional Charges	50	0	0
Living Expenses	150	0	0
Staff Wages	..	..	..	250	0	0
Housekeeping Costs	..	..	..	450	0	0
Renewals and Repairs	..	..	..	110	0	0
Rates	..	..	..	50	0	0
Insurances	..	..	..	26	0	0
Interest	..	..	..	70	0	0
Telephone	..	..	..	10	10	0
Advertising	7	0	0
Other Expenses not provided for	75	0	0
Depreciation	100	0	0
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				£1,648	10	0
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CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.
J. E. PURCHASE, Secretary.

Christchurch,
17th September, 1937.

RESOLUTIONS.

(A).

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Secretary and to the Treasurer of Deaconess Institution, and also to the House Staff and to the Committee of Management for their efficient services.
3. That the grants as recommended in the Report be approved.
4. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the report.
5. That the text book in English for students in Deaconess Institution be Olifant's "Matriculation and General English Course" (See Minutes 1937, page 29).
6. That Regulation 12 (Law Book, page 132) be amended to provide for a House Committee of eight ladies instead of six as determined by the Conference of 1930 (Minutes 1930, page 123).
7. That the recommendation of the South Auckland Synod regarding training in the Maori language for workers amongst the Maoris be referred to the Committee of Deaconess Institution.

(B).—Deaconess Commission.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference strongly endorses the principle of establishing a Methodist School for the training of Christian workers.
3. That the Commission be re-appointed and requested to investigate further the matters of organisation, finance and principalship, to consider the various Synod recommendations and to report to the next Synods and Conference.

(C).—Joint Appeal, 1940.

1. That the Joint Appeal be for a sum of £26,000 for the following objects :—
£2000 for the Deaconess Retiring Fund to be a first charge upon the Appeal Fund ; £4000 for debt reduction and Extension work in connection with the proposed School for the training of Christian Workers in Christchurch ; £20,000 as new capital for the establishment in Taranaki of the Maori Girls' School or College, on the Cottage Unit System.
2. That all income above the first £2000 be allocated in the proportion :—
Maori Girls' School 5/6ths, and the School for Christian Workers, 1/6th.
3. That all details of the scheme and all arrangements in connection with the appeal be in the hands of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trust Board, and the following Corresponding and Consultative Members :—The President of the Conference, and Revs. F. Copeland, A. J. Seamer, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, E. D. Patchett, R. Dudley, J. H. Haslam, E. P. Blamires, C. Eaton, M. A. Rugby Pratt, L. B. Neale, T. A. Pybus, E. B. Chambers, Mesdames. H. E. Pacey, G. Bowron, Miss E. M. Rishworth, Miss L. Hodder, Mrs. W. H. Duke, Messrs. F. Penn, T. L. Hames, N. R. Seddon, J. E. Purchase, H. Chapman, G. S. Gapper, Rev. H. J. Odell, the Secretaries of the Grey Institute Trustees, and the Kai Iwi Mission Trust, with power to add.
4. That if practicable the Rev. G. I. Laurenson be set apart in 1940 for the purpose of forwarding the Appeal.
5. That a scheme of deputations to cover the whole Dominion be prepared by the Committee, and arrangements made for setting up local Committees in all our Districts and principal Circuits.
6. That the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust Board take steps to prepare early the plans for the proposed buildings in Taranaki, and that a progress report be presented to the next Synods and 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 1937.

In presenting our report for the year, we desire to acknowledge with reverent gratitude the large measure of Divine blessing attending the affairs of the Board of Management, and the work of and in the Homes.

Administrative matters have been carried on smoothly and well, the health of the children has been excellent, and the care and supervision given by the master and matrons and staff worthy of all commendation; the good name of our Homes being well maintained, continuing the high reputation they deservedly hold.

Admissions and Removals.

These have proceeded along the usual lines, the balance being in favour of the former. We now have 49 boys of nine years of age and over in Wesley Home, and 35 girls, with 9 boys of under eight years of age in the Epsom Home. Further applications in view may mean an increase of the numbers in Epsom but Wesley is now full to capacity. The increases stand at 2 boys and 6 girls.

Changes in Staff.

Miss James, after eleven years faithful and efficient service in Epworth, Wesley and Epsom Homes, resigned at the end of last year; suitable recognition being made of her long and competent association with the staffs of these Three Homes, and regret expressed at the loss her leaving would mean.

Miss Coatman, who on the retirement of Miss Spooner had been promoted to the Matron of the Epsom Home, having found, after several months in that position that the duties and responsibilities were greater than she had anticipated, asked to be relieved—a request reluctantly acceded to by the Board in July of this year. Miss Coatman had spent fifteen years in the service of the Homes, formerly as deputy-Matron at Epworth, then as Matron, and more lately Matron of Epsom Home. Grateful appreciation of the devotion and ability that had marked her long term of service was expressed—and suitable recognition of this was made at a farewell function held in the Epsom Home.

A very suitable successor was found in the person of Mrs. Rosina Butterworth, who took up her duties as Matron at Epsom on September 1st, and has already proved to be most capable and efficient, her very pleasant personality being of great help in her associations with the large family of girls and boys and the staff of the Home.

Wesley Boys' Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wild are doing very fine work with their newly arranged family—there being 48 boys under their care. In order to give healthy outlet for the abounding energies of this big family, and in view of the regrettable lack of proper recreational facilities, the formation of a Boy Scout Troop for the elder lads and of a Cub pack for the younger ones was decided upon, Mr. Wild (an old Scout Master of ability and experience) being in charge of the scouts, Mrs. Wild proving very competent and successful in her position as Cub Mistress.

Thanks to the generous gift of Mr. J. E. Astley, chairman of the Wesley Grounds Committee, uniforms and proper scout outfits have been provided, enabling the boys to present a very fine appearance, and enhancing their comradeship and discipline in a most helpful fashion.

Renovations and Replenishings.

As wear and tear and the ravages of time are more and more in evidence in the buildings and furnishings has been found necessary to incur considerable expense in keeping things in good order and condition. Every care is taken to avoid unnecessary expenditure in this connection, but it will be a great source of satisfaction to the Board and all concerned when such recurring expense on the renovations is no longer necessary.

Proposals for New Buildings.

As mentioned in last year's report, the Board is still looking forward to a time in the near future when our work can be housed in buildings of permanent material and of modern design, and steps in this direction are being gradually taken.

Up to the present time, though careful search is being made by the Sites and Buildings Committee specially appointed in this connection, a suitable site has not been decided upon. It is, however, hoped that this difficulty will be overcome very shortly, and further steps be possible for the furtherance of the scheme. In the meantime we are confident that the plans and proposals when placed before the public will result in substantial financial support being given.

Visit of Rev. J. H. Litten.

As this report goes to press we are looking forward with much interest and expectation to the visit this month of the Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Litten—Mr. Litten being the Principal of the National Children's Home and Orphanage, the Great Methodist work started by the Rev. Stephenson, and now finding house-room and care for over 4000 children. Arrangements have been made to entertain these distinguished guests and also for members of the Board and the Ladies House Committees to meet them at Wesley Home for purposes of consultation on all aspects of Orphanage work—Building and administration and methods—more particularly in view of the new proposals the Board have in view in this connection.

The Board is already indebted to Mr. Litten for a large amount of useful and valuable information on the working of the Orphanages in the Home Country furnished through Mr. Wm. Astley, a life-member of the Board, and its first secretary who on his recent visit to England has been looking into all such matters in the interests of the Board and its work.

Street Appeal.

Following upon the example of our South Island friends, a combined street appeal on behalf of the Anglican, R. Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist Orphanages of the Auckland District was held in the City and suburbs on September 3rd, resulting in some £1,050 being raised. This has been allocated on a per capita basis amongst the above Orphanages—and has added £160 to our revenue. The very fine spirit prevailing amongst these churches was not the least valuable feature of the Appeal. It is hoped that this will be an annual event, and become increasingly helpful in the maintenance of the work for the children, and that the interest of the more distant parts of the Auckland province will be enlisted to a much greater extent than was found possible this year.

Centennial Celebrations.

Representation of Orphanage interests has been provided for in the Committee work in connection with these celebrations, due to take place in 1940, when it is hoped that our plans for the new Homes will be sufficiently advanced to allow of the foundation stones—and possibly the opening ceremonies—to synchronise with the Centennial Observances.

Work of the Committees.

The members of the Ladies' Orphanage Committee and the House Committees at Mt. Albert and Epsom have, as in the past, been most helpful and diligent in their attention to the interests of the Homes—and have rendered valuable assistance in very many ways. The various sub-Committees of the Board—Executive, Admission, Grounds, Sites and Building, together with The Trust Board (Inc.), have all given willing and practical assistance throughout the year.

Drs. Harold Petitt and Cyril Griffin, Hon. physicians, continue their kindly and valuable services as in past years.

Financial.

The usual report and balance-sheet will be furnished to the Synods and Conference in due course. The Board is indebted to the keen business acumen and watchful attention of its Clerical Treasurer, Rev. Geo. Frost, for the way in which he has guarded the funds and increased the receipts from various sources.

Board of Management.

Nominations will be submitted to next Conference in due course.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

ARTHUR HOPPER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report and)Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Board of Management and to the Chairman (the Rev. E. D. Patchett), especially in view of this being the Rev. E. D. Patchett's last year as Chairman.
3. That thanks be accorded to the Matrons of the Homes, and to Mr. Wild, and the members of the staff, the Ladies' Committee and the Collectors : also to Drs. Harold Petitt and Cyril Griffin, Mr. K. White, Chemist, and many other helpers.
4. That thanks be extended to the Secretary (Rev. A. Hopper), to the Clerical Treasurer, (Rev. Geo. Frost), and to the Lay Treasurer (Mr. A. Len Caughey), for their valuable services.
5. That the Conference notes with pleasure the progressive policy of the Board in regard to a worthy scheme for new buildings in permanent materials, and commends the appeal that will be made for the necessary financial support this calls for, as well as for the maintenance of the ordinary funds for our Orphanage work.
6. That the following be the Board for 1938 :—Mesdames Caughey-Preston and W. R. G. Emerson, Mr. Wm. Astley (Life Members). The Chairman of District. Revs. 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, and A. L. Caughey; the Misses Kirk, A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, C. Wagstaff, and Ida Buttle; Messrs. J. E. Astley, Wm. Astley, T. Clark, H. 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, J. Hargraves, S. A. Pethybridge, J. Tyler, G. W. Turley and M. Rudd; Rev. George Frost (Clerical Treasurer), Mr. A. Len Caughey (Lay Treasurer) and Rev. Arthur Hopper (Secretary), with power to add.

B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

Report to Synod for Year Ending 30th September, 1937.

The past year has had its problems and difficulties, but we are glad to be able to report that although at one time the decrease in the number of children in our care, caused the Management some concern, this and other problems resolved themselves satisfactorily in their own way, and the "Home" has a report to make in which encouraging progress is a distinctive feature.

Statistics.

In the report at the end of the previous Statistical year, our numbers were stated as 21. During the recent year, an almost 50% increase has brought our family up to 30, comprising 9 girls and 21 boys. The large number of boys compared to girls is a peculiarity we have not been able to explain.

The number of children leaving the "Home" in the period under review was seven, and the admissions were 16. Of the Children leaving, two commenced work, and five in three families were provided with homes by their parents, two of whom had remarried.

In addition to the above, the "Home" has temporarily cared for a small child and two fatherless children during the illness of the mothers.

Staff and Committee.

The Staff of the "Home" has remained unchanged throughout 1936-37, and consists of Miss Allan, Matron, Miss Mygind, Assistant, Miss Henderson, cook, and Mr. Bate, Secretary-Manager.

During the year the Committee suffered the loss by death of one of its valued lady members—in the person of Mrs. Pragnell, whose interest in the "Home" from its inception, has been very praiseworthy. The Committee here records its deep sense of gratitude to Mrs. Pragnell for her devoted service to the children.

Mrs. F. C. Daniell was unanimously approached to fill the vacancy on the Ladies' Committee, and the General Committee had great pleasure in extending a welcome to Mrs. Daniell at the August Meeting.

Children.

The conduct of the "Home" and the health of the children throughout the year has been, as in the past, of an exceptionally high standard. In these matters the Committee is greatly indebted to the devoted work of the Matron (Miss Allan) and to Dr. Prior our thanks are due for his watchful eye over the children's health.

As in previous years, a Scripture Examination was held in the "Home" and all who entered did very creditably.

During the present Calendar year we have had one girl and one boy going to High School, and one girl and two boys going to Technical School. The reports on these children were on the whole very encouraging—one girl and one boy topping their forms in several subjects. All the other children have been attending Primary School with the exception of our two youngest members who are not yet of age. Towards the end of the year, it was thought desirable to place one girl and one boy at the Technical School, in employment—and this has proved a wise proceeding.

With the exception of the two older boys, all the children were away from the "Home" during part of the summer holidays—a pleasure for which the children are indebted to many of our sympathetic friends in the Church. In other ways during the year outings have been arranged for the children, and these have afforded them no little pleasure for which the Committee is very grateful.

Circuit Collections.

A matter for congratulation during the past year was the greatly improved response by the Circuits to the "Home" Annual Appeal. The sum of £331/2/8 raised, is £43/16/10 better than the previous year—or almost 15%, and is the largest amount forwarded to the "Home" from the Circuits since 1931. Surely this is not merely an indication of better times, but evidence of a deeper social consciousness among our people, because of which we should be greatly encouraged.

Property.

The "Home" property is in excellent order. The Buildings require little in the way of upkeep, whilst the grounds are beginning to show the result of the systematic planting of shrubs and trees by Miss Allen. Flowers and vegetables are grown in abundance, and well-kept lawns and paths present an attractive appearance to the visitor. Interior replacements to equipment and furniture have taken place as needed—no effort being spared which would make for efficient and economical running.

The Committee is grateful to the Wellington Board of Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for help in this direction, and the gift by that Body of a very fine Electrical Cleaner is greatly appreciated, as has been its assistance in other directions.

Bequests.

During 1936-37 the following Bequests were made to the "Home."—Under the will of the late Sarah Cripps £20; under the will of the late W. H. Bennett £100; under the will of the late Mr. Newcombe £1000. A further sum, amounting to £90 was received from the Sarah Andrew Estate, and a payment is ready to be made from the Waby Estate at an early date.

Wellington Board.

The Committee notes with very real satisfaction the intention of the Wellington Board of Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments to seek the authority of Conference to add to its members two representatives of the "Home" Committee—a move which we feel will prove of very real value to both Committees, and make for much fuller co-operation. We greatly appreciate the courtesy and confidence of the Board members in this respect.

Conclusion.

We would conclude our Report on a note of Thanksgiving and Praise. We thank most sincerely all who have so splendidly helped us in any way during the year, and, deeply aware of the loving oversight of our Heavenly Father, we offer Him the praise of hearts that have been made partakers of His bounty.

On behalf of the Management Committee,

JAS. H. HANDYSIDE, Chairman

A. E. BATE, Secretary-Manager.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference cordially congratulate the Matron and Staff on the successful and happy working of the Home during another year.
3. That the special thanks of the Conference be extended to Dr. N. H. Prior for his devoted service for many years as Honorary Medical Officer.
4. That the Board of Management be thanked for their services and re-appointed.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Report for 1937.

We praise God for a year of mercy and blessing. It has not been a year marked by any great changes, but by quiet service and general development. The general health of the children has been good, there being an entire absence of anything of a serious nature. We are especially grateful to our Heavenly Father that we passed unscathed through the anxious time of the Infantile Paralysis. Owing to this epidemic the usual holidays were restricted, and thus for the first time for many years our children were unable to visit their friends on farms and in country homes. Although this was a bitter disappointment, it was cheerfully borne, and special efforts were made by the management to compensate for this loss. Organised picnics, and motor-trips were thoroughly enjoyed. Great credit is due to the staff-members that they were willing to forgo, or to re-arrange their holidays and help cheerfully through this period of strain.

In connection with the school work, our children have acquitted themselves well; the school reports have been of a satisfactory nature and some of our scholars have shown outstanding ability. The general progress has been good. Two of our boys have gone to Paerata for further training, and others to secondary schools. A keen interest has been maintained in Band of Hope activities, and although the entrants for the Scripture examination were not as numerous as on previous occasions, those who entered were successful, obtaining a worthy place on the prize lists. Some of our senior children have been placed in suitable positions of employment, but as it has long been felt that there is a real need for further oversight after they have left the Home, the matter is now under consideration by the Board. There has been the usual fluctuations in the roll-number, some being removed from the Home, and others admitted. At the present time we have 59 children in residence, 27 girls and 32 boys.

The New Home with its modern appointments and equipment is a great advantage, and has won hearty commendation from our many visitors. The Financial Statement and Balance-sheet will, as usual, be presented to Conference. The generosity of our friends is deeply appreciated, and amongst the many bequests we mention the gracious gifts from the following estates, S. Andrew, C. W. Gibb, W. Ferguson, L. Baker, M. Tuck, J. Mallock, A. M. Mickle, and the A. Cowie Trust. Again this year there was a wonderful response to the Radio Concert and Street-day appeal. From this source the total sum raised was £1,250 and the Methodist portion amounted to £344. Our grateful thanks are tendered to all who gave such valuable assistance in this effort, especially to our Treasurers, Mr. M. Kershaw, and Mr. H. Chapman, also to Mrs. Mackay, and Mr. J. L. Hay for their services in the organisation of the appeal.

The Board places on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the passing of Rev. F. T. Read. Ever since the inception of the work of the Orphanage, he had always taken a keen interest, and as a member of the Board made many worthy contributions to the welfare of the children. As a former Field-organiser and collector he rendered valuable and efficient service. We pay tribute to his gracious service.

We express our sincere thanks to Drs. A. J. Orchard and J. P. Whetter, also to Mr. Sevicke-Jones for professional services freely given. In addition to financial support, many of our circuits have made frequent gifts to the Commissariat department and in this way have materially helped the Home. The many gifts of clothing, provisions, and cakes from business houses are greatly appreciated.

Under the capable guidance of the gardener, the grounds are maintained in splendid order, and the orchard and vegetable gardens provide not only a valuable means of training for the boys, but also give considerable assistance to the upkeep of the Home.

The thanks of the Board are tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, the Manager and Matron of the Orphanage, also to all members of the staff for their efficient service. A great responsibility is placed upon them, and they are assured of our appreciation of those efforts on behalf of the children. We express grateful thanks to the members of the Ladies' House Committee for their co-operation and oversight, and assistance in the conduct of the home.

We feel that in this service, God has especially privileged us to care for His little ones, and as in His service we set the child in the midst we are assured of His presence and help. In this work we seek to serve Him and them, and thank Him for the joy of service.

The following are recommended to Conference as the Orphanage Board for 1938.

The Ministers and Probationers in active work in Christchurch, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, A. C. Lawry, W. Grigg, J. Featherston, Mesdames G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, E. Drake, R. Pratt, C. Eaton, W. A. Burley, M. Opie, and Sister Mabel 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, J. E. Purchase, L. G. K. Steven, H. Holland and S. Harrington.

C. EATON, Chairman,
H. S. KINGS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

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

"METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Report for 1937.

During the year an intensive campaign for new subscribers has been conducted with the result that our enrolment now stands higher than it has done since the year 1932. To our circuit agents and to all others who have contributed to this result the Committee gives its hearty thanks. It looks for continued co-operation throughout 1938 in still further increasing the number of our readers and thus stimulating greater interest in and enthusiasm for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

The financial statement accompanying the report shows an improved position. This is due partly to a return to the arrangement whereby the contingent expenses of the Editors and half their honoraria are paid from the Contingent Fund, partly to the grant from the Fire Insurance Fund and partly to increased revenue from subscribers. As the subscription year covers only a portion of the financial year a further improvement may be anticipated. There is a surplus of £19/2/- on the year's working.

The Editor (Rev. H. E. Bellhouse) and the Associate Editor (Rev. T. J. Wallis) have loyally co-operated with the management during the year. To them and to the contributors of the regular features of the paper the Committee tenders its cordial thanks.

The work of the Editor has evoked widespread expressions of appreciation and the Committee counts itself fortunate in this appointment. It heartily nominates him for re-appointment, and with his approval, nominates the Rev. T. J. Wallis as Associate Editor.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year :—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. H. E. Bellhouse, T. J. Wallis, E. Drake, W. Grigg, C. Eaton, W. A. Burley, H. L. Fiebig ; Messrs. H. Holland (Lay Treasurer), D. E. Parton, W. Dobbs, W. A. Bascand and E. H. Andrews.

(Signed) D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary

Christchurch,

18th January, 1938.

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 tendered to the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse for his able service as Editor of the "Methodist Times" and that he be re-appointed.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. T. J. Wallis, Associate Editor, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the regular contributors to the columns of the "Methodist Times."
5. That the Conference, whilst rejoicing in the measure of increased support being given to the Church paper, urges our Ministers and Church officers to do their utmost to increase still further the circulation of the paper. In view of the great increase in production costs it commends the financial needs of the paper to the practical support of the various Connexional Funds, Institutions and Departments.

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

For official list of Chaplains, see Minutes of Conference 1930, (pages 133-134) and 1934 (page 156).

During the year all Military Camps allotted to our Church have been attended by our Chaplains called for duty.

In every case the commanding officers have shown a ready willingness to co-operate with and to provide facilities for the Padre to discharge his duties.

In all Camps parade services have been held, daily battalion prayers conducted, and religious and social functions organised.

Thus the witness of the Church has been maintained at a time when young men particularly need the ordinances of the Church.

In view of the opportunities for effective witness for Christ, we commend Chaplaining work to our younger Ministers.

H. T. PEAT, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

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. Mr. J. W. Williamson (Takapuna):
 - (a) Note books (3) of Rev. Gideon Smales.
 - (b) Books from Library of Rev. J. H. Bumby.
 - (c) Instructions to Missionaries, 1839.
 - (d) Book given by J. H. Bumby to his sister.
2. Rev. J. W. Burton (Sydney):
 - (a) Auckland circuit plans, 1864, 1867; 1879.
 - (b) Manakau circuit plan 1864.
 - (c) (Letters by Rev. T. Buddle Oct, 1856, Jan. 1858.
 - (d) Letter by Rev. J. H. Fletcher Oct. 1857.
 - (e) Letter by Dr. G. Brown to Dr. Morley regarding Tonga, 1910.
3. Rev. M. Tauroa: Sketch of Heretua Mission Station (From "Hawera Star" 21st Oct., 1933).
4. Mr. J. Heath (Nelson): Souvenir pamphlet "Bicentenary of Charles Wesley 1707-1907."
5. Rev. C. J. Luxton:
 - (a) Wesleyan Juvenile Offerings, 1849.
 - (b) Papers relating to Taneatua.
6. Rev. C. H. Olds: Souvenir Trinity Church, Dunedin, 1862-1937.
7. Mr. W. H. Ferens: Souvenir Trinity Church, Dunedin, 1862-1937.
8. Mr. Oliver Johnson: History of Pahiatua Methodism.
9. Rev. T. J. Wallis: Copies of Conference Minutes.
10. Rev. H. L. Blamires: Expeditionary Force Service Books, etc.
11. Rev. H. C. Orchard: Gore and Tapanui property returns 1881, 1883.

B.—METHODIST MUSEUM, Etc., CHRISTCHURCH.

No museum exhibits have been received. The following photographs are acknowledged:—

1. Rev. B. Dudley: Small photo of Rev. J. Buller.
2. Mrs. J. E. Purchase: Photos of early Wellington ministers.
3. Rev. A. E. Waite: Small photo of Australasian ministers 1873.
4. Mr. J. Howarth: Snapshots of Dunedin Conference, 1923.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Custodian.

Christchurch,

31st December, 1937.

C.—LIBRARY OF BOOKS BY N.Z. METHODIST MINISTERS.

Rev. T. A. Pybus: Pamphlet "Otakou and the First Christian Mission."

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Christchurch,

Connexional Secretary.

31st December, 1937.

D.—BY TRINITY COLLEGE AUCKLAND.

1. Rev. G. K. Smith, Woodville. Early plans (1812) on., and documents dealing with Early Primitive Methodism. The license to preach of Mr. Smith's grandfather, a colleague of Wm. Clowes.
2. Rev. Dr. C. H. Laws.
Letters of Wm. Kirk, George Adam Smith and Sir Chas. Fergusson.
3. Mr. W. H. Ferens, Dunedin.
Trinity Church, Souvenir 1862-1937.

E.—TRINITY COLLEGE MUSEUM, AUCKLAND.

1. Mr. Henry Field, Gisborne.
Photographs (Taranaki Street B.C. Members, &c.).
2. Mrs. Law, Manurewa.
Primitive Methodist Centenary plate.
3. Rev. A. H. Voyce, Solomon Islands.
Three spear heads.
4. Rev. W. A. Sinclair, Auckland.
Photos of 1897 General Conference and rare Solomon Island curios to form a missionary section of the Museum.
5. Mr. F. Lockwood, Petone.
Robert Raikes Centenary Medallion.
6. Rev. A. Mitchell, Auckland.
Photo of Early Bible Christian pioneers.
7. Rev. T. J. Wallis, Christchurch.
Early-books among which is 1682 Prayer Book.
8. Mr. A. H. Reed, Dunedin.
1857 Miniature Edition of Methodist Hymn Book. Thos. Jackson's signature in 1839 "Centenary of Methodism."
9. Rev. E. T. Olds.
John Wesley's Earnest Appeal (1796 Edition).
10. Mrs. H. Scott, Auckland.
Communion Cups used in the original Archhill Methodist Church.
11. Colonel Thoms, England.
1832 Wesleyan Hymn Book printed by his grandfather.

H. RANSTON, Custodian.

January, 3rd, 1938.

F.—MAORI MISSION RECORDS, LONDON.

Exhaustive enquiries were made as to the best method of copying the early missionary manuscripts kindly lent by the Methodist Missionary Society of the British Conference. Consideration was given to reproduction by photostat, luminophor and Leica photographic processes, but all proved too costly. Some outside offers of financial assistance were not entertained. The documents are being typed. Considerable progress was made with this work until it was interrupted by changes in the clerical staff at the Connexional Office. Only a small portion of the amount allocated from the Contingent Fund has been expended. In order to complete the copying work within another year it will be necessary to engage further clerical assistance. For this purpose a sum of £75 from the Contingent Fund is requested.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Christchurch,

Connexional Secretary.

31st December, 1937.

Supplementary Report.

In connection with the collection of historical matter it may be of interest to report that in the Connexional Office, Christchurch, there has been collated from the columns of the Methodist Magazine for the period from 1814 to 1869 every reference to New Zealand and all published reports, letters and extracts from the journals and diaries of our early missionaries. A great deal of work has already been done on the manuscripts lent by the British Methodist Missionary Society covering the period from 1818 to 1834. Many other historical papers and documents have been indexed.

There is also filed and card indexed all useful historical information and every report that has ever appeared in our New Zealand church paper from every circuit and home mission station from the year 1871 down to the present time. In a few minutes enquirers can be supplied with every historical reference that has appeared in the connexional journal for the last 68 years. Facilities are given to those wishing to consult or copy circuit records but the Connexional Secretary has not the time nor has he the staff to compile circuit histories or to put this mass of valuable matter into form for publication or to fill gaps left in the records by circuit reporters and others.

No opportunity is ever lost of appealing for material likely to be of use to the historian of the future. It is to be regretted that until now we have not been able to secure a file of the Primitive Methodist paper but the late Rev. James Cocker expressed his wish that his own bound volumes should ultimately be lodged in the Connexional Office at Christchurch. When these become available they, also, will be indexed in detail.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT.

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 and gifts during the year.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters Previously Remitted to Synods for Committees for Report?

BI-CENTENARY OF METHODISM 1837-1939.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Several meetings of the Committee have been held during the year and careful preparation has been made in co-operation with corresponding members, and the Conference arrangements Committee, for a worthy celebration of the Bi-Centenary.

CLARENCE EATON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

Visit of Rev. C. Irving Benson.

1. That the Conference records its great pleasure at the approaching visit of the Rev. C. Irving Benson of Melbourne to take part in the Bi-Centenary Commemoration and to conduct later inspirational services throughout the Dominion and prays that the great Head of the Church may follow the visit with abiding blessing.
2. The Conference directs that in the event of there being any surplus after the payment of the necessary expenses of the Rev. C. Irving Benson's visit, the credit balance be paid to the Contingent Fund and in the event of a deficiency the Contingent Fund be required to meet the liability.

Programme of Preparation and Commemoration.

3. That the following be the programme of meetings :—
 - (a) That a call to daily Prayer for revival in ourselves and in the Church be made to all our people.
 - (b) That Special after-Church or pre-Church Prayer Meetings be held and the importance and possibility of individual and corporate prayer be constantly stressed.

- (c) That in our week-night and group meetings special study be made of the historic events we are about to commemorate and of the distinctive doctrines of Methodism.
That these meetings be an important feature of our preparation and that our people be urged to regard them and support them as such.
- (d) That on Sunday, May 22nd, suitable services of Commemoration (Order of Service to be prepared) be held in all our Churches with the importance of Conversion and Full Surrender stressed and that the evening services be followed by an after meeting for re-dedication and prayer.
- (e) That on Tuesday, May 24th, in the individual Churches inspirational services be held where possible. That on Sunday, May 29th, special services of Thanksgiving and Re-dedication be held.
- (f) That on Sunday, June 5th (Whit Sunday) special addresses be given on the Holy Spirit and the challenge of Pentecost emphasized.
- (g) Visitation and Tract Distribution. That a supply of Wesley literature in tract form be procured from our Auckland Methodist Bookroom and that these and handbills of invitation be distributed from door to door and outsiders and lapsed Methodists especially invited.

4. **May Synods.**

It is desirable that early preparation be made by Chairmen of Districts and Ministers' Fraternal to utilize the May Synods for the re-study of Wesley's Life and character and a fresh investigation of the Roots of Methodism.

That the Home Mission District Committees be asked to act as Bi-Centenary Committees to give oversight and co-ordination to the celebrations within their respective Districts.

5. **Literature.**

That the Spiritual Advance Committee be responsible for procuring and distributing literature bearing on Wesley's life and Work and the influence of the Evangelical Revival and that Quarterly Meetings be recommended to purchase through our Methodist Book Room sets of such literature suitable for Group Study and general distribution.

That it be a recommendation to Ministers that if possible space be secured in local newspapers for articles appropriate to the Bi-Centenary.

6. **Youth Board and Bible Class Co-operation.**

The following recommendations of the Youth Board were also adopted by the Conference.

- (1). Youth to join with the adult Church in each Circuit Demonstration, the young people to share in the programme, half an hour to be allotted to them. (A Wesley Pageant is suggested where practicable).
- (2) On Sunday, May 22nd, Bible Classes to be given a special Wesley Study, which is to be a feature of the 1938 B.C. Syllabus.
- (3). On Sunday, May 15th, the Sunday morning service to be a special Children's Bi-Centenary Service, the entire Sunday School to be asked to attend.

7. **Broadcast Services.**

An encouraging reply has been received from the Dominion Director of Broadcasting to our request that facilities be provided for the broadcasting

by nominated speakers of Bi-Centenary addresses on the evening of May 23rd, from the four centres in the Dominion at different hours. Also that arrangements be made for the reception and broadcasting of special Bi-Centenary services and recordings in the Old Land where possible.

The following speakers are nominated to give the broadcast addresses :—

Auckland : Rev. Fred. Copeland.
Wellington : Rev. Percy Paris.
Christchurch : Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist..S.
Dunedin : Rev. Leslie B. Neale, B.A.
Invercargill : Rev. G. B. Hinton.

8. Maori and Overseas Missions.

The arrangements for the participation of our Maori and Solomon Islands people in the Bi-Centenary Celebrations to be left in the hands of the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Boards.

9. The Purpose of the Celebration.

The Committee desires Ministers and office-bearers to further with all their power the supreme object of the Bi-Centenary celebration as set forth in the circular letter to the September Quarterly Meetings as follows :—

“The Conference is particularly solicitous that our people should keep steadily in mind the purpose of the celebration, viz.—not only to bestow honour where honour is due, but that the entire Methodist Church in the Dominion should return to first principles, earnestly seek to re-capture the evangelical passion, the ambition for holiness of heart, the delight in Christian fellowship which characterised our Fathers; and altogether strive to become such children of our revered Father-in-God John Wesley, as shall reveal to the world the unmistakable imprint of his genius and his grace. Let every Minister and Local Preacher of the Church sound the call to persevering prayer for another Pentecost, revive meetings for corporate intercession, devote the Sunday morning discourses for a period to the exploration in succeeding addresses of the possibilities of a far-reaching personal sanctification for every believer, and with freshly kindled faith and courage, seek in the Church and out of it to change nominal into genuine Christianity.

“The hour is fraught with solemnity and significance for the people called Methodists; for peradventure the Breath of God may breathe on us now and create a joyful and rejuvenated Methodism destined to play a noble part in the future welfare of this fair Britain of the South.”

10. Conversation on Work of God (1939).

That the Committee arrange for the Conversation on the Work of God at the 1939 Conference.

11. Committee.

Revs. E. Drake, H. E. Bellhouse, C. Eaton, M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. A. Burley, H. L. Fiebig, F. B. Lawrence; Messrs. W. C. Francis, F. Thompson, W. Dobbs, H. W. Heslop, H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, J. E. Purchase, E. H. Smith.

Centenary of Methodism in the South Island (Otakou).

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

The report of the committee was received and adopted and heartily commended to the people.

Extract from Report.—“A meeting of the Maori People of Otakou was held to discuss the proposal of erecting a Centenary Memorial Church in brick on the old Mission Station. The Maori people passed a resolution of

hearty appreciation. They expressed a desire that the interior of the church and fittings be of Maori carvings and designs and that a "Sanctuary Museum" be attached where they can place their tribal relics and photos of early chiefs. It was thought that some financial help could be obtained for this from the Maori Purposes or other Maori Funds.

The Maori people are poor and cannot give much financial help due to the fact that the terms of the sale of land in 1844 have not been honoured.

At the request of the Maori people, Lord Bledisloe who had taken an interest in the Maori people of Otakou, has been approached asking him to be a Patron of the centenary effort. Similarly, steps have been taken to obtain the consent of the Queen of Tonga to become a Patroness. The Maori King and Princess TePua have also been approached with the same object in view.

The editor of the "Spectator" Melbourne has agreed to publish a brief historical statement and appeal for financial help. An article and letter have been sent to the British Methodist Recorder.

Circulars of appeal have also been posted to some of the Methodists of New Zealand. A few only so far have responded. If the Methodist people of the Dominion do not support this building scheme heartily, it will be impossible to proceed with the erection of the Memorial church.

At the suggestion of Mr. A. Campbell, M.P., the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Hon. W. E. Parry, has been approached with a view to receiving aid from the Dominion Centennial Memorials Fund. Mr. Parry suggested that we should apply through the Mayor of Dunedin to the Provincial Centennial Organization. This has been done."

T. A. PYBUS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of Conference be accorded to the Rev. T. A. Pybus for his interest in the erection of the Centenary Church at Otakou, and commends the Fund to our people.
3. That the Contingent and the Fire Insurance Funds be asked to give favourable consideration to this effort.
4. Conference sanctions the request for a Retiring Collection in aid of this fund to be taken on or near the first Sunday in July.
5. Committee for 1938 :—The Chairman of the District, Revs. T. Skuse and T. A. Pybus ; Messrs. G. S. Gapper, G. Crosbie with Messrs. D. and T. Ellison for Otakou Church, and Messrs. J. Ellison and T. Parata for Karitane Cairn. Rev. T. A. Pybus, Convener.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING.

(Minutes Conf. 1937., p. 134).

The Committee has to report that a Dominion Committee of Advice on Religious Broadcasting has been set up, with headquarters in Wellington, and is now in full control of all religious broadcasting throughout the Dominion. Arrangements have been made for Professor Shelley to address the coming Conference on religious broadcasting. The Rev. Percy R. Paris has ably represented the Conference on the Dominion Committee of Advice.

JONATHAN H. HASLAM,

Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be :—Revs. Percy R. Paris, J. H. Haslam, R. B. Gosnell and O. Burnet ; Messrs. R. S. Maunder, C. H. Hain and J. A. Martin.

CHURCH FINANCE. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

(See Minutes of Conference 1936, page 162, and 1937 page 167).

The last Conference deferred consideration of the report of the Committee on Church Finance until the Committee had presented a further report to Synods and Conference. It did not definitely re-appoint the Committee and as the Convener (Mr. R. Hampton) has since been absent in England, and the Acting Convener, Mr. J. M. Thompson, who originated the matter, has returned to Canada, the Christchurch members of the Old Committee have met in consultation with those who were named in the last report.

They have carefully considered the matter of the proposed setting up of a Finance Board with authority to collect all information necessary from Connexional Trusts, Departments and Institutions with a view to formulating a Financial Budget to cover all Connexional finance and have considered also the request of the Conference for a report setting out—

- (a) What the proposals involve.
- (b) How and at what cost necessary preliminary enquiries may be carried out.

The Committee assumes that the purpose of any proposed investigation is so to co-ordinate or amalgamate the entire business of the Connexion as to promote efficiency and ensure economy in working.

(1). To be of any real value in the formulation of a definite programme the proposals would involve a close investigation of the affairs of all Colleges and Institutions; of all Connexional Funds and Departments, of all Endowment and other Trusts, of all Trading Departments and of the Home and Foreign Board offices in Auckland, the Youth Office in Wellington and the Connexional Office in Christchurch.

Any thorough investigation would embrace such work as is done by the Probert Fund, the Prince Albert, Trinity and Wesley Training College Trusts; Our Orphanages and Deaconess Institution; The Trounson, Emsly, Grey Institute and Kai Iwi Mission Trusts; the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments; Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Book Depot, Children's Fund, Contingent Fund, Removal Expenses Fund, the General Purposes Trust Board, the "Methodist Times," the Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Church Building and Loan Fund, Connexional Secretaryship Fund, Home Acquirement Fund, Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, Deaconess Retiring Fund and other subsidiary Funds.

(2). Such an investigation would involve the appointment of a competent investigator with full power to call for all books, papers, documents and for all other relevant information. This would necessitate spending adequate time in the present official centres to ascertain exactly what work is involved and how the existing systems operate. It is not possible at this stage to fix a definite period to cover the necessary investigations, but the cost would need to include the salary, travelling expenses and accommodation charges for a fully qualified person with a knowledge of office organisations covering detailed work as well as general basic principles.

The investigation regarding office organisation would need to cover such matters as the following:—

1. Personnel of Executive and of staff.
2. System of direction of duties, supervision and operation.
3. Remuneration possibly based on the amount of Accumulated Funds and office costs based upon revenue.

4. Examination of routine including books of account, cash methods and protection, inward and outward correspondence, filing and records system, the manifold individual departmental details covering statistics, etc., etc.
5. Equipment which should be convenient, sufficient and efficient.
6. Internal check on book-keeping and performance of duties.
7. System of purchasing and storing stationery supplies.
8. System of storing and of destroying completed records.
9. Method of following up accounts, regular payments and recurring duties.
10. Method of checking interest charges on bank overdrafts, etc.

A complete investigation would also bring under review such matters as the following :—

1. Stipends, allowances, travelling expenses and salaries; honoraria, gratuities and other remuneration for secretarial and similar work; amounts paid for commission for collecting rents and interest and fees paid to teachers and tutors and staff members.
2. Rents of premises; cost of light, fuel and power; provision for depreciation, maintenance, repairs, renewals, etc.
3. Office furnishings, equipment, telephones. Costs of printing, stationery, advertising, insurances, legal charges and general expenses.
4. Banking arrangements as well as methods of financing and of collecting revenues.
5. The provisioning of Colleges, Orphanages and Institutions as to food, drapery, clothing, etc.
6. Matters relating to plant, machinery, implements, live stock, seeds and manures, etc., at Wesley College and affected Orphanages.

It should be stated that the intention of Mr. J. M. Thompson in proposing a complete investigation such as is outlined above was to gather such information as would—

- (a) Promote economical working.
- (b) Unify all financial efforts in the general work of the Church.
- (c) Enable a central Finance Board to receive from every circuit, department or other unit estimates of their annual requirements.
- (d) Forecast the financial needs of each section of the work and prepare a budget to cover the needs of the whole Connexion.
- (e) Allocate to every circuit and other unit its proportion of the aggregate sum required year by year.
- (f) Institute in every circuit a campaign to educate our people in the grace of systematic and proportionate giving.

The above report was sent to the various Connexional Boards and Committees affected and they were asked to express their views on the whole matter of a unified plan of church finance. No replies were received from any of the Wellington interests affected. In Christchurch the Orphanage Board, the Deaconess Institution Committee and the Removal Expenses Fund Committee, which are the only interests not centred in the Connexional Office, all expressed the view that no substantial economy or improvement could be secured by a unified plan of finance. The view expressed regarding the property trusts at Kai Iwi and New Plymouth is that the best results can be secured by delegating authority to local management as at present.

In Auckland the general view is expressed that complete centralisation would be unwieldy and not calculated to promote efficient control. Local management ensures better knowledge of the problems and difficulties resulting in deeper interest and in intelligent handling of affairs.

So far as the Wesley Training College Trust is concerned the nature of the Board's property and the provisions of the Act of Parliament under which the property is administered render any proposed centralisation inadvisable. From Auckland comes the suggestion that there is room in that area for greater co-operation and closer co-ordination of work, and that a Conference of representatives of all the Connexional interests there might secure such a re-organisation as would result in substantial economies being effected and greater efficiency promoted.

From all sources there comes support for the proposal to institute in every circuit a campaign to educate our people in systematic Christian beneficence.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.

That the Finance Committee be requested to prepare a Dominion-wide campaign with deputations to visit every circuit to advocate a Budget system and to educate our people in the grace of systematic and proportionate giving; the plan to be submitted to Synods 1938, and Conference 1939.

2. That the Chairmen of the Auckland District be requested to convene meetings of representatives of the various Connexional interests in Auckland to consider the possibility of greater co-operation and co-ordination of work so as to promote, if possible, greater efficiency and to effect such economies as may be practicable.

3. That the result of such meeting be notified as soon as possible to the Committee.

4. That the Committee for the next Connexional year be:—Revs. C. Eaton, M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. A. Burley, H. Ryan, W. W. Avery, H. Cottom; Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, W. C. Francis, F. Thompson, L. G. K. Steven, H. de R. Flesher and E. Sincock with power to add. Convener, Rev. W. A. Burley.

COMMITTEE ON CONNEXIONAL LEVIES.

Report to Synods and Conference.

During the year the Committee has given careful consideration to the question of Connexional levies and has examined systems operating in England and elsewhere. It has not yet completed its work and asks that it be permitted to continue its work next year when it expects to submit definite proposals to the Conference.

(Signed) CLARENCE EATON,

Christchurch,

Chairman.

22nd September, 1937.

The Report was received and adopted, and the business of the Committee was referred to the Finance Committee.

STATEMENT OF FAITH.

Report of Committee.

The Conference of 1936 appointed a small Committee to prepare a short Statement of Faith. The Committee has held eleven full meetings, and the members have given much time and thought to the preparation of a Statement which, they hope, will be of real service to the Church.

The basis of the text was found in the New Catechism, together with the doctrinal clauses in the Standing Orders of the British Methodist Conference, and we have made free use of the Short Statement of Faith issued by the Church of Scotland. At one stage the Committee consulted a number of ministers and laymen in different parts of New Zealand, receiving from them some helpful suggestions.

A Statement such as we were asked to prepare must be very concise in expression if it is to cover the main Articles of the Christian Faith, and it needs amplifying and explaining to make it clear to the wayfaring man. We are therefore making some suggestions to encourage this necessary exposition.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

E. W. HAMES, Convener.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH.

While recognizing that no Statement can declare all the truth of God, we seek briefly to express for the instruction and guidance of our people the doctrines of the Evangelical Faith held by the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Though Methodism has its own characteristic features of doctrinal emphasis (See Section 8, below) based on Wesley's Notes on the New Testament and the forty-four Standard Sermons, it cherishes its place in the Church Universal, within which it shares loyal acceptance of the fundamental truths of the historic Creeds and the principles of the Protestant Reformation. It is realized that, although the truth of God is eternal and unchanging, no human interpretation of it can be final. This Statement of Faith is sent forth with the prayer that the Holy Spirit may continue to enlighten the Church more fully concerning the mind and will of God and the meaning of His Gospel of Redemption.

1. God.

There is one Living and True God, Eternal and Almighty; Maker, Preserver and Sustainer of the universe, and its Sovereign Lord. He is present everywhere, and is perfectly holy, loving, wise and good. He is our Heavenly Father Who in His grace seeks the good of all men and desires to bring them into holy and blessed communion with Himself. He is supremely made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord,

2. The Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the Eternal and Only-begotten Son of God. He showed Himself to be Divine by His perfect knowledge of God and man, by His sinless and perfectly holy life, by the wisdom and authority of His words, by His wonderful works, and by His resurrection from the dead.

He became man that He might reveal the Father, teach men the Divine will, give Himself for us, die for our sins, and rise again; in order that He might destroy sin and its power, and give us life eternal. Having in His resurrection triumphed over death, He reigns for ever as our Forerunner, Redeemer and Lord, ever making intercession for us.

3. The Holy Spirit.

By the power of the Holy Spirit God has ever been present in the lives of men, seeking them for Himself, and inspiring every right desire and every effort after goodness, truth and beauty. In and through the Holy Spirit the Risen Christ continues His work for and within men. The Holy Spirit enables us to repent and to exercise faith in Christ as Saviour. He bears witness with our human spirit that we are the children of God. He enables us to know and to do the will of God. He helps us in prayer, cleanses us from sin, and fills our hearts with love to God and to our fellow-men.

4. The Holy Trinity.

We worship and adore One Triune God, Who is revealed in the New Testament as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

5. Man and Sin.

God created man a spiritual being in the likeness of Himself. He bestowed upon him freedom and responsibility, that, regarding his life as a trust from Him, he might know, love and serve Him and thus enter into eternal fellowship with Him. The life of Jesus reveals man's true nature and God's will and purpose for him.

Sin is disobedience, in thought, word or deed, to the will of God, and alienates man from Him. All men are sinful. They are able neither to save themselves nor to fulfil the Divine purpose for which they were created, unless they repent and receive the forgiveness and all-sufficient aid of God.

6. Salvation in Christ.

All men being alienated from God by sin, He seeks in His grace to bring them into reconciliation with Himself. In Jesus Christ He offers the gift of salvation, which is deliverance from the guilt and power of sin and admission into the free and full life of the family of God. This gift is appropriated by man through repentance and faith. To repent is to be truly sorry for sin and to seek forgiveness from God with steadfast purpose to sin no more. Saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone as our Saviour, and the full acceptance of Him as Lord and Master of life. Regeneration, or the New Birth, whereby we become new creatures in Christ Jesus, and Sanctification, whereby we grow in the likeness of Christ, are the work of His quickening and indwelling Spirit.

7. Revelation and the Holy Scriptures.

In nature, in conscience, and in history, God has ever been revealing Himself to the children of men. In the sacred Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments is the inspired record of God's unfolding revelation of Himself given to mankind and perfected in Jesus Christ, in Whom His purpose of redemption is fulfilled. The Divine Revelation found therein is acknowledged to be the supreme rule of faith and practice. The authority of the Scriptures rests on the fact of their inspiration by the Holy Spirit and their consequent witness to the truth of God, verified by faith in every generation by the same Spirit.

8. The Church.

The Church is the Body of Christ; and He is the only Head to Whom it owes obedience. It consists of the whole company of those who accept Him as their Lord and Saviour; the infant children of believers also, by virtue of the universal atonement of Christ, belong to the household of faith.

The duty of the Church is to worship God in Christ's Name; to set forth in its own fellowship the Christian way of living; to give loving service to mankind for Christ's sake; to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom to all people; and to bring every part of the life of all men under the dominion of Christ. In the providence of God the Methodist Church, which cherishes its place in the One Church Universal, was raised up to emphasize the truth of universal redemption by Christ; the personal experience of salvation by faith assured to the believer by the witness of the Holy Spirit; and the possibility of a Christian life made perfect in love. Its historic usages include the practice of Christian fellowship and the co-operation of the laity with the ministry in the preaching and pastoral offices of the Church.

9. The Sacraments.

The Sacraments are sacred ordinances appointed by Christ to be outward signs of inward grace and spiritual blessing, and a means of receiving the same; and are of perpetual obligation.

There are two such sacraments, namely, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Baptism is the Sacrament of normal entrance into the visible Church of Christ. Adult Baptism involves a personal and open confession of faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour. When administered to infants, Baptism is a declaration that the child belongs to Christ, and is included in the household of faith. It is also a symbol of the goodness of God already at work as well as of the promises of His grace to be fully realized later, through the exercise of personal faith. On the part of the parents it is a dedication of the child to God, and a promise to share with the Church in its Christian nurture. On the part of the Church it is a pledge to instruct and train the child in the doctrines, duties and privileges of the Christian religion.

The Lord's Supper is an ordinance of thankful remembrance of Christ's death upon the Cross for the redemption of the world. The bread and wine symbolize the body and blood of Christ which are spiritually received by the faithful to the strengthening and refreshing of their souls. Believers have fellowship with the living and present Christ, renew their pledges of loyalty to Him, and in Him have fellowship one with another.

10. The Ministry.

The Methodist Church holds the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, yet also believes that in the exercise of its corporate life and worship there should be a ministry of those who are called of God to the sole occupation of proclaiming the Word, of administering the Sacraments, and of the care of souls; and who have a principal and directing part in these duties.

Those whom the Church regards as called of God, and who have given evidence, during a period of training and probation, of possessing the essential gifts, graces and fruits, are ordained to the ministry by the laying on of hands. This ordination expresses the Church's recognition of the minister's personal call, authorizes him to discharge the special duties of his office, and symbolizes the bestowal of the Divine grace necessary for his life's work.

11. Public Worship.

It is the duty and privilege of God's people to meet together for public worship in the Name of Christ; to hear God's Word, to observe His Sacraments and to receive the bounties of His grace; to offer their gifts and consecrated service and to strengthen one another in the faith and in the practice of Christian virtue. It is a sacred obligation to observe the Lord's Day as a day of rest, worship and Christian service.

12. Christian Life and Conduct.

Those who are disciples of Christ prove their fellowship with Him by following the guidance of His Spirit; and thus they are enabled to fulfil their duties in every sphere of life.

Their duty to God is to worship Him gratefully and reverently; to love Him perfectly; to trust Him in every time of perplexity and trouble; and continually to learn and to obey His Will.

Their duty to their fellow-men is to live as those who belong to the family of God; to serve them in the spirit of Jesus Christ; to further His righteousness in every department of individual, social and national life, that God's will may prevail to the uttermost parts of the earth.

A Christian's duty to himself, since life is given by God as a definite trust, is to preserve, improve and use his powers of body, mind and spirit so as best to serve God and his fellow-men and provide for his own needs and those of his dependents.

13. The Last Things.

At a time, known only to God, Jesus will be manifested in glory, for which manifestation we should always be prepared.

The New Testament revelation assures us that after death life continues in the world to come. God, Who alone can read the heart, judges all men by Jesus Christ, the Son of Man. This involves separation from God for the wicked, blessedness with God for the good. The Christian at death departs to be with Christ, Who will change the earthly body and fashion it like unto the body of His glory. Complete and final victory over death is assured to the believer by the resurrection of Christ himself.

At the last, when the Kingdom of Christ, through the work of His Church, is complete, we look forward to the fulfilment of the Apostolic word that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father, and that God Himself shall be all in all.

N.B.—The above Statement is based on the New Catechism of the Methodist Church, together with the doctrinal clauses in the Standing Orders of the British Methodist Conference. It is also indebted to the Short Statement of Faith issued by the Church of Scotland.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Statement be received and printed in the minutes.
2. That the Conference gives its general approval to the Statement, and requests the Committee to continue its work for another year. That the Statement be brought under the notice of the May Synod, and that Ministers and laymen be invited to make suggestions, to reach the Convener not later than July 1st.

QUESTION LIII.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?

(See Book of Laws, pp. 97, 98).

The President, Vice-President, Ex-President and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Ministers of Wellington, Johnsonville, Hutt and Petone Circuits, Messrs. J. Stanton, E. W. A. Kellow, B. J. Lynneberg, N. R. Seddon, H. Holland, S. T. S. Martin, F. Penn, H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., C. E. Taylor and H. R. French. Secretary of Conference, Secretary and Convener.

COMMITTEE OF EXECUTIVE 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?

WELLINGTON.—The Ministers and Probationers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, with Mesdames L. Denby and J. D. King, Miss E. Paul; Messrs. B. O. Stokes, H. E. Pacey, W. E. Howe, T. H. Crosbie, L. H. Steel, C. H. Hain, H. W. Smith, E. C. Feltham, S. T. S. Martin, R. Hardie Boys, N. R. Seddon, W. F. Stock, B. J. Lynneberg, W. J. Carman, O. Silberry, F. Lockwood, A. Maud, E. Heggie and J. McCormick. Convener, Rev. A. M. Costain.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The ministers and Probationers in active work in the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, W. Grigg, J. Featherston, H. E. Bellhouse, and A. C. Lawry; Messrs. C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, D. E. Parton, W. C. Francis, J. B. Weir, W. Clothier, R. Peperell, H. Holland, R. Laine, H. N. Buttle, W. Burnell, D. McHarg, S. Sayers, H. A. Purvis, C. A. Comber, E. Fehsenfeld, R. Carter, P. G. Clements, A. F. Barrell, P. A. Le Brun, L. C. Walker, H. W. Armitage, C. Manhire, R. Norton, F. Coleman, L. S. White, H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, C. A. Newman, F. Thompson, J. W. Hillary, H. de R. Flesher, Miss D. Hoddinott and Mrs. F. Thompson. Convener, Rev. A. O. Harris.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Ministers of Dunedin and Suburban Circuits; Messrs. G. S. Gapper, C. F. Roberts, E. J. King, J. T. Barclay, W. Eadie, A. H. Harman, W. Dickinson, F. G. Marshall, G. Henderson, G. Densem, A. T. McIndoe, J. Stephens, G. D. Horsburgh, W. J. Bell, H. F. Pellett, H. Johnson, W. O. Brown, Dr. Lyth, Sister Hazel, Miss O. McCrone. Convener, Rev. A. E. Jefferson.

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, 1937.

The Committee has given close attention to the matters remitted by last Conference. In its judgment there should be lay representation on the Examination Committee. The actual representation would be limited to those with specialised knowledge or wide experience.

We have made some progress with the revision of the Law Book. But the fact that half the Committee is resident in Auckland, and the other half in Christchurch creates difficulties. On some matters there is a difference of judgment and it is difficult to reach finality in such cases. Some members of the Committee suggest a combined meeting in some central place where the Committee could pursue its work for two or three days without interruption and exchange view-points and reach finality. On the score of expense this may not prove practicable but it is certainly the ideal method for facilitating the work of the Committee.

It is hoped that better progress will be made in 1938, but care is essential and thoroughness is necessary. The Committee plans to deal with the duties of Departmental officers this year and to co-ordinate all regulations re examinations for probationers, students, etc. These are now scattered throughout the Law Book, the amendments and additions to the Law Book, and also the recent Minutes of the Conference.

The Committee is greatly indebted to the recent issue of the Australasian Law Book and has framed many of its recommendations on similar lines. A copy of this Book has been procured for each member of the Committee and it has proved a good investment.

Below are the Recommendations on matters considered during 1937.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted with the exception of 2 (1) "Loyaltysake"—which is referred back to the Committee.
2. That the Committee for 1938 be:—Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, W. A. Sinclair, E. Drake, E. D. Patchett, M. A. R. Pratt, F. Copeland, W. A. Burley (Convener), J. D. Grocott (Recording Secretary for Auckland sub-committee) and Messrs. J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher and W. Dobbs.
3. That the statement of the duties of each Departmental Minister be drawn up and set forth, and that each such minister, in consultation with his Board or Committee, be asked to draft and submit the statement to the Committee for its consideration during 1938.
4. That it be a direction to the Committee to confer with heads of Institutions and Departments when laws affecting such are under consideration.

AMENDMENTS TO LAW BOOK.

1. Minutes 1937, page 169, par. 6, reaffirmed.
2. Minutes 1937, pages 170-171. That the Summary of General Rules be printed in an appendix to the Law Book. That clause 10 be amended to read:—"The fostering of international friendship and the promotion of the Christian faith and ideals throughout the world."

That par. 41 Law Book, page 10 be amended to read:—Members of the church should:—

- (1) Show loyalty to the Sovereign; pray for Rulers; submit to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake.
 - (2) Refrain from defrauding the Revenue in any way, and exercise personal integrity in business relations and exalt the motive of service in commercial and industrial life.
 - (3) Abstain from participation in lotteries, raffles and games of chance either at bazaars or elsewhere and support all legislative methods which seek to suppress gambling in all its forms.
 - (4) Practice and promote personal total abstinence from alcoholic liquors and support all well directed measures for the suppression of the traffic in same.
 - (5) Promote goodwill in all personal and social relationships.
 - (6) Foster international friendship and promote the Christian faith and ideals throughout the world.
3. Minutes page 175, par. 32; That the paragraphs be altered to read:—
 - (1) Should the President die, become incapable of acting or resign while the Conference is in session, the Conference shall proceed to elect a President in his stead, the election to be by ballot as provided in par. 124.
 - (2) Should the President die or resign during the interval between Conferences, the last President surviving, who is not incapacitated and who is willing to act, shall be invested with the powers and be responsible for the discharge of the duties of the President until the election of a successor at the next ensuing Conference.
 - (3) Should the President become incapable of acting or be absent from the Dominion during the interval between Conferences the last ex-President surviving, who is not incapacitated and who is willing to act, shall be invested with the powers and be responsible for the discharge of the duties of the President during such incapacity or absence, or until the next ensuing Conference.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Conference, should necessity arise, after consultation with the President's Committee of Advice, and, if necessary, with the chief Medical Officer of the Supernumerary Fund Board, to give effect to clauses (2) or (3). Should the vacancy be caused by the resignation of the office, the minister so resigning shall not be regarded as an ex-President of the Conference unless otherwise determined by the Conference.

4. Minutes page 30, par. 7.
 - (1) That the principle of lay representation on the Examination Committee be affirmed.
 - (2) That the representation be three laymen, to be appointed by the President from the list of those who are members of the Conference, in consultation with the Secretary of Conference, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and the Principal of the Theological College.

AMUSEMENTS ON CHURCH PREMISES.

5. That par. 34 Law Book page 9, be repealed and the following be substituted therefor :—
 34. Members should make their choice of amusements the subject of careful thought and earnest prayer, and avoid whatever is calculated to lower the tone of Christian character and to weaken the influence of Christian example. (That the following be a new paragraph to follow 34) :—
 - 34a (1) Gambling of every kind is expressly forbidden on all Methodist premises. Lotteries, raffles or any other devices of hazard or chance must not be conducted in Methodist buildings or under the auspices of the Church.
 - (2) Dancing shall not be allowed on Methodist premises nor shall dancing be allowed elsewhere under the name of the Methodist Church.
 - (3) No entertainment which is likely to bring reproach on the church, or is out of harmony with the primary spiritual purpose for which the church exists shall be held on Methodist premises or elsewhere under Methodist auspices.

LOVE FEASTS.

6. That par. 50 (2) Law Book, page 13 be repealed, but that when the new edition of the book is printed a summary of time-honoured ordinances be printed as a Foreword, and that this include reference to Love Feasts, Watchnight services and Covenant services.

LAW BOOK PART II, THE MINISTRY.

7. Repeal Supplement to Law Book, pages 1 and 2 "Candidates for the Ministry."
Par. 52 amend to read "belief in" instead of "belief of."
Insert here par. re "Preparation of Candidates for the Ministry"
(Amendments to Law Book, page 2).
8. Law Book, page 15. Repeal par. 54 and substitute therefor :—A superintendent nominating a candidate shall certify to the Ministerial Committee that such candidate has declared that he has read Wesley's notes on the New Testament and the first forty-four of his published sermons and that he generally assents to their teaching; and further, that he has read the Law Book, is prepared to accept the polity therein set forth and is willing to submit to the discipline therein enjoined.

He shall also supply to the Quarterly Meeting the information contained in the questionnaire approved by Conference and should the candidate be recommended, shall forward copies (1) to the Chairman of the District for use at the District Ministerial Committee and for preservation in its journal, and (2) to the Secretary of the Conference Examination Committee, which copy, after the case has been dealt with, shall be retained by the Secretary of Conference for purposes of reference.

In the absence of the superintendent the Chairman of the District may nominate the candidate and make the certification referred to, or the Chairman may delegate such duty to any other minister who is a member of the District Ministerial Committee. Par. 55 page 16 add "and Book List," after "submit a written sermon."

- 54a. When a superintendent Minister nominates his son as a candidate the Questionnaire referred to in 54 shall be signed also by his colleague or colleagues, or if he be without a colleague, by the Chairman of the District. Where the Chairman of the District, nominating his son, has no colleague, the Questionnaire shall be signed by the superintendent minister of an adjacent circuit.

9. That par. 56 be altered to read :—56. After hearing the examination and considering the reports of the sermons, the information contained in the questionnaire, the medical certificate, and all other matter presented, the Committee shall vote on the case. The number voting for, against and remaining neutral, shall be reported to the Conference.

SECTION III, PROBATIONERS (Page 17).

10. Par. 66 N.B. to be altered by adding "or his deputy" after "the Chairman of the District," and delete the last sentence of the par. beginning with "In Districts."
11. Par. 68 add after "examination" "and also of his circuit work."

SECTION IV. ADMISSION INTO FULL CONNEXION.

12. Par. 74, page 18, alter in last line to read "the first forty-four of his published sermons."

Par. 75 add in line 2 after "examined" "before the Examination Committee of the Conference."

Par. 76 alter to read "after the report of the Examination Committee as to his trial sermon, written examinations, and circuit work, together with the recommendation of the Ministerial Committee, has been considered by the Conference, he shall be received into Full Connexion, continued longer on probation, or rejected as may be decided by the Conference."

DEPARTMENTAL MINISTERS.

13. That Paragraph 92 page 21 of the Law Book be repealed and a new section be added dealing as follows with—

DEPARTMENTAL APPOINTMENTS.

- (1). The Conference may appoint a minister as
Connexional Secretary.
College President or Principal.
Theological tutor, or to the
Foreign Mission Department.
Home Mission Department.
Youth Department.

or to any other Connexional office or Department.

- (2). No new Department involving the setting apart of a minister shall be established nor shall any additional Departmental Minister be appointed, without the question having been previously submitted to the Synods for their judgment.
- (3). The Conference or the committee, board or council of a Connexional Department shall, from year to year, make the necessary financial provision for such Departments including, in the case of ministers in full connexion, the providing, furnishing and maintenance of a suitable dwelling or in the alternative an adequate house allowance as may be recommended by the Department concerned and approved by the Conference. (See Law Book Paragraph 160 (c) page 41 and Supplement to Law Book page 12).
- (4). Appointments to Departmental offices shall, in the first instance, be for a term of six years. Each Departmental Minister shall be eligible for re-appointment. The election of ministers to Departmental officers shall take place at the Conference preceding that at which the appointment is to take effect.
- (5). The Committee, board or council of a Connexional Department in respect of which an appointment has been made, shall at the Conference preceding that at which the term of appointment will

expire, nominate the minister holding such office for re-appointment or submit to Conference the name or names of one or more ministers not exceeding three for election to appointment in his place. The Conference may, by nomination, add further names and shall then determine the re-appointment or appointment as the case may be. Should the Conference be required to consider more than one name the re-appointment or appointment shall be determined by ballot and by a clear majority of the total number of votes cast. When such majority is not obtained on the first ballot a second or subsequent ballot shall be taken on the two, or if Conference so determine, on the three nominees who have the largest number of votes.

- (6). The regulations in regard to appointments of ministers to Departmental offices shall apply to any minister who is appointed by Conference as assistant in connection with a Department or Institution except that the term of appointment shall be for three years instead of six years.
- (7). In making an appointment to a new Department the Conference shall, if more than one name be submitted, determine the appointment by ballot in the manner prescribed in Regulation 5 above.
- (8). Upon a vacancy occurring in connection with a departmental appointment by reason of the death, resignation, retirement, incapacity or otherwise of the appointee, or in the event of an additional appointment being required for any such Department the committee, board or council of the Department concerned shall submit by way of nomination to the Conference the name of one or more ministers not exceeding three for the appointment. The Conference may by nomination add further names and shall then determine the appointment in the manner prescribed in Regulation 5 above.
- (9). Should such a vacancy as is referred to in Regulation 8 above occur during the interval between two Conferences the committee, board or council concerned shall, subject as hereinafter provided make arrangements for the carrying on of the duties of the office until the next ensuing Conference. If such Committee, board or council considers that the circumstances are such as to warrant the filling of the vacancy forthwith such committee, board or council may so report to the President and at the same time submit by way of nomination the name of a minister for appointment and thereupon the President shall appoint the minister so nominated to the vacant position. The minister so appointed shall hold office until the end of the Connexional year in which the vacancy is filled. At the next ensuing Conference after such appointment the procedure laid down in Regulation 8 above shall be followed as if the vacancy had not been filled by the President. The minister appointed by the President shall be eligible for subsequent appointment by the Conference and such Conference appointment shall be regarded as the first appointment of such minister.
- (10). The ministers appointed to the Home Mission Department, the Foreign Mission Department and the Youth Department shall supply copies of their itineraries to the Connexional Secretary and to the Chairman of each District. The minister appointed to the Youth Department shall also supply to the same persons copies of the itineraries of the travelling secretaries of the Bible Class Movements.

MATTERS REFERRED TO LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.

Standing Orders.

The question of altering the Standing Orders to impose a time limit on speakers in Conference be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee, and Mr. F. Thompson.

Transport within Circuits.

That Rule 295, Section 5, Clause (8), page 177, be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee for amendment.

Election of Society Stewards.

That the question of increasing the number of Stewards to Twelve be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee for favourable consideration.

PRESIDENTIAL RULINGS.

Alteration of Date of Quarterly Meeting.

That the matter be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee.

Representatives to Conference.

That the matter be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

The Second World Conference on Faith and Order was held from August 3 to 18 in Edinburgh. Representatives were present from practically all the Churches in the world except the Roman Catholic. The discussions followed the lines indicated in last year's Minutes of Conference. The Rev. Fred. Greenwood was our official delegate, and articles from him have appeared in the "N.Z. Methodist Times." There was published also the "Affirmation of Unity," which was adopted unanimously by the Conference.

PERCY PARIS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report be received and adopted.
- (2) That the Rev. Fred. Greenwood be thanked for attending the Conference and for his articles thereon.
- (3) That the Conference make the usual annual grant of £5 from the Contingent-Fund to the Secretary of the Continuation Committee.
- (4) That the Reports and literature of the Oxford and Edinburgh Ecumenical Conference of 1937 be earnestly commended to the Church.
- (5) That the Public Meetings in many centres being arranged by the N.Z. Council of Religious Education are commended to our people.
- (6) That the Committee for 1938 be:—The President, Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, H. E. Bellhouse, M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. P. Blamires, J. H. Haslam, F. Greenwood; Messrs. H. E. Pacey, A. H. Reed, R. S. Maunder, A. E. Hurley. Convener, Rev. E. P. Blamires.

President's Committee of Advice.

Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, E. D. Patchett, M. A. Rugby Pratt, F. Copeland, C. Eaton, A. McBean, the Secretary of Conference, Vice-President of Conference; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher, E. H. Burton, C. E. Taylor and R. H. Boys.

Location of Conference of 1940..

That Conference make a change in the Conference Rota in order that the Conference of 1939 be held in Christchurch and the Conference of 1940 in Dunedin. This ensures that the Rev. James Watkin's arrival in Waikouaiti in 1840 will be celebrated by a Centenary Conference in the District where the first herald of the Cross arrived in the South Island.

Legal Adviser.

That Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B., be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

Votes of Thanks.

That a comprehensive vote of thanks be tendered to officers and Committees whose work has been under review during the session at the end of each session only, and that they be not printed in the Minutes.

Removal Expenses Fund for Home Missionaries.

(1) With the object of affording Circuits an opportunity to corporately assist financially the H.M. Department in the stationing of its staff, and to make available the advantages of the existing organisation of the Removal Expenses Fund to this important Department of the Church, we recommend to the Conference that the function of the Removal Expenses Fund be extended to include provision for the payment of the removal expenses of Home Missionaries.

Such expenses to be provided for by:—

- (a). The amount received from the Circuits by an annual levy not exceeding one fourth per cent. on the Ministerial stipends paid.
 - (b). A contribution of £1 per annum from each staffed Home Mission Station, such contribution to be paid in equal quarterly instalments through the Contingent Fund to the Removal Expenses Fund.
- (2) That to implement this object, the following amendments be made to the Rules and regulations of the Removal Expenses Fund as contained in the Amendment and Additions to Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, pages 39 and 40.
- (a). Regulation 3, page 39 be amended by inserting after the word "Ministers," second line, the words "and Home Missionaries."
 - (b). Regulation 13, page 40, be amended by inserting after the word "Minister," first and fourth lines, the words "or Home Missionaries."
 - (c). Regulation 15, page 40, to be amended by inserting after the word "Minister," first line, the words "or Home Missionary," and inserting after the word "Circuit," first line, the words "or Station."

Nota Bene.—The following particulars afford information of the average annual cost of removal of Home Missionaries.

Total Removals over five years (1933 to 1937)	..	89
Total Cost	.. ..	£707 4 2
Average number of removals per annum	.. ..	18
Average annual cost	.. ..	£141 8 10
Average cost per removal	.. ..	£8 0 0

RESOLUTION.

That this matter be referred to the Removal Expenses Fund Committee.

Standard of Stipends.

That the following Committee sit in Auckland:—District Chairman, Superintendent of H.M. Department, Secretary of F.M. Department; Messrs. L. E. Rhodes, J. W. Shackelford, T. E. Price, M. Souster, T. Clark, W. S. Mackay, L. Joll, J. F. Roberts, J. E. Astley, R. Thomas, J. E. Smith, T. B. Arthur, A. Wilson, C. E. Goode, E. H. Burton, R. C. Clark. Convener, Mr. L. E. Rhodes.

Corresponding Members.

- SOUTH AUCKLAND.**—District Chairman, Vice-President, Mr. J. T. Johnson.
- HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.**—District Chairman, Messrs. H. R. French and C. E. Taylor.
- TARANAKI-WANGANUI.**—District Chairman, Messrs. T. P. Hughson and E. Dixon.
- WELLINGTON.**—President, Messrs. R. Hardie Boys and R. S. Maunder.
- NELSON.**—District Chairman, Messrs. A. A. Lucas and F. H. Southgate.
- NORTH CANTERBURY.**—District Chairman, Rev. E. Drake, Messrs. H. Chapman and W. C. Francis.
- SOUTH CANTERBURY.**—District Chairman, Messrs. E. C. J. Foot and F. Frampton.
- OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.**—District Chairman, Messrs. D. C. Cameron and G. S. Gapper.

QUESTION LVII.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

On THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1939, at 7 p.m. in Durham Street Church, CHRISTCHURCH.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Rev. C. Irving Benson.

Conference places on record its gratitude to God for the inspiration given to the whole Conference by the uplifting utterances of the Rev. C. Irving Benson. It wishes for him a fruitful ministry in his forthcoming visit to the Circuits of the Dominion.

President.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Percy R. Paris, 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. J. C. Tietjens, be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. Fred. Copeland 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. H. R. French, for valuable and devoted services during his term of office.

Ordination Charge.—That the Ex-President, the Rev. Fred. Copeland 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 Wesley 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 on the excellent rendition of Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

Youth Demonstration.—That the special thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. O. E. Burton, M.A., for his religious drama "Corpus Christi"; and to all who organised and took part therein; and recommends Mr. Burton to consider the possibility of publishing the same.

Form of Bequest

The following FORM OF BEQUEST may be used by persons who wish to bequeath a sum of money to any Institution or Fund connected with the Methodist Church of New Zealand :—

I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of _____

(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 Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be sufficient discharge.

Presidents and Secretaries of New Zealand Conferences

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, N.Z.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Christchurch	1874	Thomas Buddle	Alexander Reid
Auckland	1875	James Buller	Alexander Reid
Wellington	1876	Alexander Reid	John Crump
Christchurch	1877	William Kirk	William Morley
Wellington	1878	John Crump	William Morley
Auckland	1879	William Morley	Rainsford Bavin
Dunedin	1880	William Lee	William Morley
Nelson	1881	John B. Richardson	Rainsford Bavin
Christchurch	1882	James A. Taylor	William Morley
Auckland	1883	Rainsford Bavin	Henry Bull
Wellington	1884	William Morley	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1885	Joseph Berry	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1886	Henry Bull	William J. Williams
Auckland	1887	William C. Oliver	Henry R. Dewsbury
Wellington	1888	William J. Williams	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1889	William J. Watkin	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1890	John J. Lewis	William Lee
Auckland	1891	Henry R. Dewsbury	William Lee
Wellington	1892	George Bond	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1893	William Keall	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1894	David McNicoll	Henry Bull
Nelson	1895	Joseph H. Simmonds	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1896	William Baumber	William J. Williams
Wellington	1897	Paul W. Fairclough	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1898	William G. Parsonson	Daniel J. Murray
Christchurch	1899	John Orchard	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1900	Joseph S. Smalley	Daniel J. Murray
Wellington	1901	Charles H. Garland	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1902	Daniel J. Murray	Samuel Lawry

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch	1903	John A. Luxford	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1904	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Wellington	1905	Joseph N. Buttle	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1906	Thomas G. Brooke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1907	William Slade	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Auckland	1908	Charles E. Beecroft	Samuel Lawry
Wellington	1909	Thomas Fee	Samuel Lawry
Dunedin	1910	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	Samuel Lawry
Christchurch	1911	George W. J. Spence	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1912	William Ready	Samuel Lawry

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND (INDEPENDENT).

Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES.

PLACE	YEAR	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY
Christchurch	1875	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1876	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Christchurch	1877	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1878	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Wellington	1879	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1880	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Christchurch	1881	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Wellington	1882	J. White	W. Flesher
Napier	1883	R. Taylor	E. O. Perry
Auckland	1884	C. W. Worboys	E. O. Perry
Christchurch	1885	E. O. Perry	G. Bowron
Rangiora	1886	H. B. Redstone	E. O. Perry
Wellington	1887	J. Parkin	W. Flesher
Christchurch	1888	H. B. Redstone	W. Flesher
Auckland	1889	E. O. Perry	W. Flesher
Addington	1890	A. Peters	J. A. Flesher
Wellington	1891	S. Macfarlane	J. A. Flesher
Rangiora	1892	J. W. Worboys	A. Peters
Woodville	1893	C. Penney	A. Peters
Christchurch	1894	J. Hosking	J. A. Flesher
Christchurch	1895	J. J. Pendray	J. A. Flesher
Auckland	1896	A. Peters	J. A. Flesher

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1892-3	John Orchard	William Ready
1894-5	William Ready	Barton H. Ginger
1896	Barton H. Ginger	Frederick T. Read

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

PLACE	YEAR	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.
Auckland	1937	Fred. Copeland	Henry R. French	William A. Burley, M.A.
Wellington	1938	Percy R. Paris	John C. Tietjens	William A. Burley, M.A.

*William Greenslade, President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August, 1931.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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| <p>1875—Nixon, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)
 „ Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C. (Sup.)
 „ Wallis, T. Jackson (Sup.)</p> <p>1887—Clement, George (Sup.)
 „ Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)
 „ Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
 (Sup.) Fellow of Trinity Col.</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)
 „ Olphert, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1890—Harding, Arthur (Sup.)
 „ Mitchell, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D. (Sup.)
 „ Raine, Robert (Sup.)
 „ Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward (Sup.)
 „ Elliott, William J. (Sup.)
 „ Frost, George (Sup.)
 „ Harrison, Colin C. (Sup.)</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E. (Sup.)
 „ Henderson, Samuel (Sup.)
 „ Vealie, Thomas W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur (Sup.)
 „ Richards, Thomas R. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)
 „ Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,
 F.R.E.S</p> | <p>1897—Goldie, John Francis
 „ Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)
 „ Pybus, T. Arthur</p> <p>1898—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P.
 „ Wills, William</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy
 „ Haslam, Jonathan H.
 „ Hunt, George P.
 „ Leadley, Frank E.
 „ Liversedge, Arthur
 „ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel
 „ Cook, George S. (Sup.)
 „ Eaton, Clarence
 „ Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)
 „ Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
 „ Woolloxall, Thomas R. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas
 „ Oxbrow, Walter J. (Sup.)
 „ Patchett, Ernest D. ^{usd}
 „ Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S.</p> <p>1903—Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.
 „ James, Benjamin J.
 „ Liddell, Ralph J.
 „ Seamer, Arthur J.</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O.
 „ McBean, Angus
 „ Stockwell, George F.</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred.
 „ Metson, Basil
 „ Richards, Raymond</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W.
 „ Daniel, Herbert
 „ Paris, Percy R.
 „ Roberts, Charles M.
 „ Ryan, Henry
 „ White, Hedley</p> |
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| <p>1907—Blair, Charles</p> <p>1908—Cox, Edwin T., M.A.
 „ Jordan, Chas. B.,
 M.A., B.D. (Hons.), F.R.E.S.
 „ Martin, J. Frederick
 „ Speer, William H. (Sup.)
 „ Tinsley, Robt. B.</p> <p>1909—Cottom, Harry
 „ McArthur, John D.</p> <p>1910—Burley, William A., M.A.
 „ Harris, Archer, O
 „ Olds, Charles H., B.A.
 „ Richards, James
 „ Sharp, Harold A.</p> <p>1911—Enticott, Walter J.
 „ Fowles, Albert H.
 „ Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)
 „ Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S.
 „ Richards, H. Leslie
 „ Rowe, William</p> <p>1912—Gosnell, Robert B.
 „ Hinton, George B.
 „ Lawrence, Frederick B.
 „ Scrivin, Arthur H.
 „ Walker, William</p> <p>1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
 „ Peat, Harold T.</p> <p>1914—Binet, Vincent le C.
 „ Burnet, Oswald
 „ Foston, Charles A.
 „ Werren, Samuel J.</p> <p>1915—Cooke, Percy I.
 „ Olds, E. Thomas
 „ Odell, Henry J.
 „ Slade, William G., M.A.</p> <p>1916—Brown, George E.
 „ Fordyce, Robert E.
 „ Harkness, Edwin S.
 „ Kendon, Charles H.
 „ Metcalfe, John R.
 „ Sage, Ernest E.</p> <p>1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
 „ Chambers, Ernest B.
 „ Dennis, John
 „ Nelson, John R. (Sup.)
 „ Parker, Fredk. J.</p> | <p>1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
 „ Neal, Wallace S.
 „ Parker, James W.
 „ Skuse, Thomas</p> <p>1919—Cuming, William B.
 „ Ford, Herbert
 „ Gatman, William
 „ Jefferson, Alfred E.</p> <p>1920—Orchard, Hector C.
 „ Pickering, William B.</p> <p>1921—Benny, Henry
 „ Cropp, Allan H.</p> <p>1922—Allen, J. Henry
 „ Brooks, Leslie A. G.
 „ Jack, J. Francis</p> <p>1923—Blakemore, Albert
 „ Hames, Eric W., M.A.
 „ Spencer, Herbert</p> <p>1924—Ayrton, Moses
 „ Bailey, John H.
 „ Bateup, Frank
 „ Brown, Hubert G.
 „ Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
 „ Kings, Harry S.
 „ McGregor, Robert
 „ Taylor, Cecil R.</p> <p>1925—Brown, F. Gardner
 „ Peterson, Gordon R. H.</p> <p>1926—Hall, James H.
 „ Harris, G. Raymond
 „ Voyce, Arthur H.</p> <p>1927—Larsen, Norman P.
 „ Laurensen, George I.
 „ Penn, Athol R.
 „ Raynor, Ivo M.
 „ Silvester, A. Wharton E.
 „ Utting, Harry V.</p> <p>1928—Grocott, John D.
 „ Hailwood, Charlie O.
 „ Handy, Francis J.
 „ Hayman, Frank H.
 „ Jeffreys, Howard H.
 „ Mead, Victor, L.Th.</p> <p>1929—Dickens, Charles E.
 „ Horwood, Leonard C.
 „ Kent, Arthur T.
 „ Parker, Walter</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—*continued*

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| <p>1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
 „ Draper, Joseph C.
 „ Leadley, E. Clarence
 „ McDowell, Matthew A.
 „ Parker, Wesley, M.A.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1932—Alley, Donald C.
 „ Day, Reginald
 „ Hickman, D. J. Donald
 „ Hindmarsh, Sydney
 „ Jamieson, V. Roy
 „ Jenkin, William C.
 „ Williamson, Ivan S.</p> <p>1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M.
 „ Daghish, J. Ainsley
 „ Mitchell, John L.
 „ Orr, A. Everil
 „ Patchett, Ralph E.
 „ Waite, Alfred, E.</p> <p>1934—Goodman, George H.
 „ John, John
 „ Johnston, Andrew, J.
 „ Matthews, Howard C.
 „ Tozer, Henry J., M.A.</p> | <p>1935—Burton, Ormond E. M.A.
 „ Duder, Clifford L.
 „ Hanna, L. Gordon
 „ Luxton, Clarence T. J.
 „ Mills, William A.
 „ Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip.
 Soc.Sc.
 „ Witheford, Arthur R.</p> <p>1936—Beckingsale, George E.
 „ Hopper, H. Ian K.
 „ Tasker, Bert. M., B.A.
 „ Willoughby, James S.</p> <p>1937—Churchill, John
 „ Francis, William R.
 „ Mayson, Robert W.
 „ Norwell, Leslie T.
 „ Sanft, Alfred</p> <p>1938—Clements, Leslie C.
 „ Harkness, Howard E., M.A.
 „ Hoddinott, Ernest S.
 „ Laws, William R.
 „ Long, Wesley L.
 „ Petch, Ashleigh K.
 „ Silvester, John
 „ Whitfield, Harris
 „ Williams, J. C. Aldwyn</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| <p>1911—Kakuere, Hori
 „ Te Tuhi, Eruera</p> <p>1914—Rakena, Rakena P.</p> <p>1920—Tauroa, Matarae</p> | <p>1928—Keepa, Matene</p> <p>1930—Gina, Belshazzar</p> <p>1933—Kera, Nathan</p> |
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AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

of the

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

in connection with the

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work ; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in parentheses immediately after his address. The number of the Circuit in the Station Sheet is denoted in the right hand column. The Foreign Mission and Maori Mission Stations are distinguished by numbers in square brackets.

2. H.M. = Home Missions. F.M. = Foreign Missions. M.M. = Maori Missions. C.S. = Connexional Secretary. Y.P. = Young Peoples' Department. Th.C. = Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1922	.. 4	Allen, J. Henry, 78 West St. Feilding	.. 67
1932	.. 3	Alley, Donald C., Methodist Mission, Teop, via Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.. (8)
1895	.. S	Ashcroft, Arthur, 30 Alfred St., Palmerston N. (1935)	.. 64
1906	.. 3	Avery, William W., Willowby, R.M.D., Ashburton	.. 117
1924	.. 1	Ayrton, Moses, Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	.. 102
1924	.. 1	Bailey, John H., 12 Domet St., Opunake	.. 52
1901	.. 4	Bailey, Samuel, Selwyn Street, Leeston, Canterbury	.. 103
1924	.. 3	Bateup, Frank, Kaeo, North Auckland	.. 20
1936	.. 3	Beckingsale, George E. Wakefield, Nelson	.. 84
1894	.. S	Bellhouse, Harold E., 46 Clifton Terrace, Sumner, Christchurch (1934)	.. 94
1921	.. 3	Benny, Henry, Ohoka, Canterbury	.. 105
1913	.. 4	Bensley, Arthur A., Thames St., Morrinsville	.. 31
1914	.. 2	Vinet, Vincent le C., Queen St., Waiuku, Auckland	.. 13
1907	.. 3	Blair, Charles, 142 North Street, Timaru	.. 111
1923	.. 3	Blakemore, Albert, 58 Waldegrave St., Palmerston North	65
1900	.. 17	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St. Devonport, Auckland N.I.	Y.P.
1904	.. 4	Blamires, Ernest O., 32 Crawford Rd., Wellington, E.3	69
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W. 1 (1930)	.. 91
1930	.. 2	Blight, J. Montgomery, Riverton, Southland	.. 136
1917	.. 8	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., Leigh House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	Th.C.
1922	.. 4	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 46 Radley Street, Woolston, Christchurch, S.E. 1	.. 94
1925	.. 4	Brown, F. Gardner, 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch	.. 92
1916	.. 3	Brown, George E., 68 Firth Street, Hamilton East	.. 34
1924	.. 1	Brown, Hubert G., Birkett St., Temuka	.. 114

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1910	.. 3	Burley, William A., M.A., 3 Repton Street, Merivale. Christchurch, N.W. 1	.. 94
1914	.. 1	Burnett, Oswald, 147 Hataitai Rd., Wellington, E.2	.. 72
1935	.. 4	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., 22 Webb Street, Wellington	.. 69
1931	.. 1	Carr, Thomas H., Tua Marina, Blenheim	.. 86
1931	.. 4	Carr, W. E. Allon, Tancred Street, Hokitika	.. 90
1917	.. 5	Chambers, Ernest B., 232 Spey Street, Invercargill	.. 132
1896	..22	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland, C.I.	.. 4
1933	.. 2	Chrystall, Bernard M., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1	.. 6
1937	.. 2	Churchill, John, Huntly, Waikato	.. 35
1887	.. 8	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin, S.1. (1923)	.. 120
1938	.. 1	Clements, Leslie C., Taihape	.. 56
1902	.. 2	Coatsworth, Thomas, 77 Grey Street, Woodville	.. 62
1901	.. 8	Cook, George S., Hawera (1928)	.. 50
1915	.. 3	Cooke, Percy I., Station Road, Otahuhu	.. 10
1905	.. 1	Copeland, Fred., 17 Pukehana Avenue, Epsom, Auck., S.E.3.	4
1918	.. 3	Costain, Alfred M., 235 Main Rd., Wellington, W.3.	.. 70
1909	.. 1	Cotton, Harry, Springston, R.D., Canterbury	.. 101
1908	.. 4	Cox, Edwin, T., M.A., 48 Heriot Row, Dunedin	.. 126
1921	.. 17	Cropp, Allan H. Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.. (8)
1919	.. 3	Cuming, William B., 53 Wellington Road, Marton	.. 55
1933	.. 2	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Johnson Street, Milton	.. 130
1906	.. 3	Daniel, Herbert, Matamata, Waikato	.. 36
1932	.. 3	Day, Reginald, Waihi	.. 29
1917	.. 3	Dennis, John, Cambridge Street, Levin	.. 80
1929	.. 4	Dickens, Charles E., Buller Road, Reefton	.. 87
1893	.. 8	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1. (1936)	.. 98
1930	.. 5	Draper, Joseph C., 88 Linwood Avenue, Christchurch, E.I.	92
1935	.. 2	Duder, Clifford L., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	.. 27
1898	.. 8	Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S., "Oakley" 38 Colfe Rd., Forest Hill, London, S.E. 23, England	.. 91
1931	.. 7	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., F.R.E.S., 33 Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	.. 53
1901	.. 6	Eaton, Clarence, 54 Chester Street, W., Christchurch, C.I.	91
1893	.. 8	Elliott, William J., 8 Ascot Avenue, Devonport, Auckland N.1 (1933)	.. 6
1903	.. 6	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	.. 7
1911	.. 3	Enticott, Walter J., 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton	.. 100
1901	.. 8	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel Street, Christchurch, E.I. (1931)	.. 92
1877	.. 8	Fee, Thomas, 9 Aynsley Ter., Opawa, Christchurch, S.E. 1 (1913)	.. 94
1924	.. 3	Fiebig, Herbert, L., B.A., 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch C.1	.. 92
1919	.. 1	Ford, Herbert, Mowatt Street, Waitara	.. 47
1916	.. 5	Fordyce, Robert E., Sanson, Manawatu	.. 68
1914	.. 5	Foston, Charles A., Ashhurst, Manawatu	.. 66
1911	.. 1	Fowles, Albert H., Oxford, Canterbury	.. 109
1937	.. 2	Francis, William R., Russell, Bay of Islands	.. 21
1893	.. 8	Frost, George, 3 Gardner Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933)	.. 4
1919	.. 1	Gatman, William, Kirk Street, Otaki	.. 81

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1897	..37	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands ..	(5)
1934	.. 1	Goodman, George H., Queen St., Cambridge, Waikato ..	32
1912	.. 1	Gosnell, Robert B., 93 Tinakori Rd., Thorndon, Wellington ..	70
1931	.. 4	Greenslade, William W. H., Clyde St., Balclutha, Otago ..	129
1897	.. S	Greenwood, Fred., 115 Marine Parade, Seatoun, Wellington E.5 (1934) ..	72
1888	.. S	Grigg, W., 88 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.I. (1932) ..	91
1928	.. 2	Grocott, John D., 50 Grey St. East, Onehunga, S.E.5 ..	9
1928	.. 4	Hailwood, Charlie O., Regan Street East, Stratford ..	48
1926	.. 3	Hall, James H., Tawa Street, Te Kuiti, King Country ..	44
1923	.. 3	Hames, Eric W., M.A., 11 Sherwood Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I. ..	1
1928	.. 4	Handy, Francis J., 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland, W.I ..	3
1935	.. 2	Hanna, L. Gordon, Rolleston Street, Rakaia ..	119
1890	.. S	Harding, Arthur, 22 Raroa Road, Lower Hutt (1925) ..	74
1916	.. 2	Harkness, Edwin S., 8 King Edward St., Eltham ..	49
1938	.. 1	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., Greytown ..	76
1910	.. 2	Harris, Archer O., 15 Nelson St., Riccarton, Christchurch W.I. ..	97
1926	.. 3	Harris, G. Raymond, 336 Selwyn St., Christchurch, S.W.1 ..	96
1893	.. S	Harrison, Colin C., 64 Waripori St., Berhampore, Wellington S.1 (1933) ..	72
1900	.. 4	Haslam, Jonathan H., 39 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.I. ..	69
1928	.. 1	Hayman, Frank H., Waihi Beach, Waihi ..	29
1894	.. S	Henderson, Samuel, Shortland Street, Vogelstown, New Plymouth (1934) ..	46
1932	.. 4	Hickman, D. J. Donald, Bertram Street, Warkworth, North Auckland ..	15
1932	.. 1	Hindmarsh, Sydney, Paparoa, North Auckland ..	16
1912	.. 2	Hinton, George B., 216 Earn Street, Invercargill ..	133
1938	.. 1	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 62 Otaki Street, Miramar, Wellington, E.4. ..	72
1911	.. S	Hopper, Arthur, 20 Bentfield Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1935) ..	5
1936	.. 1	Hopper, H. Ian K., Kensington, Timaru ..	112
1929	.. 4	Horwood, Leonard C., Fuller Street, Kaiapoi ..	104
1900	.. 4	Hunt, George P., Devonport Road, Tauranga ..	39
1922	.. 1	Jack, J. Francis, 12 East Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I. ..	4
1903	.. 2	James, Benjamin J., 21 Butler Street, Timaru ..	110
1932	.. 2	Jamieson, V. Roy, Normanby Street, Dargaville ..	17
1919	.. 2	Jefferson, Alfred E., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin, N.1 ..	122
1928	.. 1	Jeffreys, Howard H., Onewa St., Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5 ..	12
1932	.. 1	Jenkin, William C., Port Albert, North Auckland ..	22
1934	.. 2	John, John, 102 Dyers Pass Rd, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch ..	91
1934	.. 1	Johnston, Andrew J., 27 Cambrai Avenue, Roskill, Auckland, S.2 ..	1
1882	.. S	Jones, T. Francis, 7 Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1919) ..	4
1908	.. 3	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Roxburgh ..	131
1887	.. S	Joughin, Thomas A., 7 Belmont Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland S.W.2 (1922) ..	1
1899	.. 1	Keall, R. Purcell, Stanley Street, Eketahuna ..	79
1916	.. 1	Kendon, Charles H., 112 Derby St., Westport ..	88
1929	.. 3	Kent, Arthur T., 5 William Street, Gore ..	135

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1924	.. 5	Kings, Harry S., Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1	98
1889	.. S	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 9 Kerr St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1 (1935)	3
1927	.. 1	Larsen, Norman P., Porirua Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington	73
1927	.. 4	Laurensen, Geo. I., 11 Chamberlain Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1.	H.M.
1912	.. 1	Lawrence, Frederick B., 305 Manchester St., Christchurch, C.1	93
1885	.. S	Lawry, Albert C., 43 St. Albans Street, Christchurch, N.1. (1931)	98
1887	.. S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, 256 Remuera Rd, Remuera, Auckland, S.E. 2(1931)	4
1938	.. 1	Laws, William R., Mission Bay, Auckland	4
1930	.. 5	Leadley, E. Clarence, Roviana, Solomon Islands	(5)
1900	.. 3	Leadley, Frank E., 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne	59
1903	.. 2	Liddell, Ralph J., West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	5
1900	.. 1	Liversedge, Arthur, 76 Halton St., Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2	98
1938	.. 1	Long, Wesley L., Porirua, Wellington	73
1935	.. 2	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Whakatane, Bay of Plenty	40
1883	.. S	Marshall, George T., 27 Kenneth Avenue, Morningside, Auckland, S.W. 1 (1920)	1
1908	.. 1	Martin, J. Frederick, 138 Somme Parade, Aromoho, Wanganui	54
1934	.. 1	Matthews, Howard C., Naumai P.O. near Ruawai, Northern Wairoa	18
1937	.. 2	Mayson, Robert W., Waitoa, Morrinsville	31
1909	.. 2	McArthur, John D., 71 High Street, Blenheim	86
1904	.. 3	McBean, Angus, Havelock Street, Ashburton	116
1930	.. 2	McDowell, Matthew A., 524 Church St. Palmerston Nth.	64
1924	.. 3	McGregor, Robert, Greendale, Canterbury	108
1928	.. 2	Mead, Victor, L.Th., Paynter's Ave., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	46
1916	..19	Metcalf, John R., Methodist Mission, Choiseul, via Gizo, Solomon Islands	(7)
1905	.. 1	Metson, Basil, 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin, C.2	120
1935	.. 2	Mills, William A., Greenmeadows, Napier	57
1890	.. S	Mitchell, Arthur, 10 Gladstone Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W. 2 (1930)	4
1933	.. 3	Mitchell, John L., 45 Haupapa Street, Rotorua	38
1931	.. 1	Moore, William E., Pahiatua	63
1918	.. 3	Neal, Wallace S., Woodend, Canterbury	107
1911	.. 8	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Ter., Dunedin, C.2	121
1917	.. S	Nelson, John R., C/o. Mr. W. H. Ferrier, Glen Oroua, Manawatu, R. D.	81
1875	.. S	Nixon, John, Eliot Street, New Plymouth (1907)	46
1937	.. 2	Norwell, Leslie T., Putaruru	37
1915	.. 4	Odell, Henry J., Madiera Steps, Napier	57
1910	.. 1	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 801 E. Queen Street, Hastings	58
1915	.. 4	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2	1
1888	.. S	Olphert, J., 39 View Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1. (1932)	1
1920	.. 3	Orchard, Hector C., 308 Macandrew Rd., Dunedin, S.1	123
1933	.. 6	Orr, A. Everil, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.1.	2
1902	.. S	Oxbrow, Walter J., Ngongotaha, Rotorua	38
1906	.. 4	Paris, Percy R., 58 Mcfarlane Street, Wellington, E.1	69
1917	.. 1	Parker, Frederick J., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	78
1931	.. 1	Parker, Gordon, Tai Tapu, Canterbury	102
1918	.. 1	Parker, James W., 38 Lake Road, Frankton Junction	33

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1930	.. 2	Parker, Wesley, M.A., 67 Brougham St., Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1.	.. 95
1929	.. 3	Parker, Walter, 24 Colombo Street, Wellington, S.1	.. 71
1902	.. 1	Patchett, Ernest D., Liardet Street, New Plymouth	.. 46
1933	.. 2	Patchett, Ralph E., 95 Fitzroy St., Kew., Dunedin, S.W.1	.. 125
1931	.. 4	Payne, Herbert W., Otorohanga	.. 43
1913	.. 3	Peat, Harold T., 1 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt	.. 74
1927	.. 1	Penn, Athol R., 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington, S.2	.. 72
1892	.. S	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Railway Terrace, Johnsonville (1928)	.. 73
1938	.. 1	Petch, Ashleigh K., Wairoa H.B.	.. 60
1877	.. S	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2 (1920)	.. 93
1925	.. 3	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Taitua Street, Taumarunui	.. 45
1920	.. 1	Pickering, William B., Eden Street, Oamaru	.. 118
1902	.. 12	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S., 118 Knowles Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1.	.. C.S.
1897	.. 13	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	.. 128
1892	.. S	Raine, Robert, 54 Apuka St., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1 (1932)	.. 69
1901	.. 16	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Richmond House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	.. Th.C.
1927	.. 3	Raynor, Ivo M., 35 Wood Street, Papakura, Auckland	.. 11
1911	.. 3	Richards, H. Leslie, Coronation Street, Waimate	.. 113
1910	.. 1	Richards, James, 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2	.. 99
1905	.. 3	Richards, Raymond, Paeroa	.. 25
1895	.. S	Richards, Thomas R., 53 Clyde St., Island Bay, Wellington S.2 (1935)	.. 69
1906	.. 1	Roberts, Charles M., Kent Street, Levin	.. 80
1911	.. 3	Rowe, William, 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	.. 82
1906	.. 2	Ryan, Henry, 162 King Street, Rangiora	.. 106
1916	.. 4	Sage, Ernest E., 37 Nelson St., Petone	.. 75
1937	.. 2	Sanft, Alfred, Hikurangi, Nth. Auckland	.. 23
1900	.. 2	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., Queen Street, Thames	.. 26
1912	.. 6	Scrivin, Arthur H. Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1. (Private Address: 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, S.E.3)	.. F.M.
1903	.. 15	Seamer, A. J., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.1.	.. H.M.
1910	.. 3	Sharp, Harold A., 774 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	.. 5
1927	.. 4	Silvester, A. Wharton, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. (6)
1938	.. 1	Silvester, John, 63 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt	.. 74
1891	.. S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland S.E.3 (1933)	.. 4
1918	.. 4	Skuse, Thomas, 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2	.. 124
1915	.. 1	Slade, William G., M.A., Wesley Street, Pukekohe	.. 12
1892	.. 2	Smith, G. Knowles, Elizabeth Street, Bluff	.. 134
1908	.. S	Speer, William H., Whangarei (1937)	.. 19
1923	.. 2	Spencer, Herbert, Bank Street, Te Awamutu	.. 42
1904	.. 1	Stockwell, George F. South Road, Hawera	.. 50
1936	.. 3	Tasker, Bert M., B.A., 35 Octagon, Dunedin, C.1.	.. 121
1924	.. 4	Taylor, Cecil R., Church St., Te Aroha	.. 30
1935	.. 1	Thornley, Robert, M.A., N.Z. House, 415 The Strand, London, W.C.2, England	.. 74
1908	.. 3	Tinsley, Robert B., London Street, Hamilton	.. 33
1934	.. 1	Tozer, Henry, J. M.A., 136 Bank Street, Whangarei	.. 19

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1927	.. 1	Utting, Harry V., Pah Road, Motueka	.. 85
1894	.. 8	Veale, Thomas W., Nelson (1934)	.. 69
1926	..13	Voyce, Arthur H., Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.. (8)
1933	.. 2	Waite, Alfred E., 230 High Street, Dannevirke	.. 61
1912	.. 4	Walker, William, 22 Station Ter., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	4
1885	.. 8	Wallis, T. Jackson, 191 Lyttelton Rd., Spreydon, Christchurch S.W.1 (1928)	.. 98
1914	.. 6	Werren, Samuel J., 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland, C.3	.. 1
1906	.. 4	White, Hedley, High Street, Carterton	.. 77
1938	.. 1	Whitfield, Harris, Lake Road, Kaitaia, Nth. Auckland	.. 25
1931	.. 4	Williams, David O., M.A., 60 Lawrence St., Mornington Dunedin, W.1	.. 126
1938	.. 1	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, Helensville, Auckland	.. 14
1932	.. 3	Williamson, Ivan S., 46 Brighton St., Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.1	.. 127
1936	.. 1	Willoughby, James S., Avondale, Auckland	.. 5
1899	.. 2	Wills, William, Franklin Street, Greymouth	.. 89
1935	.. 2	Witthford, Arthur R., Kaikohe, Bay of Islands	.. 24
1901	.. 8	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1937)	7

MAORI MINISTERS.

1911	.. 9	Kakuere, Hori, Pukekohe	.. .. (1)
1928	.. 8	Keepa, Matene; Ngaruawahia	.. .. (2)
1914	.. 3	Rakena, Rakena P., Waima, Hokianga	.. .. (1)
1920	.. 3	Tauroa, Matarae, Okaiawa, Taranaki	.. .. (4)
1911	.. 2	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Tuakau	.. .. (1)

MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

1938—Dr. A. G. Rutter, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomno Is.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

	years
1904—C. Aker, Coromandel	.. .. 1
1904—W. T. Hooper (retired) 9 Alma St., Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1.	.. 7
1907—S. Keen, Waipawa	.. .. 2
1909—C. W. Brown, 8 Cambridge Street, Gonville, Wanganui	.. 2
1909—T. W. Featherston, (Resting) New Plymouth	.. 1
1910—C. Duncan, Inglewood	.. .. 1
1911—C. Strand (retired), Warden Street, Shirley, Christchurch, N.1.	.. 8
1913—J. Common (retired), Beach Rd., Weraroa, Levin	.. 3
1915—J. H. Edmondson (retired), Kaukapakapa	.. .. 5
1917—A. L. Witheford (retired) Ngaruawahia	.. .. 4
1919—J. Belshaw (retired), 161 Blockhouse Bay Road, Avondale	.. .. 2
1922—H. Ashworth (retired), St. Aubyns, New Plymouth	.. 2
1922—C. Robinson, Hassard Street, Manaia	.. 1
1924—R. T. Alexander, Paraparaumu	.. .. 1
1924—G. Hall, Okato, Taranaki	.. .. 3
1924—W. H. Wilson, Opotiki	.. .. 1
1925—W. J. Henderson, Ravensbourne	.. .. 4
1925—H. J. Malcolm, Waddington	.. .. 2
1926—F. O. Prosser, Ferguson Street, Geraldine	.. .. 1
1927—R. Grice, Robinson Street, Foxton	.. .. 2
1928—R. Coombridge, Stanway Road, Halcombe	.. .. 1
1929—F. Sanderson, Granity	.. .. 3

HOME MISSIONARIES

1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, Apiti, Manawatu	..	..	..	1
1923-9—1937—W. Macdonald, Nightcaps	..	..	..	2
1937—H. A. Cochrane, Rawene, Hokianga	..	..	..	2

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1935—A. P. Dorrian, Harrisville Road, Tuakau	..	..	..	4
1936—W. J. Trusstum, Ohura	..	..	..	1
1937—N. Hendra, Mosgiel	..	..	..	1
1937—W. J. Hughes, Ngaruawahia	..	..	..	2
1937—A. O. Jones, Silverdale	..	..	..	2
1937—R. C. Patchett, Patea	..	..	..	3
1937—A. Collins, Maori Hill, Dunedin	..	..	..	1
1937—G. W. Crammond, Murchison	..	..	..	2
1937—W. Falkingham, Cromwell	..	..	..	1
1937—A. F. Attwood, Te Puke	..	..	..	2
1938—J. H. Beaven, Raetihi	..	..	..	1
1938—H. M. Brasell, Palmerston, Otago	..	..	..	1
1938—Clifford G. Brown, Hawarden	..	..	..	1
1938—O. L. Christian, Kohukohu, North Auckland	..	..	..	1
1938—N. R. Hooper, Havelock, Nelson	..	..	..	1
1938—A. N. MacDonal, Kaitangata	..	..	..	1
1938—H. Skuse, Kuripuni, Masterton	..	..	..	1

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

1918—Hone Tamati, Taumarere	..	..	..	5
1920—Te-Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Raglan	..	..	..	9
1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country	..	..	..	18
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland	..	..	..	11
1924—Hone Taotahi, Matauri Bay, Kaeo	..	..	..	9
1927—Hauotu Hapimana, Pukeatua, King Country, Box 28, Te Awamutu	..	..	..	12
1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	..	..	..	10
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	..	..	..	9
1930—Paahi Moke, New Plymouth	..	..	..	8
1930—Tupito Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki	..	..	..	9
1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	..	..	..	10
1930—Hikuroa Te Maaha, Waitotara, Taranaki	..	..	..	9
1931—Tame Tuari, Whananaki, North Auckland	..	..	..	8
1932—Hoani Hakaraia, Te Uawiri, Kai Iwi, Taranaki	..	..	..	8
1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	..	..	..	6
1932—Te Uira Tuteao, c/o H.M. Office	..	..	..	3
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Hawera	..	..	..	3
1934—Hamiora Kingi, Waimate North (Taheke)	..	..	..	5
1934—Huru Wiperi, Horeke	..	..	..	5
1934—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe	..	..	..	3
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	..	..	..	5
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata	..	..	..	5
1934—Heemi Rihimona, Waahi Pa, Huntly	..	..	..	3
1934—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai, Te Kuiti	..	..	..	3
1935—Honehone Kereopa, Raglan	..	..	..	4
1935—Hoani Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga	..	..	..	4
1935—Hori Te Awa, Huntly	..	..	..	4
1935—Tuheke Poihipi, Puru, Thames	..	..	..	4
1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	..	..	..	3
1936—Remi H. Kukutai, Te Kohanga	..	..	..	3
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimatea, Tuakau	..	..	..	3
1937—Tahuna Herangi, Te Kopua, Te Awamutu	..	..	..	2
1937—Paki Kinita, Marokopa, King Country.	..	..	..	2

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

1937—Roi Moke, Aotea, Kawhia	..	..	..	2
1937—Taima Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia	..	..	..	2
1937—Hone Hira, Onewhero	..	..	..	1
1938—Paraire, Paraone Kena, Poutu, Kaipara Heads	..	..	..	1
1938—Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	..	..	..	1
1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Dargaville	..	..	..	1

MISSIONARY SISTERS

Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga
Sister Nicholls, Hamilton
Sister Hobbs, H.M. Office, Auckland
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, Ratana Pa
Sister Madeline Holland, Okaiawa, Taranaki.
Sister Heeni Te Teira, c/o H.M. Office, Auckland
Sister Rona Taylor, Kawhia
Sister Ethel McMillan, Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands
Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands
Sister Elizabeth Common, Methodist Mission, Buka, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
Nurse Vera Cannon, Methodist Mission, Roviana, British Solomon Islands
Nurse Edna White, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Merle Farland, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Is.
Sister Effie Harkness, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Is.
Sister Joy Whitehouse, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Is.

Methodist Church of New Zealand

In Memoriam

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

Who have laboured in New Zealand and were still in the Methodist Ministry at the date of their death.

The following list of our honoured dead has been compiled by direction of the Conference. In some particulars it is incomplete. Information concerning any errors or omissions should be sent to the Rev. W. A. Burley, 3 Repton Street, Christchurch, N.W.1., New Zealand.

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Abernethy, Christopher	Shetland Islands	1845	1879	29th April, 1927	Christchurch
Aldred, John	Suffolk, England	1818	1839	14th January, 1894	Christchurch
Allen, Alexander	Christchurch, N.Z.	1884	1910	8th May, 1918	France
Armitage, John	Leeds, England	1834	1875	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Barley, Charles E.	Fincham, England	1851	P.M. 1874 W.M. 1885	5th October, 1888	Hawera
Batley, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2nd August, 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.
Baxter, Matthew				1st May, 1893	
Beck, William Henry	Sussex, England	1837	1869	20th November, 1922	Auckland
Beecroft, Charles E.	Lowestoft, Suffolk	1844	1870	17th November, 1913	Auckland
Benning, Job	Wednesbury, England	1858	1905	22nd November, 1915	Waikouaiti
Berry, Joseph	Preston, England	1846	1865	9th July, 1907	Payneham, S. Aust.
Best, Edward	Newry, Ireland	1824	1848	18th November, 1900	Auckland
Blight, Joseph	Clare, S. Aust.	1858	1887	24th October, 1933	Auckland
Bond, George	Durham, England	1848	1871	6th November, 1931	Auckland
Bowie, William S.	Scarsdale, Victoria	1865	1896	19th December, 1914	Dargaville
Brooke, Thomas G.	Berkshire, England	1849	1880	31st August, 1931	Auckland
Buddle, Thomas	Durham, England	1812	1835	26th June, 1883	Auckland
Bull, Henry	London, England	1843	1868	1st August, 1919	Christchurch
Buller, James	Cornwall, England	1812	1837	6th November, 1884	Christchurch
Bumby, John Hewgill	Thirsk, England	1808	1829	26th June, 1840	Drowned, Waitemata
Bunn, Robert S.	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22nd June, 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.

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Buttle, George	Yorkshire, England	1810	1838	10th July, 1874	Auckland
Buttle, Joseph Newman	Waipa, N.Z.	1850	1878	23rd December, 1914	Christchurch
Cannell, William	Manchester, England	1836	1861	8th September, 1921	New Plymouth
Carr, Thomas Goodwill	Eastwood, Notts, England	1846	1871	2nd August, 1935	Auckland
Chapman, John G.	London, England	1865	1889	30th December, 1925	Wellington
Clark, James R.	Maysbury, Bucks, England	1854	1906	1st August, 1928	Christchurch
Clover, James	Suffolk, England	1850	1874	7th December, 1919	Hamilton
Cocker, James	Derbyshire, England	1862	1890	6th March, 1935	Masterton
Cossum, Percy J.	Kent, England	1869	1897	9th September, 1933	Palmerston North
Creed, Charles	Somerset, England	1812	1837	18th February, 1879	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Crump, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng.	1828	1857	28th May, 1912	Nelson
Dawson, John	Keighly, Yorkshire, England	1859	1888	13th September, 1925	Wellington
Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	24th July, 1906	Christchurch
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1849	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend
Dewsbury, Henry R.	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
Dukes, John	Staffordshire, England	1845	1880	16th August, 1919	Te Aroha
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28th September, 1923	Wellington
Eketone, Hare	Kawhia	1828	1857	1862	Mokau
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17th June, 1879	Woodend
Evans, Matthew Joseph	Thames, New Zealand	1882	1912	3rd May, 1920	Auckland
Fairclough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christchurch
Fellows, Samuel B.	Derbyshire, England	1858	1888	21st October, 1933	Mt. Barker, W. Aust.
Fletcher, Joseph Horner	St. Vincent, West Indies	1823	1847	30th June, 1890	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Fletcher, William, B.A.	Granada, West Indies	1829	1856	20th June, 1881	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Garland, Charles H.	London, England	1857	1881	4th November, 1918	Auckland
Garlick, Samuel J.	Greenwich, England	1848	1876	27th August, 1917	Wellington
Ginger, Barton H.	Watford, England	1861	1885	27th January, 1914	Hutt
Gittos, William	Durham, England	1829	1856	26th May, 1916	Auckland
Gordon, Aldwyn Remington, M.A.	St. Leonards, New Zealand	1890	1915	26th August, 1918	France
Gray, Joseph H.	Cornwall, England	1841	1878	3rd January, 1902	Greymouth
Greenslade, William	Nelson, New Zealand	1875	1900	19th August, 1931	Christchurch
Griffin, Cornelius	Oldbury, England	1851	1876	18th June, 1929	Auckland
Griffin, John Wesley	Ireland	1853	1894	6th January, 1932	Auckland
Griffin, Thomas N.	Whitehaven, England	1853	1880	20th August, 1924	Christchurch

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Griffith, Samuel	London, England	1859	1882	19th December, 1937	Auckland
Guy, James	Kent, England	1855	1875	6th March, 1934	Christchurch
Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki	Taranaki	1866	1900	5th November, 1936	Normanby
Hammond, Thomas Godfrey	Richmond, Nelson	1846	1874	15th December, 1926	
Hana, Piripi	Wellington	..	1856	1857	Auckland
Harding, Isaac	Wanstron, England	1815	1836	17th July, 1897	Toowong, Queensland
Harper, George S.	Yorkshire, England	1840	1864	24th September, 1911	Palmerston North
Harris, Francis Thomas	Christchurch	1888	1914	19th April, 1933	Christchurch
Harris, John	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27th August, 1936	Christchurch
Harris, Walter	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christchurch
Heretini, Te Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1896	9th October, 1933	
Hobbs, John	Kent, England	1800	1824	24th June, 1883	Auckland
Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1896	1st October, 1924	Auckland
Hounsell, George	Sussex, England	..	1879	3rd March, 1906	Gisborne, N.Z.
Hudson, Lewis			1879	13th April, 1922	Auckland
Innes, Jonathan	Newcastle-on-Tyne, England	1809	1845	6th May, 1864	Nelson, N.Z.
Ironside, Samuel	Sheffield, England	1814	1837	24th April, 1897	Hobart, Tasmania
Isitt, Frank Whitmore	Bedford, England	1846	1870	11th November, 1916	Dunedin
Jones, Peter W.	Cheshire, England	1846	1876	2nd December, 1929	Feilding
Jory, John D.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.				1880	
Kirk, William	Owston, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1825	1846	19th May, 1915	Wellington
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1879	6th May, 1891	Hokianga
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1868	1st August, 1908	Auckland
Lawry, Henry Hassall	New South Wales	1821	1845	8th May, 1906	Auckland
Lawry, Samuel	Cornwall, England	1854	1877	26th July, 1933	Christchurch
Lawry, Walter	Cornwall, England	1793	1817	30th March, 1859	Parramatta, N.S.W.
Laycock, William	Lancashire, England	1858	1884	13th November, 1927	Christchurch
Lee, William	Yorkshire, England	1841	1864	12th November, 1925	Auckland
Leigh, Samuel	Milton, England	1788	1812	2nd May, 1852	Reading, England
Lewis, John James	Abergavenny, Wales	1844	1870	12th June, 1931	Auckland
Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1895	2nd June, 1931	Dunedin
Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington

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Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	27th February, 1887	York, England
Macfarlane, Samuel,	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christchurch
Mann, George Henry	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	26th October, 1918	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	10th November, 1921	Auckland
McNicoll, David	Liverpool, England	1843	1868	8th June, 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1888	1920	7th December, 1923	Bluff
Morley, William, D.D.	Notts, England	1842	1863	24th May, 1926	Kew, Victoria
Murray, Daniel J.	Cambridge, England	1851	P.M. 1875 W.M. 1879	27th Sept., 1928	Auckland
Murray, Richard James	London, England	1862	1896	26th March, 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Neilson, Edward			1877	20th June, 1894	Palmerston North
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Newbold, Thomas Walter	Auckland	1862	1886	19th October, 1930	Dunedin
Oliver, William C.	Sutherlandshire, Scotland	1842	1867	14th April, 1922	Christchurch
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1839	1861	6th January, 1907	Christchurch, N.Z.
Parsons, John Ernest	Birmingham, England	1885	1912	8th April, 1932	Palmerston North
Parsonson, William George	Lerwick, Shetland Islands	1854	1881	8th September, 1903	Christchurch
Patene, Wiremu	Waikato	1810	1859	December, 1884	Karakariki
Paul, Hauraki	Orakei		1882	1910	Kaipara
Pendray, John J.	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1845	1870	2nd July, 1914	Taumarunui
Penney, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1851	UMFC. 1875 W.M. 1896	17th March, 1917	Reefton
Pewa, Wiremu Warena	Waima	1852	1879	31st July, 1907	Waikato
Pinfold, James Thomas, D.D.	Manchester, England	1855	1881	30th July, 1933	Wellington
Potter, William Smith	London, England	1854	1876	30th January, 1929	Auckland
Prior, Samuel F.	Bedford, England	1851	1875	1919	Masterton, N.Z.
Purchon, Samuel R.	Leeds, England	1851	1875	24th January, 1878	Motueka
Rakena, Piripi			1882	25th March, 1934	Mangamuka
Rands, Frederick	Methven, New Zealand	1883	1908	14th February, 1919	Germany
Ratou, W. Te Kote Te	Wairarapa	1820	1859	4th May, 1895	Lower Wairarapa

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Read, Frederick T.	Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1867	1889	29th July, 1937	Christchurch
Reader, Amos	Northamptonshire, England	1875	1901	20th June, 1926	Auckland
Ready, William	London, England	1860	1885	7th September, 1927	Auckland
Redstone, Harry B.	Tavistock, Devon, England	1836	1862	20th September, 1914	Wellington
Reed, Alexander John	Middlesex, England	1879	1904	5th May, 1912	Te Aroha
Reid, Alexander	Edinburgh, Scotland	1821	1848	25th August, 1891	Auckland
Richardson, John B.	Nottingham, England	1840	1864	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Rigg, Charles W.			1850	July, 1883	
Rishworth, John S.	Bingley, Yorkshire, England	1835	1864	21st October, 1918	Auckland
Rothwell, Benjamin Francis	Wexford, Ireland	1860	1885	11th September, 1924	Wellington
Rowse, William	Cornwall, England	1835	1858	15th July, 1899	Greytown
Ryan, Lawrence J.	Island of Jersey		1895	4th January, 1902	Cronwell
Schnackenberg, Cort Henry	Hanover	1812	1853	10th August, 1880	Auckland
Scott, William Bramwell	Thames, New Zealand	1873	1907	13th March, 1935	Wellington
Serpell, Samuel J.	Victoria, Australia		1884	9th July, 1918	Thames
Sharp, Joseph	Maidstone, Kent, England	1849	1871	15th August, 1916	Auckland
Shaw, Joseph T.	Yorkshire, England	1826	1859	13th February, 1894	Hawthorn, Victoria
Simmonds, Joseph H.	Nelson	1845	1869	30th June, 1936	Auckland
Skevington, John	Nottingham, England	1814	1839	21st September, 1845	Auckland
Slade, William	Staffordshire, England	1859	1881	20th April, 1916	Dunedin
Smalley, Joseph S.	London, England	1845	1868	26th April, 1921	London
Smith, John	Prince Edward Island	1835	1862	19th August, 1926	Auckland
Southern, John	Oldham, England	1874	1899	23rd December, 1933	Christchurch
Spence, George W. J.	Dromore, Ireland	1852	1879	20th May, 1917	Auckland
Standage, Charles Henry	Campbell Town, Tasmania	1847	1875	8th June, 1936	Dunedin
Stannard, George	Yorkshire, England	1803	1844	8th December, 1888	Wanganui
Suckling, Joseph B.	Chelmsford, England	1880	1909	7th December, 1918	Nadroga, Fiji
Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lancashire, England	1839	UMFC. 1866 W.M. 1886	28th May, 1918	Auckland
Thomas, James	Hobart, Tasmania	1846	1871	14th May, 1926	Melbourne, Victoria
Thomas, Thomas E., M.A.	Auburn, S.A.	1851	1876	6th March, 1909	Christchurch
Thomas, William George	Milford Haven, South Wales	1843	1868	2nd December, 1909	Auckland

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Tinsley, William	Hertfordshire, England	1848	P.M. 1869 W.M. 1879	22nd August, 1913	Levin
Trestrail, Thomas	Penwortham, S.A.	1859	1887	18th March, 1920	Woodville, S. Aust.
Turner, Nathaniel	Wednesbury, England	1793	1821	5th December, 1864	Toowong, Queensland
Turner, Nicholas	Kent, England	1863	1909	19th February, 1930	Christchurch
Waiti, Hoani	Kaipara	1820	1860	1879	Kaipara
Waiti, Karawini	Kaipara	1851	1878	25th May, 1878	Auckland
Waiti, Martini L.	Kaipara	1860	1880	1887	Kaipara
Wallis, James	Blackwell, England	1809	1833	5th July, 1895	Auckland
Wallis, James W.	Waingaroa (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1846	1870	24th August, 1935	Christchurch
Ward, Josiah	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1848	P.M. 1872 W.M. 1885	19th September, 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert,	Sporle, Norfolk, England	1816	1835	13th October, 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23rd November, 1883	Auckland
Watkin, James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14th May, 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28th September, 1909	Auckland
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1852	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plymouth
Whittaker, J. D.	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3rd October, 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga		1911	January, 1937	Waikare
Williams, William James	Redruth, Cornwall, England	1847	1870	11th May, 1936	Auckland
Wills, Peter	Staffordshire, England	1853	1879	29th September, 1884	Springston
Woon, William	Cornwall, England	1804	1830	22nd September, 1858	Wanganui
Worboys, John Wesley	London, England	1843	1874	10th July, 1908	Wellington
Worker, William	Cornwall, England	1817	1841	2nd February, 1900	Wellsford
Wrigley, James	Yorkshire, England	1857	1887	3rd June, 1937	Auckland

APPENDIX

GENERAL RETURNS for Year ending Sept. 30, 1937—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	Communi-cants	
Auckland Central ..	6	..	4	4	10	..	2	19	..	796	..	264	376	70	0
" Central Mission ..	2	..	2	2	1	..	1	5	..	135	6	64	57	150	
" West ..	4	..	4	1	2	..	..	3	..	189	..	112	74	140	
" East ..	8	..	6	3	12	..	..	24	5	860	..	212	85	670	
" Avondale ..	7	2	3	3	3	1	..	10	..	450	..	100	40	350	
" Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	2	..	..	2	5	162	..	11	20	110	
" Takapuna ..	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	3	..	165	..	10	40	140	
" Birkenhead ..	4	2	3	1	1	..	..	7	..	253	..	48	48	245	
Onehunga ..	4	..	2	1	1	..	..	10	..	247	..	45	55	227	
Otahuhu ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	9	6	236	..	40	70	190	
Papakura ..	3	2	3	1	1	..	..	7	..	171	..	64	40	170	
Pukekohe ..	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	11	..	145	..	53	43	180	
Waiuku ..	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	73	2	44	28	50	
Mahurangi ..	3	11	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	93	..	37	11	130	
Paparua ..	5	10	1	1	1	..	..	3	11	58	..	29	21	150	
Dargaville ..	6	7	..	2	1	..	..	7	..	156	..	52	56	95	
Ruawai ..	1	5	..	1	1	..	..	2	4	100	..	35	39	108	
Whangarei ..	2	5	1	1	2	..	..	4	3	130	..	25	34	75	
Whangaroa ..	1	7	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	30	..	16	40	35	
Bay of Islands ..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	21	..	11	6	32	
Port Albert ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	63	4	32	33	62	
Hikurangi ..	1	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	52	..	30	24	25	
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai ..	2	7	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	57	..	36	32	36	
Mangonui ..	6	4	..	..	1	..	..	3	3	57	3	14	12	35	
Home Mission Stations—															
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	4	..	1	..	1	..	6	1	100	..	34	35	94	
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale ..	3	9	3	2	..	1	..	3	..	55	..	14	8	39	
Helensville ..	2	6	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	60	..	17	16	28	
Hokianga (Rawene) ..	2	9	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	44	..	10	22	60	
" (Kohukohu) ..	2	12	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	56	..	33	40	58	
TOTALS ..	94	122	46	33	50	6	3	157	43	5014	15	1492	1404	4384	

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	125	12	30	15	100	
Te Aroha ..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	12	..	215	..	95	32	130	
Morrinsville ..	3	4	1	1	2	..	..	5	2	193	..	70	45	125	
Paeroa ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	65	..	27	22	35	
Cambridge ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	150	..	42	26	130	
Hamilton ..	4	3	2	1	2	..	..	17	..	378	..	47	61	198	
Hamilton East ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	140	..	58	36	190	
Tauranga ..	1	10	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	120	5	45	10	65	
Opotiki ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	33	..	21	24	45	
Taumarunui ..	1	6	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	100	9	28	29	130	
Te Awamutu ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	9	1	145	..	34	44	150	
Matamata ..	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	141	..	36	23	130	
Huntly ..	1	6	..	..	1	..	..	5	3	121	6	34	45	75	
Whakatane ..	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	67	6	25	18	65	
Otorohanga ..	1	6	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	75	..	68	26	70	
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	74	..	34	25	52	
Te Kuiti ..	1	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	71	..	30	25	50	
Rotorua ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	79	..	18	30	70	
Waihi ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	13	80	3	23	49	80	
Putaruru ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	59	..	16	3	47	
Te Puke ..	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	4	64	..	10	12	30	
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	42	..	18	20	3	
Coromandel ..	1	7	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	27	..	21	6	30	
Kawhia ..	1	9	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	22	..	3	2	15	
TOTALS ..	46	97	16	22	22	3	1	102	23	2586	41	833	628	2010	

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1937.

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	Communi-cants
New Plymouth	9	3	3	2	4	1	..	12	..	452	..	105	53	250
Waitara	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	136	..	40	50	120
Stratford	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	165	..	20	..	85
Eltham-Kaponga	3	6	1	2	1	..	..	6	..	139	..	18	27	81
Hawera	3	3	2	1	2	..	..	11	..	252	9	37	36	200
Manaia	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	91	..	30	28	75
Opunake	6	8	2	3	1	1	..	9	..	173	..	36	75	191
Wanganui	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	366	..	76	52	200
Wanganui North	3	..	3	2	1	1	..	2	..	173	..	51	35	160
Marton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	73	..	30	26	80
Taihape	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	45	..	21	7	20
Inglewood	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	90	..	16	46	70
Raetihi-Ohakune	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	36	..	4	12	17
Gonville	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	118	..	24	17	81
Patea	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	58	..	21	20	32
Douglas	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Ohura	3	9	..	..	..	1	..	2	5	46	..	16	6	35
TOTALS	52	45	19	21	15	8	..	73	5	2413	9	545	490	1703

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	18	..	397	..	100	110	300
Hastings	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	13	..	475	..	100	127	300
Gisborne	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	12	..	213	..	79	43	160
Wairoa	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	28	..	21	21	20
Dannevirke	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	2	114	..	45	27	35
Woodville	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	88	..	8	23	65
Pahiataua	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	67	..	21	10	48
Palmerston N.—St. Paul's	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	7	..	256	..	46	46	150
„ Cuba Street	2	..	3	1	1	..	..	4	..	182	..	49	54	160
Ashhurst-Bunynthorpe ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	76	..	4	24	75
Fielding	6	1	2	2	1	1	..	8	..	308	..	94	69	235
Sanson-Rongotea	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	108	2	12	42	70
Waipawa	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	56	..	17	23	36
Foxton-Shannon	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	6	3	76	..	9	7	35
Apiti	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	78	3	17	6	28
Norsewood	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	61	..	10	10	20
TOTALS	39	22	17	16	13	5	..	89	5	2583	5	632	642	1737

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central	4	..	4	3	9	..	..	9	..	531	..	59	40	270
„ Thorndon	4	..	3	2	2	..	..	8	..	296	..	133	95	285
„ South	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	176	..	68	45	250
„ East	5	..	2	2	4	1	..	10	..	412	..	143	117	392
Johnsonville-Ngaio	5	3	3	2	2	1	..	8	..	210	..	67	40	125
Hutt	4	..	2	1	3	..	..	13	..	375	..	104	26	270
Petone	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	6	165	10	21	48	100
Greytown-Featherston ..	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	58	..	42	19	35
Masterton	3	3	2	1	1	1	..	6	..	270	..	175	85	250
Carterton	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	120	..	30	37	60
Eketahuna	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	92	..	6	53	50
Levin	1	2	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	155	..	65	25	120
Otaki	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	80	..	20	12	50
Paraparaumu	4	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	1	50	1	14	12	28
Upper Hutt	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	48	..	11	35	44
TOTALS	44	19	26	19	27	5	1	85	8	3038	11	958	689	2329

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1937.

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	Communi-cants
Nelson	1	1	4	1	1	..	..	7	..	273	..	51	50	180
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	12	..	162	2	14	19	155
Wakefield-Dovedale	5	1	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	86	..	15	9	63
Motueka	1	3	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	109	..	28	27	88
Blenheim	6	5	5	3	2	..	..	10	..	364	..	140	37	300
Reefton	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	77	..	49	63	32
Westport	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	101	..	40	61	65
Greymouth	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	186	..	73	44	120
Hokitika	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	90	..	34	23	60
Havelock	4	11	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	39	..	31	17	32
Murchison	1	5	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	24	2	14	23	30
Granity	4	5	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	45	..	12	60	60
TOTALS	33	40	21	12	10	3	..	62	..	1556	4	501	433	1185

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	3	1	5	..	..	5	..	302	..	42	20	214
Christchurch East	6	2	6	3	5	1	..	14	..	621	..	229	113	403
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	2	2	2	..	..	7	..	172	..	40	26	120
Woolston	5	..	5	1	3	..	..	5	..	297	..	160	40	265
Sydenham	2	..	3	2	1	..	..	6	..	177	10	80	90	180
Addington	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	255	..	146	97	267
Riccarton	3	1	2	2	1	1	..	4	..	145	..	62	20	114
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	5	..	..	9	..	419	..	112	62	305
Papanui	3	1	1	2	1	..	..	4	..	192	..	112	..	140
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	84	..	33	20	60
Springston	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	121	..	38	52	110
Tai Tapu	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	70	..	25	..	60
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	245	..	55	54	140
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	127	..	24	49	80
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	78	..	25	17	70
Rangiora	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	190	..	32	18	112
Woodend	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	87	..	36	35	60
Greendale	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	60	..	17	35	30
Oxford	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	79	5	24	14	62
Hawarden	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	33	..	20	19	30
Waddington	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	49	13	13	6	30
TOTALS	66	19	36	28	34	4	..	99	1	3803	28	1325	787	2852

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1937.

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	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi-cants
Timaru—Bank Street ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	198	..	75	54	160
„ Woodlands Street	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	224	..	70	50	190
Timaru South ..	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	91	..	54	36	85
Waimate ..	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	187	..	68	74	120
Temuka ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	107	..	31	31	86
Geraldine ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	80	..	18	20	73
Ashburton ..	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	13	..	298	..	78	62	225
Willowby ..	6	5	3	2	1	..	..	9	..	144	..	36	34	105
Oamaru ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	170	..	40	14	155
Rakaia-Methven ..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	55	..	23	18	40
TOTALS ..	25	21	12	9	10	..	1	49	..	1554	..	493	393	1239

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Trinity ..	3	..	3	1	2	1	..	9	..	241	..	61	22	192
Central Mission ..	1	..	1	1	2	..	1	1	..	184	..	4	50	130
Dundas Street ..	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	143	..	35	30	150
Cargill Road ..	2	1	3	1	1	1	..	7	..	178	..	54	41	150
St. Kilda ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	165	..	33	..	150
Caversham ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	145	..	8	..	100
Mornington ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	163	..	42	20	100
Roslyn ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	82	..	17	1	60
Port Chalmers ..	5	1	2	1	1	1	..	2	2	143	..	62	18	100
Balclutha ..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	66	4	31	18	45
Milton ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	82	1	24	29	47
Roxburgh ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	58	..	24	13	64
Invercargill Central ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	279	..	119	62	175
Invercargill, St. Peter's	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	181	..	62	36	155
Bluff ..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	107	..	73	47	25
Gore ..	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	109	..	17	51	61
Riverton ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	95	..	22	21	75
Maori Hill ..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	56	..	18	7	52
Waikouaiti ..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	24	..	..	..	13
Mosgiel ..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	46	..	15	10	25
Edendale ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	58	..	12	26	30
Kaitangata ..	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	33	..	14	6	20
Lawrence ..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	22	..	10	8	20
Cromwell ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	35	..	23	8	17
Otautau Tuatapere ..	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	5	..	54	..	23	3	22
Nightcaps-Ohai ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	43	..	3	25	20
TOTALS ..	48	17	23	27	20	11	1	47	5	2792	5	806	552	1998

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1937.

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	Communi-cants
Auckland	94	122	46	33	50	6	3	157	43	5014	15	1492	1404	4384
South Auckland	46	97	16	22	22	3	1	102	23	2586	41	833	628	2010
Taranaki-Wanganui	52	45	19	21	15	8	..	73	5	2413	9	545	490	1703
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	39	22	16	16	13	5	..	89	5	2583	5	632	642	1737
Wellington	44	19	26	19	27	5	..	185	8	3038	11	958	689	2329
Nelson	33	40	21	12	10	3	..	62	..	1556	4	501	433	1185
North Canterbury	66	19	36	28	34	4	..	99	1	3803	28	1325	787	2852
South Canterbury	25	21	12	9	10	..	..	149	..	1554	..	493	393	1239
Otago-Southland	48	17	23	27	20	11	..	145	5	2792	5	806	552	1998
TOTALS, 1937	447	402	215	187	201	45	7	761	90	25339	118	7585	6018	19437
TOTALS, 1936	445	413	214	185	200	45	7	785	77	25193	141	7586	6003	18854
Increase	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	13	146	..	..	15	583
Decrease .. ..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	23	1	..	..

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches .. ..	..	18	Deaconesses .. ..	..	12
Other Preaching Places .. ..	..	124	Local Preachers .. ..	..	198
Ministers .. ..	..	5	Members .. ..	..	2787
Home Missionaries	40	J. and Infant Members	2168

DISTRICT STATISTICAL RETURN—SUNDAY SCHOOL AND Y.P. SECTION

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DISTRICT	No. of Schools		Cradle Roll	Sunday School										Junior Societies		Church Membership								
				No. Now on Roll					Average Attendance							Infant	Junior	Senior						
			No. on Roll	Recd. during year	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	Men	Women	No. of T'ch'rs and Officers	No. of Societies	Total No. on Rolls	Total ave. attend.	No. on Roll	Recd. during year	No. on Roll	Recd. during year
Auckland ..	98	690	135	464	1084	1303	1385	4236	297	750	952	1008	3007	215	391	108	2312	1687	999	122	1124	90	513	77
South Auckland ..	39	212	47	256	481	531	534	1802	147	320	364	355	1186	66	156	33	595	416	462	76	546	90	201	33
Taranaki-Wanganui	60	472	126	356	399	632	572	1959	238	273	449	414	1374	82	162	33	648	457	482	44	516	34	215	14
Hawke's Bay- Manawatu ..	41	446	90	328	388	467	520	1703	246	223	345	361	1175	80	137	38	855	632	498	103	434	57	180	5
Wellington ..	39	482	108	457	695	687	725	2564	289	457	489	524	1759	142	212	49	1086	798	614	94	525	66	262	13
Nelson ..	30	140	53	216	230	298	325	1069	141	139	218	244	742	57	103	20	378	258	283	70	273	34	62	5
North Canterbury	58	549	114	509	580	805	889	2783	349	408	621	684	2062	152	284	100	2238	1844	779	135	1113	120	376	33
South Canterbury	25	198	31	190	167	256	293	906	138	129	205	242	714	55	98	32	653	513	249	23	303	44	155	32
Otago-Southland	43	376	109	363	425	579	556	1923	254	299	416	416	1385	87	182	63	1388	1100	615	48	600	64	234	1
Total this Year ..	433	3565	813	3139	4449	5558	5799	18945	2099	2998	4059	4248	13404	736	1725	476	10153	7705	4981	715	5428	599	2198	213
Total previous year	440	3416	810	3237	4448	5717	5722	19430	2722	2426	3312	3107	13520	972	1775	476	9957	7316	4814	828	5023	984	2121	158
Increase ..	..	149	3	..	1	..	77	..	..	572	747	1141	..	..	..	..	196	389	167	..	405	..	77	55
Decrease ..	7	..	..	98	..	259	..	485	623	..	..	..	116	236	50	..	..	..	..	113	..	385	..	..

STATISTICAL RETURN—BIBLE CLASS SECTION.

DISTRICT	No. of Classes	B.C. Membership												Church Membership							
		Y.W. Classes								Y.M. Classes				Senior		Junior					
		Membership				Average Attendance				Membership				Average Attendance				No. Members.	Recd. during year	No. Members	Recd. during year
		Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total				
Auckland	169	358	234	389	981	265	162	286	713	272	207	329	808	184	154	216	554	515	115	544	46
South Auckland	70	102	59	207	368	84	51	154	289	115	45	167	327	79	36	131	246	275	21	170	27
Taranaki-Wanganui	76	122	94	207	423	89	69	148	306	95	74	141	310	71	61	98	230	304	22	135	8
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	78	124	130	144	398	84	125	91	300	108	88	155	351	73	86	93	252	286	52	261	44
Wellington	93	193	94	211	498	146	67	140	353	194	115	178	487	136	85	118	339	293	37	222	33
Nelson	57	97	79	125	301	52	51	82	185	82	36	94	212	54	28	63	145	109	32	111	21
North Canterbury	115	208	162	185	555	165	123	125	413	184	111	212	507	130	77	151	358	390	84	374	79
South Canterbury	62	94	51	107	252	76	40	83	199	50	33	66	149	40	24	43	107	136	58	127	20
Otago-Southland	92	190	144	160	494	137	105	111	353	150	92	132	374	108	69	97	274	229	32	194	21
Total this Year	812	1488	1047	1735	4270	1098	793	1220	3111	1250	801	1474	3525	875	620	1010	2505	2537	453	2138	299
Total Previous Year	832	1434	991	1793	4363	969	661	1147	3196	1179	767	1548	3598	790	502	937	2577	2626	460	1909	303
Increase .. .. .	..	54	56	..	..	129	132	73	..	71	34	..	..	85	118	73	..	..	..	229	..
Decrease	20	..	..	58	93	..	..	..	85	..	..	74	73	..	..	..	72	89	7	..	4

STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1937.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

	Boug. &				Total
	Roviana	Vella L.	Choiseul	Buka	
Churches	32	20	32	114	198
Other Preaching Places	15	..	3	22	40
European Missionaries	2	1	1	3	7
Missionary Sisters	3	1	1	1	6
Native Probationers	3	..	1	2	6
Catechists and Native Teachers	48	21	40	139	248
Local Preachers	67	37	9	10	123
Class Leaders	54	19	36	4	113
European Members	9	4	3	17	33
Native Members, Adult & Junior	3695	1590	2051	475	7811
Members on Trial and Baptisms	158	168	257	194	777
Deaths	43	38	90	6	177
Sunday Schools	10	2	1	2	15
Sunday School Scholars	402	194	70	80	746
Day Schools	33	21	32	132	218
Day School Teachers	51	25	41	144	261
Day School Scholars	1096	375	898	1539	3908
Adherents, including Members	3700	1800	2809	7284	15593

STATE OF CIRCUIT FUNDS (By Districts) AS AT SEPT. 30, 1937.

DISTRICT	DEBITS	CREDITS
Auckland	952 8 5	252 6 4
South Auckland	1014 1 10	84 18 10
Taranaki-Wanganui	718 15 5	110 11 4
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	710 19 5	92 2 11
Wellington	471 1 4	87 0 5
Nelson	340 12 3	38 12 3
North Canterbury	405 6 5	140 9 10
South Canterbury	262 11 0	154 17 9
Otago-Southland	999 17 10	108 4 2
Totals, 1937	£5,875 13 11	£1,069 3 10
Totals, 1936	£7,815 9 11	£593 14 3
Increase .. .. .	.. .. .	475 9 7
Decrease	1939 16 0	.. .. .

Improvement of position : 1937—£2,415/5/7 ; 1936—£2,159/17/11.

N.Z. METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Trust Account Balance Sheet for Year Ending January 6th, 1938.

EXPENDITURE				RECEIPTS									
				£	s.	d.							
To Repairs	0	14	0	Jan. 31st, 1937—						
„ Rates and Water	12	4	3	By Balance, A.S. Bank	..	..	..	34	10	5
„ Insurance	1	12	10	„ Interest A.S. Bank	1	1	3
„ L.P. Treasurer	30	0	0	„ Rents Collected	48	4	0
„ Balance A.S. Bank	39	4	7							
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				£83	15	8					£83	15	8
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January 21st, 1938.

Audited and found correct.

T. W. HEMER

P. DELLOW.

NOTE.—Property held as Mortgagees in possession No. 12 Jellico Avenue, Mt. Roskill. Valued £700, Insured for £600.

Let at 18/- per week rent paid to January 1st.

£200 Bonds in Reserve Bank.

£100 in name of Mr. P. Dellow (Redeemed by Reserve Bank).

£100 in names of Trustees T. E. Price and J. W. Shackelford. Interest collected by Mr. Dellow.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD } Trustees.
T. E. PRICE }

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.
General Account—Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st December, 1937.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st Jan., 1937, at Auck. Savings Bank	4	11	2	Printing and Stationery	4	2	0
Auckland Trustees	30	0	0	Postages	7	1	2
Sales Under Book Scheme	3	0	10	Books for Tutors	1	2	6
Interest	0	3	3	Sundries	1	1	0
				Cash in Auckland Savings Bank, 31/12/37	24	8	7
	£37	15	3		£37	15	3
Interest Accrued, Auckland Savings Bank	£0	9	2	Outstanding Liability—Epworth Press A/c.	£5	13	3

Benevolent Fund Account.

209	Balance, 1st Jan., 1937, at Auck. Savings Bank	243	4	8		15	0	0
	Dividends—W.S. and Co.	10	15	0	By Grant to necessitous case .. .. .	..	..	0
	Interest: Inscribed Stock	4	0	0	„ Balance at Auckland Savings Bank	353	0	4
	Auckland Savings Bank	7	0	8				
	Donation	3	0	0				
	Cash in lieu Conversion Inscribed Stock	100	0	0				
		£368	0	4				
	Interest Accrued: Auckland Savings Bank	£7	8	9				

	£	s.	d.
Benevolent Fund Assets at 31st December, 1937:			
Cash at Auckland Savings Bank	353	0	4
215 Preference Shares in Wright, Stephenson and Co. Ltd.	215	0	0
N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock	100	0	0
	£668	0	4

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) T. W. HEMER }
 T. L. HAMES } Auditors.

28th January, 1938.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH BOARD.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1937.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME									
				£	s.	d.							
To Salaries	310	4	0	By Allocations :	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
„ Stationery and Printing	7	14	11	Y.W.B.C. Movement ..	115	0	0			
„ Postages	10	5	0	Y.M.B.C. Movement ..	110	0	0			
„ General Expenses	19	6	3	S.S. Executive Council ..	145	0	0	370	0	0
„ Depreciation—Office Equipment	12	3	6	„ Connexional Fire Insurance Fund				50	0	0
„ Grant to Sunday School Executive	50	0	0	„ Post Office Savings Bank Int.				1	16	0
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure	13	10	0	„ Profit from New Year Convention				1	7	8
				£423	3	8					£423	3	8

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1937.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS									
				£	s.	d.							
Accumulated Fund as at 1/10/36 ..	188	11	4	£	s.	d.	Office Furniture and Equipment	58	5	0	£	s.	d.
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ended 30th September, 1937 .. .. .	..	..	13 10 0				Less Depreciation 10% ..	12	3	6	46	1	6
			202 1 4				Sundry Debtors				6	4	7
							Cash : National Bank of N.Z. ..	65	5	9			
							Petty Cash	3	12	6			
							P.O.S.B. Depreciation Fund	80	17	0	149	15	3
				£202	1	4					£202	1	4

I hereby certify that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Methodist Youth Board for the year ended 30th September, 1937. In my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true and correct position of the Board as disclosed by its Books as at the 30th September, 1937.

T. M. PACEY, Hon. Auditor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 30th November, 1937.

	RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Council of Religious Education ..	40	0	0	By Balance Forward, 1/12/36	148	9 0
„ Youth Board Grant	50	0	0	„ Salary	300	0 0
„ Young Women's B.C. Movement:				„ House Allowance	150	0 0
(a) For Debt Reduction ..	75	0	0	„ Travelling Expenses	95	0 0
(b) Annual Donation ..	25	0	0	„ Printing, Envelopes and Sundry Expenses ..	29	8 3
„ Contributions by Circuits ..	100	0	0	„ Telephone	4	5 0
„ Literature Branch	125	0	0	„ Share Youth Office Expenses	25	0 0
„ Debit Balance Forward 30/11/37	19	13	0	„ Postages, Duplicating, etc.	32	19 7
				„ Connexional Expenses	47	2 0
				„ Interest and Bank Charges	2	15 6
					£834	19 4
					£834	19 4

I report that I have audited the books and vouchers of the Sunday School Executive Council for the year ended 30th November, 1937. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the above statement is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct record of the receipts and payments of the Council according to the best of the information and explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Council.

Wellington,

22nd January, 1938

H. C. MIDDLEBROOK, Registered Accountant.

Hon. Auditor

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1937.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
To Foreign Mission Board ..	175	0	0				By Thankofferings	616	3	1	
<i>Plus</i> Nelson Doctor Fund Donation		1	17	3			.. Nelson Doctor Fund Donation		1	17	3
					176	17	3	.. Travelling Secretary—Surplus on Book Sales	3	17	1
.. Travelling Secretary :							.. Summer and Winter Schools, net surplus		0	15	6
Salary (including Connexional charges)	189	5	3				1936 and 1937		4	8	10
Expenses	144	19	1				.. P.O.S.B. Interest		4	8	10
				334	4	4	.. Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Accumulated Fund		60	12	8
.. Administration Expenses					51	13	5				
.. Youth Board	110	0	0								
<i>Less</i> surplus Trading Dept.	54	9	10								
					55	10	2				
.. Special Organising Expenses	12	10	1								
<i>Less</i> Reserve 1936 unexpended	1	8	3								
					11	1	10				
.. Home Mission Department :											
Special Organising Fund	50	0	0								
<i>Less</i> Expended for Year	12	10	1								
					37	9	11				
.. Convention Account					20	17	6				
					<u>£687</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>				
									<u>£687</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>

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CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1937.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Church Sites Fund :				Church Sites Fund :		£	s. d.
Grants : Beachhaven		30	0 0	Grants : Fire Insurance Fund ..	50	0 0	
Riccarton		75	0 0	Home Mission Fund	50	0 0	
Wainoni		75	0 0				100 0 0
Kaitaia		15	0 0	Interest : Mortgages	49	14 11	
Waitarere		20	0 0	Deposits	9	8 4	
							59 3 3
		215	0 0	Administration :			
Less Repaid : Northcote		75	0 0	Working Expenses Paid	155	13 5	
				Trust Contributions	40	12 0	
			140 0 0	Interest on Arrears	38	0 3	
Balance to Sites Fund			19 3 3	Interest on Deposits	16	14 7	
Administration :				Hymn Book Commission Account	166	7 4	
Authorised Appropriation		210	0 0				417 7 7
Stationery and General Expenses ..		74	7 7				
			284 7 7				
Working Expenses Trust Account ..			100 0 0				
Reserve Appropriation Account ..			33 0 0				
			£576 10 10				£576 10 10

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Loans Account as at 30th September, 1937.

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept, 1936 ..		21,399	17 6	By Loans Repaid		3,297	8 3
" New Loans Advanced		3,183	11 6	" Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept, 1937 ..		21,290	17 9
" Rates on Trust Properties		4	17 0				
		£24,588	6 0				
To Balance		£21,290	17 9			£24,588	6 0

Audited and found correct.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers
H. de R. FLESHER }
Christchurch, 12th October, 1937.

ARTHUR C. REED } Auditors.
A. A. SANDFORD }

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1937.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Accumulated Funds	18,900	0	0				22,853	4	8			
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							1,562	6	11			
	2,750	0	0						21,290	17	9	
				21,650	0	0						
Trust Accounts (properties sold)				813	0	6						
Church Sites Fund :												
As at 30th Sept., 1936 ..	309	10	9									
Trust Properties for Investment	800	0	0									
	1,109	10	9									
Increase for 1937	19	3	3									
				1,128	14	0						
Administration :												
Working Expenses Trust A/c.				300	0	0						
Reserve Appropriation A/c.												
30/9/36	190	18	9									
Transfer from Revenue A/c. ..	33	0	0									
				223	18	9						
				£24,115	13	3						
										£24,115	13	3

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M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers
 H. de R. FLESHER }
 Christchurch, 12th October, 1937.

Audited and found correct.
 ARTHUR C. REED } Auditors.
 A. A. SANDFORD }

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1937.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE				
1937, Oct. 31st—		£	s. d.	1936, Oct. 31—	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Rents and Interest Collected	3,488	4 11	By Balance due Bank of N.Z. ..			2,184	5 10
„ Emsly Trust : Receipts	198	4 11	1937, Oct. 31st—				
„ Bank of New Zealand : Balance due	1,999	10 0	By General Expenses :				
„ Emsly Trust Deposit, Account	100	0 0	Repairs and Maintenance ..	541	19 7		
				Rates ..	534	7 4		
				Insurance Premiums ..	173	5 1		
				Interest ..	1,694	12 2		
				Land Tax ..	91	3 3		
				Audit Fee ..	8	8 0		
				Secretary's Salary ..	50	0 0		
				Commission on Rents and				
				Interest Collected ..	87	4 2		
				Sundries ..	8	11 2		
							3,189	10 9
				„ Emsly Trust : Disbursements ..			194	13 3
				„ Theological College Trustees ..			200	0 0
				„ Cash in Hand ..			17	10 0
							£5,785	19 10
							£5,785	19 10

Examined and found correct.

(Sgd.) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
 LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.
 Auckland, 11th November, 1937

**THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st October, 1937.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1936, October 31st—						
To Balance	817	8	0			
1937, October 31st—						
To Rents Accrued	3,459	9	3			
„ Interest Accrued	10	0	0			
By Rents Received				3,478	4	11
„ Interest Received				10	0	0
„ Rents written off				91	6	0
„ Balance				707	6	4
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	£4,286	17	3	£4,286	17	3
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Examined and found correct.

(Sgd.) J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer

Auckland, 11th November, 1937.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1937.

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		£ s. d.				£ s. d.	
To	Remittances—Masterton Home	450	0	0	By	Interest	510 6 2
„	Repairs—Masterton Home	19	19	0	„	Rents	1,091 14 8
„	Repairs and Maintenance—Wellington ..	264	14	0	„	Balance (being excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Capital Account)	14 1 2
„	Rates and Taxes	225	3	6			
„	Legal Expenses	22	14	6			
„	Insurances	17	10	4			
„	General Expenses	106	0	8			
„	Depreciation—Masterton Home	150	0	0			
„	Grant to Home Mission and Church Extension Department	360	0	0			
		<u>£1,616</u>		<u>2 0</u>			<u>£1,616 2 0</u>

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1937.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account:							
Balance at 31/12/36 ..	41,573	13	4	Bank of Australasia			1,564 12 2
Less Balance from Revenue				Post Office Savings Bank ..			802 18 2
Account	14	1	2	Fixed Deposit—Bank of Australasia			1,900 0 0
				N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock ..			2,655 4 11
			41,559 12 2	Masterton Home Property ..			10,850 0 0
Capital Account—Masterton:				Wesleyan Reserve Property ..			17,540 0 0
Balance at 31/12/36 ..	4,022	7	2	Foxton Property			857 0 0
Add Bequests received during				Mortgages			6,675 0 0
year	110	0	0	Sundry Debtors:			
			4,132 7 2	Unpaid Purchase Money on			
Interest due to Masterton:				Improvements Wesleyan Res.			
Gray Estate	47	8	4	Property	1,134	8	0
Cooper Estate	155	9	11	Rents and Interest	469	2	10
N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock ..	184	19	0				1,603 10 10
R. Foster	4	16	3	New Roothing—Wesleyan Reserve			1,636 6 9
			392 13 6				
			<u>£46,084 12 10</u>				<u>£46,084 12 10</u>

I have examined the Books of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ended 31st December, 1937, 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, 1937.

Wellington, 28th January, 1938.

W. HICKS, A.P.A. (N.Z.), Auditor.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Balance Sheet, 30th September, 1937.

Treasurers : MESSRS. J. STANTON and J. W. SHACKELFORD.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Oct. 1st, 1936—							
Balance A.S. Bank	..	..	27 6 2	Interest on Mortgage	..	..	59 8 0
Rents to Sept. 30th	..	..	696 0 0	Paid off Mortgage ..	..	..	350 0 0
Interest .. ..	..	..	1 15 10	To Trinity College	..	..	250 0 0
				Land Tax	..	..	41 7 7
				Commission	..	..	17 8 0
				Balance A.S. Bank, Sept. 30th	..	..	6 18 5
			<u>£725 2 0</u>				<u>£725 2 0</u>

Mortgage Account—A. S. Bank.

			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Oct. 1st, 1936—				Paid off during year	..	..	350 0 0
Balance, Mortgage	..	..	1,420 0 0	Sept. 30th—Balance	..	..	1,070 0 0
			<u>£1,420 0 0</u>				<u>£1,420 0 0</u>

We have examined Bank Book, Vouchers and Balance Sheet and certify same to be correct.

ANDREW MESSER, F.R.A.N.Z. }
 JAS. P. BLAIR. } Auditors.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December, 1937.

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances at Bankers at commencement				Cheque Book			2 0 0
of year:				Stamps			2 9 6
Bank of New Zealand ..	80	14	7	Stationery			0 10 6
Auckland Savings Bank ..	2	8	2	Bank Charges			0 10 0
			83 2 9	Secretary's Salary			25 0 0
Interest—Auckland Savings Bank ..			0 8 9	Rent			5 0 0
Inscribed Stock Dividends			419 4 4	Grants			304 14 0
				Balances at Bankers at end of year:			
				Bank of New Zealand ..	9	14	11
				Auckland Savings Bank ..	152	16	11
							162 11 10
			<u>£502 15 10</u>				<u>£502 15 10</u>

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Balance Sheet for the Year Ending 31st December, 1937.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Trust Fund—Maturity Value			11,180 0 0	Inscribed Stock—Maturity Value ..			11,180 0 0
Income Account			162 11 10	Cash—Balances at Bankers			162 11 10
			<u>£11,342 11 10</u>				<u>£11,342 11 10</u>

Audited and found correct.

18th January, 1938.

JOHN E. ASTLEY.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1937.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
1936, Oct. 31st—		£	s. d.	1937, Oct. 31st—		£	s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	..	0	5 6	By Theological College .. .. .	..	90	0 0
1937, Oct. 31st—				„ Management to 31/10/36 .. .. .	..	4	13 3
To Interest from Mortgages .. .. .	..	26	17 0	„ Deposit Probert Trust Board .. .. .	..	100	0 0
„ Interest from Deposit .. .. .	..	71	7 11	„ Balance .. .. .	..	3	17 2
„ Mortgage Repaid .. .. .	..	100	0 0				
		<u>£198</u>	<u>10 5</u>			<u>£198</u>	<u>10 5</u>

Investment Account.

1937, Oct. 31st—		£	s. d.	1937, Oct. 31st—		£	s. d.
To Capital .. .. .	..	1,900	0 0	To Freehold Mortgage .. .. .	..	400	0 0
				„ Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board .. .. .	..	1,500	0 0
		<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0 0</u>			<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE, Auditor.

Auckland, 11th November, 1937.

J. VEALE, Treasurer,

GREY INSTITUTE TRUSTEES, NEW PLYMOUTH.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure For the Year Ended 30th September, 1937.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Bank of N.S.W. 1/10/36			7 13 6	By Salary			50 0 0
„ Current Rents (due 30/11/36 and 31/5/37)	576	3	0	„ Remitted to Home Mission Fund			550 0 0
„ Outstanding Rents (due prior to 30/11/36)	137	3	6	„ Land Tax, 1936-37			58 0 3
			713 6 6	„ Borough Rates, 1936-37			16 10 5
„ Interest				„ Audit Fee			2 2 0
„ Consent Fees			4 14 6	„ Stationery, Stamps, Exchange, Bank Charges and Sundries			6 9 6
			£725 14 6	„ Fire Insurance on Mission House			1 2 5
				„ Repairs to Mission House			4 2 4
				„ Hot Water Installation at Mission House			27 10 0
				„ Balance at Bank of New South Wales			9 17 7
							£725 14 6

Chairman: REV. F. COPELAND.
HADDON G. SMITH, A.P.A. (N.Z.),
New Plymouth, 22nd October, 1937.

Secretary and Treasurer:: HADDON G. SMITH, A.P.A. (N.Z.)

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1937. All receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been duly banked, and vouchers have been produced for all payments. I have also checked the credits to the respective tenants' accounts and found these in order.

New Plymouth,
10th November, 1937.

J. DUFF, Public Accountant,
Auditor.

KAI IWI MISSION FARM ACCOUNT.

Statement for Year Ended 30th September, 1937.

	EXPENDITUR					INCOME			
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
226	Oct. 1936—			£ s. d.	To Balance	..	..	..	2 0 11
	By Rent ..	..	..	108 16 3	Oct., 1936—				
	April, 1937				To Treasurer	..	..	..	95 0 0
	By Rent	..	..	108 16 3	„ Land Tax	..	..	..	6 4 9
	„ Balance	..	..	4 7 2	„ Disbursements	..	..	..	3 3 0
					April, 1937—				
					To Treasurer	..	..	..	115 0 0
					„ Bank Charge	..	..	..	0 10 0
					„ Bank Interest	..	..	..	0 1 0
				£221 19 8					£221 19 8

15th November, 1937.

Audited
LEN H. BASSETT, Auditor..

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.
Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31st July, 1937.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To	Stock	1,037	10 5	By	Sales	2,142	14 5
„	Purchases	1,644	18 9	„	Stock on Hand	1,047	19 10
„	Gross Profit		2,682 9 2				
			508 5 1				
			£3,190 14 3				£3,190 14 3
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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To	General Expenses	7	7 3	By	Gross Profit	508	5 1
„	Stamps	64	8 1	„	Payments for Work Done	415	11 0
„	Cables	0	17 6	„	Subscriptions	2	2 6
„	Salaries	751	18 8				417 13 6
„	Rent	68	16 0	„	Net Loss Transferred to Capital		
„	Freight	5	10 7	Account		80	16 9
„	Interest	0	14 4				
„	Advertising	10	10 6				
„	Printing and Stationery	24	9 4				
„	Insurance	1	0 4				
„	Office and Bookroom Expenses	54	12 9				
„	Depreciation	16	10 0				
			1,006 15 4				£1,006 15 4
			£1,006 15 4				£1,006 15 4

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1937.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors			197 8 11	Stock			1,047 19 10
Bad Debts Reserve			50 0 0	Office and Bookroom Equipment ..	139	19	8
Capital Account	1,669	1	1	Less Depreciation	14	0	0
Profit and Loss Account—				<hr/>			125 19 8
Loss for Year	80	16	9	Lantern and Slides	13	18	0
				Less Depreciation	2	10	0
	<hr/>		1,588 4 4	<hr/>			11 8 0
Add Grants and Donations to Cost				Fixed Deposit	220	0	0
of Picture Equipment	212	18	10	Plus Accrued Interest	8	6	2
Interest for Fixed Deposit	8	6	2	<hr/>			228 6 2
			<hr/>	Commercial Bank of Australasia—			
			1,809 9 4	Credit Balance			12 4 11
				Picture Equipment at Cost			389 15 5
				Sundry Debtors			241 4 3
				<hr/>			<hr/>
			<hr/>				£2,056 18 3
			£2,056 18 3				<hr/>
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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, 1937. 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, 29th September

(Signed) J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z.,
A. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z.

METHODIST CHURCH FIRE INSURANCE FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1937.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME									
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.				
220	To Re-Insurances			683	13	9	By Levies and Premiums		1,900	0	9		
	„ Office Expenses :						„ Mortgage Interest	312	3	0			
	Authorised Appropriation ..	375	0	0			„ Mortgage Interest Accrued ..	114	10	1	426	13	1
	Stationery and General Exps.	46	3	1	421	3	1						
	„ Fire Losses			86	15	1	„ Debenture Interest	708	4	6			
	<i>Less</i> Re-Insurance Cover ..			86	15	1	„ Debenture Interest Accrued ..	238	2	4	946	6	10
	„ Investment Contingency Reserve Account			100	0	0	„ Interest :						
	P.O. Savings Bank Deposit ..						Supernumerary Fund Deposit	0	9	1			
	„ Balance to P. and L. Appropriation Account			2,106	7	4		37	14	5	38	3	6
				<u>£3,311</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>					<u>£3,311</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

GEORGE J. SMITH } Treasurers.
M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
Christchurch, 16th November, 1937.

E. H. SMITH }
W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1937.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund				Mortgage Investments ..	9,403	18	2
Fire Loss Reserve Account ..				Interest Accrued	114	10	1
Investment Contingency Res. A/c.							
P. and L. Appropriation Account ..	1,420	13	4				9,518 8 3
Less Appropriations Voted :				Debenture Investments ..	21,820	0	0
(1) Ordinary Grants —				Interest Accrued	238	2	4
Home Acquirement Fund 313							22,058 2 4
Deaconess House Fund 100				Deposits :			
Foreign Mission Fund 100				P.O. Savings Bank ..	16	16	2
Home Mission Fund .. 100				Supernumerary Fund ..	1,483	17	7
Benevolent Fund .. 75				Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	273	5	7
Church Sites Fund .. 50							1,773 19 4
Youth Department .. 50				Levies in Arrear			14 0 1
Methodist Times .. 50							
(2) Special Grants —							
Natural Calamities Relief Fd. 400							
Foreign Mission Fund 25							
Home Mission Fund .. 25							
Trinity College .. 125							
	1413	0	0				

		7 13 4		
Add Balance from Revenue A/c.	..	2106 7 4		
		2,114 0 8		
Fire Loss Reserve Account		1,000 0 0		
		1,114 0 8		
Levies Prepaid	.. ..	147 7 3		
		£33,364 10 0		£33,364 10 0

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 31st October, 1937.

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GEORGE J. SMITH }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers
Christchurch, 16th November, 1937.

E. H. SMITH
W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments 31st December, 1937.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Appropriations:					By Deficiency carried forward	..			11 11 8
	Church Building and Loan Fund	215	0	0	„ Stipend .. .. .	..			375 0 0
	Connexional Fire Ins. Fund	375	0	0	„ House Allowance .. .. .	..	175	0	0
	Supernumerary and Allied Funds	466	0	0	<i>Less Charges</i> .. .. .	..	5	12	6
	Contingent Fund	180	0	0	„ Connexional Charges .. .. .	..			169 7 6
	“Methodist Times” Fund	170	0	0	„ Clerks’ Salaries .. .. .	..	659	2	9
					<i>Less Refund Copying Expenses</i>	..	18	6	8
				1,406	0	0			640 16 1
1232	„ Registration Fees (per Authorised Representative)				„ Office Rent .. .. .	..	135	0	0
					<i>Less Lettings</i> .. .. .	..	12	17	6
					„ Telephone and Post Office Box .. .. .	..			122 2 6
					„ Bank Charges .. .. .	..			18 10 0
					„ Stationery and General Expenses	..	15	17	3
					<i>Less Contras</i> .. .. .	..	15	8	9
					„ Office Equipment .. .. .	..			0 8 6
					„ Balance at Bank of New Zealand	..			15 0 0
									21 6 3
				<u>£1,434</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>			<u>£1,434</u>
									<u>9 6</u>

Christchurch, 19th January, 1938.

Audited and found correct.

W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Reserve Fund.

				£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank 1st November, 1936	..	..	..	95	6	4
Add: Payment received E. H. Brooker	..	..	..	26	2	4
Bank Interest	..	..	..	1	10	10
				<hr/>		
Less Paid into General Account	..	..	..	122	19	6
				<hr/>		
Cash in Bank 31st October, 1937	..	..	..	£32	19	6
				<hr/>		

FRANK M. WINSTOHE, Hon. Treasurer.

New Organ Fund.

				£	s.	d.
Fund as at 1st November, 1936	..	..	..	343	5	4
Add: Dividends, South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	..	..	..	12	7	6
Bank Interest	..	..	..	1	3	5
				<hr/>		
				£356	16	3
				<hr/>		

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon Treasurer.

Site Acquisition Fund.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bank Overdraft 1st November, 1936	..	..	..	4,442	11	0			
Add: Bank Interest	..	..	..	201	1	9			
Bank Charges	..	..	..	0	12	6			
				<hr/>					
				4,644	5	3			
Less Deposits:									
Hamilton Church Trust	..	..	100	0	0				
Trinity College (Interest)	..	..	201	1	9				
				<hr/>			301	1	9
				<hr/>			£4,343	3	6
				<hr/>					

T. A. JOUGHIN
FRANK M. WINSTONE, } Hon. Treasurers

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Theological College Council and compared same with the Bank Books and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31/10/37.

(Sgd.) ANDREW MESSER.

F. SUTHERLAND.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1937.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS									
				£	s.	d.							
To Balance	31	3	4	By Books and Periodicals	..	..	..	30	7	1
„ Interest—Auckland Savings Bank	1	3	11	„ Balance	36	0	2
„ Debenture Interest	34	0	0							
				£66	7	3					£66	7	3
				£66	7	3					£66	7	3

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Capital Account.

				£	s.	d.							
Capital	800	0	0	Auckland City Council Debentures	700	0	0
							Auckland Transport Board Debenture	..	..	..	100	0	0
				£800	0	0					£800	0	0
				£800	0	0					£800	0	0

Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE }
T. L. HAMES } auditors.

15th November, 1937.

H. RANSTON }
F. E. SUTHERLAND } Treasurers.

COLLEGE RECORDS IN THE LIBRARY OF THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF THE METHODIST LIBRARY SOCIETY

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1937.

		£ s. d.		£ s. d.				£ s. d.		£ s. d.			
To Advertising .. .. .	..	..	..	59	4	10	By School Fees .. .. .	..	..	..	4,613	14	7
„ Bad Debts Written off ..	..	..	..	20	9	3	„ Laboratory Expenses :						
„ Increase in Bad Debts Reserve ..	..	..	..	60	0	0	Income .. .. .	..	40	0	0		
„ Beneficiary Work, European ..	234	9	0				Less Expenditure ..	..	15	13	6		
„ „ Island ..	29	0	0								24	6	6
„ „ Maori ..	725	10	0				„ Piano Fees .. .. .	..	..	..	9	5	6
				988	19	0	„ Grants from Methodist Funds ..	..	..	..	100	0	0
„ Depreciation .. .. .	..	..	..	236	0	1	„ Net Loss Transferred to Income and						
„ Fuel and Light .. .. .	..	..	..	419	10	0	Expenditure Account ..	..	..	..	1,223	14	10
„ Insurance .. .. .	..	..	..	51	19	11							
„ Provisions—Bread .. .. .	..	314	1	2									
„ Dairy Produce .. .. .	..	389	2	11									
„ Groceries .. .. .	..	311	18	5									
„ Meat .. .. .	..	240	14	8									
„ Sundries .. .. .	..	186	17	7									
				1,442	14	9							
„ Repairs and Maintenance ..	..	..	..	199	3	7							
„ Salaries .. .. .	..	..	..	1,532	8	2							
„ Stationery and Books .. .. .	..	..	..	31	13	4							
„ Boys' Stationery :													
Expenditure .. .. .	..	..	65	15	10								
Less Income .. .. .	..	..	65	6	0								
						0	9	10					
„ Sundry Expenses .. .. .	..	..	..	219	13	10							
„ Wages .. .. .	..	..	..	708	14	10							
				£5,971	1	5					£5,971	1	5

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1937.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Loans on Fixed Deposit ..	6,000	0	0				Paerata Land at Cost ..	15,832	12	0			
<i>Plus</i> Accrued Interest ..	52	10	0				College Buildings at Cost ..	43,694	3	0			
				6,052	10	0	Improvements to Paerata Property	11,549	9	0			
Sundry Creditors				441	15	8							
Bank of New Zealand, Long Term Mortgage Loan	10,833	12	6				City and Suburban Property at Government Valuation:			71,076	4	0	
<i>Plus</i> Accrued Interest (Secured over Grafton Road and Paerata Properties) ..	153	9	5	10,987	1	11	Grafton Road	21,958	0	0			
							Three Kings	14,025	0	0			
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft ..	44,919	18	1				Mount Albert	16,970	0	0			
<i>Plus</i> Accrued Interest (Secured over Three Kings, Mt. Albert and Waikowhai Properties) ..	391	16	9	45,311	14	10	Dominion Road	2,450	0	0			
							Waikowhai	4,255	0	0			
War Memorial Fund (Maori) ..	201	9	3							59,658	0	0	
<i>Plus</i> Accrued Interest ..	12	3	1				Improvements to Properties:						
				213	12	4	Mount Albert	418	5	6			
Capital Account:							Waikowhai	62	0	10	480	6	4
Balance at 1/1/1937	83,865	5	10				Plant and Machinery, Paerata ..	1,047	6	10			
<i>Plus</i> Profit on Sale of Three Kings Section	97	18	0				<i>Less</i> Depreciation	132	6	10			
											915	0	0
				83,963	3	10	Furniture and Fittings, College ..	458	2	0			
<i>Less</i> Written off Principal owing under Sale and Purchase Agreement	87	19	1				Equipment, College	1,516	13	1			
<i>Less</i> Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	250	6	5										
				338	5	6	<i>Less</i> Depreciation	181	0	1			
				83,624	18	4					1,793	15	0
Carried Forward				146,631	13	1	Stock on Hand, Paerata						
							Live Stock at Valuation	7,916	10	0			
							Produce and Sundry Stocks ..	1,218	0	0			
											9,134	10	0

Brought forward	146,631 13 1	Mount Albert Estate and Three Kings Purchasers:			
		Principal Outstanding	..	1,010 3 9	
		Plus Accrued Interest	..	67 6 10	
				<u>1,077 10 7</u>	
		Less Reserve for Anticipated Loss	.. ..	260 16 5	816 14 2
		Loan on Mortgage	.. ..	200 8 0	
		Plus Accrued Interest	.. ..	5 2 3	
				<u>205 10 3</u>	
		Sundry Debtors:			
		For Rent and Rates	.. ..	675 3 1	
		For Fees	.. ..	463 4 9	
		For Sundries	.. ..	734 7 1	
				<u>1,872 14 11</u>	
		Less Reserve for Bad Debts	.. ..	179 3 7	1,693 11 4
		Payments in Advance	.. ..		456 6 11
		Cash in Hand:			
		Paerata and Office	.. ..		33 15 1
					<u>£146,631 13 1</u>
					<u>£146,631 13 1</u>

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., etc., General Secretary.

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust at the 31st December, 1937, 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.

Auckland, 26th January, 1938.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1937.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
To	Wages and Salaries	..	..	1,733	19	2	By	Gross Profit on:			1,259	19	7
„	Seeds and Manures	..	..	490	13	5		Nos. 1 and 2 Dairy and Cattle	..		1,128	19	0
„	Lorry Expenses	..	..	198	17	8		Nos. 3 Dairy and Cattle	..		561	12	1
„	Horse and Tractor Expenses	..	..	180	15	7		Stud Sheep	..	..	306	11	10
„	Sundries, including Freight, Packing, Association Fees and Stock Dips	..	..	161	18	9		Pigs	..	..	291	4	0
„	Depreciation Written off	..	..	115	4	0		Poultry	..	..	252	16	4
„	Stock Foods	..	..	87	18	8		Flock Sheep	..	..	200	2	5
„	Power and Light	..	..	68	16	0		Garden	..	..	147	19	6
„	Repairs and Maintenance	..	..	54	2	4		Bees	..	..	139	0	0
„	Advertising—Live Stock	..	..	38	18	3		No. 4 Dairy and Cattle	..	..	
„	Rates and Insurance	..	..	34	15	4							
„	Net Profit Transferred to Income and Ex- penditure Account	..	..	1,122	5	7							
				<u>£4,288</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>					<u>£4,288</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>

We have compared the above account with the Departmental Accounts kept by your office, and certify that it is in accordance with the books.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE and CAMERON,

Auditor.

Supernumerary Fund—continued.

	Freehold Revenues :
	Epworth Chambers .. 1,860 16 9
	Worcester Street .. 5 5 0
	1,866 1 9
	Less Depreciation .. 500 0 0
	1,366 1 9
	Fire Insurance Rebates .. 38 14 8
	Hymn Book Account .. 124 4 4
£160,221 1 10	£160,221 1 10

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1937.

	LIABILITIES				ASSETS				
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	Accumulated Funds as per								
	Revenue Account			151,550	19 9				
	Deposit Accounts :								
	Allied Funds (6)	24,999	12 7						
	Connexional Funds (11) ..	4,116	2 6						
	Church Trusts (8)	2,724	11 9						
	Personal (26)	6,955	17 9						
				38,796	4 7				
	Freeholds :								
	Rates Accrued	314	8 11						
	Lift Maintenance Accrued ..	4	6 8						
				318	15 7				
	Investments :								
	Mortgages	99,579	3 0						
	Debentures	26,550	0 0						
				126,129	3 0				
	Less Investment Fluctuation and								
	Doubtful Debts Reserve								
						3,590	9 1		
	Plus further provision								
						100	0 0		
						3,690	9 1		
	Less written off mortgages								
						484	12 2		
						3,205	16 11		
						122,923	6 1		

Freehold Properties :

Epworth Chambers	48,424	2	5		
Worcester Street	4,118	15	8		
	<u>52,542</u>	18	1		
Less Epworth Chambers Depre- ciation Reserve	1,850	0	0		
Plus further Res.	500	0	0		
	<u>2,350</u>	0	0		
				50,192	18 1
Deposit : P.O.S. Bank ..				529	18 9
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..				1,590	3 0
Interest :					
Mortgages due	3,122	6	2		
Mortgages Accrued	1,053	1	6		
Debentures Accrued	327	11	8		
	<u>4,502</u>	19	4		
Purchase of Benefits :					
Balance due	90	0	0		
Interest due	2	0	6		
				92	0 6
Circuit Levies :					
Arrears	120	0	0		
Accrued	422	3	8		
	<u>542</u>	3	8		
Personal Subscriptions :					
Arrears	1,072	4	6		
Interest due	171	7	10		
	<u>1,243</u>	12	4		
Less Subscriptions Prepaid ..	11	4	0		
	<u>1,232</u>	8	4		

Supernumerary Fund—continued.

	Freehold Properties :		
	Rents due	202	5 1
	Rents Accrued	130	17 6
			333 2 7
	Properties in Possession ..	4,303	14 1
	Mortgagors' Stock Accounts and		
	Farm Working Accounts ..	4,358	17 0
	General Treasurers Melbourne		
	Prepaid	4	5 4
	Epworth Press	60	3 2
		<u>£190,665</u>	<u>19 11</u>

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, 1937.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } 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, 14th December, 1937.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1937.

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grants	199	6 2			By Balance 30/11/1936	685 13 3
„ Exchanges	0 9 0	199 15 2			„ Donations :	
„ Exchanges on Annuities .. .. .	.. .. .		10 8 4			Fire Insurance Fund	75 0 0
„ Authorised Appropriation .. .. .	.. .. .	5 0 0				Special	10 10 0
„ Debenture Comm. and Stationery .. .. .	.. .. .	0 6 8				Special “Erin’s Gift”	100 0 0
			5 6 8				185 10 0
„ Balances :						„ Interest :	
Super. Fund Capital Account .. .. .	.. .. .	400 0 0				Debenture Investments	42 10 0
Revenue Account .. .. .	.. .. .	325 11 11				Super. Fund Deposit	27 8 10
			725 11 11				69 18 10
			£941 2 1				£941 2 1

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1937.
Contributor's Account.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME								
				£	s.	d.						
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Retiring Allowances				75	7	0	By Balance as at 30/11/1936			8,918	9	1
„ Reserve Account				2	0	0	„ Personal Contributions			746	2	3
„ Balance as at 30/11/1937				10,159	3	4	„ Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy	313	0	0		
							<i>Less Subsidies in Suspense</i>	85	10	0		
							„ Interest			227	10	0
										344	9	0
										<u>£10,236</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>

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Reserve Account.

				£	s.	d.						
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
To Interest to Deposit Accounts				344	9	0	By Balance as at 30/11/1936			34	17	4
„ Office Expenses :							„ Contributors' Account			2	0	0
Authorised Appropriation	56	0	0				„ Interest—Supernumerary Fund			374	15	4
Stationery and General Exps.	8	14	5									
						64						
„ Balance as at 30/11/1937						2				<u>£411</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
										<u>£411</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1937.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS									
			£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			
Personal Accounts	10,159	3	4	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	..	..	10,247	2	7		
Reserve Account		2	9								
Subsidy Suspense Account	85	10	0								
			£10,247			2	7		£10,247			2	7

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, 1937.

G. S. SALTER
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } 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, 14th December, 1937.

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1937.
Contributors' Account.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Retiring Allowances			1,344	13	1		8,250	1	6
„ Reserve Account			48	3	7				
„ Balance as at 30/11/37			7,835	18	11				
			£9,228	15	7		£9,228	15	7

Reserve Account.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts		£	320	4	1		377	16	11
„ Bonus Allocation			42	0	0		328	16	10
„ Benevolent Grants			37	0	0		48	3	7
„ Office Expenses:									
Authorised Appropriation	56	0	0						
Stationery and General Exps.		5	18	1					
			61	18	1				
„ Balance as at 30/11/1937			293	15	2		£754	17	4
			£754	17	4		£754	17	4

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1937.
Contributors' Account.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances		895	10 1	By Balance as at 30/11/1936		5,061	5 6
„ Balance as at 30/11/1937		4,708	15 6	„ Contributions :			
				Personal		131	0 0
				Circuit		66	0 0
				Home Mission Board		69	0 0
				Foreign Mission Board		102	10 0
				„ Interest			368 10 0
							174 10 1
						<u>£5,604</u>	<u>5 7</u>
						<u>£5,604</u>	<u>5 7</u>

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Reserve Account.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts			174	10 1	By Balance as at 30/11/1936		38 6 11
„ Office Expenses :					„ Interest—Supernumerary Fund		182 5 4
Authorised Appropriation	30	0 0					
Stationery and General Exps.	3	0 10					
			<u>33</u>	<u>0 10</u>			
„ Balance as at 30/11/1937			13	1 4			
			<u>£220</u>	<u>12 3</u>			
			<u>£220</u>	<u>12 3</u>			

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1937.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
			£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	..	..	4,708	15	6	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	..	..	4,821 16 10
Capital Account	..	..	100	0	0				
Reserve Fund	..	..	13	1	4				
			<hr/>						<hr/>
			£4,821 16 10						<hr/> <hr/>

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, 1937.

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E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }
HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1937.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (Inc.).
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1937.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Interest on Trust Deposit Accounts	..	23	8	10	By Commission on Collections	..	1	3	8
„ Authorised Appropriation	..	4	0	0	„ Interest on Deposits	..	28	0	9
„ Stationery and General Expenses	..	0	4	10					
„ Capital Account	..	1	10	9					
		£29 4 5					£29 4 5		
		£29 4 5					£29 4 5		

Methodist Church Contingent Fund—continued

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"	Ministerial Supply :			
	Wellington	13	11	0
	Nelson	6	1	6
	Otago-Southland	14	3	8
			33	16 2
"	Connexional Payments :			
	Presidents' Travelling	63	6	0
	Presidents' Postages, etc.	12	10	0
	Presidents' Supply	36	10	0
	Secretary of Conference—			
	Postages, etc.	12	10	0
	Printing	73	18	5
	Examination Committee	5	15	6
	Early Records Typing, etc.	21	0	11
			225	10 10
"	Grants :			
	Theological College	740	0	0
	Connexional Secretary's Dept.	180	0	0
	Deaconess' Fund	75	0	0
	University Fees	20	0	0
	N.Z. Council of Religious			
	Education	20	0	0
	Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0
	Methodist Times	49	17	0
	Special, Wesley College Trust	100	0	0
	Special, H.M. Fund Wanganui			
	Trust	100	0	0
			1,309	17 0
"	Hon. Treasurers :			
	Bank Interest, Exchange, etc.	5	0	9
	Postages, Stationery, etc.	3	0	0
			8	0 9

Methodist Church Contingent Fund—continued

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	„ Balances Due by Chairmen :		
	Auckland	182	7 10
	South Auckland	63	5 9
	Taranaki-Wanganui	25	0 0
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	73	11 8
	Wellington	41	11 9
	Nelson	22	3 0
	North Canterbury	94	8 11
	South Canterbury	9	19 7
	Otago-Southland	47	6 6
	„ Total Balances held by or due to Chairmen	559	15 0
	„ Bank N.Z. Kaiapoi Current A/c.	495	10 1
			<u>1,055 5 1</u>
			<u>£3,705 16 9</u>

J. H. BLACKWELL }
L. C. HORWOOD } Hon. Treasurers.

I have to report that I have audited the foregoing statement and compared same with the books and vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund, and I hereby certify that in my opinion the statement is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the affairs of the Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

ISAAC J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.
CASH STATEMENT—Year Ended 31st December, 1937.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand 1/1/37	926	7	9	Removal Expenses Paid	568	17	10
Circuit Levies Paid	742	11	2	Sundry Expenses	13	2	9
Interest Earned	23	11	2	Cash in Hand as per Balance Sheet	1,110	9	6
	£1,692	10	1		£1,692	10	1

REVENUE ACCOUNT—Year Ending 31st December, 1937.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Circuit Levies	726	0	3	By Removal Expenses	568	17	10
„ Interest earned	23	11	2	„ Sundry Expenses	13	2	9
	£749	11	5	„ Transfer to Capital Account	167	10	10
	£749	11	5		£749	11	5

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1937.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund 31/12/36	1,191	17	3	Outstanding Levies	248	18	7
Balance as per Revenue Account	167	10	10	Cash in Hand:			
	£1,359	8	1	Supernumerary Fund Dep.	537	4	7
	£1,359	8	1	Post Office	542	5	2
				Bank N.Z.	30	19	9
					1,110	9	6
					£1,359	8	1

Audited and found correct.
H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A.N.Z.
16th December, 1937

H. CHAPMAN }
H. L. FIEBIG } Hon. Treasurers.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1937 (Exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Sundry Creditors—Solomon Is.:					Assets in Solomon Islands:				
Circuit Balances	1,181	4 5			Cash in Hand	523	9 9		
Personal Balances	509	11 9			Sundry Debtors	1,076	10 7		
Sundry Creditors	781	8 0			Stock on Hand	2,568	11 8		
			2,472	4 2				4,168	12 0
Overdraft at Bank of N.Z., Auckland: (Secured over certain Working Capital and Medical Fund Assets)			291	16 6	Advance Payments (1938) ..			1,336	16 8
Loans at Fixed Deposit and on call			3,820	0 0	Medical Mission Fund Assets:				
Balance Proceeds Banga Debentures held in trust for future income				25 0 0	Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., Shares of £20 ea. valued at £25	500	0 0		
Special Funds:					£1985 N.Z. Govt. Stock, 3½%	2,066	5 4		
Medical Mission Fund—(including Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest, £5,400)	10,636	13 8			£250 " " 3½%	260	0 0		
Equipment Fund:					£500 " " 4%	527	10 0		
Bal. Dec. 31st, 1936	1022	19 7			£700 " " 3¾%	710	0 0		
Income, 1937	2411	7 5			Post Office Savings Bank ..	3,008	14 10		
					Loan—Pitt St. Church Trustees ..	1,500	0 0		
Less Expenditure, 1937	940	0 0						8,572	10 2
			2,494	7 0	Boat Insurance Fund Assets:				
Atherton Rd. P'ty. Trust A/c.			218	9 4	Post Office Savings Bank ..			1,015	0 0
Boat Insurance Fund ..	1,015	0 0			Working Capital Fund Assets:				
			14,364	10 0	£200 Mt. Eden Boro. Deb. 4¼%	200	0 0		
					£200 Auck. City Council Deb. 4¼%	200	0 0		
					£1500 Auck. Transport Board Debentures 4¼%	1,467	10 0		
					£1515 N.Z. Govt. Stock 4%	1,537	0 0		
					£650 N.Z. Govt. Stock 4%	669	18 9		
					Fuller and Sons Debentures 6½%			1,000	0 0
					less 20%				
					N.Z. Farmers' Dairy Union Shares			7	10 0

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Twelve Months Ended 31st August, 1937.

		RECEIPTS						PAYMENTS		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Balance in hand 31/8/36									
	General Account:									
	Salaries ..	787	14	3						
	Medical & Child Welfare	143	7	8						
	Dominion Stamps ..	39	3	11						
	Kurahuna M.G. School	2	7	0						
	Box Money ..	1	7	0						
	Executive Fund ..	38	12	8						
					1,012	12	6			
	Kurahuna Emergency Fd.	564	1	4						
	Kurahuna Repairs and									
	Replacements ..	289	10	11						
					853	12	3			
					1,866	4	9			
	Salaries ..	1,917	6	8						
	Gleanings ..	64	16	8						
	N.Z.M.Y.W.B.C.M. (2 Sis.)	283	10	0						
	Medical & Child Welfare	164	4	4						
	Kurahuna M.G. School ..	309	10	8						
	Solomon Is. Girls' School	10	0	6						
	Deaconess House ..	7	11	0						
	Debt Reduction ..	8	6	1						
	H.M. Debt Reduction ..	87	10	9						
	Home Mission ..	26	10	0						
	Sis. Vera Cannon's Exps.	0	18	6						
	Gifts to Sisters ..	12	10	0						
	Dominion Stamps ..	53	13	2						
	Doctor's Fund ..	372	6	5						
	Kurahuna Capital Fund	6	10	0						
								3,170	8	7
	Salaries:									
	Overseas ..	1,325	5	6						
	Home ..	932	9	6						
	Towards Miss Harkness' Salary	65	13	0						
	Kurahuna Maintenance ..	236	4	2						
	Kurahuna Depreciation ..	73	5	0						
	Medical and Child Welfare	150	0	0						
	N.A.B. Injections ..	2	10	0						
	Debt Reduction ..	8	6	1						
	H.M. Debt Reduction ..	107	10	9						
	H.M. Fund ..	26	10	0						
	Gifts to Sisters ..	12	10	0						
	Doctor's Fund ..	100	0	0						
	Doctor's Fund (Cookery Book)	82	10	6						
	Solomon Islands Girls' School	10	0	6						
	Deaconess House ..	7	11	0						
	Kurahuna Capital Fund ..	6	10	0						
	Sister Lina Jones ..	12	11	7						
	Mr. Goldie ..	10	16	0						
	Box Money ..	0	5	0						
	Travelling Expenses:									
	Sister Vera's Travelling Exps. ..	2	14	6						
	Conference, Ashburton (3 officers)	4	6	0						
	Conference, Auckland (3 officers) ..	24	3	0						
	Conference, Auckland (2 sisters)	2	12	5						
	Sister Ivy's Rent ..	20	0	0						
	Rates on Section ..	0	17	10						
	Printing ..	30	4	2						

Statement of Receipts and Payments--Continued.

Towards Miss Harkness'			
Salary	65	13	0
N.A.B. Injections	2	10	0
Box Money	2	5	0
Mr. Goldie	10	16	0
Sister Ivy's Rent	2	2	0
			3,408 10 9
Executive Fund	125	3	7
Affiliation Fees	17	6	9
Exchange and Discount	1	9	5
Bank Interest	12	0	2
			155 19 11
Kurahuna Emergency Fd.	90	0	0
Int. P.O. Savings Bank	14	19	3
Kurahuna Depreciation	23	6	0
Kurahuna Repairs and			
Replacements	49	19	0
Int. P.O. Savings Bank	8	9	9
			186 14 0
			3,751 4 8
			£5,617 9 5

Telephone	5	17	0
Executive Expenses	25	18	0
			116 12 11
Depreciation Fund:			
Repairs			36 4 9
Credit Balances in Bank:			
Salaries	795	12	7
Medical and Child Welfare	164	4	4
Dominion Stamps	53	13	2
Kurahuna M.G. School	2	8	6
Doctor's Fund	189	15	11
Box Money	3	7	0
Executive Fund	81	0	2
			1,290 1 8
Kurahuna Emergency Fund	669	0	7
Kurahuna Repairs and Replacements	335	0	11
			1,004 1 6
			£5,617 9 5

"KURAHUNA" MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.
Maintenance Account from 1st September, 1936, to 31st August, 1937.

	RECEIPTS								
			£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances, 1/9/36:									
General Fund		97	7	8	Household Expenses	.. .. .	200	5 11
Girls' Stall		14	4	1	Furnishing and Repairs	.. .. .	36	4 9
Girls' Fees from Parents		92	0	0	Salaries	.. .. .	152	0 0
Girls' Fees from Collection and stall at Kurahuna		9	9	0	Miscellaneous	.. .. .	48	10 0
Interest on £3,000		105	0	0	Hon. Treasurer, M.W.M.U.:			
Interest on Debentures		20	3	10	Capital Fund	.. .. .	6	10 0
Subscriptions from Auxiliaries, per Hon. Treas., M.W.M.U.		289	5	4	Emergency Fund	.. .. .	90	0 0
Refund from Repairs and Replacements Fund		36	4	9	Depreciation Fund	.. .. .	23	6 0
Donation to Capital Fund (Interest to provide 1d. per week)		6	10	0	Repairs and Replacements	.. .. .	49	19 0
Donations for:								73	5 0
Kurahuna		1	3	6	Balance in Bank, 31/8/37:			
Outings		1	10	0	Girls' Stall	.. .. .	6	18 0
From Visitors' Box		0	9	7	General Fund	.. .. .	68	16 5
Payments for:						Cash in Hand	.. .. .	2	6 6
Dentist's Account		3	4	0			78	0 11
Produce		3	18	4				
Shoe Repairs		1	19	6				
Remainder of Stall Goods		1	4	8				
Bank Interest		1	2	4				
Alterations and Extensions Fund:		£	s.	d.					
Donations in Bank	100	5	0					
			£684	16	7			£684	16 7

I have examined the above Maintenance Account and compared it with the books and vouchers related to same and certify that in my opinion it correctly represents the position of the accounts for the year ending, 31st August, 1937.

2nd September, 1937.

(Signed) J. MAGINNES,

AMOUNTS RAISED BY MISSIONARY AUXILIARIES.

	£	s.	d.
Ashburton	66	10	10
Auckland	733	8	4
Blenheim	28	7	0
Bluff	11	10	9
Cambridge	6	0	0
Christchurch	426	9	7
Dannevirke	27	5	0
Dannevirke Y.P.	20	0	0
Dargaville	2	18	6
Dunedin	182	10	3
Eltham	11	17	3
Feilding	63	8	8
Gisborne	19	10	0
Greymouth	9	1	1
Gonville	20	7	6
Gore	4	18	9
Hamilton (St. P.)	33	5	0
Hamilton (St. John's)	9	8	1
Hastings	67	0	0
Hawera	53	12	6
Invercargill	93	9	7
Upper Hutt	0	2	6
Lower Hutt	21	14	4
Manaia	4	2	6
Masterton	33	0	6
Matamata	7	14	0
Motueka	4	0	0
Morrinsville	21	18	0
Marton	4	4	1
Napier	86	5	0
Nelson	54	7	6
New Plymouth	42	14	6
Oamaru	19	1	4
Otaki	1	0	0
Oxford	6	5	4
Opunake	1	16	0
Pahiatua	5	14	1
Palmerston N.	73	12	6
Petone	22	1	3
Rangiora	52	6	0
Roxburgh	16	4	6
Riverton	0	15	0
Ruawai	21	11	6
Richmond	21	8	6
Stratford	9	0	0
Southbrook Y.P.	—		
Te Aroha	22	11	10
Te Awamutu	32	6	0

Amounts Raised by Missionary Auxiliaries—continued

				£	s.	d.
Thames	..	..	..	16	17	6
Timaru-Woodlands Street...	..	..	..	18	15	0
Timaru-Banks Street	..	..	..	38	0	9
Tauranga	..	..	..	2	6	6
Taumarunui	..	..	..	1	8	0
Te Kopura	..	..	..	2	0	6
Waimate	..	..	..	10	11	0
Waitara	..	..	..	6	10	0
Waiuku	..	..	..	9	7	3
Waiwhetu	..	..	..	14	11	6
Wanganui C.	..	..	..	59	18	1
Wanganui N.	..	..	..	26	14	6
Willowby	..	..	..	16	8	1
Willowby Y.P.	..	..	..	0	10	10
Wellington	..	..	..	397	13	3
Woodville	..	..	..	12	7	9
Whangarei	..	..	..	0	5	0
Otago Y.W.M.M.	..	..	..	60	7	6
Y.W.B.C.M.	..	..	..	283	10	0

**CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOREIGN MISSION
FUND, 1937.**

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	272	6	10
Auckland Central Mission	27	7	11
Auckland West	57	10	6
Auckland East, from 1936	5	17	0
Auckland East	521	0	2
Auckland (Avondale) from 1936	6	0	0
Auckland (Avondale)	235	18	2
Auckland (Devonport)	37	8	9
Auckland (Takapuna)	41	3	2
Auckland (Birkenhead)	75	17	2
Onchungu	87	17	11
Otahuhu	56	0	5
Papakura	34	14	0
Pukekohe	5	2	0
Waiuku	84	17	0
Mahurangi	22	19	9
Paparua	21	15	3
Dargaville	31	11	7
Ruawai	6	1	3
Whangarei	24	2	7
Whangaroa	7	3	9
Bay of Islands	11	7	1
Port Albert	101	4	5
Hikurangi .. .. .	..	..	..
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	4	0	0
Mangonui	3	18	0
Bombay-Taukau	26	13	9
Kaukapakapa, from 1936	1	18	0
Kaukapakapa	6	13	2
Helensville	6	16	1
Hokianga-Rawene	5	16	6
Hokianga-Kohukohu	6	15	7
	£1,837 17 9		

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames	62	14	1
Hauraki Plains	13	14	2
Te Aroha	87	19	6
Paeroa	12	11	2
Morrinsville, from 1936	5	0	10
Morrinsville	88	8	1
Cambridge	67	18	5
Hamilton	91	12	3
Hamilton East	59	12	10
Huntly	19	5	6
Matamata	72	10	10
Rotorua	20	13	0
Tauranga	40	6	5
Whakatane	10	2	9
Opotiki	17	4	9
Te Awamutu	115	12	8
Otorohanga	26	17	11
Te Kuiti	23	14	7
Taumarunui	12	0	0
Ngaruawahia
Waihi	32	9	0
Te Puke	1	0	0
Putaruru	3	16	7
Coromandel	13	4	8
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	£898	10	0
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III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth, from 1936	14	13	7
New Plymouth	125	6	2
Waitara	17	1	9
Inglewood	17	11	6
Stratford	52	3	1
Eltham-Kaponga	33	18	0
Hawera	64	7	7
Manaia	13	12	0
Opunake	113	6	4
Wanganui	126	11	10
Wanganui North	56	19	1
Marton	12	18	5
Taihape	8	11	0
Raetihi-Ohakune	0	16	0
Gonville	14	16	3
Patea	9	4	5
Ohura	3	10	10
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	£685	7	10
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IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	133	13	2
Hastings	161	3	4
Gisborne	31	15	0
Wairoa	6	16	6
Dannevirke	15	15	0
Woodville	27	8	1
Pahiatua	64	0	0
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	131	3	8
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	155	11	5
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	38	6	5
Feilding	374	5	10
Sanson-Rongotea	45	15	0
Waipawa	27	5	6
Foxton-Shannon	20	13	3
Apiti	23	12	8
Norsewood	7	0	0
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	£1,264	4	10
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V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington, Central	180	9	7
" Thorndon	116	18	9
" South	98	15	8
" East	140	1	3
Johnsonville-Ngaio	161	12	2
Hutt	93	19	8
Petone	44	10	8
Greytown-Featherston	14	11	6
Greytown-Featherston from 1936	4	6	3
Carterton	25	14	2
Masterton	152	2	4
Eketahuna	26	4	0
Levin	70	14	4
Otaki	17	15	8
Paraparaumu	14	5	11
Upper Hutt	7	5	0
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	£1,169	6	11
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VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson, from 1936	2	5	0
Nelson	162	8	0
Richmond	20	9	3
Wakefield-Dovedale	20	8	0
Motueka	47	13	11
Blenhiem	135	6	9
Reefton	39	3	8
Westport	25	10	10
Greymouth, from 1936	1	13	10
Greymouth	38	12	5
Hokitika	24	14	7
Havelock	6	12	0
Murchison	12	14	5
Granity	8	10	10
	<u>£546</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Christchurch, Durham Street, from 1936	0	16	0
„ Durham Street	103	19	2
„ East	266	5	10
„ Cambridge Terrace, from 1936	13	5	1
„ Woolston	101	16	11
„ Sydenham	65	18	4
„ Addington	88	6	8
„ Riccarton	34	3	0
„ St. Albans	163	18	3
„ Papanui	89	0	0
Lyttelton	10	5	8
Springston	22	14	11
Tai Tapu, from 1936	0	2	9
Tai Tapu	24	0	0
Leeston	41	17	10
Kaiapoi	53	3	7
Ohoka	44	11	2
Rangiora	58	15	8
Woodend-Sefton	42	5	2
Greendale	25	13	8
Oxford	27	0	0
Hawarden	0	18	9
Waddington	14	14	0
	<u>£1,293</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Timaru, Banks Street	36	15	0
„ Woodland Street	37	19	0
„ South	26	11	3
Waimate	32	7	1
Temuka	38	13	9
Geraldine	23	9	4
Ashburton	128	6	11
Willowby	40	18	3
Oamaru	39	2	11
Rakaia-Methven	17	11	6
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	£421	15	0

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin, Trinity	86	16	1
„ Central Mission	74	5	1
„ Dundas Street	24	10	3
„ Cargill Road	51	8	1
„ St. Kilda	47	7	0
„ Caversham	39	10	5
„ Mornington	30	0	0
„ Roslyn	35	18	8
Port Chalmers	32	0	9
Balclutha	10	10	0
Milton	17	7	1
Roxburgh	15	4	3
Invercargill, Central	78	1	11
„ St. Peter's	90	11	5
Bluff	7	7	8
Gore	29	1	5
Riverton, from 1936	5	14	4
Riverton .. .. .	..	..	..
Maori Hill	15	10	11
Waikouaiti	2	10	0
Mosgiel	8	3	6
Edendale, from 1936	1	7	6
Edendale	22	16	9
Kaitangata	1	9	6
Lawrence	6	13	8
Cromwell	6	16	4
Otautau-Tuatapere	16	11	9
Nightcaps, from 1936	0	10	0
Nightcaps	5	1	5
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	£763	5	9

MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Treasurers : REV. G. FROST, MR. A. LEN CAUGHEY.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ended 18th October, 1937.

1936, Oct. 17th—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	DISBURSEMENTS			
To Balance Bank of N.Z. :				1937—October, 18th		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Current Account			187 8 0	Revenue :			
Capital Account			2 9 7	Salaries and Commission ..	1,149	19	7
RECEIPTS				Provisions	658	19	3
1937—October 18th—				Repairs	331	8	0
Revenue :				Boots, Drapery, Clothing ..	54	6	7
General subs. per Treasurer ..	71	17	0	Fuel and Light	136	7	11
General subs., per Collector ..	95	2	0	Farm and Garden	27	8	8
Churches, Collections and Subs. ..	595	19	3	Printing, Stationery, Advertising	63	8	7
Sunday Schools and Y.P. Societies	16	0	11	Medical and Dental	7	12	1
Maintenance	1,564	11	7	Stamps and Telephone	67	0	1
Discount and Exchange	16	10	8	Travelling Expenses	22	18	9
Rents	213	11	2	Interest $\frac{1}{2}$ Year Philcox	8	6	0
Interest	605	16	11	Insurance	78	2	7
Sale of Stock	18	0	0	Petty Cash—Matrons	41	18	9
Refunds	11	9	10	Exchange	3	18	9
Insurance Claim	55	15	6	Sundry Expenses	22	18	9
Street Appeal	163	2	6	Refund of Board	7	4	6
			3,427 17 4	Rent of Office	15	13	8
Capital :				Rates	63	12	0
Legacy—J. H. Hannan ..	1,726	3	9	2,761 4 6	Capital :		
Amy Hartley ..	1,150	0	0	N.Z. Inscribed Stock	1,035	5	0
Sara Andrew ..	90	0	0	Mortgage Repaid—Philcox ..	300	0	0
Mallock Estate ..	53	4	0	Deposits Auckland Savings Bank	2,625	0	0
W. Phillips ..	50	0	0	Furnishings—New	92	15	8
Gift—Lord Nuffield ..	500	0	0	4,053 0 8	Balance :		
S. J. Ambury Estate ..	10	0	0	Bank of N.Z., Current Account		571	5 2
Mortgage Repaid ..	202	0	5	Capital Account		13	12 9
			3,781 8 2	£7,399 3 1			
			£7,399 3 1				

Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1937—October, 18th				1937—October 18th			
To Expenditure as above Statement	..	2,761	4	By Receipts as per above Statement	..	3,427	17
„ Depreciation—Furniture	..	85	2				
„ Capital A/c.—Excess Revenue Transferred	..	581	10				
	£3,427	17	4		£3,427	17	4

Balance Sheet as at 18th October, 1937.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bequest—Eliza Gilmore Trust				1,000	0	0	18th October, 1937—		
Capital —As at 17th October, 1936	34,298	10	7				Properties —At cost		
Add Bequests—J. H. Hannan	1,726	3	9				Orphanages	..	19,242
Amy Hartley	1,150	0	0				Railway Street	..	1,125
Sara Andrew	90	0	0				Belmont Terrace	..	835
Mallock Estate	53	4	0						21,202
W. Phillips	50	0	0				Mortgages and Unpaid Purchase		
Add Gift—Lord Nuffield	500	0	0				Money	..	813
S. J. Ambury Estate	10	0	0				Gilmore Bequest—N.Z. Inscribed		
Add Mortgage Interest—Smith	2	0	5				Stock	..	1,029
Add Revenue Account Excess	581	10	2						2
				38,461	8	11	Shares :		
							Whangarei Light Co. at par—		
							Ordinary Shares £1	..	1,000
							Preference Shares £1	..	666
							F. M. Winstone Ltd.	..	8,700
									10,366

Balance Sheet—continued

Inscribed Stock—N.Z. Govt. £1000 4%, 15th June, 1952/ 55, No. 55/10160			1,035	5 0
Furnishings	757	7 0		
Add New	92	15 8		
		850	2 8	
Less Depreciation—10% ..		85	2 8	
			765	0 0
Farm Stock			40	0 0
Hughes Loan			24	17 0
Auckland Savings Bank ..			3,600	0 0
Bank of N.Z.—Capital A/c. ..			13	12 9
Current A/c. ..			571	5 2
Trounson Bequest	510	0 0		
John Sheat Bequest	1,853	11 11		
			£39,461	8 11

£39,461 8 11

£39,461 8 11

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 18th October, 1937, as shown by the books of the Trust.

26th October, 1937.

EGERTON GILL, F.P.A.,N.Z.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1937.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS				
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Sundry Creditors	68	10 0	Cash Bank of New Zealand	22	1 11		
Balance Newcombe Endowment	0	2 9	Furnishings, etc.	297	0 0		
Balance—being Excess of Assets over Liabilities	221	9 2	Less Depreciation	29	0 0		
						268	0 0
						<u>£290</u>	<u>1 11</u>
						<u>£290</u>	<u>1 11</u>

We certify that we have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account and Balance Sheet of the Methodist Children's Home, Masterton, with the books and vouchers, and are of the opinion that same are drawn up as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton on 31st December, 1937.

A. E. BATE, Treasurer.
Masterton, 12th January, 1938.

ARCH. H. DANIELL }
F. E. WELLS } Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th September, 1937.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS						
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Permanent Capital Account—					Freehold Property :					
Balance 1/10/36 ..	2,100	0 0			4½ Acres Land		2,255	0 0		
Add Endowments and Interest during year ..	2,519	14 8			Less amount written off to Govt. Val.		130	0 0		
				4,619	14 8				2,125	0 0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities ..			31,410	6 2	Dwelling House Harewood Road	1,000	0 0			
					less Depreciation	50	0 0			
								950	0 0	
					Dwelling House Chapel Street ..	950	0 0			
					less Depreciation	50	0 0			
								900	0 0	
									1,850	0 0
					Home, Buildings and Grounds :					
					Home & Outbuildings	20,775	0 0			
					less Depreciation	331	0 0			
								20,444	0 0	
					Grounds, 12 acres			4,173	0 0	
					Furnishings ..	1,045	0 0			
					less Depreciation	105	0 0			
								940	0 0	
					Tennis Courts ..	200	0 0			
					less Depreciation	20	0 0			
								180	0 0	
									25,737	0 0
					Live Stock—2 Cows				24	0 0

Statement of Assets and Liabilities—Continued.

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Investments and Deposits :

Supernumerary Fund ..	156 13 4
Sundry Deposits ..	645 11 5
Secured Deposit Stock N.Z.	
Farmers Co-op. Assn. ..	350 0 0
Timaru Borough Council Deb. ..	1,000 0 0
Christchurch Drainage Board	
Debentures (£1,300 Deb.) ..	1,417 0 0
N.Z. 3% Inscribed Stock £385 ..	378 3 1
N.Z. 3% Bond £100 ..	98 2 6
	4,045 10 4

Cash Balances :

Cash in Hand ..	15 2 0
Petty Cash in hand—Manager ..	5 3 3
Bank of New Zealand ..	157 7 10
Post Office Savings Bank ..	2,070 17 5
	2,248 10 6

£36,030 0 10

£36,030 0 10

I have audited the accounts for the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home for the period of twelve months ended 30th September, 1937.

Permanent Endowment Fund.—This is invested in the same manner as last year with the exception that the addition to the Fund, namely £2,519/14/8, has been placed as follows :—Christchurch Drainage Board Debentures £1,417; N.Z. 3% Inscribed Stock £378/3/1; N.Z. 3% Bond £98/2/6; Interest on Deposit with Supernumerary Fund £5/4/8 added to the Capital amount, and the balance, namely £621/4/5, has been deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank Account.

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 30th September, 1937.

Christchurch, 22nd November, 1937.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., Auditor,

Statement of Receipts and Payments—*continued*

" Clothing Fund :				" Capital Account :			
Contributions	..	..	23 7 0	Christchurch Drainage Board			
" Capital Account :				Debentures (£1300 Debs.)	1,417	0	0
A. Cowie Trust	..	..	50 0 0	Government Stock and Bond	476	5	7
Interest	..	..	64 10 0				1,893 5 7
A. M. E. Mickle Estate	..	2,400	0 0	Int. Supernumerary Fund	..		5 4 8
			<u>2,514 10 0</u>	Balance, P.O.S.B.	..		2,070 17 5
				Balance Bank of N.Z.	..		157 7 10
			<u>£6,463 2 10</u>				<u>£6,463 2 10</u>

"METHODIST TIMES"
Revenue Account for Year ended 31st December, 1937.

EXPENDITURE				RECEIPTS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Printing and Publishing		752	17 6			998	9 7
Process Blocks		11	6 1			52	16 2
Distribution Charges		150	0 1			945	13 5
				914	3 8		
Editors' Honoraria		90	0 0			176	19 1
Editors' Incidental Expenses		4	17 0			16	5 10
				94	17 0		
280 <i>Less</i> refund from Contingent Fund		49	17 0			50	0 0
				45	0 0		
Office Expenses :				210	12 8		
Authorised Appropriation		170	0 0				
Stationery and General Expenses		40	12 8				
				19	2 0		
Surplus 1937				£1,188	18 4		
				£1,188	18 4		

H. HOLLAND }
 M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
 Christchurch, 19th January, 1938.

Audited and found correct.
 E. H. SMITH }
 W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

**RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1938.**

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 ..	1062	10 0	63	15 0	662	10 0	46	7 6
F.M. Dept. ..	280	0 0	16	16 0	180	0 0	12	12 0
H.M. Dept. ..	500	0 0	30	0 0	300	0 0	21	0 0
Auckland Central Mission	215	0 0	12	18 0	115	0 0	8	1 0
Auckland West ..	238	0 0	14	5 6	138	0 0	9	13 3
Auckland East ..	820	0 0	49	4 0	520	0 0	36	8 0
Trinity College ..	765	0 0	45	18 0	565	0 0	39	11 0
Avondale ..	510	0 0	30	12 0	310	0 0	21	14 0
Avondale H.M. ..			4	0 0				
Devonport ..	139	0 0	8	6 9	39	0 0	2	14 8
Takapuna ..	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 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 ..	212	10 0	12	15 0	112	10 0	7	17 6
Pukekohe ..	214	0 0	12	17 0	114	0 0	7	19 8
Waiuku ..	243	15 0	14	12 3	143	15 0	10	1 3
Mahurangi ..	212	10 0	12	15 0	112	10 0	7	17 6
Paparoa ..	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Dargaville ..	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 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 ..	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
Bay of Islands ..	140	0 0	8	8 0	80	0 0	5	12 0
Port Albert ..	200	0 0	12	0 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Hikurangi ..	144	0 0	8	13 0	84	0 0	5	17 8
Mangonui ..	180	0 0	10	16 0	120	0 0	8	8 0
K'Kawa-Ohaeawai ..	140	0 0	8	8 0	80	0 0	5	12 0
Helensville ..	140	0 0			80	0 0	5	12 0
H.M. Stations :								
Kaukapakapa ..			4	0 0				
Hokianga (2) ..			8	0 0				
Bombay-Tuakau ..			4	0 0				
	8441	5 0	518	1 6	5081	5 0	355	14 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	145	0	0	8	14	0	85	0	0	5	19	0
Paeroa	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Waihi	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Te Aroha	260	0	0	15	12	0	160	0	0	11	4	0
Morrinsville	405	0	0	24	6	0	245	0	0	17	3	0
Cambridge	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Hamilton	512	10	0	30	15	0	312	10	0	21	17	6
Hamilton East	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Ngaruawahia H.M.				4	0	0						
Huntly	160	0	0	9	12	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Matamata	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Putaruru	80	0	0	4	16	0	20	0	0	1	8	0
Rotorua	202	10	0	12	3	0	102	10	0	7	3	6
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	212	10	0	12	15	0	112	10	0	7	17	6
Te Awamutu	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Otorohanga	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Te Kuiti	212	10	0	12	15	0	152	10	0	10	13	6
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						
Coromandel				4	0	0						
	4700	0	0	298	0	0	2740	0	0	191	16	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
Stratford	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Eltham-Kaponga	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Hawera	285	0	0	17	2	0	185	0	0	12	19	0
Manaia	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Opunake	231	0	0	13	17	3	131	0	0	9	3	6
Opunake, H.M.				4	0	0						
Wanganui	275	0	0	16	10	0	175	0	0	12	5	0
Wanganui North	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Wanganui North H.M.				4	0	0						
Marion	212	10	0	12	15	0	112	10	0	7	17	6
Taihape	160	0	0	9	12	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
H.M. Stations :												
Raetihi-Ohakune				4	0	0						
Gonville				4	0	0						
Patea				4	0	0						
Ohura				4	0	0						
Inglewood				4	0	0						
	2808	10	0	200	10	3	1648	10	0	115	8	0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund		Exemption	Fund
		Levy 6%		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	140 0 0	8 8 0	40 0 0	2 16 0
Dannevirke	237 10 0	14 5 0	137 10 0	9 12 6
Woodville	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Pahiatua	213 15 0	12 16 6	113 15 0	7 19 3
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
" (Cuba St.)	260 0 0	15 12 0	160 0 0	11 4 0
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	230 0 0	13 16 0	130 0 0	9 2 0
Feilding	287 10 0	17 5 0	187 10 0	13 2 6
Feilding H.M.		4 0 0		
Sanson-Rongotea	244 0 0	14 13 0	144 0 0	10 1 9
H.M. Stations :				
Waipawa		4 0 0		
Foxton-Shannon		4 0 0		
Apiti		4 0 0		
Norsewood		4 0 0		
	3057 15 0	203 9 6	1797 15 0	125 17 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund		Exemption	Fund
		Levy 6%		Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington Central	810 0 0	48 12 0	550 0 0	38 10 0
Y.P. Dept	460 0 0	27 12 0	300 0 0	21 0 0
Thorndon	525 0 0	31 10 0	325 0 0	22 15 0
Wellington South	275 0 0	16 10 0	175 0 0	12 5 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	470 0 0	28 4 0	310 0 0	21 14 0
Petone	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Greytown-Featherston	120 0 0	7 4 0	20 0 0	1 8 0
Carterton	205 0 0	12 6 0	105 0 0	7 7 0
Masterton	262 10 0	15 15 0	162 10 0	11 7 6
Masterton H.M.		4 0 0		
Eketahuna	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Levin	262 10 0	15 15 0	162 10 0	11 7 6
Otaki	210 0 0	12 12 0	110 0 0	7 14 0
H.M. Stations :				
Paraparaumu		4 0 0		
Upper Hutt		4 0 0		
	4745 0 0	304 14 0	2905 0 0	203 7 0

NELSON DISTRICT

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund			Exemption	Fund
		Levy 6%		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 9
Blenheim	477 10 0	28 13 0	277 10 0	19 8 6
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	192 10 0	11 11 0	92 10 0	6 9 6
H.M. Stations :				
Havelock		4 0 0		
Murchison		4 0 0		
Granity		4 0 0		
	2307 0 0	150 8 4	1347 0 0	94 5 9

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund			Exemption	Fund
		Levy 6%		Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Durham Street	510 0 0	30 12 0	350 0 0	24 10 0
Connexional Secretary	369 7 6	22 3 0	269 7 6	18 17 0
Christchurch East	775 0 0	46 10 0	475 0 0	33 5 0
Cambridge Terrace	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Woolston	400 0 0	24 0 0	200 0 0	14 0 0
Sydenham	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
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	550 0 0	33 0 0	350 0 0	24 10 0
Papanui	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Lyttelton	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Springston	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Tai Tapu	212 10 0	12 15 0	112 10 0	7 17 6
Leeston	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Kaiapoi	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 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		
	6116 17 6	375 0 0	3656 17 6	255 19 6

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 :								
Banks Street ..	275	0 0	16	10 0	175	0 0	12	5 0
Woodland Street ..	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
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	200	0 0	12	0 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Ashburton	300	0 0	18	0 0	200	0 0	14	0 0
Willowby	237	10 0	14	5 0	137	10 0	9	12 6
Oamaru	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
Rakaia-Methven ..	152	0 0	9	2 6	92	0 0	6	8 9
	2279	10 0	136	15 6	1359	10 0	95	3 3

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 6%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 7%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Trinity	275	0 0	16	10 0	175	0 0	12	5 0
Trinity H.M.			4	0 0				
Central Mission ..	440	0 0	26	8 0	280	0 0	19	12 0
Dundas Street .. .	234	0 0	14	1 0	134	0 0	9	7 6
Cargill Road	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
Cargill Road H.M. ..			4	0 0				
St. Kilda	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
Caversham	222	10 0	13	7 0	122	10 0	8	11 6
Mornington	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
Roslyn	190	0 0	11	8 0	90	0 0	6	6 0
Port Chalmers .. .	215	0 0	12	18 0	115	0 0	8	1 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	202	10 0	12	3 0	102	10 0	7	3 6
Invercargill Central ..	300	0 0	18	0 0	200	0 0	14	0 0
Invercargill, St. Peter's	275	0 0	16	10 0	175	0 0	12	5 0
Bluff	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
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				
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**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 10th January, 1938.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. I. LAURENSEN and MR. FRANK PENN.

RECEIPTS.			
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	159	12	1
Auckland Central Mission	21	16	9
Auckland West	32	5	1
Auckland East	350	5	2
Ditto, 1936	18	0	0
Auckland - Avondale	88	14	0
Auckland-Devonport	23	0	3
Auckland - Takapuna	27	13	6
Auckland - Birkenhead	31	4	8
Onehunga	59	16	11
Ditto, 1936	10	0	0
Otahuhu	39	19	1
Papakura	23	10	3
Pukekohe	0	0	0
Ditto, 1936	66	12	7
Ditto, 1936	3	0	0
Mahurangi	21	1	5
Paparoa	21	8	7
Ditto, 1936	0	17	6
Dargaville	30	7	4
Ruawai	7	17	9
Whangarei	25	19	11
Whangaroa	12	4	2
Bay of Islands	9	4	5
Port Albert	22	8	6
Hikurangi	9	13	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	5	5	9
Mangonui	3	0	0
Maori Missions	50	8	10
Home Mission Stations.			
Bombay-Tuakau	22	9	2
Ditto, 1936	6	6	6
Kaukapakapa	7	15	8
Helensville	5	19	6
Hokianga-Rawene	8	10	0
Hokianga-Kohukohu	4	18	5
			1,231 6 9

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
	£	s.	d.
Thames	49	0	0
Hauraki Plains	11	2	10
Ditto, 1936	1	9	0
Paeroa	5	9	1
Te Aroha	71	14	0
Morrinsville	109	19	2
Ditto, 1936	8	19	2
Cambridge	44	0	8
Ditto, 1936	2	0	0
Hamilton	80	0	0
Hamilton East	44	10	6
Huntly	3	12	4
Matamata	75	10	0
Putaruru	4	12	8
Rotorua	5	1	1
Tauranga	27	18	11
Ditto, 1936	2	7	6
Whakatane	7	12	6
Opotiki	12	9	4
Te Awamutu	75	0	0
Otorohanga	25	4	11
Ditto, 1936	24	18	10

EXPENDITURE.			
MAORI MISSIONS.			
	£	s.	d.
Stipends, Travelling & Rents			4,392 18 4
Special.			
S.S. Material	10	0	0
Printing New Edition Hymn Book & Leaflets	60	0	0
South Island Travelling	30	0	0
Students	30	0	0
"Methodist Times"	5	0	0
Removal Expenses and Furniture	100	0	0
Special Work per Y.M.B.C.	31	9	11
Compassionate	5	0	0
Contingencies	50	0	0
			321 9 11
			£4,714 8 3

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
	£	s.	d.
Rawene	13	15	0
Ditto, Special	15	0	0
Kaukapakapa	25	0	0
Ditto, Special	10	0	0
Silverdale	2	10	0
Ditto, Special	30	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Mahurangi	43	15	0
Bay of Islands	22	10	0
Hikurangi	37	10	0
Ditto, Special	10	0	0
Paparoa	40	0	0
Whangaroa	90	0	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	26	5	0
Ditto, Special	20	0	0
Auckland Central Mission	50	0	0
			426 5 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
	£	s.	d.
Coromandel	37	10	0
Kawhia	17	0	0
Te Puke	37	10	0
Aided Circuits.			
Paeroa	56	5	0
Tauranga	10	0	0
Opotiki	51	5	0
Taumarunui	51	5	0
Otorohanga	31	5	0
Huntly	5	0	0
Hauraki Plains	38	15	0
Te Kuiti	57	10	0
Waihi	40	0	0
Rotorua	30	0	0
Putaruru	7	10	0
Whakatane	15	16	8
Morrinsville	3	15	0
			490 6 8

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
	£	s.	d.
Raetihi-Ohakune	17	10	0
Patea	13	15	0
Ditto, Special	15	0	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1937—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.					
		£	s.	d.					
		£	s.	d.	Aided Circuits.		£	s.	d.
Te Kuiti ..		17	19	0	Wanganui North ..		17	10	0
Ditto, 1936 ..		31	1	5	Waipara ..		22	10	0
Taumarunui ..		16	0	0	Manala ..		23	15	0
Maori Missions ..		35	3	9	Marton ..		46	5	0
Home Mission Stations.					Taihape ..		35	0	0
Ngaruawahia ..		3	1	4	Inglewood ..		16	5	0
Waihi ..		13	15	1	Wanganui, Special ..		100	0	0
Te Puke ..		5	7	1					
Coromandel ..		13	5	7					307 10 0
828 9 8									
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.					HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.				
Circuits.					Home Mission Stations.				
New Plymouth ..		84	7	2	Waipawa ..		38	15	0
Waitara ..		0	7	3	Foxton-Shannon ..		35	0	0
Ditto, 1936 ..		3	5	0	Ditto, Special ..		20	0	0
Stratford ..		27	1	3	Apiti ..		36	5	0
Eltham-Kaponga ..		28	8	7	Aided Circuits.				
Hawera ..		55	14	0	Wairoa ..		20	0	0
Manala ..		7	13	4	Dannevirke ..		15	0	0
Opunake ..		65	4	2	Woodville ..		23	15	0
Wanganui ..		71	15	10	Pahiatua ..		21	5	0
Wanganui North ..		26	0	0					210 0 0
Marton ..		18	8	6	WELLINGTON DISTRICT.				
Taihape ..		3	14	9	Home Mission Stations.				
Home Mission Stations.					Paraparaumu ..		28	15	0
Inglewood ..		11	14	4	Upper Hutt ..		30	10	0
Raetihi-Ohakune ..		9	5	11	Aided Circuits.				
Gonville ..		19	0	0	Otaki ..		35	0	0
Patea ..		11	14	0	Eketahuna ..		48	15	0
Ohura ..		8	13	10					143 0 0
Maori Missions ..		21	6	8	NELSON DISTRICT.				
473 14 7					Home Mission Stations.				
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.					Murchison ..		21	5	0
Circuits.					Granity ..		45	0	0
Napier ..		111	10	8	Ditto, Special ..		10	0	0
Hastings ..		74	8	9	Havelock ..		5	0	0
Gisborne ..		31	4	3	Aided Circuits.				
Wairoa ..		1	5	0	Westport ..		15	0	0
Dannevirke ..		0	0	0	Reefton ..		11	5	0
Woodville ..		4	0	0	Wakefield-Dove-dale, Special ..		10	0	0
Pahiatua ..		26	0	0					117 10 0
Ditto, 1936 ..		28	17	8	NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				
Home Mission Stations.					Home Mission Stations.				
Palmerston North—					Hawarden ..		22	10	0
St. Paul's ..		82	14	4	Waddington ..		28	15	0
Cuba Street ..		66	6	1	Ditto, Special ..		10	0	0
Ashhurst-Bun-					Aided Circuits.				
thorpe ..		18	18	8	Christchurch East ..		15	0	0
Fellding ..		157	11	11	Addington ..		16	5	0
Sanson-Rongotea ..		27	6	11	St. Albans ..		15	0	0
Home Mission Stations.					Lytelton ..		31	5	0
Waipawa ..		16	16	0	Springston ..		20	0	0
Foxton-Shannon ..		7	5	0	Tai Tapu ..		51	5	0
Apiti ..		11	18	9	Ditto, Special ..		10	0	0
Norsewood ..		6	13	6	Oxford ..		40	0	0
672 17 6									260 0 0
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.					SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				
Circuits.					Aided Circuits.				
Wellington—					Geraldine ..		57	10	0
Central ..		224	4	2	Rakaia-Methven ..		7	10	0
Thorndon ..		61	19	5	Temuka ..		30	0	0
South ..		26	10	10	Ditto, Maori ..		5	0	0
Ditto, 1936 ..		5	0	0					100 0 0
East ..		35	4	9	OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.				
Johnsonville—					Home Mission Stations.				
Ngalo ..		106	11	5	Edendale ..		16	5	0
Ditto, 1936 ..		1	17	6	Nightcaps ..		31	5	0
Hutt ..		69	6	6	Ditto, Special ..		20	0	0
Petone ..		22	8	1	Waikouaiti ..		10	0	0
Greytown—									
Featherston ..		14	11	2					
Ditto, 1936 ..		4	14	4					

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1937—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Carterton ..	14	2	7			
Masterton ..	88	5	9			
Eketahuna ..	0	0	0			
Levin ..	58	7	0			
Otaki ..	25	12	1			

Home Mission Stations.

Upper Hutt ..	7	4	4			
Paraparaumu ..	10	3	3			
				776	3	2

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Nelson ..	106	16	6			
Richmond ..	16	2	0			
Wakefield- Dovedale ..	8	19	7			
Motueka ..	37	0	10			
Blenheim ..	102	17	0			
Reefton ..	17	5	1			
Westport ..	18	7	6			
Greymouth ..	30	15	6			
Hokitika ..	20	19	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock ..	4	6	8			
Murchison ..	4	6	0			
Granity ..	5	10	1			
				373	5	9

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Christchurch—						
Durham St. ..	86	16	2			
East ..	183	2	7			
Cambridge Ter. ..	22	3	4			
Woolston ..	67	7	8			
Sydenham ..	37	0	10			
Addington ..	52	16	8			
Riccarton ..	22	9	9			
St. Albans ..	102	2	11			
Ditto, 1936 ..	7	12	0			
Papanui ..	35	15	11			
Lyttelton ..	14	19	3			
Springston ..	20	13	9			
Tai Tapu ..	11	0	0			
Ditto, 1936 ..	0	2	6			
Leeston ..	40	9	0			
Kaipoi ..	51	15	3			
Ohoka ..	37	18	7			
Rangiora ..	44	18	7			
Woodend-Sefton ..	11	12	3			
Greendale ..	10	0	0			
Oxford ..	25	2	8			

Home Mission Stations.

Hawarden ..	0	0	0			
Waddington ..	8	2	2			
				894	1	10

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Timaru—						
Bank Street ..	30	4	6			
Woodlands St. ..	34	13	1			
Ditto, 1936 ..	0	10	0			
South ..	15	18	0			
Waimate ..	23	18	3			
Temuka ..	22	11	2			
Geraldine ..	10	9	6			
Ashburton ..	107	8	2			
Wiflowby ..	33	16	0			
Oamaru ..	32	15	7			
Rakaia-Methven ..	7	1	0			
				319	5	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Circuits with Home Missionaries.						
Port Chalmers ..	48	15	0			
Ditto, Maori ..	5	0	0			
Ditto, Ravens- bourne ..	23	15	0			
Ditto, Ravens- bourne, Maori ..	5	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Roxburgh ..	36	5	0			
Riverton ..	31	5	0			
Ditto, Maori ..	5	0	0			
Balclutha ..	11	5	0			
Milton ..	35	0	0			
Caversham ..	7	10	0			
Bluff ..	30	0	0			
Central Mission ..	12	10	0			
Dundas Street, Special ..	35	0	0			
				363	15	0

Total for Circuits .. £2,428 6 8

GENERAL.

General Superintendent—						
Stipend ..	269	4	0			
House Allow- ance ..	150	0	0			
Travelling ..	25	0	0			
				444	4	0

Assistant Superintendent—						
Stipend ..	243	15	0			
Parsonage Rent ..	133	15	0			
Travelling ..	120	0	0			
				497	10	0

Treasurer, Inci- dental Expenses						
Connexional Charges ..				3	4	0
				85	15	0

Office.

Rent ..	68	7	0			
Telephone ..	23	5	9			
Electric Power ..	7	7	7			
Book-keeping ..	112	3	4			
Secretarial Work ..	133	19	0			
				345	2	8

Printing and Stationery.

Annual Reports ..	71	0	5			
Printing and ..						
Stationery ..	126	15	8			
Postage and ..						
Telegrams ..	46	0	0			
				243	16	1

Interest, Etc.

Interest on						
Overdraft ..	141	12	9			
Cheque Books & Bank Charges ..	2	10	0			
Exchange, etc. ..	20	0	0			
				164	2	9

Deputation Ex- penses ..				110	14	1
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Retiring Funds.

Deaconess ..	108	0	0			
Home Mission- aries ..	208	10	0			
				316	10	0

Miscellaneous.

Theological Col- lege ..	135	0	0			
Deaconess Insti- tution ..	75	0	0			
Ministerial Sup- plies ..	18	14	0			
Sites' Fund ..	50	0	0			

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1937—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.						
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
"One Who Desires to Help"	2	0	0	Brought forward				10,098	15	0
"Tom Bracken"	1	0	0							
Newmarket Ladies' Guild	2	2	0							
"M.S. Dunedin"	4	0	0							
F. W. Fear (Special for Benevolent)	10	0	0							
Late Mrs. Nicholas	5	0	0							
Lotu Stamp Collector	3	0	0							
"Two Friends"	2	10	0							
"Adherent"	2	10	0							
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Dr. Balance, 1937			4	Dr. Balance, 1936				837	7	6
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METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 10th JANUARY, 1938.

To	Capital Awaiting Investment,	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By	Interest Transferred to H.M. Fund	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	15/1/37				5,735	5	2		Interest Transferred to Mission Property Trustees ..				204	2	6
"	Cash on Account of Capital—							"	Capital Invested—						
	Estate late S. Gillies ..	25	0	0					Canterbury Capital in 4% Government Inscribed Stock ..	300	0	0			
	" " J. Sheat ..	19	8	6					Gorman Capital in 4% Government Inscribed Stock ..	500	0	0			
	" " W. Ferguson ..	187	10	0					General Capital in Properties ..	484	15	4			
	" " W. J. Phillips ..	50	0	0									1,284	15	4
	" " Mrs. J. C. Throp ..	25	0	0				"	Car Replacement Account (Loaned to Maori Workers' Car Account) ..				117	4	9
	" " Mrs. Wood ..	5	0	0				"	Maintenance Account, Balance Disbursed ..				0	9	3
	" " S. J. Ambury ..	10	0	0				"	Kurahuna O/a, S. Gorman ..				10	0	0
	Solicitors, Wake Estate ..	1,500	0	0				"	Capital Awaiting Investment—						
	Car Replacement Account ..	117	4	9					Deposited at Call ..	3,800	0	0			
	Mortgage Repaid ..	750	0	0					In Bank Account ..	3,448	12	9			
	Sinking Funds ..	226	13	8	2,915	16	11						7,248	12	9
"	Interest from H.M. Fund on Capital Awaiting Investment—														
	On Gorman Bequest ..	69	15	0											
	On General ..	61	12	0	131	7	0								
"	Interest from Wake Estate ..	130	16	5											
	" " Canterbury Inscribed Stock ..	45	11	8											
	" " Gorman Stock ..	38	0	0											
	" " Mornington Investment ..	4	10	0											
	" " Memorial Gifts—														
	Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim ..	4	10	0											
	Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim ..	4	10	0											
	Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim ..	4	10	0											
	Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim ..	4	10	0											
	Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson ..	4	10	0											
	Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina ..	4	10	0											
	Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim ..	4	10	0											
	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere ..	4	10	0											
	Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Blenheim ..	4	10	0											
	Mr. Frank O. White, Blenheim ..	4	10	0											
	Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim ..	4	10	0											
	Rev. and Mrs. Baumber, Christchurch ..	4	10	0											
"	Interest from Auckland Investments ..	573	7	8	846	5	9								
"	Interest on Account Mission Property Trustees ..				204	2	6								
"	Special, S. Gorman, for Kurahuna ..				5	0	0								

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ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1938

INCOME.

CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS, AND MAORI CIRCUITS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland District				1,230	0	0
South Auckland District				800	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui District				470	0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District				660	0	0
Wellington District				760	0	0
Nelson District				380	0	0
North Canterbury District				890	0	0
South Canterbury District				340	0	0
Otago-Southland District				500	0	0
				6,000	0	0
Properties				1,000	0	0
Investments				950	0	0
Special for Social and Religious Work amongst the Maoris:—						
Methodist Women's Missionary Union	870	0	0			
Y.W.B.C. Movement	160	0	0			
Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust	360	0	0			
(The Sunday School contributions for the support of a Deaconess are included in the Circuit Estimates.)						
				1,390	0	0
Miscellaneous				250	0	0
Estimated ordinary income				£9,590	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Senior Supt.—Stipend	210	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	25	0	0
Invest. Fund			
Board Rent	30	0	0
Minister—Stipend	200	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	10	0	0
Minister—Travelling	60	0	0
13 H.M.'s—Grant for Travelling Expenses	213	10	0
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0	0
Travelling	40	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Assistant Deaconess—Stipend	104	0	0
Travelling	11	0	0
To Investment Board for Rent	16	10	0
	£1,690	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Rawene	10	0	0
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale	20	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Mahurangi	35	0	0
Dargaville (if Second Agent Appointed)	40	0	0
Whangarei (if Second Agent)	35	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Auckland Methodist Central Mission (if Second Deaconess Appointed)	50	0	0
Bay of Islands	30	0	0
Hikurangi	30	0	0
Paparoa	40	0	0
Whangaroa	80	0	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	50	0	0
Mangonui	55	0	0
Ruawai	100	0	0

£575 0 0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.		
Maori Work.		
Minister—Stipend	200	0 0
Travelling	50	0 0
Special Travelling	10	0 0
H.M.—Travelling	80	0 0
H.M.—Travelling	80	0 0
H.M.—Travelling	60	0 0
18 H.M.'s—Grant for Travelling Expenses	368	7 6
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0 0
Travelling	50	0 0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0 0
Travelling	50	0 0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0 0
Travelling	50	0 0
Deaconess—Stipend	104	0 0
Travelling	50	0 0
Deaconess Supply Travelling To Investment Funds Board for Rent	24	0 0
	138	2 6
	£1,699	10 0

Home Mission Stations.		
Coromandel	40	0 0
Kawhia	50	0 0
Te Puke	50	0 0

Aided Circuits.		
Whakatane	20	0 0
Paeroa	45	0 0
Tauranga	10	0 0
Opotiki	50	0 0
Taumarunui	50	0 0
Otorohanga	20	0 0
Huntly	5	0 0
Hauraki Plains	35	0 0
Te Kuiti	50	0 0
Waipi	45	0 0
Rotorua	40	0 0
Putaruru	10	0 0
	£520	0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.		
Minister—Stipend	200	0 0
Travelling	50	0 0
Special Travelling	10	0 0
To Invest. Fund Board for Rent	20	0 0
11 H.M.'s—Grant for Travelling Expenses	170	0 0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0 0
Travelling	50	0 0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0 0
Travelling	55	0 0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0 0
Travelling	55	0 0
Grey Institute for Rent	39	0 0
	£1,024	0 0

Home Mission Stations.		
Raetihi-Ohakune	10	0 0
Patea (if Stipend £160)	35	0 0
Inglewood (if M.H.M.)	30	0 0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.		
Wanganui North	20	0 0

Aided Circuits.		
Waitara	10	0 0
Manaia	10	0 0
Marion	35	0 0
Taihape	35	0 0
	£185	0 0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.		
Waipawa	40	0 0
Foxton	30	0 0
Apiti	45	0 0
Aided Circuits.		
Wairoa (if S.P.'s Stipend £160)	45	0 0
Woodville	15	0 0
Pahiatua	15	0 0
	£190	0 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.		
Paraparaumu	40	0 0
Upper Hutt (if Stipend £140)	35	0 0
Aided Circuits.		
Otaki	40	0 0
Eketahuna	40	0 0
Carterton (if Stipend £225)	15	0 0
Wellington East	65	0 0
Greytown-Featherston	25	0 0
	£260	0 0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.		
Murchison	30	0 0
Granity	45	0 0
Havelock	20	0 0
Aided Circuits.		
Westport	10	0 0
Reefton (if M.O.M., otherwise £15)	40	0 0
Wakefield	25	0 0
Special	10	0 0
	£180	0 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.		
Hawarden	25	0 0
Waddington (if Stipend £180 for 1937 and 1938)	30	0 0
Aided Circuits.		
Christchurch East Wainoni	20	0 0
Addington (Lincoln Road)	10	0 0
St. Albans (Bryndwr)	10	0 0
Lytelton	40	0 0
Springston	20	0 0
Tai Tapu	50	0 0
Oxford	40	0 0
	£245	0 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.		
Rakala-Methven	10	0 0
" " Special	20	0 0
Geraldine	35	0 0
Temuka	30	0 0
" (Maori)	5	0 0
	£100	0 0

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