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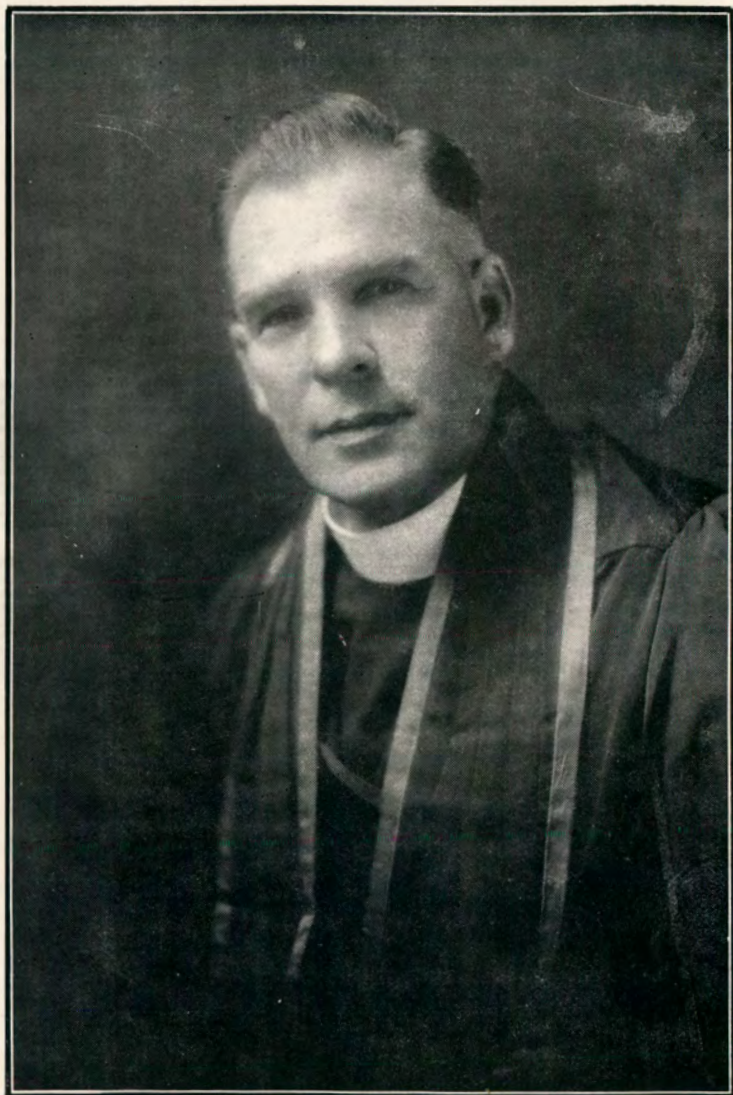
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"The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen's Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee" were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 "a distinct Connexion, to be denominated 'The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,' with an Annual Conference,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

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

A Scheme of Annual and General Conferences was determined by the Australasian Conference of 1873.

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. Angus McBean, Retiring President, after which the Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. David J. Wesley was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by Mr. Mark Kershaw, retiring Vice-President.

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

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"	E. W. Tozer
"	F. C. Matthews

Auckland (Avondale)	G. W. Turley
Auckland "	Mrs. G. W. Turley
Auckland (Devonport)	
Auckland (Takapuna)	....	....	....	J. C. Lewis
Auckland (Birkenhead)	....	....	....
Onehunga	....	....	....	Miss A. Pople
Otahuhu	....	....	....	E. Pain
Papakura	....	....	....	C. Hodgkinson
Pukekohe	....	....	....	R. C. Clark, M.A.
Waiuku	....	....	....
Helensville	....	....	....
Mahurangi	....	....	....	F. D. Miller*
Paparoa	....	....	....
Dargaville	....	....	....
Ruawai	....	....	....
Whangarei	....	....	....	J. Wilson
Whangaroa	....	....	....
Bay of Islands	....	....	....
Port Albert	....	....	....	L. Bennett
Hikurangi	....	....	....
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	....	....	....	T. Moor
Mangonui	....	....	....
Hokianga	....	....	....

South Auckland District.

Thames	....	....	....
Hauraki Plains	....	....	....
Paeroa	....	....	....	G. H. Hill
Waihi	....	....	....	J. B. Beeche
Te Aroha	....	....	....
Morrinsville	....	....	....	W. E. Woodley
Cambridge	....	....	....	E. J. Easter*
Hamilton	....	....	....	J. C. Tietjens
Hamilton	....	....	....	Mrs. Tietjens*
Hamilton East	....	....	....	J. T. Bryant
Huntly	....	....	....
Matamata	....	....	....
Putaruru	....	....	....
Rotorua	....	....	....
Tauranga	....	....	....
Whakatane	....	....	....
Opotiki	....	....	....
Te Awamutu	....	....	....	J. T. Johnson*
Otorohanga	....	....	....	W. F. Walters
Te Kuiti	....	....	....
Taumarunui	....	....	....	G. W. Sherson

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	....	....	....	A. E. Berry*
New Plymouth	....	....	....	A. E. Moss
Waitara	....	....	....
Stratford	....	....	....	T. E. Bell
Eltham-Kaponga	....	....	....
Hawera	....	....	....	S. J. Bennett
Manaia	....	....	....
Opunake	....	....	....	J. A. Pettigrew
Wanganui	....	....	....	W. Howells
Wanganui North	....	....	....	Mrs. J. F. Martin
Gonville	....	....	....
Marton	....	....	....
Taihape	....	....	....

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	....	....	....	J. H. Oldham
Hastings	....	....	....	W. Harris
Gisborne	....	....	....	F. H. Forge
Wairoa	....	....	....
Dannevirke	....	....	....	A. R. Thompson
Woodville	....	....	....	R. Richards*
Pahiatua	....	....	....	J. J. Boagey
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	....	....	....	A. W. Green
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	....	....	....	G. H. Gilling
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	....	....	....
Feilding	....	....	....	G. J. McVicar
Sanson-Rongotea	....	....	....	Mrs. M. E. Smith

Wellington District.

Wellington Central	....	....	....	H. E. Pacey
"	....	....	....	B. O. Stokes
"	....	....	....	A. C. Barrington
Wellington (Thorndon)	....	....	....
"	
Wellington South	....	....	....	H. Smith
Wellington East	....	....	....	N. R. Seddon
Wellington East	....	....	....	E. C. Cole
Johnsonville-Ngaio	....	....	....	W. J. Carman*
Hutt	....	....	....	O. Dryden
Petone	....	....	....	F. Lockwood
Greytown-Featherston	....	....	....	Mrs. A. Ross*
Carterton	....	....	....	W. Vaughan
Masterton	....	....	....
Eketahuna	....	....	....	M. Hansen
Levin	....	....	....	Mrs. J. Dennis
Otaki	....	....	....	W. Taylor

Nelson District.

Nelson	....	....	....	H. J. Savage
Richmond	....	....	....	Mrs. McNab
Wakefield-Dovedale	....	....	....	Miss Borlace*
Motueka	....	....	....	E. S. Wratt
Blenheim	....	....	....	F. H. Southgate
"	....	....	....	W. S. Harris
Reefton	....	....	....
Westport	....	....	....
Greymouth	....	....	....
Hokitika	....	....	....	T. W. Duff*

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	....	....	....	W. A. Bascand
				C. W. Barrell
Christchurch East	....	....	....	H. J. S. Harrington
"	....	....	....	F. Sincok
"	....	....	....	J. H. Yarr
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	....	....	....	H. Holland, C.B.E.
Christchurch (Woolston)	....	....	....	D. McHarg
Christchurch (Sydenham)	....	....	....	W. G. Wright
Christchurch (Addington)	....	....	....	J. H. Jones
Christchurch (Riccarton)	....	....	....	H. B. Moore
Christchurch (St. Albans)	....	....	....	P. A. Le Brun
"	....	....	....	R. Todhunter
Christchurch (Papanui)	....	....	....	C. M. Manhire
Lyttelton	....	....	....	W. Foster*
Springston	....	....	....	H. W. Peryman

Tai Tapu	....	....	....	....	Miss C. Sheat
Leeston	....	....	....	....	Miss S. E. Evans
Kaiapoi	....	....	....	....	E. A. Woodfield
Ohoka	....	....	....	....	H. A. Bennett
Rangiora	....	....	....	....	E. C. Pateman
Woodend-Sefton	....	....	....	....	Mrs. R. McGregor
Greendale	....	....	....	....	Mrs. C. Tritt
Oxford	....	....	....	....

South Canterbury District.

Timaru (Banks Street)	....	....	....	....	Mrs. R. McAlister
Timaru (Woodland Street)	....	....	....	....	C. W. Keinan
Timaru South	....	....	....	....	W. Simmons
Waimate	....	....	....	....	K. Kippenberger
Temuka	....	....	....	....	Mrs. W. Hewson*
Geraldine	....	....	....	....	E. Simpson
Ashburton	....	....	....	....	H. Money
Willowby	....	....	....	....	G. H. B. Lill
Oamaru	....	....	....	....	Mrs. Bridgman
Rakaia-Methven	....	....	....	....

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	....	....	....	....	G. S. Gapper
Dunedin Central Mission	....	....	....	....	D. C. Cameron, J.P.
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	....	....	....	....	E. W. Isbister
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	....	....	....	....	J. T. Barclay
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	....	....	....	....	G. Clark
Dunedin (Caversham)	....	....	....	....	A. H. Harman
Dunedin (Morningside)	....	....	....	....	F. G. Marshall
Dunedin (Roslyn)	....	....	....	....	R. Jamieson
Port Chalmers	....	....	....	....	F. Gerry
Balclutha	....	....	....	....
Milton	....	....	....	....	C. R. Sheat
Roxburgh	....	....	....	....	T. P. Michelle
Invercargill (Central)	....	....	....	....	D. J. Wesley
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	....	....	....	....	C. Craig
Bluff	Mrs. J. H. Robertson*
Gore	A. J. Clearwater
Riverton	G. R. Willis

Solomon Islands District.

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Theological College	J. Tyler
"	
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"	A. Williams
Home Missionaries' Representatives	R. Coombridge
"	F. O. Prosser
Foreign Mission Department	Mrs. T. Rowe
Youth Department	....	....	....	....	A. E. Bate
"	N. R. Seddon
"	G. James
"	C. A. Russell
Connexional Secretaryship Committee	F. Thompson

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Methodist Women's Missionary Union	Miss Rishworth
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Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	C. E. Taylor
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Nelson	W. D. Pike*
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South Canterbury	A. L. Hudson*
Otago-Southland	J. McIndoe

Maori Missions.

Taranaki	Sister Atawhai
Waikato	....	....	....	....
Auckland	....	....	....	....

QUESTION 11.—Who are now admitted as Ministers in full Connection with the Conference?

George E. Beckingsale
H. Ian K. Hopper
Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.So.Sc.
James S. Willoughby
Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

John Churchill
William R. Francis, B.A.
Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
Leslie T. Norwell
Who have travelled three years.
Howard E. Harkness, M.A. (with Honours)
Ernest S. Hoddinott
William R. Laws, B.A. (with Honours)
Wesley L. Long
Ashleigh K. Petch
John Silvester
Harris Whitfield
Who have travelled two years.

Herbert A. Cochrane
Reginald Grice
Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agric.)
Campbell P. Lucas
Charles B. Oldfield
Alfred Sanft
J. Stanley Waite
John K. Watson

Who have travelled one year.

Also—Leslie C. Clements.

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

John B. Dawson
Haddon C. Dixon
Leslie R. M. Gilmore
Lawrence Greenslade
Alan O. Jones
Maharaia Winiata

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

Charles H. Bell
Harold K. Brown
Harold W. Burley
Harold A. Darvill
Gordon V. Thomas
J. Henry Woolford

Who are continued for a third year.

Robert F. Clement
Alan F. Collins
John J. Lewis, B.A.
William J. Morrison
Leonard V. Willing

Who are continued for a second year.

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

Bruce H. Barnitt, M.Sc.
Clifford G. Brown
William S. Dawson
Wilfred E. Falkingham
Edmund D. Grounds.

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

Usaia Sotutu

Who has travelled six years, to be ordained
at the Synod of 1940.

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

Nathan Kera

Who has travelled five years.

John Afu

Who has travelled three years.

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

None.

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

None.

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

Third Year:

A. F. Attwood.
K. A. Robinson.

Second Year:

G. W. Crammond
N. R. Hooper.

First Year:

J. F. Amos
H. M. Brasell
A. A. L. Hutching
C. S. L. Oliver
W. G. Peate
C. W. Tolley
T. A. Winn.

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

Alfred Peters
Naphthali Fotu (Solomon Islands).

ALFRED PETERS.

ALFRED PETERS was born in Truro, Cornwall, on the 26th of February, 1850. His lot was cast in a Christian home, and at an early age he was converted. This great experience changed his whole outlook on life. While doing manual work he seized such opportunities of study as were afforded him, and became a fully-accredited local preacher. He continued his studies and later came to New Zealand. Not long after his arrival he entered the ministry of the United Methodist Free Church in 1877. An administrator and builder of churches he won distinction, and was a Chairman of District both in the United Methodist Free Church, and in the Methodist Church. Of the twelve Ministers of the United Methodist Free Church entering the larger Methodism of the partial union of 1896, Alfred Peters was the sole survivor. Like many another public man, he had a full share of criticism, but he was able, apparently unperturbed, to follow his chosen way of life. Of the forty-three years of his active ministry thirty-one were spent in Canterbury Circuits, followed by nearly twenty years of retirement in Christchurch. Great as was his age of eighty-nine years, he would probably, to all human seeming have lived considerably longer, but for two serious accidents, one a few weeks before his death. These caused great suffering and much nerve shock and strain, and with the almost complete blindness of his latest days, caused him much distress. The great deliverance came on the 8th of November, 1939, when a wearied, racked spirit went to its rest in God.

"Servant of God, well done!"

NAPHTHALI FOTU.

NAPHTHALI FOTU.—The death of our Tongan brother is a great loss to the Methodist Church in the Solomon Islands. This Conference places on record its appreciation of the long and faithful services rendered to our Church, and to the cause of Missions by this devoted Minister of the Gospel, and to express the deep sympathy of the Members with the widow in her sorrow and loss. Naphthali came to the Solomons as a volunteer from Tonga about 1915, and a few years later he returned to his homeland, and laboured as a devoted and trusted Minister there for some time. When the Chairman of our Mission District, the Rev. J. F. Goldie, visited Tonga in 1921 to make an appeal for workers, Naphthali was one of the first to respond, and in 1922 returned to the Mission District. Since then he has laboured as a faithful Servant of Christ and his Church and his self-sacrificing labours have been abundantly blessed of God. His best memorial is the love and esteem of the people for whom he lived and laboured, and who will always cherish the memory of this good man.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

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

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

G. Knowles Smith
R. Purcell Keall
Jonathan H. Haslam
George P. Hunt
Frank E. Leadley
Arthur Liversedge
Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Benjamin J. James.

G. KNOWLES SMITH.

The retirement of George Knowles Smith, the senior minister of our church in the active work embracing 22 years in England and 28 years in New Zealand, calls forth the sincerest tribute from the Conference and from the whole Connexion. This year Mr. Smith completes half a century of faithful, devoted and efficient service to Methodism.

On both sides, he represents the third generation of Primitive Methodist Ministers. His father occupied a very high position in that Church in England, and our brother seems to have inherited his great gifts of mind, heart, and pulpit, and his great administrative ability. He was intended for the teaching profession, but very soon felt the call to preach the gospel of the Risen Lord.

He entered the Primitive Methodist Ministry in England in 1892, and served in some of the largest and most important Circuits in England and Scotland, in each of which he rendered conspicuous service. In the height of his ministry he accepted a call to the New Zealand Primitive Methodist Church in 1901, and was appointed to Dunedin, which was then one Circuit. He at once took a foremost place in the life of the city, and his work is remembered until this day. In 1912, he was elevated to the Presidency of that Church, and was in great demand for all special occasions. He was selected as a member of the Committee which was appointed to consider the subject of Methodist Union. With Methodist union, our brother was appointed to the Central Mission in Wellington, and since then has served the Church in various spheres. Always he has been an effective preacher, a capable platform speaker and lecturer, and a genial and capable pastor and administrator.

On his retirement, we wish for him and Mrs. Smith a long and happy eventide.

R. PURCELL KEALL.

On applying to enter the ranks of the Supernumeraries, R. Purcell Keall closes a ministry of 41 years. Born in 1865, a son of the Parsonage, at 12 years of age, during a Mission conducted by the Rev. J. J. Lewis in Durham Street Church, he gave his heart to God and soon found a way of service for his Master. Entering the Home Mission ranks for a short period prior to his candidature he was privileged to be the first preacher of any Church to be appointed to the then wide Ohakune area. Following a term at Prince Albert College, commencing in 1897, he was ordained in 1903. In Sandon Circuit it was his delight to be Superintendent for four years where his father had been Superintendent 20 years before. After exercising a faithful and painstaking ministry in a number of our Circuits, the Church rejoices that he retires with a degree of health and strength that gives promise of still further acceptable service, and now wishes for him a happy period of retirement, full of gracious memories and still rich in treasured friendships, and with the knowledge that he has the cordial esteem and affection of his brethren.

JONATHAN H. HASLAM.

Jonathan H. Haslam was born in 1866, and after schooling entered a solicitor's office with the intention of qualifying for the legal profession. The deepening of his spiritual life led him to recognise the call of the Spirit to the work of the ministry. The Church confirmed this call when he was nominated by the late Rev.

Wm. Baumber, and received for training in 1897. For his first student year he was assistant to the late Rev. J. H. Simmonds at Wesley College, Three Kings; and for two years at Prince Albert College.

In 1900 he was received on probation, beginning a ministry of forty years which has been exercised in some of our most important circuits, and in every District of the Conference. In every Church where he has laboured he is gratefully remembered for a ministry of culture, devotion, and faithfulness.

A student by nature, Brother Haslam has been a wide reader; and the Epworth Press published his volume of poems. His connection with the Board of Examiners began in 1910 as an Examiner in New Testament Greek. In 1918 he was appointed Secretary of the Board of Examiners, an office he filled with distinction until he became Secretary of Conference in 1930. From 1916 onwards he was successively for eight years Journal Secretary, Minute Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Conference; for ten years he acted as Secretary of Synod and District Statistical Secretary in three important Districts. His musical ability has been frequently recognised by the Conference.

Mr. Haslam was called to the Chair of the Conference in 1935, and represented New Zealand Methodism at the Fiji Methodist Centenary which was celebrated that year. For one year he acted as Deputy-Chairman of the Wellington District, and has since served as Financial Secretary of the District.

In placing on record its appreciation of this faithful and able service, Conference extends to him and Mrs. Haslam best wishes for many years of health and happiness.

GEORGE P. HUNT.

George Percival Hunt has a long Methodist ancestry and is descended also from pioneer families whose association with New Zealand dates back to the year 1840 when this country came under British sovereignty. He is grandson of Mr. Charles Hunt, a local preacher who came to Wellington 100 years ago. His grandmother was a Luxford whose mother had been converted under the preaching of John Wesley. G. P. Hunt was born in the Rongotea district. He early yielded to Christian influences and consecrated his gifts to the service of Christ. Before attaining his majority he took up Home Mission work in Waihi in 1895 in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church. Later he spent two years at Inglewood divided by a student year at Auckland. The Primitive Methodist Conference of 1900 admitted him on probation and four years later he was ordained and was married to the lady who, through the years, has proved herself a gift of God to her home and her Church. For thirteen years Mr. Hunt held important charges in his Church. In 1913 when Methodist Union was consummated he was appointed to Invercargill (St. Peter's). He has since served the United Church in a number of important spheres. No circuit ever showed a decline under his zealous leadership. He has been a passionate evangelist, a devoted pastor, a capable administrator and a loyal friend. In domestic sorrow he has illustrated the reality of his Christian witness. In all his Circuits he has shown fidelity in meeting every demand of his vocation, and has been notable in his care for the properties of the Connexion. He enters upon the supernumerary relationship with the respect and affection of his brethren and their prayer that he may continue to find rich reward in the joy of continued service.

FRANK E. LEADLEY.

Frank E. Leadley is the eldest son of the Rev. Francis Leadley, a minister for 41 years in the Primitive Methodist Church in England. Born in 1876, he was trained in Hartley College under Dr. Peake, and received into the ministry of the Primitive Methodist Church in 1900. For 11 years he served that Church, but, following a severe breakdown, he removed to Australia for health reasons. After nine years in Australia, he came to New Zealand, arriving in 1920 and laboured with great acceptance in various Circuits. He has filled the important position of Secretary of Synod in the Auckland and South Auckland Districts, was a member of Trinity College Council for four years, and served on the Conference platform for 13 consecutive years. In Circuit work he has proved an excellent preacher, a faithful pastor, and an efficient administrator. He is a brother beloved and trusted, a wise and sympathetic counsellor of youth. Now at the age of 63 years, and after 40 years in the ministry, he retires on medical advice as a supernumerary.

ARTHUR LIVERSEDGE.

ARTHUR LIVERSEDGE retires from the active work of the ministry rich in the regard and confidence of his brethren and in the gratitude of those to whom he has ministered. His lifelong fealty to Jesus Christ was begun in the shelter of a godly home at Barnsley, Yorkshire. Here as a boy he was enrolled in the membership of the Methodist New Connexion. His character and his gifts led to his reception as a local preacher at the age of eighteen years. Responding to the call to devote his life to the vocation of the Christian ministry he became a student at Ranmoor Theological College, Sheffield. In 1896 he began his probation at Mossley, Lancashire, and four years later was received into full connexion. While stationed at Waverley Park Church, London, a severe nervous breakdown interrupted an enriching and influential ministry. On medical advice he resigned his ministry in 1910 and two years later came to New Zealand. Here, in the Hamilton Circuit, his gifts and graces were at once recognised. Through definite Providential guidance and the persuasions of the Rev. James Wrigley, Mr. Liversedge, who had regained a good measure of health, responded to the call to renew the exercise of his true vocation and, in 1914, he was admitted as a fully accredited minister of the New Zealand Church. He has since exercised a singularly gracious ministry in city circuits and in provincial towns. While at Thames, in 1934, ill-health brought a temporary interruption to his work, but the following year he resumed active service at Oxford. Of strong and distinctive personality, with fine qualities of mind and spirit, he gave unstinted service in all his circuits. Through his pulpit ministrations, his pastoral fidelities, and his passion for social reform he has made a lavish gift of service to Christ and His Church. Mrs. Liversedge has been a devoted sharer in all the toils of her husband. Together they have spent their strength and their substance to further the Kingdom of God. For the last two years Mr. Liversedge has technically "rested," but has continued to pour out a stream of sacrificial service. He leaves the ranks of the active ministry with the affectionate regard of the whole of his brethren and their prayer that he may find rich recompense in his continued service of the Church he loves.

ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A.

Adolphus N. Scotter retires from the active work of the ministry with a fine record of outstanding service rendered during forty years in many departments of the life and work of the Church. After a short period of theological training at Prince Albert College he commenced his ministry in 1900 and during forty years has served with whole-hearted devotion in several important towns and city circuits. Thoughtful as a preacher, sympathetic as a pastor, and capable as an administrator he has left an excellent record in every circuit to which he has been appointed. He has everywhere given special attention to Church properties. Reconstructed and new buildings bear testimony to his care for the material side of the work of the Church. Being of scholarly attainments, Mr. Scotter has served as tutor to the theological students, examiner of students and probationers, and as a member of the Board of Examiners. He has been an ardent supporter and advocate of the missionary work of the Church and for many years has been a member of the Board of Missions. He was appointed by the Conference in 1927 to convey the greetings of the Church in New Zealand to the Missionary workers and the Native Church in the Solomon Islands on the occasion of the celebration of the semi-jubilee of the Mission. He has held many Connexional Offices, among them the assistant editorship of the Connexional paper and the Chairmanship of Districts. On more than one occasion he was one of three ministers nominated for appointment to a Connexional Department. For six years he served with great ability as Secretary of the Conference, and in 1930 was elected President of the Conference. Now, on his retirement from the active work, the whole Church expresses its deep sense of the valuable service he has rendered in so many different capacities. He carries with him into a less strenuous life the warmest esteem of all who have been associated with him in circuit and administrative work. He has been splendidly assisted by Mrs. Scotter, who has in every circuit exercised a gracious influence. The hope is cherished that they may long live to serve the Church in the many avenues of Christian service still open to them.

BENJAMIN JOHN JAMES.

Benjamin John James was born in Victoria, Australia, in 1874. His people were Wesleyan Methodists, and one of his ancestors was a Class Leader under John Wesley. Before coming to New Zealand in the year 1900 he served for three years as a home missionary in Victoria. His first year in New Zealand was spent in Home Mission work, and at the Conference in 1901 he was received as a candidate for the Ministry, and sent to Prince Albert College for training. After two years in College he was sent as the first probationer to Tua Marina. Thus he commenced his ministry of 37 years. He has been a diligent and sympathetic pastor, a wise organiser and administrator, a thoughtful and acceptable preacher, and a loyal friend. His special study has been Methodist history and theology. Herein he speaks with authority. For two years he was Associate Editor of the "Methodist Times." He has been Synod Secretary and Convener of several Connexional Committees. Mrs. James has been a hard working, kindly, sympathetic help-mate through the years. In closing their active ministry they have the consciousness of faithful and fruitful service for the Master, and have won the affection and admiration of ministers and people throughout the Methodist Church of New Zealand. We wish them many happy years of quiet and useful eventide.

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

William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
Wallace S. Neal.

QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be—

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

W. T. Hooper	J. W. Bayliss
C. Strand	W. Sussex
J. H. Edmondson	S. Keen
J. Belshaw	C. W. Brown
A. L. Witheford	T. W. Featherstone
J. Common	W. H. Wilson
H. Ashworth	

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

CHARLES DUNCAN.

Charles Duncan was born on September 28th, 1879, at Dunedin, in which city he received a good education and later a business training. In 1907 he was transferred to Wellington and a year later was married to Miss Annie Hutton, also of Dunedin.

In 1910 he felt the call of the Christian ministry and offered himself as a Home Missionary of our Church. On being accepted his first appointment was to Patea, and subsequently he travelled in several of our most important stations, proving in each one a faithful preacher and pastor. A special feature of his work was his untiring labours in Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools.

Owing to a serious breakdown in health he now retires with the fine record of thirty years of devoted service for Jesus Christ and the Methodist Church.

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.

E. Percy Blamires, with permission to remain in England for another year.

Robert Thornley, M.A., with permission to remain in England for another year.

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

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

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

None.

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

Allan H. Cropp is transferred to the New South Wales Conference.

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, Candidates for the Ministry, and Home Missionaries?

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(A) Examiners for Probationers.

Elementary Hebrew	Rev. R. Dudley, M.A.
Hebrew (1st and 2nd years)	Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
Hebrew (3rd and 4th years)	..	..	Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.
Greek (1st and 2nd years)	Rev. R. Dudley, M.A.
Greek (3rd and 4th years)	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.
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English Bible (Old Testament) 3rd and 4th years	Rev. W. Rowe
English Bible (New Testament) 1st and 2nd years	Rev. B. Metson
English Bible (New Testament) 3rd and 4th years	..	..	Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A
Theology :			
1st year	..	..	Rev. A. H. Fowles
2nd year	Rev. A. M. Costain, Dip.SocSe
3rd year	Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.
4th year	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
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Apologetics	Rev. P. R. Paris
Religion and Psychology	Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A.
Social Ethics	Rev. O. Burnet
Comparative Religion	..	..	Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A.
Religious Education	..	..	Rev. E. Drake

(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. G. R. Harris
N. T. Exegesis	..	..	..	Rev. H. G. Brown
Homiletics	..	..	..	Rev. W. Walker
Pastoral Theology	..	..	..	Rev. A. Blakemore
Greek	..	..	..	Rev. G. R. Harris
Mental and Moral Philosophy	..	..	..	Rev. J. D. Grocott
English	..	..	..	Rev. F. Hayman
				Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A.
Religious Education	..	..	..	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.
Elocution and Public Speaking	..	..	..	Revs. T. R. B. Woolloxall, E. T. Olds and Mr. K. M. Griffin, M.Sc.

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge I	..	..	..	Rev. E. S. Harkness
Bible Knowledge II	..	..	..	Rev. H. T. Peat
Theology	..	..	..	Rev. E. T. Olds
English and Greek	..	..	..	Rev. Gordon Parker, 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. F. J. Handy
Church History and Homiletics	..	..	..	Rev. R. P. Keall

(E) Examiner for Native Probationers.

Rev. A. O. Harris.

(F) Examiner for Local Preachers.

Rev. J. C. Draper.

(G) Correspondence Tutors in Greek.

First Year	..	..	..	Rev. W. A. Mills
Second Year	..	..	..	Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A.
Third Year	..	..	..	Rev. I. S. Williamson
Fourth Year	..	..	..	Rev. W. Parker, M.A.

(H) Tutors in Theology.

First Year	..	..	..	Rev. O. E. Burton, M.A.
Second Year	..	..	..	Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade
Third Year	..	..	..	Rev. C. O. Hailwood
Fourth Year	..	..	..	Rev. L. C. Horwood

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.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS

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).

Wesley's Sermons—1, 7, 36, 39, 42, 46, 47, 49.

2nd Year: God.

The Christian Idea of God (M. Hughes).

The World and God (Farmer).

God in Christian Thought and Experience (Matthews).

Wesley's Sermons—2, 5, 29, 30, 31, 38, 50.

3rd Year: The Holy Spirit.

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

The Holy Spirit in St. Paul (Hoyle).

Wesley's Sermons—2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

4th Year: The Doctrine of the Future.

The World to Come and Final Destiny (Leckie).

And the Life-Everlasting (J. Baillie).

Wesley's Sermons—14, 15, 32, 34, 35, 41, 44, 45.

4. General.

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

2nd Year—One of the following :—

1. Apologetics :

The Relevance of Christianity (Barry).

The Christian Understanding of Man (Church, Community and State, Oxford Conference Series—Allen and Unwin).

2. Religion and Psychology :

The New Psychology and Religious Experience (T. H. Hughes).

The Psychology of Religion (Selbie).

3. Social Ethics :

The Christian Ideal for Human Society (Garvie).

4. Comparative Religion (including Anthropology) :

Living Religions of the East (Cave).

Soderblom 'The Living God' (From 1941.)

5. Religious Education :

The Approach to Religious Education (Yeaxlee).

Church Community and State in Relation to Education (Oxford Conference—Allen and Unwin).

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 in some religious or theological subject. The subject for research shall be chosen before April 1st, and after consultation, through the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, with the Board of Studies of Trinity College. It shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners on or before November 1st, who shall submit it to a panel of judges. These 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/or (2) do not apply, shall be permitted to take the alternative English Old Testament and/or English New Testament in lieu of Hebrew and/or 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. Examinations in the subjects 1, (Hebrew or English Old Testament) and 4 (General) shall be conducted in July and in the subjects 2 (Greek or English New Testament) and 3 (Theology) be conducted in December. N.B.—This does not apply to the presentation of Thesis as under 4 General.
9. Book List. Every Probationer shall forward to his Chairman, not 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—"Introduction to Psychology" (Loveday and Green) 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—"Introduction to Psychology" (Loveday and Green) and lectures
Nursing—Home Nursing and Hygiene, Lectures.

VIII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

(Two Hour Papers).

1. General Bible Knowledge. Text-books : Maclear's Primers.
2. Theology—"The Faith"—F. 2. Farley.
3. Homiletics—"A Primer of Homiletics"—Edwards.

REGULATION.

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.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations for 1940 shall commence on the following dates :—
Probationers :—Tuesday, 23rd July, and Tuesday, 3rd December.

Candidates for the Ministry :—Tuesday, 17th September.

Home Missionary Probationers :—Tuesday, 3rd December.

Local Preachers :—(I) The first week of June and of December.

- (II) Circuit Superintendents nominating Local Preachers shall notify the Chairman on or before May 1st or November 1st as the case may be.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That in connection with the revised Course of Study for Probationers, Conference affirms the principle that a Pass in four subjects with an average of 80 per cent. be "With Honours."
2. That William R. Francis and William R. Laws be congratulated on completing the B.A. Degree and that this be printed in the Minutes.
3. That Rangi Rogers be granted one year's rest; that he take light "supply" work, and that he be permitted to take a special course of study—without prejudice—the Revs. H. L. Fiebig and G. I. Laurenson to determine such course.
4. That Conference express its special congratulations to Maharaia Winiata on completing his college course with much credit, and rejoices in the fact that for the first time a Maori Student has completed the usual course of college training for the Ministry in full status.
5. Book Lists:
That the word "shall" be submitted for "may" Min. of Conf. 1939, page 166, line 4.
That the Conference express its hearty thanks to the Rev. G. R. Harris for his services as Oral Examiner.
6. Oral Examiner for 1941:
That the Examiner for 1941 be Dr. H. Ranston; if unable to act, the Tutor, Rev. E. W. Hames, to fill the position.
7. Thanks:
That hearty appreciation be expressed to the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., for his services rendered as Secretary to the Board of Examiners for the past six years.
8. Secretary for 1940:
That the Rev. H. L. Fiebig be Secretary of the Board of Examiners for 1940.

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

AUCKLAND.

Hokianga.—That the Hokianga Circuit be divided and the northern section be constituted a separate Home Mission Station, to be known as North Hokianga.

North Auckland.—That the Home Mission Board and the Chairman of the District continue urgent investigation into the boundaries and staffing of the far North Auckland Area with special reference to the needs of the Bay of Islands and that a report be submitted to the next Synod.

Bay of Islands.—That Bay of Islands Circuit be reduced to a Home Mission Station.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Te Puke.—That the Te Puke H.M. Station be worked from Tauranga; that a suitable grant be made; that both agents reside at Tauranga; and that Tauranga Quarterly Meeting be asked to make a grant to the H.M. Station.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Wanganui Circuits.—That the Chairman be recommended to convene the Commission (see Min. Conf. 1939, page 32), and to report to Synod and Conference.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—

Waipawa-Waipukurau.—That the decision of last Conference be reaffirmed that the objective to be realised as soon as practicable be the appointment of one man to each centre, preferably a Probationer, especially for Waipukurau.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington Central.—That Webb Street be constituted a separate Circuit to be named Wellington (Webb Street).

NELSON.

Nelson.—That a special Committee consisting of the Chairman of the District and Ministers and Circuit Stewards of the Richmond, Motueka, and Wakefield-Dovedale Circuits be set up to consider the rearrangement of those Circuits and report to Synod and Conference.

Blenheim.—That the second Agent in the Blenheim Circuit, for the next twelve months, should reside in Picton, the matter to be reviewed at the end of that time.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Addington-Tai Tapu.—That the matter of amalgamation of Addington-Tai Tapu be referred back to the Commission and a Probationer be appointed in the meantime to work in both Circuits.

Woodend-Sefton.—That in view of the special difficulties facing the Conference, the Woodend-Sefton Circuit be requested to continue the oversight of the Hawarden H.M. Station for another year.

BOUNDARIES.

- (a) With a view to the furtherance of the interests of Methodism, the Conference appoints a Commission to consider the re-adjustment of Circuit Boundaries in Christchurch and Suburbs. The Commission to consist of the Chairman of the District, the Connexional-Secretary, the Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits, and Rev. E. Drake. Messrs M. Kershaw, F. Thompson, P. A. Le Brun, C. E. Purchase, W. Chas. Francis, E. H. Smith, H. B. Moore, H. W. Armitage, and D. Marshall.
- (b) That the Chairman of the District hold during April next a conference representative of all Circuits north of the Waimakariri River, for the purpose of discussing the work of that area, the representatives being all Superintendents, Circuit Stewards, and an additional representative from each Circuit to be nominated by the Superintendent or Quarterly Meeting concerned. Convenor, Rev. H. Benny.

The Commission to report their findings to the Quarterly Meetings concerned, and to the Synod and Conference.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Rakaia-Methven.—That Rakaia-Methven be reduced in status and incorporated in the Ashburton Circuit.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Ravensbourne.—That Broad Bay, Otakou, and Ravensbourne be separated from the Port Chalmers Circuit and constituted a Home Mission Station with a single Home Missionary, making Port Chalmers, Sawyers Bay, and Waitati the Port Chalmers Circuit; the agent to reside at Ravensbourne, and the name to be Ravensbourne-Broad Bay H.M. Station.

Riverton.—That Riverton be reduced to a Home Mission Station with a stipend of £200 without a grant.

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

AUCKLAND.

Auckland Central.—That a Probationer be appointed as the fifth agent, such appointment to be regarded as a special case not involving the obligation to take an additional ordained minister as laid down in the Book of Laws, Page 58, Par. 208.

NELSON.

Nelson.—That a Probationer be appointed to Nelson South.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Woolston.—That a Probationer be appointed.

That the Law Book Revision Committee be requested to consider the drafting of a new question for the order of Synod and Conference covering the matter of changes of status in appointments to Circuits or Home Mission Stations.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now constituted?

None.

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

Otahuhu (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai is due, but is relieved for one year.
Morrinsville (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.
Huntly is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.
Hauraki Plains is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.
Whakatane is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.
Taihape is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.
Napier (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.
Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for an eleventh year.
Hutt is due, but is relieved for a sixth year.
Durham Street (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a thirteenth year
Woolston (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a twelfth year.
Timaru South is due, but is relieved for a sixth year.
Rakaia-Methven is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.

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. LESLIE B. NEALE, B.A., F.R.G.S.

Vice-President: MR. DAVID J. WESNEY.

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1940.

(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, F. Gardner Brown (C.F. on Active Service) (Supply: Howard E. Harkness, M.A.), Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C., Andrew J. Johnston, Leslie C. Clements; Thomas A. Joughin, John Olphert, George P. Hunt (Supernumeraries). A Deaconess.

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

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—George I. Laurenson, General Superintendent.

Harry J. Odell, Assistant Superintendent.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—Youth Director (see question 29).

2. **Auckland Central Mission.**—A. Everil Orr; Arthur J. Seamer (Supernumerary). A Deaconess.
3. **Auckland West.**—John John, 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, B.A. (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), William A. Sinclair, George Frost (Supernumeraries).

Epsom Orphanage Chaplain—Fred Copeland.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. Principal: Eric W. Hames, M.A., Resident Tutor.

5. Auckland (Avondale).—Harold A. Sharp, Ralph J. Liddell (Glen Eden), Ashleigh K. Petch (Avondale); Arthur Mitchell, Arthur Hopper (Supernumeraries).
Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain—Harold A. Sharp.
6. Auckland (Devonport).—Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A., William J. Elliott (Supernumerary), E. Percy Blamires (resting).
7. Auckland (Takapuna).—Joseph C. Draper; Thomas R. B. Woolloxall, William Wills (Supernumeraries).
8. Auckland (Birkenhead).—Howard H. Jeffreys.
9. Onehunga.—John D. Grocott; Frank E. Leadley (Supernumerary).
10. Otahuhu.—Percy I. Cooke. One Wanted.
11. Papakura.—Wallace S. Neal.
12. Pukekohe.—William G. Slade, M.A. (who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau H.M. Station).
Wesley Training College, Paerata—William G. Slade, M.A., Chaplain.
13. Waiuku.—William B. Cuming.
14. Helensville.—One Wanted.
15. Mahurangi.—D. J. Donald Hickman (Warkworth); A Home Missionary.
16. Paparoa.—One Wanted.
17. Dargaville.—Ivo M. Raynor, V. Roy Jamieson (C.F. on Active Service); A Home Missionary (Te Kopuru).
18. Ruawai.—Howard C. Matthews.
19. Whangarei.—George E. Brown (who shall supervise the Hikurangi Circuit). A Home Missionary.
20. Whangaroa.—Frank Bateup (Kaeo) (who shall supervise the Hokianga, Mangonui, and Kawakawa-Ohaeawai Circuits, and the North Hokianga H.M. Station, and act as adviser to the Maori workers throughout the Whangaroa, Mangonui, Bay of Island and Hokianga Counties).
21. Port Albert.—William C. Jenkin.
22. Hikurangi.—One Wanted.
23. Kakakawa-Ohaeawai.—One Wanted.
24. Mangonui.—Harris Whitfield.
25. Hokianga.—Herbert A. Cochrane.

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

(1) Auckland—

Rakena P. Rakena (Waima).

13 Home Missionaries.

4 Deaconesses.

BOMBAY-TUAKAU.—A Home Missionary.

KAUKAPAKAPA-SILVERDALE.—A Home Missionary.

ALBANY.—A Home Missionary.

BAY OF ISLANDS.—A Home Missionary. J. H. Haslam (Supernumerary).

NORTH HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK.—A Home Missionary.

FRED. COPELAND, Chairman of the District.

WILLIAM WALKER, Financial Secretary.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

26. Thames.—Francis J. Handy (who shall supervise the Coromandel Home Mission Station).
 27. Hauraki Plains.—Charles B. Oldfield.
 28. Paeroa.—John R. Nelson (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit).
 29. Waihi.—Reginald Day.
 30. Te Aroha.—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
 31. Morrinsville.—John L. Mitchell, John B. Dawson (Waitoa).
 32. Cambridge.—George H. Goodman (who shall supervise the Putaruru Circuit).
 33. Hamilton.—Robert B. Tinsley, James W. Parker (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station).
 34. Hamilton East.—William Gatman.
 35. Huntly.—Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agric.).
 36. Matamata.—Arthur R. Witheford.
 37. Putaruru.—John Churchill.
 38. Rotorua.—Frank H. Hayman; Walter J. Oxbrow and William H. Speer (Supernumeraries).
 39. Tauranga.—Hedley White (who shall supervise the Whakatane and Opotiki Circuits and Te Puke H.M. Station).
 40. Whakatane.—Campbell P. Lucas.
 41. Opotiki.—One Wanted.
 42. Te Awamutu.—Herbert Spencer (who shall supervise the Te Kuiti Circuit).
 43. Otorohanga.—Vincent le C. Binet.
 44. Te Kuiti.—Alan O. Jones.
 45. Taumarunui.—Clifford L. Duder.
 - (2) Waikato—
Matene Keepa (Ngaruawahia).
Maharaia Winiata.
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, Ivan S. Williamson. A Home Missionary; John Nixon, Samuel Henderson (Supernumeraries).
47. Waitara.—Herbert Ford.
48. Stratford.—Gordon R. H. Peterson.
49. Eltham-Kaponga.—Edwin S. Harkness.
50. Hawera.—George F. Stockwell.
51. Manaia.—Reginald Grice.
52. Opunake.—John H. Bailey, A Home Missionary.
53. Wanganui.—Ernest B. Chambers (who shall supervise the Raetihi-Ohakune Home Mission Station).
54. Wanganui North.—J. Frederick Martin; A Home Missionary.
55. Gonville.—Charles E. Dickens.
56. Marton.—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.
57. Taihape.—Leslie R. M. Gilmore.

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

INGLEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—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.

58. Napier.—Samuel J. Werren (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit), Alfred Sanft (Greenmeadows).
59. Hastings.—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
60. Gisborne.—Albert Blakemore; a Home Missionary.
61. Wairoa.—One Wanted.
62. Dannevirke.—Alfred E. Waite.
63. Woodville.—Thomas Coatsworth.
64. Pahiatua.—William E. Moore.
65. Palmerston North (St. Paul's)—Clarence Eaton; Arthur Ashcroft (Supernumerary).
66. Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station).
67. Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.—Raymond Richards.
68. Feilding.—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (who shall supervise the Apiti H.M. Station); A Home Missionary.

69. **Sanson-Rongotea.**—Charles M. Roberts.
WAIPAWA.—A Home Missionary.
FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.
APITL.—A Home Missionary.
NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

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

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

70. **Wellington Central.**—Percy R. Paris, Thomas Skuse (Brooklyn) (who shall supervise Paraparaumu Home Mission Station); Robert Raine, Thomas R. Richards (Supernumeraries). Ernest O. Blamires, with permission to act as Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools League.
YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—Clifford T. Symons, M.A., B.D., Senior Youth Director.
71. **Wellington (Webb Street).**—Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (who shall work under the direction of the Chairman of the District).
72. **Wellington (Thorndon).**—Robert B. Gosnell, Alfred M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc. (Karori).
73. **Wellington South.**—Walter Parker.
74. **Wellington East.**—Oswald Burnet, Athol R. Penn (Island Bay), Ernest S. Hoddinott; Colin C. Harrison, Fred. Greenwood (Supernumeraries).
75. **Johnsonville-Ngaio.**—Norman P. Larsen, Wesley L. Long (Porirua); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).
76. **Hutt.**—Frederick J. Parker (who shall supervise the Upper Hutt Home Mission Station), Haddon C. Dixon, Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip. Soc. Sc. (resting); Thomas W. Vealie, R. Purcell Keall (Supernumeraries).
77. **Petone.**—Henry J. Tozer, M.A.
78. **Greytown-Featherston.**—Robert W. Mayson, B.A.; G. Knowles Smith (Supernumerary).
79. **Carterton.**—J. Ainsley Daglish (who shall supervise the Greytown-Featherston Circuit).
80. **Masterton.**—Harry S. Kings; A Home Missionary.
Masterton Children's Home.—Chaplain, Harry S. Kings.
81. **Eketahuna.**—H. Ian K. Hopper.
82. **Levin.**—John Dennis; Charles A. Foston (Supernumerary).
83. **Otaki.**—Victor Mead, L.Th.; George S. Cook (Supernumerary).
PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

PERCY R. PARIS, Chairman of the District.

OSWALD BURNET, Financial Secretary.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

84. Nelson.—William Rowe, Lawrence Greenslade (Nelson South).
 85. Richmond.—Moses Ayrton.
 86. Wakefield-Dovedale.—One wanted.
 87. Motueka.—Harry V. Utting (who shall supervise the Wakefield-Dovedale Circuit).
 88. Blenheim.—John D. McArthur, Thomas H. Carr (Picton).
 89. Reefton.—Leslie T. Norwell.
 90. Westport.—Charles H. Kendon (who shall supervise the Granity H.M. Station).
 91. Greymouth.—Arthur A. Bensley (who shall supervise the Reefton Circuit).
 92. Hokitika.—L. Gordon Hanna.
- HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.

JOHN D. McARTHUR, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

93. Christchurch (Durham Street).—Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S., William A. Mills (Cashmere Hills); William Grigg, Henry L. Blamires, Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S., Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A., Benjamin J. James (Supernumeraries).
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.
Youth Director—Matthew A. McDowell.
94. Christchurch East.—J. Henry Allen, Cecil R. Taylor, W. E. Allon Carr, John K. Watson; Jacob Featherston (Supernumerary).
95. Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace).—Frederick B. Lawrence.
96. Christchurch (Woolston).—Ernest E. Sage, John Silvester (Opawa). One Wanted (Sumner); Thomas Fee, Harold E. Bellhouse (Supernumeraries).
97. Christchurch (Sydenham).—Wesley Parker, M.A.
98. Christchurch (Addington).—G. Raymond Harris; T. Jackson Wallis (Supernumerary).
99. Christchurch (Riccarton).—Archer O. Harris.
100. Christchurch (St. Albans).—William A. Burley, M.A., Charlie O. Hailwood; Albert C. Lawry, Edward Drake, Arthur Liversedge (Supernumeraries).
101. Christchurch (Papanui).—James Richards.
South Island Orphanage Chaplain.—James Richards.
102. Lyttelton.—Walter J. Enticott.
103. Springston.—Harry Cottom.
104. Tai Tapu.—One wanted.
105. Leeston.—Herbert W. Payne.

106. Kaiapoi.—H. Leslie Richards.
107. Ohoka.—Henry Benny.
108. Rangiora.—Henry Ryan.
109. Woodend-Sefton.—James H. Hall (who shall supervise the Hawarden H.M. Station).
110. Greendale.—Robert McGregor.
111. Oxford.—Albert H. Fowles.
- HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
- WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

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

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

112. Timaru (Banks St.).—Hector C. Orchard.
113. Timaru (Woodland St.).—Charles Blair.
114. Timaru South.—J. Stanley Waite.
115. Waimate.—Arthur T. Kent.
116. Temuka.—Hubert G. Brown.
117. Geraldine.—One wanted.
118. Ashburton.—Angus McBean; A Deaconess.
119. Willowby.—William W. Avery.
120. Oamaru.—William B. Pickering.
- RAKAIA-METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.

ANGUS McBEAN, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

121. Dunedin (Trinity).—Basil Metson; A Home Missionary; George Clement (Supernumerary).
122. Dunedin Central Mission.—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S. (President of Conference), William R. Francis, B.A., Two Deaconesses.
123. Dunedin (Dundas Street).—Alfred E. Jefferson.
124. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip. Soc. Sc; A Home Missionary (St. Clair).
125. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—Leonard C. Horwood.
126. Dunedin (Caversham).—Ralph E. Patchett.
127. Dunedin (Morningside).—David O. Williams, M.A.
128. Dunedin (Roslyn).—Harold T. Peat.
129. Port Chalmers.—Samuel Bailey.
130. Balclutha.—Robert E. Fordyce.
131. Milton.—Gordon Parker, B.A. (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
132. Roxburgh.—George E. Beckingsale (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).

133. Invercargill (Central).—William W. H. Greenslade (who shall supervise the Riverton Home Mission Station).
134. Invercargill (St. Peter's).—George B. Hinton (who shall supervise the Otautau-Tautapere and Nightcaps Home Mission Stations).
135. Bluff.—James S. Willoughby.
136. Gore.—J. Montgomery Blight (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. Station).
- RAVENSBORNE-BROAD BAY.—A Home Missionary; T. Arthur Pybus (Supernumerary).
- MAORI HILL.—A Home Missionary.
- WAIKOUAITI.—A Home Missionary.
- MOSGIEL.—A Home Missionary.
- EDENDALE.—A Home Missionary.
- LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.
- CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.
- OTAUTAU-TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.
- NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.
- RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.
- LESLIE B. NEALE, B.A., F.R.G.S. (President of the Conference),
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
 Paul Havea (Marovo)
 Belshazzar Gina, under the direction of the Chairman of the District.
 Nathan Kera, under the direction of the Chairman of the District.
 John Afu (Roviana)
 Eight Native Catechists
 Forty-one Native Teachers
 Six Native Medical Assistants
 Two 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 Wanted
 One Native Catechist
 Twenty-four Native Teachers.

(7) Choiseul Circuit—

John R. Metcalfe (Sasamunga)
One Missionary Sister
One Missionary Sister (Nurse)
Three Native Catechists
Thirty-seven Native Teachers
Two Native Medical Assistants
Two Native Nurses.

(8) Bougainville and Buka Circuit—

A. Harry Voyce (Buin)
Donald C. Alley (Teop)
Clarence T. J. Luxton (Buka)
One Missionary Sister (Buka)
One Missionary Sister (Buin)
One Missionary Sister Wanted (Teop)
Aaron Kotosoma (Teop)
Usaia Sotutu (Buka)
147 Native Teachers
Five 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 —

Allen G. Rutter, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), D.T.M. &
H., Medical Superintendent.
Two Missionary Sisters (Nurses)
Seven Native Medical Assistants
Six Native 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, 1940.

Auckland District—

Youth Department—Youth Director, Arthur E. Bate.
Auckland Methodist Central Mission (Franklin Road), one wanted.
Auckland West (Grey Lynn). Supply.
Bombay-Tuakau—R. Coombridge.
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale—W. M. Jones.
North Hokianga (Kohukohu)—A. P. Dorrian.

Albany—One Wanted.
Dargaville (Te Kopuru)—One Wanted.
Otahuhu (second)—Vacant.
Mahurangi (second)—Vacant.
Bay of Islands. Supply (Rev. J. H. Haslam).
Hikurangi—T. Shepherd.
Paparoa—W. G. Peate.
Helensville—A. A. L. Hutching
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai—V. M. Poninghouse.
Home Mission Department.
Colporteur Work. Supply (Sister Rita Snowden).

MAORI MISSION—

Matauri Bay, Kaeo—Supply (Rangi Rogers),
Batley—Supply.
Kawakawa—Te Riri Kawiti.
Taumarere—Hone Tamati.
Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete.
Waimate North—Hamiora Kingi.
Te Karae—Rameka Eru.
Horeke—Supply.
Kaikohe—Wi Hemi Hongi.
Whananaki—Nehana Pu.
Rewiti—Supply.
Purerua—Supply.
Dargaville—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.
Poutu (Kaipara Heads), Paraire Paraone Kena.
Pokere (Bay of Islands), Piripi Livingstone.
Matakana—John Harris.
Tuakau—Pahi Moke.

South Auckland District—

Ngaruawahia—C. W. Tolley.
Te Puke—Supply (J. A. Doherty).
Coromandel—C. Aker.
Kawhia—Supply.
Opotiki—C. S. L. Oliver.

MAORI MISSION—

Te Kuiti—John Nicholls.
Te Kuiti Rural—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai
Pukeatua—Heemi Rihimona.
Ohiapopoko—Te Aho Pihama.
Cambridge—Supply.
Mokau—Supply.

MAORI MISSION—contd.—

Raglan—Honehono Kereopa.
Kawhia Central—Hauotu Hapimana.
Kinohaku—Aihe Huirama
Otorohanga (Oteawa)—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—Supply.
Te Kopua, Te Awamutu—Supply.
Te Waitere—Te Paki Kinita.
Manunui—King Country—Huru Wi Peri.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth (St. Aubyns)—Supply (H. Ashworth).
Opunake (Okato)—G. Hall.
Patea—W. J. Henderson.
Raetihi-Ohakune—Supply (R. Tapp).
Wanganui North (Second)—One Wanted.
Douglas (Under Stratford Superintendent)—Vacant.
Inglewood—C. Robinson.
Ohura—R. H. Allen.

MAORI MISSION—

New Plymouth—Tuteao T. Manihera.
Rahotu—Supply.
Nukumarū—Hikuroa Te Maaha.
Urenui—Supply.
Hawera—Paikea H. Toka (on Active Service).
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)—K. A. Robinson.
Foxton-Shannon—J. F. Amos.
Apiti—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Norsewood (Under Dannevirke Superintendent)—Vacant.
Waipawa—R. C. Patchett.
Gisborne (Second)—Vacant.
Wairoa—W. J. Anderson.

Wellington District—

Upper Hutt—Supply (A. Ivory).
Paraparaumu—R. T. Alexander.
Masterton (Kuripuni)—One wanted.

Nelson District—

Havelock—J. S. Clark.
Murchison—A. Handyside.
Granity—W. T. Withers.
Wakefield-Dovedale—N. R. Hooper.

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch, St. Albans (Bryndwr). Supply (Rev. A. Liversedge).
Christchurch (Woolston), (Sumner). Supply (Rev. H. E. Bellhouse).
Waddington—H. J. Malcolm.
Tai Tapu—F. Sanderson.
Hawarden—Vacant (Under Woodend Superintendent).

South Canterbury District—

Geraldine—F. O. Prosser.
Rakaia-Methven—Vacant (Under Ashburton Superintendent).

Otago-Southland District—

Waikouaiti-Palmerston—W. MacDonald.
Ravensbourne-Broad Bay—G. W. Crammond.
Dunedin (N.E. Valley)—Supply (J. W. Bayliss)
Cargill Road (St. Clair)—D. I. Robertson.
Dunedin (Maori Hill)—T. A. Winn.
Mosgiel—G. Densem.
Lawrence—Supply (J. Holland).
Cromwell—Supply (B. H. Riseley).
Edendale—N. Challenger.
Otautau-Tuatapere—W. J. Bryant.
Nightcaps—H. M. Brasell.
Riverton—H. R. Wright.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1940.

I.—Home Work.

- *1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- 1918—Sister Hazel Hamilton, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- 1920—Sister Mildred West, Ashburton.
- *1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Home Mission Department, Auckland.
- *1936—Sister Edith K. Beer, Pitt Street, Auckland.
- *1938—Sister Constance L. Osborne—Without Appointment.

II.—Maori Work—

- *1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.
- 1921—Sister Nicholls, Selkirk Street, Hamilton.
- 1927—Sister Netta Gittos, "Kurahuna," Onehunga.
- 1928—Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
- 1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, Ratana Pa (Supply).
- *1931—Sister Atawhai Wilcox, Hokianga.
- *1932—Sister Rangimarie Ellison (resting).
- *1933—Sister Olive Bott, North Auckland.
- *1934—Sister Marama Muriwai, "Kurahuna," Onehunga.
- *1935—Sister O. Madeleine Holland, Okaiawa, Taranaki.
- *1936—Sister Heeni Te Teira, Kawhia.
- *1939—Sister Evelyn Marriott, New Plymouth.
- *1939—Sister Dorothy Pointon, Te Kuiti.
- *1940—Probationer Frances Clegg, Hamilton.
- *1940—Probationer Violet Kruse, Hamilton.

III.—Foreign Work—Solomon Islands—

- 1914—Sister Ethel McMillan.
- *1920—Sister Elizabeth Common.
- 1924—Sister Lina Jones.
- 1934—Sister Ada Lee.
- 1935—Sister Vera Cannon.
- 1937—Sister Effie Harkness.
- 1938—Sister Merle Farland.
- 1938—Sister Joy Whitehouse.
- *1939—Sister Grace McDonald (re-appointed).

IV.—Awaiting Appointment—

Probationer Lilian S. L. Davidson.

V.—Retired for Special Service—

*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.

1928—Sister Olive Coleman, resting.

*1930—Sister Lenna Button, resting.

1936—Sister Edna White, retired.

VII.—Students in Training—

None.

*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—Charles H. Olds, B.A.

Wellington—Percy R. Paris.

Nelson—John D. McArthur.

North Canterbury—William A. Burley, M.A.

South Canterbury—Angus McBean.

Otago-Southland—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S. (President of Conference).

Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary—E. B. Chambers.

Auckland—John D. Grocott.

South Auckland—John L. Mitchell.

Taranaki-Wanganui—George F. Stockwell.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Albert Blakemore.

Wellington—Alfred M. Costain.

Nelson—Harry V. Utting.

North Canterbury—Archer O. Harris.

South Canterbury—Charles Blair.

Otago-Southland—Basil Metson.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1941?

President: William A. Burley, M.A.

Secretary: William G. Slade, M.A.

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

REPORT FOR 1939.

General Returns.

Returns this year are more encouraging, especially in the Membership column where we show an increase of 201. The following table gives the increases and decreases.

Increases.			Decreases.		
Schoolrooms	....	.... 3	Other Preaching Places	....	24
Parsonages	....	.... 2	Deaconesses	....	1
Ministers and Probationers		2	Local Preachers	....	8
Home Missionaries	....	3	Members on Probation	....	31
Class Leaders	....	10			
Members on Roll	....	201			
Junior Members	....	162			
Infant Members	....	373			
Communicants	....	26			

The decrease of 24 Preaching Places is serious. For several years we have continued to show a decrease under this heading, the loss over a period of five years being 71. The largest decrease this year is recorded in the South Auckland District, where careful enquiry was made as to the causes of the decrease. Doubtless the experience of this District is similar to that in other Districts: removals from Rural areas of Methodist families, improved transport methods with better roads enabling those not too far distant to attend the Circuit Church. These reasons are doubtless adequate; at the same time we have to face the fact that in five years we have closed 16% of our Other Preaching Places.

The loss of eight Local Preachers calls for attention. For some years we have alternated between comparatively small losses and similar gains. Since 1920 we have lost 136 Local Preachers, the greatest decrease occurring, as the following figures show, during the five years following the last war. If a similar experience occurs following this war, we can expect a serious decrease in the next few years. The following shows the figures at 5-year periods:—

	1919.	1924.	1929.	1934.	1939.
Local Preachers	.... 884	776	745	782	748

Membership Returns are much more satisfactory this year. The following table shows increases and decreases in Senior, Junior, and Infant Membership.

	Members on Roll.		Junior Members.		Infant Members.	
	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.
Auckland	—	13	77	—	32	—
South Auckland	53	—	—	84	197	—
Taranaki-Wanganui	82	—	—	20	27	—
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	—	14	97	—	—	25
Wellington	17	—	168	—	41	—
Nelson	7	—	—	43	12	—
North Canterbury	—	5	—	52	29	—
South Canterbury	14	—	13	—	—	22
Otago-Southland	60	—	16	—	82	—
	233	32	361	199	420	47
Increases	201		162		373	

Communicants show an increase on the General Summary. As will be seen by the figures below we actually record a decrease of 9 for the year. An error in carrying over a District total from the General Returns to the Summary last year is responsible for this. The District increases and decreases are as follows:—

	Increases.	Decreases.
Auckland	183	
South Auckland		94
Taranaki-Wanganui	52	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu		26
Wellington		15
Nelson		20
North Canterbury		99
South Canterbury		79
Otago-Southland	89	
	324	333
Decrease		9

If, as it is often stated, attendance at Communion is to be taken as an indication of the spiritual vitality of the Church, these figures reveal spiritual decline. Almost every year Synods report that incoming ministers find it difficult to estimate aright the numbers to be returned under this heading. If a Communicants' Roll could be kept, these figures would be of more value. As it is, it seems that in many cases they are largely guesswork and fail to indicate the true position of the Church life.

YOUTH WORK.

Once again I desire to express my indebtedness to the Youth Department for placing at my disposal their summary of Returns, including gains and losses in the respective columns.

Sunday Schools.

Returns under this heading are more encouraging this year. For several years the large decreases reported have caused grave concern; while the position is not yet remedied, the smaller reported decreases give hope that before long increases will be reported. One distinctly encouraging feature this year is an increase of 176 in Average Attendances.

The following table gives at a glance a comparison with the position as shown last year.

Grade.	1938.		1939.	
	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.
Cradle Roll	275	—	71	—
Beginners	—	17	180	—
Primary	—	318	—	250
Junior	187	—	—	67
Intermediate	—	639	3	—
Decreases	787		134	

The fine recovery reported in the Intermediate Grade is worthy of notice. The Junior Grade, reporting an increase last year, this year shows a decrease. The Primary position has improved and the Beginners' Department has made considerable progress. The increase in the Cradle Roll, which is not included in the total decreases reported, has dropped considerably this year.

The following figures give a comparison of the position in the respective Districts:—

	No. of Schools.		Total Roll.	
	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.
Auckland	—	—	—	132
South Auckland	6	—	30	—
Taranaki-Wanganui	2	—	10	—
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	1	—	35	—
Wellington	—	—	58	—
Nelson	—	1	—	30
North Canterbury	3	—	—	33
South Canterbury	—	2	35	—
Otago-Southland	—	1	—	107
	12	4	168	302

The Returns last year showed a very fine increase in the Teaching Staff. This year the increase reported is very small. Last year it was:—

Men—increase of 213.

Women—decrease of 74.

This year we report:—

Men—decrease of 11.

Women—increase of 19.

The Senior Church Membership returns of our Schools deal with the Teaching Staff. Last year we reported an increase of 48 under this heading, this year a decrease of 78. With a slightly larger staff we report a loss in Church Membership. It is to be noted that 83% of our Staff are Church Members.

Infant Membership this year shows a slight increase; in Junior Membership we have a decrease of 164.

Societies connected with our School Work are flourishing so far as numbers are concerned, though in the actual number of Societies we have a decrease of 10. The most interesting feature of this side of our Youth life is the greatly increased interest in the individual Societies as shown by an increased Average Attendance of 1331. The interest in these Societies is undoubtedly growing.

Bible Classes.

These returns are likewise more encouraging, though a small decrease is reported. The following gives a comparison with last year.

	Classes.	Y.W. Roll.	Y.M. Roll.	Senior & Junior Membership.
1938	748	3,782	3,472	4,399
1939	786	3,756	3,433	4,248
Increase	38			
Decrease		26	39	151

The Membership Returns are as follows:—

Junior Church Membership—178 decrease.

Senior Church Membership—27 increase.

Last year we reported a total B.C. Roll Membership loss of 541 as against the 65 of this year.

The following Summary gives the District Returns showing increases and decreases:—

	No. of Classes.		Y.W. Roll.		Y.M. Roll.		Church Membership.	
	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.
Auckland	—	5	—	99	—	125	—	72
South Auckland	14	—	107	—	84	—	19	—
Taranaki-Wanganui	3	—	—	15	7	—	112	—
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	—	3	—	38	—	54	—	61
Wellington	—	3	—	11	12	—	—	55
Nelson	—	3	23	—	—	4	46	—
North Canterbury	27	—	25	—	60	—	—	213
South Canterbury	3	—	22	—	33	—	96	—
Otago-Southland	5	—	—	40	—	52	—	23
	52	14	177	203	196	235	273	424

The war will inevitably make inroads upon our Youth Work. Staffing will become an acute problem and in our Bible Classes there may be found difficulty in maintaining numbers. The improved position of this year should, however, give encouragement to greater effort in making this coming year a time of progress.

Maori Work.

These Returns show a steady increase. The position compared with last year is as follows:—

	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Ministers and Supernumeraries	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders and S. S. Teachers	Membership	
								Senior	Junior & Infant
1938 ..	18	237	4	38	13	136	—	3050	2597
1939 ..	19	265	4	37	13	145	65	3156	3027
Inc. ..	1	28	—	—	—	9	—	106	430
Dec. ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—

Junior and Infant Members are bracketed together for purposes of comparison with last year. The position as returned is:—

Junior Members—1020.

Infant Members—2007.

The actual percentage of Senior Membership increase is 3.5%; the combined Junior and Infant Membership an increase of 17%. The increase in Other Preaching Places, though not so large as last year, is very satisfactory. In view of the decrease of 62 Local Preachers reported last year, it is encouraging to return again this year an increase. The column headed "Class Leaders and Sunday School Teachers" has been included for the first time. It is to be hoped that next year the Maori Work Returns will include an estimate of the Sunday School Scholars taught.

Conference requested last year that all Maori Work Returns be forwarded to the respective Synods. This was done this year in one Synod only with most satisfactory results. It is to be hoped that next year all Maori Returns are included with the General Returns furnished to Synod.

GEORGE E. BROWN.
General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. Conference expresses gratitude to God for the encouraging trends revealed in the 1939 Statistical Report and calls on all ministers and laymen to sustain the intensive spiritual work, the results of which under God's blessing are revealed in the membership returns.
3. Conference requests Circuit Superintendents to exercise the utmost care in compiling Communicant Returns. Where possible, a Communicant Roll should be kept.
4. Conference urges the District Statistical Secretaries to obtain and present to Synod the District Maori Returns.
5. Conference requests the Home Mission Department to secure and present to Conference through the Synods the Returns for Maori Sunday School children.
6. Conference records its deep appreciation of the devoted labours of the Rev. G. E. Brown as General Statistical Secretary over a period of six years.
7. That the Rev. E. B. Chambers be 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 for 1939.

Membership Pamphlet (Minutes of Conference, 1939, p. 53).

The Welfare of the Church Committee has been unable to proceed with the publication of the pamphlet on Membership and the Social Creed as the latter is in process of revision by the Public Questions Committee. We have, however, considered the question of widening the scope of the proposed pamphlet, so that it may serve as an

introduction to the life and work of our Church, and may be in a form suitable to hand to candidates for membership. We therefore recommend that the contents of the pamphlet be as follows:—

1. Introduction.
2. The Rules of Membership and the Social Creed.
3. The Implications of Membership and the Social Creed (1938 Report of the Welfare of the Church Committee).
4. The Statement of Faith. "We Affirm."
5. Church Activities—Home and Maori Missions, Colporteur Work, Overseas Missions, Medical Unit, Youth Department, B.C. Movement and City Missions.
6. Church Government—Leaders' Meeting, Circuit Quarterly Meeting, Trust Boards, Connexional Funds, Synod, Conference.

Pastoral Address (Minutes of Conference, 1939, p. 127).

We recommend that no action be taken to re-institute the Pastoral Address as the President of Conference has already sufficient avenues for sending pastoral messages to the Church.

Interdenominational Public Questions Committee.

With a view to securing a United Church front on Public Questions and to ensure that our views on these matters are strongly represented in the appropriate quarters, the Welfare of the Church Committee has considered the possibility of making a step towards Church Union in the establishment of an Inter-denominational Public Questions Committee.

Organisation.

1. An Inter-denominational Public Questions Committee to be constituted representative of all Communions willing to co-operate, to be located preferably in Wellington.
2. The reports of Denominational Public Questions Committees to be forwarded to the Central Committee which will formulate a combined report.
3. Each Church Assembly, Conference, etc., to receive the report of its own committee and also the report of the combined committee.
4. The combined committee to receive the findings of all Assemblies, Conferences, etc., and to construct for publication in the Press the matters upon which there is agreement. (The question of minority reports requires further consideration.)
5. The resolutions representing the mind of the Churches to be officially presented to the appropriate quarters by the combined committee.

Resolutions.

1. That Conference affirm the principle outlined in the report.
2. That the President, Vice-President and Secretary of Conference sign letters inviting the co-operation of the other churches in the establishment of the Inter-denominational Public Questions Committee.
3. That the replies be forwarded to the Public Questions Committee for consideration and report to next Conference.

Theological Teaching.

The Need: We believe that there is a growing need for the exposition of the theological position of the Church. We see this need evidenced:—

1. In the widespread misapprehension of the Church's position not only on the part of outside critics but also among our members and adherents.
2. In the basic uncertainty about our beliefs concerning the questions of Human Destiny, due to the fact that these matters are rarely expounded from our pulpits and our people are left unprotected against facile and inadequate views.
3. In the manifestation of a thoughtful mood of enquiry concerning theological matters on the part of a goodly section of our people. The deep interest shown by some in the recent expositions of the Statement of Faith is a clear indication of this developing thoughtfulness.

The Difficulties.

We appreciate the fact that it is difficult to teach Theology from the pulpit. Theology cannot be taught effectively in a piece-meal fashion, and series of closely reasoned sermons are not attractive to many of our people who are eager nevertheless to attend upon Public Worship.

Suggestions.

In an effort to meet the clamant need for theological teaching we suggest:—

Pulpit.

1. Use a blackboard or other suitable means of placing the outline of a closely reasoned sermon before the Congregation.
2. Give opportunity for discussion circles at the close of the evening service when theological positions have been expounded.
3. Deal with questions of ultimate destiny, giving the Scriptural evidence even if the preacher is not prepared to draw a final conclusion. If our people understand the problems involved and the scriptural positions they will not give easy credence to facile views that subvert sections of the evidence.
4. Expound the modern approach to the Bible and seek to encourage our people in the practice of Bible reading and study.

Pastoral Visitation.

Pastoral visitation presents more opportunities for Theological teaching than is commonly realised, e.g. the meaning of Baptism is quite relevant to an ordinary conversation with parents seeking to arrange for the baptism of their child. A talk on the meaning of the Lord's Supper quite naturally follows an invitation to communicate, extended to the person visited. The prevalent conversations on world affairs may easily be led to questions of social sin, salvation, and the Kingdom of God. We therefore suggest that every opportunity of disseminating Christian beliefs, offered by pastoral visitation should be grasped.

Special Groups.

Gather in groups those who are ready to study theology and so seek to form a thoughtful and enlightened nucleus in each Church. Enjoin upon these the desirability of using materials so gained in every-day conversations where possible.

A Local Preachers' Class could form the basis of such a group and Bible Class Leaders and Sunday School Teachers and any other interested persons could be invited to attend. The course would serve as a training ground for Local Preachers, a study circle for Bible Class Leaders and Sunday School Teachers preparing them for the relevant examinations, and as a source of instruction to those who have no examinations in view.

L. B. NEALE, Chairman.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That the Membership Pamphlet be printed—Table of Contents to be as set forth in the Report.
(b) That the publication be deferred for this year.
3. That the Conference set up a Special Publications Committee to co-ordinate any special publications in the various departments of the Church. The Committee to be:—The Chairman of the Auckland District, the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, the Convener of the Spiritual Advance Committee, the General Superintendent of Home Missions, the General Secretary of Foreign Missions, Messrs F. Penn and T. L. Hames, with the Senior Youth Director, the Convener of the Welfare of the Church Committee, and the Connexional Secretary as corresponding members.
4. That the following Resolutions of the Otago-Southland Synod be referred to the Publications Committee for consideration:—
That Conference issue pamphlets setting out in popular form the teaching of the Methodist Church on selected subjects of theology and Biblical interpretation; such pamphlets to have special bearing upon positive teaching as will strengthen our people in face of the false teaching of the various "isms" as are propounded by travelling preachers and others.
That consideration be given to the publication of a pamphlet informing our people of the implications of Christian stewardship.
5. Committee for 1940.—Chairman of the District, the Supts. of the Trinity, Cargill Road, Roslyn, Mornington, Caversham, St. Kilda, and Dundas Street Circuits, and Messrs. C. F. Roberts, G. Henderson, Dr. Lyth, E. J. King, A. H. Harman, H. H. Johnston, G. S. Gapper, C. Chirnside, C. Jones, E. C. J. Foot, and Sister Hazel. Convener, Rev. L. C. Horwood.

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

Annual Report, 1939-40.

In presenting their report on the year's work the Dominion Executive have noted, with pleasure signs of deepened interest in the ranks of local preachers.

Circular letters and copies of the Book List have been sent to all the brethren.

We regret to record the death of some of our brethren. Among these was Bro. Henry Field of Gisborne—a former President of our Association and a local preacher of very high repute. Then Christchurch Methodism suffered severe loss in the death of Bro. W. L. Thomas, known throughout New Zealand as an enthusiastic Bible-Class worker and acceptable local preacher. The Executive extends to the bereaved relatives their sincere condolence.

Whittomes Efficiency Course. Six copies of this Course have been presented to local preachers who have been received into the full work.

Long Service Diplomas. Seven Long Service Diplomas have been presented during the year.

Tutorial. Considerable thought was given to this matter during the early part of the year and it was eventually decided, after consultation with the Tutors, to alter the method of training. Instead of the old system of question and answer the students will, under the guidance of the tutors, be asked to analyse the text book concerned, chapter by chapter, or page or paragraph as the subject may suggest. The Executive desire to record their appreciation of the special help given by the Rev. A. H. Fowles.

Book Scheme. Acting upon the recommendation of the Annual Meeting a revised and enlarged Book List was printed and circulated early in the year. In addition to the list of books selected by the Executive all Local Preachers are given the privilege of selecting any theological book published in the Epworth Press Catalogue. This has met with general approval and has brought increased orders for books.

Mr. J. Horrell, one of our Vice-Presidents, recently visited many of the towns throughout New Zealand and was glad to have the opportunity to meet many of the brethren.

Local Preachers' Sunday. The Executive again request Superintendent Ministers to honour the Local Preachers by granting that at least one service in each Church be conducted by a local preacher on the 2nd Sunday in April.

On behalf of the Executive,

W. CHAS. FRANCIS, President.

A. E. LAWRY, J.P., Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION. TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1939.

Annual meeting held January 16th, 1940. Trustees were all present, namely T. E. Price, Chairman, T. L. Hames, and J. W. Shackelford, Secretary. The financial report gave a credit balance of £43 14s. 11d., rent having been regularly paid, all rates and minor expenses met, the sum of £30 forwarded to Mr. G. C. Armitage, Treasurer of the Association, Christchurch. Balance sheet adopted subject to audit.

The property of the Trust consists of No. 12 Jellicoe Avenue held as Mortgagees in possession. It was considered desirable to take the title for same, and Secretary asked to arrange same, with a view if possible of selling the property.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, J.P., Secretary..

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheets be received and adopted.
2. That no person shall in future be received as a fully accredited Local Preacher who does not pass the examination set by the Board of Examiners.
N.B.—That the wording of this resolution be determined by the Law Book Revision Committee.

C.—METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Annual Report, 1939.

After an absence of two years the Dominion Executive is again located in Auckland, it having been transferred from Christchurch by resolution of the last Conference.

Its personnel is that of the Auckland District Committee.

The Executive has communicated with all District Committees and would stress the necessity of increased activity on their part, which would be of material assistance to the Fellowship Movement.

During the year 244 circular letters pointing out the aims and objects of the Men's Fellowship and appealing for greater co-operation and support by the men of the various Churches was forwarded to Ministers and Home Missionaries in the Connection.

Many of the replies received were of an encouraging nature, the progress from Christchurch being outstanding and indicating a forward movement in that District.

It is hoped that where no replies to the circular letter have been received this most important branch of the Church is not being overlooked. Throughout the Dominion several new branches have been established while others are being formed.

Some of the older branches are undertaking fresh activities such as visiting Mental Hospitals, Public Hospitals, Returned Soldier Shelters, organising clothes drives for poor people, Goodwill Bags for City Missions, providing Church Hymn Books, taking Sunday Church Services—Men's Sundays, Sunday morning 10 a.m.—Spiritual meetings, and also Sunday afternoon teas at 4.30, followed by discussion. Week-night Educational Gatherings, Father and Son Banquets, Children's Christmas Parties, inviting Local Body Members to their meetings, arranging motor transport service for elderly people, and various other Church activities. One Branch is making a weekly contribution towards "Maintain the Doctor Fund."

Where the movement is flourishing, amazing progress is reported with the men of the Church taking a full share of its responsibilities.

The Dominion Executive extends congratulations and good wishes to all active branches and asks for continued co-operation both in supporting the Men's Fellowship Column of the Methodist Times and in forwarding to it all information which may be of help to the cause.

There is much to be done for Christ and His Church which our men can do—if they will.

LEONARD E. RHODES, President.

ALBERT D. WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ending
31st December, 1939.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.			£ s. d.
Credit balance, 1938	6	1 6	Printing, Stationery,		
By Levies Received—			Circulars	3	8 8
Auckland District	1	6 8	Postages	0	16 4
			Balance	3	3 2
	£7	8 2			£7 8 2

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference extends congratulations to the active branches of its Men's Fellowship Movement and urges upon all the desirability of extending this excellent organisation among the men of the Church.
3. That active Committees be set up in each District.

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, D. L. Thomas, R. French, G. E. Spooner, A. D. Whitehead, W. S. Mackay, L. T. Hayman, L. E. Rhodes (Convener).

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Minister and Members of the Matakata Fellowship.

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 H. Cunningham.

WELLINGTON.—To be appointed by the District Executive.

NELSON.—Messrs. H. J. Savage, H. P. Forster, R. Leaper, R. Marshall, J. Hurrell. (Convener, Mr. H. J. Savage.)

NORTH CANTERBURY.—To be appointed by the District Executive.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru Circuits; Messrs. J. H. Hulston, C. W. Keinan, J. Day, W. M. Hocking (Convener), Hocking (Convener).

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—To be 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 1939.

1. HEADQUARTERS REPORT.

The 1939 Conference appointed three Youth Directors to commence in April, 1939, on the basis of the new co-ordination policy of the Church, Bible Classes and Sunday School being linked in a Youth Council in each Church, and each Director having an area in which he gives leadership for the whole youth and child life. The new policy was inaugurated at a Directors' Conference held in Wellington, April 18th to 25th.

The main theme was "Evangelism of Children and Youth" and at the close the President of the Conference, Rev. Angus McBean, dedicated the Directors to their great task. During the rest of the year the Directors have made intensive visits to Youth Councils, conferred with Ministers and District Councils. The Senior Director, Rev. C. T. Symons, made a short visit to the Northern and Southern areas of his co-directors.

A further Conference of the Directors and Board was held in September, to review the work in the field and plan future policy. The housing of the two married Directors has given the Board and the Directors some anxiety, and the problem is not yet finally solved. The Board is appreciative of help and advice from district Committees as well as from the Directors on this matter.

The Board and the three Executive Councils—B.C. and S.S.—have had a very busy period in the working out of the new policy, especially the Board Treasurer and the Literature Manager.

Notwithstanding this, the Board has given consideration to fundamental matters concerning youth life, and has made a study of some of the most important reports presented to the World Youth Conference held at Amsterdam in August, 1939. These studies included "Christian Youth and Education," "Christian Youth and the Economic Order." Summarised reports on these studies have been sent to all District Youth Councils. The response in Circuits to the new policy has been encouraging, and the requests, especially from many Sunday School Teachers, have been most gratifying. During the first year the Directors have concentrated on contacting with the Sunday School Teachers and Bible Class Leaders in each Church. Immediate help and guidance have been made available and the study of the general situation has indicated lines of development which when followed up will make possible even more effective work.

The Sunday School Executive Council has done valuable work during the year in studying and reporting to the Board on the reports and recommendations on Temperance, Church Membership and the Junior Church.

The world catastrophe of war has released immeasurable sin, suffering and death, and in this youth bears a heavy cost. Our own young men and women are looking to our Church for light and guidance in this dark and dreadful hour, and whatever road they take, life for them will be full of suffering, frustration and conflict. To them we say—Seek by study, fellowship and prayer to know what the will of God is for yourself, be humble and penitent, seek to maintain the fellowship of the whole Christian Church in all the world, and let your life witness to the grace and power that God gives you through Jesus Christ. In this hour of turmoil and division which exists, even within the Church, seek the heights and depths beyond the conflict, where the peace of God and the fellowship of His Church bring unity and victory.

2. REPORT OF YOUTH DIRECTORS.

General Impressions.

The launching of the Church's new policy in respect to youth has in almost every place created a new interest in Youth Work. Everywhere a spirit of expectation greeted the Directors and the contacts made were most encouraging. Generally speaking it was found that Youth Workers were giving more thought to the real purpose and objective of their work, and were prepared to receive with an open mind suggestions which would enable more effective work to be done.

Comparatively few were found to be surrendering to the discouragements of the work; by far the great majority are facing up to the difficulties with genuine devotion and a readiness to experiment along new lines. This was evidenced by the successful question periods which followed practically every meeting, and by the extent to which recommended books on aspects of the work were purchased from the Directors. This trend was fully taken advantage of by the Directors, who urged the need for trained workers and for the work of teaching and leading to have priority in the thinking and planning of those engaged in Christian service.

An encouraging feature is the large number of Bible Class trained young people who are found in the ranks of our Sunday School Teachers. This is, of course, less noticeable in the Country Districts as Youth tends to gravitate to the larger centres for suitable employment. In such places older people are giving devoted service. Schools where Superintendent and Teachers have real fellowship together and tackle the work in the team spirit, are showing most progress.

More and more Circuits are conforming to the Church's organisation for Local Youth Work, and where the Local or Circuit Youth Council is seriously working, there has been appreciative reference to its value.

The extreme importance of Young People's work needs to be more fully recognised, and the status of the teacher in the life of the Christian Church definitely raised.

The Bible Classes.

An encouraging feature of our Youth Work is the excellent Bible Class groups found in many Churches. In the membership of these Classes are found fine types of young women and young men who represent large resources of mental and spiritual energy, much of which yet remains to be awakened and directed consistently and vigorously in the service of God and the Church.

Generally speaking, the relationship between the Bible Classes and the Church is good. In some places the Senior Classes are very loyal, and some Sunday Services depend almost entirely on the attendance and active service of the Young People. Where the opportunity is presented these young people are taking more and more responsibility in the life and conduct of our Church.

A very real gap often exists between Bible Classes and the Sunday School. The Bible Classes need to co-operate with the Sunday School in order to prevent loss of Senior Sunday School Scholars, and to promote a sense of unity between these departments of the Church.

A noticeable feature is the lowering of the average age of the Bible Class Membership. This makes the problem of retaining seniors a very real one in many places, and calls for the provision of some kind of Senior Fellowship. This factor must be taken into account in the future development of the Bible Class policy.

The Leadership is on the whole sincere and devoted, although sometimes it is poorly equipped in Christian experience and training. There is a definite need for knowledge of technique, and there is a marked lack of purpose in the work. Few leaders feel adequate to approach individual members with the challenge to definite discipleship. Often it is assumed that class members have no personal difficulties which need to be solved. Expression of opinions in the course of a study is confused with vital experience of a living faith. There is need for a much more challenging call to express Christian Discipleship in everyday life and to cultivate a richer devotional life.

A noticeable weakness in many Bible Classes is the tendency to self-centredness. Little or no attempt is made to attract the outsider. A missionary spirit within the Bible Classes is essential for fulness of life. Service within the wider sphere of the Sunday School, Church and Community also needs to be encouraged as expression of the Christian life.

The camps and schools are generally of a very high order, and mean a great deal to the Movements and the Church. Sometimes, however, Class Members attend the Communion Service at Camps, but fail to do so in their own Church. This requires the attention and co-operation of Ministers, B.C. Leaders and Camp Officials.

There is need for definite action in some places—particularly in the Auckland and South Auckland Districts, to counteract the influence of some of the more aggressive sects whose activities are undermining the loyalties of many of our young people. Some form of simple positive instruction in the Methodist approach to certain subjects requires to be undertaken.

The disaster of war has already had a very unsettling effect on the Bible Classes throughout the Dominion. Conflicting loyalties are creating real problems for our young men especially, and a sympathetic and understanding attitude is essential on the part of all, whatever may be their personal viewpoint.

Sunday School.

There is marked loyalty, enthusiasm and responsiveness on the part of Sunday School workers generally. Eagerness to learn is apparent. Many are facing up to the question of teacher training in some form or other. But teacher training generally has not received the attention that it deserves and requires. Some are attempting to meet the challenge of the work to-day by venturing forth along new lines. In a number of places the Sunday School as Junior Church has been combined with the Morning Service of the Church in an attempt to meet more adequately the spiritual need of the children, and to integrate more effectively this work with Church work generally. Where this form of Junior Church has been tried, it has resulted in improved rolls and averages and has reacted beneficially on the attendance of adults at morning worship.

The majority of our Schools are small—many much smaller than they were a few years ago. In the country the decrease is due largely to the fact that fewer children are available in these districts. Generally speaking most country schools are touching the majority of the children of their particular neighbourhood.

Rolls and averages are increasingly affected by the indifference of parents who are not sufficiently seized with the importance of the religious education of their children. This is a new feature of our Youth Work which gives cause for very serious concern and which greatly militates against effective work among the young. This position further emphasises our responsibility to provide in our Sunday Schools a programme of religious education which will not only meet the needs of the children, but also win the confidence of the parents.

Foremost among the weaknesses of Sunday School work is worship. Some School services are characterised by reverence and reality, but in numerous instances it is apparent that there is a lack of understanding of children's worship, and of the fact that children should be educated in the spirit of worship in Sunday School, as well as instructed in the Bible. Another weakness is expression work. The principle behind it is not clearly understood by some workers, and others are puzzled as to what to do, and how to find the necessary

time. There is room for development of service activities within the capacity of the child, and for self government and activity within the Junior Church or Sunday School. Not every school has an appreciation of grading principles. Small Sunday Schools particularly require guidance along the lines of grading and organisation. Schools are not using as they might, resources in the community, such as willing and capable people, who may give addresses or help of other kinds.

Often there is an absence of good pictures and equipment, and rooms, through lack of beauty, orderliness and, in a few cases, cleanliness, are not conducive to worship. Much better use could be made of available equipment. Frequently, too, there is an absence of continuity and integration with the Bible Class and the Church. The Sunday School has been regarded, not as part of the Church, but as an institution attached to the Church. The new regime should help to create a new attitude to the Sunday School.

A supreme need is vision. Staffs need to cultivate the team spirit. Work would be re-vitalised if teachers met regularly for prayer, study and fellowship, and to talk over their work. We need experienced-centred fellowships at the heart of our work.

Splendid work is being done through the Correspondence Sunday School, the roll of which is steadily increasing. A similar activity has been inaugurated by the Bible Class Movements.

Throughout the Dominion, there is a small number of Christian Endeavour Societies—some of which are doing good work. The Brigade Movement as an additional activity—is a growing one, and is proving of distinct value in many places.

PERCY PARIS, Chairman.

C. T. SYMONS, Senior Director.

REPORT ON JUNIOR CHURCH.

(See Instructions of Conference, 1939 Minutes, page 63, par. 9.)

Certain types of Junior Church organisation have been established recently which have features in them not usually associated with Sunday Schools, such as members accepting a large measure of responsibility for the government of the Junior Church, the conduct of its service and the appointment of its office bearers. This organisation is nearly always in addition to Sunday School.

These and other organisations have arisen in response to a need, that of encouraging children in church attendance, and of making Church more "real" to the child, this being one aspect of a deeper need, that of developing a "church consciousness" in the Sunday School scholar.

Church Attendance of Children.

The present facts. From the personal experience of members of the Committee and statistics taken from a questionnaire circulated to all Superintendents of Sunday Schools, we think the following approximates to the real position.

1. Of morning Schools approximately 60% attend Church regularly.
2. Of Afternoon Schools approximately 25% attend Church regularly.
3. That the balance of the scholars and in fact many of those who attend Church have no sense of the relationship of the School to the Church. They belong to, attend, leave and remember only the Sunday School—the roots of their loyalty do not strike down to the Church.

4. In many places a mutual unconcern exists between School and Church. Sometimes this is a breach, not a gap.

5. Various means of encouraging Church attendance are in operation—Young Worshipers' League, and increasing tendency for Schools which meet in the morning to spend a portion of their time in Church or to conclude before the service and the children at their option to stay to Church. In a few cases Junior Churches are established in addition to Sunday School.

6. The various means are only partially successful in that at best only infrequently is the whole roll of a School affected and very generally only a small proportion (particularly is this so with afternoon Schools).

7. Lack of Church loyalty in many Bible Class Members is directly attributable to this early Sunday School lack.

Need Children go to Church in Addition to Sunday School?

It is usually taken for granted that we ought to do our best to encourage our scholars to attend Church. The points stated below may express the main reasons for this traditional attitude:—

(1) It is felt that a child's spiritual development as it depends upon organised groups is only partially attended to by the Sunday School, the remainder being completed when the child attends Church.

(2) As the Church is conceived as a family so it is thought that this is realised in practice when parent and child join in corporate worship.

(3) Attendance at Church may become a life long habit continuing long after Sunday School. Hence association with the Church is not broken when transfer is made from Sunday School and we are more likely to hold the scholars who are Church attenders. (Experience indicates and statistics may prove that those who go to Church regularly during childhood are just as prone to fall away during adolescence as the non-attender.)

(4) Tradition, reverence and atmosphere which belong to the Church are frequently lacking in the Sunday School. It is generally believed that if a child will come to Church this "something" which Church has will communicate itself to him to his spiritual good.

(5) The Church is an established institution, the Body of Christ, whilst the Sunday School is still required to justify itself.

Criticism of Present Attitude.

The Committee feel that they cannot fully agree with the points in the foregoing section. They are unable to see why it should be required of a child that he attend two separate and to him unrelated organisations for his spiritual needs. A Sunday School should be able to provide for the whole of the corporate and personal religious life of the child (subject to the limitations of family influences, etc.). Education, worship, devotions, opportunity for expression cannot do other than suffer when they are separated activities conducted by two organisations.

The principle of grading is an established one in all spheres of educational activity, including Sunday Schools. It does not seem reasonable to assume that a Church Service covering ages from 8 to 80 will be capable of providing worship and teaching and fellowship which is the best possible for the two of the main groups—adults and children. This is borne out in practice by the increasing number of

places where the children retire before the sermon, and where the early portion of the service is prepared specially for the children (at a level somewhere above the average age). Most preachers at such services feel the limitations of the wide range of ages.

Services are frequently conducted by lay preachers and ministers who are unfamiliar with the conduct of childrens' worship which is now a matter for special attention.

The New Conception.

After careful consideration the Committee is forced to the conclusion that the old conception of the relationship of Church, Child and School is inadequate to meet the need of to-day and that the time has come for a very fundamental change in the conception of the nature and function of the Sunday School.

Stating it briefly we believe that the new attitude must be that

"The Church and the Sunday School form an organic whole separated into two sections, adult and junior, FOR GREATER FREEDOM in ministering to the different spiritual needs of adults and children."

Further, scholars would not be transferred from the Sunday School to Bible Class, but from the Junior Church would be transferred to, and received by, the Adult Church at a service of reception. This promotion to the adult Church should in general result in attendance at Bible Class as a related and essential activity of the Church.

The Sunday School should be the Children's Church and Church for the Child, not just a School held on Sunday in addition to Church. To embody this new conception of the nature and function of the Sunday School in a name, we would recommend the use of the words "Junior Church" in lieu of "Sunday School." This would immediately link both sections of the Church in the child's mind and assist the growth of "Church consciousness."

The Junior Church.

It is obvious that a change of name alone will not be sufficient to engender more than a superficial Church consciousness. The whole of the operations of the Junior Church will need to be positively related to its purpose.

Again, it will not be possible, even if it were desirable that all Junior Churches should be cast in the same mould but the following features would require to be inherent in any particular form of Junior Church.

(a) It is essential that the scholar should see the Junior Church as a Junior Section of the Adult Church and instruction given to this effect will need to be demonstrated by the practical interest of the adult Church.

The unity of the two sections should be made visible in combined services held regularly (say quarterly) on such occasions as Harvest, Church Anniversary, etc.; accommodation and local conditions will present difficulties in many cases. These will require to be solved on the spot.

(b) There should be definite and regular instruction in the meaning, forms and practice of prayer and worship so that the children may appreciate these elements. Moreover graded worship will need to be carefully arranged in accordance with the nature and needs and interests of the children.

(c) Talks on the history, faith and missionary enterprise of the Church should be given regularly by the Superintendent and the Minister.

(d) The most vital link between the two sections of the Church will be the minister who will require to give much time to his Junior Church congregation. He must be "our Minister" to the children and not a visitor to the Junior Church to be welcomed by the Superintendent.

(e) We would urge the appointment of lay pastors in the School, preferably the Superintendent and Superintendents of Departments.

(f) A measure of self-government and responsibility should be allowed the children.

It may appear that there is no essential difference between the above and the best type of Sunday School and this is in fact what the Committee believes to be the case.

All the reforms at present being advocated for Sunday Schools become increasingly important as the full import of the changed conception of the Sunday School is realised.

The ideal would be an organisation which incorporates all the features referred to above and which meets at the same time as the Adult Church so that parent and child may go to worship together.

RESOLUTION.

That the report be referred to Quarterly and/or Leaders' Meetings in order that they may confer with Local Youth Councils or Teachers with a view to its study and if desirable experimentation along the lines suggested and report back to the Board.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE EDUCATION.

(See Instructions of Conference, 1939, Minutes, page 67, clause (d)).

(1) We recognise the definite need for Temperance Education.

(2) Such Temperance Education (so far as Youth Work is concerned) involves three spheres:—

(a) Instruction to those who have to deal with Temperance Education.

(b) Instruction to children of the Sunday School age.

(c) Instruction to youth of Bible Class age.

(3) Many Teachers and Leaders experience difficulty in regard to Temperance Lessons.

This is due to several causes:—

(a) Some are uncertain as to where they stand themselves on the matter of Temperance.

(b) Some feel their inadequacy to give instruction in the subject.

(c) Much Temperance Education material is more or less irrelevant to or unsuitable for the children whom they have to teach. In this regard great progress has been made in the lessons provided by the Australian and New Zealand Graded Lessons.

(d) Many feel the discrepancy between such teaching and the home environment of many of the children and young people.

Consequently we recommend:—

- (a) That a leaflet setting out the need for and aim of Temperance Education be prepared and distributed to Teachers, Leaders, and Parents.
- (b) That efforts be made in meetings of Teachers and B.C. Leaders to help them:
 - i. to define their position in the matter;
 - ii. to study how they may more effectively deal with the subject.
- (c) That Local and District Youth Councils review the question of Temperance Education in their various spheres.
- (4) In regard to Temperance Education for Children and Youth we recommend:—
 - (a) That such education be graded in accordance with the age and interests of young people.
 - i. In the Kindergarten and Primary Grades instruction in elementary hygiene and respect for the body and the cultivation of healthy habits should provide the basis for definite Temperance teaching later.
 - ii. A course of Temperance Education should be given in the Junior and Intermediate Grades.
 - a. Such instruction should be in accord with the children's capacities and interests and integrated with their education in general, both religious and secular.
 - b. That to children we emphasise the great care necessary in the presenting of details of drunkards and the effects of drunkenness.
 - c. That the appeal of Temperance Education in these years should be along the lines of Christian morality, physiology, and hygiene, coupled with example and hero-worship.
 - d. We feel that Temperance Education in isolated fragments, such as quarterly lessons, is inadequate, and therefore recommend that a booklet on Temperance Education be prepared (or obtained) specially written with the child's needs and interests in mind, and that this form the basis for a series of supplementary talks in the Sunday School programme, or on some other suitable occasion. The possibility of obtaining the services of Christian Doctors or school teachers to assist in this matter should be investigated.
 - iii. A course of Temperance Education for Bible Classes. We recommend that
 - a. A definite Temperance Study should be included in the B.C. Syllabus each year.
 - b. A small booklet on Temperance in relation to Christian Citizenship and life generally should be prepared (or obtained if in print) and distributed amongst class members prior to the Temperance Study. The aim of this would be to educate the class members in the matter of Temperance.

- c. A pamphlet summarising Temperance Education should be distributed at the close of the Study period. This should be in the nature of a definite challenge, in the light of the booklet and the class study, to the members to define their attitude in regard to the question of Temperance and the Alcohol problem in general. It should include a total abstinence pledge for members to sign. The Leader should take opportunity to discuss the matter with individuals as occasions warrant.
 - d. That experts in various branches of social science should be asked to co-operate in the production of the required booklets and pamphlets if printing is necessary.
- (b) That Temperance Education should comprise an integral part of education in general and of moral and religious education in particular. This would avoid the abstract and artificial nature of much Temperance Education. We believe that the fundamental approach to Temperance is through Christian Experience. There should be constant endeavour to meet the larger issue, which is the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of life. Where this is accomplished we believe that the matter of Temperance will receive its due place within the general conception and conduct of the Christian life.

Such integration involves treatment of Temperance under such headings as (for example):

- Physiology, Health and Alcohol.
- Sport and Alcohol.
- Economics and Alcohol.
- Industrial Efficiency and Alcohol.
- Christian Social Responsibility and Alcohol.

It also involves Temperance teaching as application of truths discovered in other lessons.

- (5) We believe that more decisiveness is needed in regard to Temperance Education, which should issue in total abstinence.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That Conference authorise the Board to deal with matters arising from the above report, and direct it to co-operate with the New Zealand Temperance Society in the implementing of its Temperance Education Policy.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

- 1. That the Report of the Youth Board be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Financial Statements of the Youth Board and Bible Class Movements be received and adopted.
- 3. That the Statistical Report be received and adopted.
- 4. That Youth Sunday in future be held on the third Sunday in June.
- 5. That the Board, having reviewed the matter of Church Membership, recommends that it be given another year in which to report on this question in view of the importance of the report submitted in connection with the Junior Church and allied subjects. (1939 Minutes, page 62, resolution 1.)

6. That the Rev. C. T. Symons be appointed as Senior Director for the balance of his present term, i.e. five years.
7. That the Law revision of the Youth Department regulations be deferred for one year, pending further developments in co-ordination in district and national organisation.
8. That Conference prepare a small pamphlet or leaflet to give to parents on the occasion of the baptism of a child explaining the significance of baptism and urging fulfilment of their responsibility.
That this matter be referred to the Literature Sub-Committee of the Spiritual Advance Committee.
9. Diplomas.—That Conference issue to Sunday School Teachers in recognition of long and valuable service in Sunday School Work a "Diploma of Honour" for not less than 25 years of continuous service, and that the Youth Board be requested to frame conditions under which the Diploma is to be granted.
10. That the Youth Board issue a less complicated form for Sunday School Returns.
11. That while recognising the value of certain O.T. passages for Sunday School Scholars, we recommend a much greater place be given to the life and teaching of Jesus.
12. That the Conference directs that at all Synods the Question be asked of all Ministers present: Have Membership Preparation Classes been held? And when the answer is in the negative a reason shall be given.
13. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the successful launching of the Youth Director Policy and to the Youth Directors for the advance that is already apparent after their inaugural year's work. Conference assures the Department and the Directors of the continual sympathetic co-operation of the Church in its effort to inspire and train youth in the service of Christ.
14. That Conference extends its hearty congratulations to the Youth Council of the Otago-Southland District for the highly successful historical pageant produced and to the writer, Mr. A. R. Dreaver, M.A.

YOUTH BOARD FOR 1940.

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- Sunday School Council—Rev. R. B. Gosnell Messrs T. M. Pacey, E. Walker, N. R. Seddon.

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SOUTHLAND SUB-COUNCIL.—The Ministers of Invercargill Circuits, the Presidents and Secretaries of Y.W. and Y.M.B.C. Unions; two representatives from the Sunday Schools.

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

A.—REPORT OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

1. **Prisons.**—The Committee has done a considerable amount of work with regard to this subject. Preliminary investigation speedily showed the vast amount of material that had to be considered and concerning which information had to be obtained: the value or otherwise of retributive and deterrent punishments, psychological examination and treatment, extension of the probation system, abolition or otherwise of flogging, habitual criminals, classification of prisoners, vocational training of prisoners, half-way houses, employment of women as humanising influences, after-care, etc. The Committee is continuing steadily with its work, and it is hoped to present a comprehensive report to the 1941 Conference.

2. **Refugees.**—This problem was under consideration, and much information regarding refugees had been obtained. Resolutions would have been brought forward, but the war has so changed the whole situation that the Committee felt that it was quite impracticable to bring forward any decision to Conference, as there can, of course, be no movement during the war.

3. **Social Creed.**—A suggested draft has been brought down to the Committee and is still under consideration.

4. During the year protest was made to the Government against any suggestion for the establishment of State lotteries, and the Conference Report on Marriage, Divorce, Abortion, and Birth Control was printed and circulated.

5. **Bible in Schools.**—The work of giving religious instruction in public schools and of arranging for opening observances each school day has been well maintained during the past year. The Annual Report of the Bible-in-Schools League states:—

“The observances are permitted subject to consent of School Committees, by seven out of the nine Education Boards. In about 900 schools under all Boards the half-hour of religious instruction is given once a week, and in between 350 and 400 schools under seven Boards there is a daily use of the Bible in observance of worship at the beginning of the school day.”

Figures can be but close approximations when dealing with schools with varying numbers on the roll from week to week, but over 90,000 children receive instruction, and approximately 100 children on an average per school may be counted as joining in school worship in the 350 to 400 schools concerned.

The number of schools is affected by the consolidation process of the Education Department. In Otago, for example, the following table indicates that more teachers and pupils are joining in school worship though there is actually a reduction of three schools where worship is observed:—

Year.	Schools reporting.	Using Observance.	At Worship. Pupils. Teachers.
1937-38	212	64 30%	6,981 197
1938-39	206	61 29.6%	7,117 209

Changes of staff also affect the returns, particularly in small sole-teacher schools, where changes are more frequent and the teacher is often young and comparatively inexperienced. A kindly concern may result in co-operative effort between ministers and young teachers appointed to such schools and help in maintaining Observances begun under a previous teacher.

Comparatively few of the larger schools are completely staffed for religious instruction. Most ministers of all the Churches now view this work as among their most important duties, but there are insufficient to cope with the needs, and only part of the school is reached. The valued co-operation of lay helpers, many with teaching experience, is aiding in meeting this difficulty, and while emphasising the need for efficiency, appeal is made for lay helpers to come to the help of the ministers. At the same time, it is not sufficiently understood by staff-teachers themselves that their services may be used equally with those of ministers and others. Herein lies a very practical field of voluntary service for Christian teachers. That so many are happily conducting opening Observances is cause for satisfaction, but many most capable staff-teachers, who, as S.S. teachers, B.C. members, etc., are familiar with the Bible, could assist in the work of giving Bible instruction. The Report of the Commission dealing with secondary schools in England (1939) in the section on Scripture in Schools views as the ideal arrangement the teaching of the Bible by one who is fully within the School Society and therefore best able to relate the Bible lesson to all other parts of school life. Education Boards' Reports do not furnish complete statistical information in all cases, but it is known that over fifty staff-teachers under the Auckland Board are themselves conducting the half-hour lesson. In one school in Otago five of the staff similarly assist, but this is at present somewhat exceptional. Only by wider activity by both ministers and teachers can the field of present opportunity be covered.

Note is taken of the intention of the Student Christian Movement to organise series of lectures and studies in the four centres with a view to giving trainees in the Training Colleges and others help in preparing Bible lessons for public schools. This action is very warmly commended.

Attention is again drawn to the question dealing with Bible in Schools which Conference has directed to be asked at each quarterly meeting.

At the last meeting of the Dominion Council of the League, at which all the non-Roman Catholic Churches were represented, a letter was received from the Church of Christ Conference indicating the intention to arrange during the year for an offering in support of the League from all the Churches represented in the Conference. Unanimously the Council decided to recommend similar action in a request to the governing bodies of all the Churches. The value and importance to the Churches of the organising and educational work of the League is recognised in this request. The initiative of the Associated

Churches of Christ, which was unsought by the League, has already borne fruit in offerings made.

No further action has been taken by the Minister of Education with respect to a proposed Conference; the League is ready to respond when called on; meanwhile the status quo is retained with respect both to instruction and observances.

Services in the month of May in the interests of religious education were widely held, and exceedingly fine Press reports were furnished in many of the main centres.

6. Church Union.

A BASIS FOR THE UNION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH AND THE CHURCHES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

The following basis was worked out by a joint committee of Congregationalists and Methodists. The joint committee approved the basis, which was then adopted by the Public Questions Committee. The Churches of the Congregational Union will be considering the basis simultaneously with the Methodist Church.

I.—The Methodist Church and the Churches of the Congregational Union agree that the following Brief Statement of Faith is a sufficient basis of doctrine and that they do assent to the same, taking due account of the reservations expressed in the Preamble.

"Brief Statement of Faith."

Preamble:

(a) From the Methodist Point of View:

Whilst recognising 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. It is realised 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.

(b) From the Congregational Viewpoint:

Congregationalists, whilst loyal to the faith "once for all delivered unto the saints," have always claimed the liberty to re-state the Gospel in the light of modern knowledge, and to present it in such terms as shall commend itself to the modern mind.

Believing that "the Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth from His Holy Word," Declarations of Faith have been made from time to time for the guidance of believers, and as a current expression of the teachings of Holy Writ.

The following Statement of Faith, whilst not to be looked upon as having the binding force of a Creed, is nevertheless an acceptable Declaration, and grateful acknowledgment of the services rendered by the Methodist Church, in this expression of the Christian Faith, is hereby made.

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 to reveal the Father, to teach men the Divine Will, to give Himself for us, and to die for our sins, in order that having risen from the dead He might destroy sin and its power, and give us life eternal. In His resurrection He triumphed over death and reigns for ever as our Forerunner, Redeemer and Lord, ever making intercession for us.

3. The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is personal and He is God immanent 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 within our own 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 need the saving grace of God. 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 Him. 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, Assurance, whereby we are conscious of being the children of God, 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 found 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 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 to faith in every generation by the same spirit as the authentic Word of God.

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. From infancy all children belong to Christ, and it is their right and privilege to be received into and nurtured within His visible Church, that in due course they may accept Christian discipleship and profess the same.

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 emphasise 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 and privilege 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.

And also in the providence of God a Congregational Church, which cherishes its place in the Universal Church, is an organised Christian community, modelled on the order of the Primitive Church. It represents the Priesthood of all believers, and recognises within the Priesthood a variety of gifts and callings. It claims the right, under the guidance of the Spirit, to govern its own affairs, and exercises the privilege of co-operation with Sister Churches in the wider affairs of the Kingdom. It also looks forward to the time when the High Priestly Prayer of our Lord "That they all may be one" shall become an accomplished fact in Christendom.

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 upon the Church.

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 realised 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 a Sacrament of thankful remembrance of Christ's death upon the Cross for the redemption of the World. The bread and the wine symbolise the body and the 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. Normally the minister would celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, but under special circumstances authority may be given to a layman to officiate.

10. The Ministry.

The 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, then are ordained to the ministry. This ordination expresses the Church's recognition of the minister's personal call, authorises him to discharge the special duties of his office, and symbolises 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, especially on the Lord's Day 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 each other in the faith and in the practice of Christian virtue.

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 at all times; 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 life, individual, social, national and international, 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 manifest in glory, for which manifestation we should always be prepared.

The New Testament revelation assures us that God, Who alone can read the heart, judges all men by Jesus Christ, the Son of Man. In accordance with this Divine Judgment those who reject the mercy of God are separated from His favour, and those who accept His mercy enter into eternal blessedness with Him. 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 of Faith 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.

II.—The Methodist Church and the Churches of the Congregational Union agree to the following as a basis of Church Order.

1. Membership.

While believing that baptism is the symbol of admission into the Christian Church we affirm that confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord is the essential qualification for full membership in the organised Church, and that it is the will of Christ that all who believe in Him should join the fellowship of the Christian Church.

2. The Meetings and Courts of the Church.

(a) The basic meeting of the Church shall be the Church Meeting of the Congregation which shall be held quarterly or monthly as thought desirable. All in full membership with the congregation shall have the right to attend, but only those who are eighteen years of age and over shall have the right to vote or to be elected to office.

The function of the Church Meeting shall be:—

- (1) To consider and if thought advisable to receive into membership such candidates as have been approved by the Elders' Meeting.
- (2) To invite through the Circuit Quarterly Meeting a minister to take charge of the work of the congregation and to initiate a change when thought desirable.
- (3) To elect from among their number the elders of the Congregation, of whom a stipulated number shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election. (There shall be three elders for the first twenty-five members of the congregation, with one additional elder for each subsequent twenty-five or part thereof up to a total of one hundred members. Thereafter there shall be one additional elder for each fifty or part thereof.)

- (4) To elect from among their number the managers of the Congregation, of whom a stipulated number shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election. (There shall be three managers for the first twenty-five members of the congregation, with one additional manager for each subsequent twenty-five or part thereof up to a total of one hundred members. Thereafter there shall be one additional manager for each fifty or part thereof.)

(b) Elders' and Managers' Meetings:

- (1) The elders with the local preachers and such other officers as may from time to time be appointed by the Conference shall meet under the chairmanship of the minister and administer the spiritual affairs of the congregation in conjunction with the Church Meeting and the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.
- (2) The managers shall meet under the chairmanship of the minister, and administer the property and finances of the congregation in conjunction with the Church Meeting and the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.

(c) The Circuit Quarterly Meeting shall consist of the Ministers, Local Preachers, Elders and Managers of the Congregation, and such other officers from the congregations of the Circuit as Conference may appoint from time to time. It shall have general control of the affairs of the Circuit.

(d) The Annual District Synod shall be composed of the ministerial and lay representatives of the Circuits which comprise the district, with, in addition, representatives of certain Departments. Its business shall be the consideration of those matters which will be dealt with at the ensuing Conference, and the administration of such business as Conference shall from time to time determine.

(e) The District Ministerial Committee shall give particular attention to the examination of Ministerial character and the examination of Candidates and Probationers.

(f) Conference shall consist of all ministers in full connexion and of an equal number of laymen including the representatives of Departments. It shall have the power to elect its President, Vice-President, Secretary and other officers—and also the Chairmen of Districts. It shall examine and receive Candidates for the Ministry, pass Probationers, and admit into full connexion those who have fulfilled the prescribed tests. It shall appoint ministers to Circuits, have authority over its ministerial members, divide or alter Circuit boundaries, direct and control connexional funds, and in general adopt any legislation required in the interests of the Church. It shall appoint also the various committees charged with the control of the administrative work of the Church.

- (1) The Secretary of Conference under the direction of the President of Conference shall prepare and lead the business of Conference.
- (2) The President of Conference may be either a minister or a layman. He is appointed for one year only, but is eligible for re-election. He shall exercise a general oversight over the work of the Church.

3. The Sacraments.

The Church, believing in the principle of the Priesthood of all believers, holds that:—

(a) Adult members are in general qualified to administer Sacraments.

(b) For the sake of order, the Sacraments should generally be administered by an ordained minister.

(c) Permission may be given by the Chairman of the District acting on behalf of a congregation to any member of the Church to administer the Sacraments. The Chairman of the District may also grant permission for a member of the Church to administer Communion at other gatherings.

4. The Ministry.

(a) The Church, believing that there should be a ministry of those called of God to the sole occupation of proclaiming the Word, of administering the Sacraments, and of the care of souls, shall make the following provisions for the selection and the commissioning of ministers:—

- (1) A Candidate for the Ministry must ordinarily be a fully accredited Local Preacher.
- (2) The Candidate shall give general approval to the Brief Statement of Faith and to the Book of Laws.
- (3) The Candidate shall give an account of his faith and experience and of the steps which have led him into the Christian Faith, and moved him to seek entrance into the ministry.
- (4) That after training as shall be specified he must pass the prescribed examinations.
- (5) The Candidate must promise that if it should come to pass that he is no longer in general agreement with the Brief Statement of Faith and the Book of Laws, he will quietly retire from the ministry.
- (6) When a Candidate shall have fulfilled all these requirements he shall be admitted into full connexion and shall be ordained preferably with the imposition of hands. The President, Principal of the Theological College, and Secretary of the Conference, with two others selected by the President, not necessarily ministers, shall thus set him apart for his sacred office, according to the form authorised by Conference.
- (b) The following provisions shall be made for the good ordering of the work of the ministry, and of the Church:—
 - (1) A Minister or Probationer may be appointed by the Conference to any Church for any number of periods successively (the period being one of two years), providing that for a second period he is invited by a majority of those voting at the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, and for any further periods by a 2/3 majority, voting to be by ballot.
 - (2) The Superintendent of a Circuit shall be a minister in charge of a Circuit. Those of his colleagues who are in full connexion are his co-ministers, but the Superintendent shall have the ultimate responsibility for the life and work of the Circuit. He shall consider the Probationers appointed to the Circuit as under his care and guidance.

- (3) The Chairman of the District shall be a minister elected by the Conference. He shall preside at Synod, and exercise a general oversight over the Circuits in his District.

5. Local Officers.

In addition to the ministers of the Church there shall also be the following local officers:—

Local Preachers
Elders and
Managers.

III.—The Methodist Church and the Churches of the Congregational Union agree to the following as a basis of Church Worship and Work:—

(a) There shall be a wide freedom with regard to the time and manner of the conducting of the regular services of the Church. The Minister in consultation with his officials shall be responsible for the ordering of services, due consideration being paid to Conference recommendations.

(b) Any person, man or woman, or group of persons duly approved, may conduct a service or lead a meeting of the Church.

IV.—The Methodist Church and the Churches of the Congregational Union agree that with regard to the Funds and Properties of the Churches, the following shall be the basis of Union:—

(a) Funds and Properties:

- (1) The Congregational Church Sites Fund shall be merged with the Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund.
- (2) The Congregational Church College Fund shall be merged with the Trinity Methodist Theological College Fund.
- (3) The Congregational Jubilee Extension Fund, St. Clair Fund, and the Rout Trust shall be merged with the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Fund, with the proviso that the St. Clair Fund should continue to be limited for use within the Otago District and the Rout Trust within the Auckland District.
- (4) The Congregational Special Subsidy Fund shall be merged with the Methodist Contingent Fund.
- (5) The Congregational Church Superannuation Fund, Capital Account, shall be merged with the Methodist Church Superannuation Fund, Capital Account, but so that contributors to either Fund shall be entitled to benefits at a rate not less than the contributor would have received from the original fund of which he was a member and with a further recommendation that the basis of superannuation be investigated carefully with a view to fixing a new scale of benefits approved on an actuarial basis.
- (6) Church and Manse Properties: That all properties held by Trustees on behalf of either the Congregational Union or the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall in any legislation passed to give effect to union be deemed to be held as the property of the united Church, to be administered as Conference shall decide.

(b) **The Property of the Church:**

- (1) All properties of all sorts shall be the possession of the Church and shall within each Synodal District be under the general control of a Board set up by the Synod.
- (2) Subject to the general rules of the Church, Synods shall, through their Boards, administer the property of the Church, and the finances of revenue-producing Church properties within their boundaries, the proceeds to be used in the first instance for the work of the Church in the Synodal Districts, subject to the approval of Conference.
- (3) Circuits shall through the managers of their respective congregations be responsible for their own finances and for the care and upkeep of the Church buildings of the Circuit other than revenue-producing properties.

V.—Overseas Missions.

The Methodist-Congregational Church of New Zealand shall support the work, both:

In the Solomon Islands now being sustained by the Methodist Church of New Zealand

And the London Missionary Society's activities at present being assisted by the Congregational Churches in New Zealand.

The income of the Methodist-Congregational Church for Overseas Missions shall be apportioned in the following manner:—

The average income for Overseas Missions received by the Methodist Church and the Congregational Churches respectively for the immediate past ten years shall be ascertained.

The ratio of respective average income shall then be worked out.

The total annual income shall then be divided in this ratio between the work in the Solomon Islands and the London Missionary Society accordingly.

VI.—The Methodist Church and the Churches of the Congregational Union agree with regard to the following:—

(a) **Hesitant Members within the Congregational Union:** That the basis of union and any legislative provisions to give effect thereto should be such as would enable any Congregational Church, which at the time of union is unwilling to come into the united church, to join the united church later by some simple notification of its assent and by bringing in to the united church its assets and properties and so that such a Church shall then be deemed to have been a member of the united church from the date of union.

(b) **Name:** That for a time at any rate both the names "Methodist" and "Congregational" shall be preserved in the united church, which should therefore be known as the Methodist-Congregational Church.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report be received.

That Section A (1) Prisons be adopted and the matter referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Bible in Schools.—Conference requests the Bible in Schools League to explore the possibility of having passages of Scripture printed in the School Journal.

Representatives to the Dominion Council of the Bible in Schools League to be:—The President of the Conference (ex officio), Revs. Percy Paris, R. B. Gosnell, W. Grigg, and M. A. Rugby Pratt.

Sunday Observance.

We record our profound concern at the growing secularisation of the Lord's Day. Believing that the testimony of science and human experience demonstrates the need and economic necessity of a weekly day of rest, we urge upon people everywhere to safeguard this privilege which historically has proved of such tremendous value to the nation and to the individual. Remembering also that man is essentially a spiritual being, we declare it to be a national and personal duty to preserve and to encourage the sacred use of Sunday as a day of worship, and to dis-countenance all activities that tend to destroy its sanctities and profane its priceless privileges.

Gambling.

This Conference views with grave concern the widespread increase and encouragement among young and old of all forms of gambling. Believing it to be essentially unethical, anti-social and uneconomic, it calls upon Christian people to

- (a) Discourage all attempts to maintain and extend facilities for gambling of whatever kind.
- (b) Refrain from participation in betting, Art-Unions, Lotteries, Sweeps, Raffles, and the like.
- (c) Demonstrate by precept and personal example those ideals of Christian Stewardship revealed to us in the New Testament.

Church Union.

1. The Conference declares its conviction that it is the will of God for His Church in this age that she should seek to express her inner unity in Christ Jesus in terms unmistakeable to the world, and also that she should use her resources in a manner that will transcend all denominational rivalry and best promote the interests of the Kingdom of God. We rejoice in the growing unity and mutual understanding manifest among Christian people, and declare our readiness to co-operate heartily in any effort initiated with a view to bringing about a measure of Church Union with the Presbyterian or other Churches.
2. Should the response of the Presbyterian and/or the Congregational Church, through their Chief Courts, be favourable to the approach of the Conference, the initiation of a movement towards union should at an early date have the approval of the Local Church Courts.
3. The following be the Committee on Church Union:—The Chairman of North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. R. Dudley, J. H. Allen, F. B. Lawrence, A. O. Harris, H. E. Bellhouse, G. R. Harris, Wesley Parker, Messrs H. de R. Flesher, C. H. Perkins, W. C. Francis, P. A. Le Brun, J. E. Purchase, H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, L. G. K. Stevens, F. Thompson, and H. Holland. Corresponding Members: The President of Conference, Dr. Laws, Revs. E. D. Patchett, W. G. Slade, P. R. Paris, O. E. Burton; and the Vice-President, Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, J. C. Tietjens, F. H. Forge, H. E. Pacey, G. H. B. Lill, H. J. Savage, G. S. Gapper, and J. Stanton. Convener: Rev. W. A. Burley.

MANIFESTO ON PEACE AND WAR

The following statement is the outcome of the consideration of the subject in the spirit of Christian love, goodwill and conciliation between those of differing convictions and in that spirit it should be read and understood throughout the Church.

Statement on Peace and War.

The Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, now in annual session, realises and accepts the responsibility of expressing its mind about ethical aspects of the present international crisis. The constraint to do so arises, in part, from the fact that the Conference is the only body entitled to speak with authority to and for the membership of the Christian denomination it legally represents, but still more from its solemn sense of accountability to God for its every corporate utterance, especially at so critical a time.

Inwardly moved thus, the Conference hereby records its distress at the outbreak of war, its abhorrence of deeds betokening a pagan and brutal disregard of human rights, and its longing for a just and lasting peace. It attests also its eagerness that the Church it represents should serve to the utmost the worthy purpose of bringing about this peace. This it affirms in full assurance that the whole British Commonwealth, including this Dominion, is in grave peril; but it is equally convinced that the welfare of all peoples, without exception, is at stake. Foremost in the apprehension of the Conference is the possible loss of something greater than any separate national existence. Acts of violence and aggression of the Nazi Government, hostile to principles and tenets dear to Christian men and women, threaten the very existence of the social structure that gives opportunity for the development of democratic institutions, promotes freedom of thought, permits spiritual culture, and encourages international fraternity. Domination by menacing forces would mean a grave setback to Christian civilization and to the Kingdom of God.

That this civilization is yet immature, this Kingdom only partially established in human habits of life, adds to the terrible risk of widespread and prolonged injury to be suffered by all peoples.

The Conference is approvingly aware that greatly patient and self-sacrificing efforts were made to avert war. Their thoroughness, coupled with their sad and tragic failure, provides to-day an irremovable reason for turning aside from that resultless road. To tread one far more rough and rugged has become inevitable, if a real peace is to be attained.

Unfeignedly deploring the necessity for ordeal by arms, with all the ills that this involves, the Conference re-asserts its love of peace, its faith in eventual good, and its readiness to welcome a return to worthier means of overcoming occasions of international clashes of policy. It endorses the declaration of the President of the British Methodist Conference: "In resisting force by force it does not mean that we have lost faith in the ultimate triumph of justice and righteousness, or that we have renounced our readiness to take counsel with other nations; but no headway can be made unless there is readiness on both sides, with the assurance that truth will be respected and treaties remain inviolate."

In explicit extension of that statement, the Conference registers its belief that the British Empire, while far from perfect, has pre-eminently served the growth of free institutions in the world, and that it remains an indispensable unit in the defences of these essentially Christian elements in any adequately good social fabric. For

our Empire to falter in its fidelity to them in this crisis would be inexpressibly shameful as well as decisively damaging to the cause of human freedom.

Therefore the Conference declares its loyalty to the British Crown and Commonwealth, gives thanks for the Christian life and example of Their Majesties our King and Queen and is grateful that British statesmanship in all political parties, after arduous endeavours to maintain international peace, is united in taking the only honourable course left.

As to our own country, the Conference agrees with the Prime Minister in his summary of the position. "New Zealand is at war," he has lately said, "because there was no honourable alternative. God knows we did not want it, any more than our partners of the British Commonwealth, or France, or Poland wanted it. But it came, and we had to face up to it or be utterly shamed, and later, as we should have deserved, destroyed."

In view of certain pacifist propaganda with which the name of the Methodist Church has been unwarrantably associated, the Conference deems it necessary to say that this propaganda contravened the resolutions of previous Conferences, which, so far from adopting pacifist views, counselled dispassionate study of the question but pursued the practice of appointing chaplains under military authority and has consistently approved the League of Nations. In this present war Conference asks that members of the Methodist Church, who, for conscientious reasons are unwilling to bear arms, should have their religious convictions respected and safeguarded, but recognises that all men should be willing to render some form of alternative service to the country in whose privileges of citizenship they share.

Conference sets a high value upon the right of freedom of speech, but repudiates any interpretation of the phrase that would cover unbridled speech. It recognises the right of the State to ban subversive utterance, and dissociates itself from any instances of this that may seem to implicate the Church. While jealously guarding freedom of speech, Conference directs that our pulpits and Church organisations shall not be used as recruiting agencies nor for propaganda encouraging young men to refuse war service.

While recognising that in our Church, differences of opinion on even major issues will exist, Conference urges all preachers, teachers and Bible Class leaders to use moderation and restraint in the exposition of their particular views in the pulpit, and in Church organisations, faithfully exercising their privilege of ministering to the spiritual needs of individuals and families who may be divided on such issues.

Conference draws attention to the ordination vows of ministers under which they pledge themselves to set forth as much as lieth in them quietness, peace and love among those committed to their charge, and counsels them and all our people to observe the duty of Christian love and fellowship so as to hold the Church in unity in order that it may most effectively promote the cause of the Kingdom of God.

These resolutions are based on the following principles:—

- (1) The Application of Christian teaching to particular situations is subject to human errancy in that
 - (a) the teaching may be wrongly interpreted;
 - (b) the particular situation may be wrongly analysed;
 - (c) the teaching may be erroneously applied;

- (d) the whole mental process involved may be twisted by subtle personal factors.

In view of this human liability to err, Conference enjoins upon all Christians the necessity of recognising that, however conscientious a particular personal application of the teaching of Christ may be, it nevertheless may not represent "the mind of Christ." Furthermore the Church should be slow to declare as its "mind" any such particular application.

(2) Conference maintains that the central task of the Church is to make Christians rather than social programmes; and it is the genius of the Church to create—upon the basis of the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man and man's common need of salvation—a fellowship of men and women who though holding divergent views on social questions are yet one in worship. It is in this wide-based fellowship, nurtured by the Church alone, that the hope of peace and world brotherhood lies.

In harmony with these principles Conference enjoins upon those conducting public worship:—

- (a) The duty of creating a fellowship of human souls in the presence of the Father, God, who loves all, judges all, and to whom all men must come in penitence.
- (b) The need of expounding personal applications of the teaching of our Lord to issues, still controversial among Christians, in such a way as to preserve this unity of worship.
- (c) The great undesirability of the pulpit being identified with the partisan advocacy of any particular social plan.
- (d) The unfairness of urging personal views on controversial questions when no discussion is possible and where the majority of those in the congregations desire to be led in worship.

That copies of this resolution be printed and distributed to Ministers, Home Missionaries, Bible Class Leaders, Sunday School Teachers, and the members of the March Quarterly Meetings.

COMMITTEE FOR 1940:—

That the Public Questions Committee for 1940 be: Revs. P. R. Paris (Chairman), R. B. Gosnell, O. Burnet, A. M. Costain, A. Penn, O. E. Burton, F. J. Parker, and T. Skuse; Mrs. Steptoe, Miss Tocker, Mrs. Masters, Messrs. C. H. Hain, LL.B., T. H. Crosbie, R. Hardie Boys, J. V. Burton, A. B. Cochran, M.A., A. C. Barrington, and Dr. I. V. Newman; Rev. O. E. Burton (Convener).

B.—IMMIGRATION.

During the year we received notification of several Methodist families coming to the Dominion. These have been welcomed at the ports, and visited by ministers in the circuits where they have settled.

The war will interrupt immigration, and also make impossible the arrival of Jewish and other refugees.

PERCY PARIS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. P. R. Paris be re-appointed Immigration Officer.

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.

GENERAL REPORT.

1.—Properties Acquired.

Kerikeri—22 perches. £55.

Morrinsville—11.2 perches. £90. No debt.

Gisborne—Dwelling and Section £800.

Palmerston North—28.17 perches. £174 for Y.P. Department.

2.—Erections and Additions.

Pitt Street—Hall, etc. £17,495. Debt £10,806.

Campbell's Bay—Dormitory £1000. No debt.

Mission Bay—Church and School £2,777. Debt £300.

Beach Haven—Church Hall.

Kaikohe—Church Cost £266. No debt.

Silverdale—Hall Cost £50.

Ruawai—Parsonage £400 to date. Debt £600 on completion.

Ruatangata—Church, Cost £115 to date. No debt.

Rotorua—School. Cost £901. Debt £483.
 Ngongotaha—Church removed from Mamaku. Debt £107.
 Waitoa—Dwelling. Debt £300.
 Hamilton East—Additions Cost £144. Debt £4.
 Okato—Garage and Shed £60. No debt.
 Gonville—Additions £124 (materials only). No debt.
 Wanganui East—Improvements £60. No debt.
 Porirua—Church. £1,400. Debt £300.
 Wakanui—Church £969. No debt.
 Methven—Additions £75. No debt.

3.—Sales and Extended Leases.

Ellerslie—House and Section £600. Proceeds for Hill Road Trust.
 Arapohue—4 acres. Proceeds for Ruawai parsonage.
 Newmarket—Old P.M. Church £966. Proceeds with G.P.T. Board.
 Whakatane—Sections £150. Proceeds with G.P.T. Board.
 Awatuna— $\frac{1}{4}$ acre £7. Proceeds for Kaponga Trust.
 Marton— $\frac{1}{4}$ acre £100. Proceeds with G.P.T. Board.
 Hastings—1 rood 34.85 perches £200. Proceeds to Trust Debt.
 Dannevirke—4.75 perches. Proceeds to Trust Debt.
 Apiti—Section £40. Proceeds Apiti Trust.
 Whitemans' Valley—Section £5. Proceeds Upper Hutt Trust.
 Dunedin Mission Hall—Lease 25 years from 15th April, 1938.

4.—Circuit Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

To Credit Balance from last year—General Account	£7,617	14	7
„ Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	27,420	2	8
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	2,725	0	0
„ Loans from other sources	7,757	4	7
„ All other Receipts	66,872	13	2
Total Receipts	£112,392	15	0
Debit Balances	17,963	13	0
Total	£130,356	8	0

EXPENDITURE.

By Debit Balance from last year	£12,923	2	5
„ Loan Fund Instalments	2,933	4	9
„ Other Loans repaid	6,700	14	0
„ Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	6,036	6	2
„ Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	18,647	5	4
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	39,977	6	11
Total Expenditure	87,217	19	7
Credit Balances	9,030	10	5
Balances held for Special Purposes	34,107	18	0
Total	£130,356	8	0

5.—Statement of Debts.

Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	....	....	155,509	6	4
Add New Loans received during year	....	....	11,308	6	2
Total	....	....	£166,817	12	6
Deduct Loans repaid during year	....	....	25,373	8	7
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	....	....	£141,444	3	11
Unpaid General Accounts	....	....	£2,138	8	11
Unpaid Interest	....	....	£241	9	0
Contingent Liability	£2,000	0	0

6.—Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances Reported	£794,771	5	4
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7.—District Secretaries for Church Property.

The District Secretaries merit the thanks of the Conference for the zeal and ability with which their work is done. Most of them complain of the carelessness of some superintendent ministers, and also of the inexcusable lateness with which returns are furnished. All are nominated for re-appointment as follows:—

- Auckland—Mr. S. E. Chappell, 61 Valley Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.2.
- South Auckland—Mr. H. Wood, 54 Nixon Street, Hamilton East.
- Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. G. H. White, 329 Devon Street West, New Plymouth.
- Hawkes 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, P.O. Box 552, Christchurch.
- South Canterbury—Mr. A. Langdon Hudson, P.O. Box 244, Timaru.
- Otago-Southland—Mr. J. McIndoe, 17 James Street, Dunedin, N.E.1.

8.—General.

Continued improvement is shown by the financial returns. The total income is £6,672/3/5 more than for the previous year. The debit balances show a reduction of £5,073/16/11. In other respects the returns are satisfactory, although some trusts are heavily over-burdened.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary for Church Property.

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.
3. That the Circuit Property Schedules, with the audited Balance Sheets, be sent to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st, and that the revised Schedules with Summaries and Reports be sent by the District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than December 10th.

4. That the Property Schedules from Home Mission Stations be sent to the Chairman of the District not later than October 31st, and, after due scrutiny, sent by him to the District Secretary without delay.
5. That with a view to facilitating the work of the District Secretary, Circuit Superintendents be directed to carry out the totals of the several columns, and to see that a correct balance is secured on each Schedule.
6. That the attention of the Auditors be called to the essential importance of seeing that the balances brought forward agree in every case with the balance given in the preceding year's accounts.
7. That all moneys held in Trust for special purposes be invested 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 1939.

During the financial year ended 30th September, 1939, the amounts received in repayment of loans totalled £2856/7/6. The loans current at the date of the annual balance aggregated £21,433/2/8.

Loans Repaid.

The following loans have been fully repaid:—Helensville Church, Rototuna No. 2 loan, Te Awamutu parsonage, Dannevirke school, Templeton Church, Kaiapoi Church, Hawarden parsonage, Invercargill Central Church, and Otautau parsonage. Rototuna, Kaiapoi and Invercargill Central are to be congratulated on repaying their loans some years before maturity dates.

Re-arrangements and New Loans.

Loans have been re-arranged with the trusts at Hastings, Somerfield Street (Christchurch), Timaru (Banks Street), and Dundas Street (Dunedin). New loans have been advanced as follow:—Beach Haven Hall £150, Kaitaia Church £400, Rotorua £500, Gonville £600, Marton £225, Taihape £50.

Loans Now Current.

The following table shows the loans current in each District and the liabilities to the Fund in respect of loans and working expenses as at the date of the annual balance. In some cases payments have been made after the close of the books for audit.

District.			Loans.	Liabilities.			Arrears and Interest.
Auckland	....	....	17	3,401	16	8	481 17 2
South Auckland	....	....	12	3,591	16	0	616 5 8
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	....	12	2,941	8	2	144 3 5
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	....	....	6	782	15	6	290 14 8
Wellington	....	....	9	2,167	16	5	176 11 2
Nelson	....	....	6	1,304	17	9	23 13 0
North Canterbury	....	....	15	4,983	4	11	44 1 8
South Canterbury	....	....	1	223	2	6	—
Otago-Southland	....	....	11	3,335	6	7	1,019 1 5
Totals	....	....	89	£22,732	4	6	£2,796 8 2

Sites Fund.

During the year the following grants have been made from the Sites Fund:—Kerikeri £25, Youth Department £75, Otakou £50.

Auckland District.

Devonport is reducing its liability and a further loan will be advanced when funds are available. The Vauxhall liability is also being reduced from time to time. Mangere East is the only other loan calling for special comment.

South Auckland District.

Generous offers were made to Opotiki trust in respect of their loan. The scheme was supported by the Home Mission Board but has not yet been accepted by the trustees, who are making small reductions of liability.

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

All trusts in this District are reducing their liabilities excepting Marton, which has defaulted in its undertaking since the loan was advanced at the beginning of the year. Correspondence with the circuit has failed to elicit any reply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Gisborne has made no payment in reduction of loan since 1936. A new scheme has been inaugurated in which provision is being made to discharge the loan liability. Wairoa has been offered generous terms for an increased guaranteed loan to pay off interest-bearing debt. The trust has made no recent attempt to take advantage of its opportunity nor has it replied to relative correspondence. Other loans are satisfactory.

Wellington District.

Hataitai trust has made a recent payment in reduction of arrears.

Nelson District.

All loan obligations are being met. The Flaxbourne Church site should be taken over by Blenheim trust.

North Canterbury District.

In this District all loans are being regularly paid.

South Canterbury District.

Only one loan is current in this District and instalments are being paid regularly.

Otago-Southland District.

Dundas Street loan has been satisfactorily re-arranged. A similar arrangement has been approved for Caversham whereby the unpaid balance of current loans will be consolidated with a further new loan. A generous offer to assist St. Clair to pay off its interest-bearing debt has been made in co-operation with the Home Mission Board. The solution of this long-standing problem is now dependent upon acceptance by the trust and by the circuit quarterly meeting of the easy conditions laid down by the Committee and by the Home Mission Board.

Natural Calamities Fund.

The Committee has given its approval to the following grants from the Natural Calamities Fund:—Port Chalmers £60, Woodville £30, Manaia £20, Caversham £15.

Church Architecture.

The Committee has continued its efforts to encourage improved standards for Church buildings and has made suggestions to various trusts in regard to exterior appearance and internal arrangements. Requests have been made to trustees and others to lodge with the Committee plans and photographs of attractive buildings, but the response has been very disappointing.

Committee for 1940.

The following are nominated as the Committee for next connexional year:—The Connexional Secretary, the Chairman of North Canterbury District, the Rev. Edward Drake, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Riccarton and St. Albans circuits, together with Messrs. H. de R. Fleisher (Lay Treasurer), W. Simpson, R. W. Brighting, J. H. Kidd, H. J. S. Harrington, R. Laine, S. Sayers, E. H. Down, and H. Blackwood.

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

Returns for Land Tax Department.

The Commissioner of Taxes has written asking that all boards of trustees be notified that in all cases where the unimproved value of land held by each church exceeds £500, returns of land must be furnished every year even though they may be exempt from the payment of land tax.

Sales, Leases and Mortgages Sanctioned.

N.B.—The sanction given by the Committee for the sale or extended lease of properties will lapse if not acted upon by 31st March, 1941.

The Committee has given its sanction to the following:—

I.—Sales.

Newmarket.—11 perches for £1,000. Net proceeds to be held in trust by the General Purposes Trust Board. Allocation to be determined later by Committee in consultation with the trustees.

Arch Hill.—22 perches for not less than £325. Proceeds to be held in trust by General Purposes Trust Board and applied as Committee may hereafter approve. Trustees requested to submit proposals preferably for capital expenditure for extension work.

Mount Albert.—Front section £250, back section for not less than £300. Proceeds for parsonage reconstruction.

Onehunga.—Further section for £135 but only on condition that the whole proceeds together with £100 from the proceeds of sale of Lot 4 shall be sent as directed by last Conference (Minutes, 1939, page 76) to Connexional Office to be held in trust by General Purposes Trust Board for future developmental work in Onehunga circuit as may hereafter be approved by the Committee. The trustees are also desired to outline a definite programme for future years as requested by the Committee in July, 1938.

N.B.—The last Auckland Synod was reported as having referred the matter of a developmental scheme for Onehunga to the Church Extension Council for urgent consideration.

Manurewa.—Sale of mortgage security for £600. Proceeds to be held under provisions of Trustee Act or preferably in trust by General Purposes Trust Board pending fulfilment of the special purpose of the trust—a new church for Manurewa.

Paparoa.—39.5 perches to Public Works Department for better road alignment. Trustees to arrange compensation.

Pukekohe.—To offer to Government sections 1 to 13 for not less than £1,500; sections 16 to 21 £1,000, and/or sections 3 to 11 £900. Proceeds to be held in trust for new Church. For not more than four years income only may be applied for Church and parsonage renovations.

Rawene.—Exchange of dwelling houses.

Grahamtown (Onerahi).—Part of lot 30 to Public Works Department for £40. Proceeds to acquire more suitable site.

Bell Block (New Plymouth).—Strip for road widening to Public Works Department.

Hawera.—Turuturu Road section for not less than £70. Proceeds in trust for new S.S. Building Fund.

Waitara Beach.—Two sections for not less than £20. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board for parsonage building fund.

Gisborne.—(a) 4 inches by 35 feet encroached on by neighbour for £5 without cost to trustees.

(b) Parsonage property for not less than £1,000. Proceeds first to liquidate Loan Fund debt, balance towards cost of new or renovated parsonage, school and church at Ormond Road and Fox Street.

(c) Bright Street property for later proposals.

Dannevirke.—10 feet of parsonage land for not less than £30, such sum to reduce debt to Loan Fund.

Ashhurst.—1 rood 13.61 perches and cottage for not less than £300. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Karori.—20.3 perches for not less than £750. Proceeds to liquidate debt on remaining property.

Whiteman's Valley.—Section for £5.

Plimmerton.—5.2 perches to Public Works Department for £20. Application of proceeds to be decided later by Committee in consultation with trustees.

Otaki.—2 roods 2 perches for not less than £75 net. £50 must be lodged in trust with General Purposes Trust Board for erection of building at Otaki Beach or elsewhere in Otaki circuit as the Committee may hereafter approve. Balance may be applied to re-imburse circuit for rates paid in recent years.

Blenheim.—(a) Dedication of two corners to Borough Council. Council to do all work without cost to trustees.

(b) Sale of lots 170, 171, 172 and one third of lot 173 for not less than £600 on condition that:—

1. From the proceeds £300 shall be invested in trustee securities to constitute a special Endowment Fund, the income from which shall be available for trust expenditure.

2. The trustees shall raise such further sum as may be needed for the thorough renovation of the church, school and parsonage, and the balance of the purchase price shall be used

(a) Entirely to extinguish bank overdraft.

(b) Towards the cost of the complete renovations as above.

Leeston.—Sections 5 and 6 for not less than £75 each; section 7 with parsonage £600; sections 8, 9 and 10, £60 each; section 12, £70. Proceeds to be used for new parsonage.

Riccarton.—Elizabeth Street dwelling for not less than £775, the purchaser to pay out in cash the interest of the trust in the property.

Fairfield.—Section and building, £135. Proceeds to be held in trust by General Purposes Trust Board for future developmental work in Caversham circuit.

II.—Leases.

Dunedin Central Mission Hall.—Lease for 25 years from 15th April, 1938. Rent for first 20 years £55 per week and for last 5 years not less than £55 or more than £65 per week. Lessor may terminate lease at end of 20 years. Various protective covenants are embodied in the Memorandum of Lease.

III.—Mortgages.

Mount Eden.—Variation of mortgage for £1,025. The trustees are requested to consider a scheme for steady reduction of mortgage.

Dunedin Central Mission.—A further mortgage of £5000 to Dunedin Savings Bank. The Hall lessees will also contribute about £12,000 towards renovation of property and refurnishing.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and 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, 1941.)
3. That Superintendent Ministers and all Trustees be directed to note that the Commissioner of Taxes requires that returns of land must be furnished every year where the unimproved value of land held by any church exceeds £500, even though they may be exempt from the payment of land tax.
 4. That the District Advisory Committees be as named below together with the respective District Chairmen and District Property Secretaries as members ex-officio.
- (a) Auckland: Revs. G. Frost, 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 and Feilding Circuits; Messrs. T. R. Hodder and G. Young.
 - (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. F. H. Southgate and J. S. White.
 - (g) South Canterbury: The ministers of the Timaru, Temuka and Ashburton Circuits; Messrs. W. G. Irwin, J. W. Holdgate, A. W. Barnett and H. G. B. Withell.
 - (h) Otago-Southland: Revs. D. O. Williams, G. B. Hinton, W. H. Greenslade; Messrs. Winton, Gapper, Roberts, Michelle, McCreath, Sheat, Gandell, Johnson, Sharp, and D. J. Wesley.
5. That the Wellington remit (Agenda, page 98 (b)) as printed below, be referred to the Committee for consideration and report.
 - (b) That consideration be given to the position of trusts carrying debts out of proportion to membership (especially such trusts as Thorndon) and that—

A Commission with a substantial proportion of accountants and building valuers drawn from the various districts (with the Secretary of the Loan Fund Committee (ex officio) be set up to meet in a central city. Such Commission shall examine any trust liabilities referred to it by Conference. In general it shall obtain information as to methods of church finance from other branches of the Church in Australia and England or from other denominations. It shall report to the Conference of 1941 with any suggestions to strengthen or extend the Church Building and Loan Fund and as to how far it is possible to provide funds for the re-financing of trust mortgages as they fall due.

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

During the year the Custodian has received deeds for property at the following places:—Mission Bay, Kaitaia, Kawhia, Kerikeri, Te Kohanga, Whakatane, Morrinsville, Gonville, Waitara, Waitara Beach, Island Bay, Greymouth, Addington and Otakou.

The Kaikohe deeds are not yet to hand, although a condition of the grant from the Sites Fund was that this deed must be lodged with the Custodian. Many deeds are held by solicitors and by church officers where no mortgage requirements need to be fulfilled. Such documents should be secured by the trust officials and forwarded to the Custodian for safe keeping.

Changes in the trusteeship affecting 103 trusts have involved the registration of 281 new trustees and the removal of 277 from the Register of Trustees. Some trustees recently registered were elected several years ago. It should be known that no person may legally act as a trustee until the Authorised Representative has issued a certificate of registration. The following summary gives details of changed personnel of the trusts affected.

Districts.	Trusts.	Removals.	Registrations.
Auckland	31	90	97
South Auckland	14	23	35
Taranaki-Wanganui	13	37	37
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	5	20	16
Wellington	8	23	25
Nelson	4	8	6
North Canterbury	20	47	45
South Canterbury	1	7	—
Otago-Southland	7	22	20
Totals	103	277	281

Many trust registrations are out of date. Names are on the register of persons known to have died or resigned many years ago. Incoming Superintendent ministers often complain that no effective list of trustees has been entered in the circuit Schedule Books. Will all Synod secretaries give special attention this year to the written replies to the questions:—

1. "Has the appointment of new or additional trustees, or the removal of names from the Trusts been duly reported to the Authorised Representative?"

2. Have the proper entries been made in the Circuit Schedules?

No charge is made for removing names from the Register but a small fee is charged for new registrations.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Custodian and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch,
16th October, 1939.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1877," the Rev. Major Albert Rugby Pratt be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1940-41.
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 the Year Ending 31st October, 1939.

The Board have to report that the result for the year has been satisfactory.

Owing to the reduction in rates of interest referred to in last Report and a surplus of Income from Properties, the Board has been enabled to expend close upon £1,000 on necessary renovations. The work has been confined to the exterior of the buildings, principally the roofs of the large blocks.

The Board regret to report the death of Mr. John Veale, who passed away on the 20th March last.

The following are the names of the Members of the Board:—

Messrs. W. Ambury, A. J. Buttle, J. Stanton, J. Tyler, F. Winstone, W. E. Lewisham, T. L. Hames, A. W. Parker, Rev. Dr. Laws, and Rev. Dr. Ranston.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the following be added to the Board: Rev. Eric W. Hames, M.A., and Mr. J. Henry Blackwell.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

Report for Year Ending September, 1939.

In presenting our Report it is satisfying to state, that at the end of the year, the Balance Sheet will show that the whole of our indebtedness by Mortgage will be paid off.

We feel again we must express our indebtedness to the early Ministers and Missionaries, who, in order to meet the urgent need of education for their children as well as those of the early Colonists, in the year 1848 purchased land in Upper Queen Street for the sum of £430 and built a substantial College, and in the following year bought a larger area for £532. The College was carried on by the Ministers with the aid of a number of laymen, and in 1855 the property was transferred to Trustees for the sum of £3,720.

The work was carried on under financial difficulties, and in 1864 the debts amounted to £5,689. In the year 1865, they sold by auction portions of land for £9,830. The total area not only included the land now held, facing Turner and Queen Streets, but extended past Lawry Street and along City Road to Symonds Street. The minutes show that land was sold to a Mr. Pardington and was presumably that on which the present windmill was erected.

However, as the number of pupils had dwindled to 44 in the year 1868 the College was closed, and was used until 1894 by various tenants, including the Board of Education for Higher Education Purposes.

The Trustees made generous grants to several Church Trusts, including both High Street and Pitt Street Churches, also to the Three Kings College, which had been closed by the difficulties of the Maori War and was re-opened thanks to the grants and also a subsidy of £150 for several years. Here students were trained both for Maori and European work.

In 1893 Conference appointed a Higher Education Committee to consult with the Trustees, and on February 12th, 1895, the College was opened with 5 boarders and 33 day pupils, Mr Thomas Jackson, M.A., from Romford, England, being appointed master. Among the first students we note Rev. J. W. Burton, General Secretary for Foreign Missions in Australia; Rev. M. K. Gilmour, private student, and Rev. A. B. Chappell, transferred from Three Kings. The Trustees not only gave the land and buildings, but made a grant of £1,000.

A gymnasium was built, and in January, 1896, the Girls' College was erected and an enlargement of the Boys' College decided on. This was carried out and an extra storey added to the girls' department in 1897.

By 1898 no less a sum than £8,100 had been expended and the indebtedness was £7,180. In 1904 the financial position caused considerable anxiety and it was suggested the property be sold. In 1906, the Board of Governors stated they were not able to continue the College, and the college was closed at the end of that year, the loss for the year being £500. They pleaded the heavy debt, the position of the College being unsuitable, and the indifference of Methodists as a whole to realising the importance of supporting the only Methodist College in New Zealand.

The Trustees refused the only offer of £12,500, and in 1907 the two buildings were leased to a Mrs. Bolt for £546 per annum. In the same year a lease was given to the late Mr. Neville Newcombe for the whole property at £696 per annum for 50 years from January 1st, 1908. The lease provides that in November, 1957, a valuation shall be made of the buildings and improvements, and the Lessee shall be paid the amount of the value, less the sum of £5,000 to be allowed for the College buildings. At the end of 1907 liabilities on Mortgage and overdraft amounted to £8,743 6s. 0d. In the year 1937 with 20 years to run to terminate the lease, Mr. Newcombe's son submitted a proposal to the Trustees for them to purchase his interest in the property for the sum of £33,000. After careful consideration the Trustees declined, giving as a reason, with others, "That the sum asked was altogether too high, taking into consideration the value of the buildings and depreciation in past as well as future years."

In presenting our balance sheet this year, we show that all indebtedness will end with this year, that we have met all charges as well as giving considerable assistance to the Dunholme, Wesley, and

Trinity Colleges amounting to £4,390. The Trustees are compelled now to conserve their funds in view of claims to be met on termination of the lease.

The Annual Meeting of Trustees was held on October 25th, and after careful consideration of the financial position it was realised that the funds would need careful administration in view of payments to be made to the Lessee at end of lease, and a Financial Committee consisting of Rev. E. T. Olds, Messrs. J. Stanton, G. A. White, and J. W. Shackelford was appointed.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be adopted.
2. That the Board be requested to consider the appointment of more Ministers to the Board.

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

Report for the year ending December 31st, 1939.

The Board has met as business has required during the year, and given careful consideration to the various applications for assistance. It has also given a careful review to every grant made so as to assure itself of continued need in each case.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure shows that the sum of £307 13s. 8d. was disbursed in grants, and at the end of the year there was a balance in hand of £226 8s. 4d.

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.

Annual Report for Conference for the year ended 31st, December, 1939.

In presenting its report, the Board wishes to thank all those who have assisted in its work during the past year, and in particular would place on record its appreciation of the untiring work of Miss Allan, Matron of the Masterton Children's Home, and her assistants, and of Dr. Pryor, the Honorary Physician to the Home.

Masterton Children's Home.

We are thankful to report continued progress at the Home, full particulars of which will be found set out in the report submitted by the Local Committee. We recognise the splendid work done by the Committee and ask the Conference to re-appoint them.

Receipt of an anonymous gift of £210 to the Home, and Bequests totalling £647 2s. 10d. are gratefully acknowledged. These amounts have been transferred to the Capital Account of the Home, which now stands at £6,394 3s. 5d.

Joint Appeal and Maori Girls' School.

The Board has spent considerable time during the year upon the projected scheme for a Maori Girls' School in Taranaki. Grateful acknowledgement is made of the services rendered to the Board by the Rev. A. J. Seamer, who spent several weeks inspecting possible sites. A list of the most suitable sites was submitted to the Board by Mr. Seamer, and representatives of the Board inspected the sites.

Unfortunately the war has intervened, and it appears that the main project must be postponed meanwhile. However, the Home Mission Department is now preparing an interim scheme, and the Board has promised to the Department its fullest co-operation.

Financial.

The Revenue Account for the year discloses an excess of ordinary Income of £1,123 2s. 10d. Expenses on account of the Masterton Home totalling £1,095 15s. 0d. are detailed in the Account, and against this amount has been credited accumulated interest held on behalf of the Home, £525 5s. 3d., plus interest collected for the current year, £212 9s. 0d., a total of £736 14s. 3d.

In addition, the usual grant of £360 was made to the Home Mission Department for the support of two Deaconesses engaged in Maori work, leaving a net excess of Income of £404 2s. 1d., which has been transferred to Capital Account.

Obituary.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. C. E. Daniell, who has been a friend and supporter of the Home ever since its foundation, of Mr. C. E. J. Dowland, a former Trustee of the Board, and of our late Auditor, Mr. C. W. Charlesworth.

In conclusion, the Board unanimously recommends the Conference to re-appoint the Rev. Percy Paris as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference congratulate the Board on the progress of the scheme for the Maori Girls' School.

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.

I have to report that this property, situated in Mountain Road, Epsom, is at present let and the rent is being paid regularly. The money so received is being accumulated.

The property is being maintained in good order, and is valued at about £2,000.

The tenant is protected by "The Fair Rents Act," so that it would be impossible to obtain possession even if it were so desired. Of the Trustees, one has died, and three have moved from Auckland, and it will be necessary to make new appointments at some future date.

J. F. JACK, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

7.—NORTH ISLAND REST HOUSE.

The Trustees last met on the 16th November, 1938. During the twelve months there have been no applications received from beneficiaries for the use of the cottage and the tenant, Mr. Ohlson, is still in possession at a weekly rental of 35/- per week. I am happy to report that the financial position of the Board shows a further improvement on last year. Rates, interest, insurance, etc., have all been paid and a further reduction of £25 has been made off the Mortgage debt to the Takapuna Church. The mortgage debt now stands at £610, and the Trustees of the Takapuna Church have very kindly allowed the mortgage, which is overdue, to run on at their pleasure.

The property is in need of certain repairs and I purpose to ask the Board to authorise the sum of £40 to be spent during the coming year for outside painting and interior work. This seems to be a large amount, but I can assure the Board that every penny of the amount will be required to put the cottage in satisfactory condition. Prices are being obtained for the painting work, one price of £28 16s 0d. having been submitted by Mr. R. Reid, of Takapuna. When the final prices are received I suggest that the Chairman and a small Committee be authorised to review them and to accept the most favourable tender.

I am pleased to report that the President of the Conference has given his approval to the appointment of the Rev. W. A. Sinclair as a Trustee of the Board.

There have been no enquiries received for the sale of the property. However, there is no doubt that the painting and interior work would have a considerable influence on a would-be purchaser, and I suggest that a special effort to quit the property could be made with advantage after the work has been carried out.

The Board, I presume, are still of the opinion that we should continue letting the property to an outside tenant, for at present that is the only means by which the Trust can continue to pay its way. I purpose with the sanction of the Board to publish in the "Methodist Times" an occasional article regarding the Rest House and inviting voluntary subscriptions as I feel that some special effort should be made to allow the Trust to function should a sale of the cottage not eventuate. There is also the question of the replacing of the furniture to be considered in the future, and I know that the Board will appreciate the sentiments which prompt me to solicit subscriptions.

The management of the affairs of the Rest House has been a very pleasant task for me as Secretary and Treasurer for the past few years, and it would give me a great deal of satisfaction to have the Trust function as the late Rev. William S. Potter intended.

J. E. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

8.—THOMAS EVE TRUST.

That the verbal Report be received and adopted.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1939.

The statements of accounts for the year ended 31st October clearly show the position of the Fund. From all sources the income

was £3,361 1s. 0d. The Fire Loss Reserve Account, which was depleted the previous year by claims amounting to £575, was also drawn upon by the request of the Conference to the extent of £1,000 to assist the Wanganui Trust Rehabilitation Fund. This Reserve now stands at £3,565, but it is the intention of the Board to transfer £2,000 to the Accumulated Fund, to which no addition has been made for several years. The Board has resolutely set itself against building up needless or excessive reserves, but in view of the great growth of the Department prudence demands reasonable provision not only for the protection of insuring trusts but also to enable the Board to maintain or increase the past standard of grants. The Department was launched without capital in 1899. For the first twenty-seven years of its operations grants for Connexional purposes aggregated £4,290. In that period the annual distribution averaged about £160 and never exceeded £700 in any year. Since the Conference of 1927 grants, including the special appropriation for Wanganui and also £1,240 now recommended for distribution, have totalled £19,848, being an average of over £1,400 per annum.

Risks Carried.

The risks held by the Department are 962. The total is made up of 427 churches, 212 schools and halls, 171 parsonages, and 152 miscellaneous risks. These risks give a total cover of £728,203. Added to these are various insurances arranged by the Department aggregating £133,549 1s. 9d. The Board is thus interested in insurances totalling £861,752 1s. 9d., a large proportion of which is covered by re-insurance. To-day's figures show an increase of £409,143 over those of the year 1927.

Fire Losses.

The year just closed has been a fortunate one for the Department. Losses have amounted only to £7 2s. 3d., and this amount was covered by re-insurance.

Grants.

During the year grants have been paid out aggregating £2,107. There is now available, including an unappropriated balance of £89 9s. 11d. from last year, a divisible surplus of £1,248 9s. 4d. The Board emphasises the fact that grants cannot be made until the result of the operations of each year is known and until moneys are actually available for distribution. In the grants recommended below is a conditional sum of £50 to be made available if needed for the Natural Calamities Relief Fund, such Fund to be administered by the Home Mission Board in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for the exclusive purpose of assisting trustees of church properties in the repair or replacement or safeguarding of buildings damaged or destroyed by flood, tornado, earthquake, or similar natural calamity.

The Board recommends that grants be made to the following Connexional Funds and Institutions:—

Home Acquisition Fund	....	....	£330
Deaconess House Fund	....	....	£100
Foreign Mission Fund	....	....	£100 Special £20
Home Mission Fund	....	....	£100 Special £20
Benevolent Fund	....	....	£50
Church Sites Fund	....	....	£50

Youth Department	....	....	£50 Special £25
" Methodist Times "	....	....	£175
Trinity College	....	....	£150 Special
Natural Calamities Fund	....	....	£50 Special if needed
Centennial Exhibition Fund	....	....	£20 Special
Total	....	....	£1,240.

Natural Calamities Fund.

Consideration of the basis of the Natural Calamities Relief Fund was deferred last year at the request of the Home Mission Board. The Rev. G. I. Laurenson has suggested that the Fund be established on the basis of a small contributory levy on the annual revenue of trusts desiring to share in possible benefits, their contributions to be subsidised from various Connexional Funds. The Board does not favour such a proposal as, in its judgement, the trusts able to contribute would be those least likely to need assistance in meeting contingencies.

The Lay Treasurer.

Colonel G. J. Smith, who has been a member of the Board ever since the Department was instituted 40 years ago, completes this year 21 years of office as Lay Treasurer. No member renders greater or more devoted service on any Connexional Committee. This Fund has had the remarkable experience of never having lost one penny of its invested capital or of its interest earnings. This enviable result, especially in the last decade of financial disturbance, is mainly due to the careful oversight of the financial operations of the Department by its Lay Treasurer, to whom the Conference and the Connexion are deeply indebted.

Board of Management.

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, Raymond Dudley, Messrs E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins, S. C. Dixon, W. Charles Francis, and P. A. Le Brun.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

13th November, 1939.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account, and Balance Sheet be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. 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.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1939.

Throughout the year the work of the Connexional Office has proceeded as usual. Its activities are sufficiently outlined in the reports of the various departments administered in the office. The Committee again records its high appreciation of the work of the Connexional Secretary and his staff.

Finance.

The financial statement furnished herewith shows that the Committee has worked within its estimates. It asks for the same appropriations as last year, namely:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £220; Fire Insurance Fund, £380; Supernumerary and Allied Funds, £471; Contingent Fund, £185; "Methodist Times" Fund, £170.

Committee.

During the year one member of the Committee passed away—Mr. W. L. Thomas, who had served the Connexion usefully in many ways. The following are nominated as the Committee for the ensuing year: The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent ministers 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. H. Chapman, and J. E. Purchase.

On behalf of the Committee,

H. HOLLAND, Chairman.

FRANK THOMPSON, Lay Treasurer.

Christchurch,
13th January, 1940.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Connexional Secretary for the excellent and capable manner in which he discharges the duties of his office.

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

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

(1) The College was reopened on Monday, March 6th, with eighteen students, and also two others training for the Congregational ministry. The health of the men has been, on the whole, good. Mr. L. Greenslade was elected Senior Divinity Student and has proved a most tactful and helpful officer.

(2) Due to leave us this year are Students Dawson, Dixon, Gilmore, Greenslade, and Winiata. All are, with their varying gifts, very good men in whom we have every confidence. It is noticeable that in Mr. Winiata we have not only the first Maori to take our full course, but also one who has with credit taken the degree course at the University.

(3) The **Hostel** has been full during the year and seems likely to continue being so. A fine service for the Kingdom of God is done by our Hostel work. Mr. and Mrs. Hames have superintended this domestic side of the College life with much carefulness and considerable understanding. The Christian spirit among the Hostel men has never been higher than during this year.

(4) At the **University College** the following have attended lectures:—Dixon (Philosophy II, Education II), Gilmore (Philosophy II, Education II), Winiata (Greek I), Darvill, Thomas, and Woolford (Education I and Philosophy I).

(5) The **Tutorial Work** is under constant review at the regular meetings of the Board of Studies, which considers carefully the record of each student.

- (a) The Principal has twice each week read with the Senior men important sections of the Greek New Testament, also lectured on N.T. Theology (The Teaching of the Pauline Epistles), as well as read Classical Greek with men preparing for University work. Once a week he has taught second year N.T. Greek, O.T. Introduction (Wisdom Books), O.T. Teaching (Wisdom Literature). Twice a week classes have been held in Elementary Hebrew. Also each week there has been a class in the Psychology of Religion, a new course dealing with modern studies concerning the relationship of psychology and the origin and nature of religion and such religious ideas as God, Worship, Prayer, Conversion, etc.
- (b) Mr. Hames has settled down splendidly to his new work, and promises well for the future. Twice each week he has taught Systematic Theology (The Holy Spirit, the Church and the Sacraments, Things to Come), Junior N.T. Greek, Religious Education (The Junior class has made an elementary study of Child Life, the others have been occupied with the groundwork of Educational Psychology). Once a week he has taught Intermediate N.T. Greek, N.T. Introduction (Life and Letters of Paul; Acts), and Pastoral Theology (the duties of the minister outside the pulpit); also a fortnightly class in English Literature, as well as coaching a few men in English Composition, etc.

Both Principal and Tutor have set each term test papers in General Bible Knowledge. Mr. Hames has taken his full share of work at the Collegiate Church; the Principal, however, has only recently found himself able to do his share of the preaching. Also, they have taught classes in Elementary Homiletics and Theology to a number of Hostel men.

- (c) Dr. Laws has heard all the students preach and held the weekly Criticism Class, and also taught Homiletics to the Junior men. As this year he ceases to be a regular member of the staff, the Principal would here pay a sincere tribute to his former chief. For many years the College has been greatly enriched by the exercise of his notable gifts. A singularly endowed mind coupled with ability to impart knowledge—these have been ungrudgingly used in the service of the College. He will be missed.
- (d) Weekly collective and individual instruction in Elocution and Voice Production has been excellently given by Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A.; also, Dr. Gillie delivered a lecture on Pastoral

Work, and the Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., one on Youth Work. It is hoped that Mr. Symons will be able every year to deliver a course of such lectures to the men. Both he and Mr. Bates are keenly interested in the training here, and we also desire to co-operate with them. The College Church Organist, Mr. L. R. Brakenrig, is a very keen student of Church Music and Hymn Tunes, and is here thanked for a series of very helpful classes on these subjects. Several notable overseas visitors have visited the College and addressed the men.

(6) In Practical Work there has been considerable activity. From six to ten students preach every Sunday, and indications are that they are much appreciated. Senior men supplement their theoretical training in Religious Education by observing in various Auckland Sunday Schools. A number of men give voluntary service in the Y.M.C.A., Boys' Brigade, and various Bible Classes, etc. We provide workers for the various Christian societies within the University College. The Friday evening open-air service still continues. Almost all attended various Easter camps. The Collegiate Sunday School seems now, with the help of students, on the upgrade, and Mr. Hames is keenly alive to the possibilities of this development as a practical training Sunday School for the men, as also he is to the practical side of the Pastoral Theology instruction.

(7) Reported elsewhere is the account of many gifts to the College Library and Museum, a proof of our many sympathetic friends.

(8) On the question of Pacifism and the relation to the War, our students, like others, are divided in their opinions. Yet sound common sense and Christian charity so prevail that the fellowship is not disturbed by divisive influences. That this may continue it is thought advisable by both the staff and the students themselves that the College itself should be free from direct outside propaganda from either side. And this in order that the men may be left perfectly free to form and discuss their own opinions among themselves without pressure from external advocates eager to enter the institution.

Difficult days are ahead; and the ministry of the Christian Church with its firm faith in God will be needed more than ever. Our present duty is simply to go on with our work.

HARRY RANSTON,

October 11th, 1939.

Principal.

PRINCIPAL'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Prize Awards are as follows:—

Alexander Reid for Elocution and Public Speaking—Greenslade;

(2) Gilmore; Junior: Lewis.

Edson for Greek—Dixon; Intermediate: Lewis; Junior: Clement.

Garland for Systematic and Biblical Theology—Dawson; Progress: Burley; Junior: Lewis.

Wagstaff for Biblical Introduction, etc.—Gilmore; Junior: Lewis.

Kent for English Literature—Dawson; Progress: Rogers; Junior: Clement.

All the men passed in their University Degree examinations.

H. RANSTON,

December 21st, 1939.

Principal.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

The Council acknowledges with gratitude the guiding hand of God in the past year. Quarterly meetings have been well sustained in interest and practical service. The Standing Committees do their work with quiet efficiency.

During the year we have sustained the loss of Mr. J. Veale, who for many years gave generously in service to our Church and College. An appreciative resolution has been recorded in the Council records and sympathy conveyed to his relatives.

Resident Tutor.

The Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., has won his way into the hearts of the students, and both in his Tutorial and Administrative Work has proved himself able and adaptive in the duties of his position. He is well and faithfully supported by Mrs. Hames, to whom we acknowledge our thanks.

Housekeeper.

This appointment has proved to be most acceptable and is working very well.

The Hostel.

The Hostel has been filled to capacity. Possibly the war exigencies may lower the number of residents. Costs of House and Services have been above assessment, due to rise in prices, but there has been an increase in fees collected, so that this position is satisfactory.

Divinity Students.

There are two Congregational and eighteen of our own men. They are a fine type, keen and eager, and give promise of becoming faithful and efficient ministers. Circuits gladly avail themselves of their services for supply and Sunday duty; they are also active in open-air work, S.S. and B.C. services, etc. Their training thus combines the practical and the academic.

Friends of Trinity College.

This scheme has been successfully launched. It is early as yet to estimate its full value, but it is noted that a number of Circuits, especially in the North, have already responded through personal gifts and a College Sunday. A list of gifts will be published later.

Refresher Course for Ministers.

This was held in the 2nd Term, and was well attended and greatly appreciated by the Free Church Ministers of Auckland and suburbs.

Financial.

Financial affairs will be dealt with in the Treasurer's Report, which we commend to the generous consideration of Conference and our people generally.

Gifts.

Thanks have been given to the following for gifts to the College Library and Museum:—Messrs. V. Hayman (Te Kopua), Wm. Greenwood (Gisborne), A. W. Reed (Dunedin), and J. Belton (Plimmerton), the Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, W. A. Sinclair, M. A. Rugby Pratt, and A. Everil Orr, E. C. Leadley and E. T. Olds, and Mr. F. E. Sutherland.

Thanks and Appreciation.

The Principal and Tutor for the training of our students should be specially noted. The work has been done most carefully and efficiently; also grateful recognition is made concerning the Visiting Lecturers, Dr. C. H. Laws, Mr. Dennis Johns, and Mr. L. Brackenrig. Dr. C. J. A. Griffin continues his practical interest in the medical care of the men, to whom we tender our thanks. Our thanks are also due to the various Examiners for their work during the year.

The Rev. Dr. C. H. Laws, B.A.

This year marks the end of his active association as Lecturer, and it is with sincere regret that we record the fact. The Council expresses its sense of his great ability, wide culture, and manifold services in connection with the training of our ministers. He has placed his consecrated gifts on the altar of service to the great equipment and enrichment of our students, the ministry and the whole Church. As a Council member he has been a tower of strength. We pray for him a happy retirement, and cherish the memory of a very long and honourable period in the work of the Kingdom of God through our beloved Church and College.

J. TYLER, Chairman.

W. WALKER, Vice-Chairman.

E. S. EMMITT, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

College Dismissal Service.

A unique feature of the College Dismissal Service held on Monday, November 29, 1939, is specially noted in that Mr. Maharia Winiata is the first Maori Student to complete full course of Ministerial training. Mr. Winiata has acquitted himself well and truly. He goes out into our work in common with his colleagues, with the prayers and goodwill of the whole Church. The Rev. Geo. Laurenson gave an inspiring address and the Rev. E. Te Tuhi took a fitting part in the service.

Special Lecture.

Grateful acknowledgement is made of Dr. Caughey's fine lecture to the men on "Medical Psychology and the Ministry."

Students' Supply Work.

Most of the students will be engaged in Supply Work during the vacation.

Additional Gifts.

To the College Library—Thanks are tendered to the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt (Latin letters of Arnuld of Liseux, 1109 on), Mr. D. E. Parton, Christchurch (Dore's Old Bibles), Mrs. B. S. Halcombe, New Plymouth (Maori New Testament used from 1840 on, by her grandfather, the Rev. Henry Turton).

Dr. Ranston.

The necessity of Dr. Ranston's retirement at the Conference of 1941, owing to ill-health, was considered by the Special Committee. The Medical Certificate and Report revealed the absolute necessity of Dr. Ranston's retiral earlier than had been anticipated. Very sincere sympathy and regret was expressed and tributes were paid to the value of the doctor's work. It was decided to make enquiries of well-known Church Leaders (concerning a new Principal) in

England, Australia, and Canada. Confidential letters have been forwarded accordingly and it was decided to continue and augment enquiries already made. The Committee hopes to make a statement at the forthcoming Conference.

Council and Officers.

That the following be the Council for 1940.—The Principal, the Resident Tutor, Dr. C. H. Laws, Revs. T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, A. B. Chappell, F. Copeland, E. S. Emmitt, H. Sharp, W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, E. T. Olds, J. F. Jack, and J. D. Grocott; Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, F. M. Winstone, J. Tyler, A. C. A. Sexton, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, G. A. White, J. S. Caughey, L. W. Peak, J. Hargraves, L. E. Rhodes, C. K. Wigglesworth, and J. H. Blackwell.

Officers—Chairman: Rev. W. Walker; Vice-Chairman: Mr. L. E. Rhodes; Treasurer: Mr. F. M. Winstone; Secretary: Rev. J. F. Jack.

J. TYLER, Chairman.

E. S. EMMITT, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Year ended 31st October, 1939.

In presenting to Conference the Annual Accounts of the Trinity Methodist Theological College, it is disappointing to have to again report a substantial deficit which, for the year ending 31st March, 1940, is estimated to be £586 13s. 11d., and but for the fact of our receiving from College Sunday and "Friends of Trinity College" the sum of £120 4s. 9d., the deficiency would have been greater by this amount.

Our thanks are due particularly to the individual donors who have so kindly responded to this appeal. Although sixty per cent. of the amount received from "Friends of Trinity College" came from one donor, the Finance Committee have been encouraged to budget for an amount of £200 from this source next year, and feel that their trust in the individual members of our Church in giving their support to the training of our Ministers will not be misplaced.

Our thanks and appreciation are also 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 staff for their loyal co-operation and to Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Hames, who have carried out their duties with success and sympathetic understanding.

Site Acquisition Account.

This account has benefited by an amount of £59 11s. 10d., received during the year from the Est. G. R. George, and after the payment by the General Account of Bank Interest, shows a debit balance of £4,033 11s. 8d.

New Organ Fund.

By further dividends and Bank Interest, this Fund has increased to £385 17s. 5d.

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

PROPOSED BUDGET.

For the Year Ending 31st March, 1941.

	£	s.	d.
Probert Trust Board	300	0	0
Emsly Trust	96	0	0
Connexional Fire Insurance	150	0	0
Contingent Fund	740	0	0
Home Mission Department	135	0	0
Foreign Mission Department	50	0	0
Students' Contributions	175	0	0
Congregational Church	130	0	0
Hostel Fees	1,900	0	0
Collegiate Church	60	0	0
Rent: Moehau Street	117	0	0
College Sunday & "Friends of Trinity College"	200	0	0
Estimated Deficiency, 31/3/41	664	13	11
	<hr/> £4,717 13 11		

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Estimated Deficiency, 31st March, 1940	586	13	11
House and Service	1,900	0	0
Stipends	850	0	0
Tutor's Fees	45	0	0
Connexional Charges	128	0	0
Quarterages	136	0	0
Rates	250	0	0
Insurance	25	0	0
Telephones	33	0	0
Furnishings	80	0	0
University Fees	75	0	0
Bible Class Camp Fees	6	0	0
Repairs	250	0	0
Printing, Stationery, and Postage	25	0	0
Advertising Church Services	8	0	0
Interest	295	0	0
Rent	15	0	0
Sundries	10	0	0
	<hr/> £4,717 13 11		

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the Reports of the Principal, the Council, and the Treasurers be received and adopted.

(2) That hearty thanks for a year of successful work be tendered to the Principal, the Rev. Dr. Ranston, the Resident Tutor, the Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., and Mr. Denis Johns, M.A., and also to Mrs. E. W. Hames for careful and economical oversight of the domestic arrangements of the College.

(3) That thanks be also heartily tendered to the Chairman of the College Council (Mr. J. Tyler), the Secretary (Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.), the Treasurer (Mr. F. M. Winstone), and the Hon. Physician (Dr. Griffin); also to Mr. G. R. Brakenrig for his practical addresses on Church music.

(4) That the following be thanked and recommended for re-appointment:—The Co-Treasurer of the Site Acquirement Fund (Rev. T. A. Joughin), the Auditors (Messrs. A. T. Graham, T. L. Hames, A. J. Buttle, and F. E. Sutherland).

(5) That Conference records its appreciation of the distinguished service rendered to the College by Dr. Laws, and rejoices that, in a time of special difficulty, he has agreed to continue his valuable assistance.

(6) That we express our gratitude to those who have made valuable gifts to the College library and museum during the year.

(7) That with pleasure we note the launching of the "Friends of Trinity College" Scheme.

Retirement of Dr. Ranston.

(8) This Conference regrets to learn that Dr. H. Ranston has intimated to the College Council that owing to ill-health he will be compelled to relinquish his position as Principal of Trinity College at the Conference of 1941. It expresses sympathy with him in the circumstances which have necessitated this action and which will deprive the Church of his devoted service three years sooner than normally would have been the case.

In recognising the valuable contribution which he has made to the life of our Church through the exercise of his gifts, we pray that his closing year of service in the College may be the most fruitful both for the Church and for himself.

(9) That for the purpose of recommending to Conference the name or names of those it considers suitable for the Principalship of Trinity College, there be associated with the College Council as corresponding members, the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference, the Chairman of Districts, and one layman from each District nominated by the Chairman of that District.

(10) That the Board of Studies arrange, if possible, for a radio test of each student.

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, 1939.

The Board is pleased to report that the result of the year's operations shows an improvement of £545 on last year's figures, the loss of £613 made in 1938 having been reduced to one of £68 during the year under review.

Although this result is not as good as the Board hoped to achieve, it will be recognised that many factors beyond the Board's control have operated against it during the year, and, under all the circumstances, we think the Board has been fortunate to end the year with the present result. The spectre of mounting costs, both at the College and on the Farm, is still cause for considerable anxiety, but the Board hopes with some confidence that it will now be able at least to balance its budget each year.

During the year the Board sold to the State Housing Department 171½ acres of the Three Kings Property and 5½ acres of the Mount Albert Road Property, for the sum of £25,450. The whole of this

amount has been utilised in reducing the Board's liabilities to the Bank of New Zealand. The effect of this transaction is reflected in the interest figure in the Income and Expenditure Account, which is £500 less than the corresponding figure for 1938.

In addition, during the past year, four Mount Albert Road sections and one Landscape Road section have been disposed of for cash, the total purchase price being £1,690.

As the result of the above transactions the Board's Capital Account has increased during the year from £83,273 to £95,634, a net increase of £12,361.

The Trustees of the late Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston have paid to the Board a bequest of £2,000 under her will, the income of which is to be used for the purpose of providing a scholarship or scholarships at the College. The Board has prepared regulations for the award of these scholarships, and it has advertised for applicants for the three scholarships to be awarded on the results of a competitive examination. The scholarships will be granted for a period of one year, and subject to a satisfactory school record may be renewed yearly up to a period of three years, and in exceptional cases up to four years.

The Board has pleasure in reporting that the Minister of Housing and the Minister of Internal Affairs have promised to co-operate with it in the matter of commemorating the early history of the College. A proposal submitted by the Minister of Housing involves the renovation of the original chapel at Three Kings, and its preservation as nearly as possible in its original form. The proposal also includes the setting aside of a considerable area of land surrounding the building, which would be suitably planted.

The Board regrets to report its loss through death of a valued Trustee in Mr. J. Veale, whose record as a member dated back to the incorporation of the Board in 1911. Mr. Veale rendered untiring service in the interests of Methodism and Wesley College. He held the office of Chairman of the Board from 1924 to 1926, and was Vice-Chairman for the eight years immediately prior to the date of his death. His loss to the Board is a very real one.

The vacancy created by the death of Mr. J. Veale has been filled by the election, subject to the approval of Conference, of Mr. Aaron Best, a well-known farmer of Bombay, as a member.

The Principal has reported on the progress of the College and Farm.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1940.

It is with pleasure that we report that the past year has seen a further increase in the School roll and ninety-eight boys were enrolled. Owing to shortage of farm labour, certain parents were compelled to withdraw their sons during the year to a greater extent, yet the average number in residence was the largest since 1931. Approximately 33% of the boys in residence have been of either Maori or Pacific Island parentage, and three of the Maori boys are hoping to prepare for the work of our Ministry. Four boys have entered for University Entrance Examination, seven for the School Certificate, and six for the Public Service Entrance Examination.

The health throughout the year has been very good and in every branch of sport the College had a most successful year. In Inter-school Competitions we have been successful in winning several

championships. During the year, Mr. P. A. Hickling, B.A., who has been on the staff since 1929, was appointed to the position of First Assistant in place of Mr. F. E. J. Baillie, who resigned to take up a position in Te Aroha.

Mr Slade, as College Chaplain, has given valued help in many phases of the School activities during the year and the Senior boys have conducted a Bible Class voluntarily attended by about thirty of their number. The Principal has conducted a Sunday School for about twenty-five of the smaller boys.

During the year a wood-work room has been erected which will be a definite acquisition to the teaching facilities available and a sound film projector has been purchased as a further aid to the work of the school.

On the farm we have experienced a difficult year. An unusually dry autumn was followed by a long, wet and cold winter and reserve stocks of food were entirely consumed. As a result stock did not winter as well as usual, though the output of milk was well maintained particularly in the latter portion of the year. Over 160 cows have been milked during the winter and a minimum supply of 200 gallons of milk per day was sent to Auckland. In addition approximately 800 sheep, 80 pigs, 13 horses, and 130 head of dry cattle were carried throughout the year.

It is pleasing to note that the result of the season's operations is the best that the College has yet experienced despite the unfavourable weather conditions, while the outlook for the coming year notwithstanding the uncertainties due to war conditions, is equally pleasing.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Board and of the Principal be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statement be adopted.
3. That Conference records its sincere appreciation of the work and devotion of the staff of Wesley College, particularly of the Principal, in these years when he is doing considerably more than his prescribed duties.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Report of the Board, 1939.

As required by the regulations the Supernumerary Fund Board presents its report for the year ended 30th November, 1939, together with the various financial statements duly audited.

Annuitants and Membership.

The last Conference added six supernumeraries to the list of beneficiaries and two to the temporary list. One temporary supernumerary returned to the regular work. One supernumerary minister, one minister in the active work, four widows of supernumeraries, and also the wives of three ministers in active work died during the year. There are 36 supernumeraries and 43 widows

in receipt of annuities besides two orphaned children of deceased parents. The amount paid in annuities and furniture grants was £8,685 12s. 2d. The number of ministers at present contributing to the fund is 173.

Finance.

The financial statements fully disclose the position of the Fund. The accumulated fund now stands at £154,044 6s 11d. This shows an addition to the Fund of £1,175 16s. 2d. to meet accruing demands of future claimants. The Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts Reserve is now £873 14s. 2d. The Board will build up this Reserve as circumstances allow. The return from Epworth Chambers shows improvement and the Depreciation Reserve Account is being steadily built up and is now £3,350.

The Allied Funds administered by the Board now aggregate £34,863 8s. 10d. Most of the personal deposits lodged with the Board have been repaid. Mortgage investments have been reduced by £360 and debenture investments have increased by £1,052.

Earnings.

The violent financial disturbances of the last decade continue to operate against us in common with all investing bodies. After deducting £600 from interest earnings to increase our Reserves the net earnings of the Fund are £5,951 8s. 0d, being £256 13s. 7d. above the previous year. Calculated on the actuarial formula the average interest earning rate is £3 19s. 1d. as against £3 16s. 3d. for the previous year. On the accountancy method it has been £3 12s. 8d. Omitting office expenses the interest earning rate is £3 18s. 1d. Legislation restricting the earning power of capital may possibly create a regrettable necessity to reduce the present scale of benefits.

Subscriptions in Arrears.

A sum of £1,445 6s. 1d. represents overdue liabilities of ministers to the Fund. The arrears are owing by 60 out of 173 ministers. The following table shows the District distribution of arrears of personal subscriptions only.

District.	Subscriptions.			Interest.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	277	8	8	19	18	5	297	7	1
South Auckland	260	12	5	28	16	7	289	9	0
Taranaki-Wanganui	27	5	8	0	18	4	28	4	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	87	18	5	6	11	3	94	9	8
Wellington	122	4	11	8	1	2	130	6	1
Nelson	30	12	6	1	14	2	32	6	8
North Canterbury	211	0	4	19	12	10	230	13	2
South Canterbury	35	5	8	1	11	10	36	17	6
Otago-Southland	188	10	1	117	2	10	305	12	11
	1,240	18	8	204	7	5	1,445	6	1

Social Security.

The Board has given continued careful consideration to the provisions of the Social Security Act and to the possibility of making any adjustments to relate its prospective annuity benefits to the benefits assured by our own Fund. Some circuits raise the question as to the continued necessity for circuit levies. Some ministers ask if a scheme can be devised whereby accumulated funds may be disbursed and annuities reduced to such a figure as will qualify

beneficiaries to receive the maximum State benefit. It is still impossible for anybody to say just how the State scheme will function. Our own Fund does give actual social security and it provides benefits not covered by the National scheme. The right to a full share in the State scheme may be materially reduced or entirely cancelled according to the measure of the provident habits or the good fortune of contributors. On the other hand our Fund provides no means test upon superannuation. If a contributor to the national scheme dies before reaching the age of 60 no annuity benefit accrues to his dependants apart from the small conditional pension provided for indigent widows and for orphans. If the wife of a minister should die he would receive from the State only the benefits available for a qualifying widower. With our Fund in such a case there is no reduction of the annuity. If the wife of a supernumerary has not attained the qualifying age for a State pension the minister would receive an annuity of only 30s. per week. If a minister is transferred to another country he forfeits his rights to a State pension with no refund or transfer of contributions. Our superannuation benefits are not cancelled by such a removal. No minister whose income, with that of his wife, is over £4 per week can get an annuity from the State. Our annuities supplement whatever other income ministers and widows may receive. Our Fund also provides for a uniform furniture grant of £75 and it includes a branch which operates to supplement the incomes of those in necessitous circumstances. The Board has not been able to discover how our Fund can be fitted into the framework of the National scheme or how its basis can at present be altered without disastrous effects for many and without creating a grave risk of disadvantage for all. Civil servants and others continue to contribute to superannuation funds whilst paying the Social Security tax as do our ministers. Our Board in common with administrators of other annuitant schemes is watching the whole position with great care and it is satisfied that it would be folly to change the basis of our own Fund until the position of the State scheme is more assured. Every alternative proposal that the Board has examined has created new problems of extreme complexity and gravity.

Purchase of Benefits by Former Home Missionaries.

The question has again been raised as to whether status in the Supernumerary Fund may be purchased in respect of prior home missionary service. This matter was determined by the Conference of 1934 (Minutes page 119). Acting on the advice of the Actuary to the effect that any purchase proposal would inevitably result in a considerable selection against the Fund itself, the Conference disapproved of the proposal and it also refrained from expressing itself on the relative value of home missionary and of ministerial service. As the purchase of additional status must always be purchased for the remotest years of service actual cases were quoted in 1934 showing that it would cost £1,630 to buy benefits for one who had served for 21 years as a home missionary; £1,144 for one who had served 15 years; £256 for one who had served three years, and £128 for one who had served two years. The cost in each case is determined by the relative periods at which home mission and ministerial service began. The Board endorses the Conference opposition to the proposal.

Retirement at 65 Years.

The suggestion has been referred to the Board that the regulations be amended to provide that a minister who is 65 years of age

may superannuate without any medical certificate. This matter was considered by the Board some years ago after consultation with the Actuary. It was considered that such a change in the whole design of our superannuation scheme would create such additional demands upon the Fund that it would be deprived of an important and necessary margin of safety. The change could only be made by imposing substantial increases in circuit levies and personal contributions; by a large addition to the Accumulated Fund from outside sources; or by reduced annuities with cancellation of the present bonus additions.

Subscriptions of Probationers.

A suggestion has been made for a modification of Regulation 14 on page 140 of the Law Book so as to provide that a minister shall pay his full personal subscription as from the date of his ordination with the right within ten years to purchase benefits in respect of his probationary years. The Board opposes this proposal which in its judgment offers no real solution of the difficulties experienced by only a certain proportion of the probationers.

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

A sum of £109 0s. 10d. has been paid out in grants to assist annuitants in needy circumstances. A small further benefit has been received from the estate of Mr. J. J. B. Veale, a donation from a Wellington layman, and a grant from the Fire Insurance Board.

Home Acquisition Fund.

The aggregate amount in the personal accounts of contributors to this Fund is now £11,758 1s. 2d. Retiring allowances have been paid amounting to £906 13s. 3d. Subscriptions are now payable within six months of the due date in order to avoid forfeiture of subsidies. A sum of £51 10s. 0d. is at present in the Suspense Account.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The financial statements show that during the year retiring allowances amounting to £1,567 18s. 1d. have been paid out. The personal accounts of continuing contributors amount to £5,462 16s. 3d. A special donation of £40 has been added to the Accumulated Funds.

Deaconess' Retiring Fund.

Retiring allowances amounting to £116 3s. 6d. have been paid out. A sum of £6,072 0s. 1d. stands to the credit of the personal accounts of contributors.

Board for 1940.

During the year the Board lost the services of Mr. A. C. Reed through retirement and Mr. S. H. Maddren was appointed with the sanction of the President to fill the vacancy. The following are nominated as the Board for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. E. Drake, W. Grigg, W. A. Burley, G. R. Harris, and J. Richards. Messrs. G. S. Salter (Lay Treasurer), M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, L. G. K. Steven, R. H. Miles, and S. H. Maddren.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch,

19th December, 1939.

ACTUARIAL EXAMINATION.

Mr. Percy Muter, F.I.A., who has served as our Actuary since the transfer of the New Zealand portion of the Supernumerary Fund from Australia, notified that his services were no longer available. The Board therefore engaged Mr. S. Beckingsale, F.I.A. (London), to conduct the triennial examination of the Fund. Mr. Beckingsale was supplied with the Rules of the Fund, the annual reports and statements of accounts and the classified card index giving complete information regarding present and prospective claimants on the Fund and also regarding those whose claims have expired since the previous actuarial examination. In a letter accompanying his report the Actuary pays tribute to the precise state of the records which, he says, are so complete that no request for further information had been necessary.

The valuation of the Fund three years ago showed a deficiency of £3,436 on a calculation which assumed that the average interest earning rate free of all losses would be 4 per cent. Having regard to current investment conditions Mr. Beckingsale thinks it safer to use a valuation basis of 3½ per cent. Adopting this basis a deficiency of £15,035 is disclosed and the Actuary recommends a discontinuance of the 5½ per cent. bonus now being paid to annuitants. With very great regret the Board feels compelled to approve of the adoption of the recommendation.

It should be noted that the consistent policy of the Board has been to pay to annuitants the highest benefit possible and not to build up reserves for subsequent benefits. In the Australasian Fund a sum of £57,000 has been set aside as a Contingency Reserve to be available under actuarial advice for meeting any special contingency that may arise.

The tables following this report will show the effect of the proposed discontinuance of the 5½ per cent. bonus. All annuities will still be larger than those paid by the Australasian Fund as they have been ever since 1913 although it must be remembered that contributions to that Fund are lower than in New Zealand.

It will be illuminating to put on record the progressive benefits conferred on members of our New Zealand Fund since it was separated from the Australasian Fund on 1st January, 1912.

1st April, 1913—Annuities were increased by 15 per cent. Second wives were admitted without extra payment.

1st April, 1920—Annuities were further increased by 15 per cent. being equal to another increase of 17½ per cent. on the original scale. A sum of £8000 was paid into the capital of the Fund and subscriptions and circuit levies were increased. The Conference of 1921 resolved to grant a bonus of 10 per cent. to date from 1st April, 1920. This made a total of 43¾ per cent. increase in annuities over the scale operating in 1913. The Conference also made graded increases in furniture grants.

1st April, 1931—Conference resolved to make the furniture grant a uniform sum of £75.

1st April, 1935—A new scale of annuities was adopted to remove a number of anomalies present in the original Australasian scale and also to correct some initial arithmetical errors and to provide an even gradient in benefits for annuitants. At this time a small reduction was made in annuities.

At each successive valuation of the Fund from 1917 to 1936 Mr. Muter, our former Actuary, pointed out that if the average interest earning rate of the Fund was only 4 per cent. there would be deficiencies in the Fund varying from £21,746 in 1920 to £3436 in 1936. In 1933 he said that if the Fund were valued on a 3½ per cent. basis there would be a deficiency of £17,985. Mr. Beckingsale on the 3½ per cent. basis to-day places the deficiency at £15,035. For many years the Fund earned more than a 4 per cent. valuation rate. A reduced interest earning rate has now been made inevitable because of legislative interference with private contracts, statutory reduction of rents and of interest, and world economic conditions.

On behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch,

8th February, 1940.

SCALE OF BENEFITS FOR SUPERNUMERARIES

Years of Service	Australia & N.Z. 1913		Australian		N.Z. Present		Proposed N.Z. Annuity	
	Scale C + 15% = Scale D		Present Annuity		Annuity		Basic Scale + 30%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
5	36	13 4	39	4 8	43	17 9	41	12 0
6	37	16 8	40	9 8	45	5 2	42	18 0
7	39	0 4	41	15 0	46	12 7	44	4 0
8	40	5 0	43	1 4	48	0 3	45	10 2
9	41	10 4	44	8 4	49	8 4	46	16 9
10	42	16 4	45	16 4	50	17 1	48	4 1
11	44	3 4	47	5 0	52	6 8	49	12 2
12	45	11 4	48	15 0	53	17 5	51	1 3
13	47	0 4	50	6 0	55	9 5	52	11 7
14	48	10 8	51	18 8	57	3 0	54	3 5
15	50	2 0	53	12 0	58	18 4	55	16 11
16	51	15 0	55	7 4	60	15 8	57	12 3
17	53	9 8	57	4 4	62	15 2	59	9 9
18	55	5 8	59	3 0	64	17 1	61	9 5
19	57	3 8	61	3 8	67	1 7	63	11 8
20	59	3 8	63	6 4	69	9 0	65	16 7
21	61	6 0	65	11 8	71	19 6	68	4 5
22	63	10 4	67	19 4	74	13 3	70	15 5
23	65	15 8	70	7 8	77	10 6	73	9 8
24	68	7 4	73	3 0	80	11 6	76	7 6
25	71	0 0	75	19 4	83	16 6	79	9 1
26	73	16 0	78	19 4	87	5 7	82	14 7
27	76	15 0	82	2 4	90	19 1	86	4 3
28	79	17 8	85	9 4	94	17 3	89	18 4
29	83	4 0	89	0 4	99	0 2	93	16 11
30	86	14 4	92	15 8	103	8 2	98	0 4
31	90	9 0	96	15 8	108	1 5	102	8 9
32	94	7 8	100	19 8	113	0 2	107	2 4
33	98	6 8	105	4 4	118	4 8	112	1 4
34	102	19 8	110	3 8	123	15 0	117	6 0
35	107	13 8	115	4 4	129	11 7	122	16 5
36	112	13 4	120	11 0	135	14 5	128	12 11
37	117	19 0	126	4 0	142	3 11	134	15 8
38	123	11 4	132	4 4	149	0 2	141	4 10
39	129	11 0	138	12 4	156	3 5	148	0 8
40	135	18 4	145	8 8	163	14 0	155	3 4
41	142	14 0	152	13 8	171	12 0	162	13 1
42	149	19 8	160	9 8	179	17 8	170	10 2
43	157	15 8	168	16 8	188	11 3	178	14 8
44	166	3 4	177	16 0	197	12 11	187	6 10

SCALE OF BENEFITS FOR WIDOWS

Years of Service	Australia & N.Z. 1913		Australian Present Annuity		N.Z. Present Annuity		Proposed N.Z. Annuity Basic Scale + 30%	
	Scale C + 15% = Scale D							
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
5	20	6 4	22	3 0	24	4 8	22	19 5
6	21	4 0	23	2 0	25	5 3	23	18 11
7	22	1 8	24	1 4	26	5 9	24	18 5
8	23	0 0	25	1 4	27	6 6	25	18 0
9	23	18 8	26	1 8	28	7 4	26	17 9
10	24	17 8	27	2 4	29	8 7	27	17 11
11	25	16 8	28	3 0	30	10 3	28	18 6
12	26	17 0	29	5 4	31	12 6	29	19 6
13	27	17 8	30	7 8	32	15 4	31	1 3
14	28	18 8	31	10 8	33	19 0	32	3 7
15	30	0 0	32	14 0	35	3 6	33	6 10
16	31	2 0	33	18 0	36	9 1	34	11 1
17	32	5 0	35	3 0	37	15 8	35	16 3
18	33	8 4	36	8 4	39	3 6	37	2 8
19	34	12 8	37	15 0	40	12 7	38	10 3
20	35	17 8	39	2 4	42	3 2	39	19 3
21	37	3 8	40	10 8	43	15 3	41	9 8
22	38	10 4	41	19 8	45	9 0	43	1 7
23	39	18 8	43	10 4	47	4 6	44	15 3
24	41	7 8	45	2 0	49	1 10	46	10 8
25	42	18 0	46	15 4	51	1 2	48	7 11
26	44	10 0	48	10 0	53	2 7	50	7 3
27	46	3 4	50	6 4	55	6 3	52	8 7
28	47	18 4	52	4 8	57	12 2	54	12 1
29	49	15 4	54	5 0	60	0 5	56	17 10
30	51	15 0	56	8 0	62	11 4	59	6 1
31	53	16 8	58	13 4	65	4 10	61	16 9
32	56	1 0	61	2 0	68	1 0	64	10 1
33	58	9 0	63	14 0	71	0 1	67	6 1
34	61	0 4	66	10 0	74	2 2	70	4 11
35	63	15 8	69	10 4	77	7 3	73	6 8
36	66	13 4	72	13 4	80	15 7	76	11 4
37	69	14 4	75	19 8	84	7 2	79	19 3
38	72	19 4	79	10 8	88	2 2	83	10 4
39	76	8 0	83	5 8	92	0 8	87	4 9
40	80	1 4	87	5 4	96	2 10	91	2 7
41	83	19 0	91	10 0	100	8 8	95	3 11
42	88	1 8	96	0 0	104	18 4	99	9 0
43	92	9 8	100	16 0	109	12 0	103	17 9
44	97	3 4	105	18 4	114	9 8	108	10 4

REPORT OF THE ACTUARY.

P.O. Box 1062, Wellington.

12th January, 1940.

The Board of Management,

Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Sirs,—In accordance with your instructions, I have valued the Supernumerary Fund as at 30th November, 1939, and have pleasure in submitting my report as follows:—

1. The benefits granted from the Fund are—

- (i) Annuities to members retired from active service after completion of 44 years' service or after attainment of specified ages or earlier inability to work through ill-health.
- (ii) Annuities to widows of both active and retired members.
- (iii) Annuities to orphans of members.
- (iv) A furniture grant of £75 payable on the death of a contributor or on retirement.

Members' annuities vary in accordance with their contributory service, from £43/17/9 per annum for 5 years' contributory service to £197/12/11 per annum for 44 years' service. These annuities include a bonus of 5½ per cent.

Widows' annuities range in the same way from £24/4/8 per annum to £114/9/8 per annum and include a similar bonus.

Members contribute £10 per annum plus loadings increasing with age if the age at entry is 40 years or more. Each circuit or Department contributes £15 per annum in respect of each Minister appointed thereto.

2. The membership at the valuation date and the movements since the last valuation were as follows:—

	Contributors, Supernumeraries, Widows.				Children.
At 30th November, 1936	165	33	48	2	
Entrants	21	10	4	—	—
Returned to active work	1	—	—	—	—
	<hr/> 187	<hr/> 43	<hr/> 52	<hr/> 2	
Died	1	6	9	—	—
Superannuated	10	—	—	—	—
Returned to active work	—	1	—	—	—
Resigned	3	—	—	—	—
	<hr/> 14	<hr/> 7	<hr/> 9	<hr/> —	<hr/> —
As at 30th November, 1939	173	36	43	2	

3. The receipts and expenditure for the triennium are shown in the attached consolidated revenue account. The rates of interest earned by the Funds for each year were

1936-37	£4 3 1 per cent.
1937-38	£3 16 3 „ „
1938-39	£3 19 1 „ „

and the average for the triennium was £3 19 6 per cent.

Having regard to current investment conditions it is probable that the rate of interest earned in future will be lower still, and for this reason I have used 3¾ per cent. in the valuation.

4. The membership of the Fund is not great enough to provide a stable experience upon which to base the valuation, and recourse has been had, therefore, in fixing the valuation basis, to the experiences of other similarly constituted funds. The results of the valuation are shown in the attached valuation balance sheet. It will be noted that a deficiency of £15,035 is disclosed. As compared with the previous valuation at 4 per cent. this deficiency has arisen from two main causes. The deficiency disclosed at the last valuation, viz. £3,436, has accumulated at interest and £10,270 has been absorbed in passing to a 3½ per cent. valuation basis. Other sources of loss and profit were of minor importance.

5. The reason for making an actuarial valuation is to discover if the existing funds together with future income from all sources will be sufficient to meet the claims on the Fund as they emerge in future years. Obviously great caution must be exercised in estimating the future course of the Fund, for a deficiency arising now will, if profits do not arise in future, accumulate at compound interest and ultimately require far more drastic action than if remedial measures were adopted immediately the deficiency appeared.

For this reason I recommend that the 5½ per cent. bonus included in the annuities granted from the Fund be discontinued. This will reduce the disclosed deficiency to £3,798.

I am, gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

S. BECKINGSALE,

Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT.

1st December, 1936, to 30th November, 1939.

RECEIPTS.

						£	s.	d.
Funds at 30/11/1936	....	....	....	....	....	149,784	13	3
Personal Subscriptions	....	....	....	....	....	5,044	12	0
Circuit Levies	....	....	....	....	....	7,668	13	4
Interest	....	....	....	....	....	13,693	5	11
Rents	....	....	....	....	....	4,088	14	1
Fire Insurance Rebates	....	....	....	....	....	114	18	4
Hymn Book Account	....	....	....	....	....	192	9	10
						£180,587	6	9

EXPENDITURE.

						£	s.	d.
Annuities	....	....	....	....	....	24,179	13	6
Furniture Grants	....	....	....	....	....	712	10	0
Refunds of Subscriptions	....	....	....	....	....	311	4	0
Expenses	....	....	....	....	....	1,339	12	4
Funds at 30/11/1939	....	....	....	....	....	154,044	6	11
						£180,587	6	9

VALUATION BALANCE SHEET.

As at 30th November, 1939.

Present value of:—

	£
Current Annuities to Supernumeraries	40,049
Current Annuities to Widows	21,589
Prospective Annuities to Contributors	87,200
Prospective Annuities to Wives	66,692
Furniture Grants	6,671
Orphans' Allowances	400
	<hr/> £222,601
	£
Funds at 30/11/1939	154,044
Present value of future Subscriptions and Levies less allowance for future expenses	53,522
Deficiency	15,035
	<hr/> £222,601

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 Conference re-affirms its decision that no change be made in the basis of the Supernumerary Fund until it shall become clear that the Fund can be adjusted to the National Social Security scheme with assured advantage to our ministers and their wives and families.

(4) That Rule 39 on page 145 of the Law Book be repealed and the following be substituted therefor:—

Rule 39. A minister whose status has been reduced by the Conference shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the Fund in respect of the period by which his status shall have been reduced. Subscriptions paid by him for the period concerned shall be held to his credit and shall be applied towards the payment of his personal subscription for subsequent years. A probationer whose status has been reduced solely on the ground of failure in his examinations, shall, on completion of his probation, if the Conference so decide, have such status restored, subject to the payment of his personal subscriptions in respect of the period so restored.

(5) That the report of the Actuary and the report of the Board thereon be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

(6) That the present bonus addition of 5½ per cent. to annuities be discontinued until Conference shall otherwise determine, and that the matter be reviewed after the next actuarial examination of the Fund.

(7) That the question of the possibility of permitting the purchase of benefits in the Supernumerary Fund by ex-Home Missionaries be referred to the Supernumerary Fund Board for consideration during the year in consultation with the Home Mission Board, a report to be presented to Conference.

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

The utility of this Board is becoming increasingly manifest every year and many trusts are being committed to its administration. At present it holds money in trust for 13 Connexional Funds and for 23 church trusts. The amount held in trust is £10,939 0s. 7d. and trusts have been accepted for future administration on behalf of those who are making testamentary dispositions.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch,

19th December, 1939.

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 our Annual Report of the Children's Fund for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The following payments of £9 each have been made:—

Auckland	....	....	....	....	43½
South Auckland	....	....	....	....	13½
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	....	....	....	12½
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	....	....	....	....	7
Wellington	23½
Nelson	9
North Canterbury	40½
South Canterbury	5
Otago-Southland	19

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being 14½ more than last year.

As instructed by Minute on page 102 we have paid £150 to the Contingent Fund.

With reference to the resolution that we consider an increase of £9 to £10 per child, we would point out that this can only be done by an increase in the Levy, and it will be observed in Statement of Fund, that the Circuit Levies were £1,557 7s. 7d. and the Children's Allowances £1,557 0s. 0d., a difference of 7/7, and the payments out have been the heaviest since 1934.

Under the present circumstances we are of opinion that it would be unwise to ask Circuits for an increase this year.

				£	s.	d.
The Credit Balance at the Bank of N.S.W. is				298	18	10
Owing by Districts—				£	s.	d.
South Auckland	....	....	....	22	0	0
Otago-Southland	....	....	....	4	11	8
				26 11 8		
				£325 10 6		

In conclusion we are of opinion that a Circuit Levy of 6½% would meet the requirements of the Fund for 1940, and recommend to Conference accordingly.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Mr. E. W. A. Kellow be thanked for his services and re-appointed.
3. That the Rev. O. Burnet be appointed Co-Treasurer.

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the following grants be authorised: Theological College £740, Connexional Secretaryship £180, Deaconess Institution £75, University Fees £40, Faith and Order £5, Methodist Times £50; Total £1,090. Special Grants—Methodist Times £125, Spiritual Advance £25, Benevolent Grant £25; Total £175. Grand Total, £1,265.
3. That the Levy be 7 %.
4. That the Treasurers, Rev. William Walker and Mr J. H. Blackwell, be thanked for their services and that they be re-appointed.
5. That the Committee be:—The Chairman of the Auckland District, the Treasurers, Connexional Secretary, Secretary of Conference, and Messrs F. E. Sutherland and J. Tyler.
6. That the Auditor (Mr. Isaac Wilson) be thanked and re-appointed.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Annual Report, 1939.

Removal expenses for the year amount to about £999. Levies are expected to produce approximately £1169, leaving about £165 to transfer to the Accumulated Fund, which last year was drawn on for £415, the amount by which expenses exceeded income.

The Committee dealt with 52 removals this year at an average cost of £19/4/5 per removal.

There were 15 inter-island removals involving transport by sea; excluding the figures for three single men, the average cost of these removals was £42/9/-. Sixteen married Ministers' removals, not involving sea transport, averaged £19/15/6 each. Fourteen Ordinands and Probationers were moved at an average cost of £5/6/6.

The removals were, with one or two exceptions, carried out by the Railway Department, and many favourable comments have been received on the efficient manner in which the work was carried out. In one or two instances where breakages occurred the Department promptly made good the damage or granted compensation.

An encouraging feature is the reduction in the arrears of levies, which stood at £72 in 1937, and now amount to only £36. Two Districts only are in arrears.

In anticipation of the number, and extent, of removals for 1940 being less than during the current year, the Committee recommends a reduction in the rate of levy to 2½%.

Maximum Weight for Removals. (Minutes, 1939, page 104.)

The Conference of 1939 remitted to the Committee the question of establishing some maximum weight of goods to be allowed for each removal. The Committee gave this matter serious study but finally decided as follows:—"That having considered this matter in all its aspects, the Committee is of the opinion that it is impracticable to fix any maximum weight to be allowed for each removal."

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

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

N.B.—Since writing the above report the Auckland District has paid its arrears in full. Less than £5 is now in arrears for the whole Dominion.

H. CHAPMAN, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That the levy for 1940 be at the rate of 3%.
4. That the Committee for 1940 be:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. A. Burley, F. B. Lawrence, James Richards, and J. H. Allen; Messrs H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, J. E. Purchase, and M. Hosking. Treasurers: Rev. J. H. Allen and Mr. H. Chapman.
5. That for the duration of the war, which makes it very desirable for the Church to conserve her economic resources as much as possible, removals to be reduced to a minimum and that long distance removals be avoided where possible.
6. That in cases where Ministers convey their motor-cars from the one Island to the other, the Circuit to which they move be directed to pay sea-freight on the car, if required for Circuit purposes.
7. Treasurers.—That the Treasurers be thanked, that Mr. H. Chapman be re-appointed, and Rev. J. H. Allen be appointed as Co-Treasurer.

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

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

Annual Report, 1939.

By some, in these days, it is counted good to hold our own in affairs of the Kingdom. But year by year we, as a Foreign Mission Department, are privileged to think and work and plan in terms of Advance. This does not mean there are no disappointments, setbacks or failures. Such are frequent and at times almost heart-breaking, but in spite of them and sometimes because of them, the Kingdom of God continues to grow in the Solomons. It is with full hearts that we humbly thank Almighty God and heartily congratulate Mr. Goldie and his colleagues on the Field for the rich harvest of 1939.

With joy we report the following increases on last year's returns:—4 Churches; 6 Other Preaching Places; 10 Local Preachers;

7 Class Leaders; 30 Senior Members; 124 Junior Members; 6 Sunday Schools and 187 Scholars; 6 Day Schools, 8 Teachers, and 356 Scholars; and 480 Adherents. After 38 years' work in the Solomons, we record 5,451 senior members; 3,309 junior members; and 16,831 adherents; while 4,401 scholars are being taught by 280 teachers in 224 Schools. What great things God hath wrought!

The most vital and important question asked in the Synod is: "What is the Spiritual State of our Circuits, and can any measures be adopted to promote the Work of God therein?"

This question was answered by encouraging and optimistic reports which have been forwarded to the Board, and an outline of work for 1940 that challenges the faith and generosity of the whole Church.

It is particularly encouraging to note that results have amply justified the extension work undertaken in recent years. At Kihili, for instance, we are already seeing a gratifying development of the work made possible by the appointment of a Teaching Sister. In spite of the upset caused by some severe earthquakes, the Rev. A. H. Voyce is able to report 120 students at the station where there were only 54 last year; 57 on the Kindergarten roll that began the year with 23; and an increase on the Sunday School roll from 30 to 60. Sister Ada Lee has also 42 girls in the Home, including 7 small orphans.

Another pleasing evidence of the spiritual vitality of the Native Church is its generous contribution of service and money. In spite of the fact that copra has continued at an abnormally low price throughout the year, the contributions amount to £1,705, Government grants amount to £281, and sales of produce to £189, making the total income from the Field £2,175.

Medical.

The year has been outstanding from the point of view of medical work. Dr. Rutter's quarterly reports which have been published in the "Open Door" and "Methodist Times" indicate something of the great service being rendered. The new Clara Matilda Gorman and Samuel Gorman Wards have greatly facilitated the work at the Helena Goldie Hospital. Each ward has accommodation for 25 patients, and there have been times when one or the other of the wards has been overcrowded.

There has been an average attendance at the out-patients department of 5,626 per month . . . 157.5 per day. In addition to these remarkable figures many thousand treatments have been given by the Doctor on patrol and by European and Native workers in other parts of the District.

During the year Dr. Rutter has carried out some important medical patrols of various parts of the District, including Choiseul and the Marovo Lagoon.

A number of native medical assistants who have been in charge of out-stations for a number of years are being transferred to the base hospital for a refresher course, while other medical trainees take their place.

The appointment of Sister Grace McDonald to the Roviana Hospital enabled Sister Vera Cannon to take up special Medical Patrol work on Choiseul that was long overdue. Sister Vera Cannon has proved herself specially adapted for this difficult task, and Dr. Rutter and Rev. J. R. Metcalfe report very appreciatively of her work

Leprosarium.

Dr. Rutter is deeply concerned about the lepers and better facilities for their isolation and treatment. In a special resolution appreciative of the Medical Unit, the Synod urges the desirability of a Leprosarium when finances permit. Here is a great opportunity for some one or more whom God has blessed with material resources, to establish and endow a Christ-like work of cleansing the lepers.

Sanatorium.

A Sanatorium for the numerous T.B. cases is also urgently needed.

Doctor's Boat.

During the year an urgent appeal came from both the Chairman and the Doctor for permission to purchase a launch for medical work at a cost of £500. By a beautiful gift of the total sum required, and in memory of their mother, Miss Hannah and Messrs John and William Astley enabled the Board to meet the need, and the "Cicely" now speeds on her errands of mercy, and has already greatly facilitated the Doctor's work.

The Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest.

The above brief statement of the Medical Work and its possibilities helps to a clearer understanding of the vital importance of the Special Medical Fund which was established to maintain the continuity of the work. This Fund now stands at £15,233, and of this total the Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest has contributed £11,433. A year ago this noble bequest stood at £8,500, and it has been augmented during 1939 by four £500 Nelson City Debentures, and a block of 933 fully paid up Auckland Gas Company shares.

Once again we express our deep gratitude to Mr. Gorman and pray that his beautiful gifts may challenge others to help build up the Special Medical Fund, and thus ensure the continuity of the Ministry of Healing.

Educational.

It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of the far-reaching work of our schools and colleges. Synod recorded its gratification at the favourable reports of Village Schools. There has been an increase in schools, scholars, and teachers. Although the equipment is still meagre, the teachers are receiving more assistance every year, and a gradual improvement in the quality of the teachers and teaching is evident. Good use has been made of the text books prepared especially for village schools, and a request has come to Synod for more. In some parts of our district the village schools are not very effective, and better leaders are required. On the whole, however, we have very much to be thankful for, and praise God for the extension of the work in this Department.

Excellent work is also being done at the various Circuit Training Institutions, but more care is to be exercised in the selection of trainees. Synod expressed gratitude for another splendid year of achievement at the District Training Institution, Roviana. The training of Native Teachers is one of the most important and exacting departments of our work, and the Church is fortunate in having able and devoted leaders to guide the native youth into avenues of Christian service. It is gratifying to have the assurance of a constant band of trained workers proceeding to all corners of our District from the Training Institution, and that there is no dearth of candidates.

Valuable technical and industrial training is also being given on a number of our Stations, but this branch of the work has been hindered a good deal by commercial depression caused by the very low price of copra.

It is of special interest that two of our Roviana students, having qualified during the year, by special examination, have been sent by the Government to Suva, Fiji, for training as wireless operators, while two others have proceeded to Tulagi for the same purpose. Three of our students continue their medical training at Suva.

Staff.

Sister Ethel McMillan . . . Semi-Jubilee.

October, 1939, marked the 25th anniversary of Sister Ethel McMillan's arrival in the Solomons. We thank God for the high service and loving devotion of Sister Ethel, and affectionately congratulate her upon the attainment of her semi-jubilee in the Solomons. It is fitting that the following resolution of the Solomon Islands Synod should be embodied in this Report, and it will express the mind of the Board:—

"This Synod places on its record its sincere appreciation of the twenty-five years of splendid service rendered by Sister Ethel McMillan in the Solomon Islands Mission District. The value of the work done by Sister Ethel cannot be fully assessed by any but the Master Himself, but the whole of the Methodist Church in New Zealand and the Solomon Islands joins in expressing its gratitude to Almighty God for her twenty-five years of self-sacrificing labour, so gladly given to the women and children of the Solomons, and so richly owned and blessed by Him. Sister Ethel's devotion to her work, her loyalty to Christ and His teaching, and her loving unselfish care for her dark-skinned people have borne throughout the years a rich harvest of souls won for God, and she will ever live in the hearts of the many she has been the means of saving. We pray that Sister Ethel may be enabled to continue her great work for yet many years."

After 18 years able and devoted work the Rev. A. H. Cropp has returned to the home work. For the greater part of that time Mrs. Cropp has also devotedly shared in the work at Buka. We congratulate them upon the high service they have been enabled to render, and thank God for the success that has attended it.

The Rev. C. T. J. Luxton, appointed last Conference to Buka, has, with Mrs. Luxton, received a very warm welcome, and made an excellent start with his missionary career.

After completing her nursing training, Sister Grace McDonald was re-appointed by the last Annual Meeting of the Board and was warmly welcomed at Roviana. Her appointment to the Head Station made possible the transfer of Sister Vera Cannon to Choiseul.

We report with gratitude Mrs. Voyce's recovery from serious illness, and the comparatively good health of all the other mission householders.

Property.

Houses.

Exceptionally heavy capital expenditure has been involved during the past year for houses and boats. For 18 years our European workers at Bougainville and Buka have lived in native or semi-native houses and, in consequence, are greatly appreciating the permanent

homes recently completed at Kihili and Skotolan. A two-roomed cottage has also been erected at Gizo and has already proved of great convenience to our Missionaries visiting that part. The cost of these three buildings to date is £2,182, and painting, etc., will involve additional expenditure.

Boats.

A vessel called the "Fauro Chief" has been purchased to take up the running of the old district boat "Tandanya" and the Chairman is negotiating for a suitable engine. It is hoped the total cost of the boat and engine will not exceed £2,000. In seeking a name for the new boat the Board felt that nothing could be more suitable than "John F. Goldie" as a tribute to the great missionary, who for 38 years has navigated treacherous tropical seas for the sake of the Kingdom.

The Bougainville-Buka cutter "Saga" is undergoing extensive overhaul, and installation of a new engine by our own native technical staff at Roviana. It was this same staff that erected the cottage at Gizo mentioned above.

Earthquakes.

Considerable damage to Mission property was caused during the year at Roviana and Kihili by a severe earthquake. In addition to material losses to the extent of some £750, our workers and people were subjected to no little nervous strain.

Rice Hulling Plant.

After considerable delay, the rice hulling plant ordered from Kihili reached Kieta just prior to Synod, and Mr. Voyce hopes to have it working early in 1940. We are hopeful that this plant will help to solve the food problem associated with many of our stations.

The Home Base.

The Board is under deep obligation to the District Secretaries for effective organisation of deputation itineraries and missionary propaganda, and to the Revs. A. W. E. Silvester and D. C. Alley from the Solomons, and others who have so ably helped in placing the claims of the Solomons before our people. We are also greatly indebted to Circuit ministers, Foreign Mission Secretaries, and generous contributors.

Centennial Exhibition.

The Board has played its part at the Centennial Exhibition in the United Churches Court. Large symbolic figures, beautifully executed panels, curios, specimens of school work, etc., give an excellent impression of the outstanding part New Zealand Methodism has played during the past century in bringing in the Kingdom of God in the Solomons and other parts of the Pacific.

Publications.

The "Open Door," the "Lotu," and the Foreign Mission page of the "Methodist Times" continue their effective missionary propaganda, and the circulation of both magazines has increased during the year. The Board is particularly grateful to the Rev. V. le C. Binet for his able editorship of the "Lotu," the popular children's missionary paper which has been enlarged to include four pages dealing with Home Missions. We respectfully urge all Methodists to subscribe to our Missionary Magazines.

"Movie Projector."

The acquisition of a movie projector and missionary films for deputation work has been fully justified and further films will be screened during 1940.

M.W.M.U.

The Board acknowledges with gratitude the continued loyal, able and loving co-operation of the Women's Missionary Union. With rare devotion and real vision the women of the various auxiliaries continue and extend their work. They greatly encourage the missionaries, particularly the sisters, by their deep and prayerful interest in the work on the field. That this interest is also practical is demonstrated by the fact that in addition to numerous well-packed gift-cases, and liberal medical grants, the Union contributed last year £1,300 towards the salaries of Sisters in the Solomons and £100 to help maintain the Doctor. Assurance of continued support was forthcoming at the recent M.W.M.U. Conference.

Bible Classes.

The Young Women's Bible Class Movement has continued its generous support of Sister Ada Lee and two Native Teachers, and the Board is deeply grateful. We have referred elsewhere in this Report to the remarkable success attending Sister Ada's work in Kihili, and we are confident the Young Women's Bible Class Movement will gather joy and inspiration in its association with this advance of the Kingdom, and in the fact that the native teachers they support are doing excellent evangelistic and educational work.

The Board is also grateful to the Young Men's Movement for its partial support of the Rev. A. H. Joyce, and trusts that its financial position will soon be restored to the level that will enable it to resume the larger grants of past years. Mr. Joyce's work and opportunities in South Bougainville increase rapidly with the years and we sincerely hope this great opportunity for missionary service will challenge afresh, and inspire the Young Men's Bible Classes.

Conclusion.

While in a number of circuits, particularly in Otago, there has been increased giving, there has been a serious decline in numerous places, and in two Districts almost every circuit has returned less than last year, which is serious in view of the continual expansion of the work in the Solomons. The war, higher taxation, and trade restriction have doubtless diminished the effective income of some people, but the majority still spend freely and the Board earnestly urges upon the whole of New Zealand Methodism our sacred duty to the Solomons, where the people depend on us for all that is highest and best in life. In these days of national and international crisis we must be more loyal than ever to our work and workers in the Solomons, and heed as never before the call of the Master, to preach His gospel to every creature.

FRED COPELAND, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

THE TREASURERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1939.

The Treasurers have pleasure in presenting to the Board of Missions the Balance Sheet and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 1939. The accounts have been duly audited and the Auditors' certificate is attached.

The income amounted to £11,805/7/-, which is £463/11/5 less than that of 1938, and £44/13/- less than the estimated income for the year. The income includes £965/1/2 for the Medical Fund, being special contributions from Church Trusts, from sympathisers with the Medical Work. It also includes interest on the Medical Fund but less amounts paid for Gift Duty. The Women's Missionary Union together with the Young Women's Bible Class Movement, contributed £1,492/10/-.

The income from the Mission District was £2,175/10/-, being £115/10/- more than the estimated income for the year. This must be regarded as very satisfactory in view of the low price of copra.

The expenditure on the Mission Field has been £11,946/13/1, being £510/19/7 more than the amount of the Allocation to the District. The increase was due to unavoidable circumstances arising during the year.

The expenditure at the Home Base including outlay at the Centennial Exhibition has been £1,644/16/6, an increase of £156/13/4 on that of 1938 and £78/0/2 above the estimated expenditure for the year. This increase is accounted for in part by increased cost of printing, stationery and postage; also partly because the expenditure in connection with the Centennial Exhibition exceeded the estimate.

Mr. Samuel Gorman has again made large gifts amounting to £2,933 to the Medical Fund. The Capital of this Fund now amounts to £15,233/3/6, and of this the sum of £11,433 stands to the credit of the "Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest."

The sum of £1,557/16/8 received from legacies and various other sources, including contributions towards the Earthquake Relief and the New Boat Fund, has been placed to the credit of the Equipment Fund. This also includes a notable and timely gift of £500 for the purchase of a launch for the use of the doctor. During the year no less than £3,777/2/3 has been disbursed from this Fund for buildings and boats. For various reasons an abnormal expenditure under this heading has been unavoidable this year, and as a further large sum has had to be paid on the new district vessel this Fund may be completely exhausted next year.

Legacies amounting to £1,829/4/4 have been added to the Working Capital Fund, including an amount of £1,800 received from the estate of the late Mrs. Preston, to be known as "The Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston Endowment," in accordance with the terms of the legacy.

The Boat Insurance Fund has again been increased by a transfer of £250 from this year's income and also by interest amounting to £24/19/2, and now stands at £1,569/9/11.

The year's working shows a reduction of the deficiency by £4/19/4 after the transfer of £325 from the Medical Capital Fund. The deficiency now amounts to £5,118/3/4.

A profit of £35/2/5 has been made on the publications. The circulation of "The Open Door" now stands at 5,501 copies quarterly, an increase for the year of 93, and of "The Lotu" 7,111, an increase of 545.

In reviewing the financial position of the Missionary Society we find much in it to cause us to thank God and take courage.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Annual Report of the Board, the Treasurers' Report, the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account be received and adopted.

Greetings to the Native Church.

To you our beloved friends of the Native Church we send affectionate greeting. We rejoice with you that, year by year, the Kingdom of God continues to grow in your midst and that more and more of your children are gathered into the Church and schools and taught the true way of life.

Our hearts are sad that such devoted leaders as Napitalai Fotu, Boaz Suna, Joni Sesabeti, Leweki Siquala and Simeoni Malo have died, but their work, and their love live on and they rejoice in the "Well done!" of their Lord.

We rejoice that so many of your sick are being healed by the doctor and nurses and medical assistants of your own people, and that your sons are eager to be trained to preach the Gospel, and that the spirit of service and sacrifice is manifest in your generous giving.

Although our hearts are saddened and reproached by war our hope is strong that you may be kept in peace and love.

Greetings to Missionaries on the Field.

At this Annual Meeting of the Conference we remember you and your high service for the Kingdom and count it a privilege to be associated with you in your great work. We congratulate you upon the success of the past year as revealed in your very encouraging Reports and Returns, and thank God that His grace and goodness have been so manifest.

In these sad yet challenging days of war the Missionary Enterprise is faced with added problems and the utmost care will be needed in the husbanding of our material resources. But our spiritual resources are still unlimited and more than ever men need the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we face the future assured that God has called us and that His grace will be sufficient.

Rev. J. F. Goldie—Congratulations.

That the hearty congratulations of the Conference be conveyed to the Rev. J. F. Goldie upon the fact that he is now the senior, by three years, in the active ministry of our New Zealand Church. We thank God for the service so richly blessed and pray that Mr. Goldie may be spared to continue for many years his able and devoted leadership in the Solomons.

Sister Ethel McMillan—Semi-Jubilee.

That the affectionate congratulations of the Conference be conveyed to Sister Ethel McMillan on completing, in October, 1939, 25 years' missionary service in the Solomons. The Conference fully associates itself with the sincere appreciation of the splendid service rendered by Sister Ethel as expressed by the Solomon Islands District Synod and embodied in the Annual Report.

Rev. Eroni Kotosoma—Ordination.

The Conference warmly congratulates the Rev. Eroni Kotosoma upon his Ordination at the recent Islands Synod and prays that his ministry in the Solomons will be long and richly blessed of God.

Leprosarium.

The Conference notes with sympathy the Solomon Island Synod's agreement "that the provision of a Leprosarium would be a highly desirable development when finances make this possible," and trusts that the urgent need of better facilities for treating the numerous lepers in the Solomons may challenge our people to make possible this Christ-like work.

That an appeal be made through the "Methodist Times" to establish a Special Fund for the Leprosarium.

T.B. Isolation.

It is highly desirable that an isolation ward for T.B. patients be erected and maintained to help the doctor and his staff in their fight against dread tubercular disease.

The Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest.

Conference sends its affectionate greeting to Mr. S. Gorman, of Nelson, and thanks God for the vision and continued benefactions of this wonderful friend of Missions. During the past year Mr. Gorman, in addition to his many other gifts, has contributed a further £2,933 to the generous bequest that bears his name and that of his late dear wife, and which now totals £11,433.

This rapidly growing bequest is playing a very important part in the maintenance and extension of the Ministry of Healing in the Solomons and encourages the Board to face the future with confidence. An adequate Medical Fund will enable the Doctor and the Synod to plan a long distance policy in the alleviation of suffering, prevention of disease, and the training of a native medical ministry. We are profoundly grateful that Mr. Gorman has set his hand and his heart to this great task with such noble generosity and extend to him our heartfelt thanks.

M.W.M.U.—Appreciation.

The Conference extends to the M.W.M.U. its sincere thanks for another year of happy co-operation and loyal and generous help. By contributing £1,300 towards Sisters' salaries and allowances and £100 to help to maintain the doctor, by generous grants to the various mission stations for medical supplies, and the despatching of many valuable gift cases, the work in the Solomons has been greatly helped. The assurance of continued help is a source of much encouragement.

The workers on the Field and the Native Church gather much inspiration from the deep personal interest, the prayers and very practical sympathy of our great Missionary women.

Next October will see another change in the location of the Dominion Executive. The Conference expresses once again its deep appreciation of the vision, service and loyal co-operation of Miss E. M. Rishworth, of the Auckland Executive, and prays for Mrs. C. E. Taylor and all who will be associated with her in Feilding, God's guidance and grace as they take over the leadership of the Union.

Young Women's B.C. Movement.

The sincere thanks of the Conference are extended to the Young Women's B.C. Movement for its continued generous support of Sister Ada Lee and two Native Teachers, and for its widespread and prayerful missionary interest. Remarkable success has attended the work of Sister Ada, of Kihili, and we are confident the Young Women's Movement will gather joy and inspiration in its association with this advance of the Kingdom.

Young Men's B.C. Movement.

The Conference expresses its gratitude for the measure of support accorded by the Young Men's B.C. Movement during 1939 and joins the Movement in its regret that the larger help of former years has not been possible. The work and opportunities of the Rev. Harry Voyce in South Bougainville are constantly increasing, and there is no other part of the Solomons where such an immediate and rich harvest for God is possible. On every hand the people are crying out for Christian leadership and we trust that this great opportunity will challenge afresh the eager interest of the young men of the Movement.

Congratulations.

That the congratulations of the Conference be extended to Dr. E. G. Sayers upon the distinction that has come to him in the award of the Cilento Medal for 1940.

Thanks to Deputations.

The Conference heartily associates itself with the various Synods in sincere thanks to the Revs. A. W. E. Silvester and D. C. Alley, and others who so ably assisted in deputation work during 1939.

Thanks to District and Circuit Secretaries and Collectors.

That the sincere thanks of the Conference be tendered to all District and Circuit Foreign Mission Secretaries and Collectors for their able and devoted service.

Representatives on National Missionary Council.

The Chairman of the Wellington District, the General Secretary, Rev. O. Burnet, Mr. B. J. Lynneberg, Mrs. H. Nicolson.

GENERAL ESTIMATES, 1940.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Zealand: General	10,500	0	0			
Special Medical	1,000	0	0			
				11,500	0	0
Solomon Islands				2,045	0	0
				£13,545	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Solomon Islands District Est.—			
	£11,519	12	0
less	500	0	0
			11,019 12 0
Home Base			1,491 7 8
Centennial Exhibition			20 0 0
Interest			360 0 0
Boat Insurance Fund			250 0 0
Furlough, Allowances and Travelling,			
Rev. A. H. Cropp and family (balance)			234 3 4
Mrs. Alley—Special Travelling			40 0 0
Debt Reduction			129 17 0
			£13,545 0 0

SPECIAL EXPENDITURE FROM EQUIPMENT FUND, 1940.

Mission House, Kihili—Painting Tanks, etc.	....	£50	0	0
Mission House, Buka—Painting, Completion Kitchen, etc.	....	£50	0	0
District Vessel—Engine, etc., £1,000 already paid	....	£1,000	0	0
"Saga"—Estimated last year but not charged for new engine and overhaul	....	£350	0	0
Films	....	£25	0	0

General Treasurers.

That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames be heartily thanked for their services and re-appointed.

Board.

That the following be the Board for 1940:—

The President of the Conference, the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District, Rev. A. H. Scrivin (General Secretary), Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames (General Treasurers), Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, E. T. Olds, A. B. Chappell, W. Walker, E. P. Blamires, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, H. A. Sharp, J. John, E. D. Patchett, W. W. Avery, V. le C. Binet, A. A. Bensley; Messrs W. S. Mackay, J. P. Blair, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, J. Tyler, J. E. Astley, L. E. Rhodes, R. Thomas, L. Peak, E. H. Burton, J. H. Blackwell, 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 W.M. Auxiliary (Mrs. A. White), Misses S. A. Somerville and G. Griffith, Mrs. T. Rowe, Sister Mabel Morley.

Rev. A. H. Cropp—Transfer to New South Wales.

In agreeing to the transfer of the Rev. A. H. Cropp to the New South Wales Conference this Conference places on record its high appreciation of his devoted and able missionary service. Appointed to the Solomon Islands District in 1921, Mr. Cropp proved himself an intrepid and successful pioneer missionary. He has been greatly used in proclaiming the Gospel to a primitive people in reducing the Petats dialect to writing, and in translation work, and in helping to build the Kingdom of God in Bougainville and Buka.

We commend Bro. Cropp to the New South Wales Conference and trust that his ministry there will be richly blessed.

District Secretaries for Foreign Missions.

AUCKLAND	....	Rev. J. John.
SOUTH AUCKLAND	....	Rev. L. A. G. Brooks
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	....	Rev. E. S. Harkness
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU	....	Mr. C. E. Taylor
WELLINGTON	....	Rev. O. Burnet
NELSON	....	Rev. Moses Ayrtton
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 J. John, 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. F. G. Brown.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Morrinsville, Te Aroha, and Paeroa Circuits; Messrs. H. Wagstaff, C. Rayner, H. Wood and P. Rushton, Mrs. R. Eastwood and Miss Herbert. Convener, Rev. L. A. G. Brooks.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Eltham-Kaponga, 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, L. Laurenson and A. E. Fisher; Mesdames C. E. Taylor, T. R. Hodder, and E. G. Bennett, and Miss L. Goldsmith. 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. A. Blakemore.

WELLINGTON.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. O. Burnet.

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. Grigg, M.A., Mrs. Leaper, Mrs. Brock. Convener, Rev. Moses Ayrtton.

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, 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. Convener, Rev. A. E. Jefferson. 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.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Abridged Annual Report, 1938-1939.

For the year that has passed we thank God for the evidence of His power in all Auxiliaries. Facts and figures tell in some measure the story of what has been achieved, but much has been done in the realm of the spirit and its value cannot be assessed. We stand at the

threshold of another year of opportunity, faced with even greater responsibilities, but secure in the knowledge that while we remain faithful to our high calling, God will prosper our efforts.

Membership.

There has been a substantial increase in membership, the total numbers being 3,838, an increase for the year of 468. This includes approximately 240 Gleanings members. 31 Auxiliaries report an increase in membership and 24 a decrease.

Auxiliaries.

This year eight new Auxiliaries have been formed at Kaitaia, Port Albert, Kaeo, Russell, Hauraki Plains, Temuka, Milton, and Mataura, making a total of 79. In addition 13 new Branches have been formed as follows:—Auckland 4, Wellington 3, Te Aroha 2, New Plymouth, Hawera, Woolston and Ashburton 1 each, making a total of 75 Branches.

Extension.

Early this year visits were paid by the Dominion President, Miss Rishworth, to Auxiliaries and Ladies' Guilds in North Auckland. As a result new Auxiliaries were formed and interest aroused in several centres.

District Correspondents.

It is felt that much of the success of the year is due to the faithful work of the District Correspondents, who seek to help and inspire Auxiliaries by letters and where possible by visitation.

Finance.

The income for the year raised by Auxiliaries totals £4,228 0s. 1d., this being an increase over last year of £441 11s. 5d. Of this £185 10s. 1d. was raised toward the special object of £200 for Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund. The Medical Fund amounted to £170 15s. 8d. and the Stamp Fund £111 4s. 10d.

Legacies and Gifts.

Two bequests were received during the year, one from Mrs. McGeachie of £25 and one from Mrs. Walton, of Invercargill, of £100. Two anonymous gifts of £100 and £25 respectively came from Dunedin.

Mrs. Ramsden's Cookery Book.

The beginning of the year saw the completion of this fine effort, which resulted in the sum of £110 for the "Maintain the Doctor Fund."

Literature.

The circulating of the President's Quarterly Letters and of the letters of Sisters from both overseas and at home, continues to create and maintain interest. We are glad that so many Ladies' Guilds now receive these letters and read them at their meetings.

Conventions.

Successful Conventions have been held at Dunedin, Wellington, New Plymouth, Napier, and Feilding; each centre reports that much inspiration resulted from these gatherings.

Sisters.

Yet another sister has gone forth to the Solomons, namely, Sister Grace McDonald, this making a total of eight for whose support the M.W.M.U. is largely responsible.

The number of Deaconesses in the Home Field supported by the Union remains the same, five whose salaries we pay and part of their travelling expenses, and half the salary of Sister Marara Kawiti.

B.C. Movement.

We are glad to report our continued co-operation with the Y.W.B.C.M., who forward through us the salaries of the Sisters supported by them, namely Sister Ada Lee in the Solomons and Sister Nicholls at Hamilton.

Box Department.

The gift boxes for the Solomons reach a total value of £233 11s. 10d. Gifts have come from many Ladies' Guilds and we are grateful for their interest. £150 from the Medical Fund has been divided among the workers for the purchase of additional medical supplies.

In addition large quantities of used clothing have been forwarded to the Sisters in the Home Field, these often providing a means of contact between the Sister and those she wishes to reach.

Evening Meetings.

This year several Auxiliaries held successful evening meetings to which men of the congregation were invited, following a suggestion made at the annual meeting of the F.M. Board.

Kurahuna.

Nearly nine years have passed since the opening of Kurahuna Maori Girls' School, and the value of this branch of the Union's work is well attested. There are now always more pupils applying for admission than can be accommodated, and the committee are very regretful that each year they have to refuse admittance to so many girls. Interest on the part of the Auxiliary members is growing and more are taking up the 1d. per week fund, the income received from Auxiliaries this year for Kurahuna showing an increase of £110. The girls are busy with work for the Centennial Exhibition, to be shown in the Church Court.

The school is economically run, as the balance sheet will show, and the girls receive an all round training, fitting them to become good home-makers in the future.

General.

We are grateful to the many Ministers who so willingly help, encourage, and advise, particularly to the Revs. A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, and W. Silvester. The latter for his readiness to give of his time to Auxiliaries when on furlough.

We look back over the year with thankfulness; we look forward with courage to another year of high endeavour.

E. M. RISHWORTH, President.

E. M. LEWIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses its admiration for the work of the Women's Missionary Union and notes with gratification the large increase in membership. It wishes them God's richest blessing and power for a further year of splendid activity.

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

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT.

This year has had its own difficulties and encouragements, and we express our thanksgiving for Divine blessing manifested in many ways. The Home Mission Department provides a channel whereby the individual gifts of our Church members are able to be gathered up and transformed into service in many needy areas. The measure of support sustained year by year by a growing group of friends brings encouragement to all who work in the Department.

Changes in Leadership.

At the beginning of the Connexional Year, Rev. A. J. Seamer relinquished his position as General Superintendent, a position which he has adorned by long years of unique service. At an early meeting of the Board for the New Year a suitable resolution was passed embodying the following paragraphs:—

"Feeling the restraint of recurring ill-health, but yet having an undimmed zeal for the work, Mr. Seamer has voluntarily chosen to retire several years earlier than ordinarily would be required. He has done this to leave the leadership of the Department in other hands, but also that he might give all his strength to assisting in every way possible the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among the Maori people.

"The Board recognises Mr. Seamer's unique capacity and status in Maori life, and looks on his experience as a form of capital which it cannot afford to lose. Therefore this meeting of the Home Mission Board reaffirms its previous resolution that Mr. Seamer be retained as Adviser to the General Superintendent in Maori matters, with an honorarium of £100 per annum for such time as his services can be available, recognising that this is the only worthy way to retain to the Church the benefit of his ripe knowledge and wonderful mana amongst the Maori folk."

At an impressive induction service in Pitt Street Church, Auckland, Revs. G. I. Laurenson and H. J. Odell took up their duties of General Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent respectively.

We welcome Rev. E. T. Olds to the position of Ministerial General Treasurer, and Rev. J. C. Draper as Secretary of the Board.

Maori Work.

A separate report on the Maori Mission is submitted herewith.

Passing of Mr. John Veale.

During the year, Mr. John Veale, for 22 years General Treasurer of Home Missions and latterly a life member of the Board, passed to higher service. We record our thanksgiving to God for such a useful life.

Gorman Bequest.

Since the last Conference Mr. Gorman has again shown his inspiring and practical interest in our work by adding a further £500 of Government Inscribed Stock to the "Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission Bequest." We are greatly cheered by this generosity, which brings this bequest now to the total of £3,500, and we trust that others may be inspired to follow this lead.

Natural Calamities Fund.

As endorsed by the last Conference, a cheque for £125 was received from the Fire Insurance Fund Board. In consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, most helpful grants were made to assist Port Chalmers, Woodville, Manaia, and Caversham Trusts in disheartening calamities which had befallen their properties.

Grants from Church Trusts.

We are glad to report the receipt during last year of special grants of £100 each from Pitt Street, Auckland, and Taranaki Street, Wellington, Trustees. We welcome this action by these Trusts in making such grants from revenue, and we hope that other Trusts blessed with revenue from properties will also commence this type of help.

Literature and Colporteur Committee.

We rejoice in that, under God, this has been both a busy and profitable year for our Society. We have seen new opportunities of service present themselves, and in a large measure we have been enabled to meet them.

Our Society is happy to report the continued and increasing worth of our Colporteur work. We now have an agent and equipment of which our Church may justly be proud. Our thanks are due to all those who responded so well to our appeal for special funds for the provision and maintenance of our Car and Caravan, which Sister Rita is putting to such valuable use.

As an indication of the increased recognition given to the place of our Bookroom in the lives of our people, we are pleased to report a considerable nett profit on our year's work. This is certainly most gratifying to all those who have watched our Bookroom win its way into the notice of our folk. The faith of those early enthusiasts has been amply justified.

The Society has for some time felt the desirability of moving our Bookroom on to the ground floor, should suitable arrangements be possible. Towards the end of the year an opportunity presented itself, and we decided to move in. However, because of the outbreak of war, with the prospect of difficulty in obtaining supplies and general business uncertainty, we have decided to await a more favourable moment, the matter being in the meantime deferred.

A new feature of our work has been that of our Picture Department. We have now some valuable equipment; and from the limited use we have as yet been able to give it, we have seen the wide possibilities of such a method of evangelism. Whenever we have been able to use this method of preaching and evangelising through the religious sound film, we have heard favourable comment, both on the quality of the material and the value of this means of presentation of the Gospel. Our main difficulty, however, is the securing of a suitable person to place in charge. We are convinced of the value of this Department, and believe that we have an almost virgin field here to explore for the Kingdom.

Attention has been given during the year to the publication of the "Statement of Faith" and similar acceptable booklets, keeping alive this valuable side of our Church witness.

We go forward to our new year full of high hopes, and more certain than ever as to the value of the printed page in Christian propaganda; and as to the strategic place our Bookroom and all that it stands for occupies in the life of our Church and the Christian community in general.

Spiritual Advance Committee.

During the year the attention of the Committee has been engaged with the following matters:—

1. Publications:

In conjunction with the Literature and Colporteur Committee, it has published the Statement of Faith, and has advertised the publication amongst the Circuits, and has urged all Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries to preach upon its themes.

The Committee has arranged for suitable literature to be obtained for free distribution at the Centennial Exhibition.

It is engaged in the publication of pamphlets upon urgent themes to be sold to our people.

The Committee believes that there is need for cheap but well-written and attractively produced pamphlets amongst our people, and intends to explore and develop this method of evangelism and education to the extent of its resources.

2. Visit of Professor Albiston:

The Committee has been in contact with Professor A. E. Albiston and has made the necessary arrangements for his visit.

3. World Preaching Mission:

The Committee has kept in touch with the developments concerning the proposed World Preaching Mission of 1940. Conference recommends that where united or simultaneous missions are being held in any District during the year, our Ministers and people co-operate in every way possible.

3. World Preaching Mission:

The Committee has kept in touch with the developments concerning the proposed World Preaching Mission of 1940, and concurs with the decision to postpone the New Zealand participation in the Mission until 1941. The Committee feels that the opportune time for a concerted evangelistic approach will be after the Centennial Celebrations have concluded.

1940—Recommendations.

1. The Committee, in making recommendations for the programme of the Church during 1940, calls upon the Methodist Church to register its thankfulness to Almighty God for the part that He has led it to take in the development of Christian Life and Character over the past 118 years of work, by renewed zeal and enthusiasm for the cause of Jesus Christ. It would suggest that churches use to the full the opportunities that may present themselves in Centennial celebrations to keep before the public the important part that the Church has played in the development of national thought and life.

2. In view of the general disorganisation caused by the war conditions, we recommend to our churches in every Circuit and Home Mission Station:—

- (1) To remember that Christian Fellowship is a priceless heritage to safeguard, even more closely than ever, in the divided and unsettled state of the world. Every step should be taken to deepen the inner unity of the Church in our loyalty to Jesus Christ. We urge the greatest care to promote every opportunity for meeting in Christian Fellowship, such a centre being vital to the community and personal life.

- (2) Where it is possible to make effective local plans for such gatherings, special missions of inspiration and appeal, and conventions for the deepening of spiritual life be organised.
- (3) All preaching should be more than ever aimed at producing Christian Discipleship, and complete surrender to the will of Christ for individuals and for mankind.
- (4) Every member of the Church must play his or her part to conserve the spiritual gains of the past, must maintain the Church's witness in the community, and to this end is called upon to make contact with those outside of the Church with a view to winning them for the service of Christ.
- (5) Pastoral Visitation should be organised with a view to bringing our ministers and workers into contact with non-Church-going people, especially with parents of Sunday School children, to enlist their interest in the Church with definite intent to win them for Christ.
- (6) Finally, that the attention of our ministers be drawn to the book, "The Method and Message of the New Evangelism."

3. To meet the demand for a confident and certain note from the pulpit, we would reaffirm the necessity and importance of all preachers preaching upon the great themes, such as are set out in the recently published Statement of Faith. Once again we would draw the attention of our preachers to the recommendation of last Conference, that expository sermons based upon the Statement of Faith be preached.

Poster Stamps.

As a method of raising some extra revenue for the Home Mission Fund and as a means of spreading publicity about our work, a set of poster stamps was published early in the year and these are selling quietly. We commend these to our people.

Matters Referred by Conference to the Home Mission Board.

1. **Status of Retired Home Missionaries.** (Minutes of Conference, 1939, Page 122, No. 26, a & b.) This matter was considered in consultation with the Law Book Revision Committee, who will report on the matter to Conference.

2. **Removal Expenses Fund for Home Missionaries.** (Minutes of Conference, 1939, Page 122, No. 21.) The Board gave careful consideration to the following facts:—

There are 42 Home Mission appointments at present (26 married men and 16 single).

At present there is an average of 18 moves per annum at a gross annual cost of approximately £150.

We can anticipate approximately 20 moves per annum at an average total annual cost of £200.

The Board recommends to Synods and Conference careful consideration of all the issues involved in the proposal to establish a Fund for the above purpose.

Recommendations.

1. That a Fund be established on the following basis:—
 - (1) A levy of £3 per annum from each Home Mission Station with a married appointment.
 - (2) A levy of £2 per annum from each Home Mission Station with a single appointment.

- (3) Grant from the Home Mission Fund of £45 per annum.
- (4) Grant from the Fire Insurance Fund of £45 per annum.
2. That payments to the Fund be made for three years at half rates, commencing in April, 1940.
3. That full rates to the Fund and benefits from the Fund commence in 1943.
4. That the Removal Expenses Fund Committee be requested to consider this as a working basis for the Fund, in consultation with the Home Mission Board, and to submit a scheme of rules for the administration of the Fund to next Synods and Conference of 1941.
5. That the Fund be administered by the existing Removal Expenses Fund Committee.
6. That the Home Mission Board does not favour the extension of this scheme to Deaconesses.
3. **Legacies and Capital Funds.** (Minutes of Conference, 1939, Page 121, No. 9.)

Recommendations.

1. That the time has arrived for a change of the existing policy which at present reads "that all legacies except as otherwise declared shall become capital money, the interest only being used."
2. That a new policy shall apply to all legacies under wills or codicils signed after 31st March, 1941.
3. That due publicity be given to the change of policy.
4. That legacies may still be allocated by donors for capital or other purposes only.
5. That all legacies under wills or codicils signed after 31st March, 1941, unless otherwise specified, shall be allocated on the following basis:—50% to capital funds and 50% to be at the disposal of the Home Mission Board for current or special purposes.
6. That the Board does not favour setting a maximum figure for capital funds of the Department.
4. **Separated Chairmanship.** (Minutes of Conference, 1939, Page 126, Para d.) In view of the international situation the matter be held in abeyance in the meantime.
5. **Special Appeal, 1940.**

In the early part of the connexional year a strong committee was nominated to the President of Conference to act as Standing Committee for the above appeal. That Committee will report direct to Synods as a Connexional Committee.

Conclusion.

We present this report in the early stages of a world conflict which will cause inevitable readjustments in various ways. In no way will it remove, rather will it increase the importance of every aspect of the work of this foundation department of the Church. We commend the future to Him of Whom we thankfully say—"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

FRED. COPELAND, Chairman.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

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 Department. The Statement of receipts and payments and the Statement of Capital of the Investment Funds Board, the Statement of the Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission Bequest, the Statement of the Taranaki Maori Girls' School Fund, the Statement of receipts and expenditure and the Balance Sheet of the Mission Property Trustees, the Statement of the Trading and Profit and Loss Account, and the Balance Sheet of the Literature and Colporteur Society, and the Revenue Account of the Picture Department.
3. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1940 be received and adopted.
4. That in view of the fact that after careful examination of all expenditure from the Home Mission Fund so that barely sufficient is being expended to maintain essential activities without retrenchment, the estimated gross income from all sources is insufficient to meet even that minimum expenditure by some £1,400, Conference urge all Circuits and Home Mission Stations to conduct an urgent and systematic campaign for increasing the regular income of the Home Mission Fund by at least £1,500 per annum.
5. That Conference express its appreciation to those Circuits where successful efforts have been made to exceed the Circuit Target for the Home Mission Fund, but regrets that the effort has not been more uniform through the Dominion.
6. That all Circuit Superintendents be requested to bring the matter of the Home Mission Fund before the Quarterly Meetings with a view to the present serious position being realised, and a more uniform effort being made throughout the whole Connexion for the Home Mission Fund.
7. Thanks to Mr. Gorman.—That a letter be sent from the Conference to Mr. Samuel Gorman, expressing the gratitude of the Conference for his further splendid gifts during the year, whereby the Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission Bequest has been raised to the sum of £4,020. That he also be thanked for his gift of £500 to be used for the work of a Probationer in the Nelson Circuit.

Life Member.

9. That Rev. A. J. Seamer be appointed the first Ministerial life member of the Home Mission Board.

Board for 1940.

10. The General Superintendent (Rev. Geo. I. Laurenson), the Assistant Superintendent (Rev. H. J. Odell), the Senior Maori Superintendent (Rev. Eruera Te Tuhi), the Chairman of the Auckland District (Rev. Fred Copeland), Dr. H. Ranston, the Ministerial General Treasurer (Rev. E. T. Olds), the Lay General Treasurer (Mr. Frank Penn), Revs. A. H. Scrivin, George Frost, Arthur Mitchell, John Olphert, W. Walker, H. Sharp, J. C. Draper, B. M. Chrystall, A. J. Johnston, E. S. Emmitt, J. F. Jack, J. D. Grocott, C. W. Brown, the President of the Women's Missionary Union, Misses E. M. Pearce and J. L. M. Buttle, Sister Ivy Jones, Messrs R. Howell,

T. Clark, W. S. Mackay, J. J. Parker, L. E. Rhodes, F. G. Steinert, H. S. Crowe, W. Ambury, T. W. Hemer, G. Wilson, Thos. White, A. Williams, C. K. Wigglesworth, S. E. Chappell, J. H. Blackwell, Mrs. George Smith, Rev. A. J. Seamer (Life Member). Convener, the General Superintendent. Secretary of the Board, Rev. J. C. Draper.

Treasurers for 1940.

11. That Rev. E. T. Olds and Mr. Frank Penn be thanked for their services and re-appointed for 1940.

Auditors.

12. That the Honorary Auditors of the Department's Funds, Messrs. J. L. Crawford, P. Dellow and A. Turner, be thanked for their services and re-appointed.

Thanks.

13. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the General Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, Officers and Members of the Board and standing committees, the members and conveners of the District Home Mission Committees, the Chairman and Treasure of the Literature and Colporteur Committee (Mr. W. S. Mackay), the bookroom Manager (Mr. T. W. Hemer), and the Honorary Deputations, for services rendered during the year.

14. That the Home Mission Board explore the possibilities of producing historical films on Home and Maori Missions, to be used in connection with annual Home Mission meetings throughout the Dominion.

Religious Films.

15. That we commend to the Church the suggestion that contiguous Circuits should co-operate in the purchase and use of 16 M.M. sound projectors in the service of the Church.

16. That we express our appreciation of the fine service rendered by Sister Rita Snowden as Colporteur and in H.M. Deputation work. We rejoice in receiving the reports which have come to hand of the valuable contribution Sister Rita has made and is still making to the work of our H.M. Department and to our Literature and Colporteur Committee.

17. That the grant of £25 on the estimates for the Spiritual Advance Committee be subject to a subsidy of £ for £ from the Contingent Fund.

Removal Expenses Fund for Home Missionaries.

18. That the matter be referred to the Removal Expenses Fund Committee to consider in consultation with the Home Mission Board, and to report to Synods and Conference.

District Home Mission Secretaries.

AUCKLAND—Rev. A. J. Johnston.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—Rev. H. Spencer.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. I. S. Williamson.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.

WELLINGTON—Rev. F. J. Parker.

NELSON—Rev. W. Rowe.

NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. H. G. Brown.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. B. M. Tasker, B.A.

SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT—Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade.

District Home Mission Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, with the Revs. W. Walker, E. W. Hames, and A. J. Johnston; Messrs W. S. Mackay, W. Ambury, E. O. Chivers, F. Penn, F. W. Stone, T. E. Price, E. A. Astley, and A. Williams. Convener, Rev. A. J. Johnston.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu and Morrinsville 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, and Waitara Circuits, the Home Missionary at Okato, Messrs C. E. Bellringer, G. W. Kirk, P. Wells, E. Dixon, and T. P. Hughson, Senr. Convener, Rev. I. S. Williamson.

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, Messrs E. G. Bennett, L. Bycroft, A. H. Fisher, C. E. Taylor, T. Wilkinson, Miss F. Gray. Convener, Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.

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. S. J. Werren. Corresponding Member, Rev. C. O. Hailwood.

WELLINGTON.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. F. J. Parker.

NELSON.—The Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, Blenheim, and Motueka Circuits, together with Messrs S. S. Collier, T. P. Brooks, E. S. Wratt, 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 J. Butcher, 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. B. M. Tasker, B.A.

Southland Sub-District H.M. Committee.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits, together with the Circuit H.M. Secretaries. Convener, Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade.

QUESTION XLV.—What is the State of the Maori Work, and What can be done to Promote its Interests?

MAORI MISSION REPORT.

In presenting this annual report we desire to express our gratitude to Almighty God for His blessings through another year of service. We do not report any special items of advance, but steady and faithful service has been rendered and we feel that useful work is being done through the activities of our Mission in extending the Kingdom of our Lord among the Maori people.

Retiring General Superintendent.

This year marks the retirement of Rev. A. J. Seamer after many years of faithful and self-sacrificing work for the Maori people. On every hand we hear expressions of pleasure that Mr. Seamer is retaining his link with the work as Kaumatua or "Respected Elder" of the Mission. His advice and co-operation have been invaluable throughout this year.

Young Maori Conference.

Earlier in this year an important conference of young Maori leaders was held at the Auckland University College. Several of our workers and members were able to attend as private members of the Conference and all received considerable encouragement and information from the fellowship and the discussions. Many important matters affecting Maori welfare were dealt with.

Publications.

This year our new edition of the Maori Hymn and Service Book has been received, and is selling steadily. In addition a useful small hymn book for Maori Sunday Schools, consisting of Maori and European Hymns and suitable prayers, has been prepared by the Mission. This is meeting the need of a dual type of book in the present stage of development of the Maori young people.

The "Kotuku," our small Maori periodical, is still being published and it fills a useful place in our work.

Visits of General Superintendent and Senior Maori Superintendent.

At suitable periods during the year, Mr. Laurenson and Mr. Te Tuhi have made visits of inspiration and consultation to several Maori Districts. Services and meetings were held in a large number of centres and personal contact was made with many of the people. Our ordained ministers are giving their usual faithful service in their big districts and maintaining a steady witness.

Honorary Home Missionaries.

Several changes were made this year in the appointment of Honorary Home Missionaries. One respected agent, Mr. Tahuna Herangi, passed away early in the new year, and he is sadly missed. The workers who have been appointed are all doing faithful work, and the changes, we believe, will result in a more effective working of our areas.

Church Building.

Our Maori people are revealing a growing sense of responsibility in the matter of their Church buildings and property. In several places funds have been raised for the renovation or improvement of buildings.

Mission Boxes.

We have recently secured a supply of Mission Boxes bearing a Maori label for use in Maori homes for receiving subscriptions for the Home Mission Fund. We believe that these will materially assist in developing further the co-operation of the Maori families in the work of the Church.

Deaconesses.

Our team of experienced Deaconesses continue their Christian Ministry in their various district, and the two new workers have settled down excellently into their appointments—Sister Evelyn of Hamilton, and Sister Dorothy of Te Kuiti.

We again record our deep appreciation of the financial assistance given to the Department by the Women's Missionary Union, the Y.W.B.C. Movement, many Sunday Schools, and the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowment Trustees.

Voluntary Workers.

In some districts more than in others, much assistance is given to our regular workers by the voluntary helpers in Sunday School work, etc. To all these we express our thanks.

Students for the Ministry.

This year we mark with pleasure the completion by Student Winiata of his theological course in Trinity College as a student for the full status of the ministry. Mr. Rogers continues his studies and we watch with interest the development of these prospective leaders. We would be glad to see more young men coming forward to train for this great work.

Deaconess Students.

Our Board reaffirmed this year its desire that students for Home or Maori Mission work be given instruction in the Maori language and in the tonic-sol-fa system of music. We hope to see these subjects taught to all students for the New Zealand work for some years to come.

Schools for Maori Students.

Again we express our gratitude for the splendid work being done at "Kurahuna." The type of training being provided is especially effective in the development of the girls in Christian home making.

Wesley College, Paerata, is sending out a small but steady stream of young men into the Maori communities. We have not yet solved in New Zealand the problem of ensuring adequate openings in the professions for trained Maori lads. This proves discouraging to young fellows who have acquitted themselves well in an equal standard of training with European students.

Taranaki Maori Girls' School of Domestic Science and Hygiene.

As all Synods endorsed the recommendation of the Home Mission Board that the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trustees be urged to co-operate with the Home Mission Board in the establishment of an interim School in Taranaki until such time as the proposed larger scheme is proceeded with, steps have been taken to establish such an interim school on the Grey Institute property in New Plymouth. A Sub-Committee of the Home Mission Board has been established in New Plymouth and great hopes are held that this interim stage of the development will prove most successful, and will prove a worthy and effective preliminary step in the development of the larger scheme.

The Liquor Traffic.

This terrible scourge continues to create many tragic difficulties in our work. Only the abolition of alcoholic liquor from our community life will solve the problem.

Another strongly organised attempt was made during the year to have licenses introduced into the King Country, in violation of the sacred pact under which Europeans entered that area in the first place. It is gratifying to report that the Maori people themselves, through their chiefs and leaders in a large and representative Conference, once more strongly reaffirmed their support of the pact and their urgent desire that all intoxicating liquor be kept out of the area, and the present laws be strengthened and enforced.

Maori Mission History.

Various unavoidable delays have occurred in the preparation of the manuscript of the history of our Maori Mission work. Rev. A. B. Chappell hopes shortly to be able to complete this book, which is being awaited with keen interest by our people, and which we believe will serve to give a more worthy recognition of the work done by our Church in the early days and on into the period of growing settlement.

Conclusion.

Again we commend this work to the continued and increased interest of our Church. Our New Zealand Methodism grew out of the Maori Mission. In many centres it was founded by missionaries amongst the Maori people. We have entered into that heritage. May we be found faithful.

FRED COPELAND, Chairman.

ERUERA TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses its pleasure in learning of the development of the interim School in New Plymouth for Maori Girls, and endorses the action of the Home Mission Board in making available to the New Plymouth Committee the £3,000 held for the purpose of a Taranaki School, interest to be usable and portion of the capital expended only on permanent materials suitable for the development of the larger scheme.
3. That Conference express to the Women's Missionary Union, the Young Women's and Young Men's Bible Class Movements, and the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trustees, special thanks for the splendid financial assistance given by them to the Maori Mission Activities of the Church during the past year.

Treaty of Waitangi.

4. The Conference congratulates the Government upon the measure of success achieved in the Waitangi Centennial Celebrations, but regrets the circumstances which prevented the Waikato, King Country and Taranaki Tribes from being officially represented, and suggest that this is a suitable subject for a full enquiry. The Conference notes with satisfaction the admission made by members of the Crown that the Treaty is still binding upon the conscience of the Crown and consequently upon our Parliament and Courts. As how-

ever this fact was not explicitly and clearly stated and there is much unrest amongst our Maori people on that account, the Conference endorses their request that a suitable summary of the principles and provisions of the Treaty of Waitangi be placed upon the Statute Book.

The Conference respectfully claims the right to express itself on this question as it is an indisputable historical fact that our Missionaries, in association with those of the Church Missionary Society, advised the acceptance and signing of the Treaty and assured the Maori Chiefs that the Treaty would stand for all time and would be honourably observed. The Conference cannot forget that it was the great Methodist Chief, Tamati Te Waka Nene, who sprang from his place by the side of Rev. Samuel Ironside with whom he had been conferring and at his instigation made the historic speech that swayed the assembly of Chiefs and decided the issue.

These facts not only give this Conference the right to speak on the question but also place upon it a responsibility that cannot be lightly regarded.

That the President of Conference, the Chairman of the Wellington District, General Superintendent of Home Missions, and the Senior Maori Superintendent present the matter to the Government.

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

A.—AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

Report, 1939.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we record another year of progressive work, direct evangelism, constructive social service, and educational guidance. There have been many anxious hours, as well as those crammed full with the goodness of the Almighty.

Re-Building Scheme.

The scheme in conjunction with the Amalgamated Theatre Company, which was approved by the Building and Loan Fund Committee, has been abandoned in the meantime. However, the Mission Trustees and officials realise their strategic position, and are prepared to move along with a modified scheme when the East Street Hall is sold. In the meantime, a fund is being augmented, and every avenue exploited to create a worthy Mission Home. It is hoped that the Methodist Centennial Thanksgiving Fund will help us in our re-building project to create a Mission Home for our "general and specified activities." (See Minutes of Conference 1938, page 139, par. 2.) In the meantime, theatre seats will replace old forms, and the Church will be used as a Mission Hall.

Radio Church of the Helping Hand.

Since our last report, Station 1ZJ has been sold to the Government. Many letters revealed the extent of the influence of the services. £160 subscribed by friends of the Mission for this work is now being used to build a room at the Health Camp, and will be suitably recognised.

Sunday Services.

The morning service is never large, but the evening congregation is well maintained. The evangelistic note is clearly sounded, and membership has increased. The average number at Communion is about 40.

Youth Work.

During the year, on account of new housing schemes, we have transferred more than half of our scholars to suburban Sunday Schools. There is still a wide field for work among adolescents, and this is being catered for through Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies, clubs, etc. There is an urgent need for a further Youth Hostel in the city, in order that the young people may be comfortably housed, and surrounded by helpful influences.

Health Camp and Rest Home.

During the year 250 children have benefited at Campbell's Bay. This makes a total of 1,015 during the last four years. Through the generosity of individuals, organisations and firms, we were able to erect a dormitory valued at £1,000, free of debt. A further extension is now in progress, and when completed, will make an excellent block. This building will save the staff anxiety and provide better facilities for some children who otherwise would have slept in tents. During the next season, groups of mothers will also be accommodated. No money is likely to be received from the King George V. Memorial Fund. We record our very real thanks to Mr. C. V. Barham, Architect, and the large band of voluntary workers who have given so generously of their time.

Social Services and "Goodwill Industries."

"Not charity, but a chance" to work is our message to all who are physically fit. "Goodwill Industries" have come into existence offering not charity, but work to men and women in need. They relieve the poor and distressed, without destroying their self-respect. They apply the teaching of Jesus by ministering to all, regardless of creed, and offer work to men and women instead of the charity which fosters pauperism. Already nearly 2,000 Goodwill Bags have been placed in the homes of Auckland, and a Goodwill Van has been acquired. As this work develops, it will be necessary to acquire a factory, and it will be readily seen by men of vision and courage that Airedale Street could become a centre of industrial as well as educational evangelism. Though the Social Security Bill is now in operation, there is still a large number of applications for relief. The sum of £1,200 is handled annually for the Pensions Department. Young men and women are placed in positions where there is some prospect. Hundreds of interviews have been the means of changing many lives for the Master. The Superintendent still works on many civic committees for the benefit of the whole community. Our ungrudging thanks are recorded to numerous Doctors, Solicitors, the Police, and the Hospital Board for their valuable co-operation.

Prison Work.

Services are regularly held. Personal interviews reveal the best visible results.

Maori Work.

The Maori Mission Department continues its work under the same deplorable conditions as the Central Mission. Sisters Ivy Jones and Marara Kawiti are real heroines in the cause of the Kingdom. Services in the native tongue are held every Sunday morning in the Mission Hall. It is hoped that the sympathisers of the Maori cause will make provision for this work in our re-building scheme.

Deaconess Work.

Sister Mavis carries on the work among the women and children. Visitation of the sick, the hospital, and private homes makes severe demands upon the Sister's time. There is a real need for this gracious ministry.

Franklin Road Branch.

The coming of Rev. H. Thornley to our Circuit has meant encouragement to Mission enterprise. We have been reviewing the position of this old church, its membership and its resources. The Mission Board of Management believes that there is a work to be done in the district, especially along the lines of modern city Mission work. At present, we are endeavouring to renovate the Parsonage, so that our agent may be comfortably housed, and concentrate more intensely on the work in that district. The youth work continues under the direction of a faithful band of workers who come from churches near by.

Down and Out.

The average attendance at the Saturday evening meetings numbers 70. These meetings have never had a higher spiritual tone, and some of the men are now attending the Mission Church Services.

General.

Membership has increased. The work is gaining a larger public which recognises the undenominational character of our activities. Grateful thanks are due to Miss Leonie Williams in her exacting task and sacrificial service. The Ladies' Guild has worked heroically, and the large band of voluntary workers has meant the maintaining and extension of the work. For financial assistance, we thank the East Street Trustees, the Ladies' Guild, numerous individuals, firms and organisations. The willing services of Choir-master, Organist, and Choir are also gratefully acknowledged.

We are convinced that the present policy of building up in every department without running ahead of resources will commend itself to all concerned, and inspire legacies and gifts which will help to establish at the Mission modern buildings for the sake of "those who need us most."

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.

WALTER WOOD } Circuit
F. M. SOUSTER } Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That we express appreciation of the City Missioner and his Staff, record our confidence in the venture, and commend it to our people.
3. That the Board of Management be:—

The Superintendent (Chairman), Superintendent Home Missions, Chairman of District, Revs. J. F. Jack, G. Frost, W. A. Sinclair, Dr. Ranston, E. W. Hames, Dr. E. G. Sayers, Mrs. T. Clark, Misses E. Booth, L. Williams, Messrs W. S. Mackay, J. Tyler, A. Messer, J. J. Parker, E. J. Hutson, F. Penn, M. Smethurst, together with the Circuit officials and representatives and the Trustees of the Mission properties.

B.—DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

49th Annual Report, 1939.

The Board of Trustees has pleasure in presenting the report of the pre-Jubilee year of the Central Mission.

No report can adequately summarise the many-sided activities of the work or calculate the influence of its instructional and organisational religious ministries. Though the Mission buildings are strategically positioned for religious and social work it is regretted that they are outdated and totally inadequate for modern city mission needs. For some years the Trustees have faced two main problems—accommodation and finance. Fortunately, the buildings acquired by the Board in 1931 have enabled an extension of youth activities and limited institutional work, but these buildings are merely a temporary expedient and must ultimately be replaced.

Property Matters.

The building of the Octagon Hall involved the Trustees in a heavy mortgage which for years precluded the pursuance of a developmental policy. In addition to this, the hall for some years has shown signs of wear. During the year the Trustees were forced to face the question of renovations. After a series of prolonged discussions between representatives of Amalgamated Pictures, Ltd., and the Trustees, it was decided to request Messrs Natusch and Sons and Mr. H. McDowell Smith to print plans for extensive structural alterations amounting to £17,000 expenditure, Amalgamated Pictures to pay all costs exceeding £5,000. Complete agreement by all parties enabled the work to commence in June. The alterations have meant the abolition of the horseshoe type of gallery; the inclusion of an outside passage; the creation of another exit and new seating—all of which places the new building in the front rank of Dominion theatres. The Trustees obtained the sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to a twenty-five years' lease to Amalgamated Pictures at an increased rental. The remodelling of the main hall initiates a policy of demolition and reconstruction of all the Mission buildings, which will be effected as finance becomes available. The mortgage on all properties amounts to £24,000—of which £3,000 is borne by the Social Service Department. The mortgage conditions £1,000 repayment annually, which up to the present has been maintained.

It is noted that the Trustees have brought commendable ability and vigilance to property matters ensuring complete supervision and safe-guarding of the whole position. The following comparison is interesting—in 1931 the properties of the Mission were valued at £23,300 and carried a mortgage of £3,600. In 1939 the value of the properties was £83,000, with a mortgage of £24,000.

Detailed assets, 1939—

Company Bay Rest Home for Women	....	....	£33,000
Eventide Homes	....	....	1,500
Children's Health Camp	....	....	6,000
(On these three institutions there are outstanding debts of £6,000, including £3,000 mortgage.)			
Mission Hall, including improvements and furnishings	....	....	22,000
Social Service Department and Parlour	....	....	1,000
Shops and Sunday School Buildings	....	....	20,000

So that in eight years the Trustees have added £65,000 assets with only £16,000 increased mortgage.

During the year the Trustees decided to consolidate the position and concentrate on the reduction of the mortgage before attempting any further developmental work.

New Sunday School Building and Social Service Department.

The Sunday School building is totally inadequate for recreational and religious work and must be supplanted as soon as possible by a modern building for youth work and social service. It is estimated that a building of the required type specially designed and equipped would approximate £15,000. It is impossible to proceed with the erection of this very necessary building, but the Trustees have placed it on the list as the next big move. It was intended to erect this hall to commemorate the Jubilee of the Mission, but the state of the finances forbids the move.

Company Bay Home.

The year has registered completion in the main of this fine institution for women needing rest or a permanent home. The cost of the Home, which is comprised of two main blocks, has amounted to £33,000. Women of any creed or disability whatever are admitted. At present 40 are in residence. A capable staff of fifteen young women, including a qualified matron and nursing sister, minister to the guests. The grounds, beautifully situated, are studded with flowering shrubs and bedding plants. The Home is capable of housing 50 guests and is becoming increasingly popular. Applications for admission are reviewed by a special committee. The Trustees gratefully acknowledge a gift from Miss C. D. Gilmore, who has donated a special room designated "The Gilmore Room," and a bequest of £70 from the late Miss Lottie Wedlake.

Children's Health Camp Building.

Experience proved the inadvisability of housing children with adults during the summer vacation. The staff found it psychologically undesirable and recreationally impossible. The committee finally decided to erect a £6,000 children's building specially adapted for Health Camp purposes. At present, though £6,000 has been expended the building is not completed. A kitchen, dining-room, and recreational room and another sleeping dormitory are required, but no further additions will be made until the debt on the three Homes at Company Bay is extinguished. The Committee has applied for a grant from the King George Memorial Fund for this new building, but as yet the Government has made no definite decision.

Eventide Home.

Adjacent to the Rest Home and on the same grounds, the Trustees have established an Eventide Home as the first of the twenty-two bungalow homes it is intended to erect for aged couples at some future date on a site to be acquired nearer the city. Sister Ruth Fawcett, an ordained deaconess of the Church, is superintendent of the Home, which at present houses the maximum number of guests—six. In recognition of a gift from the late Mrs. Buie and family, the Trustees have called this eventide home "The Neil and Elizabeth Buie Home."

The Jubilee.

A specially appointed committee is now planning a series of meetings worthily to celebrate the Jubilee of the Mission in June, 1940. The meetings are to be inspirational in character and conducive to spiritual uplift and advance. Former superintendents are being invited to take part in the celebrations.

Methodist Hostel.

The erection of a Hostel for students is becoming increasingly urgent. The Methodist Church of New Zealand is losing contact with many fine young people during their years of study, and in some cases failing to provide an influence and personal contact. The Trustees are of the opinion that the erection of a Methodist Hostel in Dunedin should be sponsored by Dominion Methodists and are prepared to inaugurate a fund and proceed with the scheme if support is forthcoming.

Social Work.

During the year the staff of the Social Service Department superintended by Mrs. J. Grant distributed fuel, clothing, and food-stuffs to necessitous cases. Compared with other years the expenditure has not been so great, but in addition to the current expenditure on relief, this Department has not yet recovered from the heavy drain which the depression years imposed upon its financial resources.

Sister Hazel's Work.

For many years in succession Sister Hazel has rendered devoted service to the religious and social life of the community. Her work has been chiefly confined to the young and the aged. Hours have been spent personally contacting with those requiring counsel, sympathy, and friendship. In addition to hospital and general visitation Sister Hazel superintends the Women's Guild, Young Women's Bible Class, and L.Y.M.S. The Trustees record grateful acknowledgment of her work.

Youth Work.

The Sunday School, under the superintendency of Mr. C. E. Patey, has had a successful year. It is acknowledged that city Sunday Schools have their own peculiar problems and the Mission School is no exception. The staff has rendered wonderful service throughout the year. The Youth Council, comprised of representatives of all the youth organisations, provides a medium of leadership and review. Five Bible Classes, Brownies, Girl Guides, Busy Bees, Life Boys, Boys' Brigade, Badminton Club, Young People's Spiritual Fellowship Class, and other organisational youth movements, though controlled by separate committees, are under the guidance of the M.C.M. Youth Council.

Radio Church of the Helping Hand.

During the year the Government purchased Station 4ZM, which for five years was placed by Messrs McCracken and Walls at the service of the Superintendent of the Mission daily to broadcast a devotional community service. By means of this station a strong and popular organisation was gradually built up to assist the humanitarian and institutional work of the Mission. Immediately the station was purchased by the Government it was dismantled and for over two months the superintendent was unable to broadcast. Eventually an arrangement was effected between the Executive of 4ZD and the

Government whereby a broadcast service of the Radio Church was permitted—Sunday mornings 9.25 to 10. In these services, the Superintendent is assisted by his former colleague, Uncle Don. The Trustees desire to acknowledge their indebtedness to the Executive of 4ZD for its co-operation and sympathetic support. The membership of the Radio Church now stands at 3,500.

Staff.

In April last, the Rev. B. M. Tasker, B.A., concluded a three-year ministry as Assistant-Superintendent and proceeded to England to further his academic studies and gain experience of Methodist Mission work in London and elsewhere. His successor, the Rev. W. R. Francis, has done excellent work, especially among the young people. The extent of the Mission's work may be gauged from the fact that there are 25 of a permanent staff employed, besides many voluntary workers. The weekly wages bill of the Mission amounts to £60. Mr. H. H. Johnson, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Mission, has again rendered devoted and sacrificial service, and deserves the commendation of the whole Church.

A day spent in the Central Mission office reveals the heart of the Mission work. An endless stream of callers often leaves one weary in mind but thankful for the opportunity of serving Mankind, and realising the quickening of the spiritual life of so many outside the influence of the average church. Words fail to express all that it has been our privilege to do in ministering to hundreds in hours of deep sorrow or mental conflict. Many harrassed souls have found new ways of life and overburdened hearts relief.

Spiritual Work.

During the alterations to the Octagon Hall the Sunday evening services were held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall. During the year the congregations have been well maintained, as also the week-night devotional meeting. By means of personal contacts, correspondence, and the Sunday services, conversions have taken place and the spiritual life of many enriched. Several young people have joined the membership of the Mission. The Communion services have been well attended.

The Challenge of the Church.

The work of the two Methodist City Missions necessarily becomes the responsibility of the whole Church, whereas at present the entire financial burden rests upon a meagre membership and the capability of the staff. It is a matter for regret and comment that no financial gift or bequest has come to the Auckland or Dunedin Missions from other parts of the Dominion. In the Homeland the great central Missions are supported by the membership of British Methodism. The laymen of British Methodism regard it both an honour and a responsibility to encourage and finance the work which in all cases outpaces the resources of local membership, and while in no way desiring to depreciate the work of other branches of New Zealand Methodism, both the Auckland and Dunedin Mission Boards of Trustees desire to bring before the Conference and members of the Church a strong recommendation that this aspect should seriously be considered. Here surely is a work which claims not only the prayers and interest of all our people, but deserves their practical and financial support.

Thanks.

The Trustees tender warm and sincere appreciation to all who have made any contribution whatever to the work.

LESLIE B. NEALE, Superintendent.

H. H. JOHNSON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That we rejoice to hear of the magnificent institutional work being done by the Dunedin Central Mission and congratulate the Superintendent and his staff on their skilful management of the huge spiritual and financial enterprises concerned.

Committee on City Mission Policy.

3. That Conference direct the Auckland and Otago-Southland Synods to appoint Committees to formulate a comprehensive policy of City Mission Work—and report to Synods and Conference.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

REPORT FOR 1939.

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its annual report.

Students.

During the year two students have been in residence. Miss Frances Clegg, who completes her training this year, will take the maternity course at St. Helen's. Miss Violet Kruse will continue for another year and will then take the full nursing course at the Public Hospital. Both students have shown devotion and aptitude in their work and have gained practical experience in circuit work. They have also taken advantage of the assistance given to our students by the Nurse Maude Association, to whom our best thanks are due.

Tutors.

The Committee desires to express its appreciation of the services of the Tutors, both past and present. Miss V. L. Hooper, who was for several years Tutor in English, relinquished the work this year, and Rev. J. C. Draper, who conducted the class in Homiletics, was transferred to Auckland. The following have served on the Staff this year:—Rev. T. J. Wallis (Theological Subjects), Rev. E. Drake (English), Rev. H. L. Fiebig (Psychology), and Rev. G. R. Harris (Homiletics and Voice Production).

Teaching of Maori.

Enquiries have been made as to the teaching of the Maori language to the students intending to enter the Maori work and there is every prospect that this subject will be taught in 1940.

Sisters.

Owing to the death of her mother, Sister Rangimaire Ellison has had temporarily to relinquish her work as a Deaconess. Sister Constance Osborne is at present awaiting appointment.

Reports.

Reports supplied this year by Deaconesses on the field show that a splendid service is being rendered to the church by these workers, of whom far too little is heard by the church as a whole. To them all we tender our warm appreciation and for them we solicit the earnest prayers of the church.

Deaconess Uniform.

The question of a suitable uniform for our Deaconesses, has given the Special Committee appointed to deal with it, much concern. The following has now been fully approved:—Navy blue uniform, either silk or cotton in summer, with plain white collar and the Deaconess badge. A plain hat to be worn.

Hostel.

The Hostel continues to be most capably managed by Mrs. Neal, under the direction of the Ladies' House Committee. To all concerned we express our grateful thanks.

Maintenance.

During the year an electric washing machine has been installed. Minor structural alterations have been made to the building to improve the accommodation. Being an old building, the cost of maintenance has been heavy, and at no distant date the Committee will be faced with the heavy cost of outside painting.

Finance.

The financial year ends on November 30th. A complete statement will be presented to Conference.

Grants.

The Committee asks that the following grants be made from the Connexional Funds for the coming year:—Fire Insurance Fund £100, Contingent Fund £75, Home Mission Fund £75, Foreign Mission Fund £25.

Committee for 1940.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, A. O. Harris, R. Dudley, and G. R. Harris; Mesdames G. Bowron, H. E. Lamb, A. A. Sandford, A. Allen, S. Provost, S. Orchard, R. Dudley, and Sister Mabel Morley; Messrs. C. A. Newman, J. E. Purchase, M. Kershaw, E. H. Andrews, and H. Chapman (Treasurer).

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

A. O. HARRIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. School for Christian Workers.—That in view of the present war conditions the launching of the scheme be deferred for another year.

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 1939.

The life and work in our Children's Homes and Orphanages at Mt. Albert and Epsom has been carried on along the usual routine lines with, from time to time, items and incidents of varied interest and importance. The daily blessings and benefits received continue to call forth our gratitude to our Heavenly Father, Whose Divine Providence is our unfailing portion and the rejoicing of our hearts as we minister to His little ones.

Obituary.

It is with a profound sense of loss and regret that we have to report the passing of Mrs. J. Armitage at the end of August. This lady, who was for eight years (1920-1928) the Matron of Wesley Home, Mt. Albert, and, since her retirement from that position, a most valuable member of the Board, Executive and other Committees, has served the interests of our Orphanage work to an outstanding degree, and with a quality of service beyond all praise. Mrs. Armitage will be greatly missed from our councils, but her memory will long remain an inspiration and encouragement to all with whom she was associated in her work for the Master. The many boys and girls who have passed under her care and influence will have every cause to remember her with warmest affection and gratitude.

Health and Conduct.

These have been excellent throughout the year. Nothing beyond minor ailments has interfered with the physical welfare of the boys and girls—and the health of the staff members has been uniformly good. The behaviour of the children in the homes and at school has not only been well maintained, but an even further measure of improvement has been noticeable.

Admissions and Removals.

Fewer applications have been accepted than in past years, though many applications were made under circumstances the Selection Committee could not entertain. At the end of last year some more children were allowed to return to parents, but the numbers remain much as in last Report—viz., 42 in the Wesley Home and 33 in Epsom Home.

Staff.

The Homes continue under the able oversight and service of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wild, at Wesley, Mt. Albert, and Mrs. R. M. Butterworth at Buckland Road, Epsom, assisted by competent and willing helpers. The best of harmony prevails and the work in the Homes proceeds smoothly and with every attention to the best interests of all concerned. The conditions make for the happiness and contentment of all, the Ladies' Committee being entitled to their own good share of credit in this connection.

Condition of Buildings.

Further renovations and repairs have been made at Wesley Home, but the time is near when something much more extensive (and expensive) will be necessary if the premises are to remain in use for the present purpose. The Epsom Home is in a fairly good state of repair, and has still some years of serviceable life if required.

Purchase of New Site.

After numerous possible properties had been inspected and considered, the Board finally decided to purchase an area of some ten acres in the Winstone Park Estate at Mt. Roskill, Auckland, at £170 per acre—also a small section giving entrance to the larger property from Dominion Road Extension—this at a cost of £250. A survey of the boundary lines is being made, and it is hoped that a shelter belt of trees will be planted this present season along the only exposed side of the area. The Board's Architect, Mr. A. C. Marshall, has been asked to submit a lay-out of the buildings and grounds, but it is not intended to make provision beyond what at present would be required for the accommodation of the boys. This also will depend upon circumstances permitting the economical carrying-out of such a scheme.

Centennial Exhibition.

In common with the Methodist Homes at Masterton and Christchurch, steps are being taken to worthily represent our Orphanage work at the Wellington Exhibition at the end of the present year.

Street Appeal.

The Advisory Council of the Combined Auckland Orphanages having been successful in securing a day for the sole benefit of the Orphanages, the appeal this year, held on September 1st, was most successful, £1,000 being realised from this effort. This amount is being shared on a per capita basis between the various Homes.

Committees.

The thanks of the Board are accorded to the members of the various Committees who again have rendered valuable service—the Ladies' Committee being entitled to special mention for their efforts on behalf of the Homes.

Thanks.

As in past years, the special thanks of the Board are accorded to Drs. Harold Pettit and Cyril Griffin, Hon. Physicians to the Homes, for their valuable and kindly professional services, and to Mr. K. W. White, Chemist, Mt. Albert, for continued supplies of medicines and also of many other useful gifts for the children generously given.

To many friends who have contributed in cash and other gifts cordial thanks are rendered and warm appreciation is expressed for all the help so generously given.

The personnel of the Board for 1940 will be submitted to Synod and Conference in due course.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

ARTHUR HOPPER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
- (2) That thanks be accorded to the Board of Management and the staff of the Homes and the Ladies' Committee; to Drs. Harold Pettit and Cyril Griffin, Hon. Physicians, and Mr. K. W. White, Chemist; to the Treasurers (Rev. Geo. Frost and Mr. A. L. Caughey), and to the Secretary (Rev. A. Hopper).
- (3) That the Board of Management be congratulated upon the commencement of their scheme for a new site and buildings as represented by the purchase of the property at Winstone Park, Mt. Roskill, Auckland.
- (4) That the following be the Board of Management for 1940:—Mrs. W. R. Emerson and Mr. Wm. Astley (Life Members), Rev. F. Copeland, C. H. Laws, B.A., B.D., T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, W. Walker, E. T. Olds, H. A. Sharp, H. Ranston, M.A., D.Litt., A. E. Orr, and F. G. Brown; Mesdames T. A. Joughin, T. Clark, A. L. Caughey, C. H. Burton and W. P. Winstone; Misses A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Ida Buttle, C. Wagstaff and C. Veale; Messrs. J. E. Astley, T. Clark, A. Trenwith, Walter Ambury, A. Williams, L. F. Rudd, R. W. Gillon, Frank Penn, J. S. Caughey, J. H. Whitburn, J. Hargreaves, J. Tyler, and G. W. Turley; Revs. G. Frost (Clerical Treas.), and A. Hopper (Sec.); Mr. A. L. Caughey (Lay Treas.); and the Chairman and Secretary of the South Auckland District.

B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

Report for the Year Ending 30th September, 1939.

In our last year's report we made reference to the difficult year we had experienced, and unfortunately we are in the position of having to repeat the same this year.

Early in this year our Secretary-Manager resigned on account of having been accepted by Conference as a Youth Director, and his position was filled by the appointment of Mr. W. R. Nicol.

Messrs C. Jones and H. Skuse resigned owing to removal from the district.

The Committee in July lost, through death, its oldest member in the person of Mr. C. E. Daniell—a loss felt greatly by all connected with the Home, as one who had done more for the Home than any other member, and his passing on is a severe loss to the whole community.

Later on, Miss E. Mygind, who was Assistant Matron for four years, left to go into business on her own account at Pahiatua, and her place has been taken by Miss Malcolm.

To replace retiring members of the Committee, Messrs J. H. Conly and G. F. Whitlock were appointed to fill the vacancies.

Statistics.

The year commenced with 32 children in the Home, and during the year one of the inmates left, on being adopted, while one boy left to take up work in New Plymouth, and with one admission (a boy) the position at the end of the year is that we have 22 boys and 9 girls—a total of 31.

Children.

We are pleased to report that the children are making satisfactory progress in their school life, and reports received from time to time indicate steady progress in the outside world, of those whom we have cared for in years gone by.

In this connection it is gratifying to the Staff in particular, and the Committee in general, to be able to report that at the Christmas Tea (an annual event at the Home) no less than 10 young men and young maidens, who had all gone through our hands, took part in the gathering—surely a true indication of their recognition of the Home as a True Home and accepted as an acknowledgment by the Staff and Committee of gratitude and appreciation of the Christian training and upbringing they had received at our hands.

Collections.

These from Circuits showed a slight improvement on last year, and a greater effort is hoped for in the coming year to help in this very worthwhile object of practical Christianity.

Wellington Board.

Acknowledgment is here made of the exceedingly friendly relationship existing between the parent body (the Wellington Board) and the Management Committee.

Bequests

Notification during the year was received of bequests from the Estate J. A. Sinclair £25, Hawera Church (per Rev. G. F. Stockwell) £50, Estate Mrs. Bowyer £425, and an additional gift of £200 from an anonymous donor, who last year made a gift of £250, and for all these and many smaller gifts we gratefully acknowledge same towards the carrying on of God's work in our Masterton Home.

In conclusion the Committee record with gratitude the unfailing attention to duty of Miss Allan (the Matron), and her loyal and capable staff.

A word of thanks and appreciation is due to Dr. Prior for his watchful care of and love for the children in sickness and in health.

J. H. HANDYSIDE, Chairman.

W. R. NICOL, Secretary-Manager.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That Conference expresses its pleasure on learning of the splendid work of our Children's Home at Masterton and desires to thank:—The Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trust for its continued generosity; the Masterton Managing Committee; the Secretary-Manager (Mr. W. R. Nicol); the Matron (Miss Allan) and members of the staff; and Dr. Prior for his continued care of the health of the children in the Home.

(3) That the Committee for 1940 be:—Messrs. A. H. Daniell, A. J. Donald, F. E. Wells, W. H. Judd, J. H. Handyside, W. R. Nicol, Dr. N. H. Prior, G. F. Whitlock, J. H. Conly, J. A. Wellington, Rev. H. S. Kings, Miss Burton, Mesdames J. Cocker, J. Elliott, F. C. Daniell and H. S. Kings. Officers:—Chairman, Mr. J. H. Handyside; Secretary-Manager, Mr. W. R. Nicol; Asst. Secretary, Mr. J. A. Wellington; Chaplain, Rev. H. S. Kings; Honorary Physician, Dr. N. H. Prior.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Report for 1939.

We have pleasure in reporting another year of rich mercies and blessings in connection with our Orphanage and Children's Home. It has been a year marked by some anxiety, with great activity, and many changes. The average number of children in the Home has been somewhat smaller than of recent years. At the present time we have 52 children in residence. The general health of the children, whilst in no way serious, has given more cause for care than usual. Our long freedom from illness has been remarkable, but unfortunately has not been so well maintained during the past year. The prevailing epidemics of measles and chicken-pox made their presence felt for a long period. Practically all the children suffered one or the other, in some cases both. Then one of our girls fell whilst playing and broke her leg. We are pleased to report that in every case there was a complete recovery. We are deeply indebted to the Staff for their untiring and unfailing care.

The Board has sought to pay special attention to the "after-care" and oversight of those leaving the Home. The appointment of a Vocational Committee has proved most valuable. Suitable positions and occupations have been found for many senior children. Two of the older boys who had been with us for over 13 years (since they were three years of age) have both passed the Matriculation examination and have been placed in good Government positions.

Owing to many factors the applications for the admission of orphans is small, but unfortunately the applications for those who are in dire need of love and care through unworthy parents show a marked increase.

After a period of six years as Chairman of the Board, Rev. Clarence Eaton removed from Christchurch. He had been deeply interested in the erection and management of the New Home. His leadership and service will ever be remembered, and will bear fruit in many ways. We regret to report the removal through death of two valued members of the Board. Mr. J. F. Carr had always shown practical sympathy and help and he will ever be remembered as one who loved the children. The untimely death of Mrs. F. B. Lawrence removed from us one whose intimate and devoted interest was most valuable.

Extensive property changes have been effected. With reservations of suitable land and buildings for future Orphanage use, the old Home site was sold to the Government for use in its new housing scheme. Thus a new settlement has sprung up around the Orphanage and Church. Two sections adjoining the New Home have been acquired for playing grounds and vegetable gardens. Through assistance of men from the Employment Bureau these grounds have been drained, levelled, and fenced at a very small cost to the Board. More intensive use is being made of the vegetable grounds.

Through the gracious offices of the Christchurch City Council we were again enabled to hold the Street Day Appeal. This, in conjunction with the Radio Concert, netted the splendid response of £1096, of which our Methodist share amounted to £238/15/4. To all willing helpers we would tender our grateful thanks.

Owing to various causes, this year is marked by many staff changes. After a brief time of service Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Butler resigned from the Home. Miss Ashcroft now leaves us after twenty years' loyal and faithful service. A new gardener has been appointed in the person of Mr. D. Hawke. The Board has been fortunate in that it has secured Miss G. S. Barclay as Matron. Miss Barclay comes to

us with a worthy record of Orphanage experience. With the new year other changes are pending. Rev. Kings retires after five years' service as Secretary, and Rev. E. Drake has been appointed as Organiser-Secretary. In reviving this office it is felt that an opportunity is provided for a much closer contact between the Home and the Circuits.

In a year that has presented its special problems we have been deeply conscious of Divine grace and guidance. We have known a Fellowship in service with Him, Who, as of old, calls the little ones unto Him.

To Dr. A. J. Orchard and Mr. G. Sevicke Jones, we tender our sincere thanks. Their unflinching care and courtesy, their love and interest have made them more than helpers. Their service has been a labour of love for which we are especially grateful.

The Board will be nominated at the North Canterbury Synod.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

H. S. KINGS, Secretary.

Addendum.

The Board wishes to place on record its very great appreciation of the outstanding services of Rev. H. S. Kings, who has been Secretary to the Board for five years. Mr. Kings is greatly gifted for this position, and has laboured and never counted the cost in the interests of the children. During a most difficult period, Mr. Kings did a work the value of which is beyond computation. We realise our great indebtedness to him and unite in wishing him well in his new sphere of labours.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference heartily endorses the tribute to the work of the Rev. H. S. Kings as Secretary.
3. That the following be the Committee for 1940:—Revs. W. A. Burley, W. Grigg, E. Drake, M. A. Rugby Pratt, H. Ryan, A. O. Harris, J. Richards, F. B. Lawrence, C. R. Taylor, Raymond Dudley, W. A. Mills, J. K. Watson, Messrs. M. Kershaw, F. A. Sheat, W. Dobbs, W. S. Worner, H. Holland, H. De R. Flesher, J. E. Purchase, S. Harrington, Mesdames G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, R. Pratt, W. Cock, and Sister Mabel Morley. Mr. E. W. Hall to be a Life Member of the Board.

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

“METHODIST TIMES” AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Report for 1939.

The new contract providing for the printing of the “Methodist Times” in Levin has worked satisfactorily throughout the year and the printers have done faithful work. Difficulty is presented in procuring regular supplies of paper owing to import restrictions and to the unsettlement occasioned by the war.

This year has seen a further increase in the number of subscribers to the paper. The distinguished service being rendered by

the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse as Editor evokes widespread expressions of appreciation. The Rev. J. Dennis has done zealous work as Associate-Editor. The Committee heartily recommends Mr. Bellhouse for reappointment and, with his approval, nominates Mr. Dennis as his Associate.

The work of the agents in the circuits is greatly valued by the Committee. In all Districts there are subscriptions still unpaid. Ministers are asked to co-operate with the circuit agents in promoting the wider circulation of the paper.

The financial statements for the year ended 31st October show the position of the funds and reveal a small surplus for the period. War conditions must result in added costs for production. The Committee therefore requests the approval of a grant of £125 from the Contingent Fund in addition to the standing grant of one half of the honoraria for the editors and their contingent expenses. It also asks for a grant of £175 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.

The Committee places on record its appreciation of the work of Mr. D. E. Parton, who has served as Chairman of the Committee for some years and who will shortly leave Christchurch. Mr. Parton has taken a vital interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the paper and has been ceaseless in his efforts to promote its welfare. The Committee also thanks the retiring members, Revs. T. J. Wallis, W. Grigg, and H. L. Fiebig for services faithfully rendered.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year:—Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt (ex officio), H. E. Bellhouse, E. Drake, W. A. Burley, and G. R. Harris; Messrs. H. Holland (Lay Treasurer), W. A. Bascand, E. H. Andrews, W. G. Wright, and A. G. Williams.

On behalf of the Committee.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Secretary.

Christchurch,

14th November, 1939.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That Conference records its appreciation of the distinguished service rendered by the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse and that he be re-appointed.
3. That the Rev. John Dennis be re-appointed Associate Editor and that appreciation of his faithful work be recorded.
4. That grants be approved of £175 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, and £125 in addition to the standing grant of one half of the honoraria for the Editors and their contingent expenses.
5. That Conference records its appreciation of the services rendered to the "Methodist Times" Committee by its retiring Chairman, Mr. D. E. Parton.

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

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Chaplains of the Church have attended to the spiritual and social needs of the officers and men in the various Territorial Camps held during the year in all areas in the Northern, Central, and Southern Commands. For four years your Senior Chaplain has regularly conducted Church Parades at Trentham Military Camp, doing this work voluntarily without any remuneration, even for travelling. Under war conditions this voluntary work has now ceased.

Now that international problems have been referred to the dreadful abitrament of war, we as Christians must refrain from anything that would divide the Church or embarrass the Nation in its hour of dire peril.

The first group of seven Chaplains (one of whom is a Methodist) from the various Churches was appointed on the basis of each Church's numerical strength as revealed in the Census.

In future each Church will have the right to another Chaplain for every thousand of its members or adherents who enter Camp.

The Defence Department has stated that it will appoint as a Chaplain only the nominee of the Senior Chaplain of each Church.

The procedure followed by your Senior Chaplain is to receive nominations and suggestions from the various Methodist Chaplaincy Boards, submit these to the President of the Conference, then nominate to the Defence Department the one whom the President approves.

The Rev. V. R. Jamieson proceeds overseas with the first echelon as the representative of our Church among the soldiers. The next for duty has been approved by the President, notified by the Defence Department, and on his medical examination proving satisfactory, will be called into camp when required.

To enable our Chaplains to render effective service, Conference is requested to consider the undermentioned suggestions which were forwarded to the various Synods and approved with virtually no vital alterations.

Regarding the Air Force, at each aerodrome one of our ministers has been appointed as a Chaplain. Because of the comparatively small number of men at each aerodrome, the ministers so appointed have a different status from Army Chaplains because air force duties demand but a small portion of their time. They have, however, the full status of Air Force Chaplains.

HAROLD T. PEAT, Senior Chaplain.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the setting up of Chaplains Advisory Boards in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin be approved.
3. (a) That application for appointment as Chaplains be made through the nearest Advisory Board, and nominations be then forwarded to the Senior Chaplain for confirmation by the President of the Conference.
- (b) Before nominating any minister as Chaplain for Active Service the consent of such minister be first obtained.

RELATIONS OF ACTIVE SERVICE CHAPLAINS AND CIRCUITS.

4. (a) That where the wife and family of a Chaplain on active service do not occupy the Parsonage, an allowance of £100 per annum be made from the Chaplaincy Fund to the Chaplain from the first day of the month following his entry into camp.
- (b) That Chaplains actually on Active Service receive no Circuit Stipend from the first day of the month following their entry into camp.
- (c) That where a Chaplain on service is not appointed to a Circuit, any current connexional levies due shall be paid from the Chaplaincy Fund; and where a Chaplain is appointed to a Circuit only the personal subscription to the Supernumerary Fund shall be paid by the Chaplaincy Fund.
- (d) That the Circuit pay cost of Supply and pay into the Methodist Chaplaincy Fund fifty per cent. of the difference between cost of the Supply and the usual stipend of the minister called up for Chaplain's duties.
- (e) That Conference establish a Methodist Chaplaincy Fund of £1,000; the Connexional Secretary and Mr. H. De R. Flesher to be the two Trustees of that Fund; that the Chaplains' Advisory Board of the Central Command shall administer the Chaplaincy Fund; the Conveners of the various Chaplains' Advisory Boards to be corresponding members.
- (f) Conference authorise an appeal for donations to the Methodist Chaplaincy Fund, such appeal to be launched during the April-June Quarter of this year, and if possible on Anzac Sunday. That the Senior Chaplain be authorised to prepare such an appeal to be sent to the Minister and Circuit Stewards to be read to the congregations on the Sunday previous to the offering being made.
- (g) The purposes of this Fund—to provide house allowance for Chaplains on service, equipment for Chaplaincy work such as hymn books, stationery, literature, Testaments, etc.
5. That Conference accept with gratitude the generous offer of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. to place at the disposal of our Chaplains the free use of Y.M.C.A. huts and equipment, including a special room for Chaplains.
6. Conference commends to our people the joint appeal now being made on behalf of the National Patriotic Fund for Soldier Comforts.
7. That in view of the fact that our Chaplains on Active Service are to receive a grant of £52 per annum from the National Patriotic Fund for social work amongst the soldiers, Conference agrees to recommend our Circuits to take up a retiring collection for this Fund at an opportune time.
8. **WET CANTEENS.**—That while deprecating the establishment of Wet Canteens in Military Camps, we are opposed to any discrimination against men on military service; the Government is therefore urged to adopt as a measure of war-time national policy the total prohibition of the sale of intoxicants except for medicinal purposes and alcohol for industrial purposes; on economical grounds alone the importation and unrestricted use of

spirits is not justified when essential goods are urgently required.

9. AIR FORCE CHAPLAINS.—That the Senior Chaplain be authorised to appoint Chaplains to the Air Force where necessary.
10. That the following be our representatives on the Chaplains' Advisory Boards:—
 - North Command—Rev. W. Walker.
 - Central Command—Rev. F. J. Parker.
 - Southern Command—Rev. L. B. Neale.
 - Canterbury Area—Rev. W. Parker.
 - Senior Chaplain—Rev. Harold T. Peat.

QUESTION LI.—What is the Report of the Custodians on Early Records, Libraries, and Museums?

The following have been received during the year:—

A.—BY THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE.

1. Mrs. A. Peters: (a) Auckland and Reefton Baptismal Registers.
(b) U.M.F.C. Minutes, 1882-1894, etc.
2. Rev. C. A. Foston: Conference Minutes.
3. Mr. J. Stephens (Cromwell): Conference Minutes.
4. Rev. H. S. Kings: Methodist Law Book, 1908.
5. Rev. W. H. Greenslade: Various Balclutha Records, 1862-1879.
6. Mr. W. J. Bishop: Southbridge Cemetery Cash Book, 1877-1934.
7. Mrs. Smyth (Onga Onga): Wyld's Missionary Atlas, 1839.
8. Mr. J. E. Schloss: Fragments of Three Letters to Rev. J. Whiteley.
9. Mr. P. G. Clements: 9 Volumes Methodist Magazines.
10. Mr. H. Wills: Class Tickets (Lyttelton, 1867-1871).
11. Mrs. R. A. McMillan: P.M. Hymn Book, 1853.
12. Rev. G. I. Laurenson: Maori Service and Hymn Books.
13. Mr. J. C. Ashworth: 45th Anniversary Souvenirs (Apiti and Rangiwhia).

B.—METHODIST MUSEUM, ETC., CHRISTCHURCH.

1. Misses Lovell-Smith: (a) Early St. Albans Plans.
(b) St. Albans Photographs from 1859.
(c) "Christian Observer" (January 1870 to December 1871).
(d) "N.Z. Methodist" (July 1884 to December 1888).
2. Mrs. Selwyn: Photo of Mr. and Mrs. J. Quaife (St. Albans).
3. Mr. C. W. Barrell: (a) Photo of High Street Church, 1863.
(b) Polished wood and plate from cherry tree planted at Kawhia about 1840 by Rev. J. Whiteley.

4. Miss E. M. Denton: Photos of early Wellington ministers.
5. Misses Kirk (per Rev. A. C. Lawry): Photo Rev. John Hobbs.
6. Mr. H. Flesher: (a) Photo Methodist Union Committee, 1911.
(b) Photo Union Conference, 1913.
7. Rev. S. Bailey: (a) P.M. Centenary Medal (1807-1907).
(b) Photos of Rev. J. and Mrs. Flanagan.

C.—LIBRARY OF BOOKS BY N.Z. MINISTERS.

Mr. G. Hammond: Rev. T. G. Hammond's "In the Beginning."
Rev. G. I. Laurenson: "This Liberty of Yours."

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Custodian.

Christchurch,
6th December, 1939.

D.—MAORI MISSION RECORDS.

Correspondence has been conducted in accordance with the resolution of the last Conference which directs the return to the Connexional Office through the Rev. G. I. Laurenson of the Missionary manuscripts for despatch to London. Mr. Laurenson wrote last March that he hoped soon to finalise the matter. The return of the manuscripts should no longer be delayed. The Rev. A. B. Chappell has also been communicated with regarding Resolution 7 page 151 of the Minutes for 1939.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Connexional Secretary.

Christchurch,
6th December, 1939.

E.—BY TRINITY COLLEGE, AUCKLAND.

1. Rev. A. E. Orr: Minute Book of Wesleyan Prayer Leaders and Tract Society, Auckland, 1870-1883.
2. Rev. E. T. Olds: Minutes of Second Conference of the Australasian Methodist Church, 1856.

F.—TRINITY COLLEGE MUSEUM, AUCKLAND.

1. Rev. W. A. Sinclair: Very ancient Solomon Islands Musical Pipes, etc.
2. Rev. E. C. Leadley: A number of valuable Solomon Islands exhibits for the Missionary Museum.
3. Mr. J. Belton, Plimmerton: The Guardian, 1713.
4. Mrs. B. S. Halcombe, New Plymouth: Maori New Testament used from 1840 on by her grandfather, the Rev. H. H. Turton.

H. RANSTON,
Custodian.

Auckland,
9th December, 1939.

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 joint Custodian.
3. That thanks be tendered to those who have sent in various records and gifts during the year.
4. That the appreciation of the Conference be expressed to the Methodist Missionary Society of the British Conference for its extended loan of missionary manuscripts, and that in view of the risks of sending them overseas the Missionary Society be requested to sanction their retention in the strong room of our Conference Office in Christchurch for the duration of the war, when they shall be returned to the Society.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods for Committees to Report?

CENTENARY THANKSGIVING FUND APPEAL.

1. That in view of the fact that 1940 marks not only the Dominion Centennial, but also the Centenary anniversary and founding of Christian Missions in the South Island by the Methodist Church, we as a Missionary Church with roots in pioneering activities among the Maori people, undertake to make some lasting and worthy recognition of these events.
2. That to ease the acute embarrassment caused to our Church activities by the indebtedness of many of our trusts, and to release the energies of our Church for aggressive advance work, a special connexional financial appeal be made.
3. That for these purposes Conference inaugurate during the present session a Centennial Thanksgiving Fund, the appeal to be made during 1940, and the redeeming of promises if desired to be spread over the next three years.
4. That the Appeal be for the sum of £50,000 for the following objects:—
 - (a) Otakou Memorial Church up to the figure required to qualify for the Government Subsidy.
 - (b) Deaconess Retiring Fund, £2,000.
 - (c) The Taranaki Maori Girls' School, £20,000.
 - (d) The Capital Fund of the Deaconess Institution, £2,000.
 - (e) A General Thanksgiving Fund, £25,000, to be used as under:
The full expenses of the Appeal.
Reduction of Trust Debts or assistance of objectives as approved by the Committee and the Foreign Mission Fund: the ratio to be determined by the Conference following the recommendation of the Centennial Appeal Committee.
5. That the following be the governing principles of the Appeal:—
 - (a) Donors to Thanksgiving Fund may allocate up to 50% of their contribution to local or other necessitous trusts (as in 4e) such trusts to be approved by the Conference Centennial Appeal Committee in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

- (b) That all donors have the right to allocate their gifts to any one particular section of the Appeal if they so desire, on the understanding that in the event of the full amount of any one objective being met by allocated donations any balance shall be placed in the General Fund for allocation by the Committee.
 - (c) That the first claim on all unallocated monies to be paid in full be that of the full expenses of the Appeal, and the objects as in 4 a, b, c and d in order.
 - (d) After these claims have been met, all remaining monies be divided between needy trusts which have not been eased by their local efforts, and the Foreign Mission Fund, such disbursement to be determined by the Conference on the recommendation of the Centennial Appeal Committee.
6. That the organisation of the Appeal be as under:—
- (1) (a) That an Organiser be appointed and given suitable supply. Such Organiser to be responsible to the Conference Thanksgiving Appeal Committee.
 - (b) That the Rev. A. J. Johnston be appointed Organiser and a supply be appointed to the Auckland Central Circuit, such supply to be paid by the Fund.
 - (c) That the Treasurers be: Rev. A. E. Orr and Mr. J. H. Blackwell.
 - (2) That Conference appoint a special Thanksgiving Appeal Committee to whom the Organiser shall be responsible. That the following be the Committee:—Revs. F. Copeland, W. Walker, G. I. Laurenson, H. J. Odell, E. T. Olds, E. W. Hames, M.A., A. E. Orr, A. H. Scrivin, A. J. Johnston, Misses E. M. Rishworth, E. Mather, Messrs. F. Penn, J. H. Blackwell and L. E. Rhodes, with power to add.
 - (3) That the President of Conference be released for a lighting canvass of the Dominion for six weeks as soon as practicable after the rising of Conference.
 - (4) That Sunday, September 29th, be observed as Centennial Thanksgiving Sunday.
 - (5) That ministers from their Membership Rolls furnish the Organiser with names and addresses of all likely donors.
 - (6) That each Church, Ladies' Guild, Bible Class Group, Men's Fellowship, etc., be recommended to hold at least one special Centennial Thanksgiving Meeting or function in aid of the Centennial Thanksgiving Fund Appeal.
 - (7) That certain key men be appointed for short periods to do District work, in collaboration with the Organiser. The Conference appoints the following as suitable in their respective districts: Revs. D. O. Williams, H. T. Peat, R. Dudley, C. H. Olds, E. B. Chambers, G. H. Goodman, A. McBean, E. T. Olds and A. E. Orr.
 - (8) That all other details be the province of the Conference Thanksgiving Appeal Committee in consultation with the Organiser.

STATEMENT OF FAITH.

Report of Committee.

The Committee has co-operated with the Spiritual Advance Committee in the publication of the Statement. We are gratified that the booklet, "We Affirm," has been well received and is in steady demand.

With the friendly co-operation of the Editor we were able to secure space in the "Methodist Times" for a series of explanatory articles. The Church is indebted to the brethren who contributed to the series, which served both to bring the Statement before our people and to unfold its teaching.

The Committee is of opinion that there is still work for it to do in this direction, and that it should be re-appointed for another year.

FRED COPELAND, Chairman.

E. W. HAMES, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted, and the Committee re-appointed.

CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION COMMITTEE.

Following on the resolution hereon of the Conference of 1939 (vide "Minutes," pages 167-8), a Committee of nine was appointed, nominated by the three Contributing Departments, namely, the Contingent Fund, the Home Mission Department and the Foreign Mission Department, which said Departments had contributed in equal amounts the sum of £500 necessary for the rental of our three stalls (subsequently converted into one) at the Exhibition.

Almost immediately thereafter the above Committee met and adopted not only local (Wellington) but also corresponding members who were duly appointed to special Committees dealing with "Building," "Finance," "Stalls" and "Programmes," at the same time appointing as Convener the Rev. R. B. Gosnell.

It should be remembered that Church representation at a Dominion Exhibition by means of stalls and daily programmes in a hall is quite a new departure and the first few months were taken up mainly with correspondence between the Committee and every department of our Church life and activity, in addition to frequent attendance at meetings of the United Church's Committee, a body consisting of representatives of other denominations and of certain organizations interested in the spiritual and moral well-being of the people.

By this time it was clearly in evidence that if the preliminary and sustaining work were to be done in a satisfactory manner, arrangements would have to be made for an assistant to be placed in the Thorndon Circuit and this was done by means of the Home Mission Department.

Doubtless it was this lack of previous experience that resulted in no funds being placed at the disposal of the Committee for the initial and running expenses of our stalls, hence the action of the Committee in making an appeal, sanctioned by the President of the Conference, to all Church Guilds for financial assistance, also a general appeal to all Methodist people, per medium of the "N.Z. Methodist Times." Therefore every Guild in the Dominion was approached and the response thus far has been fair, some of the smaller Guilds making sacrificial giving, but no donations thus far have been received from other sources in an endeavour by the Committee to present a "Daily Witness for Christ throughout the whole term of the Exhibition."

Despite delays occasioned by the failure of certain Departments to regard letters and enquiries with a measure of concern, by means of many consultations and much correspondence the final plans as approved by the Committee were in readiness and certain work had been authorized when war broke out in early September. During the whole of the month and up to the time of writing special meetings have been held and every endeavour has been made to meet the new situation. We have kept in close touch with the United Church's Committee and this Committee has determined to proceed with the general idea of the Church Court. In point of fact, the Church Court had by this time been completed and our promised financial obligations were due for payment in full. To have withdrawn at this stage would have meant a loss to the Methodist Church of at least £500 and to refrain now from further expenditure by the Committee would see our representation at the Centennial Exhibition consisting of a bare stall with nothing to indicate the ownership thereof or the fact that Methodism was existent in the Dominion and had been so for more than a century of time.

However, in response to requests and suggestions from various quarters, certain plans have been postponed until the future is more definite, and our representation at the Exhibition will, from a display standpoint, be on a much more moderate scale than was at first anticipated and arranged.

Thus the position stands at the present but the whole Church may rest assured that the Committee will act with great discretion, at the same time seeking more earnestly than heretofore, the hearty and sympathetic co-operation of every Department of our New Zealand Methodist Church.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

R. B. GOSNELL, Convener:

Wellington,

5th October, 1939.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference recognises the signal service the Rev. R. B. Gosnell has rendered the Church by his zealous and efficient handling of all matters connected with the Exhibition, and expresses its satisfaction at the results obtained.

CIRCUIT TRANSPORT.

Report of Special Committee.

(Minutes of Conference 1939, page 158, No. 3)

The Committee has had before it during the year the memorial of the Mahurangi Circuit on Circuit Transport. This matter is an urgent one, but owing to the many issues involved, and the new complications caused by the outbreak of war, it is felt that the time is not opportune to present any radical scheme for dealing with the problem on a Connexional footing.

The Committee would in the meantime draw the attention of officials in those circuits where the necessary policy of the Church is to utilise cars for Circuit Transport purposes, to the anomalies which now exist.

Few Ministers receive sufficient remuneration for the use of their cars for this work, some receiving as little as 1.02 pence per mile to cover all expenses. The average payment through the Connexion is only 1.52 pence per mile.

The official Journal of the Auckland Automobile Association computes the cost of running cars (including depreciation) as follows:—

8 H.P. Car	....	....	....	3.477 pence per mile
10 H.P. Car	....	....	....	4.299 pence per mile
12 H.P. Car	....	....	....	5.164 pence per mile
16 H.P. Car	....	....	....	5.773 pence per mile
25 H.P. Car	....	....	....	6.292 pence per mile

Many Circuits are not recognising the sustained cost of keeping Circuit-owned cars on the road, with the result that they are periodically faced with a large capital expense for repairs and replacements, with insufficient money in hand to meet this expense. We recommend that consideration be given to ways and means of setting aside regular amounts each quarter in a car fund for meeting the replacement costs on circuit cars.

A strong Committee of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting to meet either of the above problems would be of great assistance in most Circuits.

The Committee feels that some Connexional move must ultimately be made to ease the problem, and requests that it be reappointed to continue its investigations into a larger scheme for consideration at a later date.

L. E. RHODES, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Committee be reappointed and make further investigations.
3. That the matter of establishing a Circuit Car Fund with amounts set aside each quarter for replacements be referred to the Committee for consideration.

WOMEN AND THE MINISTRY.

Early in the connexional year the Board communicated with the seven ladies appointed as Corresponding Members, and four replies were received. Two were enthusiastically in favour of the appointment of women as ministers. The other two were also convinced of the need for more trained women at work in the Church, but considered that the position could best be met by an improvement in the training and the status of the Deaconess Order.

The Board of Studies was not unsympathetic to the proposals, but felt that the question was too large to be handled satisfactorily by a small committee without lay representation. We therefore resolved:—

“That we see no insuperable difficulty in training women candidates for the ministry at Trinity College if that were desired; but in view of the importance and urgency of the question we refer it back to Conference with the request that a large representative committee of ministers, laymen, and women be appointed to consider every aspect of the question and report.”

H. RANSTON, Chairman.

E. W. HAMES, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That while the general principle as set forth in the Report be upheld—no action be taken at present.

Annual Invitation:

That the question of invitations to ministers being made only in the third and subsequent years be referred to Synods for consideration and report to Conference.

Recommendations were received from Synods, but Conference took no action.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING.

Report of Committee.

(1939 Minutes, pages 93f.)

The Auckland members of the Committee investigating the Training of Ministers have met regularly throughout the year, and have corresponded with the other members of the Committee, and with the Christchurch members who met as a separate Committee.

The Committee reports that it has not been able to complete its commission owing to the quantity of material presented by the Corresponding Members of the Committee, and to the necessity for a thorough examination of the whole system of training.

The Committee has exhaustively dealt with the question of the selection, training, and examination of candidates, and is at present engaged in the examination of the methods of teaching and system of training in vogue in the College.

The Committee recommends that the Committee as printed on Pages 93f., 1939 Minutes, be re-appointed, and that the Committee report to the Examination Committee and Conference 1941.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., be added to the Committee.

REPORT OF THE SOUTH ISLAND CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

During the year the resolutions passed by Conference have been carried out as far as possible. (See Conference Minutes 1939, p. 153-4.)

Although our request for a Government subsidy had not been granted, a letter was received in August last from the Department of Internal Affairs, Centennial Branch, informing us that the historical events associated with the Memorial justify the project, and that they are approaching the matter from another angle. They regard the church with its Maori interior and Museum, commemorating as it does the Treaty of Waitangi as a "Maori Centennial Memorial." The approximate cost being £2,500, the Government will make a grant of £625, providing we raise £1,875.

During the year we have posted circulars of appeal to some hundreds of our N.Z. Methodists, but the results have not been encouraging. Seeing that the July offerings last year did not come up to expectations, Conference again requested "all" our churches to take up retiring offerings in July, 1939.

During the past six months we have also posted many letters of appeal to private individuals, public bodies and business firms in Dunedin and district. We have also interviewed ninety business firms in the city, and so far have been encouraged and have had considerable success; but unfortunately due later to the war and increased taxation some of the firms and public bodies have cancelled their promises. Some of the firms have, however, only postponed their promises and we still hope for success. Several public bodies have definitely promised financial support.

Financial Statement.

	£	s.	d.
Church retiring offerings (two years, 1938-39), and from all other sources. Cash in Bank	1,104	15	6
Approx. value of bricks and material promised	100	0	0
	1,204	15	6

The position at present is that we have still to raise approximately £700 to qualify for the Government subsidy. We believe that but for the unfortunate effects of the war the Memorial Church would have been built and ready for dedication at the 1940 Conference. As this is not possible we can only lay the foundation stone and trust to the generosity of our people to raise the balance required.

We have a unique opportunity. Our Church has been favoured by Providence with the honour and privilege of establishing the first Christian Mission in the South Island. Our Methodist Chiefs signed the Treaty of Waitangi, and we have the privilege of being the custodians of a National Memorial.

We trust that our people will rise to the occasion. Our thanks are due for help rendered by Mr. G. S. Gapper and the Revs. T. Skuse and W. Falkingham; also to our various Circuits for their retiring offerings, and to our Guilds, Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, and Endeavour Societies for financial help. We also express our deep appreciation to the public bodies, business firms, and individuals who have given to this worthy project.

Karitane Cairn.

The Maori people have offered to convey to our Church the remaining portion of the old Karitane Mission Section for the purpose of erecting thereon a Memorial Cairn and ultimately a church. We have applied to the Native Land Court for permission to have the section surveyed and conveyed under the Methodist Model Deed. The case will be heard on January 27, 1940.

T. A. PYBUS,

Secretary and Convener of Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the matter of the name of the Fund be decided by the Dunedin District Executive, with power to act.
3. That the Conference tender its hearty thanks to Messrs. G. S. Gapper and C. F. Roberts, and especially to the Rev. T. A. Pybus, for their service in connection with the Appeal.

4. That the following be the Committee:—Chairman of the District, Revs. T. A. Pybus, B. Metson, S. Bailey, R. C. Patchett; Messrs. G. S. Gapper, G. Crosbie, C. F. Roberts, S. Lawn, E. J. King, N. C. Gibbs—with Messrs. D. & T. Ellison for the Otakou Church, and Rev. N. McDonald and Messrs. J. Ellison, T. Parata and M. Taiaroa for the Karitane Cairn. Rev. T. A. Pybus (Convener).

REPORT OF CONVENER OF RADIO COMMITTEE.

This Committee was appointed by Conference (see Minutes, 1939, p. 127), and held its only meeting on Thursday, 24th August, 1939. Rev. P. R. Paris presided and explained that as Conference had not appointed a convener, he had asked the Rev. J. H. Haslam to act in that capacity.

All the members of the Committee appointed by Conference were present.

The Convener read a letter he had received from Rev. L. B. Neale, a corresponding member of the Committee. The Chairman then outlined the circumstances which led to Mr. Neale losing certain privileges he had enjoyed in connection with a private Broadcasting Station in Dunedin known as 4ZM, owing to the policy of the Government to bring all stations under its control, and further explained what was under consideration by the Director and the Central Committee of Religious Broadcasting with respect to Sunday Broadcasting in particular. After some discussion the following resolutions were passed unanimously by the Committee:—

1. This Methodist Broadcast Committee respectfully requests the Central Religious Broadcasting Committee and the Director to consider the advisability of the Sunday evening broadcast services being given from the 2YA Studio, and by specially chosen men regarded as most suitable for the work.
2. This Committee further suggests to the Central Committee the advisability of exploring the possibility of united action by the Churches to choose and set aside a man to conduct the proposed Sunday evening religious broadcast from 2YA Studio.

These resolutions were forwarded to the Director of Broadcasting and brought before the Central Committee, but up to the present no decision has been reached, and the position remains much the same as hitherto. But the decision of the Government to take over all private stations has narrowed the scope of usefulness of the Conference Committee, and in the absence of decisions upon its only resolutions there was no call for a second meeting. If Conference considers the re-appointment of the Committee desirable, a new Convener will be needed as the present Convener will not be available for re-appointment on the Committee. He suggests that Rev. R. B. Gosnell be appointed in his place.

JONATHAN H. HASLAM.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Committee be—Rev. P. R. Paris, Messrs. R. H. Boys, N. R. Seddon, with Rev. R. B. Gosnell (Convener). Corresponding members: Revs. L. B. Neale, W. A. Burley and A. E. Orr.

QUESTION LIH.—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. Fleisher, M.A., LL.B., C. E. Taylor. Secretary of Conference, Secretary and Convener.

COMMITTEE OF EXIGENCY to be the Wellington District Executive, with the Wellington members of the Committee of Privileges.

QUESTION LIV.—Who are the Members of District Executive Committees?

WELLINGTON.—The Ministers and Probationers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, with Mesdames L. Denby and J. D. King, Miss I. Highet, Messrs. B. O. Stokes, T. M. Pacey, J. Gaustad, H. Nicholson, T. H. Crosbie, L. H. Steel, C. H. Hain, H. W. Smith, E. C. Feltham, R. Hardie Boys, N. R. Seddon, G. E. Turney, B. J. Lynneberg, W. J. Carman, F. Lockwood, A. Maud, E. Heggie, H. J. Thompson and R. Hickin. 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, A. C. Lawry, A. Liversedge and Ben Dudley, Messrs. C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, W. C. Francis, J. B. Weir, W. Clothier, F. W. Sincock, H. Holland, R. Sedman, S. Falkingham, W. Burnell, D. McHarg, S. Sayers, H. A. Purvis, C. A. Comber, J. H. Jones, R. Carter, H. Armon, A. Southey, A. C. Pratt, P. A. Le Brun, L. C. Walker, H. W. Armitage, C. Manhire, R. Norton, F. Coleman, L. S. White, C. D. Lane, H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, W. G. Wright, F. Thompson, J. W. Hillary, H. de R. Fleisher, Miss R. Barrell and Mrs. F. Thompson. Convener, Rev. C. R. Taylor.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Ministers and Home Missionaries of Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, Messrs G. S. Gapper, C. F. Roberts, E. J. King, J. McIndoe, F. Dawson, C. E. Patey, F. G. Marshall, G. Henderson, A. T. McIndoe, H. F. Pellett, H. Johnson, I. Winton, and Dr. Lyth, Sister Hazel, Misses F. A. Nixon and O. McCrone. Convener, Rev. B. Metson.

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, 1939.

The Committee has been occupied during the year with matters referred to it by the last Conference, and with the consideration of the regulations governing the Home Mission Department. In addition sundry other matters have been considered, as set out in our recommendations below.

The pamphlet for distribution to Solicitors, Trust Companies, Public Trust Offices, etc., has been prepared by the Connexional

Secretary and Mr. H. de R. Flesher, and will soon be ready for distribution to the people and offices concerned. This should help those wishing to benefit the Institutions, Causes and Funds of the Church, and should meet a long-felt need.

Last Conference dealt with the question of the eligibility of Home Missionaries for election as Circuit representatives to Conference (see Minutes p. 162, par. 4).

When the Committee came to the question of the status of retired Home Missionaries, they (with the Home Mission Board) discovered that the present law already states that a retired Home Missionary enjoys all the privileges of the Home Missionary in the active work. He is a member of the District Synod and (on some matters) of the District Ministerial Committee, and is eligible to be elected as one of the representatives of the Home Missionaries to the Conference. To grant them the right of representation at Conference as laymen, would need to be done at the sacrifice of other privileges which they enjoy. It is also considered that a Home Missionary is more likely to represent the point of view of a minister than of a layman. It is therefore recognised that a Home Missionary cannot entirely represent a layman. The Committee and the Home Mission Board recommend that the Law remain as at present.

Amongst the recommendations set out below are some defining the Constitution of the Home Mission Board. No constitution has been specifically stated hitherto, the Board consisting of a very large number, including the Ministers of the whole of the Auckland city and suburbs, numbering at present thirty-eight. The committee in consultation with the Home Mission Board now proposes that the maximum number of members of the Board be forty. This will include an equal number of ministers and laymen. The question has been raised whether this should be regarded as legislation that affects the privileges (by usage) of the ministers, and should therefore be sent down to the Synods and the succeeding Conference before it can become law. The Committee are of the opinion that the contention cannot be sustained and submit that this can become Law at the present Conference.

The Committee has sought to frame regulations for, and to define the duties of, Mission Secretaries so that they will apply to both Home and Foreign Missions.

Our work for next year will comprise the revision and consolidation of the regulations governing the Youth Department, the Foreign Mission, and other Departments.

We recommend the reappointment of the Committee as follows:—Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, W. A. Sinclair, E. Drake, E. D. Patchett, M. A. R. Pratt, F. Copeland, and W. A. Burley (Convener), Messrs J. Stanton, W. Dobbs, and H. de R. Flesher.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report be received and adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I.—MATTERS REMITTED BY CONFERENCE.

- (1) Minutes, 1939, Page 167, 18: (a) Synod Agenda.

That no change be made in the Present Law, as the rights of the laymen would be infringed.

(2) 18b. Standing Orders:

That Standing Order (1) (c) Notices of Motion, be altered to read: "Notices of Motion must be in writing. They shall be referred to appropriate Committees for consideration and report prior to discussion by the Conference. No notices of motion shall be given at the opening session of the Conference."

(3) Minutes, Page 122-26: (a) Status of Retired Home Missionaries.

That this be as defined in Law Book page 131, Reg. 28, together with the amendment on page 30 of the Supplement of the Law Book, Par. 8.

(4) Minutes, 1939, Page 126, Connexional (a) (3):

"That where, in the judgment of the Stationing Committee, a Minister has an unsatisfactory circuit record, it shall refer such case to the Complaints and Appeals Committee for consideration and report to the Conference. Conference may require such Minister to retire. Upon retirement he shall receive from the Contingent Fund a grant of not less than one half of the minimum stipend for one year. Regulation 55 of the Supernumerary Fund and Regulation 22 of the Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund shall also apply."

II.—GENERAL.

(1) Law Book, Page 20, Paragraph 84:

That this be deleted.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

(2) Add to Paragraph 265, Supplement to Law Book, Page 23:

"Only Church Members shall be eligible for election as President or Secretary of the Bible Class Movements or the District Bible Class Unions."

(3) Preachers' Meeting Law Book, Page 47, Paragraph 180. Add after (7): "(7a) Has any Local Preacher died during the Quarter?"

(4) Law Book, Page 29. Add New Paragraph:

111a. The Chairman of a District shall make as far as possible annual official visits of an inspirational and advisory character to the Circuits in his District, and the Circuit Superintendents are directed to make the fullest possible use of the Chairman's visit. The Chairman may associate with himself or his deputy other suitable ministers and laymen when paying this annual visit of inspiration and advice.

Minutes 1924, page 117, No. 6; also 1927 Minutes, page 126, No. 8.

(5) MISSION SECRETARIES.

Agenda of Quarterly Meeting, Law Book, Page 56:

Add (ii) Election of Circuit Secretaries for Home and Foreign Missions (December).

Church Meeting, Page 51 of Law Book, Paragraph 197, Clause 2a:

To elect local Secretaries for both Home and Foreign Mission Funds.

Law Book, Page 44, Section Va, Mission Secretaries:

Circuit Mission Secretaries shall be elected annually at the December Meeting of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting. Names and addresses of Secretaries on election shall be forwarded to the respective Mission Departments.

Local Mission Secretaries shall be elected annually at the Church Meeting held in the December Quarter.
Delete Law Book, page 121, No. 5, and page 115, 22 (1).
Page 115, 22 (1) be amended to read: "The December Quarterly Meeting shall appoint a Circuit Missionary Committee."

DUTIES OF CIRCUIT AND LOCAL SECRETARIES OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A. Circuit Secretaries.

The Circuit Secretaries for Home and Foreign Missions shall in consultation with the minister or ministers of the Circuit:—

- (a) Supervise their respective campaigns for the whole circuit.
- (b) Arrange for a Chairman (layman if possible) to preside at the annual meeting in each church.
- (c) Maintain touch with the local secretaries, receive monies from them and remit the same without delay through the circuit stewards to the General Treasurer of the Fund. They shall prepare and forward to the same Treasurer a financial statement, including a complete list of subscribers.
- (d) Present an annual report to the Quarterly Meeting and keep that meeting advised of all relevant matters which affect the Circuit.
- (e) Arrange for all advertising in connection with the Mission Anniversary.
- (f) Arrange for the supply, distribution, and collection of Mission Boxes and collecting Books.

B. Local Secretaries.

The Local Secretary shall in consultation with the minister:—

- (a) Arrange for pulpit announcements for two Sundays preceding the Mission Anniversaries, and for other pulpit announcements affecting Mission interests.
 - (b) Arrange for the distribution of Annual Reports and Subscription Lists prior to the Anniversary.
 - (c) Arrange for the distribution of all literature and advertising matter in connection with Missionary efforts.
 - (d) Arrange with the choirmaster for special musical items for Missionary celebrations.
 - (e) Arrange the programme for the Annual Meeting, and present a short report and financial statement thereat.
 - (f) Attend to the distribution and return of Mission Boxes.
 - (g) Receive all Missionary monies, and hand the same without delay to the Circuit Secretary, together with a complete financial statement including a list of subscribers.
- (6) Supervisors of Circuits and Home Mission Stations:
Law Book page 29, add to paragraph 111: Conference may appoint a minister in full connexion from the same District as supervisor of any such Circuit or Home Mission Station. Such supervisor shall act in consultation with the Chairman of the District concerned. This shall not in any way affect the rights and privileges of the Chairman of the District as superintendent of such Circuit or Home Mission Station.

(7) Provision for Married Minister:

That paragraph 208, page 58, of the Law Book be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—208. A circuit to which an additional unmarried minister or probationer is appointed at the request of such circuit shall undertake to provide for a married minister at the end of four years from the date of such appointment. When a circuit which has a married minister and a probationer is divided and a probationer is appointed to the new circuit, such circuit shall provide for a married minister at the end of four years from the time of the appointment of the probationer to the undivided circuit. In cases where Conference has previously extended the term of the appointment for a probationer beyond four years it shall determine at what period the new circuit shall fulfil its obligation to provide for a married minister. In no case shall an unmarried probationer be appointed to a circuit where there is a furnished parsonage until the financial aspect of such proposed appointment has been reported upon by the Home Mission Committee of Conference. When a married Home Missionary has been appointed for any term to a circuit or home mission station such appointment shall be regarded as equivalent to the appointment of a probationer and, save in exceptional cases to be determined by Conference, its status and obligation shall rank accordingly when a minister or probationer is proposed for appointment thereto.

III.—THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.

Law Book, Page 97 (a):

Add N.B. The Home Mission Estimates of Income and Expenditure shall be based on the average ordinary income of the preceding three years.

Law Book, Page 120, Regulation 4, Paragraph 283:

Add to 2, "The objectives of the Department shall be:—

(5) The initiation and development of social and philanthropic work.

(6) The establishment and maintenance of a Literature and Colporteur Society.

Alter 3 (3) to read, "Circuit Organisations."

Alter 4. A Committee shall be formed in each Circuit to obtain funds to promote the objectives of the Department. One Sunday in each year shall be set apart as Home Mission Sunday, when special intercession shall be made on behalf of the objectives of the Department. Wherever practicable, a public meeting shall be held in each preaching place. Sunday and week-night collections shall be made on behalf of the Department.

CONSTITUTION OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

That regulation 7, page 121, Law Book, be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

7. (a) The general management of the Department shall be under the control of the Conference, which shall annually appoint the Home Mission Board and its Officers.

(b) The officers shall consist of a ministerial and a lay General Treasurer, a General Superintendent, and an Assistant Superintendent.

- (c) The board shall consist of the General Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, the senior Maori Superintendent, the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Principal of the Theological College, the Ministerial Treasurer, the General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Department, nine ministers in active circuit work in the Auckland city and suburban circuits, three Supernumerary ministers, and one Home Missionary, the Lay General Treasurer, the President of the Women's Missionary Union, two representatives nominated by the Women's Missionary Union, one representative nominated by the Young Women's and the Young Men's Bible Class Movements respectively, and fourteen lay representatives (the lay representatives shall be resident in Auckland), and such life members as Conference from time to time may appoint on the nomination of the Home Mission Board, on the condition that the personnel of the Board shall be not more than 42 members.

The Connexional Secretary shall be a corresponding member of the Board.

- (d) Any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without a good reason shall be deemed to have relinquished his seat on the Board, and the Board may appoint a substitute in his place.

DUTIES OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

See Law Book, Page 123, Regulation 10:

That regulation 10 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

As the chief executive officer of the Department, the General Superintendent shall:—

- (1) Be regarded as the General Adviser and Director of Church Extension for the Dominion.
- (2) Act as General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions.
- (3) Visit personally or by deputy all home mission stations and aided circuits, and confer with the minister or home missionary and officials concerning the state of the work, circuit organisation and finance, and future prospects, and report thereon to the Home Mission Board and the District Committees.
- (4) Encourage circuits and home mission stations to increase their usefulness, strengthen their organisation and finance and improve their status and staffing.
- (5) Advise and assist in the organisation of special Inspirational and Evangelistic Missions.
- (6) Encourage employment of deaconesses in city and rural areas.
- (7) Study population trends, visit untouched areas seeking new openings for our work, and report thereon.
- (8) Have power, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Districts and the superintendents of the circuits concerned, to convene meetings of ministers and officials to consider his proposals for Church Extension and consolidation and Evangelism.

- (9) In conjunction with the Chairman of the District, take all necessary steps to place each new station on a proper basis.
- (10) Advise and co-operate with the Youth Department in establishing Sunday Schools in areas where there is no efficient circuit organisation.
- (11) Furnish to the General Statistical Secretary statistics of Maori Missions.
- (12) After consultation with the Board, nominate to the President of the Conference approved Home Missionaries and Deaconesses as officiating ministers under the Marriage Act.
- (13) In consultation with the Chairman of a District, authorise in writing approved home missionaries or other persons to administer the Sacraments within specified areas. Such authority may be revoked at any time by the Chairman of the District or the General Superintendent.
- (14) Maintain close contact with each District Committee to ensure its effective functioning especially in relation to extension work.
- (15) Act as secretary of the H.M.C.E. Investment Funds Board and the Methodist Mission Property Trustees.
- (16) Supervise Bookroom and Colporteur Work.
- (17) Have power to appear before Synods personally or be represented by his assistant to speak on matters affecting the work of the Department.

DUTIES OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

Law Book, Page 125, Regulation 11:

That regulation 11 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

11. (1) A Minister shall be appointed as Assistant to the General Superintendent.
- (2) The term of such appointment shall be three years.
- (3) He shall (a) Assist, in consultation with, and under the direction of the General Superintendent, in furthering the effectiveness of the Home Mission and Maori Mission work throughout the Dominion, giving special attention to the organisation within the circuits of the Annual Home Mission Appeal.
- (b) Act when required as Deputy for the General Superintendent.
- (c) Confer and assist in matters of organisation and development especially in aided circuits and Home Mission Stations.

Law Book, Page 126, Paragraph 17:

That 17 be repealed and the following be substituted therefor, page 27, paragraph 105, 3: To forward to the General Superintendent of Home Missions (a) a statement of receipts and expenditure on account of the Fund within the District. (b) A copy of the list of the estimates of income for the current year, and the requests for grants together with the Circuit Balance Sheets and statements of Trust position required.

(c) A copy of all resolutions affecting:—

- (1) The boundaries of Circuits and new Stations.
- (2) The number of Ministers and Probationers or Home Missionaries required.
- (3) Applications by Ministers for permission to rest or to become Supernumeraries or to return to the active work.
- (4) The names of candidates for the ministry recommended for acceptance.
- (5) A copy of all resolutions bearing on the Annual Reports of Home and Maori Missions.

HOME MISSION DEPUTATIONS.

Law Book, Page 127. Add after 23:

- (a) That the services of Home Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Ministers with Home Mission experience be utilised in Deputation work.
- (b) That Circuit Home Mission committees make complete arrangements to ensure the success of the Home Mission appeal in every preaching place, and that care be exercised in the appointment of collectors for canvassing all members and adherents.

DEACONESSSES AS OFFICIATING MINISTERS.

Add to Page 136 V After 5:

- (6) That Deaconesses while holding the status of acting Home Missionaries and also senior Deaconesses engaged in Maori work may be gazetted as officiating Ministers under the Marriage Act, if nominated by the General Superintendent of Home Missions.

Law Book, Page 136, add (7):

"Permission may be granted by the General Superintendent to Deaconesses engaged in Maori work to administer the Sacrament of Baptism where a Minister is not available."

ENGAGING PERSONS AS EVANGELISTS.

Add to paragraph 101, Section 2, at top of page 26 Law Book, the following:—

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, on the recommendation of the Spiritual Advance Committee.

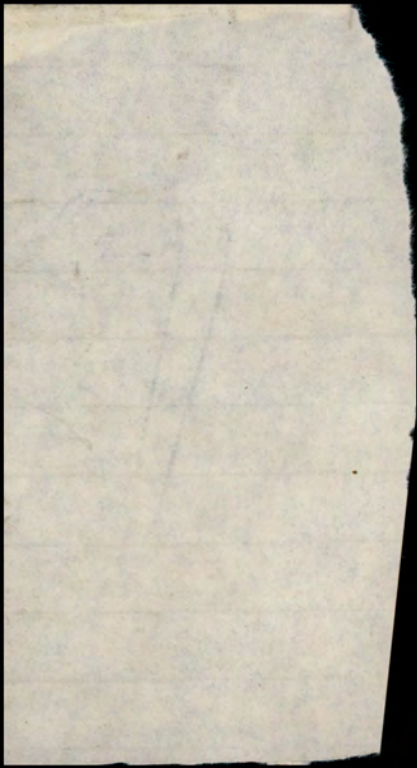
PRESIDENTIAL RULING.

Circuit Levies.

The question asked was—as to whether the words "For the year ending September 30th (Law Book, P. 154, par. 287—Reg. 2), referred to September 30th preceding the year of levy, or the current year." The President ruled that it refers to the preceding year.

The Conference confirmed the ruling.

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QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

In the absence of the Rev. E. P. Blamires from the Dominion, the Rev. Fred Greenwood undertook to act as Convener of the Conference Committee, and from the nature of the composition of the Committee it was not possible for it to meet. Mr. Greenwood has requested me as a member of the Committee to act on his behalf and present a report. In doing so I suggest that the Committee to be appointed be of a sufficient number of members in one centre to make meetings possible, additional members to be corresponding members. I recommend that five members of the Wellington Ministers' Fraternal constitute the main Committee with power to co-opt lay-members when thought desirable. The corresponding members to be the members of the 1939 Committee residing outside of Wellington, with the exception of Rev. E. P. Blamires, now absent from the Dominion.

This Committee should be confirmed in the authority given last Conference to act in co-operation with other churches when any meetings may be called to constitute a New Zealand Council of Churches.

In view of the importance of the Ecumenical Movement being fostered by the World Conference of Faith and Order it is eminently desirable that the Conference should be kept in touch with all developments, for which purpose I recommend the annual contribution of £5 plus exchange be again made.

J. H. HASLAM, Acting Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £5 be made by the Contingent Fund.
3. That the Committee be empowered to act in co-operation with other churches when any meeting may be called to constitute a New Zealand Council of Churches.
4. That the Committee for 1940 be:—The Chairman of the Wellington District and four members to be chosen by the Wellington city and suburban Methodist Ministers' Fraternal from their number, one of whom to be appointed Convener; with the following corresponding members:—President, Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, H. E. Bellhouse, M. A. Rugby Pratt, J. H. Haslam and F. Greenwood.

Legal Adviser.

That Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B., be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

President's Committee of Advice.

Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, E. D. Patchett, M. A. Rugby Pratt, F. Copeland, E. Drake, P. R. Paris, the Secretary of Conference, Vice-President of Conference; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher, E. H. Burton, C. E. Taylor, H. Chapman and J. H. Blackwell.

Ladies' Guilds.

That Conference places on record its sincere gratitude to the thousands of ladies who constitute the Women's Guilds of our Churches for their valuable yet quiet, ungrudging, and unobtrusive service by which the Parsonages of the Dominion are kept in good order and the funds of the Circuit and Trust Boards are supported.

CAPITATION FUND.

Recognising the need of a forward movement in Methodism and that the time has come when monies should be made available for aggressive work, Conference create a fund which shall be designated a "Methodist Capital Fund," the interest only of which is to be used. The Fund would assist Trustee Boards in the work of renovation, alteration, extension, and erection of Parsonages, Sunday Schools, Churches, Missions, and Institutions.

That the Fund be limited to £50,000 and be built up over a period of 30 years and that until such period has elapsed no grants be made. That all grants be gratuitous.

Method of Procedure.

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That Ministers contribute 5s. per annum	1,500
Circuit and Home Mission Stations £1 per annum	6,000
Women's Guilds £1 per annum	6,000
Trustee Boards, £1 per annum	6,000
That the H.M. Fund make an annual grant of £150	4,500
The Fire Insurance Fund, a grant of £100 annually	3,000
Interest accumulative over the period of 30 years—say	1,500
Gifts and bequests	10,000

RESOLUTION.

That the matter be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for consideration.

Duplex Envelope System.

With a view to elevating the financial contributions of our Church members throughout New Zealand to the work and enterprise of the Church, this Conference endorses the principle of systematic regular weekly giving and recommends the Duplex Envelope System as the simplest and best method of attaining that object and providing a more even flow of money to the Home and Foreign Mission departments.

STIPENDS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference believes that the adequate maintenance of Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries, is one of great importance.
2. In view of the increase in cost of living and taxation, and in view of general increases given to workmen in Industry and Commerce, this Conference increases the standard of minimum stipends by 10%.
3. That stipends should be a first charge on all collections, save those ordered by the Conference for Connexional purposes.
4. That in cases where the stipend of Ministers is in arrears, or in cases where the minimum stipend is not being paid, the Conference directs that at least 50% of monies raised by efforts for special local church purposes be used for stipend purposes.

TAXATION OF MINISTERS. REVISED REGULATIONS.

In the Minutes of Conference for 1940, pages 189 and 190, will be found the instructions given by the Commissioner of Taxes to all ministers and to church officers and others who are responsible for the payment of stipend and other moneys.

The instructions in Sections, numbered 1 to 10, relating to the payment of the Social Security Tax and Income Tax are now confirmed subject to the following alterations and additions.

Section 3 should read "Fees received from solemnisation of marriages and fees for the conduct of funerals are deemed to be income other than salary or wages and must be declared accordingly."

Section 6. As the income tax form has been altered, delete the following words from lines 2 and 3 of the Section:—"In item 10 Part A of the form."

Section 7 (b) relating to motor cars should read:—"Depreciation on a car when owned by the taxpayer, is annually allowable at the rate of 20 per cent. of the diminishing value. An asset account must be kept and depreciation written off therein, and a copy of the asset account must be attached to the annual income tax return.

The following additional matters should be noted:—

1. The annual subscription of ministers to the Supernumerary Fund is allowable as a special exemption from income tax.

2. Where the church pays the minister an allowance for the sole purpose of meeting entertainment and hospitality expenses, a deduction may be made in calculating his liability for Social Security charge and National Security tax, but the amount of any deduction is strictly limited to the actual expenses incurred, or to the amount of the hospitality allowance, whichever is the less. This deduction applies only to any specific allowance granted by resolution of the church court expressly for hospitality purposes. It does not apply to any part of the stipend of the minister.

The foregoing matters should be carefully studied by all ministers, circuit stewards and other church officers affected.

It would be wise to cut out this paragraph and insert it with the other tax regulations adopted by the Conference of 1940.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Connexional Secretary.

Christchurch, Nov. 9th, 1943.

(Continued from page 187.)

Dominion Road new school opened 1925; Halcombe Jubilee celebrated 1926.

December 13th.—Barnard Street P.M. Church, Timaru, re-opened, 1881; Silverstream Church (Hutt) opened 1874; New Brighton Church opened 1913.

December 14th.—Second Maori Chapel, Wellington, opened 1845; Lawrence Church opened, 1873; Papatoetoe Church, opened, 1912; Shirley Church stonelaying, 1918.

December 15th.—Whiteley Church opened, 1898; Matangi Church opened 1918; Motueka Church stonelaying 1920.

December 16th.—St. Albans School first anniversary celebrated, 1861; Hind's Church opened, 1887; Ashburton Church removed and re-opened at Baring Square, 1892; Te Aroha Church opened, 1900; Rotorua Church opened 1906; Takapuna Church stonelaying 1922.

December 17th.—Waimate Church stonelaying, 1887; Otangiwai Church opened, 1933.

December 18th.—Woodend Church opened, 1864; Winton Church stonelaying, 1917.

December 20th.—Rev. S. Ironside arrived Cloudy Bay, 1840; Thames Church (from Grahamstown) opened 1855; Paparoa Church opened, 1881; Mount Albert Orphanage opened, 1911.

December 21st.—Waikumete Church opened, 1910.

December 22nd.—Seafield Church opened, 1876; Woodend brick Church stonelaying, 1910; Oamaru new organ opened, 1913; Wakefield new Church

IDEAL GIFT

RADIANT CERTAINTY, Alistair Mac
HIGH COUNTRY, Alistair Mac
THE QUIET HEART, Alistair Mac
MY PILGRIMAGE, Dr. Boreham
THE SUNNY ROOM, H. L. G.
WARTIME PILGRIMAGE.
THE TRANSFORMING FRIEND
THE WINDS BLOW, Rita F.
WHEN WE TWO WALKED,
FAR HORIZONS, Elsie K. Mc
WHITE CLIFFS, Alice Duer
BUNYAN'S PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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5. That in cases where the minimum is not being paid or the stipend is in arrears the Chairman of the District be directed to visit the Quarterly Meetings of the Circuits concerned and urge them to endeavour to meet the wishes of Conference, and that the Chairman take with him some laymen to support him in his appeal.
6. That Conference requests the Home Mission Board to give consideration to the possibility of stipends being made a connexional responsibility with the consequent readjustment of connexional levies, and report to next Conference.

CONNEXIONAL CHARGES.

That the Ministers of Palmerston North, Feilding, Sanson-Rongotea, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Woodville, Pahiatua Circuits, with one layman from each of these Circuits, appointed by their Quarterly Meetings, be a Committee to consider the basis of Connexional Charges and report to next Synod and Conference. Convener, Rev. H. L. Fiebig.

TAXATION OF MINISTERS.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND INCOME TAX.

The Commissioner of Taxes advises that the liability of ministers of religion for income tax and Social Security charge has been reviewed. He requests that the following information be supplied to our ministers and to church officers who are responsible for the payment of stipend and other monies.

1. Social Security charge is required to be deducted and accounted for as on salary and wages and the person making the stipend payments is responsible for the application of the correct amount and is required to satisfy himself that the expenses claimed are fair and reasonable and were actually and necessarily incurred in the production of the remuneration.

2. Payments made to ministers from the Children's Fund are in the nature of additional remuneration and are taxable at the time of payment.

3. Fees received from solemnisation of marriages are deemed for Social Security charge purposes to be income other than salary or wages and must be declared accordingly.

4. Where a free house is provided by the Church the value thereof is assessed at one-sixth of the stipend for the purpose of arriving at the gross income.

5. To cover the use of study or library, however, one-sixth of the rental value of the house is allowable as a deduction. Where a minister pays his own rent, such "rental value" would be the actual amount paid and where he owns his own house it would be a fair rental value (not necessarily based on his stipend).

6. In the return of income for Income Tax purposes a minister who receives a free house would show as income in item 10 Part A of the form the full rental value assessed as stated above and claim as a deduction one sixth thereof under "Rent." A person paying his own rent or owning his own house would merely claim under "Rent" one sixth of the rental value.

7. The following are also deductions allowable to Ministers:—

- (a) Car expenses in excess of the allowance, if any, provided by the Church for that purpose.
- (b) Depreciation at the rate of ten per cent. per annum on the original cost of the car when owned by the taxpayer provided a car account is kept.
- (c) Petty expenses including toll charges, stationery and postages. Lighting, heating and cleaning of study.
- (d) One sixth of the wages and keep of maid or other employed help.
- (e) The cost of periodicals purchased for use in the profession. (The cost of new books for library is not allowable except where such books are purchased for replacement purposes).

8. Regarding car expenses where the car is provided and maintained by the Church, the minister does not incur any expenses, but when the car is provided by the Church and an allowance made to cover upkeep and running expenses, and such allowance is insufficient to cover the expenses, then the minister may claim the difference between the allowance and the actual expenses. This would also apply where the minister owned the car. It must be distinctly understood, however, that the deduction may be claimed only in respect of travelling expenses actually incurred in Church work and no private running should be included.

9. No deduction is permissible for out-of-pocket expenses in providing assistance to charitable objects or to needy persons.

10. Honoraria to organists and wages to cleaners and other casual workers are liable for the charge at the source.

11. The Commissioner of Taxes is considering whether the payment of £15 per annum made to the Supernumerary Fund by circuits and departments in respect of each minister appointed thereto is additional income and consequently assessable for income tax and social security charge. It is admitted that the ministers have merely a contingent right to the benefit of such payments and in the meantime the Commissioner does not propose to assess ministers with the circuit or departmental levies paid into the Supernumerary Fund on their behalf. He proposes, however, to review the position upon receipt of the judgment of the Court in connection with a similar case now awaiting decision.

The foregoing matters should be carefully studied and acted upon by all ministers, circuit stewards and other church officers affected.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Connexional Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1. That the Report be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
- 2. That the Report be printed in pamphlet form and sent to Superintendents of Circuits, who shall request Circuit Stewards to affix same in their Minute Books.

Cinema Christian Council of N.Z.

A Report by the Rev. J. H. Haslam was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference records its appreciation of the services of the Rev. J. H. Haslam as Conference Representative on the Council.
2. That the Conference Representative for 1940 be the Rev. T. Skuse.
3. That the appointment of Representatives on District Sub-Committees be left in the hands of the Ministers' Fraternals of Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Standard Form for Financial Statements.

That the Connexional Secretaryship Committee give consideration to the possibility of adopting a standard form for the presentation of the Annual Financial Statements of the various Trusts and Departments of the Church reporting to Conference.

National Council of Churches in N.Z.

That the Representatives be the Connexional Secretary, Rev. W. A. Burley, and Mr. W. C. Francis.

WANGANUI TRUST REHABILITATION.

Conference learns with pleasure of the successful completion of the scheme for the rehabilitation of the Wanganui (Trinity) Trust and expresses its thanks to all Trusts, members and friends of the Connexion who so generously assisted the project.

It reaffirms its endorsement of the Wanganui Connexional Trust Rehabilitation Fund scheme, and declares that such scheme, involving generous conditional Connexional grants was accepted and must be regarded as a final settlement of the problem.

The Conference further deplores the present attempt on the part of certain signatories to the original mortgage to re-open the matter and appoints the Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui District and the Rev. Raymond Dudley to make such representations to the Trustees concerned.

ADDRESS TO HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY, KING GEORGE VI.

To—

His Most Excellent Majesty GEORGE THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Sovereign of the British Orders of Knighthood.

May it please your Most Gracious Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and people of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, desire to offer our most heartfelt assurance of our loyal devotion to Your Person and Your House, and our heartfelt gratitude to God for Your Majesty's unswerving efforts to promote the virtue, prosperity and contentment of the Realm, to guard the rights and liberties of Your Majesty's faithful subjects and to preserve their prized heritage of freedom in religious opinion and worship.

In this year when we celebrate the Centennial of British Sovereignty over this Island Dominion we rejoice to be the spiritual heirs

of Methodist Missionaries whose influence since the year 1822 contributed in large measure to win the allegiance of the Maori race and also to lay the firm foundations upon which has been raised the structure of national life since the governance of New Zealand passed to the British Crown.

We regret that this occasion is shadowed by the clouds of international conflict and we pray that in the Providence of God peace may soon be established, that the unity of the Empire may be preserved, and that the British Commonwealth of Nations may play a worthy part in rebuilding the shaken structure of the world's life and in establishing a world order based on the Christian Gospel of righteousness, justice, mutual helpfulness and abiding goodwill.

We also offer our loyal homage to Our Gracious Queen who shares with Your Majesty the toils and triumphs of Sovereignty, and we pray that, by the blessing of Almighty God, Your Majesties may long continue to enjoy the love and devotion of your people.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

LESLIE B. NEALE, President.

DAVID J. WESNEY, Vice-President.

WILLIAM A. BURLEY, Secretary.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Professor A. E. Albiston.

Conference expresses its deep gratification that Professor Albiston, President-General of Australian Methodism, so graciously accepted our invitation to be present at the Centennial Conference of South Island Methodism. The members of the Conference have been impressed by the Professor's refreshing geniality and humour, and have been inspired and instructed by his messages. We are sure that in all the churches visited in the Dominion our people will receive a like benefit, and the memory of our distinguished visitor will ever be a gracious benediction to the Church.

President.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Leslie B. Neale, 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. D. J. Wesney, be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. Angus McBean 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. Mark Kershaw, for his valuable and devoted services during his term of office.

Ordination Charge.

That the Ex-President, Rev. Angus McBean, 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 the Conference be tendered to the Trustees of Trinity Church and Central Mission, Dunedin, for the use of premises for Conference Sessions and functions; also to the hosts and hostesses for the generous hospitality to Conference Representatives; to the Conference Arrangements Committee; and the members of the Equalisation Fund Committee.

Press.

That the Press Secretaries be thanked for their services; that the Press Association and the Daily Papers be thanked for reporting the business.

QUESTION LVII.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

At PITT ST. CHURCH, AUCKLAND, on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1941, at 7 p.m.

Forms of Bequest

As information concerning various institutions and funds connected with the Methodist Church of New Zealand is often sought by people wishing to benefit such institutions and funds by Will, the Methodist Conference has decided to publish this information with the hope that it may be of some assistance to people and their legal advisers when Wills are being prepared.

FORM OF BEQUEST, No. 1.

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)

the sum of £..... free from all death duties in aid of
the said now carried on under the
(name of the Institution or Fund)

direction of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be a sufficient discharge.

This form is sufficient where the legacy is to be made to any of the Ordinary Funds and if no specific direction is given the money will form part of the ordinary revenue of the Fund for the purpose named.

FORM OF BEQUEST No. 2.

The following Form of Bequest may be used by persons who wish to create a permanent Trust, the income only of the fund to be used.

I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being
of

the sum of £..... free from all death duties UPON
TRUST (if income only is to be used) (to invest the same and
apply the income arising therefrom) (If capital also to be used)
(to apply the same together with any income arising therefrom),

in and towards the purposes of
now carried on under the direction of the Conference of the
Methodist Church of New Zealand for which the receipt of such
Treasurer or Treasurers shall be a sufficient discharge.

**OBJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OR ENDOWMENT OF WHICH
BEQUESTS MAY BE MADE.**

1.—Connexional Funds and Departments.

A. Contingent Fund:

This fund meets charges which cannot be placed upon Circuits, Departments or Institutions. Such charges which arise by reason of the Connexion as a whole must be connexionally borne. Its work is (1) administrative and (2) beneficent. On the administrative side it meets the cost of Synods and Conference, assists various connexional departments and meets all charges in safeguarding the rights and privileges of the Church. On the beneficent side it makes grants in special cases of ministerial affliction and in general meets such emergencies and contingencies as arise.

B. Supernumerary Fund:

This fund provides pensions for Ministers, their widows and orphans.

There is a Benevolent branch of this Fund which makes extra grants in necessitous cases.

C. Home Acquirement Fund:

This fund has been set up to assist in providing homes for Ministers on their permanent retirement.

D. Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund:

Deaconesses' Retiring Fund:

These funds, as their names show, provide retiring allowances for Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.

E. Children's Fund:

This fund provides annual allowances on account of all Ministers' children up to the age of 16 years for boys and 18 years for girls.

F. The Church Building and Loan Fund:

The objects of this Fund are:—(a) To render assistance in the purchase of sites and in the erection of churches and other buildings for Church purposes; (b) to aid in providing parsonages; and (c) to assist in the removal of debts on church property.

There is a special branch of this Fund known as the Sites Fund, from which grants are made towards the cost of purchasing sites for churches, parsonages, and other church buildings.

G. The Home Mission and Church Extension Fund:

The objects of this Fund are to assist in the general advancement of the Methodist Church in New Zealand, particularly in the establishment of new causes in growing districts and to further the development and extension of religious and educational work amongst Maoris. A Girls' School, "Kurahuna," is established at Onehunga. It is proposed to establish a Maori Girls' School in Taranaki. Provision is made for Maori boys at Wesley College, Paerata.

H. The Foreign Mission Fund:

This Fund is used to carry on mission work in the Solomon Islands. All phases of work are carried on, including religious, medical, educational and industrial. The Mission is always in need of funds.

I. Youth Department Fund:

The Youth Department is responsible for the oversight and organisation of all Sunday Schools and the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Class Movements. The Fund is used for the furtherance of work in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes and among young people generally.

2.—Institutions.

(1) Trinity Theological College—Auckland.

Here Students are trained for the Ministry. It also provides a residential college for men students of all faculties.

(2) Deaconess House—Christchurch.

This institution is the training centre of women for the work of Deaconesses. In connection with it is a women's hostel, principally for students.

(3) Wesley Training College—Paerata, Auckland.

This is an agricultural college up to matriculation standard. Special provision is made for Maori boys and boys from the South Sea Islands. There is a heavy debt on this College.

3.—Social Service Funds and Institutions.

A. Orphanages:

There are three Methodist Orphanages in New Zealand:—

- (i) The Auckland Children's Home and Orphanages, Mt. Albert, and Epsom.
- (ii) Masterton Methodist Children's Home.
- (iii) South Island Orphanage and Children's Home, Christchurch.

B. Social Service Work:

The Auckland and Dunedin Central Missions render assistance in all branches of social service work amongst young and old, sick and needy. Health camps and rest homes are maintained. In Dunedin a scheme has been launched for the establishment of an Eventide Homes Settlement to provide small homes for aged couples.

4.—Individual Circuits and Churches.

Each Church has its Trustees who are responsible for the erection and maintenance of the buildings and care of the church property. The Circuit Fund provides for the ministers' salaries, connexional levies, and all other expenses incident and necessary for the efficient working of the Circuit. (N.B.—A Circuit includes one or more churches.)

5.—Sunday Schools.

Local Sunday Schools are worthy of assistance.

6.—Sundry Funds.

The following is a list of funds the names of which clearly indicate the objects:—

- (1) N.Z. Local Preachers' Association.
- (2) Natural Calamities Fund.
- (3) Women's Missionary Union (Home and Foreign).
- (4) Literature and Colporteur Society.
- (5) Methodist Times (Church Newspaper).
- (6) Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Trust, which assists in Maori Educational work and in Orphanage work.

7.—The Methodist General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.).

This Board holds and administers any property real or personal entrusted to its care for special purposes or trusts in connection with any Methodist Church in New Zealand or any church trust, organisation or department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and whether such purposes or trusts be wholly for such purposes or partially for such purposes and partially for other purposes not connected with the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

NOTE.

Any information and further details of any particular organisation will be willingly supplied if application is made to the CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 931, CHRISTCHURCH, or 5 Epworth Chambers, 176 Hereford Street, Christchurch, C.1.

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.
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.	David J. Wesney	William A. Burley, M.A.

*William Greenslade, President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August, 1931.

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
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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| <p>1875—Nixon, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Jones, T. Francis (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—Mitchell, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D. (Sup.)
 „ Raine, Robert (Sup.)
 „ Smith, G. Knowles (Sup.)</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 (Sup.)</p> <p>1898—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)
 „ Wills, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy
 „ Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)
 „ Hunt, George P. (Sup.)
 „ Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)
 „ Liversedge, Arthur (Sup.)
 „ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.,
 (Sup.)</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.
 „ Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S.</p> <p>1903—Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.
 „ James, Benjamin J. (Sup.)
 „ Liddell, Ralph J.
 „ Seamer, Arthur J. (Sup.)</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.
 „ Paris, Percy R.
 „ Roberts, Charles M.
 „ Ryan, Henry
 „ White, Hedley</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—*continued*

- 1907—Blair, Charles
- 1908—Jordan, Chas. B.,
M.A., B.D. (Hons.), F.R.E.S.
" Martin, J. Frederick
" Speer, William H. (Sup.)
" Tinsley, Robt. B.
- 1909—Cotton, Harry
" McArthur, John D.
- 1910—Burley, William A., M.A.
" Harris, Archer, O
" Olds, Charles H., B.A.
" Richards, James
" Sharp, Harold A.
- 1911—Enticott, Walter J.
" Fowles, Albert H.
" Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)
" Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S.
" Richards, H. Leslie
" Rowe, William
- 1912—Gosnell, Robert B.
" Hinton, George B.
" Lawrence, Frederick B.
" Scrivin, Arthur H.
" Walker, William
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
" Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Binet, Vincent le C.
" Burnet, Oswald
" Foston, Charles A. (Sup.)
" Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.
" Olds, E. Thomas
" Odell, Henry J.
" Slade, William G., M.A.
- 1916—Brown, George E.
" Fordyce, Robert E.
" Harkness, Edwin S.
" Kendon, Charles H.
" Metcalfe, John R.
" Sage, Ernest E.
- 1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
" Chambers, Ernest B.
" Dennis, John
" Nelson, John R.
" Parker, Fredk. J.
- 1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
" Neal, Wallace S.
" Parker, James W.
" Skuse, Thomas
- 1919—Cuming, William B.
" Ford, Herbert
" Gatman, William
" Jefferson, Alfred E.
- 1920—Orchard, Hector C.
" Pickering, William B.
- 1921—Benny, Henry
- 1922—Allen, J. Henry
" Brooks, Leslie A. G.
" Jack, J. Francis
- 1923—Blakemore, Albert
" Hames, Eric W., M.A.
" Spencer, Herbert
- 1924—Ayrton, Moses
" Bailey, John H.
" Bateup, Frank
" Brown, Hubert G.
" Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
" Kings, Harry S.
" McGregor, Robert
" Taylor, Cecil R.
- 1925—Brown, F. Gardner
" Peterson, Gordon R. H.
- 1926—Hall, James H.
" Harris, G. Raymond
" Voyce, Arthur H.
- 1927—Larsen, Norman P.
" Laurenson, George I.
" Penn, Athol R.
" Raynor, Ivo M.
" Silvester, A. Wharton E.
" Utting, Harry V.
- 1928—Grocott, John D.
" Hailwood, Charlie O.
" Handy, Francis J.
" Hayman, Frank H.
" Jeffreys, Howard H.
" Mead, Victor, L.Th.
- 1929—Dickens, Charles E.
" Horwood, Leonard C.
" Kent, Arthur T.
" Parker, Walter

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.
 „ Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D.</p> <p>1931—Carr, Thomas H.
 „ Carr, W. E. Allon
 „ Dudley, Raymond, M.A.
 „ Greenslade, William W. H. F.R.E.S.
 „ Moore, William E.
 „ Parker, Gordon, B.A.
 „ Payne, Herbert W.
 „ Williams, David O., M.A.</p> <p>1932—Alley, Donald C.
 „ Day, Reginald
 „ Hickman, D. J. Donald
 „ Jamieson, V. Roy
 „ Jenkin, William C.
 „ Williamson, Ivan S.</p> <p>1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M., B.A.
 „ Daglish, 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.</p> | <p>1935—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., Dip. Soc. Sc.
 „ Willoughby, James S.</p> <p>1937—Churchill, John
 „ Francis, William R., B.A.
 „ Mayson, Robert W., B.A.
 „ Norwell, Leslie T.</p> <p>1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.
 „ Hoddinott, Ernest S.
 „ Laws, William R., B.A.
 „ Long, Wesley L.
 „ Petch, Ashleigh K.
 „ Silvester, John
 „ Whitfield, Harris</p> <p>1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.
 „ Grice, Reginald
 „ Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Sc. (Agric.)
 „ Lucas, Campbell P.
 „ Oldfield, Charles B.
 „ Sanft, Alfred
 „ Waite, J. Stanley
 „ Watson, John K.</p> <p>1940—Clements, Leslie C.
 „ Dawson, John B.
 „ Dixon, Haddon C.
 „ Gilmore, Leslie R. M.
 „ Greenslade, Lawrence
 „ Jones, Alan O. 
 „ Winiata, Maharaia</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| <p>1911—Te Tuhi, Eruera
 1914—Rakena, Rakena P.
 1920—Tauroa, Mata-rae
 1928—Keepa, Matene
 1930—Gina, Belshazzar</p> | <p>1931—Havea, Paul
 1932—Kotosoma, Aaron
 1933—Kera, Nathan
 1933—Sotutu, Uz-ziah
 1937—Afu, John</p> |
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AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

of the

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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 parenthesis 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.
L.P. — Young People's Dept. Th.C. — Theological College.

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1922	.... 1	Allen, J. Henry, 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch, C.1	.... 94
1932	.... 5	Alley, Donald C., Methodist Mission, Teop, via Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	(8)
1895	.... S	Ashcroft, Arthur, 30 Alfred St., Palmerston North (1935)	.... 65
1906	.... 5	Avery, William W., Willowby, R.M.D., Ashburton	119
1924	.... 3	Ayrton, Moses, Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	.... 85
1924	.... 3	Bailey, John H., 12 Domet St., Opunake	.... 52
1901	.... 2	Bailey, Samuel, Scotia Rd., Port Chalmers	.... 129
1924	.... 5	Bateup, Frank, Kaero, North Auckland	.... 20
1936	.... 1	Beckingsale, George, E. Roxburgh, Otago	.... 132
1894	.... S	Bellhouse, Harold E., 46 Clifton Terrace, Sumner, Christchurch (1934)	.... 96
1921	.... 5	Benny, Henry, Ohoka, Canterbury	.... 107
1913	.... 2	Bensley, Arthur A., Franklin St., Greymouth	.... 91
1914	.... 1	Binet, Vencent le C., Otorohanga, King Country	43
1907	.... 5	Blair, Charles, 142 North St., Timaru	.... 113
1923	.... 1	Blakemore, Albert, 351 Palmerston Rd., Gisborne	60
1900	.... 2	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.I.	.... 6
1904	.... 6	Blamires, Ernest O., Beerehaven Rd., Seatoun, Wellington, E.5	.... 70
1896	.... S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1930)	.... 93
1930	.... 1	Blight, J. Montgomery, 5 William St., Gore	.... 136
1917	.... 1	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 78 West St., Feilding	.... 68
1922	.... 2	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Church St., Te Aroha	.... 30
1925	.... 2	Brown, F. Gardner, 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	.... 1
1916	.... 1	Brown, George E., 136 Bank St., Whangarei	.... 19

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1924	.... 3	Brown, Hubert G., Birkett St., Temuka	.... 116
1910	.... 5	Burley, William A., M.A., 3 Repton St., Merivale, Christchurch, N.W.1	.... 100
1914	.... 3	Burnet, Oswald, 18 Matai Rd., Wellington, E.2.	.. 74
1935	.... 6	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., 22 Webb St., Wellington	71
1931	.... 3	Carr, Thomas H., Picton	.... 88
1931	.... 2	Carr, W. E. Allon, 22 Union St., New Brighton, Christchurch	.... 94
1917	.... 2	Chambers, Ernest B., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	53
1896	.... 24	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Rd., Auckland, C.1	.... 4
1933	.... 4	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 17 Church St., Devon- port, Auckland, N.1	.... 6
1937	.... 2	Churchill, John, Putaruru, Waikato	.... 37
1887	.... S	Clement, George, Sandringham St., St. Clair, Dun- edin, S.1 (1923)	.... 121
1940	.... 1	Clements, Leslie C., 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland, S.W.1	.... 1
1902	.... 4	Coatsworth, Thomas, 77 Grey St., Woodville	.... 63
1939	.... 2	Cochrane, Herbert A., Rawene, North Auckland	.... 25
1901	.... S	Cook, George S., Otaki Beach, Otaki (1928)	.... 83
1915	.... 5	Cooke, Percy I., Station Road, Otahuhu	.... 10
1905	.... 3	Copeland, Fred, 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auck- land, S.E.3	.... 4
1918	.... 5	Costain, Alfred M., 235 Main Rd., Wellington, W.3	72
1909	.... 3	Cottom, Harry, Springston, R.D., Canterbury	.... 103
1919	.... 1	Cuming, William B., Queen St., Waiuku	.... 13
1933	.... 1	Daglish, J. Ainsley, High St., Carterton	.... 79
1940	.... 1	Dawson, John B., Waitoa, Morrinsville	.... 31
1932	.... 5	Day, Reginald, Regent St., Waihi	.... 29
1917	.... 5	Dennis, John, Cambridge St., Levin	.... 82
1929	.... 2	Dickens, Charles E., 27 May St., Gonville, Wanga- nui	.... 55
1940	.... 1	Dixon, Haddon C., 98 Cambridge Ter., Lower Hutt	76
1893	.... S	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1936)	.... 100
1930	.... 2	Draper, Joseph C., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	.... 7
1935	.... 1	Duder, Clifford L., Taitua St., Taumarunui, King Country	.... 45
1898	.... S	Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S., 149 Rose St., Christchurch, S.W.1 (1938)	.... 93
1931	.... 2	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., F.R.E.S., 54 Chester St., W., Christchurch, C.1	.... 93
1901	.... 2	Eaton, Clarence, 524 Church St., Palmerston N.	65
1893	.... S	Elliott, William J., 8 Ascot Ave., Devonport, Auck- land, N.1 (1933)	.... 6
1903	.... 2	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., 10 New Bond St., Kings- land, Auckland, S.W.1	.... 1
1911	.... 5	Enticott, Walter J., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton	.... 102
1901	.... S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel St., Christchurch, E.1 (1931)	.... 94
1877	.... S	Fee, Thomas, 9 Aynsley Ter. Opawa, Christchurch, S.E.1 (1913)	.... 96
1924	.... 1	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., 58 Waldegrave St., Pal- merston North	.... 66
1919	.... 3	Ford, Herbert, Mowatt St., Waitara	.... 47

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1916	.... 2	Fordyce, Robert E., Clyde St., Balclutha	.... 130
1914	.... S	Foston, Charles A., Devon St., East, Levin (1939)	82
1911	.... 3	Fowles, Albert H., Oxford, Canterbury	.... 111
1937	.... 2	Francis, William R., B.A., 35 Octagon, Dunedin, C.1	.... 122
1893	.... S	Frost, George, 3 Gardner Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933)	.... 4
1919	.... 1	Gatman, William, 68 Firth St., Hamilton East	.... 34
1940	.... 1	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., Taihape	.... 57
1897	.... 39	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... (5)
1934	.... 3	Goodman, George H., Queen St., Cambridge, Wai-kato	.... 32
1912	.... 3	Gosnell, Robert B., 93 Tinakori Rd., Thorndon, Wellington	.... 72
1940	.... 1	Greenslade, Lawrence, 320 Hardy St., Nelson	.... 84
1931	.... 2	Greenslade, William W. H., 232 Spey St., Inver'gll.	133
1897	.... S	Greenwood, Fred., 115 Marine Parade, Seatoun, Wellington, E.5 (1934)	.... 74
1939	.... 1	Grice, Reginald, Hassard St., Manaia, Taranaki	51
1888	.... S	Grigg, William, 88 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1932)	.... 93
1928	.... 4	Grocott, John D., 50 Grey St., East, Onehunga, S.E.5	9
1928	.... 1	Hailwood, Charlie O., 38 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1	.... 100
1926	.... 2	Hall, James H., Woodend, Canterbury	.... 109
1923	.... 2	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Leigh House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	.... Th.C
1928	.... 1	Handy, Francis J., Queen St., Thames	.... 26
1935	.... 2	Hanna, L. Gordon, Tancred St., Hokitika	.... 92
1916	.... 4	Harkness, Edwin S., 8 King Edward St., Eltham	49
1938	.... 1	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., 10 Hopetoun St. Akld. C.2	.... 1
1910	.... 4	Harris, Archer O., 15 Nelson St. Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1	.... 99
1926	.... 5	Harris, G. Raymond, 336 Selwyn St., Christchurch, S.W.1	.... 98
1893	.... S	Harrison, Colin C., 64 Waripori St., Berhampore, Wellington, S.1 (1933)	.... 74
1900	.... S	Haslam, Jonathan H., Russell, Bay of Islands (1940)	.... 74
1928	.... 2	Hayman, Frank H., 45 Haupapa St., Rotorua	.... 38
1939	.... 2	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Sc. (Agr.), Taupiri, Wai-kato	.... 35
1894	.... S	Henderson, Samuel, Shortland St., Vogeltown, New Plymouth (1934)	.... 46
1932	.... 6	Hickman, D. J. Donald, Bertram St., Warkworth, North Auckland	.... 15
1912	.... 5	Hinton, George B., 216 Earn St., Invercargill	.... 134
1938	.... 3	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 62 Otaki St., Miramar, Wellington, E.4	.... 74
1911	.... S	Hopper, Arthur, 20 Benfield Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1935)	.... 5
1936	.... 1	Hopper, H. Ian K., Stanley St., Eketahuna	.... 81
1929	.... 1	Horwood, Leonard C., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedni, S.2	.... 125
1900	.... S	Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1940)	.... 1

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1922	.... 3	Jack, J. Francis, 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	4
1903	.... S	James, Benjamin J., 60 Thames St., St. Albans, Christchurch (1940)	93
1932	.... 1	Jamieson, V. Roy, On Active Service	17
1919	.... 4	Jefferson, Alfred E., 467 Leith St., Dunedin, N.1	123
1928	.... 3	Jeffreys, Howard H., Onewa St., Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5	8
1932	.... 3	Jenkin, William C., Port Albert, R.D. Wellsford, North Auckland	21
1934	.... 2	John, John, 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland, W.1	3
1934	.... 3	Johnston, Andrew J., 27 Cambrai Ave., Roskill, Auckland, S.2	1
1940	.... 1	Jones, Alan O., Tawa St., Te Kuiti	44
1882	.... S	Jones, T. Francis, 7 Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1919)	4
1908	.... 1	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S. 53 Wellington Rd., Marton	56
1887	.... S	Joughin, Thomas A., 7 Belmont Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1922)	1
1899	.... S	Keall, R. Purcell, Trinity Ave., Lower Hutt (1940)	76
1916	.... 3	Kendon, Charles H., 112 Derby St., Westport	90
1929	.... 1	Kent, Arthur T., Coronation St., Waimate	115
1924	.... 1	Kings, Harry S., 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton	80
1889	.... S	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 9 Kerr St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1 (1935)	3
1927	.... 3	Larsen, Norman P., Porirua Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington	75
1927	.... 2	Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	H.M.
1912	.... 3	Lawrence, Frederick B., 305 Manchester St., Christchurch, C.1	95
1885	.... S	Lawry, Albert C., 43 St. Albans St., Christchurch, N.1. (1931)	100
1887	.... S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Fellow of Trinity Coll., 678 Remuera Rd., Auckland, S.E.2 (1931)	4
1938	.... 3	Laws, William R., B.A., 10 Crescent Rd., Parnell, Auckland, C.4	4
1930	.... 7	Leadley, E. Clarence, Roviana, Solomon Islands	(5)
1900	.... S	Leadley, Frank E., 27a Arthur St., Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5 (1940)	9
1903	.... 4	Liddell, Ralph J., West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	5
1900	.... S	Liversedge, Arthur, 76 Halton St., Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2 (1940)	100
1938	.... 3	Long, Wesley L., Porirua, Wellington	75
1939	.... 2	Lucas, Campbell P., Whakatane, Bay of Plenty	40
1935	.... 2	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	(8)
1908	.... 3	Martin, J. Frederick, 138 Somme Parade, Aromoho, Wanganui	54
1934	.... 3	Matthews, Howard C., Ruawai, North Auckland	18
1937	.... 1	Mayson, Robert W., B.A., Greytown, Wairarapa	78
1909 4	McArthur, John D., 71 High St., Blenheim	88
1904 5	McBean, Angus, Havelock St., Ashburton	118

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1930 2	McDowell, Matthew A., 77 Port Hills Rd., Heathcote, Christchurch, S.E.2 Y.P.
1924 5	McGregor, Robert, Greendale, Canterbury 110
1928	.... 1	Mead, Victor, L.Th., Kirk St., Otaki	.... 83
1916	.... 21	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, Choiseul, via Gizo, Solomon Islands	.... (7)
1905	.... 3	Metson, Basil, 149 Tennyson St., Dunedin, C.2	.... 121
1935	.... 2	Mills, William A., 5 Thorrrington St., Cashmere, Christchurch	.... 93
1890	.... S	Mitchell, Arthur, 42 Mt. Albert Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1930)	.... 4
1933	.... 2	Mitchell, John L., Thames St., Morrinsville	.... 31
1931	.... 3	Moore, William E., 64 Albert St., Pahiatua	.... 64
1918	.... 1	Neal, Wallace S., 35 Wood St., Papakura, Akld.	.... 11
1911	.... 10	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Ter., Dunedin, C.2	.... 122
1917	.... 2	Nelson, John R., Arney Street, Paeroa	.... 28
1875	.... S	Nixon, John, Eliot St., New Plymouth (1907)	.... 46
1937	.... 2	Norwell, Leslie T., Buller Rd., Reefton	.... 89
1915	.... 2	Odell, Henry J., 32 Mt. Albert Rd., Akld., S.W.2	.... H.M.
1939	.... 2	Oldfield, Charles B., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	.... 27
1910	.... 3	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 801 E Queen St., Hastings	.... 59
1915	.... 6	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2	.... 1
1888	.... S	Olphert, J., 39 View Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1. (1932)	.... 1
1920	.... 1	Orchard, Hector C., 21 Butler St., Timaru	.... 112
1933	.... 8	Orr, A. Everil, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.I.	.... 2
1902	.... S	Oxbrow, Walter J., Ngongotaha, Rotorua (1938)	.... 39
1906	.... 6	Paris, Percy R., 38 Macfarlane St., Wgton., E.1.	.... 70
1917	.... 1	Parker, Frederick J., 1 Knights Rd., Lower Hutt	.... 76
1931	.... 1	Parker, Gordon, B.A., Johnson St., Milton	.... 131
1918	.... 3	Parker, James W., 38 Lake Rd., Frankton Junc.	.... 33
1929	.... 5	Parker, Walter, 24 Colombo St., Wellington, S.1.	.... 73
1930	.... 4	Parker, Wesley, M.A., 67 Brougham St., Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1	.... 97
1902	.... 3	Patchett, Ernest D., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	.... 46
1933	.... 4	Patchett, Ralph E., 95 Fitzroy St., Kew, Dunedin, S.W.1	.... 126
1931	.... 2	Payne, Herbert W., Selwyn St., Leeston	.... 105
1913	.... 1	Peat, Harold T., 46 Brighton St., Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.1	.... 128
1927	.... 3	Penn, Athol R., 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington, S.2.	.... 74
1892	.... S	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Railway Ter., Johnsonville (1928)	.... 75
1938	.... 1	Petch, Ashleigh K., Avondale, Auckland	.... 5
1925	.... 1	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Regan St. E., Stratford	.... 48
1920	.... 3	Pickering, William B., Eden St., Oamaru	.... 120
1902	.... 14	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S., 118 Knowles St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1.	.... C.S.
1897 S	Pybus, T. Arthur, Delacey St., Ravensbourne, Dunedin (1939)
1892 S	Raine, Robert, 54 Apuka St., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1 (1932) 70

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1901 18	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Richmond House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3 Th.C.
1927	.... 1	Raynor, Ivo M., Normanby St., Dargaville	.... 17
1911	.... 1	Richards, H. Leslie, 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi	.... 106
1910	.... 3	Richards, James, 156 Matson's Rd., Papanui, Christ- church, N.W.2	.... 101
1905	.... 2	Richards, Raymond, Ashhurst, Manawatu	.... 67
1895	.... S	Richards, Thomas R., 53 Clyde St., Island Bay, Wellington, S.2. (1935)	.... 70
1906	.... 2	Roberts, Charles M., Sanson, Manawatu	.... 69
1911	.... 5	Rowe, William, 320 Hardy St., Nelson	.... 84
1906	.... 4	Ryan, Henry, 162 King St., Rangiora	.... 108
1916	.... 1	Sage, Ernest E., 46 Radley St. Christchurch, S.E.1	.... 96
1939	.... 2	Sanft, Alfred, Greenmeadows, Napier	.... 58
1900	.... S	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 9 Elmwood Rd., Fen- dalton, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1940)	.... 93
1912	.... 8	Scrivin, Arthur H., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.1. (Private Address: 16 Ather- ton Rd., Epsom, S.E.3)	.... F.M.
1903	.... S	Seamer, A. J., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auck- land, C.1. (1939)	.... 2
1910	.... 5	Sharp, Harold A., 774 New North Road, Mt. Al- bert, Auckland, S.W.2	.... 5
1927	.... 6	Silvester, A. Wharton, Gizo, British Solomon Is- lands	.... (6)
1938	.... 1	Silvester, John, Opawa, Christchurch	.... 96
1891	.... S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Rd., Epsom, Auck- land, S.E.3 (1933)	.... 4
1918	.... 1	Skuse, Thomas, 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1	.... 70
1915	.... 3	Slade, William G., M.A., Wesley St., Pukekohe	.... 12
1892	.... S	Smith, G. Knowles, Greytown, Wairarapa (1940)	.... 78
1908	.... S	Speer, William H., Rotorua (1937)	.... 38
1923	.... 4	Spencer, Herbert, Bank Street, Te Awamutu	.... 42
1904	.... 3	Stockwell, George F., South Road, Hawera	.... 50
1930	.... 2	Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D., Florence Ave., Palmerston North	.... Y.P.
1936	.... 1	Tasker, Bert M., B.A., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1	.... 124
1924	.... 2	Taylor, Cecil R., 88 Linwood Ave., Linwood, Ch'ch.	.... 94
1935	.... 3	Thornley, Robert, M.A., N.Z. House, 415 The Strand, London, W.C.2, England	.... 76
1908	.... 5	Tinsley, Robert B., London St., Hamilton	.... 33
1934	.... 1	Tozer, Henry J., M.A., 37 Nelson St., Petone	.... 77
1927	.... 3	Utting, Harry V., Pah Rd., Motueka	.... 87
1894	.... S	Vealie, Thomas W., 35 Cudby St., Lower Hutt (1934)	.... 76
1926	.... 15	Voyce, Arthur H. Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.... (8)
1933	.... 4	Waite, Alfred E., 230 High St., Dannevirke	.... 62
1939	.... 1	Waite, J. Stanley, 117 King St., Timaru	.... 114
1912	.... 6	Walker, William, 22 Ohinerau St., Remuera, Auck- land, S.E.2	.... 4
1885	.... S	Wallis, T. Jackson, 191 Lyttelton Rd., Spreydon, Christchurch, S.W.1 (1928)	.... 98
1939 2	Watson, John K., 285 Fitzgerald Ave., Ch'ch. C.1 94
1914 2	Werren, Samuel J. Madeira Steps, Napier 58

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1906 1	White, Hedley, Devonport St., Tauranga 39
1938 3	Whitfield, Harris, Lake Rd., Kaitaia, Nth. Akld. 24
1931	.... 6	Williams, David O., M.A., 60 Lawrence St., Mornington, Dunedin, W.1	.... 127
1932	.... 1	Williamson, Ivan S., Paynter's Ave., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	.... 46
1936	.... 1	Willoughby, James S., 28 Elizabeth St., Bluff	.... 135
1899	.... S	Wills, William, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1939)	.... 7
1940	.... 1	Winiata, Maharaia, c/o. Selkirk St., Hamilton	.... (2)
1935	.... 2	Witthford, Arthur R., Matamata, Waikato	.... 36
1901	.... S	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1937)	.... 7

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1928	.... 10	Keepa, Matene, Ngaruawahia	.... (2)
1914	.... 5	Rakena, Rakena P. Waima, Hokianga	.... (1)
1920	.... 5	Tauroa, Matarae, Okaiawa, Taranaki	.... (4)
1911	.... 4	Te Tui, Eruera, c/o. Home Mission Office, Akld.	.... (1)
1937	.... 3	Afu, John, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... (5)
1930	.... 10	Gina, Belshazzar, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... (5)
1931	.... 9	Havea, Paul, Marovo, Solomon Islands	.... (5)
1933	.... 7	Kera, Nathan, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... (5)
1932	.... 8	Kotosoma, Aaron, Teop, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.... (8)
1933	.... 7	Sotutu, Uziah, Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.... (8)

MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

1938—Dr. A. G. Rutter, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.

YOUTH DIRECTOR.

1939 Bate, Arthur E., 23 Tawa St., Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5 Y.P.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

	Years
1904—C. Aker, Coromandel	.... 3
1904—W. T. Hooper (retired), Kent St., Levin	.... 9
1907—S. Keen (retired), Kirk St., Otaki	.... 2
1909—C. W. Brown (retired), 33 Sainsbury Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	.... 2
1909—T. W. Featherstone (retired), 2 Roy Ter., New Plymouth	.... 3
1910—C. Duncan (retired), 26 Hinau St., Frankton Junction	.... 1
1911—C. Strand (retired), Warden St., Shirley, Ch'church, N.1.	.... 10
1913—J. Common (retired), Beach Rd., Weraroa, Levin	.... 5
1915—J. H. Edmonson (retired), Albany	.... 7
1917—A. L. Witheford (retired), Ngaruawahia	.... 6
1919—J. W. Bayliss (retired), N.E. Valley, Dunedin	.... 2
1919—J. Belshaw (retired), 161 Blockhouse Bay Rd., Avondale	.... 9
1922—H. Ashworth (retired), South Rd., New Plymouth	.... 4
1922—C. Robinson, Inglewood	.... 1
1924—R. T. Alexander, Paraparaumu	.... 3
1924—G. Hall, Okato, Taranaki	.... 5
1924—W. H. Wilson (retired), 19 Rangitoto Ter., Takapuna, N.2	.... 2

Home Missionaries—Continued.

1925—W. J. Henderson, Patea	....	....	....	....	2
1925—H. J. Malcolm, Waddington	....	....	....	....	4
1926—F. O. Prosser, Ferguson St., Geraldine	....	....	....	....	3
1926—W. Sussex (retired), Campbell's Bay, Auckland	....	....	....	....	2
1928—R. Coombridge, P.O. Bombay	....	....	....	....	1
1929—F. Sanderson, Tai Tapu	....	....	....	....	1
1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, Apiti, Manawatu	....	....	....	....	3
1923-9—1937—W. Macdonald, Waikouaiti	....	....	....	....	2
1935—A. P. Dorrian, Kohukohu, North Auckland	....	....	....	....	2
1937—R. C. Patchett, Waipawa	....	....	....	....	2
1939—N. Challenger, Edendale, Southland	....	....	....	....	2
1939—G. Densem, Mosgiel	....	....	....	....	1
1939—H. R. Wright, Riverton, Southland	....	....	....	....	1

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1937—G. W. Crammond, Ravensbourne	....	....	....	....	1
1938—H. M. Brasell, Nightcaps, Southland	....	....	....	....	2
1938—N. R. Hooper, Wakefield, Nelson	....	....	....	....	2
1939—A. A. L. Hutching, Helensville	....	....	....	....	1
1939—C. S. L. Oliver, Opotiki	....	....	....	....	1
1939—W. G. Peate, Paparoa, North Auckland	....	....	....	....	2
1939—K. A. Robinson, Stanway Rd., Halcombe	....	....	....	....	1
1939—C. W. Tolley, Ngaruawahia	....	....	....	....	1
1939—T. A. Winn, Maori Hill, Dunedin	....	....	....	....	2
1940—J. F. Amos, Foxton	....	....	....	....	1
1940—R. H. Allen, Ohura	....	....	....	....	1
1940—W. J. Anderson, Wairoa, H.B.	....	....	....	....	1
1940—W. J. Bryant, Otautau	....	....	....	....	1
1940—J. S. Clark, Havelock, Nelson	....	....	....	....	1
1940—A. Handyside, Murchison	....	....	....	....	1
1940—W. Maitland Jones, Silverdale	....	....	....	....	1
1940—V. M. Poninghouse, Otiria Junction, N. Auckland	....	....	....	....	1
1940—D. I. Robertson, St. Clair	....	....	....	....	1
1940—T. Shepherd, Hikurangi	....	....	....	....	1
1940—W. T. Withers, Granity	....	....	....	....	1

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

1918—Hone Tamati, Taumarere	....	....	....	....	7
1920—Te-Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Raglan	....	....	....	....	11
1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country	....	....	....	....	20
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland	....	....	....	....	13
1927—Hauotu Hapimana, Kawhia	....	....	....	....	2
1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	....	....	....	....	12
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	....	....	....	....	11
1930—Paahi Moke, Gibson's Rd., Tuakau	....	....	....	....	1
1930—Tupito Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki	....	....	....	....	11
1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	....	....	....	....	12
1930—Hikuroa Te Maaha, Waitotara, Taranaki	....	....	....	....	11
1932—Hoani Hakaraia, Te Uawiri, Kai Iwi, Taranaki	....	....	....	....	10
1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	....	....	....	....	8
1932—Tuteao Manihera, Mission House, New Plymouth	....	....	....	....	1
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Hawera (On Active Service)	....	....	....	....	5
1934—Hamiora Kingi, Waimate North (Taheke)	....	....	....	....	7
1934—Huru Wiperi, Manunui, via Taumarunui	....	....	....	....	1
1934—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe	....	....	....	....	5

Maori Home Missionaries—*Continued.*

1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	7
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata	7
1934—Heemi Rihimona, Pukeatua, King Country	2
1934—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai, Te Kuiti	5
1935—Honehone Kereopa, Raglan	6
1935—Hoani Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga	6
1935—Hori Te Awa, Huntly	6
1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	5
1936—Remi H. Kukutai, Te Kohanga	5
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau	5
1937—Te Paki Kinita, Te Waitere, King Country	1
1937—Roi Moke, Aotea, Kawhia	4
1937—Hone Hira, Onewhero	3
1938—Paraire Paraone Kena, Poutu, Kaipara Heads	3
1938—Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	3
1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Dargaville	3
1939—Harris, John, Matakana, North Auckland	2
1939—Hari Aroha Pereiti, Waimihi, King Country	2
1939—Nehana Pu, Whananaki, North Auckland	2
1940—Wiremu Tonga, Aramiro P.O., Waitetuna, Waikato	1

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

Sister Eleanor Dobby, Marshlands, Christchurch.
Sister Nicholls, Te Kuiti.
Sister Hobbs, Ratana Pa.
Sister Ivy Jones, Probert Chambers, Auckland.
Sister Netta Gittos, Kurahuna School, Onehunga.
Sister Atawhai, Rawene, Hokianga.
Sister Rangimarie, c/o. H.M. Office, Auckland (resting).
Sister Olive Bott, Paihia, Bay of Islands, North Auckland.
Sister Marama Muriwai, Kurahuna School, Onehunga.
Sister Madeline Holland, Okaiawa, Taranaki.
Sister Heeni Te Teira, Kawhia.
Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' College, New Plymouth.
Sister Dorothy Pointon, Te Kuiti.
Sister Frances Clegg, Selkirk St., Hamilton.
Sister Violet Kruse, Selkirk St., Hamilton.
Sister Ethel McMillan, Bamatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.
Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
Sister Elizabeth Common, Methodist Mission, Buka, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
Sister Grace McDonald, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
Sister Vera Cannon, Methodist Mission, Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Effie Harkness, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Merle Farland, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Joy Whitehouse, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.

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.I., 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	1874	5th October, 1888	Hawera
Bathey, 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	Blenheim
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, South Australia	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	Victoria
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.	Dr'wed, Hauraki Gulf
Bunn, Robert S.	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22nd June, 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.
Buttle, George	Yorkshire, England	1810	1838	10th July, 1874	Auckland

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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	Wellington
Creed, Charles	Somerset, England	1812	1837	18th February, 1879	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Crump, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng.	1828	1857	28th May, 1912	Stoke, Nelson
Daniel, Herbert	London, England	1881	1906	21st February, 1939	Matamata
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	1854	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	Manurewa, Auckland
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	Putaruru
Hana, Piripi	Wellington	..	1856	1857	Auckland
Harding, Arthur	Ludlow, Shropshire	1861	1890	25th November, 1938	Lower Hutt
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 Tui	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
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.				1880	Christchurch
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

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Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1836	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	Gore
Marshall, George T.	England	1853	1883	August 2nd, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	8th 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	1875	27th Sept., 1928	Auckland
Murray, Richard James	London, England	1862	1896	26th March, 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Nielsen, Edward	Norway	1842	1877	12th 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	1838	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	1875	17th March, 1917	Reefton
Peters, Alfred	Truro, Cornwall, England	1850	1877	8th November, 1939	Christchurch
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

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Rands, Frederick	Methven, New Zealand	1883	1908	14th February, 1919	Germany
Ratou, W. Te Kote Te	Wairarapa	1820	1859	4th May, 1895	Lower Wairarapa
Read, Frederick T.	Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1867	1889	29th July, 1937	Christchurch
Reader, Amos	Northamptonshire, England	1875	1901	20th June, 1926	Dargaville
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	Hamilton
Rowse, William	Cornwall, England	1835	1858	15th July, 1899	Greytown
Ryan, Lawrence J.	Island of Jersey		1893	4th January, 1902	Cromwell
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	Onehunga
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	1866	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

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Thomas, William George	Milford Haven, South Wales	1843	1868	2nd December, 1909	Auckland
Tinsley, William	Hertfordshire, England	1848	1869	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.	Waingarua (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	1872	19th September, 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert,	Sporle, Norfolk, England	1816	1835	13th October, 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	Blenheim
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	1854	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, 1939—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	9	1	1	18	..	838	..	344	325	700
"	Central Mission	2	..	2	2	2	..	1	2	5	135	7	55	60	130
"	West	4	..	4	1	2	..	..	5	..	195	..	46	30	160
"	East	9	..	6	3	12	..	..	25	..	821	..	156	66	600
"	Avondale	7	2	3	3	6	2	..	10	..	455	..	100	50	450
"	Devonport	3	..	2	1	2	..	..	2	..	160	..	14	58	120
"	Takapuna	1	1	1	1	3	2	..	1	..	172	..	33	47	150
"	Birkenhead	5	1	3	1	1	..	..	3	..	225	..	67	69	220
Onehunga		4	..	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	255	..	55	50	220
Otahuhu		3	..	2	1	1	..	..	11	6	256	..	80	70	202
Papakura		3	2	3	1	1	..	..	6	..	169	..	59	45	166
Pukekohe		5	1	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	150	..	50	40	195
Waiuku		1	4	1	1	1	..	..	3	1	77	6	47	32	50
Helensville		1	5	1	..	1	..	..	9	1	50	..	18	14	40
Mahurangi		3	10	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	98	..	38	16	154
Paparoa		5	9	1	1	..	..	..	5	3	75	..	14	30	30
Dargaville		6	7	..	2	1	..	..	6	..	170	..	60	62	110
Ruawai		1	8	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	100	..	38	30	110
Whangarei		2	7	2	1	1	..	..	7	5	157	..	71	54	90
Whangaroa		1	6	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	35	..	32	36	40
Bay of Islands		1	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	24	..	12	11	25
Port Albert		3	2	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	52	3	36	26	60
Hikurangi		1	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	55	..	26	25	24
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai		2	6	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	25	..	8	11	30
Mangonui		6	3	1	..	1	..	..	7	7	64	..	30	29	80
Bombay-Tuakau		3	6	1	1	..	1	..	8	..	107	..	37	41	76
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale		2	7	2	2	..	1	..	3	..	55	..	..	..	35
Albany (no returns)															
Hokianga, Rawene		2	9	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	52	..	25	23	65
" Kohu Kohu		2	13	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	71	..	71	50	72
TOTALS		94	116	49	34	53	9	2	170	28	5098	16	1622	1400	4404

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Thames	2	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	107	..	39	34	70	
Hauraki Plains	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	67	..	41	29	70
Paeroa	1	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	50	..	10	14	38	
Waihi	1	1	1	1	1	..	3	3	80	3	25	35	90	
Te Aroha	4	1	1	1	1	..	9	..	212	..	76	37	145	
Morrinsville	3	3	1	2	2	..	6	..	179	..	89	149	150	
Cambridge	3	1	2	1	1	..	7	..	130	..	24	20	90	
Hamilton	4	3	2	1	2	..	18	..	393	..	..	75	213
Hamilton East	3	3	2	1	1	..	5	..	157	..	50	44	195	
Huntly	1	6	..	..	1	..	5	1	101	..	38	56	69
Matamata	3	2	..	1	1	..	6	..	133	..	22	25	130	
Putaruru	1	3	1	1	1	..	3	2	57	..	6	14	90	
Rotorua	2	2	1	1	3	..	1	..	86	3	17	28	80	
Tauranga	1	9	1	1	1	..	6	..	160	20	40	10	100	
Whakatane	2	1	..	1	1	..	4	..	80	4	39	46	42	
Opotiki	2	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	26	..	28	9	20	
Te Awamutu	2	7	1	1	1	..	8	..	155	..	40	38	160	
Otorohanga	1	6	..	1	1	..	4	..	68	..	44	22	70	
Te Kuiti	1	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	75	..	25	34	40	
Taumarunui	1	6	..	1	1	..	1	..	85	5	28	35	70	
Ngaruawahia	3	1	..	1	..	2	2	..	33	..	18	10	47	
Kawhia	1	7	..	1	..	1	..	..	43	..	9	9	20
Te Puke	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	58	..	5	16	20
Coromandel	1	7	1	1	..	1	3	4	30	..	26	10	40	
TOTALS	46	81	17	23	23	6	..	97	10	2565	35	739	799	2059

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TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
New Plymouth ..	9	3	3	2	4	2		14	..	520	..	125	111	330
Waitara ..	3	3	2	1	1	..		3	..	104	..	51	50	108
Stratford ..	5	..	1	1	1	..		10	..	177	..	22	40	85
Eltham-Kaponga ..	2	6	2	2	1	..		9	..	144	..	20	31	103
Hawera ..	3	3	2	1	1	..		9	..	240	..	40	40	220
Manaia ..	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	83	4	34	22	69
Opunake ..	6	6	3	3	1	1	..	10	..	188	10	73	105	207
Wanganui ..	2	..	1	1	1	..		1	..	336	..	83	60	200
Wanganui North ..	3	1	3	2	1	1	..	7	..	180	..	72	56	120
Gonville ..	2	..	1	1	1	..		1	..	108	..	47	28	64
Marton ..	1	1	1	1	1	..		2	..	75	..	15	20	65
Taihape ..	1	1	1	1	..	..		3	..	41	..	19	16	30
Inglewood ..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	91	..	27	33	70
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	38	..	18	24	30
Patea	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	66	..	15	30	42
Ohura ..	3	5	..	..	..	..		3	..	45	..	15	10	40
Douglas ..	2	..	..	1	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS ..	51	38	22	21	13	8	..	81	..	2436	14	657	660	1753

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	5	..	2	1	2	..		15	..	373	..	110	112	250
Hastings ..	1	1	1	1	1	..		9	..	433	..	108	149	220
Gisborne ..	4	1	1	1	1	..		13	..	207	..	85	64	160
Wairoa ..	1	3	..	..	1	..		2	..	36	..	16	41	60
Dannevirke ..	1	..	1	1	1	..		6	3	128	..	66	28	70
Woodville ..	1	3	..	1	1	..		..	..	90	..	6	25	65
Pahiatua ..	3	2	1	1	1	..		..	..	89	..	21	28	93
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's) ..	1	2	1	1	2	..		8	..	250	..	23	38	155
" (Cuba Street) ..	2	..	3	1	1	..		5	..	174	..	58	40	140
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe ..	3	..	1	1	1	..		2	..	76	..	5	25	74
Feilding ..	6	1	3	2	1	1	..	7	..	319	..	86	98	235
Sanson-Rongotea ..	3	..	1	1	1	..		2	..	105	1	26	34	72
Waipawa ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	57	..	44	19	40
Foxton-Shannon ..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	70	..	8	14	45
Apiti ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	71	..	19	34	40
Norsewood ..	2	..	..	1	..	..		1	..	63	..	5	7	30
TOTALS ..	39	22	16	16	14	4	..	74	4	2541	1	686	756	1749

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central ..	4	..	4	3	8	..		8	..	463	..	25	20	350
" Thorndon ..	4	..	3	2	2	..		6	..	307	..	136	87	290
" South ..	1	..	2	1	1	..		2	..	181	..	58	43	150
" East ..	5	..	2	2	5	..		9	..	408	..	164	128	358
Johnsonville ..	5	3	2	2	3	..		9	..	225	..	104	49	139
Hutt ..	4	1	1	1	2	..		12	..	387	..	88	190	275
Petone ..	2	..	1	1	1	..		4	..	165	..	56	50	100
Greytown ..	2	1	2	1	1	..		1	..	65	..	34	23	50
Carterton ..	3	2	1	1	1	..		5	..	108	..	34	35	50
Masterton ..	3	3	2	1	1	..		6	..	256	..	181	83	260
Eketahuna ..	2	6	1	1	1	..		2	..	86	..	49	52	25
Levin ..	1	1	2	1	2	2	..	3	..	158	..	85	45	150
Otaki ..	3	..	..	1	2	1	..	3	..	109	..	33	..	78
Paraparaumu ..	4	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	54	..	21	9	42
Upper Hutt ..	1	1	1	..	1	..	44	..	19	63	40
TOTALS ..	44	19	23	19	30	4	1	73	..	3016	..	1087	877	2357

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NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Nelson	1	1	4	1	2	..	..	12	..	308	..	32	53	250
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	10	..	170	10	20	19	140
Wakefield-Dovedale	5	1	1	..	..	1	..	5	..	41	..	16	11	48
Motueka	1	3	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	98	..	26	25	100
Blenheim	5	6	4	3	2	..	..	11	..	348	..	98	98	300
Reefton	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	76	..	46	63	33
Westport	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	103	..	64	63	65
Greymouth	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	176	..	80	41	100
Hokitika	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	91	4	24	27	58
Havelock	4	11	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	37	5	38	25	19
Murchison	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	27	..	14	28	25
Granity	3	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	40	..	14	53	29
TOTALS	32	46	18	12	10	4	..	60	..	1515	19	472	506	1167

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	3	1	6	..	..	6	..	293	..	36	34	226
Christchurch East	7	1	6	3	5	1	..	14	..	614	..	198	185	397
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	2	2	2	..	..	7	..	153	..	36	19	120
Woolston	5	..	5	1	3	..	..	7	..	317	..	124	56	250
Sydenham	2	..	3	2	1	..	..	6	..	225	..	90	80	120
Addington	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	268	..	142	68	266
Riccarton	3	1	2	2	2	..	..	4	..	145	..	63	42	130
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	6	..	..	10	..	408	..	144	82	335
Papanui	3	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	184	..	94	28	185
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	71	..	35	6	58
Springston	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	116	..	40	35	125
Tai-Tapu	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	80	..	6	..	60
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	235	..	60	45	135
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	117	..	20	43	60
Ohoka	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	80	..	26	20	65
Rangiora	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	179	..	29	20	110
Woodend-Sefton	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	101	..	21	33	70
Greendale	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	68	..	24	32	42
Oxford	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	68	3	16	13	56
Hawarden	1	1	1	1	31	..	28	17	..
Waddington	4	1	..	1	..	2	2	52	..	13	6	26
TOTALS	67	13	40	28	37	2	..	97	2	3805	3	1215	844	2836

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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	Communicants
Timaru (Bank Street) ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	203	10	74	54	160
Timaru (Woodlands Street) ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	225	..	70	50	190
Timaru South ..	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	101	..	88	20	60
Waimate ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	178	..	61	83	100
Temuka ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	98	..	30	26	70
Geraldine ..	1	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	85	..	26	30	73
Ashburton ..	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	12	..	312	..	88	51	225
Willowby ..	6	5	3	2	1	..	..	10	..	146	..	37	38	110
Oamaru ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	170	..	40	15	130
Rakaia-Methven ..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	53	..	20	20	35
TOTALS ..	24	19	13	9	9	1	1	46	..	1571	10	534	387	1153

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin, Trinity ..	3	..	3	1	2	1	..	9	..	279	..	64	44	200
.. Central Mission ..	1	..	1	1	2	..	2	1	..	182	..	..	..	200
.. Dundas Street ..	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	3	132	..	33	21	145
.. Cargill Road ..	2	1	3	1	1	1	..	6	..	174	..	50	54	150
.. St. Kilda ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	160	..	30	23	150
.. Caversham ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	158	..	22	12	110
.. Mornington ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	180	..	33	27	120
.. Roslyn ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	79	..	17	6	60
Port Chalmers ..	5	1	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	140	4	51	16	105
Balclutha ..	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	87	..	29	21	50
Milton ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	79	..	21	23	45
Roxburgh ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	60	2	22	16	70
Invercargill, Central ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	307	..	79	52	210
Invercargill, St. Peters ..	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	190	..	110	92	165
Bluff ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	101	..	39	42	20
Gore ..	2	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	107	..	25	79	65
Riverton ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	69	1	22	29	52
Maori Hill ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	58	..	13	..	52
Waikouaiti ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	44	..	6	6	25
Mosgiel ..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	48	..	14	10	25
Edendale ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	58	..	16	25	30
Lawrence ..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	23	..	6	11	14
Cromwell ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	44	..	31	8	40
Otautau-Tuatapere ..	3	..	2	1	..	1	..	5	..	51	..	45	13	33
Nightcaps ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	36	7	18	12	24
TOTALS ..	47	18	24	27	20	11	2	50	6	2846	14	796	642	2160

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1939.

DISTRICTS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Auckland	94	116	49	34	53	9	2	170	28	5098	16	1622	1400	4404
South Auckland ..	46	81	17	23	23	6	..	97	10	2565	35	739	799	2059
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	51	38	22	21	13	8	..	81	..	2436	14	657	660	1753
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	39	22	16	16	14	4	..	74	4	2541	1	686	756	1749
Wellington	44	19	23	19	30	4	1	73	..	3016	..	1087	877	2357
Nelson	32	46	18	12	10	4	..	60	..	1515	19	472	506	1167
North Canterbury ..	67	13	40	28	37	2	..	97	2	3805	3	1215	844	2836
South Canterbury ..	24	19	13	9	9	1	1	46	..	1571	10	534	387	1153
Otago-Southland ..	47	18	24	27	20	11	2	50	6	2846	14	796	642	2160
TOTALS, 1939	444	372	222	189	209	49	6	748	50	25393	112	7808	6876	19638
TOTALS, 1938 ..	444	396	219	187	207	46	7	756	40	25192	143	7646	6498	19612
Increase .. ..	..	..	3	2	2	3	..	..	10	201	..	162	378	26
Decrease .. ..	..	24	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	31	..	..	..

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches .. ..	..	19	Deaconesses .. ..	..	13
Other Preaching Places ..	..	265	Local Preachers .. ..	..	145
Ministers .. ..	..	4	Class Leaders and S.S. Teachers	..	65
Home Missionaries .. ..	..	37	Members .. ..	..	3156
			J. and Infant Members	..	3027

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	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	No. on Roll	Recd. during year
														Men	Women									
Auckland	97	781	218	510	934	1255	1235	3934	323	588	842	836	2589	221	392	105	2550	1877	958	203	1221	197	528	48
South Auckland ..	44	300	142	328	378	547	464	1717	197	246	366	311	1120	80	150	42	752	590	557	113	462	42	176	25
Taranaki-Wang'nui	59	484	138	379	420	622	476	1897	244	298	443	334	1319	89	156	29	567	396	567	148	589	74	202	5
Hawke's Bay- Manawatu ..	39	467	155	353	355	538	444	1690	213	239	382	334	1168	79	136	39	781	553	594	114	384	101	178	11
Wellington ..	56	515	118	511	532	935	664	2642	316	336	647	465	1764	149	203	53	1262	948	774	175	866	146	292	33
Nelson ..	27	243	41	256	192	294	294	1036	150	116	218	222	706	52	101	16	224	158	314	39	379	17	105	4
North Canterbury	59	504	100	480	548	670	865	2563	263	449	436	717	1865	127	272	92	1975	1501	772	128	1062	110	345	38
South Canterbury	19	163	54	122	179	264	224	789	88	133	211	179	611	51	93	26	508	393	282	44	504	8	130	10
Otago-Southland	43	454	142	363	343	553	497	1756	225	224	401	371	1221	90	167	61	1223	1004	655	158	542	95	212	13
Total this Year ..	423	3911	1108	3302	3881	5678	5163	18024	2019	2629	3946	3769	12363	938	1670	463	9842	8420	5473	1122	6009	790	2168	187
Total previous year	415	3840	966	3122	4131	5745	5160	18158	1876	2641	3951	3719	12187	949	1651	473	9553	7089	5454	1069	6173	738	2246	180
Increase	8	71	142	180	..	..	3	..	143	..	..	50	176	..	19	..	289	1331	19	53	..	52	..	7
Decrease .. ..	..	..	..	..	250	67	..	134	..	12	5	..	..	11	..	10	..	..	..	..	164	..	78	..

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
		Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.		
Auckland	158	310	207	311	828	233	153	227	613	245	145	325	715	712	107	221	500
South Auckland	82	146	75	212	433	104	158	151	313	126	57	189	372	90	36	136	262
Taranaki-Wanganui	70	129	63	162	354	98	45	119	262	99	69	148	316	71	45	101	217
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	69	103	101	157	361	72	72	119	263	74	84	137	295	50	61	99	210
Wellington	102	148	138	212	498	104	93	136	333	165	131	236	532	113	92	153	358
Nelson	46	76	66	91	233	52	43	67	162	53	44	94	191	31	30	65	126
North Canterbury	136	193	153	144	490	138	114	100	352	157	154	195	506	113	118	142	373
South Canterbury	40	93	37	76	206	69	25	54	148	64	69	28	161	49	54	20	123
Otago-Southland	83	129	111	143	353	100	82	84	266	130	90	125	345	91	65	86	242
Total this Year	786	1327	951	1478	3756	970	685	1057	2712	1113	843	1477	3433	780	608	1023	2411
Total Previous Year	748	1353	977	1452	3782	954	708	1051	2713	1148	871	1453	3472	813	588	1014	2415
Increase	38	..	..	26	..	16	..	6	..	..	..	24	..	..	20	9	..
Decrease .. .. .	..	26	26	..	26	..	23	..	1	35	28	..	39	33	..	..	4

1939 STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

	Roviana	Vella Lavella	Choiseul	Boug. Buka	Totals
Churches	32	21	32	117	202
Other Preaching Places ..	17	3	4	23	47
European Missionaries ..	2	1	1	3	7
Doctors	—	1	—	—	1
Mission Sisters and Nurses ..	3	2	2	2	9
Native Ministers and Probationers	3	—	1	2	6
Catechists and Native Teachers ..	49	25	38	147	259
Native Medical Assistants and Nurses	8	13	4	5	30
Local Preachers	69	39	11	19	138
Class Leaders	54	25	36	8	123
European Members	10	8	4	11	33
Native Members, Senior ..	2415	1130	1495	411	5451
Native Members, Junior ..	1403	808	917	181	3309
Native Members on Trial and Baptisms	158	226	146	71	601
Deaths	19	58	42	3	122
Sunday Schools	11	3	5	4	23
Sunday School Scholars ..	450	180	172	210	1012
Day Schools	33	22	33	136	224
Day School Teachers	54	28	42	156	280
Day School Scholars	1141	460	941	1859	4401
Adherents	4025	2184	2938	7684	16831

STATE OF CIRCUIT FUNDS (By Districts) as at September 30th, 1939.

DISTRICTS	DEBITS			CREDITS		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	982	2	11	147	18	5
South Auckland	817	0	4	136	5	11
Taranaki-Wanganui	360	5	11	73	0	3
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	528	16	8	—	—	—
Wellington	541	17	2	190	0	1
Nelson	270	16	10	5	10	5
North Canterbury	366	9	11	112	17	7
South Canterbury	191	6	0	129	10	4
Otago-Southland	678	14	10	110	4	10
Totals, 1939	£4,737	10	7	£905	7	10
Totals, 1938	£5,154	3	7	£1,271	3	8
Decrease	£416	13	0	£365	15	10

Improvement of Position.

	£	s.	d.
1939	50	17	2
1938	923	10	2
1937	2415	5	7
1936	2159	17	11

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.
General Fund Account, 1939.
Statement of Income and Expenditure.

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance as at December, 31st 1939	..	32	8 10	Epworth Press .. .. .	..	26	4 8
Income from Investments :—				Purchase of English Bank Notes	..	3	13 6
Auckland Trustees .. ..	..	30	0 0	Methodist Times .. .. .	..	0	10 6
Book Sales :—				Postages .. .. .	..	2	12 7
Received from purchasers	..	7	14 10	Printing, Typing and Stationery	..	4	14 9
				Bank Charges .. .. .	..	0	10 0
				By Balance .. .. .	..	31	17 8
		<u>£70</u>	<u>3 8</u>			<u>£70</u>	<u>3 8</u>

GORDON C. ARMITAGE, Treasurer.
 27th January, 1940.

Audited and found correct
 A. G. WILLIAMS.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.
Benevolent Fund for Year Ending 31st December, 1939

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance at Christchurch P.O. Savings Bank				NIL			
1st January, 1939	..	..	362 17 4	By Balance at Christchurch P.O. Savings Bank			
„ Dividends—W. S. & Co. Ltd.	..	..	10 15 0	at 31st December, 1939	..	..	383 7 10
„ Interest—Inscribed Stock	..	..	2 0 0				
Christchurch P.O. Savings Bank			7 15 6				
			<u>£383 7 10</u>				<u>£383 7 10</u>
Interest Accrued—Christchurch P.O. Savings Bank							
Bank	..	..	£8 10 7				

Audited and found correct.
 19th January, 1940.

A. G. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

Benevolent Fund Assets as at 31st December, 1939.

	£	s. d.
Cash at Christchurch P.O. Savings Bank	..	383 7 10
215 Preference Shares in Wright Stephenson & Co. Ltd.	..	215 0 0
New Zealand Government inscribed stock	..	100 0 0
		<u>£698 7 10</u>

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.
Trust Account Mutual Aid Association Funds for Year Ending 31st December, 1939.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Christchurch P.O. Savings Bank at			
1st January, 1939	70	6	8
„ Interest etc.	2	3	6
	<u>£72</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>
Interest Accrued—Christchurch P.O. Savings			
Bank	£1	11	7

	£	s.	d.
By Balance Christchurch P.O. Savings Bank as at			
31st December, 1939	72	10	2
	<u>£72</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>

Audited and found correct.
 19th January, 1940.

A. G. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

TRUSTEES NEW ZEALAND LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st December, 1939.

1937

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS				
	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
January 1st 1939—Balance in hand A.S. Bank	40	5	2	May 19th—Draft to Treasurer	.. .. .	30	0	0
Interest	1	1	1	Exchange .. .. .	.. .. .	0	1	2
Rents to December 30th	46	16	0	Rates .. .. .	.. .. .	10	2	1
				Water Rates .. .. .	.. .. .	2	11	3
				Insurance .. .. .	.. .. .	1	12	10
				Balance in Bank .. .. .	.. .. .	43	14	11
	£88	2	3			£88	2	3

J. W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

Audited and found correct,

J. P. BLAIR

C. K. WIGGLESWORTH } Auditors.

19th January, 1940.

Trustees: Messrs. T. L. Hames, T. E. Price and J. W. Shackelford.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1939.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME			
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£ s. d.
To Salaries—Youth Directors (4) ..	545	0 0	By Contributions from—			
„ House Allowances Youth Directors (4) ..	222	3 7	Circuits	571	14 6	
„ Connexional Charges (Youth Directors (4) ..	83	3 4	Y.W.B.C. Movement ..	212	10 0	
„ Travelling Expenses—Youth Directors (4) ..	160	7 0	Y.M.B.C. „ ..	212	10 0	
„ Administration and Office Expenses ..	114	6 11	Fire Insurance Fund ..	75	0 0	
„ Preliminary Expenses—Parsonage at Palmerston North	11	10 10				1071 14 6
			„ Conference Youth Demonstration			14 18 0
			„ Council of Religious Education			15 0 0
			„ Interest—P.O.S.B. Account ..			5 8 1
			„ Deficit Transferred to Capital A/c.			29 11 1
	<u>£1,136</u>	<u>11 8</u>				<u>£1,136 11 8</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1939.

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CHAS. A. RUSSELL, Hon. Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Methodist Youth Board for the year ended 30th September, 1939. 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, 1939.

H. W. HEYHOE, Hon. Auditor.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Income and Expenditure Account for year Ended 30th September, 1939.

EXPENDITURE				
		£	s.	d.
To Administration Expenses	..		47	2 6
„ Convention	..		16	3 3
„ Youth Board	..		425	0 0
„ Special Organising Expenses	..		23	16 2
„ Foreign Missions:				
Budget Grant	..	62	10	0
Outstanding Liability	..	2	0	0
Camp Offering	..	11	1	5
Donation—E.Q. Relief	..	0	10	0
			76	1 5
„ Home Missions:				
Budget Grant	..	62	10	0
Camp Offering	..	11	1	4
Special Organising Grant	..	20	0	0
			93	11 4
„ “B.C. Link”	..		10	0 0
„ National Leadership Schools Committee Deficit, 1939	..		2	16 9
„ Trading Department:				
Adjustments to 1938 profit	..	1	15	11
Stock written down	..	10	0	0
			11	15 11
		£706	7	4

INCOME				
		£	s.	d.
By Thankofferings	..			591 16 2
„ Camp Missionary Offerings	..	22	2	9
„ Donation—Earthquake Relief	..	0	10	0
			22	12 9
„ Interest—P.O.S.B.	..		2	11 2
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income Transferred to Accumulated Fund			89	7 3
		£706	7	4

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Financial Statement for Year Ending 30th September, 1939.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
In Hand, 1st October, 1938 ..			870 12 9	Travelling Secretary Salary and Exps. for four months ..		69 6 5	
Contributions from Unions : 1938-39 ..	73	10	5	Overseas Missions : 1937-38 ..	40	0	0
1939-40 ..	747	15	2	1939-40 ..	210	0	0
			821 5 7				
Interest on Post Office Savings Bank ..			9 12 3	Home Missions		250 0 0	
Book Sales—Travelling Secretary ..			2 10 5	Youth Board		160 0 0	
Sale of Stocks held by Youth Office on behalf of Movement (Trad. Dept.) ..			15 6 7	Combined Committee on Social Standards ..		212 10 0	
Balance from Convention	3	10	11	"B.C. Link" Management Com., Grant ..	10	0	0
Less Fees of Movement Officers ..	2	10	0	"Link" to Missionary Sisters ..	0	8	0
			1 0 11			10 8 0	
Donations—Movement Funds :				Youth Committee C.R.E.—Grant for Exhibition		5 0 0	
Youth Director Policy			0 11 0	Convention Agendas	9	7	6
Chinese Relief			0 2 6	Less Sales	5	18	0
Spanish Relief			0 17 6			3 9 6	
Bibles for Sister Nicholls			5 11 2	Youth Workers' Conference Expenses including fees of 3 Australian visitors ..		6 5 9	
Sister Nicholls Room Fund			25 16 5	M.W.M.U. Conference Expenses ..		0 18 2	
Materials for Ada Lee			2 5 0	B.C. Correspondence—Material leaders and Members		1 16 8	
Insurance on Camp Cooks			1 0 0	Day of Prayer Leaflets (half-share) ..		4 6 8	
				Sundry Administration Expenses ..		22 9 4	
				Insurance on Camp Cooks		1 0 0	

£1,756 12 1

Donations:

Chinese Relief .. ..	..	0	2	6
Spanish Relief .. ..	..	0	17	6
Bibles for Sister Nicholls ..	..	5	11	2
Sister Nicholls' Room Fund ..	..	25	16	5
Materials for Ada Lee .. ..	..	2	5	0
Balance: Bank of N.Z. .. ..	..	786	9	0
P.O.S.B. .. ..	..	185	0	0
			971	9	0

£1,756 12 1

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.
Revenue Account for year ended 30th September, 1939.

EXPENDITURE						
Church Sites Fund:			£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Grants : Otakou	..	..	50	0	0	
Kerikeri	..	..	25	0	0	
Youth Department	..	..	75	0	0	
			<hr/>			150 0 0
Administration :						
Authorised Appropriation	..	..	217	10	0	
Stationery and General Expenses	61	4	2	
			<hr/>			278 14 2
Reserve Appropriation Account				19 4 5
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INCOME									
Church Sites Fund :			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Grants : Fire Insurance Fund			..	50	0	0			
Home Mission Fund			..	50	0	0			
							100	0	0
Interest : Mortgages			..	24	13	5			
Deposits			..	18	9	10			
							43	3	3
Grants Exceeding Revenue			..				6	16	9
Administration :									
Working Expenses Repaid			..	143	10	9			
Trust Contributions			..	45	1	0			
Interest on Arrears			..	45	4	11			
Interest on Deposits			..	27	12	8			
Hymn Book Commission Account				36	9	3			
							297	18	7
							£447	18	7

Loans Account as at 30th September, 1939.

	£	s.	d.
To Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1938	20,728	15	7
„ New Loans Advanced	3,560	14	7
	£24,289	10	2
To Balance	£21,433	2	8

	£	s.	d.
By Loans Repaid	2,856	7	6
„ Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1939	21,433	2	8
	£24,289	10	2

H. de R. FLESHER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 16th October, 1939.

Audited and found correct,

ARTHUR C. REED }
R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.I.A. } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1939.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds ..	18,900	0	0				22,902	3	5
Capital Account :									
Thomas Emsly Bequest	1500								
H. Herbert Wake Bequest	50								
David Graham Bequest	50								
Wm. H. Duke Bequest	100								
Samuel Lawry Bequest ..	50								
Geo. Winstone Bequest	1000								
	2,750	0	0				1469	0	9
				21,650	0	0			
Trust Accounts (Properties Sold) ..				855	10	6			
Church Sites Fund :									
As at 30th Sept., 1938 ..	277	7	2						
Trust properties for Investment	800	0	0						
	1077	7	2						
Decrease for 1939 ..	6	16	9						
				1070	10	5			
Administration :									
Working Expenses Trust Account				300	0	0			
Reserve Appropriation Account									
30th Sept., 1938 ..	164	5	3						
less Rates on Church Sites	2	7	3						
	161	18	0						
Add Transfer from Reserve A/c.	19	4	5						
				181	2	5			
				£24,057	3	4			
							£24,057	3	4

Audited and found correct.

H. de R. FLESHER }
M. A. RUBGY PRATT } Treasurers.

ARTHUR C. REED }
R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.I.A. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 16th October, 1939.

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1939.

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Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.

LEN P. PRESCOTT

Auditors.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Auckland, 13th November, 1939.

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

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1939.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS				
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Capital Account :				Freehold Properties :				
Balance as at 31st October, 1939	..	36,565	4 6	Great North Road	..	55,220	7 3	
Income Account :				Queen Street	..	24,312	5 0	
Balance as at 31st October, 1939	..	6334	6 2				79,532	12 3
Auckland Sinking Fund Commissioners :				Balance of Purchase :				
Balance of Loan	..	34,000	0 0	Avondale Property	..		200	0 0
Emsly Trust Deposit Account :								
At Call	..	1500	0 0					
Bank of New Zealand :								
Balance as at 31st October, 1939	..	1328	2 8					
Emsly Trust :								
Balance as at 31st October, 1939	..	4	18 11					
		£79,732	12 3					
Memo : Liability—Rates for year ending								
31st May, 1940	..	£658	19 0				£79,732	12 3

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1939 and certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on the 31st October, 1939 as shown by the books.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.

LEN P. PRESCOTT

Auditors.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Auckland, 13th November, 1939.

**THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st October, 1939.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1938, Oct. 31st—									
To Balance				680	18	10			
1939, Oct. 31st—									
To Rents Accrued				3920	15	7			
„ Interest Accrued				9	10	0			
By Rents Received							3970	15	7
„ Interest Received							9	10	0
„ Balance							630	18	10
				<u>£4611</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>£4611</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.
per P. F. PRESCOTT

} Auditors.

Auckland,

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

13th November, 1939.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1939.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Rates and Taxes			202	19	6		
„ Repairs and Maintenance—Wgtn.			49	15	0		
„ General Expenses			99	17	6		
„ Expenses of Investigation regard- ing Maori Girls School ..			49	18	2		
„ Legal Expenses			27	17	9		
„ Insurances			14	18	5		
„ Travelling Expenses			6	10	10		
„ Balance carried down ..			1,123	2	10		
			<u>£1,575</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
To Masterton Home Expenses :				By Balance brought down ..			
Remittances for upkeep of Home	834	0	0				1123 2 10
Repairs—Installation New Hot Water Service	111	15	0	„ Interest Collected on account of Masterton Home :			
Depreciation	150	0	0	For 3 years ended 31st Dec- ember, 1938	524	5	3
			<u>1,095</u>	For 1 year ended 31st Dec- ember, 1939	212	9	0
„ Grant to Home Mission Depart.			360				<u>736 14 3</u>
„ Excess of Income over Expend- iture transferred to Capital Account			404				
			<u>£1,859</u>				<u>£1,859 17 1</u>

Balance Sheet for Year Ending 30th September, 1939.

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DEBTOR			CREDIT		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
October 1st, 1938—					
Balance to Auckland Savings Bank ..	630	0 0	Dec. 28th, 1938—Paid off	125	0 0
			March, 1939— „	130	0 0
			June „	175	0 0
			Sept. „	145	0 0
			Sept. 30th, 1939, Balance due Auckland Savings Bank	55	0 0
	<u>£630</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£630</u>	<u>0 0</u>

C. K. WIGGLESWORTH }
JAS. P. BLAIR } Auditors.

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Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31st December, 1939.

Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31st December, 1939.

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JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1939.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Expenses as Receipts & Payments A/c. ..	32	13 8	By Interest—Auckland Savings Bank ..	4	10 3
„ Grants	307	13 8	„ Inscribed Stock Dividends	391	5 4
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Trust Funds Account	56	9 11	„ Cheque issued December 8th, 1938, since cancelled	1	1 8
	<u>£396</u>	<u>17 3</u>		<u>£396</u>	<u>17 3</u>

Balance Sheet as at close of the day on 31st December, 1939.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Accumulated Trust Funds at start of year:	11,349	18 5	N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock:—		
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	56	9 11	3%—1941. Maturity value	5590	0 0
	<u>£11,406</u>	<u>8 4</u>	4%—1946. Maturity value	5590	0 0
			Cash Balances at Bankers	226	8 4
				<u>£11,406</u>	<u>8 4</u>

H. RANSTON }
J. S. CAUGHEY } Treasurers.

376 Queen Street, Auckland, C.I.
24th January, 1940.

Audited and found correct.
JOHN E. ASTLEY, Auditor.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1939.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
1938, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.	1939, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	..	..	1 18 11	By Theological College .. .. .	..	..	90 0 0
1939, Oct. 31st—				„ Balance .. .. .	..	..	4 18 11
To Interest from Mortgage .. .. .	..	..	18 0 0				
„ Interest from Deposit .. .. .	..	..	75 0 0				
			<u>£94 18 11</u>				<u>£94 18 11</u>

Investment Account.

1939, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.	1939, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.
To Capital .. .. .	..	..	1900 0 0	By Freehold Mortgage .. .. .	..	..	400 0 0
			<u>£1,900 0 0</u>	„ Deposit at Call with Probert Trust Board .. .. .	..	..	1500 0 0
							<u>£1,900 0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE, Auditor.

Auckland, 13th November, 1939.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1939.

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New Plymouth,
24th October, 1939.

Signed VAL DUFF, Public Accountant,
Auditor.

Statement for Year Ended 30th September, 1939.

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Audited and found correct.

C. J. SHARPE, Auditor.

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Balance Sheet.

I hereby certify that I have checked the Receipts and Payments Account, Vouchers etc. of the Rest House Trust to 31st October, 1939 and in my opinion the above Statement shows the position of the Trust correctly.

E. S. EMMITT, Auditor.

November, 1939.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Revenue Account for year ended 31st October, 1939.

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EXPENDITURE					INCOME						
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.		
To	Re-Insurances				By	Levies and Premiums	1922	4	6		
„	Office Expenses :				„	Mortgage Interest	331	19	7		
	Authorised Appropriation ..	378	15	0	„	Mortgage Interest Accrued ..	80	13	8		
	Stationery and General Exps. ..	50	4	1	„	Debenture Interest	765	13	11		
				428	19	1	„	Debenture Interest Accrued ..	257	4	6
„	Fire Losses	7	2	3	„	Interest on Deposits	3	4	10		
	less Re-Insurance Cover ..	7	2	3							
„	Investment Contingency Reserve Account			100	0	0					
„	Balance to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account ..			2158	19	5					
				£3,361	1	0					
							£3,361	1	0		

GEORGE J. SMITH }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 13th November, 1939,

C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A. (N.Z.) }
E. H. SMITH } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1939.

LIABILITIES						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund				28,000	0	0
Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	3565	0	0			
<i>less</i> Grant to Wanganui Connexal.						
Trust Rehabilitation Fund ..	1000	0	0			
	2565	0	0			
<i>plus</i> Further Provision ..	1000	0	0			
				3565	0	0
Investment Contingency Res. A/c. ..				1186	9	7
Profit and Loss Appropriation A/c. ..	1196	9	11			
<i>Less</i> Appropriations Voted :						
(1) Ordinary Grants —						
Home Acquirement Fund	332					
Deaconess House Fund	100					
Foreign Mission Fund ..	100					
Home Mission Fund ..	100					
Benevolent Fund ..	50					
Church Sites Fund ..	50					
Youth Department ..	50					
Methodist Times ..	175					
(2) Special Grants —						
Natural Calamities Relief Fund ..	125					
Youth Department ..	25					
	1107	0	0			
Unappropriated Balance ..	89	9	11			

ASSETS							
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Investments ..	..	8643	18	8			
Interest Accrued ..	..	80	13	8			
					8724	12	4
Debenture Investments ..	..	24,195	0	0			
Interest Accrued ..	..	257	4	6			
					24,452	4	6
Deposits :							
P.O. Savings Bank ..	..				674	17	6
Balance at Bank of N.Z.	..				310	2	0
Levies in Arrear ..	..				17	9	

Add Balance from Revenue Account	2158	19	5	
	2248	9	4	
less Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	1000	0	0	
		1248	9	4
Levies Prepaid		179	6	9
	<u>£34,179</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	

£34,179 5 8

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, 1939.

GEORGE J. SMITH }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A. (N.Z.) }
E. H. SMITH } Auditors.

Christchurch, 13th November, 1939.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments 15th December, 1939.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance carried forward ..			18 6 11	By Stipend ..			375 0 0
„ Appropriations:				„ House Allowance ..	175	0	0
Church Building and Loan				<i>less</i> Charges ..	5	12	6
Fund	218	15	0				169 7 6
Connexional Fire Insurance				„ Connexional Charges ..			63 2 6
Fund	378	15	0	„ Clerks' Salaries ..			628 1 0
Supernumerary and Allied				„ Office Rent ..	150	0	0
Funds	469	15	0	<i>less</i> Lettings ..	7	2	6
"Methodist Times" Fund ..	170	0	0				142 17 6
Contingent Fund	183	15	0	„ Telephone and Post Office Box ..			27 5 0
			1421 0 0	„ Bank Charges ..			0 10 0
Registration Fees (per Authorised				„ Stationery and General Expenses ..	16	8	1
Representative)			31 13 6	<i>less</i> Contras ..	12	5	0
							4 3 1
				„ Office Equipment ..			30 0 0
				„ Balance:			
				Supernumerary Fund ..	24	1	5
				Bank of New Zealand ..	6	12	5
							30 13 10
							£1,471 0 5
			£1,471 0 5				

Christchurch,
 18th December, 1939.

Audited and found correct,
 E. H. SMITH, Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Reserve Fund.

				£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank, 1st November, 1938	..	..	..	97	8	3
Add Bank Interest	..	..	..	1	18	1
				99	6	4
Less Payment to General Account	..	..	..	90	0	0
Cash in Bank, 31st October, 1939	..	..	..	£9	6	4

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treas.

New Organ Fund.

				£	s.	d.
Fund as at 1st November, 1938	..	..	..	371	2	6
Add Dividends	..	..	..	£12	15	0
Bank Interest	..	..	..	1	19	11
				14	14	11
Fund as at 31st October, 1939	..	..	..	£385	17	5

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treas.

Site Acquirement Fund.

				£	s.	d.
Bank Overdraft, 1st November, 1938	..	..	..	4291	3	6
Add Bank Interest and Charges	..	..	..	188	15	9
				4479	19	3
Less Payments from General Account—						
Bank Interest—2 Years	..	..	..	£386	15	9
Est. G. R. George	..	..	..	59	11	10
				446	7	7
Bank Overdraft, 31st Oct. 1939	..	..	..	£4,033	11	8

FRANK M. WINSTONE }
T A. JOUGHIN } Hon. Treasurers.

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Theological College Council, and compared same with Bank Books, and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1939.

F. E. SUTHERLAND }
A. P. GRAHAM } Auditors.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1939.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	..	54	7 0	By Books and Periodicals .. .. .	..	35	4 5
„ Debenture Interest:				„ Balance .. .. .	..	91	19 0
Auckland City Council .. .. .	..	29	15 0				
Auckland Transport Board .. .. .	..	4	5 0				
„ Interest on Account 708 Auck. Savings Bank	..	1	11 2				
„ Interest on loan to College Council ..	..	1	5 3				
„ Final Repayment of Loan to College Council	..	30	0 0				
„ Donation .. .. .	..	6	0 0				
		<u>£127</u>	<u>3 5</u>			<u>£127</u>	<u>3 5</u>

Capital Account.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital	800	0 0	Auckland City Council Debentures ..	700	0 0
			Auckland Transport Board Debentures ..	100	0 0
	<u>£800</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£800</u>	<u>0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE }
M. JAMES } Joint Auditors.

H. RANSTON }
F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers

BOARD OF THE METHODIST LAYING OFFICERS

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1939.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Loans on Fixed Deposit ..				Paerata Land at Cost ..	15,832	12	0
Sundry Creditors ..				College Buildings at Cost ..	43,694	3	0
Bank of New Zealand Long Term Mortgage Loan ..	10,833	12	6	Improvements to Paerata ..	12,549	6	4
Plus Accrued Interest (Secured over Grafton Road and Paerata Properties) ..	153	9	7				72,076
				City and Suburban Properties at Government Valuation :			
Bank of N.Z. Overdraft ..	19,209	6	5	Grafton Road ..	21,958	0	0
Plus Accrued Interest ..	170	5	6	Mount Albert ..	12,820	0	0
				Three Kings ..	5210	0	0
War Memorial Fund (Maori) ..	223	2	5	Waikowhai ..	4255	0	0
Plus Accrued Interest ..	13	11	9				44,243
				Improvements to Properties :			
				Mount Albert ..	557	13	0
Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston Scholarship Fund ..	2000	0	0	Waikowhai ..	124	19	1
Plus Accrued Interest ..	28	0	0				682
				Plant and Machinery—Paerata ..	1017	12	10
Capital Account :				Less Depreciation ..	129	12	10
Balance at 1st Jan., 1939 ..	83,273	16	6				888
Plus Profit on Sale of Land ..	12,361	2	0	Motor Vehicles—Paerata ..	585	0	0
				Less Depreciation ..	94	0	0
							491
	95,634	18	6	Furniture and Fittings—College ..	406	8	11
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year ..	68	9	3	Equipment—College ..	1447	13	10
							1854
	95,566	9	3	Less Depreciation ..	169	9	9
							1684

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Balance Sheet—continued.

Stock on Hand—Paerata :				
Live Stock at Valuation ..	7570	10	0	
Produce and Sundry Stocks ..	1213	10	0	
				8784 0 0
Mount Albert Estate and Three Kings :				
Estate Purchasers ..	414	7	6	
Plus Accrued Interest ..	23	13	6	
				438 1 0
Loan on Mortgage ..	155	8	0	
Plus Accrued Interest ..	2	1	3	
				157 9 3
Sundry Debtors :				
For Rent and Rates ..	292	17	7	
For Fees ..	483	14	7	
For Sundries ..	953	11	5	
	1730	3	7	
Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..	86	0	0	
				1644 3 7
Payments in Advance ..				378 3 7
Cash in Hand—Paerata and Office				32 3 5
	£131,499	7	3	£131,499 7 3

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., etc., General Secretary.

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust at the 31st December, 1939, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak, Kirker and Newcomb, a certificate that all the 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, 23rd January, 1940.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1939.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Advertising				78	11	11							
.. Bad Debts written off less Re- coveries				196	19	0	By Reduction in Bad Debts Reserve				64	0	0
.. Beneficiary Work—European ..	363	0	0				.. School Fees				5356	7	3
.. Beneficiary Work—Island ..	25	0	0				.. Laboratory Expenses Income ..	44	0	0			
.. Beneficiary Work—Maori ..	1010	10	0				.. Less Expenditure	10	19	7			
				1398	10	0					33	0	5
.. Depreciation				224	9	9	.. Piano Fees				9	0	0
.. Fuel and Light				377	15	6	.. Boys' Stationery Income ..	60	15	10			
.. Insurance				47	17	2	.. Less Expenditure	58	4	4			
.. Provisions :											2	11	6
Bread	280	13	2				.. Net Loss Transferred to Income and and Expenditure Account ..				1501	0	2
Dairy Produce	556	0	4										
Groceries	273	8	10										
Meat	263	3	2										
Sundries	191	7	4										
				1514	12	10							
.. Repairs and Maintenance ..				274	3	3							
.. Salaries				1629	16	7							
.. Sports				24	1	3							
.. Stationery and Books :													
Expenditure	101	9	7										
Less Income	85	4	3										
				16	5	4							
.. Sundry Expenses				249	18	1							
.. Wages				932	18	8							
				£6,965	19	4					£6,965	19	4

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE,
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1939.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Departmental Losses as under :							By Departmental Profits as under :						
Bees	87	13	1				No. 1 Dairy	1418	16	8			
Garden	115	15	7				No. 2 Dairy	48	9	6			
Pigs	29	19	1				No. 3 Dairy	17	9	10			
Poultry	121	6	6				Sheep	298	14	9			
				354	14	3					1783	10	9
„ Net Profit Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ..				1428	16	6							
				£1,783	10	9					£1,783	10	9

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1939.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Bad Debts Written off	17	1	8	By Sale of Stone	33	4	4
„ Increase in Bad Debts Reserve	10	0	0	„ Balance Transferred to Income and Ex- penditure Account	994	1	7
„ Audit Fees	21	0	0				
„ Insurance	1	19	9				
„ Rates	472	10	9				
„ Legal and Collection Expenses	54	10	2				
„ Office Expenses	22	13	4				
„ Printing, Stationery and Advertising	13	11	5				
„ Rent—Board Room	12	8	0				
„ Sundry Expenses	11	18	6				
„ Repairs and Maintenance	109	12	4				
„ Salary—Secretary	280	0	0				
	£1,027	5	11		£1,027	5	11

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Rent Received for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1939.

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance Transferred to Income and Ex-				By Rents Received from :				
penditure Account	2705	19	11	Grafton Road Property	1002	12	4	
				Three Kings Property	539	1	2	
				Mount Albert Property	717	1	9	
				Dominion Road Property	56	0	0	
				Waikowhai Property	391	4	8	
	<u>£2,705</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>11</u>			<u>£2,705</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>11</u>

Interest Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1939.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Interest on Overdraft	1079	7	9	By Interest from :						
„ Interest on Long Term Mortgage Loan ..	460	8	7	Mount Albert Estate	15	9	2			
„ Interest on Fixed Deposits	206	19	6	Three Kings Estate	14	16	5			
				Kawhia Property	8	6	4			
								38	11	11
	<u>£1,746</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	„ Balance Transferred to Income				1708	3	11
				and Expenditure Account ..				<u>£1,746</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1939.

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Interest	1708	3	11	By Rents	2705	19	11	
„ Loss on College	1501	0	2	„ Profit on Farm	1428	16	6	
„ General Expenses	994	1	7	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income				
				Transferred to Capital Account ..	68	9	3	
	<u>£4,203</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>			<u>£4,203</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1939.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
265	To	Wages and Salaries	.. ..	1662	0	9	By	Gross Profit on :					
	"	Stock Foods	.. ..	396	18	7		No. 1 Dairy and Cattle	.. ..	2568	15	4	
	"	Seeds and Manure	.. ..	466	7	10		No. 2 Dairy and Cattle	.. ..	674	3	7	
	"	Lorry Expenses	.. ..	237	12	5		No. 3 Dairy	.. ..	224	10	0	
	"	Horse and Tractor Expenses	.. ..	95	0	2		Garden	.. ..	143	4	4	
	"	Sundries, including Freight, Packing, Association Fees and Stock Dips	.. ..	231	13	1		Bees	.. ..	84	8	5	
	"	Depreciation written off	.. ..	95	10	6		Pigs	.. ..	295	13	4	
	"	Repairs and Maintenance	.. ..	83	13	11		Poultry	.. ..	115	7	8	
	"	Power and Light	.. ..	64	2	11		Sheep	.. ..	710	16	4	
	"	Rates and Insurance	.. ..	36	13	1							
	"	Advertising—Live Stock	.. ..	18	9	3							
	"	Net Profit Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	.. ..	1428	16	6							
				£4,816	19	0				£4,816	19	0	

We have examined the above account with the Departmental Accounts kept by your office, and certify that it is in accordance with the books.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1939.

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SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1939

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
* Accumulated Funds as per							
Revenue Account					154,044	6	11
Deposit Accounts :							
Allied Funds (6)	34,863	8	10				
Connexional Funds (3) ..	233	10	1				
Personal (4)	273	15	11				
					35,370	14	10
Freeholds :							
Rates Accrued	381	18	6				
Lift Maintenance Accrued ..	4	6	8				
					386	5	2

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Investments :							
Mortgages	90,429	19	10				
Debentures	26,527	7	6				
					116,957	7	4
<i>Less Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts</i>							
Reserves	832	14	7				
plus further provision	100	0	0				
					932	14	7
<i>Less Adjustments</i>	59	0	5				
					873	14	2
							116,083 13 2
Freehold Properties :							
Epworth Chambers	48,602	5	11				
Worcester Street	4,118	15	8				
					52,721	1	7
<i>Less Epworth Chambers Depreciation Reserve</i>	2850	0	0				
<i>Plus further Reserve</i>	500	0	0				
					3350	0	0
							49,371 1 7
Deposit:							
P.O. Savings Bank						1233	5 10
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..						2864	6 5
Interest :							
Mortgages Due	1493	7	1				
Mortgages Accrued	835	8	5				
Debentures Accrued	329	7	7				
						2658	3 1

£189,801 6 11

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.

SUPERNUMERY FUND—BENEVOLENT FUND.

Revenue Account for year ended 30th November, 1939.

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SUPERNUMERARY FUND, BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1939.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Capital Account..	..	..	1400 0 0	Plampin Bequest :			
Balance Revenue Account	..	..	364 2 0	Blenheim Borough Council Deb.	£500 ..	1000 0 0	
				Christchurch Drainage Board Deb.	£500 ..		
				Penrose Bequest :			
				Capital Account—Deposit	Supernumerary		
				Fund ..	.. ..	400 0 0	
				Revenue Account :			
				Deposit Supernumerary Fund	.. ..	364 2 0	
			<u>£1,764 2 0</u>			<u>£1,764 2 0</u>	

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and we certify to their correctness. We have had the securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1939.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
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Christchurch, 12th December, 1939.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Revenue Account for year ended 30th November, 1939.
Contributors Account.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances .. ..	..	906	13 3	By Balance as at 30/11/1938 .. ..	..	11,257	10 1
„ Reserve Account .. ..	..	43	10 6	„ Personal Contributions .. ..	..	731	16 7
„ Balance as at 30/11/1939 .. ..	..	11,758	1 2	„ Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy .. ..	..	332	0 0
				„ Interest .. ..	..	386	18 3
		<u>£12,708</u>	<u>4 11</u>			<u>£12,708</u>	<u>4 11</u>

Reserve Account.

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..	..	386	18 3	By Balance as at 30/11/1938 .. ..	..	51	16 6
„ Office Expenses :				„ Contributors' Account .. ..	..	43	10 6
Authorised Appropriation ..	56 0 0			„ Interest : Supernumerary Fund ..	..	423	1 4
Stationery and General Expenses	6 4 4						
			62 4 4				
„ Balance as at 30/11/1939 ..	..		69 5 9				
		<u>£518</u>	<u>8 4</u>			<u>£518</u>	<u>8 4</u>

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1939.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Personal Accounts	..	..	11,758 1 2	Deposit Supernumerary Fund	..	..	11,878 16 11
Reserve Account	..	..	69 5 9				
Subsidy Suspense Account	..	..	51 10 0				
			<u>£11,878 16 11</u>				<u>£11,878 16 11</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1939.

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Christchurch, 12th December, 1939.

Methodist Home Mission Department

ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1940

INCOME.

Actual average for past three years.

CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS AND MAORI CIRCUITS.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland District	1,356	0	0
South Auckland District	821	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui District	486	0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	678	0	0
Wellington District	814	0	0
Nelson District	414	0	0
North Canterbury District	889	0	0
South Canterbury District	333	0	0
Otago-Southland District	588	0	0

District Targets for 1940.

£	s.	d.
1,655	0	0
1,000	0	0
700	0	0
855	0	0
1,100	0	0
525	0	0
1,100	0	0
500	0	0
750	0	0

6,379 0 0

8,185 0 0

PROPERTIES

1,200 0 0

INVESTMENTS

1,250 0 0

SPECIAL for Religious and Social Work amongst the Maoris:—

Methodist Women's Missionary Union	£955	0	0
Young Women's Bible Class Movement	160	0	0
(The Sunday School contributions for the support of a Deaconess are included in the Circuit Estimates)			

1,115 0 0
250 0 0

MISCELLANEOUS

Total estimated ordinary income from all sources

£10,194 0 0

EXPENDITURE.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

	£	s.	d.
Senior Supt.—Stipend	225	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	25	0	0
Rent	84	10	0
Minister—Stipend	200	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	10	0	0
Investment Funds			
Board Rent	18	4	3
H.M.—Stipend	50	0	0
Travelling and Extra			
Board	20	0	0
Board	15	0	0
H.M.—Stipend	50	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Investment Funds Board			
Rent	30	0	0
H.M.'s—Grant for travelling	25	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	145	0	0
Travelling	40	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	140	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0

£1,662 11 3

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale	25	0	0
Bombay-Tuakau	30	0	0
Bay of Islands	25	0	0
Bay of Islands (Special)	25	0	0

Circuit with Home Missionary.

Mahurangi	30	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Hokianga (Rawene)	30	0	0
Hikurangi	20	0	0
Paparoa (M.H.M. Supply)	15	0	0
Whangaroa	80	0	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	30	0	0
" " Special	25	0	0
Mangonui	45	0	0
Ruawai	65	0	0
Port Albert	25	0	0
Helensville	20	0	0

£490 0 0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

	£	s.	d.
Minister—Stipend	200	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	10	0	0
H.M.—Stipend	120	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
H.M.—Stipend	65	0	0
Travelling	60	0	0
H.M.—Travelling	60	0	0
H.M.—Travelling	50	0	0
Hon. H.M. (and additional cost for Probationer) —			
Grant for travelling	421	7	6
Deaconess—Stipend	75	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	120	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess Supply Travelling	24	0	0
To Investment Funds Board for Rent	139	7	6
	£2,089	15	0

Home Mission Stations.

Kawhia	50	0	0
Coromandel	60	0	0
Te Puke	20	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Taumarunui	70	0	0
Taumarunui (Maori)	5	0	0
Te Kuiti	40	0	0
Rotorua	55	0	0
Hauraki Plains	25	0	0
Putaruru	5	0	0
Paeroa	45	0	0
Waihi	45	0	0
Opotiki (M.H.M.)	40	0	0
Whakatane (S.P.)	20	0	0
	£480	0	0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Minister—Stipend	200	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	10	0	0
Investment Funds Board Rent	20	0	0
H.M.—Travelling	80	0	0
10 H.M.'s—Grant for travelling	125	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	130	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling	55	0	0
Assist. Deaconess—Stipend	120	0	0
Travelling	20	0	0
	£985	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Inglewood	10	0	0
Raetihi-Ohakune	30	0	0
Patea	40	0	0
Ohura (If S.P.)	20	0	0

Circuit with Home Missionary.

Wanganui North	20	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

	£	s.	d.
Waitara	20	0	0
Manala (M.P.)	20	0	0
Marton (If M.O.M.)	50	0	0
„ Special	20	0	0
Taihape	30	0	0
„ Special	25	0	0
Wanganui (Gonville)	20	0	0
	£305	0	0

HAWKE'S BAY- MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa	40	0	0
Foxton	30	0	0
Apiti	50	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Wairoa	40	0	0
Woodville	20	0	0
Pahiatua	20	0	0
	£200	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu	30	0	0
Upper Hutt	30	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Wellington East	50	0	0
Greytown-Featherston	10	0	0
Eketahuna	50	0	0
„ Special	15	0	0
Otaki (M.O.M.)	45	0	0
	£230	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock	20	0	0
Murchison	25	0	0
Granity	45	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Wakefield-Dovedale	25	0	0
Westport	15	0	0
	£130	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waddington	40	0	0
Hawarden (Woodend for travelling)	15	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Christchurch East	25	0	0
St. Albans	5	0	0
Lytelton (if Minimum stipend)	35	0	0
Springston	45	0	0
Tai Tapu	25	0	0
„ „ Special	20	0	0
Oxford	45	0	0
	£255	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.

Temuka	25	0	0
„ (Maori)	5	0	0
Rakaia-Methven (If P.)	15	0	0
Geraldine (If M.O.M., otherwise £35)	60	0	0
	£105	0	0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.
Waikouaiti-Palmerston	65	0	0
Edendale	20	0	0
Cromwell	25	0	0
Nightcaps	25	0	0
Mosgiel, M.H.M.	50	0	0
Maori Hill (M.H.M.)	15	0	0
Otautau-Tuatapere	15	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Port Chalmers	30	0	0
" " (Maori)	5	0	0
Ravensbourne (Maori)	5	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Roxburgh (M.O.M.)	40	0	0
" Special Transport	20	0	0
Riverton	15	0	0
" (Maori)	5	0	0
Balclutha	20	0	0
" Travelling	15	0	0
Milton	30	0	0
" Travelling	5	0	0
Bluff (M.O.M.)	50	0	0
Dundas Street	5	0	0
Caversham	10	0	0
Roslyn (if Stipend increased)	15	0	0

£485 0 0

GENERAL.

Maori Work.

S.S. Material	10	0	0
Printing and Leaflets	30	0	0
Special, South Island Travel- ling	10	0	0
Workers' Conference	50	0	0
Students	25	0	0
" Methodist Times "	5	0	0
Car Depreciation Grant	75	0	0
Contingencies	150	0	0
South Island Deaconess, Stipend	75	0	0
South Island Deaconess, Travelling	35	0	0
Connexional Charges	34	4	0

£499 4 0

Miscellaneous.

H.M. Retiring Fund	210	0	0
Deaconess Retiring Fund	120	0	0

H.M. Deputation Expenses ..	150	0	0
Ministerial Supplies	100	0	0
Theological College	100	0	0
Deaconess House	75	0	0
Interest and Bank Charges ..	150	0	0
Church Sites' Fund	50	0	0
Printing and Stationery	250	0	0
Advertising Space, "N.Z. Methodist Times"	12	10	0
Spiritual Advance Committee ..	25	0	0
Subsidy, L. & C. Committee (Colporteur)	200	0	0
Subsidy, L. & C. Committee (Picture Department)	40	0	0
Contingencies	400	0	0
Gen. Sup. Adviser, Travelling ..	100	0	0

£1,982 10 0

General Superintendent.

Stipend	300	0	0
Rent to Investment Funds Board	150	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0

£550 0 0

Assistant Superintendent.

Stipend	275	0	0
Rent to Investment Funds Board	150	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0

£525 0 0

Connexional Charges	100	0	0
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£100 0 0

General Treasurers.

Book-keeping	100	0	0
Incidental Expenses	20	0	0

£120 0 0

Office Expenses.

Secretarial	145	0	0
Rent of Office & Telephones ..	120	0	0
Light and Heating	10	0	0
Postages and Telegrams	75	0	0

£350 0 0

SUMMARY HOME MISSION ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1940.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Circuits	6,379	0	0
Properties	1,200	0	0
Investments	1,250	0	0
Special for Religious and Social Work amongst the Maori	1,115	0	0
Miscellaneous	250	0	0
	10,194	0	0

Estimated Debit Balance, 1940	1,968	8	4
	£12,162	8	4

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Maori	5,236	10	3
General	6,307	10	0
	£11,544	0	3

Dr. Balance brought for- ward, 1939	618	8	1
	£12,162	8	4

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 16th January, 1940.

Treasurers: REV. E. T. OLDS and MR. F. PENN.

RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE.								
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.					MAORI MISSIONS.								
Circuits.													
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Auckland Central	231	8	6			Stipends, Travelling & Rents			4,879	10	0		
Auckland Central Mission	13	14	8			Special.							
Ditto, 1938	0	17	6			S.S. Material	10	0	0				
Auckland West	36	0	4			Printing New Hymn Book and Leaflets	60	0	0				
Auckland East	422	4	5			South Island Travelling	30	0	0				
Ditto, 1938	12	2	6			Students	60	0	0				
Auckland - Avondale	134	15	6			"Methodist Times"	5	0	0				
Auckland-Devonport	27	17	3			Contingencies	150	0	0				
Ditto, 1938	2	12	6			Bible Class Camps, Y.M.B.C. Fund	20	0	0				
Auckland - Takapuna	27	18	9			Car Replacement Grant	100	0	0				
Ditto, 1938	3	2	6			Special Student Supply	35	0	0				
Auckland - Birkenhead	42	13	8			Furniture, Senior Maori Superintendent's House	25	0	0				
Ditto, 1938	5	14	0						495	0	0		
Onehunga	67	13	8										
Ditto, 1938	15	2	0										
Otahuhu	58	18	2										
Papakura	30	7	10										
Pukekohe	6	9	8										
Waiuku	42	10	7										
Ditto, 1938	4	0	4										
Helensville	4	5	4										
Mahurangi	23	11	1										
Paparoa	27	6	0										
Dargaville	29	5	0										
Ruawai	9	4	7										
Whangarei	23	14	2										
Ditto, 1938	0	16	9										
Whangaroa	18	5	9										
Bay of Islands	12	12	3										
Port Albert	28	5	6										
Hikurangi	7	6	0										
Ditto, 1938	0	17	6										
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	10	1	8										
Mangonui	16	3	4										
Hokianga-Rawene	9	0	11										
Hokianga-Kohukohu	9	10	0										
Maori Missions	17	14	2										
Home Mission Stations.					AUCKLAND DISTRICT.								
Bombay-Tuakau	18	12	2			Home Mission Stations.							
Ditto, 1938	18	8	10			Rawene	21	5	0				
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale	5	12	4			Kaukapakapa-Silverdale	20	0	0				
						Tuakau	30	0	0				
						Kohukohu	6	13	4				
						Circuit with Home Missionary.							
						Mahurangi	31	5	0				
						Aided Circuits.							
						Bay of Islands	22	10	0				
						Hikurangi	30	0	0				
						Paparoa	15	0	0				
						Whangaroa	80	0	0				
						Ditto, Special	25	0	0				
						Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	42	10	0				
						Mangonui	55	0	0				
						Ruawai	81	5	0				
						Port Albert	18	15	0				
						Helensville, Special	20	0	0				
						Devonport, Special	25	0	0				
											524	3	4
SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.					SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.								
Circuits.					Home Mission Stations.								
Thames	27	16	8			Coromandel	60	0	0				
Hauraki Plains	8	17	4			Te Puke	20	0	0				
Paeroa	25	0	0			Ditto, Special	20	0	0				
Waihi	15	14	6			Kawhia	50	0	0				
Ditto, 1938	14	18	10			Ditto, Special	20	0	0				
Te Aroha	91	3	7			Aided Circuits.							
Ditto, 1938	32	13	0			Waihi	45	0	0				
Morrinsville	126	4	6			Taumarunui	50	0	0				
Ditto, 1938	18	8	3			Ditto, Special							
Cambridge	46	6	4			Maori Work	5	0	0				
Hamilton	114	11	6			Te Kuiti	27	10	0				
Hamilton East	0	10	0			Ditto, Special	15	0	0				
Huntly	12	12	4			Otorohanga	20	0	0				
Matamata	76	16	6			Rotorua	55	0	0				

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND:
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Putaruru ..	6	6	8				
Rotorua ..	29	16	5				
Tauranga ..	32	3	10				
Whakatane ..	8	12	0				
Ditto, 1938 ..	9	6	0				
Opoiki ..	7	0	0				
Te Awamutu ..	88	14	6				
Otorohanga ..	36	3	11				
Ditto, 1938 ..	7	9	6				
Te Kuiti ..	0	0	0				
Ditto, 1938 ..	14	1	0				
Taumarunui ..	12	0	0				
Maori Missions	16	9	8				
Home Mission Stations.							
Ngaruawahia ..	5	10	7				
Ditto, 1938 ..	2	14	8				
Te Puke ..	2	15	0				
Coromandel ..	15	1	0				
				905	18	1	

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Circuits.							
New Plymouth ..	37	0	0				
Ditto, 1938 ..	38	14	3				
Waitara ..	5	11	4				
Stratford ..	32	5	2				
Eltham-Kaponga ..	27	4	8				
Hawera ..	105	10	0				
Manala ..	18	2	0				
Opunake ..	54	4	2				
Ditto, 1938 ..	20	13	5				
Wanganui ..	77	11	10				
Wanganui North ..	34	8	7				
Marton ..	16	1	6				
Taihape ..	4	2	6				
Gonville ..	17	2	6				
Maori Missions ..	2	0	0				
Home Mission Stations.							
Inglewood ..	17	10	9				
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	4	4	8				
Patea ..	12	5	9				
Ohura ..	3	8	0				
Ditto, 1938 ..	0	15	0				
				528	16	1	

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Circuits.							
Napier ..	105	10	0				
Ditto, 1938 ..	17	1	9				
Hastings ..	75	13	9				
Ditto, 1938 ..	7	3	0				
Gisborne ..	21	15	0				
Waioa ..	10	0	10				
Dannevirke ..	23	10	10				
Woodville ..	14	6	8				
Pahiatua ..	15	5	0				
Palmerston North—							
St. Paul's ..	92	7	5				
Cuba Street ..	71	11	5				
Ashhurst-Bun-							
thorpe ..	25	2	4				
Feilding ..	166	7	9				
Sanson-Rongotea ..	33	7	6				
Home Mission Stations.							
Waipawa ..	18	1	11				
Foxton-Shannon ..	8	15	0				
Apiti ..	16	10	0				
Norsewood ..	7	8	6				
				729	18	8	

EXPENDITURE.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Paeroa ..	45	0	0				
Hauraki Plains ..	31	5	0				
Whakatane ..	20	0	0				
Opoiki ..	42	10	0				
Putaruru ..	10	0	0				
Tauranga ..	2	10	0				
Huntly ..	1	5	0				
							540 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.							
Raetihi ..	28	15	0				
Ditto, Special ..	25	0	0				
Patea ..	38	15	0				
Ditto, Special ..	11	12	7				
Inglewood ..	26	5	0				
Ohura, Special ..	16	13	4				
Aided Circuits.							
Waitara ..	17	10	9				
Manala ..	13	15	0				
Taihape ..	35	0	0				
Wanganui, Special ..	500	0	0				
Marton ..	31	5	0				
Ditto, Special ..	10	0	0				
Wanganui North ..	23	15	0				
Gonville, Special ..	18	15	0				
							797 0 11

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.							
Waipawa ..	40	0	0				
Foxton ..	30	0	0				
Apiti ..	45	0	0				
Aided Circuits.							
Woodville ..	22	10	0				
Pahiatua ..	22	10	0				
Waioa ..	45	0	0				
							205 0 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.							
Paraparaumu ..	40	0	0				
Upper Hutt ..	35	0	0				
Aided Circuits.							
Otaki ..	47	10	0				
Eketahuna ..	40	0	0				
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0				
Wellington East ..	61	5	0				
Greytown ..	21	5	0				
Carterton ..	3	15	0				
Ditto, Special ..	15	0	0				
Thorndon ..	26	13	4				
							310 8 4

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.							
Murchison ..	30	0	0				
Havelock ..	20	0	0				
Ditto, Special ..	10	0	0				
Granity ..	48	15	0				
Aided Circuits.							
Wakefield ..	21	5	0				
Reefton ..	3	15	0				
Westport ..	13	15	0				
							147 10 0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE.				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Woodend ..	19	4	3		House Allowance ..	146	5	0	496 5 0
Greendale ..	15	2	6		General Superintendent's Adviser—				
Oxford ..	12	2	4		3 Quarters —				
Home Mission Stations.					Travelling ..	75	0	0	75 0 0
Hawarden ..	1	19	0		Treasurers, Incidental Expenses ..	7	19	5	
Waddington ..	9	5	0		Connexional Charges ..	95	17	8	103 17 1
				912 7 4	Office.				
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.					Rent ..	68	7	0	
Circuits.					Telephone & Tolls ..	51	11	11	
Timaru—					Electric Power ..	8	18	10	
Bank Street ..	29	4	2		Payments to Salaries ..	226	9	2	355 6 11
Woodland St. ..	44	8	0		Interest, Etc.				
South ..	20	10	5		Interest on Overdraft ..	115	15	6	
Waimate ..	25	13	9		Cheque Books, etc. ..	2	10	0	
Temuka ..	20	15	6		Exchange ..	18	0	0	136 5 0
Geraldine ..	17	8	11		Deputation Expenses ..				192 19 3
Ashburton ..	128	18	6		Printing and Stationery.				
Willowby ..	36	2	3		Annual Reports ..	90	18	6	
Oamaru ..	24	3	11		Printing and Stationery ..	223	11	6	314 10 0
Rakaia ..	8	14	0	355 19 5	Postages, Telegrams, etc. ..				63 0 0
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.					Colporteur ..				211 10 0
Circuits.					Lotu (H.M. Share of Cost) ..				39 2 8
Dunedin—					Retiring Funds.				
Trinity ..	101	16	10		Deaconess ..	123	0	0	
Central Mission ..	57	0	0		Home Missionaries ..	195	0	0	318 0 0
Dundas Street ..	32	7	6		Miscellaneous.				
Cargill Road ..	32	19	8		Theological College ..	108	15	0	
St. Kilda ..	32	11	0		Deaconess Institute ..	75	0	0	
Caversham ..	29	9	8		Ministerial Supplies ..	42	2	11	
Mornington ..	22	13	1		Picture Subsidy ..	100	0	0	
Roslyn ..	20	0	3		Sites' Fund ..	50	0	0	
Port Chalmers ..	34	5	0		Office Equipment ..	107	8	4	
Balclutha and Kaitangata ..	14	4	9		Maori History ..	100	0	0	
Milton ..	18	10	2		Exhibition ..	94	14	8	
Roxburgh ..	15	7	1		"Methodist Times" ..	12	10	0	
Invercargill—					Code "Palpera" ..	2	0	0	
Central ..	88	14	3		Bibles for Home Missionaries ..	2	5	0	
St. Peter's ..	50	0	11		Compassionate ..	55	5	0	
Bluff ..	5	0	0		Spiritual Advance ..	25	0	0	
Gore ..	18	10	3		Lantern Slides ..	4	2	3	
Riverton ..	2	4	3		Rates, Spring Creek ..	1	5	9	
Home Mission Stations.					Sundries ..	26	15	3	807 4
Maori Hill ..	7	15	0						7,163 1
Waikouaiti ..	11	10	0		Maori ..				5,374 10
Mosgiel ..	10	3	10		Carried Forward ..				£12,537 11
Edendale ..	14	3	2						
Lawrence ..	5	14	9						
Cromwell ..	10	0	0						
Otautau—									
Tuatapere ..	7	10	0						
Nightcaps ..	11	8	3	653 19 8					
GENERAL.									
Connexional Properties.									
Auckland ..	747	15	9						
Grey Institute ..	420	0	0						
Kai Iwi ..	210	0	0						
Spring Creek ..	3	0	0	1,380 15 9					
Investments.									
H.M.C.E.I. Funds ..	1,191	8	1	1,191 8 1					
Special for Maori Work.									
M.W.M.U. (including £160 from Y.W.B.C. Movement)	1,107	10	0						

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Wellington E.F.	360	0 0			
Special Donation	2	0 0			
Y.M.B.C.	20	0 0			
			1,489	10 0	

Miscellaneous.					
Conference Col- lections	26	3 0			
Fire Insurance Fund	100	0 0			
N.Z.Y.M.B.C. Movement	73	11 4			
			199	14 4	
Refund, Retiring Funds	40	10 0			

Sundry Donations.					
"Hunch"	75	0 0			
"Friend"	20	0 0			
"Anon.," Devon- port	15	0 0			
M.W.M. Union	12	0 0			
"Do It Now"	10	0 0			
"S.E.A."	10	0 0			
"Tom Bracken"	5	0 0			
"C.T.M."	5	0 0			
"Youth"	5	0 0			
"Methodist"	5	0 0			
Dr. A. Rutter, Solomon Islands	3	0 0			
Rev. D. Alley, Solomon Islands	1	0 0			
Sister Vera Cannon, Solomon Islands	1	0 0			
Youth Auckland Camp	2	17 4			
"Anon.," Christ- church	2	10 0			
"Anon."	2	0 0			
"Adherent"	2	0 0			
"Every Little Helps"	2	0 0			
Pye Smith	2	0 0			
Maerata Camp	1	13 0			
Whararua Girls	1	10 0			
Mrs. Simon	1	1 0			
Friend, per Mrs. Flower	1	0 0			
Sister Rita Snow- den	1	0 0			
Geo. Dennis	1	0 0			
Enfield	1	0 0			
Miss Hethering- ton, Wellington	1	0 0			
Rev. T. Giza, Switzerland	1	0 0			
Eros	1	0 0			
An Old Dominion	1	0 0			
"Anon."	1	0 0			
Other Donations	15	9 6			
			248	10 10	
Sale of Poster Stamps	10	13 0			
Typing Done	6	16 0			
			17	9 0	

Total for Circuits	4,527	8 0			
	6,848	13 2			

Credit Balance, 1938	£11,376	1 2			
Debit Balance, 1939	543	1 9			
	618	8 1			

£12,537 11 0

EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Brought Forward			£12,537	11 0	

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department for the year ended 16th January, 1940. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with, and in our opinion the above statement correctly shows the position of the Fund as at the above-mentioned date.

P. DELLOW }
J. L. CRAWFORD } Auditors.

£12,537 11 0

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 16th JANUARY, 1940.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Capital Awaiting Investment						
16/1/39				4,772	4	11
.. Cash on Account of Capital—						
Estate late Mrs. Annie Jamieson ..	100	0	0			
Estate late J. B. Hansen ..	94	8	7			
.. " Mrs. Boniface ..	55	0	0			
.. " W. Ferguson ..	29	3	4			
.. " G. R. George ..	29	14	8			
.. " J. F. Bealing ..	25	10	5			
.. " R. Gordon ..	10	0	0			
.. " J. J. B. Veale ..	4	5	1			
Further sums, S. Gorman ..	1,020	0	0			
.. " Wake Estate ..	307	7	6			
Sinking Funds ..	270	8	7			
Car Account ..	25	0	0			
Taranaki Native Parsonage Account ..	7	13	0			
				1,978	11	2
.. Interest from H.M. Fund ..	115	15	6			
.. Interest from Wake Estate ..	90	9	11			
.. Interest on Canterbury Insurance Stock ..	44	0	0			
.. Interest on Gorman Stock ..	150	0	0			
.. Interest on Mornington Investment ..	4	10	0			
.. Interest on 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			
Mrs. 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. F. 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 ..	757	2	8			
.. Interest on Account Mission Property Trustees ..	643	4	1			
By Interest Transferred Direct to H.M. Fund ..				1,191	8	1
.. Interest per Nelson ..				20	0	0
.. Interest per Mornington ..				4	10	0
						1,215 18 1
.. Interest Transferred to Mission Property Trustees ..				643	4	1
						643 4 1
.. Capital Invested—						
Government Inscribed Stock ..				500	0	0
Auckland Gas Co. Shares ..				520	0	0
Properties ..				2,128	19	11
Mortgages ..				3,100	0	0
						6,248 19 11
.. Car Replacement Account (Loaned to Maori Workers' Car Account) ..				25	0	0
						25 0 0
.. Capital Awaiting Investment						476 16 2

LEGACIES AND MEMORIAL GIFTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Probert Estate	1,000	0	0	Miss M. Graham	116	3	6
Elmsley	1,000	0	0	Janet Cameron	50	0	0
Meredith Wilson	325	0	0	G. J. Bridge	100	0	0
Hammett Estate	300	0	0	Mrs. Easterbrook	150	0	0
E. D. Collinson	300	0	0	Memorial Gifts (in detail)	1,100	0	0
Wilkinson Estate	300	0	0	H. Brittain	200	0	0
Wm. Winstone	500	0	0	Geo. Butler	50	0	0
Janet Snowden	401	10	8	James Trounson	1,000	0	0
Eliza Lucas	100	0	0	Mrs. Hansen	43	8	6
S. Stone	100	0	0	Mrs. E. King	50	0	0
Jas. Wallace	100	0	0	J. W. Heward	100	0	0
Jas. Elliott	100	0	0	Miss Nicholls	100	0	0
F. L. Prime	100	0	0	Rev. and Mrs. Baumber ..	100	0	0
M. Sanson	90	0	0	J. A. Smith	100	0	0
W. H. Scott	175	10	11	Wake Estate	2,066	1	8
C. E. Beecroft	50	0	0	Amelia Smith	32	1	7
Miss A. Porter	25	0	0	Ellen Smith	10	0	0
Wm. Goldsmith	25	0	0	G. H. Ward	50	0	0
Robson Estate	20	0	0	Rev. S. Lawry	50	0	0
Benton Estate	20	0	0	Geo. Winstone	1,000	0	0
Miss Rogers	5	0	0	G. Sowerby	829	9	7
J. Blakely	12	10	0	J. Sheat	24	2	1
Nathan Robinson	100	0	0	Mrs. Knell	50	0	0
Mrs. W. A. Gifford	163	6	3	J. Allott	50	0	0
Mrs. M. Westney	10	0	0	Rev. G. Bond	50	0	0
R. Pitken	12	10	0	R. B. H. Maxwell	100	0	0
Rev. J. J. Mather	50	0	0	Uren Estate	500	0	0
Dorothy Dawson	325	0	0	A. B. C. Wills	100	13	8
Wesley Gordon	3,000	0	0	S. & C. M. Gorman	4,020	0	0
Emily J. Martin	1,000	0	0	W. Phillips	100	0	0
Thos. Burgin	50	0	0	Charles Gibbs	100	0	0
Elizabeth Spite	35	0	0	S. J. Ambury	48	0	0
Sarah Bennett	4	0	0	S. Gillies	25	0	0
Elizabeth Saunders	100	0	0	M. J. Phillips	50	0	0
George Buttle	50	0	0	W. Ferguson	216	13	4
W. J. Cheverton	1,000	0	0	Mrs. Jane C. Throp	25	0	0
Margaret Simson	200	0	0	Mrs. Wood	5	0	0
A. P. Queeree	25	0	0	Mrs. C. Overton	100	0	0
Miss Butterwick	50	0	0	Mrs. Ann James	28	3	0
John Smith	10	0	0	Duncan McKenzie	60	0	0
Edward Holdgate	50	0	0	G. R. George	115	14	8
Elizabeth Ward	25	0	0	G. Pearce	10	0	0
Mrs. Fanny Hansen	71	0	7	R. J. Robinson	250	0	0
Jas. Sinclair	10	0	0	W. Ferguson	25	0	0
Duncan McKenzie	1,025	0	0	J. Veale	16	1	1
S. T. Cox, Opunake	150	0	0	J. A. Sinclair	50	0	0
Mrs. Jane Hoare	235	11	3	J. B. Hansen	94	8	7
J. M. Brown	50	0	0	Annie Jamieson	100	0	0
H. Ford	25	0	0	Mrs. Boniface	55	0	0
A. McKenzie	100	0	0	J. F. Bealing	25	10	5
Mrs. A. Rennie	50	0	0	R. Gordon	10	0	0

STATEMENT OF SAMUEL AND CLARA MATILDA GORMAN HOME MISSION BEQUEST.

(Abstracted from the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments.)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital at 16/1/39	3,000	0	0	By Interest to Home Mission Fund	150	0	0
.. New Capital Received during year	1,020	0	0	.. Capital as at 16/1/40	4,020	0	0
.. Interest Received	150	0	0				
	£4,170	0	0		£4,170	0	0

TARANAKI MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL FUND.

Treasurers: REV. E. T. OLDS and MR. F. PENN.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital	3,000	0	0	By Interest Transferred to "Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School Committee	112	10	0
.. Interest from Wesley Training College	72	12	9	.. Balance, Capital Lodged with Investment Fund Board	3,000	0	0
.. Interest from Investment Fund Board	39	17	3				
	112	10	0				
	£3,112	10	0		£3,112	10	0

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT 16th JANUARY, 1940.

Treasurers: REV. E. T. OLDS and MR. F. PENN.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital as at 16th January, 1939—				By Loans on Mortgage	11,625	0	0
Legacies and Memorial Gifts	30,709	10	5	.. Debentures	225	0	0
Car Replacement Account	670	3	2	.. Auckland Gas Co. Ltd. Shares	520	0	0
Sinking Funds	730	16	9	.. Government Inscribed Stock (Excluding Canterbury Investment)	7,820	0	0
	32,110	10	4	.. Canterbury Inscribed Stock	1,100	0	0
.. New Capital Received During Year—				.. Properties	11,277	2	2
Estate late Mrs. Annie Jamieson	100	0	0	.. Lodged with Wesley Training College Board	350	0	0
Estate late J. B. Hansen	94	8	7	.. Car Replacement Account (Lodged with Maori Workers' Car Account)	695	3	2
.. Mrs. Boniface	55	0	0	.. Capital Awaiting Investment—			
.. W. Ferguson	29	3	4	Sinking Funds	1,001	5	4
.. G. R. George	29	14	8	Taranaki Native Parsonage Account	177	13	0
.. J. B. Bealing	25	10	5				
.. R. Gordon	10	0	0				
.. J. J. B. Veale	4	5	1				
.. Mr. S. Gorman	1,020	0	0				
.. Car Replacement Account	25	0	0				
.. Sinking Funds	270	8	7				
.. Account, Wake Estate	307	7	6				
.. Taranaki Native Parsonage	7	13	0				
	1,978	11	2				
	£34,089	1	6				

We have audited the Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Books and Vouchers, and in our opinion the above Statement correctly sets out the position of the Fund as at January 16th 1940.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 16th, 1940.

Treasurers: REV. E. T. OLDS and MR. F. PENN.

RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE.								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, from January 16th, 1939				7	0	0	By Payments to Home Mission Fund	747	15	9			
„ Rents—							„ Office Rent	8	10	0			
Kao	51	5	0				„ Rates	23	5	4			
Newark	62	0	0				„ Water Rights	8	0	0			
Waima	0	10	0				„ Secretarial Work	10	0	0			
Mangawhare	55	2	0				„ Electric Installation, Mt. Wesley	8	0	0			
Mangungu	1	0	0				„ Interest, Onerahi	1	10	0			
From Loan on Mortgage	643	4	1				„ Bank Charges, etc.	3	10	0			
„ Fixed Deposit, W.T.C.	10	10	0	823	11	1					810	11	1
To Onerahi	40	0	0				„ Credit Balance				61	10	0
„ Interest	1	10	0										
				41	10	0							
				£872	1	1					£872	1	1

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Accumulated Funds ..				16,271	16	8	By Mortgages ..				11,500	0	0
„ Balance, Revenue Account ..	20	0	0				„ Properties ..				4,471	16	8
„ Onerahi Property Account ..	41	10	0				„ Fixed Deposit, W.T.C. ..				300	0	0
				61	10	0	„ Credit Balance, B.N.Z.—						
							Onerahi Property Account	41	10	0			
							Current Account ..	20	0	0			
											61	10	0
				£16,333	6	8					£16,333	6	8

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW }
J. L. CRAWFORD } Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.
TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1939.
VAN TRADING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Purchases from Bookroom	544	17	5	By Cash Sales	492	4	4
„ Gross Profit to P. and L. Account ..	65	19	0	„ Charge Sales	90	18	1
				„ Stock	27	14	0
	£610	16	5		£610	16	5

BOOKROOM TRADING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/8/38	1,080	11	11				By Sales, Bookroom	1,784	19	6			
„ Purchases	1,941	2	4				„ Sales to Van	544	17	5			
				3,021	14	3					2,329	16	11
„ Gross Profit to P. and L. Account				638	19	11		„ Stock			1,330	17	3
				£3,660	14	2					£3,660	14	2

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Van Expenses	76	17	5				By Gross Profit—						
„ General Expenses	4	8	11				Van	65	19	0			
„ Stamps	78	0	6				Bookroom	638	19	11			
„ Cables	1	1	0								704	18	11
„ Salaries	394	14	8				„ Subscriptions and Donations	363	2	6			
„ Rent	70	1	4				„ Home Mission, Subsidy ..	63	10	6			
„ Freight	3	0	8								426	13	0
„ Interest	2	4	9										
„ Advertising	7	10	0										
„ Printing and Stationery ..	39	9	1										
„ Insurance	1	14	10										
„ Bookroom Expenses ..	25	18	1										
„ Depreciation—													
Equipment .. £11 14 5													
Lantern .. 2 10 0													
				14	4	5							
„ Bad Debts				4	2	6							
„ Depreciation Reserve for Car and Caravan				80	10	8							
„ Net Profit to Capital Account													
				803	18	10							
				327	13	1							
				£1,131	11	11					£1,131	11	11

PICTURE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Travelling Expenses and Maintenance	48	13	8				By Subsidy, H.M. Department ..	50	0	0			
„ Depreciation—							„ Takings	37	0	7			
Plant, 20 %	76	16	2				„ Loss Transferred to Capital Account				87	0	7
Films, 50 %	28	13	0								67	2	3
				154	2	10							
				£154	2	10					£154	2	10

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

BALANCE SHEET, AS AT 31st JULY, 1939.

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Trade Creditors ..	..			283	12	8	By Commercial Bank of Australia—						
„ Bad Debts Reserve ..	..			50	0	0	Iasia—						
„ Depreciation Reserve ..	..			80	10	8	Current Account ..	64	15	6			
„ Capital Account—							Depreciation Reserve ..	80	10	8			
Balance, 1/8/38 ..	1,800	5	3								145	6	2
Add Interest on Fixed							„ Sundry Debtors ..				224	4	10
Deposit ..	2	1	2				„ Stock on Hand—						
Add Profit from P. and							Van ..	27	14	0			
L. Account ..	327	13	1				Bookroom ..	1,330	17	3			
											1,358	11	3
				2,129	19	6	„ Bedford Van and Caravan ..				402	13	0
Less Loss on Picture							„ Office and Bookroom equipment	117	3	5			
Department ..	67	2	3				Less Depreciation ..	11	14	5			
											105	9	0
				2,062	17	3	„ Lantern and Slides ..	8	18	0			
							Less Depreciation ..	2	10	0			
											6	8	0
							„ Picture Equipment ..	339	17	6			
							Less Depreciation ..	105	9	2			
											234	8	4
				£2,477	0	7					£2,477	0	7

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and that 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, 1939. 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.

J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z. }
A. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z. } Hon. Auditors.

WILSON & HORTON LIMITED
GLUCKLAND
70619

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1939.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Retiring Allowances .. ..	..	..	1567 18 1	By Balance as at 30/11/1938 ..	..	6332 9 10	
„ Reserve Account .. ..	..	..	87 1 9	„ Contributions: Personal ..	224 0 0		
„ Balance as at 30/11/1939 ..	..	..	5462 16 3	„ Circuit ..	219 0 0		
				Home Mission Bd. 193 10 0			
						636 10 0	
				Less Refunded	40 10 0		
						596 0 0	
				„ Interest		189 6 3	
			<u>£7,117 16 1</u>			<u>£7,117 16 1</u>	

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Reserve Account.

			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts	189 6 3	By Balance as at 30/11/1938	342 10 5	
„ Office Expenses :				„ Interest: Supernumerary Fund ..	..	225 10 0	
Authorised Appropriation ..	56 0 0			„ Contributors' Account ..	..	87 1 9	
Stationery and General Exps. ..	5 1 9						
			61 1 9				
„ Balance as at 30/11/1939 ..	..	..	404 14 2				
			<u>£655 2 2</u>			<u>£655 2 2</u>	

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1939.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£ s. d.
Personal Accounts	.. ..			5642	16 3	Deposit : Supernumerary Fund	.. .. 6052 5 5
Reserve Fund	.. ..			404	14 2		
Accumulated Funds :							
Centenary Gift	.. ..	100	0 0				
Inscribed Stock Profits	.. ..	44	15 0				
Special Donation	.. ..	40	0 0				
				184	15 0		
				£6,052	5 5		£6,052 5 5

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, 1939.

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, 12th December, 1939.

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND
WELLSIDE HOME MISSIONARIES, WELLSIDE, LONDON

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1939.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances		116	3 6	By Balance as at 30/11/1938 ..		5452	14 8
„ Reserve Account		20	10 11	„ Contributions: Personal ..	248	16 5	
„ Balance as at 30/11/1939 ..		6072	0 1	Circuit ..	78	0 0	
				Home Mission Bd. ..	79	0 0	
				Foreign Mission Board ..	153	15 0	
						559	11 5
				„ Interest		196	8 5
		<u>£6,208</u>	<u>14 6</u>			<u>£6,208</u>	<u>14 6</u>

Reserve Account.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..			196	8 5	By Balance as at 30/11/1938 ..		7 1 10
„ Office Expenses:					„ Contributors' Account ..		20 10 11
Authorised Appropriation ..	30	0 0			„ Interest: Supernumerary Fund ..		214 18 7
Stationery and General Expenses	3	14 5					
			33	14 5			
„ Balance as at 30/11/1939 ..			12	8 6			
			<u>£242</u>	<u>11 4</u>			<u>£242</u>
							<u>11 4</u>

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30 November, 1939.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
			£	s. d.				£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	..	..	6072	0 1	Deposit: Supernumerary Fund	..	..	6184	8 7
Capital Account..	..	..	100	0 0					
Reserve Fund ..	..	..	12	8 6					
			<u>£6,184 8 7</u>					<u>£6,184 8 7</u>	

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1939.

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, 12th December, 1939.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (Inc.)

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1939

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Interest on Trust Deposit Accounts	..	155	10 2	By Commission on Collections	.. ..	1	3 8
„ Authorised Appropriation	..	4	0 0	„ Interest on Deposits	.. ..	164	3 7
„ Stationery and General Expenses	..	0	8 5				
„ Capital Account	.. ..	5	8 8				
		£165	7 3			£165	7 3

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1939.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Capital as at 30/11/1938	..	17	4 3	Debentures	.. ..	1210	0 0
Plus Revenue Account Balance	..	5	8 8	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	.. ..	9729	0 7
			22 12 11				
Trust Accounts :							
Connexional Funds (13)	..	3966	7 7				
Church Trusts (23)	..	6214	15 11				
Personal Accounts (4)	..	735	4 2				
		£10,939	0 7			£10,939	0 7

We have examined the above Revenue Account and Balance Sheet and have compared them with the books of the Fund and we certify to their correctness. We have had the securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1939.

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, 12th December, 1939.

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1939.

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Audited and found correct.
 ERNEST HOBBS }
 J. M. DALE } Auditors

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st December, 1939.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance, Jan. 1st, 1939	..			By Cost of Christchurch Conference :			
.. Current Levies —Districts—			1128 18 6	(a) Travelling :			
Auckland ..	..	631	10 0	Equalisation Fund ..	194 0 0		
South Auckland ..	..	354	16 0	Official Representatives ..	150 15 2		
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	..	227	8 0			344 15 2	
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	..	239	16 0	(b) Printing :			
Wellington ..	..	371	15 1	Agenda ..	114 11 6		
Nelson ..	..	176	12 6	Minutes ..	111 15 11		
North Canterbury ..	..	455	17 9	Other ..	14 0 8		
South Canterbury ..	..	161	0 0	Stationery, etc. ..	22 8 6		
Otago-Southland ..	..	347	1 3			262 16 7	
			2965 16 7	.. District Expenses, Chairman's			
279 .. Synod Collection :				Travelling and Other :			
Auckland ..	..	3	0 0	Auckland ..	49 14 6		
South Auckland ..	..	8	12 2	South Auckland ..	29 14 8		
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	..	5	10 0	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	25 10 5		
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	..	4	13 3	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	26 14 3		
Wellington ..	..	3	5 6	Wellington ..	24 5 4		
Nelson ..	..	2	4 3	Nelson ..	42 8 11		
North Canterbury ..	..	4	11 5	North Canterbury ..	25 2 6		
South Canterbury ..	..	4	18 6	South Canterbury ..	17 18 8		
Otago-Southland ..	..	5	15 4	Otago-Southland ..	42 13 9		
			42 10 5			234 3 0	
.. Sales :				.. Synod Expenses :			
Agenda ..	..	22	8 6	Auckland ..	48 1 0		
Minutes ..	..	19	16 11	South Auckland ..	45 1 4		
Law Books, etc. ..	..	9	19 11	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	20 16 3		
			52 5 4	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	23 11 10		
.. Refunds :				Wellington ..	12 11 8		
Travelling ..	..		0 8 1	Nelson ..	30 12 10		

Methodist Church Contingent Fund—Continued.

To Grant :			
From Childrens' Fund	..	150	0 0
„ Temporary Loans	..	400	0 0

North Canterbury	..	14	17	7					
South Canterbury	..	11	13	10					
Otago-Southland	..	26	14	5					
						234	0	9	
By Ministerial Supply :									
South Auckland	..	3	8	0					
Taranaki-Wanganui	..	11	12	5					
South Canterbury	..	3	0	0					
Otago-Southland	..	15	1	0					
						33	1	5	
,, Connexional Payments :									
President's Travelling	..	72	15	7					
Postages, etc.	..	12	10	0					
Supply	..	32	13	6					
Secretary of Conference—									
Postages, etc.	..	12	10	0					
Printing	..	121	1	1					
Examination Committee Exps.	..	22	12	6					
Exhibition Supply..	..	26	13	4					
						300	16	0	
,, Grants :									
Theological College	..	740	0	0					
Connexional Sec. Dept.	..	183	15	0					
Deaconess Fund	..	75	0	0					
N.Z. Council of Religious Education..	..	20	0	0					
"Methodist Times" Editorial	..	51	11	11					
"Methodist Times" Special	..	125	0	0					
Wanganui Trust—Special	..	500	0	0					
N.Z. Exhibition—Special	..	83	4	11					
						1778	11	10	
,, Hon. Treasurers :									
Interest, Charges, Exch., etc.	..	15	0	9					
Postages, Stationery, etc.	..	4	8	0					
						19	8	9	

Methodist Church Contingent Fund—Continued.

		By Balances due by Districts:		
	Auckland	126	14	6
	South Auckland	42	4	2
	Taranaki-Wanganui	20	0	0
	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	62	14	10
	Wellington	34	17	5
	Nelson .. ..	..	..	..
	North Canterbury	69	18	9
	South Canterbury	27	18	2
	Otago-Southland	81	13	6
„ Total Balances held by or due to				
	Chairmen	466	1	4
„ Bank of N.Z. Auckland Current				
	Account	1016	4	1
		1482 5 5		
<u>£4,739 18 11</u>		<u>£4,739 18 11</u>		
N.B.—Balance as above		£1482 5 5		
Less Loans to be repaid		400 0 0		
Net Credit Balance of Fund		<u>£1,082 5 5</u>		

J. H. BLACKWELL }
W. WALKER } 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, 1939.

Christchurch,
3rd February, 1940.

ISAAC J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

Cash Statement Year Ending 31st December, 1939.

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Revenue Account Year Ended 31st December, 1939.

To Circuit Levies	1170	5	4				£	s.	d.
" Interest Earned	..	..	..	16	18	1	By Removal Expenses	..	..	992	8	0
							" Sundry Expenses	..	..	4	7	8
							" Transfer to Capital Account	..	..	190	7	9
				£1,187	3	5				£1,187	3	5

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1939.

	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund 31st December, 1938 ..	943	19	5
Transfer from Revenue Account	190	7	9
	<u>£1,134</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Outstanding Levies				328	0	4
Cash in Hand:						
Supernumerary Fund Dep. ..	208	2	11			
P.O.S.B.	583	6	1			
Bank of N.Z.	14	17	10			
				<u>806</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>
				<u>£1,134</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>

Audited and found correct.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A.N.Z.
20th December, 1939.

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

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1939.

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EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Brought Forward ..				5123	2	8
„ Solomon Islands District :						
Missionaries Stipends and Allowances ..	2751	18	2			
Sisters ..	818	10	0			
Nursing Sisters ..	555	15	0			
	1374	5	0			
Doctor's Stipend, Allowances (Including Retiring Fund) ..	312	13	0			
Native Agents' Stipends and Allowances ..	2420	13	4			
Hospital and Medical ..	882	7	0			
Freight Customs and Taxes ..	499	18	1			
Boats and Travelling ..	1944	11	0			
Educational—Colleges and Schools ..	950	8	5			
Properties—Current Expenses ..	434	6	10			
Lands Account ..	164	0	8			
General Expenses ..	211	11	7			
	11,946	13	1			
„ Interest on Loans and Overdraft ..	364	8	11			
„ Boat Insurance Fund ..	250	0	0			
„ Boat Insurance Fund Interest (Contra) ..	24	19	2			
	274	19	2			
„ New Zealand Office Working Exs.:						
Salaries ..	300	0	0			

INCOME

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By New Zealand Contributions ..						
General Fund, 1938 Account ..	93	16	9			
General Fund, 1939 Account ..	8333	8	10			
Women's Aux. (less £2/10/- refunded) ..	1322	10	0			
Y.W.B.C. Movement ..	210	0	0			
Young Men's Movement ..	64	10	0			
For Native Teachers ..	286	14	0			
For Orphans ..	67	0	0			
Debt Reduction Fund ..	1	0	0			
Interest on Working Capital ..	401	4	8			
Medical Fund, including Int. but less Gift Duty ..	965	1	2			
Interest Boat Insurance Fund (Contra) ..	24	19	2			
Profit Publications ..	35	2	5			
	11,805	7	0			
Medical Fund—Transfer from Medical Capital Fund ..				325	0	0
„ Solomon Islands Contributions :						
Roviana Circuit ..	660	4	6			
Vella Lavella Circuit ..	321	5	9			
Choiseul Circuit ..	490	14	5			
Bougainville and Buka Circuit ..	232	15	2			
Produce—Less Plantation Exp. ..	189	10	2			
Government Grants ..	281	0	0			
	2175	10	0			

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Treasurer's Honorarium ..	50	0	0
Auditor's Fee ..	15	15	0
House Allowance ..	150	0	0
Connexional Charges ..	52	9	8
Deputation Exps. and Travel	178	14	10
Exchange, Stamps, etc. ..	78	16	8
Printing Annual Reports ..	85	0	0
Printing and Stationery ..	174	5	11
Office Rent and Phones ..	85	13	0
Theological College ..	50	0	0
Deaconess Institute ..	25	0	0
Office Assistance ..	181	8	4
Charges, etc., Centennial Exhib.	142	19	3
Methodist Times ..	10	0	0
National Missionary Council	7	10	0
Sundry Payments ..	25	18	10
Hospitality Allowance ..	15	0	0
Supernumerary Fund Account			
Cropp	16	5	0
	<hr/>	1644	16 6
" Depreciation—Atherton Road Property		70	0 0
" Equipment Fund (Contra) ..		1557	16 8
" Working Capital Fund (Contra)		1829	4 4
" Medical Mission Fund (Contra)		2933	0 0
	<hr/>	£25,744	1 4

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1939 (Exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties.)

LIABILITIES				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors—Solomon Islands :				
Circuit Balances	1247	18	0	
Personal Creditors	435	13	1	
Sundry Creditors	1649	14	0	
				3333 5 1
Overdraft at Bank of N.Z. Auckland :				
(Secured over certain Working Capital and Medical Fund Assets)	4594	2	3	
Loans at Fixed Deposit and at Call	4155	0	0	
Balance Proceeds Banga Debentures				
held in Trust for future income	15	0	0	
Special Funds :				
Medical Mission Fund (including Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest £11,433) Balance 31st Dec., 1938	12,881	13	8	
Added during 1939	2933	0	0	
	15,814	13	8	
<i>Less Remaining Expenditure Hospital Wards, etc.</i>	£256	10	2	
<i>Less Trans. to Inc.</i>	325	0	0	
	581	10	2	
	15,233	3	6	

ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Assets in Solomon Islands :				
Cash in Hand	530	14	3	
Sundry Debtors	1395	9	3	
Stock on Hand	2868	9	8	
				4794 13 2
Advance Payments, 1940				2716 10 9
Medical Mission Fund Assets :				
Colonial Sugar Refining Co.—Shares valued at	500	0	0	
N.Z. Govt. Stock 3½%	2835	0	0	
" " 3¼%	1190	0	0	
" " 4%	960	0	0	
Wellington C.C. Debentures	3100	0	0	
Wellington Hospital Brd. Debs. ..	400	0	0	
Nelson C.C. Debentures	2000	0	0	
Mortgage	900	0	0	
Loan Pitt St. Church Trustees ..	2350	0	0	
Post Office Savings Bank	65	3	6	
Auckland Gas Co. Shares	933	0	0	
				15,233 3 6
Boat Insurance Fund Assets :				
N.Z. Govt. Stock	1248	0	0	
P.O. Savings Bank	321	9	11	
				1569 9 11
Working Capital Fund Assets :				
Mt. Eden Boro' Debentures 4½% ..	200	0	0	
Auckland C.C. Debentures 4½% ..	200	0	0	

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet—continued.

Equipment Fund :

Balance 31st Dec., 1939	..	3328	9	0
Income, 1939	..	1557	16	8

Less Expenditure 1939, including £600 reversed last year	..	3777	2	3
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Atherton Rd. Property Trust A/c.		1109	3	5
Boat Insurance Fund	333	2	10
		1569	9	11

Capital Account :

Working Capital Assets at December, 31st, 1938	..	8822	4	1
Add Legacies	..	1829	4	4

		10,651	8	5
Less Deficit as per Income and Expenditure Account	..	5118	3	4
		5533	5	1

£35,875 12 1

Auck. Transp. Bd. Debs.	4½% ..	1500	0	0
N.Z. Govt. Stock	4% ..	2165	0	0
Fuller and Sons Debentures	..	1000	0	0
N.Z. Farmers Dairy Union Shares		7	10	0
Mortgages	..	2750	0	0
Loan Pitt St. Church Trustees	..	650	0	0
Auckland Savings Bank	..	378	18	5
P.O. Savings Bank Preston Bequest		1800	0	0

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General Secretary's Residence :

Atherton Road Property	..	1685	0	0
less Depreciation	..	70	0	0
		1615	0	0

Less Mortgage Fire Ins.

Board	..	£741	18	8
Less Loan	..	525	0	0
		1266	18	8

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Paper paid for in Advance	..	66	8	0
Customs Dept. Deposit	..	10	0	0
Methodist Missionary Society Aust.		485	17	0

£35,875 12 1

AUDITOR'S REPORT.—I certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand and that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs as at the 31st December, 1939, as shown by its books. I have obtained all information I have required. The Solomon Islands figures are as certified to by the Chairman and Secretary of the Solomon Islands District and have been accepted by me. The value of the Solomon Islands Properties has been expressly excluded from the Balance Sheet.

Auckland, 16th January, 1940.

J. B. GILMORE, F.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

General Secretary's Residence Account.

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	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Interest	55	15	3	By Balance 31st December, 1938	285	8	9
„ Rates Insurance and Maintenance	46	10	8	„ House Allowance	150	0	0
„ Balance at 31st December, 1939 ..	..	333	2	10				
		<u>£435</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£435</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>

**CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOREIGN MISSION
FUND, 1940.**

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

				£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	..	..	..	235	3	2
Auckland Central Mission	..	..	..	17	3	4
Auckland West	..	..	..	60	14	10
Auckland East	..	..	..	562	18	10
Auckland East, 1938	..	..	..	7	0	0
Avondale	..	..	..	236	3	8
Devonport	..	..	..	41	11	6
Takapuna	..	..	..	34	19	1
Birkenhead	..	..	..	70	19	9
Birkenhead, 1938	..	..	..	0	7	6
Onehunga	..	..	..	82	14	3
Otahuhu	..	..	..	69	18	4
Papakura	..	..	..	39	2	11
Pukekohe	..	..	..	53	6	3
Waiuku ..	..	..	..	71	7	10
Mahurangi	..	..	..	16	13	6
Paparoa ..	..	..	..	1	10	0
Paparoa, 1938	..	..	..	4	11	0
Dargaville	..	..	..	30	2	6
Ruawai ..	..	..	..	5	11	0
Whangarei	..	..	..	14	9	9
Whangarei, 1938	..	..	..	4	10	4
Whangaroa	..	..	..	13	1	0
Bay of Islands	..	..	..	11	12	11
Port Albert	..	..	..	105	8	9
Hikurangi	..	..	..	4	0	9
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	..	..	..	6	14	11
Mangonui	..	..	..	22	8	9
Bombay-Tuakau ..	..	..	..	32	4	11
Bombay-Taukau, 1938	..	..	..	0	14	2
Kaukapakapa	3	1	7
Helensville	3	1	0
Hokianga-Rawene	8	7	0
Hokianga-Kohukohu	5	14	1
				<hr/>		
				£1,877	9	2
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SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames	38	0	10
Hauraki Plains	9	10	7
Te Aroha	99	3	7
Paeroa	46	15	6
Morrinsville	111	7	1
Morrinsville, 1938	0	10	0
Cambridge	54	2	9
Hamilton	116	5	5
Hamilton East	47	10	2
Huntly	24	1	0
Matamata	68	15	4
Rotorua	39	19	8
Tauranga	35	18	2
Whakatane	11	3	11
Opotiki	19	7	9
Te Awamutu	67	16	0
Otorohanga	41	3	0
Te Kuiti	20	13	0
Taumarunui	10	7	6
Ngaruawahia	3	16	3
Ngaruawahia, 1938	1	3	0
Waihi	36	4	4
Te Puke	1	11	10
Putaruru	14	7	9
Coromandel	11	13	6
	£931	7	11

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	93	7	1
Waitara	9	13	10
Inglewood	15	0	5
Stratford	32	19	4
Eltham-Kaponga	32	4	3
Hawera	123	0	4
Manaia	10	9	9
Opunake	100	0	0
Wanganui	113	1	8
Wanganui North	60	11	6
Marton	7	0	0
Taihape	11	4	2
Raetihi-Ohakune	1	0	0
Gonville	18	4	7
Patea	5	9	0
Ohura	6	16	5
	£640	2	4

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	150	0	0
Hastings	141	8	4
Gisborne	41	8	2
Wairoa	10	0	0
Dannevirke	23	13	7
Woodville	22	6	5
Pahiatua	41	4	6
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	109	17	1
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	141	17	11
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	33	13	11
Feilding	336	19	0
Sanson-Rongotea	55	19	8
Waipawa	23	3	7
Foxton-Shannon	24	14	9
Apiti	19	17	6
Norsewood	7	3	5

£1,183 7 10

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington Central	146	10	11
Wellington Central, 1938	6	10	0
Wellington, Thorndon	76	14	1
Wellington South	101	10	0
Wellington East	120	10	11
Wellington East, 1938	3	9	8
Johnsonville-Ngaio	203	10	0
Hutt	110	17	8
Petone	30	11	0
Greytown-Featherston	16	17	1
Carterton	13	9	8
Masterton	109	0	8
Eketahuna	16	7	7
Levin	96	1	10
Otaki	12	17	6
Otaki, 1938	12	14	3
Paraparaumu	13	12	3
Upper Hutt	14	4	0

£1,105 9 1

NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson	167	7	3
Richmond	24	15	5
Wakefield-Dovedale	11	8	3
Motueka	38	13	1
Blenheim	117	6	11
Blenheim, 1938	30	2	8
Reefton	3	8	2
Westport	14	16	6
Greymouth	36	4	10
Hokitika	20	7	10
Havelock	4	9	1
Murchison	6	8	6
Granity	5	1	4
	<u>£480</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Christchurch, Durham Street	103	12	7
Christchurch, Durham Street, 1938	2	0	0
Christchurch East	247	11	3
Christchurch, Cambridge Terrace	7	5	4
Christchurch, Woolston	99	0	0
Christchurch, Sydenham	29	13	4
Christchurch, Addington	73	10	7
Christchurch, Addington, 1938	2	2	7
Christchurch, Riccarton	31	3	11
Christchurch, St. Albans	151	8	11
Christchurch, St. Albans, 1938	2	18	0
Christchurch, Papanui	100	3	3
Lyttelton	9	12	11
Springston	5	17	1
Tai Tapu	20	18	0
Leeston	35	18	0
Leeston, 1938	3	3	3
Kaiapoi	47	18	2
Ohoka	48	11	0
Rangiora	64	12	10
Rangiora, 1938	0	8	6
Woodend-Sefton	40	6	8
Greendale	27	11	0
Greendale, 1938	0	2	0
Oxford	12	8	6
Hawarden	0	0	0
Waddington	15	1	0
	<u>£1,182</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

				£	s.	d.
Timaru, Bank Street .. .. .	..	..	..	22	6	6
Timaru, Woodland Street .. .. .	..	..	..	34	17	7
Timaru South .. .. .	..	..	..	19	16	11
Waimate .. .. .	..	..	..	15	0	0
Temuka .. .. .	..	..	..	17	6	11
Geraldine .. .. .	..	..	..	25	8	7
Ashburton .. .. .	..	..	..	101	7	1
Willowby .. .. .	..	..	..	32	1	4
Oamaru .. .. .	..	..	..	27	1	6
Oamaru, 1938 .. .. .	..	..	..	2	0	0
Rakaia-Methven .. .. .	..	..	..	8	1	4
				305	7	9

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin, Trinity .. .. .	..	..	..	100	16	9
Dunedin, Trinity, 1938 .. .. .	..	..	..	0	19	9
Dunedin, Central Mission .. .. .	..	..	..	64	13	1
Dunedin, Dundas Street .. .. .	..	..	..	40	11	2
Dunedin, Cargill Road .. .. .	..	..	..	47	13	7
Dunedin, St. Kilda .. .. .	..	..	..	41	10	0
Dunedin, Caversham .. .. .	..	..	..	36	6	4
Dunedin, Mornington .. .. .	..	..	..	38	15	8
Dunedin, Roslyn .. .. .	..	..	..	28	18	10
Port Chalmers .. .. .	..	..	..	36	18	9
Port Chalmers, 1938 .. .. .	..	..	..	2	0	0
Balclutha .. .. .	..	..	..	12	5	3
Milton .. .. .	..	..	..	18	5	1
Roxburgh .. .. .	..	..	..	15	12	3
Roxburgh, 1938 .. .. .	..	..	..	1	0	0
Invercargill Central .. .. .	..	..	..	61	1	1
Invercargill Central, 1938 .. .. .	..	..	..	8	19	9
Invercargill, St. Peters .. .. .	..	..	..	61	3	4
Bluff .. .. .	..	..	..	0	0	0
Gore .. .. .	..	..	..	18	18	8
Riverton, 1938 .. .. .	..	..	..	1	2	0
Maori Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	22	0	0
Waikouaiti .. .. .	..	..	..	10	1	0
Mosgiel .. .. .	..	..	..	7	10	7
Edendale .. .. .	..	..	..	20	14	0
Lawrence .. .. .	..	..	..	6	6	7
Cromwell .. .. .	..	..	..	10	0	0
Otautau-Tautapere .. .. .	..	..	..	11	16	2
Nightcaps .. .. .	..	..	..	8	12	6
				£734	12	2

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Twelve months Ended 31st August, 1939.

	RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances in Bank 31/8/38—						
Sisters Salaries Fund ..	358	4	3			
Medical Fund ..	193	5	4			
"Kurahuna" Fund ..	37	9	3			
Stamp Fund ..	111	1	5			
Doctor Fund ..	234	2	7			
Other Objects ..	19	0	0			
Executive Fund ..	179	13	6			
			1132 16 4			
"Kurahuna" Emergency F.	907	14	2			
"Kurahuna" Deprec. Fd.	328	6	1			
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacement Fund ..	27	4	10			
			1263 5 1			
			2396 1 5			
Affiliation Fees ..	10	2	6			
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund ..	2314	2	6			
Gleanings ..	80	15	9			
Reserve Salaries Fund ..	185	10	5			
N.Z.M.Y.W.B.C.M. (two Sisters & Native teachers)	370	0	0			
Debenture I to "Kurahuna"	20	3	10			
"Kurahuna" (Aux's.) ..	479	14	7			
Medical Fund ..	170	15	8			
Stamp Fund ..	111	4	10			
Doctor Fund ..	134	7	3			
Doctor Fund, Interest on Deposit ..	3	10	0			
Solomon Island Sisters' Salaries ..	1466	0	0			
Solomon Island Sisters' Salaries Extra Amount Promised ..	100	0	0			
Solomon Island Native Teachers (Y.W.B.C.M.)	40	0	0			
Home Sisters' Salaries	1123	15	0			
Doctor's Maintenance ..	100	0	0			
			2829 15 0			
Medical Fund allocated by Conference ..	193	5	4			
Stamp Fund allocated by Conference ..	111	1	5			
"Kurahuna" Maintenance	405	3	2			
"Kurahuna" Depreciation	23	6	0			
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements ..	49	19	0			
			782 14 11			
			3612 9 11			
Solomon Island Capital Fund—						
Mrs. Jarvis' Legacy ..						
(Timaru) ..	5	0	0			
Mrs. McGeachie's Legacy (Te Awamutu) ..	10	0	0			
Mrs. Walton's Legacy (Invercargill) ..	50	0	0			
Anon. Donor (Dunedin)	100	0	0			

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.

Mrs. McGeachie's Legacy (Te Awamutu) ..	25	0	0
Mrs. Walton's Legacy (In- vercargill) ..	100	0	0
Anon. Gift Dunedin ..	100	0	0
Donation "Kurahuna" Capital Fund ..	25	0	0
Donation Sister Eleanor	8	0	0
Donation Deaconess H.	6	1	0
Donation Home Mission Special Appeal ..	12	0	0
Donation Solomon Island Girls' School ..	32	0	0
Donation Solomon Island Earthquake Fund ..	15	4	9
Donation Solomon Island Debt Reduction ..	1	0	0
Bank Interest	23	7	0
	4228	0	1
"Kurahuna" Emergency Fund—			
"Kurahuna" Treas. ..	150	0	0
Bank Interest ..	24	2	7
	174	2	7

Solomon Island Girls' School—			
Mrs. McGeachie's Legacy	5	0	0
From Auxiliaries ..	36	0	0
Solomon Island—			
Earthquake Fund ..	15	4	9
Debt. Reduction ..	1	0	0
Medical, Mrs. McGeachie's Legacy ..	10	0	0
	232	4	9
Home Mission Capital Fund—			
Mrs. Jarvis' Legacy ..	5	0	0
Mrs. Walton's Legacy	50	0	0
Home Mis. Special Appeal	12	0	0
	67	0	0
"Kurahuna" Capital Fund (Dunedin) ..	25	0	0
Sister Eleanor ..	8	0	0
Deaconess House ..	6	1	0
Machine (Sol. Islands) ..	5	0	0
Rates on Section ..	0	18	2
Printing and Stationery	51	3	6
Fares to Feilding Conference	15	1	4
Executive Expenses ..	58	12	5
	169	16	5

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Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.

"Kurahuna" Deprec. F'd.	23	6	0	
Bank Interest ..	8	17	9	
				32 3 9
"Kurahuna" Repairs and				
Replacement ..	49	19	0	
Bank Interest ..	0	18	6	
				50 17 6
				<u>257 3 10</u>

"Kurahunu" Capital Fund				
from "Kurahunu" Em-				
ergency Fund ..			500	0 0
"Kurahunu" Treas. from				
"Kurahunu" Repairs &				
Replacements ..			18	5 6
Credit Balances in Bank—				
Reserve Salaries Fund	185	10	5	
Sisters' Salaries and				
Executive Fund ..	480	15	1	
"Kurahunu" Fund ..	58	19	6	
Stamp Fund ..	111	4	10	
Medical Fund ..	170	15	8	
Doctor Fund ..	271	19	10	
			1279	5 4
"Kurahunu" Emergency F.	581	16	9	
"Kurahunu" Depreci. F.	360	9	10	
"Kurahunu" Repairs and				
Replacements Fund ..	59	16	10	
			1002	3 5
			2281	8 9
			\$6,881	5 4

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IVY T. WALKER, Hon. Auditor.

"KURAHUNA" MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Maintenance Account from 1st September, 1938, to 31st August, 1939.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st Sept., 1938—	..	..	..
General Fund	77	18	7			
Girls' Stall	4	1	0			
Tennis Court	10	0	0			
Alterations to Bathroom ..	70	0	0			
				161	19	7
Subscriptions Fees, Etc.—						
Fees from Parents	99	10	0			
Subscriptions from Auxiliaries	458	4	4			
Special Donations	13	12	6			
Annual "At Home" Offering	7	1	0			
Annual "At Home" Girls' Stall	4	12	6			
Visitor's Box	0	1	9			
Refunds : Dentist's Account £1 6 0						
Uniforms £3 18 8						
	4	19	2			
Sale of Produce	2	0	6			
				590	1	9
Sundries—						
Refund from Repairs and Replacements	18	5	6			
Interest on Debentures	20	3	10			
Interest on £3,000	105	0	0			
Interest Auckland Savings Bank	2	1	1			
				145	10	5

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Administration—						
Salaries—Matron	100	0	0			
Salaries—Assistant	53	7	0			
Girls' Outings	1	11	10			
Printing, Stationery, Postage, etc.	4	9	5			
Insurance Water Rates, Telephone	23	11	7			
Travelling Expenses	1	5	0			
				184	4	10
Household Expenses—						
Groceries	64	5	11			
Bread	24	17	8			
Meat and Fish	28	4	8			
Milk	2	0	2			
Wood, Coal and Coke	16	15	6			
Electricity	5	8	1			
Gas	2	18	9			
Clothing Material	2	8	4			
Medicine	0	19	0			
Catering for Annual "At Home"	2	3	8			
Fruit, Vegetables and Seeds, etc.	7	16	11			
Sundries	7	17	1			
				165	15	9
Maintenance—						
Furnishing (Donation £5)	18	15	0			
Repairs—Plumbing, etc.	13	1	5			
Alterations to Bathroom (Donations £70)	86	15	6			
				118	11	11

Donations from Stall Account to H.M. and F.M.	3	0	0
Reserves—			
Emergency Fund	150	0	0
Depreciation	23	6	0
Repairs and Replacements	49	19	0
	223	5	0
Balance—Auckland Savings Bank ..	202	14	3
General Fund £188/12/7; Tennis Court £10; Stall, £4/1/8.			
	£879	11	9
	£897	11	9

I have examined the books and vouchers of "Kurahuna" and compared them with the above Maintenance Account, and certify that in my opinion the statement correctly represents the position of the accounts for the year ending 31st August, 1939.

Auckland, 6th September, 1939.

(Signed) PERCY DELLOW.

AMOUNTS RAISED BY MISSIONARY AUXILIARIES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Ashburton ..	74	16	1	Northern Wairoa ..	2	10	6
Auckland ..	712	3	11	Oamaru ..	14	12	7
Blenheim ..	33	13	0	Otaki ..	4	12	0
Bluff ..	18	9	0	Otago Y.W.M.M. ..	60	2	6
Cambridge ..	5	6	3	Oxford ..	6	10	4
Christchurch ..	504	13	5	Paeroa ..	12	11	7
Dannevirke ..	17	0	0	Pahiatua ..	6	4	0
Dannevirke Y.P. ..	19	12	6	Palmerston Nth. ..	103	12	0
Dunedin ..	311	7	2	Petone ..	32	19	6
Eketahuna ..	5	2	6	Picton ..	0	2	6
Eltham ..	21	16	0	Port Albert ..	0	2	6
Feilding ..	77	1	0	Rangiora ..	65	10	4
Gisborne ..	22	10	0	Reefton ..	3	4	4
Gonville ..	11	4	9	Richmond ..	15	15	6
Gore ..	8	1	5	Riverton ..	4	2	6
Greymouth ..	11	19	9	Roxburgh ..	18	5	6
Hamilton C. ..	45	8	8	Ruawai ..	18	6	6
Hamilton E. ..	20	13	10	Russell ..	0	5	0
Hastings ..	63	0	6	Southbrook ..	0	2	6
Hauraki Plains ..	1	2	6	Stratford ..	7	17	9
Hawera ..	75	0	0	Te Aroha ..	34	16	3
Hokitika ..	1	0	0	Te Awamutu ..	48	7	9
Invercargill ..	90	0	4	Temuka ..	3	9	10
Kaitaia ..	10	17	6	Taumarunui ..	0	15	0
Kaeo ..	1	5	9	Te Kuiti ..	6	3	4
Lower Hutt ..	59	7	3	Thames ..	18	0	10
Upper Hutt ..	4	18	3	Timaru (Wldd.) ..	37	12	6
Manaia ..	6	2	6	Timaru (Bank) ..	27	2	6
Masterton ..	34	0	0	Waimate ..	16	8	1
Marton ..	5	11	0	Waiuku ..	8	9	0
Matamata ..	15	13	9	Waiwhetu ..	12	4	10
Mataura ..	0	5	6	Wanganui Central ..	79	10	6
Millerton ..	1	19	0	Wanganui Nth. ..	24	16	11
Milton ..	0	2	6	Wanganui E.C. ..	7	7	5
Morrinsville ..	14	17	8	Whangarei ..	9	4	11
Motueka ..	3	17	0	Wellington ..	396	6	5
Napier ..	69	17	6	Willowby ..	43	19	6
Nelson ..	38	12	6	Willowby Y.P. ..	0	14	0
Nelson Sth. ..	0	2	6	Woodville ..	15	10	6
New Plymouth ..	41	13	1				

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.
Assets and Liabilities as at 30th November, 1939.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s, d.
Mortgage (Orphanage Board) ..			1200 0 0	Deaconess House Property (<i>less</i>			
Rates Due ..	58	16	4	Depreciation £100) ..	4050	0 0	
Unpaid Accounts for November ..	80	0	0	Furnishings ..	240	0 0	
			138 16 4				4290 0 0
Balance of Assets over Liabilities ..			3502 11 0	Property Reserve Account (P.O.S.B.)			169 1 7
				Balance :			
				At Bank of N.Z. ..	149	5 9	
				Deposit Contingent Fund ..	200	0 0	
				Cash in Hand ..	33	0 0	
							382 5 9
			<u>£4,841 7 4</u>				<u>£4,841 7 4</u>

Audited and found correct.

A. R. SHERRIS, A.R.A.N.Z.

5th December, 1939,

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman

H. CHAPMAN, Treasurer,

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending November 30th, 1939.

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EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	House Accounts	635	11	6			
"	Renewals	76	7	9			
"	Repairs	32	2	0			
"	Salaries	399	18	8			
"	New Equipment, etc.	..	..	90	15	0			
							1234	14	11
"	Advertising	..	..	4	0	0			
"	Telephone	..	..	9	16	8			
"	Sundries, Bank Charges, Stamps, etc.	..	..	8	14	10			
							22	11	6
"	Deaconess Uniforms, etc.	..	..	16	4	3			
"	Tutor's Honorarium	..	..	20	0	0			
							36	4	3
"	Rates	..	..	60	19	1			
"	Insurance	..	..	23	8	4			
"	Interest	..	..	59	10	0			
							143	17	5
"	Reduction of Mortgage	..	..				200	0	0
"	Balance :								
	Deposit Contingent Fund	..	..	200	0	0			
	At Bank of New Zealand	..	..	149	5	9			
	At Post Office Savings Bank	..	..	169	1	7			
	Cash in Hand	..	..	33	0	0			
							551	7	4
							£2,188	15	5

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Treasurers : REV. GEO. FROST, MR. A. LEN CAUGHEY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September. 1939.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1938—							
Oct. 19th To Balances Bank of N.Z.—							
Current Account					138	10	10
Capital Account					465	17	0
1939—September 30th							
To Revenue :							
General subs., per Treasurer ..	207	8	6				
General subs., per Collector ..	97	5	9				
Churches—Collections and Subs. ..	673	7	1				
Sunday Schools & Y.P. Societies ..	10	13	4				
Maintenance	1607	16	10				
Discount and Exchange	14	11	9				
Rents	211	10	6				
Interest	748	7	2				
Sales of Stock	6	7	6				
					3577	7	5
To Capital :							
Bequests :							
J. J. B. Veale Estate ..	41	15	2				
D. D. Hayes Estate ..	500	0	0				
J. C. M. Mallach Estate ..	12	12	1				
Emma Anderson Estate ..	93	17	11				
Frances B. Hanson Estate ..	94	8	6				
Sara Andrew Estate ..	40	0	0				
J. H. Hannan Estate ..	238	1	9				
Amy Hartley Estate ..	22	0	0				
Endowment Legacies—							
M. Caughey Preston ..	2000	0	0				
John Rendall ..	200	0	0				

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1939—September 30th.							
By Revenue :							
Salaries and Commission ..	1187	15	6				
Provisions	732	17	8				
Repairs	67	17	3				
Boots, Clothing, Drapery ..	63	3	5				
Fuel and Light	129	11	9				
Farm and Garden	12	5	2				
Printing and Stationery ..	38	9	9				
Medical and Dental	43	9	6				
Stamps and Telephone ..	37	11	11				
Travelling Expenses	24	6	8				
Insurance	45	14	0				
Petty Cash—Matrons	56	10	0				
Exchange	2	2	6				
Sundry Expenses	11	10	6				
Rent of Office	23	10	6				
Rates	175	14	6				
					2652	10	7
By Capital :							
Fixed Deposit—Bank of N.Z. ..	1000	0	0				
Inscribed Stock and Debentures ..	2689	17	3				
Part Payment new sections ..	352	0	0				
Furnishings	9	19	8				
					4051	16	11
By Balances :—Bank of N.Z. :							
Current Account					408	18	0
Capital Account					719	0	4

Property Sold—

Belmont Terrace	182	18	7
Weston Avenue	224	16	7
	<hr/> 3650 10 7		
	<hr/> £7,832 5 10		

£7,832 5 10

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30h September, 1939.

	£	s.	d.
1939—September 30th.			
To Expenditure as per above Statement ..	2652	10	7
„ Depreciation—Furniture	71	2	8
„ Capital A/c—Excess Revenue Transferred	853	14	2
	<hr/> £3,577 7 5		

	£	s.	d.
1939—September 30th.			
By Receipts as per above Statement ..	3577	7	5
	<hr/> £3,577 7 5		

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1939.

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Endowment Legacies—							
Eliza Gilmore Trust .. ..	..	1000	0	0			
M. Caughey Preston .. ..	..	2000	0	0			
John Rendall .. ..	..	200	0	0			
Capital—As at 19th Oct., 1938	..	31,579	5	10			
Add Bequests—							
J. J. B. Veale Estate .. ..	..	41	15	2			
D. D. Hayes Estate .. ..	..	500	0	0			
J. C. M. Mallach Estate .. ..	..	12	12	1			
Emma Anderson Estate .. ..	..	93	17	11			
Frances B. Hanson Est. .. ..	..	94	8	6			
J. H. Hannan Estate .. ..	..	238	1	9			
Sara Andrew Estate .. ..	..	40	0	0			
Amy Hartley Estate .. ..	..	22	0	0			

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Properties—at valuation :							
Orphanages .. ..	..	10,895	0	0			
Railway St. .. ..	..	850	0	0			
Allendale Rd. .. ..	..	350	0	0			
		<hr/> 12,095 0 0					
Shares—at par :							
Whangarei Gas Co. Ltd.—							
Ordinary Shares at £1 ..	..	1000	0	0			
Preference Shares at £1 ..	..	666	0	0			
Frank M. Winstone Ltd.—							
Ordinary Shares at £1 ..	..	8700	0	0			
		<hr/> 10,366 0 0					
Mortgage—M. E. Nicholls ..	..	300	0	0			
Inscribed Stock and Local Body							

Add Revenue Account Excess	..	853	14	2
				<hr/>
		33,475	15	5
Less Loss—Properties Sold—				
Belmont Terrace	£17	1	5	
Weston Avenue	£63	18	5	
		<hr/>		
		80	19	10
		<hr/>		
		33,394	15	7

Debentures (Including investment of Endowment Legacies)—			
New Zealand Inscribed Stock—			
£5,235 at cost	5271	7	3
Auckland City Debentures ..	500	0	0
Newmarket Borough Debentures	500	0	0
Furnishings	701	13	0
Add New	9	19	8
	<hr/>		
	£711	12	8
Less Depreciation 10% ..	71	2	8
	<hr/>		
	640	10	0
Farm Stock	40	0	0
Auckland Savings Bank ..	4402	0	0
New Sections—			
Part Payment	352	0	0
Fixed Deposit Bank of N.Z. (towards purchase)	1000	0	0
Bank of New Zealand—			
Capital Account	719	0	4
Current Account	408	18	0
Trounson Bequest—with Trust Bd.	510	0	0
John Sheat Bequest—with Public Trust	1994	13	5
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	£36,594	15	7

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 30th September, 1939, as shown by the books of the Trust.

9th October, 1939.

A. W. GREGORY, A.P.A.N.Z.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.
Statements of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1939.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance Forward	.. ..		44 19 1	By Salaries and Wages	.. ..	444 11 4	
„ Maintenance :				„ General House Expenses	.. ..	533 3 11	
Donations	.. ..		89 3 8	„ Clothing etc.	.. ..	155 15 11	
Collections	.. ..		351 13 9	„ Lighting and Heating	.. ..	96 11 10	
Fees—Maintenance	.. ..		378 13 4	„ Printing, Advertising & Stationery	.. ..	31 6 5	
Grant—Wellington Board	.. ..	660 0 0		„ Miscellaneous :			
„ re R. Foster	.. ..	19 5 1		Hospital, Dental and Medical	70 0 5		
			679 5 1	Travelling and Cartage	.. 22 17 5		
„ Wellington Board				Telephone, Stamps & Exchange	9 17 6		
re Newcombe Trust	.. ..		1 15 0	Employees' Liability	.. 1 14 2		
				Repairs and Renewals	.. 129 6 5		
				Sundry Expenses	.. 23 10 2		
						257 6 1	
				„ Prizes—Newcombe Trust	.. ..	1 15 0	
						1520 10 6	
				„ Balance	.. ..	24 19 5	
			<u>£1,545 9 11</u>			<u>£1,545 9 11</u>	

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1939.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	116	12	7	Cash Bank of New Zealand ..			24 19 5
Balance Newcombe Endowment	0	2	9	Furnishings etc.	260	0	0
Balance—being excess of Assets over Liabilities	142	4	1	Less Depreciation	26	0	0
							234 0 0
	£258	19	5				£258 19 5

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 so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton on 30th September, 1939.

W. R. NICOL, Treasurer.
Masterton, 31st October, 1939,

ARCH. H. DANIELL }
F. E. WELLS } Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1939.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust ..				160	0	0			
Cheer Fund	11	0	9						
Add Cash in Hand	3	18	0						
				14	18	9			
Permanent Capital Account ..	7082	6	8						
Add Income—A. Cowie Trust ..	50	0	0						
				7132	6	8			
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	29,493	6	7						
less Excess Expenditure over									
Income	372	4	8						
				29,121	1	11			
Investment Fluctuation Reserve	79	2	5						
less Debenture Premium ..	4	0	0						
				75	2	5			
Freehold Property :									
Dwelling, Harewood Road ..	900	0	0						
less Depreciation	33	0	0						
							867	0	0
Dwelling, Chapel Street ..	900	0	0						
less Depreciation	29	0	0						
	871	0	0						
Section, Chapel Street ..	209	0	0				1080	0	0
Home and Outbuildings ..	20,208	0	0						
less Depreciation	305	0	0						
							19,903	0	0
Grounds	4173	0	0						
Add Sections Purchased ..	190	17	0						
							4363	17	0
Furnishings	879	7	0						
Add Additions	50	7	6						
	929	14	6						
less Depreciation	90	0	0						
							839	14	6
Tennis Courts	180	0	0						
less Depreciation	18	0	0						
							162	0	0
Asphalting	292	7	6						
less Depreciation	30	0	0						
							262	7	6
Implements and Tools ..	176	11	6						
Add Purchases	28	10	5						
	205	1	11						
less Depreciation	25	0	0						
							180	1	11

Balance Sheet—continued.

Live Stock	35 0 0	
less Sale of Cow	8 10 0	
	<u>26 10 0</u>	
less Depreciation	6 10 0	20 0 0
Investments and Deposits :		
Supernumerary Fund	167 16 6	
Interest Accrued	4 17 9	
Sundry Deposits	845 11 5	
Mortgages	2000 0 0	
Ch'ch. Drainage Bd. Debentures	1700 0 0	
Hauraki Plains County Council		
Debenture	600 0 0	
N.Z. Farmers' Co-op. Assn. Stock	350 0 0	
N.Z. Government Bond	100 0 0	
N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock ..	385 0 0	
N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock ..	200 0 0	
Timaru Borough Council Debs.	1000 0 0	
Wairere Electric Power Board		
Debenture	1000 0 0	8353 5 8
Cash in Hand, Manager :		
Petty Cash	£4 13 8	
Cheer Fund	3 18 0	
	<u>8 11 8</u>	
Post Office Savings Bank	154 19 7	
Bank of New Zealand	308 11 11	
	<u>472 3 2</u>	
		<u>£36,503 9 9</u>
	<u>£36,503 9 9</u>	

I have audited the accounts for the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home for the period of twelve months ended 30th September, 1939.

Investments—Securities for Investments examined. Investments made during the year are as follows:—First Mortgage £1400, Christchurch Drainage Board Debenture £400, Contingent Fund Deposit £200.

Receipts and payments have been vouched, with the exception of the Petty Cash Book.

Subject to these remarks I am of the opinion that the above statement correctly exhibits the Orphanage position as at 30th September, 1939.

Christchurch, 16th October, 1939.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., Auditor.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1939.

EXPENDITURE				
General :	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and Wages	1051	17	0	
House Supplies	700	11	9	
Lighting and Heating	162	12	7	
Fire and Accident Insurance ..	16	12	11	
Drapery, Clothing, Boots ..	260	12	1	
Stationery, Stamps, Telephone, Audit, Advertising, College Fees, Bank Charges	123	4	0	
Renewals and Repairs	169	13	10	
Grounds Maintenance, Fencing, etc.	62	14	9	
Petty Cash	65	12	11	
Miscellaneous Expenses :				
Board for Boys	74	18	10	
Gratuity, Mr. and Mrs. Butler ..	16	13	4	
Honorarium—Treasurer	10	0	0	
Hymn Books	14	4	9	
Camp Fees	28	3	6	
Grant, Papanui Sunday School	11	10	0	
Sundry Expenses	47	14	6	
				2816 16 9
Harewood Road Property Account :				
Land Tax	4	0	9	
Repairs	6	4	2	
				10 4 11
Matson's Road Section Account :				
Rates	4	15	8	

INCOME				
General :	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Maintenance Fees	908	12	5	
Donations and Collections ..	648	15	10	
Combined Orphanage Appeal ..	238	15	4	
Legacies—				
Estate E. Slater	7	14	2	
M. M. Barnett	200	0	0	
W. Ferguson	58	6	8	
Helen C. Smith	64	16	3	
Sara Andrew	16	0	0	
Theresia Wisker	93	0	0	
Lily Richter	124	12	3	
Interest	457	16	3	
Sale of Hay	9	19	4	
Miscellaneous Receipts	18	5	7	
				2846 14 1
Harewood Road Property Account :				
Rents				114 19 5
Cheer Fund Account :				
Balance in hand at 1/10/38 ..	12	15	11	
Donations	88	4	6	
				101 0 5
Clothing Fund Account :				
Balance in hand at 1/10/38 ..	13	3	8	
Donations	21	5	6	
				34 9 2
Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust Account				90 0 0

Revenue Account—continued.

Cheer Fund Account :

Sundries	89	19	8	
Balance in Hand	11	0	9	
				101 0 5
Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust Account				90 0 0
Depreciation Written off Accounts				536 10 0
Transfer to Capital Account ..				50 0 0
				<u>£3,609 7 9</u>

Capital Account :

A. Cowie Trust	50	0	0
Excess of Expenditure over Income			
Transferred to Accumulated Funds	372	4	8
			<u>£3,609 7 9</u>

Revenue Account for year ended 31st October, 1939.

Audited and found correct.

Christchurch, 14th November, 1939.

E. H. SMITH
C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.

"METHODIST TIMES."

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1939.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Unexpired Values :							
Subscriptions	508	9	0	Subscriptions Outstanding	322	16	11
Advertisements	82	4	0	less Prepaid	7	10	2
			590 13 0			315	6 9
Contingent Reserve Account ..	500	0	0	less Provision for Agents' Commission	22	0	6
Accumulated Funds 31st Oct., 1938						293	6 3
Deficit	165	9	9	Advertisement Accounts Outstanding		48	10 10
			334 10 3	Contingent Fund		51	11 11
Net Profit	105	6	0	Deposits :			
			439 16 3	Post Office Savings Bank ..	315	4	8
				Supernumerary Fund ..	102	11	7
						417	16 3
				Balance at Bank of New Zealand ..		219	4 0
			<u>£1,030 9 3</u>				<u>£1,030 9 3</u>

Audited and found correct.

H. HOLLAND }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 14th November, 1939.

E. H. SMITH }
C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND CHILDREN'S FUND, 1940.

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 3 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 7%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 6½%	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.
Auckland Central ..	1145	0	0	80	3	745	0	48	8
F.M. Dept. ..	300	0	0	21	0	200	0	13	0
H.M. Dept. ..	525	0	0	36	15	325	0	21	2
Central Mission ..	250	0	0	17	10	150	0	9	15
Auckland West ..	240	0	0	16	16	140	0	9	2
Auckland East ..	980	0	0	68	12	620	0	40	6
Trinity College ..	850	0	0	59	10	650	0	42	5
Avondale ..	675	0	0	47	5	415	0	26	19
Devonport ..	200	0	0	14	0	100	0	6	10
Takapuna ..	250	0	0	17	10	150	0	9	15
Birkenhead ..	250	0	0	17	10	150	0	9	15
Onehunga ..	250	0	0	17	10	150	0	9	15
Otahuhu ..	250	0	0	17	10	150	0	9	15
Papakura ..	235	0	0	16	9	135	0	8	15
Pukekohe ..	250	0	0	17	10	150	0	9	15
Waiuku ..	250	0	0	17	10	150	0	9	15
Helensville ..	150	0	0	10	10	..	..	..	..
Mahurangi ..	250	0	0	17	10	150	0	9	15
Paparoa ..	240	0	0	16	16	..	..	..	..
Dargaville ..	250	0	0	17	10	150	0	9	15
Ruawai ..	245	0	0	17	3	145	0	9	8
Whangarei ..	225	0	0	15	15	125	0	8	2
Whangaroa ..	250	0	0	17	10	150	0	9	15
Port Albert ..	220	0	0	15	8	120	0	7	16
Hikurangi ..	140	0	0	9	16	..	..	..	..
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai ..	140	0	0	9	16	..	..	..	..
Mangonui ..	200	0	0	14	0	140	0	9	2
Hokianga (Rawene) ..	183	6	8	12	16	123	6	8	0
H.M. Stations :									
Hokianga North ..	..	..	..	4	0	..	..	..	..
Bay of Islands ..	..	..	..	4	0	..	..	..	..
Bombay-Tuakau ..	..	..	..	4	0	..	..	..	..
Kauk'a-Silverdale ..	..	..	..	4	0	..	..	..	..
Youth Dept. ..	..	..	..	4	0	..	..	..	..
	9393	6	8	677	10	5483	6	356	8

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After Exemption	Children's
		Fund Levy 7%		Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Thames ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Hauraki Plains ..	160 0 0	11 4 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Paeroa ..	237 10 0	16 12 6	137 10 0	8 18 9
Waihi ..	235 0 0	16 9 0	135 0 0	8 15 6
Te Aroha ..	260 0 0	18 4 0	160 0 0	10 8 0
Morrinsville ..	410 0 0	28 14 0	250 0 0	16 5 0
Cambridge ..	237 10 0	16 12 6	137 10 0	8 18 9
Hamilton ..	550 0 0	38 10 0	350 0 0	22 15 0
Hamilton East ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Huntly ..	160 0 0	11 4 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Matamata ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Putaruru ..	160 0 0	11 4 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Rotorua ..	237 10 0	16 12 6	137 10 0	8 18 9
Tauranga ..	236 10 0	16 11 0	136 10 0	8 17 6
Whakatane ..	160 0 0	11 4 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Opotiki ..	175 0 0	12 5 0	..	..
Te Awamutu ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Otorohanga ..	237 10 0	16 12 6	137 10 0	8 18 9
Te Kuiti ..	202 10 0	14 3 6	142 10 0	9 5 3
Taumarunui ..	237 10 0	16 12 6	137 10 0	8 18 9
H.M. Stations :				
Ngaruawahia ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Kawhia ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Te Puke ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Coromandel ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
	4896 10 0	358 15 0	2861 10 0	186 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After Exemption	Children's
		Fund Levy 7%		Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Plymouth ..	527 10 0	36 18 6	327 10 0	21 5 9
New Plymouth H.M. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Waitara ..	235 0 0	16 9 0	135 0 0	8 15 6
Stratford ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Eltham-Kaponga ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Hawera ..	300 0 0	21 0 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Manaia ..	200 0 0	14 0 0	120 0 0	7 16 0
Opunake ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Opunake H.M. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Wanganui ..	275 0 0	19 5 0	175 0 0	11 7 6
Wanganui North ..	250 0 0	17 10 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Wanganui North H.M. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Gonville ..	212 10 0	14 17 6	112 10 0	7 6 3
Marton ..	225 0 0	15 15 0	125 0 0	8 2 6
Taihape ..	160 0 0	11 4 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
H.M. Stations :				
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Patea ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Ohura ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Inglewood ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
	3135 0 0	247 9 0	1895 0 0	123 3 6

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 7%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 6½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier	430	0	0	30	2	0	270	0	0	17	11	0
Hastings	285	0	0	19	19	0	185	0	0	12	0	6
Gisborne	250	0	0	17	10	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Wairoa	150	0	0	10	10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dannevirke	250	0	0	17	10	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Woodville	237	10	0	16	12	6	137	10	0	8	18	9
Pahiatua	225	0	0	15	15	0	125	0	0	8	2	6
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	300	0	0	21	0	0	200	0	0	13	0	0
„ (Cuba St.)	270	0	0	18	18	0	170	0	0	11	1	0
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	230	0	0	16	2	0	130	0	0	8	9	0
Feilding	300	0	0	21	0	0	200	0	0	13	0	0
Feilding H.M. .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sanson-Rongotea	250	0	0	17	10	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
H.M. Stations :												
Waipawa .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Foxton-Shannon .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Apiti .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3177	10	0	238	8	6	1867	10	0	121	7	9

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 7%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 6½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington Central ..	860	0	0	60	4	0	560	0	0	36	8	0
Youth Dept.	424	0	0	29	13	7	224	0	0	14	11	2
Thorndon	527	10	0	36	18	6	327	10	0	21	5	9
Wellington South ..	300	0	0	21	0	0	200	0	0	13	0	0
Wellington East ..	687	10	0	48	2	6	427	10	0	27	15	9
Johnsonville-Ngaio ..	450	0	0	31	10	0	290	0	0	18	17	0
Hutt	470	0	0	32	18	0	310	0	0	20	3	0
Petone	250	0	0	17	10	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Greytown-Featherston	160	0	0	11	4	0	100	0	0	6	10	0
Carterton	237	10	0	16	12	6	137	10	0	8	18	9
Masterton	281	5	0	19	13	9	181	5	0	11	15	7
Masterton H.M. .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eketahuna	225	0	0	15	15	0	125	0	0	8	2	6
Levin	275	0	0	19	5	0	175	0	0	11	7	6
Otaki	250	0	0	17	10	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
H.M. Stations :												
Paraparaumu .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Upper Hutt .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
	5397	15	0	389	16	10	3357	15	0	218	5	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 7%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 6½%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nelson	325	0 0	22	15 0	225	0 0	14	12 6
Richmond	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
Wakefield-Dovedale	140	0 0	9	16 0	..	..	..	..
Motueka	236	0 0	16	10 5	136	0 0	8	16 9
Blenheim	520	0 0	36	8 0	320	0 0	20	16 0
Reefton	182	10 0	12	15 6	122	10 0	7	19 3
Westport	240	0 0	16	16 0	140	0 0	9	2 0
Greymouth	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Hokitika	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
H.M. Stations :								
Havelock .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Murchison .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Granity .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
	2343	10 0	176	0 11	1343	10 0	87	6 6

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 7%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 6½%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Durham Street	570	0 0	39	18 0	370	0 0	24	1 0
Connexional Secretary	375	0 0	26	5 0	275	0 0	17	17 6
Christchurch East	955	0 0	66	17 0	595	0 0	38	13 6
Cambridge Terrace	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Woolston	350	0 0	24	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Sydenham	260	0 0	18	4 0	160	0 0	10	8 0
Addington	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Riccarton	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
St. Albans	550	0 0	38	10 0	350	0 0	22	15 0
Papanui	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Lytelton	240	0 0	16	16 0	140	0 0	9	2 0
Springston	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
Tai Tapu	225	0 0	15	15 0	..	..	..	..
Leeston	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Kaiapoi	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Ohoka	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
Rangiora	233	15 0	16	7 3	133	15 0	8	13 10
Woodend-Sefton	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
Greendale	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
Oxford	200	0 0	14	0 0	100	0 0	6	10 0
H.M. Station :								
Waddington .. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
	6358	15 0	449	2 3	3673	15 0	238	15 10

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 7%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 6½%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Timaru :								
Banks Street ..	275	0 0	19	5 0	175	0 0	11	7 6
Woodland Street ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
South ..	160	0 0	11	4 0	100	0 0	6	10 0
Waimate ..	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
Temuka ..	230	0 0	16	2 0	130	0 0	8	9 0
Geraldine ..	200	0 0	14	0 0	100	0 0	6	10 0
Ashburton ..	300	0 0	21	0 0	200	0 0	13	0 0
Willowby ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Oamaru ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Rakaia-Methven ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2140	0 0	149	16 0	1280	0 0	83	4 0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 7%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 6½%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Trinity ..	275	0 0	19	5 0	175	0 0	11	7 6
Trinity H.M. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Central Mission ..	460	0 0	32	4 0	300	0 0	19	10 0
Dundas Street ..	242	0 0	16	18 9	142	0 0	9	4 7
Cargill Road ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Cargill Road H.M. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
St. Kilda ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Caversham ..	230	0 0	16	2 0	130	0 0	8	9 0
Mornington ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Roslyn ..	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
Port Chambers ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Balclutha ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Milton ..	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
Roxburgh ..	210	0 0	14	14 0	110	0 0	7	3 0
Invercargill Central ..	300	0 0	21	0 0	200	0 0	13	0 0
Invercargill St. Peter's ..	275	0 0	19	5 0	175	0 0	11	7 6
Bluff ..	225	0 0	15	15 0	125	0 0	8	2 6
Gore ..	250	0 0	17	10 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
H.M. Stations :								
Riverton ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Maori Hill ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Waikouaiti ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Mosgiel ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Edendale ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Lawrence ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Cromwell ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Otautau-Tuatapere	4	0 0
Nightcaps	4	0 0
Ravensbourne	4	0 0
	4167	0 0	339	13 9	2507	0 0	162	19 1

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